



*Membership Growth its how we
give back more. Propose a friend
today*

Have you ever been at a Little League Baseball game where the parents and spectators are yelling at the coaches and the kids on how to make a play or be in the right position. Or when they scream at the umpire for making a call that didn't go their way. These spectators knew so much better how the game should have been played and now they are frustrated. The team Manager just shrugs, smiles and moves on because he knows the potential of that team and the inner workings of the team's ability to win a game. Something that the parents and on-lookers don't know.

Well that's how it feels to be the Exalted Ruler of the Flemington Lodge. During the time leading up to my election and then my Installation I received lots of advice from so many members on how to "run a lodge" and "change things for the better". Promises were made, to me, that they would be there for me through 'thick & thin'. Well take a look around, since March 13th this Lodge has been in the thick of the worldwide pandemic and that support has become quite thin. Yes, there have been a very few members who have donated some money to keep the Lodge alive and that also ended quickly. The advice has dried up as much as our financial situation is also drying up.

My team of Lodge Officers have met and discussed how to survive this pandemic on a regular basis and none of them have shirked their responsibilities to the Flemington Lodge or to Elkdom in general. We are restrained to a degree by the Governor's mandates and by the State Elks Association guidelines. And we are waiting for the day that the Lodge will be able to come alive again. We have returned to the regular schedule of Lodge Meetings and not only does the Lodge need you to attend, but I need you to attend so that every member can be more aware of exactly what is happening within the business of the Lodge and become well informed on what may or may not occur in the future.

The Lodge also needs your dues to pay the bills. We have shut off the gas to the stoves and all non-essential electrical appliances. We had the cable TV shut down and have limited other re-occurring expenses to a point where there is barely a heartbeat in the building. Since 2016 the Lodge has a loss of 12% in membership and come October there will be more members being dropped for non-payment of dues or they are dimiting to another lodge. Currently the Lodge has 75 members of the 347 total membership who are lapsed, and as I have asked previously, we need you and we need new members.

I am asking each and every member of this Lodge to make an effort to get someone interested in the Elks. We need to build up our membership and have some of those new members involved in the Lodge Committees. Our ageing membership will continue to diminish to a point that the Lodge could not continue. It's not the 'old days' anymore. We are living in a "new normal" society with new ways of doing things and new members will bring new ideas. It's your lodge and if the money stops and the membership drops just ask yourself "What could I have done to keep the Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 alive?".

Respectfully,
Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Lodge Officers – 2020 - 2021

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Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER	908.782.3307
Tiler	Adam Papa	
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Chaplain	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Esquire	Sean Bergen	732.801.1231
Trustee - 1 Year.	Joel Wolff	908.782.7095
Trustee - 2 Year.	Hank Lavoie	908.300.6800
Trustee - 3 Year.	Sharon Mack	201.289.1990
Trustee - 4 Year	Vincent LaSpada	908.236.9098
Trustee - 5 Year	David Murphy, PDD	908.399.6934

Officers of the Auxiliary

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

Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention	Daniel Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Americanism	David Murphy, PDD	908.399.6934
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER	908.788.5963
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Building & Grounds	Hank Lavoie	908.300.6800
Community Affairs	Daniel Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
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Elks Tale Editor	Sean Bergin	732.801.1231
Fraternal Committee	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Friday Night Dinner	Linda Murphy, PVP.	609.605.6694
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Mike Sniscak	908.581.7889
House Committee	David Murphy, PDD	908.399.6934
	Sharon Mack	201.289.1990
Indoctrination	Jen Montanelli	862.220.6698
Investigation	Jen Montanelli	862.220.6698
Lapsation	Barry Sheppard, PER	908.782.3307
Lodge Accountant	Bragg & Karnoff	908.788.2998
Lodge Activities	Tiffany Quick	908.797.0670
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER.	908.782.3307
Monday Morning Crew	Joel Wolff	908.782.7095
National Foundation	Daniel Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Public Relations	Daniel Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Linda Murphy, PVP	609.605.6694
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	908.782.5037
Standing Relief	David Murphy, PDD.	908.399.6934
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD	908.782.4006
Youth Activities	Mike Sniscak	908.581.7889
Website	Sean Bergin	732.801.1231

Elk of the Year: TBA
Citizen of the Year: TBA
Officer of the Year: Richard Lavagno PDD

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 Hours

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**



We Can Do It!

An Elks Lodge can only be successful if the membership is active on Committees and volunteering to help out around the lodge wherever needed. The success is also dependent on attendance at meetings and social gatherings. Attendance at the meetings is usually the Lodge Officers and a few concerned members and that body count is about 10% of the total Lodge membership. I wish that was true at the Flemington Lodge because that would mean that there would be around 45 to 50 members at each meeting instead of the usual 15.

