



# Elks Tale



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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

November, time for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is often one of the few times in a year that families have the chance to come together and engage with each other. Whether its children coming home for the week from school or family arriving from out of town, we get the opportunity to see each other face to face, and this is important. I'm sure we have all sent each other a text or note ending with "I love you" or "I miss you", but how much more do you get to express by adding a hug?



We learn so much more when we have the chance to see the expressions our loved ones have while talking about their lives. We can tell if they are truly happy when they say "everything is fine" or not. It also gives us the opportunity to learn more if they say they don't want to talk about something. A simple touch at this point may show that you truly care and allow them to open up to you.

So, take this time of year to think back on what is truly important in our lives. Should we remain bitter over something of little consequence and continue to expend countless amounts of energy on it? Or should we let it go and move on? As we have heard before: "The faults of our Members we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory".

Enjoy this holiday season, be safe and remember what is important.



Fraternally,  
David Murphy, PDD  
Exalted Ruler

## Lodge Officers – 2019 - 2020

Exalted Ruler .....	David Murphy, PDD...	908.399.6934
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### 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](mailto:erflemington@gmail.com)

## Committee Chairs

Americanism .....	Open	
Auditing.....	Open	
Better Parades.....	Open	
Community Activities .....	Tiffany Quick .....	908.797.0670
Dishwasher.....	Randy Sornberger .....	908.328.3432
Drug Awareness .....	Daniel Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
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Friday Night Dinner .....	Linda Murphy, PER ....	609.605.6694
Fundraising Committee.....	Open	
Government Relations .....	Open	
Hoop/Soccer Shoot .....	Tim & Dawn Kracht ...	908.303.2451
House Committee .....	Linda Murphy, PER ....	609.605.6694
Indoctrination .....	Open	
Internet Coordinator .....	Sean Bergin .....	732.801.1231
Investigation .....	Open	
Lapsation.....	Barry Sheppard, PER .	908.782.3307
Legal Advisor .....	Open	
Lodge Accountant .....	Bragg & Karnoff.....	908.788.2998
Lodge Activities .....	Open	
Mediator .....	Lee Trautman, PDD ...	908.996.6724
Membership.....	Barry Sheppard, PER .	908.782.3307
National Foundation .....	Linda Murphy, PER ....	609.605.6694
National Service .....	Open	
PER Association.....	Rich Lavagno, PDD.....	908.788.2917
Presiding Justice.....	Open	
Public Relations.....	Sean Bergin .....	732.801.1231
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Ritual Coach .....	Open	
Safety Officer .....	Daniel Petitt, Sr. ....	201.341.3071
Scholarship.....	Jeff Anderson .....	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress .....	David Murphy, PDD...	908.399.6934
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## 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: [www.flemingtonelks.com](http://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@embargmail.com](mailto:bls1928@embargmail.com)

## **Elks National Foundation**

**For pledges, contact:**  
**Linda Murphy: 609.605.6694**

## **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.*

## **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.

## **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.

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

Adam Papa - Member

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **PER Association**



The PER Association members will hold our next meeting on November 6th at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the lodge. All lodge PER's are welcome to attend. Members – don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any immediate questions or concerns.

*PDD Rich*  
*Flemington Lodge PER President*

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## **Ramblings by Rich**



I recently started a new business building boats in my attic. Sails are going through the roof. This month many Oktoberfest celebrations are being held. I would tell you a joke about a German sausage but it's the wurst! We recently bought a new car. I couldn't figure out how to fasten my seatbelt. Then it clicked. The other day I yelled into a colander and I strained my voice. Someone stole my scrabble set and threw it out of the window. Any word on the street? Here's something that I've often wondered about: If there are apples in an apple pie, and peaches in a peach pie, what is in a Shepherd's pie?  
I'll leave you all with a question: When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?

Keep on smiling until next month! I'll be back with more random thoughts.

*PDD Rich*

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## **Somerset Children's Center**



It is October, and the Somerset Children's Center is ready for Halloween! We welcome back the families who were on vacation and look forward to another successful year!

Halloween is approaching and for many it is filled with parties, Trick or Treating, and fall activities.

There are some children, however, who have sensory processing challenges and may become overwhelmed by the festivities. There are tips for parents to help prepare for this very special holiday.

Reading books, creating social stories, and rehearsing the routine of the day may help alleviate some of the uneasiness. Parents can explain why some rules, such as "Don't take candy from strangers" are allowed on Halloween. Practicing how to go door to door (to friends' houses), say "Trick or Treat" and "thank you" will give them assurance and a sense of independence once Halloween comes.

Costumes play an important role in Halloween. Children should try the costumes on ahead of time to make sure they fit comfortably and do not itch or hinder movement. Make sure they are comfortable wearing a coat over their costume if necessary and explain the reasoning beforehand. Masks are too restrictive, and make-up on their faces may make them feel uncomfortable. "Less is more" should be considered for children with sensory needs.

