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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

Change. It's that time of year again. By the time you read this a new Exalted Ruler will have been selected for the Elk year 2020-2021. I'm sure the new ER will make a few changes, nothing major that I am aware of. Change is funny sometimes. As we get older many of us don't like change. Why should we, were used to doing certain things certain ways and it works so why change?



Let's take cell phones for example. Twenty years ago, how many of us had a cell phone? Forward to today and I'll ask that same question. The cell phone has without question changed our lives. Some for the good, like sending a picture to my sister in Chicago of my new granddaughter in seconds. Some not so good, we're often always tethered to the phone with the expectation of many for instant availability.

As I look back at the changes made in the last few years at the Lodge, most were made at the suggestion of long-time members. Some were made as they needed to be made but were more difficult due to the circumstances. Often people did not understand why a change was made and instead of asking, speculated among themselves often leading to condemning the change without reason.

However, with the exception of one, when I was asked about any change and had the opportunity to explain, the response was always either, "oh, I didn't realize that, that makes perfect sense" or "it's about time." So, the point is if you see a change and don't understand why it was made or disagree with it, ask. You may be pleasantly surprised. If you want to know about the one exception, please ask, I'll be glad to explain.

We should have all joined the Elks for the same reason, to give back to those

less fortunate for whatever reason and support our fellow mankind. We all took an oath that in part says, "The faults of our members we write upon the sands." We sometimes lose sight of that part of our Obligation. It's too bad that

I wish the new Exalted Ruler the best of luck, renewed support and health in the new Elk year.

Fraternally,
David Murphy, PDD

Lodge Officers – 2019 - 2020

Exalted Ruler	.David Murphy, PDD	908.399.6934
Est. Leading Knight	.Daniel Petitt, Sr	201.341.3071
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Secretary	.Barry Sheppard, PER .	908.782.3307
Tiler	.Randy Kerr, PER	908.328.4091
Inner Guard	.Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Chaplain	.Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Esquire	.Sean Bergin	732.801.1231
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Trustee - 2 Year	.Joel Wolff	908.782.7095
Trustee - 3 Year	.Hank Lavoie	908.300.6800
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Trustee - 5 Year	.Vincent LaSpada	908.236.9098



Monthly Meetings



Lodge: Sept – June: 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7:30 PM July & August: 2nd Wednesday - 7:30 PM

Auxiliary: Sept – June: 2nd 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 10th of the month.
Submissions received after noon on the 10th 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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Government Relations	Open
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Tim & Dawn Kracht908.303.2451
House Committee	Linda Murphy, PER609.605.6694
Indoctrination	Open
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Investigation	Open
Lapsation	Barry Sheppard, PER .908.782.3307
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Lodge Activities	Open
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Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas908.782.5037
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Officers of the Auxiliary 2019 – 2020

President	Patti DeLuca	908.528.7328
Vice President	Deborah Keys	
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Secretary	Laura Karnoff	908.400.1371
Trustee	Linda Upton	908.788.5963

LODGE WEBSITES

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: www.flemingtonelks.com 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



PER Night was held on February 12th during the lodge meeting. Thank you to all the PER's who helped out to make this happen. The next monthly PER meeting will be held on March 4th at

7:00 PM in the conference room.

PDD Rich
Flemington Lodge PER President
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Ramblings by Rich



Well, winter is still here. It's officially cold and flu season. As a matter of fact, as I write this, I have a cold. So I went to the doctor. I'd like to share a few things I overheard in the waiting

room: A patient came in and told the receptionist that he felt like a deck of cards. She told him to "take a seat and the doctor will deal with you later." I also heard the doctor teaching a nurse how to use a Q-tip. It went in one ear and out the other. Another patient rushed in shouting that he felt like a window. The doctor replied, "Where is the pane?" Another patient arrived shouting, "Doctor, Doctor you've got to help me. I keep thinking that I'm a bridge." The doctor asked, "What's come over you?" The patient replied, "so far, a truck, a motorcycle and two cars."

