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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

As with most things in life and the news, people tend to dwell on the negative without recalling the positive that's happened in the past. As the current Elk Year draws to a close, we are all watching, rightfully so, the Lodge finances. With that in mind we may have forgotten much of what we have accomplished in the last two to three years. The following is an outline of the many, far from all, projects that have been completed under the direction of the Lodge Board of Directors. Many of these projects were long overdue.



Painting was also done at no cost, with the majority of paint donated.

Replacement of three HVAC units that had long exceeded their useful life span. This was done at an incredibly reasonable cost by a member of the Lodge along with the replacement of kitchen exhaust fans.

Removal of the damaged/deteriorated door overhangs on the south side of the building. These overhangs had become damaged and deteriorated to the point of becoming a safety hazard. They were removed without cost to the Lodge, a savings of over \$1,000.

Renovation of Lodge Office. The office had become a catch all for, well just about everything. It was uninviting and dark. It has since been painted; new office furniture put in place along with upgraded lighting. Office furniture was donated, paint was discounted. The office will now be used for storage of Lodge records as required by Grand Lodge.

This summery is far from complete. In addition to what has been listed, the chairs and carpeting have been cleaned, lighting has been upgraded and past due maintenance performed among many other things. Yes, there is more to be done but as you can see the BOD has been working hard for your Lodge.

If anyone has questions about what has been done or is willing to help with any of the pending projects, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board of Directors.

Fraternally,
David Murphy, PDD

Replacement of most of the Lodge roof. No more coming in on a Thursday to remove ceiling tiles to prevent water damage, only to replace them for an event on Saturday. Yes, that is something we did. This by far was the most expensive project.

Basement renovation. As a result of flooding in the basement, substantial damage was sustained which necessitated the removal of walls and flooring. The BOD worked with a local athletic group to arrange for the removal of the water-soaked material at little cost to the Lodge. The result was an area that became usable again. An even greater result was that the same group has become tenants of the Lodge bring in much needed income.

Grill Room renovation. Who remembers the old flooring in the Grill Room? You know, the completely worn out flooring and carpeting. The flooring and carpeting were all replaced for the cost of the flooring alone.

#### **Lodge Officers – 2019 - 2020**

Exalted Ruler	.David Murphy, PDD	908.399.6934
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Chaplain	.Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
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Trustee - 5 Year	.Vincent LaSpada	908.236.9098



## **Monthly Meetings**



**Lodge**: Sept – June: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM July & August: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM

Auxiliary: Sept – June: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:15 PM

#### **Grill Room Summer Hours**

Closed Monday
Tuesday & Friday 5:00PM – 9:00PM
Saturday 3:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday 1:00PM – 7:00PM

Submission deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
Submissions received after noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> will not be used. Please submit articles and ads as early as possible. Articles, ads and other information to for publication can be sent to:

erflemington@gmail.com

#### **Committee Chairs**

Americanism	Open
Auditing	Open
Better Parades	Open
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Drug Awareness	Daniel Petitt, Sr201.341.3071
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Fundraising Committee	Open
Government Relations	Open
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Tim & Dawn Kracht908.303.2451
House Committee	Linda Murphy, PER609.605.6694
Indoctrination	Open
Internet Coordinator	Sean Bergin732.801.1231
Investigation	Open
Lapsation	Barry Sheppard, PER .908.782.3307
Legal Advisor	Open
Lodge Accountant	Bragg & Karnoff908.788.2998
Lodge Activities	Open
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD908.996.6724
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National Foundation	Linda Murphy, PER609.605.6694
National Service	Open
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Presiding Justice	Open
Public Relations	Sean Bergin732.801.1231
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Ritual Coach	Open
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Scholarship	Jeff Anderson908.439.2532
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Website	Sean Bergin732.801.1231

# Officers of the Auxiliary 2019 – 2020

President	Patti DeLuca	908.528.7328
Vice President	Deborah Keys	
Treasurer	Suzanne Lucas, PP	908.782.5037
Secretary	Laura Karnoff	908.400.1371
Trustee	Linda Upton	908.788.5963

#### **LODGE WEBSITES**

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: <a href="www.flemingtonelks.com">www.flemingtonelks.com</a> for information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures functions, and general lodge information. We also have a Facebook Page (public), Facebook Group (members only) and a West Central District Group (members only)

## Elk of the Year: Christine Esposito Citizen of the Year: Jo Ann Riesz Officer of the Year: Joel Wolff

### HELP!

To cut costs, please consider canceling your physical copy of The Elks Tale and switching to E-Mail only. Contact Barry Sheppard to make this change:

bls1928@embarqmail.com

#### FOR BOOKINGS

Please Call: 908.788.8203

Please be sure all bookings for both inside and outside the lodge building go through the booking agent.