If Trick or Treating is not appropriate for your family, you may want to plan an event or home party. Friends can come over for an arts and crafts project or to play games. If carving a pumpkin is too "gooshy," stickers or paint should be considered. Sometimes a fall family outing such as apple picking, going on a hayride, or just taking a trip to the local farm is a nice Halloween treat.

It is important to remember that Halloween is a scary time for many. The flashing lights, spooky sounds, and frightening costumes can create anxiety for many children. Pay attention to "sensory overload" to avoid meltdowns. Remember, although it may be challenging at times, children develop a sense of independence, confidence, and an understanding that they were able to work through their apprehensions.

*Mindy Hoppe*  
*Director*



**I WANT YOU**



**TO VOLUNTEER**

**I need two or three members of the  
Flemington Elks Lodge to assist me in a  
project occurring in March 2020**

**No heavy lifting or work involved**

The preliminary work begins now.

If you can spare 1 or 2 hours each month

Contact Dan Petitt @ 201.341.3071 or

**dandee350@yahoo.com**



## **Open Mic Night**

**at the**

**Flemington Elks Lodge**

**165 RT 31s**

**Flemington, NJ**

***Friday November 15, 2019***

***Doors open at 630pm***

***Performances begin at 700pm***

**Soloists, Duets, Trios are welcome  
to play their sets in our Cozy Corner**

*{Sorry, but there is no room for percussionists}*

Food and beverages will be available

Contact Dan at 201.341.3071 or [dandee350@yahoo.com](mailto:dandee350@yahoo.com)

# Here Comes Santa!



To the

Flemington Elks Lodge's Sunday Breakfast.

10 am to Noon

Sunday, November 24, 2019

All you can eat breakfast

8 am to Noon

Adults \$8

Children under 12 free

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## ***Celebrate the New Year at the Flemington Elks!!***

Ring in 2020 at the Flemington Elks!

Date: December 31, 2019 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 PM – 1:00 AM

Dress Code: Casual

Bar: Cash bar.  
Champagne toast at 12:00 AM.

Food: Light snacks provided. Please bring your favorite snacks/dessert to share.

RSVP: Rich and Eileen Lavagno (908-788-2917)  
or sign up in the Grill Room

*Stay close to home and welcome 2020 with your family and friends in the Grill Room.*



## **Lapsation For 2019 – 2020**

2519 – Dawn Agugliaro, 2511 – Alan Bodine, 1555 – Gregory Bodnar,  
2527 – John Cantagallo-Rohn, 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, 2364 – Jan Murphy, 851 – Arvid  
Myhre, 1041 – Stanley Ozimek, Jr., 2532 – Louis Carl Reiner, 2478 –  
Antonio Rubio, 2095 – Joseph Schellhorn, 533 – Robert Schottman,  
2370 – Scott Semanchilk, 1965 – Bruce Tomb 2497 – Erine Vitale,  
1995 – Douglas Wachter

**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 can not 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

11/3 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
11/6 - Wednesday - P.E.R. Meeting  
11/7 - Thursday - Bingo  
11/10 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
11/12 - Tuesday - Auxiliary Meeting  
11/13 - Wednesday - **Lodge Meeting**  
11/15 - Friday - Open Mic Night – Dan Petitt  
11/17 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
11/24 - Sunday - Breakfast  
11/24 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
11/27 - Wednesday - **Lodge Meeting**

12/1 - Sunday - **Elks Memorial Day - Mandatory**  
12/1 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
12/4 - Wednesday - P.E.R. Meeting  
12/5 - Thursday - Bingo  
12/8 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials  
12/10 - Tuesday - Auxiliary Meeting  
12/11 - Wednesday - **Lodge Meeting**  
12/29 - Sunday - Breakfast  
12/29 - Sunday - NFL Football – Drink & Food Specials

### **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*  
*Phil Stevens – 7/4/2019*  
*William Nemec – 8/19/19*

*William F. Fischer – 8/21/19*  
*Cheryl Kirk – 9/25/19*

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

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# Happy Birthday to our Members!!

## November 2019

<b>11/4</b> Sudhir Dalal James Hall Tierney Trstensky	<b>11/11</b> Peter Naccarato Paul Knoll Michael A. Sarno	<b>11/21</b> Marty Cunningham	<b>11/26</b> Joel Wolff
<b>11/6</b> Henry W. LaVoie	<b>11/12</b> Daniel J. Petitt, Jr.	<b>11/22</b> Walter Hineline	<b>11/27</b> Donald DeLuca, Jr. Frank Cordero
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<b>11/10</b> J. Stephen Bragg Charles A. Agulis	<b>11/20</b> Vincent Angarola Richard Whitelaw	<b>11/24</b> Arthur Shively David A. Garboski	<b>11/29</b> William Cody
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**Barry Sheppard**

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**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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