When it was finally my turn to see the doctor, I told him that I felt run down. His answer was that I should be more careful crossing the street. I guess it's time to find a new doctor who is less nervous and has more patience (patients).

Keep on smiling until next time!

PDD Rich			

Somerset Children's Center

Make a Friend Day is celebrated on February 11th. I'm sure most people are not familiar with this National holiday, but I think it is worth noting. The children at the Somerset Children's Center are making new friends and cherishing the friends they have made. There is no better sound than hearing the excitement of children running to greet each other with hugs and smiles! I have witnessed the joy and enthusiasm of children invited to birthday parties, sleep overs, and play dates. This isn't happenstance. Over the years I have highlighted the fact that the Somerset Children's Center does not only provide therapy, but we treat holistically. The Center is designed to encourage making new friends. Children are taught to greet new people, start conversations, and cooperatively play. We are a safe, risk free environment which allows children to explore new friendships. Making friends fosters self-esteem, and in turn, children learn to adjust to new experiences because of this new sense of security. Why is this important? Children with special needs face many challenges making friends. Lack of opportunity, difficulty communicating, little support, different ways of relating, sensory overload, and low self-esteem impede making new friends. I'm blessed to witness our

children developing friendships. Please take time to listen to Toy Story's "You've Got a Friend in Me" it represents what it means to have a friend. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIYOJ hSs0o

"There are no strangers, only friends you have not met yet." — William Butler Yeats

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Mindy Honne		

Director of the Somerset Children's Center

Stay warm and make new friends!

Shirts!!

Help support the New Jersey State Elks Association Buy a 2020 T-Shirt. Flemington Elks Logo will be on the front \$12 - Please contact Dan Petitt at 201.341.3071 to order. March 31, 2020 is the deadline

Food for Thought

Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs



you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it.
Remember, you don't live in the world all your own. Everybody can be great.

Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love. You can study government and politics in school, but the best way to really understand the process is to volunteer your time. Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Interdependence is a fundamental law of nature. Even tiny insects survive by cooperating with each other. Our own survival is so dependent on the help of others that a need for love lies at the very core of our existence. This is why we need to cultivate a genuine sense of responsibility and a sincere concern for the welfare of others. I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. The more one forgets himself by giving himself to a cause, to serve or another person to love, the more human he is and the more he actualizes himself. Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in. We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.

Linda Murphy VPWCD Loyal Knight

Message from the GER

Our fraternal year is coming to a close. As you know, due to a lot of hard work by so many last year we were able to achieve a net gain in membership nationally for the first time since 1979. There was a great deal of excitement and optimism for the future of our Order.

It will be a tremendous achievement if we can build on that success this year and again show a gain in membership. That goal is within our reach, but the main barrier is that there are 10,650 candidates awaiting initiation. People who want to become Elks but for whatever reason have not been brought in. My request to you is to make every effort to initiate those outstanding candidates before the end of the year. Any Lodge that gets all candidates initiated who applied prior to February 1 will receive a "We're All In!" certificate to recognize your Lodge's commitment to membership growth. It would be a shame to lose the momentum created last year by not bringing in the men and women who are already waiting to enjoy the opportunities of membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order

I'm looking to you for your assistance in this important effort and thank you for your help.

Fraternally and sincerely,

of Elks.

Robert L. Duitsman, GER

Life Membership Election

At the regular Lodge session of January 22, 2020 Mr. Samuel Ganis of 17 Sheridan Road Lebanon, 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, March 11, 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 teams of two.

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

Cheer on the teams in memory of Harvey!