#### **ATTENTION:**

If you know of a lodge member that is ill, home bound, or in the hospital, please notify the Exalted Ruler so that information can be posted on the Sickness and Distress board and visitation can be arranged.

#### Elks National Foundation

For pledges, contact: Linda Murphy: 609.605.6694

#### **Funeral Services**

A reminder to all members and their families: Should a member pass away, the Officers will perform the funeral service at the family's request. Please contact the Exalted Ruler for arrangements.

#### Somerset Children's Center Board of Directors

Adam Papa - Member

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PER Association**



The PER Association members continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the conference room. I hope to see more attendees in 2020.

PDD Rich Flemington Lodge PER President

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#### Ramblings by Rich



Well, we are now into another year. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. I started off the new year by buying a suit made from cactus. I look sharp in it. I also made a

resolution to read more. I figured that it's okay to borrow a book from the library but try not to overdo it.

It wasn't a good start for a friend of mine who is an accountant. He was hired by the circus but was later fired for juggling the books. I was thinking about applying for a new job inspecting mirrors. It's a job I can really see myself doing. I got bored one day so I decided to take up fencing. The neighbors said they will call the police unless I put it back. I was going to tell a joke about amnesia, but I forgot how it goes.

A question to ponder for the month: If a word is misspelled in the dictionary how would we ever know? Keep on smiling until next month.

#### **Auxiliary Report**



PDD Rich

Happy Valentine's Day! It's February already and the Auxiliary is moving along to our installation on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in being an officer or being a committee chair, please let me know. We would love to have you join

us. We still have a couple of tickets available for the

March 22<sup>nd</sup> show trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*. The Easter Bunny will be making his annual appearance at the Sunday breakfast on Sunday March 29th. Come out for a delicious breakfast! Our February meeting is the 11th at 7:15. Join us for an evening with old and new friends.

Auxiliary President		

#### **Food for Thought**



Patti DeLuca

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present. They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to

love, something to do, and something to hope for. You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore. Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy. As Elks let us all leave a legacy with all the good works we do. It's amazing how a little tomorrow can make up for a whole lot of yesterday. You can cut all the flowers, but you cannot keep Spring from coming. Hope can be a powerful force. Maybe there's no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and hold it like a light within you, you can make things happen, almost like magic. Strange as it may seem, I still hope for the best, even though the best, like an interesting piece of mail, so rarely arrives, and even when it does it can be lost so easily. Don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains. There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in. Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."

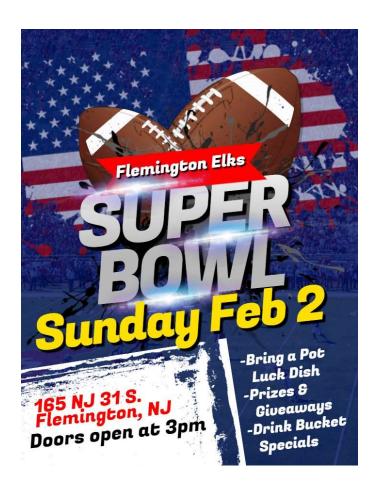
- John Lennon

Linda Murphy VPWCD Loyal Knight

#### **Life Membership Election**

At the regular Lodge session of January 8, 2020 Mr. Charles (Buster) Stuart III of 34 Elm Terrace Flemington, NJ has requested Life Membership In Flemington Lodge. Under Grand Lodge Statue 14.260 and the Flemington Lodge By-Laws, Article 111, Sec. 2, this member has met the necessary requirements. At the regular Lodge session, February 12, 2020 a secret vote will be taken concerning this matter.

Barry L. Sheppard, Secretary



The Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Competition Returns on Saturday nights beginning on February 8, 2020 in the Grill Room

First game begins at 7:00 PM each Saturday night.

Sign up your team of two, or join a team. Limited to 16

Entry fee: \$5.00 per person (to benefit Elks Charities)
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

50/50 held on each night of the tournament (to benefit the lodge)

Register in the Grill Room or call PDD Rich and Eileen Lavagno (908-788-2917)