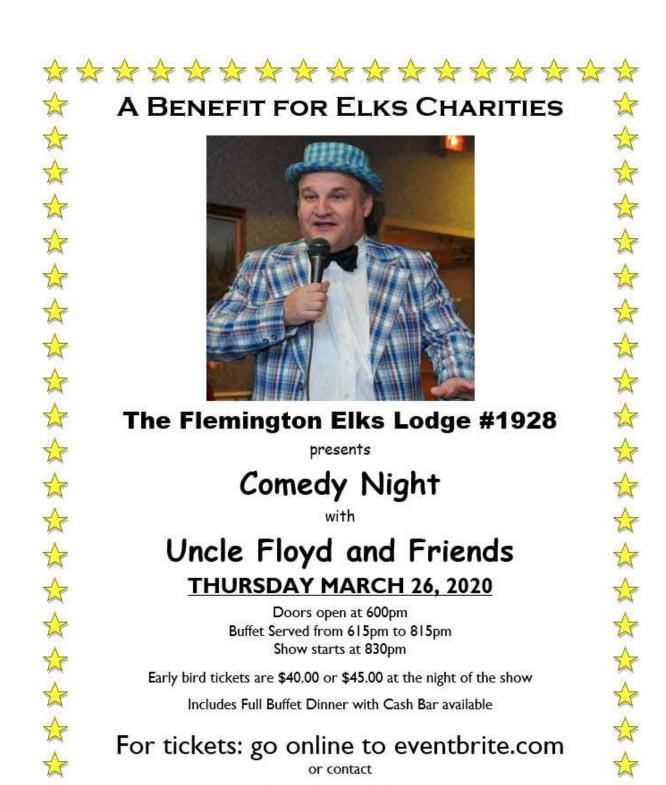


The Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
cordially invites all members and their guests
to celebrate the installation of the
Lodge Officers for the year of 2020 to 2021

The Installation Ceremony will be conducted on Saturday March 28, 2020 The Hemington Lodge 165 Route 31 South Themington, NJ 08822

Cocktail Hour from 300pm to 400pm
followed by the
Traditional Ritual and Installation of
Exalted Ruler Daniel J. Petitt, Or
and the Officers of the Lodge

** Heash bar and a light repast will be available **



Dan Petitt @ 201.341.3071 or e-mail: dandee350@yahoo.com

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 6th 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; 2368 – James Connelly;

2494 – Joseph Fdalen; 2372 – Troy Fischer; 2429 – John Gabel;

1758 – Joseph Gherardi; 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;
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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

3/5 - Bingo
3/11 - Lodge General Meeting
3/13 - Friday Night St. Patrick's Day Dinner
3/25 - Lodge General Meeting
3/26 - Uncle Floyd Comedy Night
3/28 - Officer Installation
3/29 - Sunday Breakfast
4/2 - Bingo
4/8 - Lodge General Meeting
4/22 - Lodge General Meeting
4/26 - Sunday Breakfast

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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3/1	3/7	3/15	3/22
Kelli Dochterman	James Van Derveer, PER	Joseph Gherardi	Ralph Alexander
	Lillian Ibach	Janes Delaney	
3/2	Robert J. Serridge, Jr.	Edward Saunders	3/23
Christopher Unger			Gary Strouse
Daniel Pettit, Sr.	3/8	3/16	
	Allen Rake	Adam Papa	3/27
3/3		Donald Peterson	Richard Vail
Paul Kuhl, Jr.	3/9		
Thomas Stover	Jerry Trstensky, Jr.	3/17	3/28
Frank Emanuele		Richard Graper, Sr.	Peter Nemec
	3/10	Patricia Cunningham	
3/5	Robert Tronolone		3/29
Michael Stager		3/19	Paul Blodgett
	3/11	Carl Ondrak	
3/6	Joseph Kovi	John Slaughter	3/31
Amy Mack	Judith M. Gold	Jeffrey Allegar	Frank Franco
Christopher Grimes		Donna Agulis	
Anthony Rolon	3/13		
	Philip DeStefano	3/20	
		Jason Fisch	
		Lincoln Karnoff	

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Barry Sheppard C/0 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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