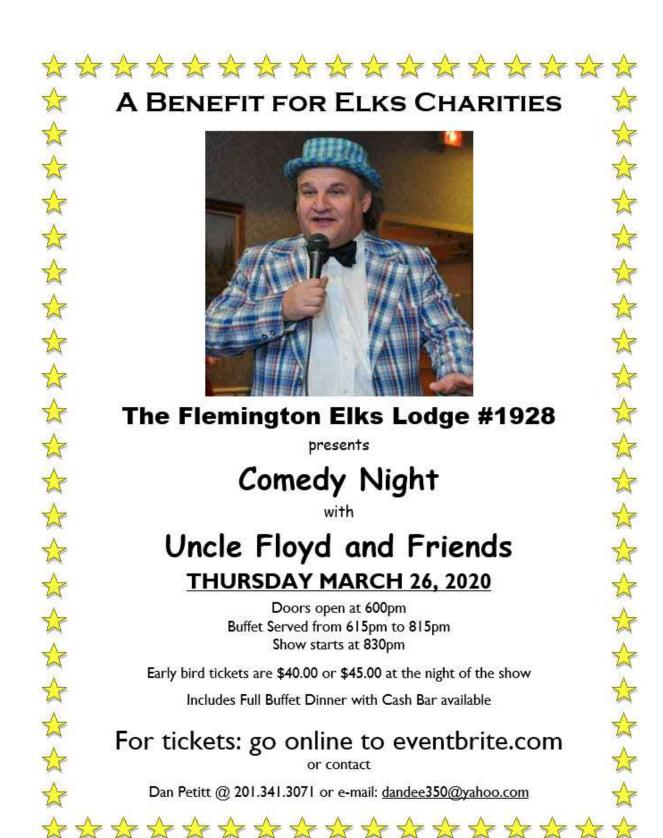
Deadline to register: February 1, 2020

teams of two.

Cheer on the teams in memory of Harvey!







# 2020 Wildwood Convention & Reunion NJ State Elks Association at Wildwood, NJ

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 Reserve your room <u>NOW!</u>

Thursday June 4th to Sunday June 7th

March in the parade on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> with your lodge

Hotel Reservation

Room with two twin beds - \$450.00

Limited space is available at this hotel
\*\*Princeton Lodge will also be at this hotel\*\*

Contact Dan Petitt at 201.341.3071
Or e-mail at dandee350@yahoo.com

Down payment of \$75.00 due January 8, 2020

2nd payment of \$100.00 due of February 1, 2020

3rd payment of \$100.00 due March 1, 2020

4th payment of \$100.00 due April 1, 2020

Final payment of \$75.00 due May 1, 2020

{Reservations are non-refundable}

#### **Lapsation for 2019 – 2020**

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2519 – Dawn Agugliaro; 2511 – Alan Bodine; 1555 – Gregory Bodnar; 2368 – James Connelly; 2494 – Joseph Fdalen; 2372 – Troy Fischer; 2429 – John Gabel; 2341 – Harry Gano; 1758 – Joseph Gherardi; 481 – Joseph Grosskettler; 2236 – James Gurski; 2531 – Charles Inglin; 2235 – John Keller; 2508 – Timothy McGivney; 2507 – Hope Miller; 2309 – Kenneth Miller; 851 – Arvid Myhre; 1041 – Stanley Ozimek, Jr.; 2532 - Louis Carl Reiner; 2478 – Antonio Rubio; 2095 – Joseph Schellhorn; 533 – Robert Schottman; 1965 – Bruce Tomb; 2497 – Erine Vitale
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The preceding is a list of all Delinquent members of the Flemington Lodge # 1928. If your name is listed, Please remit your dues of \$69.00 for the year 2019-2020. A dues notice has been sent to all those listed, If your dues are not paid you will be dropped from membership on March 31,2020.

As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing. It is against the By-Laws of Flemington Lodge # 1928 and the Grand Lodge Statutes.

Won't you Please pay your Dues? We do not want to lose you as a member.

If your name is on this list and you know that you have paid your dues please do not be **concerned**, as this list is prepared ahead of time for printing. Thank You.

Barry Sheppard, PER/Secretary

#### **Upcoming Dates**

2/2 - Super Bowl Party
2/6 - Bingo
2/8 - Harvey Stout Shuffleboard Tournament begins
2/10 - Blood Drive
2/11 - Auxiliary Meeting
2/12 - Lodge General Meeting
2/14 - Friday Night Valentine's Day Dinner
2/17 - Blood Drive
2/26 - Lodge General Meeting

# ABSENT MEMBERS FOR THE 2019- 2020 ELK YEAR

John O. Wilson, PDD 1/2/2019 S. Rudger Benjamin 1/2/2019 Daniel Knee 5/14/2019 Bea Sabo – 6/2019 William F. Fischer – 8/21/19 Phil Stevens – 7/4/2019 William Nemec – 8/19/19 Cheryl Kirk – 9/25/19 Anthony C. Olenick – 10/31/19 Bob Biggs, PER – 11/8/19 Bill Rudnik – 11/15/19

#### THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY

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# Happy Birthday to our Members!!

## February 2020

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	Alexander Leist	2/27
		Joanne Moore
		2/28
		Frank Bodnar
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**Barry Sheppard** 

C/O Flemington Elks Lodge No. 1928

P.O. Box 261

Flemington, NJ 08822 (or drop it in the Secretary's box at the Lodge)

Phone: 782-3307

Going south for the winter? Send your winter address to Barry Sheppard, let him know when you plan to leave and return, and we will see that your Elks Tale follows you there.

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