Though it is a common fact that most people join the Elks for the cheap drinks and cheap meals, but many become disillusioned when asked to 'lend a hand' and they fade into the woodwork never to be seen again.

There are those who decry about “too much drama” within the lodge and it’s not what they were looking for. But there are those who give and then give more and eventually burn out. I have seen members leave the Grill Room five minutes before a meeting starts and return after the meeting is over. That, to me, is just a downright disappointing act.

And then we have the ‘advisors’. Those are members who call on the phone or send an e-mail and tell the active members what to do and what they did ‘back in the day’ when things were great. They don’t show up at meetings or volunteer at the lodge and expect the Officers and Committee Chairs to follow their instructions and expect results. It takes men and women spending time and effort to keep this place up and running and, as of now, that is left to less than a dozen members. The weight of the Lodge is on our backs and as Exalted Ruler everything is falling at my feet. It’s time to kick in and do something and keep the doors open. If you just take the time and care a little bit to help out by volunteering to do something, this Lodge can survive the current pandemic and loss of revenue. Otherwise you may find yourself left out in the cold.



A lifetime of experience will offer many lessons and cultivate many skills. Some of them will be explicit, like how you do your laundry, invest your income, and raise your children. Some of them will be more subtle and abstract, but important nonetheless. Ideas such as how to respond to illness, deal with rejection, and what to do when a relationship isn’t working. One of our most valuable skills that everybody would benefit from learning, should they want to live a fruitful, is when to move on. I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts. Just remember, optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Linda Murphy DDGER WCD
Leading Knight Flemington Elks Lodge

Special Needs Children

The West Central District will be holding a clothing drive as a fundraiser in September. So as your cleaning out your closets save them and drop them off to the lodge. All proceeds will go to the District Special Needs Committee.

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)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

Our doors may be closed but your Board of directors are in constant contact as communication is key in keeping our beloved lodge in good shape and as financially sound as it can be during these crazy times. There have been small groups of members that intermittently go to the lodge to do repairs, and other maintenance items that are necessary. The Board members would welcome any help you might want to provide when we have these work crews.



HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The house committee has been busy during this down time cleaning and assuring stock is good. Inventory is complete and new ideas for drink and food specials are being brainstormed for when the day comes we can open our doors. That have discussed the 'new norm' and have plans in place to address what that might bring. All coolers, ice machine and glassware have been scrubbed, new matting for the shelves and a few special new things as an added surprise of our members are waiting for that special day.

PER ASSOCIATION

The PERS are still on hiatus for the summer, but we do hope to finally get together in September. I'm sure there are a lot of things to be discussed after four months. All PERS are welcome to these meetings with their ideas and thoughts. Hope to see you in September.

PDD Rich

State Trustee

I am proud to be the West Central District's Representative to the State Trustees. As of this writing, we have not met yet, but there is a meeting planned for the near future. I am excited to have this position and learn how New Jersey as a State uses its funds. I will try to report on anything that is important and affects our Lodge.

PDD Rich



Ramblings By Rich

Hello Everyone,

Summer is here in full swing, and it sure is hot outside! It's so hot outside that even the pig said I'm bacon[baking]. Do you know how you can tell that the ocean is friendly? It is always waving. One summer, I owned a company that made sun tan lotion that was better than all the others, but I don't like to rub it in! I then went to work in a science lab. It was fun, but I didn't trust the atoms because they made everything up! Anyhow, with the heat outside, and the current situation, I have been stuck at home watching lots of TV including the news. There are some strange stories being reported lately. There was one story about the gang going around town shoplifting clothes in size order. Police believe they are still at large. Another story stated that because of the virus, the Seven Dwarves have been advised that as of today, they can only have meetings in groups of six. One of them isn't Happy. One final thought. You really got to hand it to short people. They usually can't reach it anyway.

Stay safe and healthy and I hope to see everyone at the Lodge soon.

PDD Rich

Members Birth Dates For August

1. Walter Williams
2. James Bush
4. Gerald Stockelberg PER
5. Jennifer Montenelli
6. Thomas Higgins
12. John Keller
13. Charlene Santo
14. Howard Quick,
15. Floyd Evans Jr, Arthur Rockerafellow
16. Chris Gacos, Scott Cleary, David McPherson, Anthony Srubjan
17. William T. Pritchett
19. Donald Mulligan
22. Carmen Garfole
23. James Santonastaso
24. Jeffery Anderson, John David Harvis PER, George Sirusas, Wayne Voorhees
25. Douglas Allen, Joseph F. Veneziale, Donald Fitzpatric
28. Walter Campbell, Michael Panko
29. Sam Powell
30. Charles Inglin
31. Nicholas Gurski PER,



MEMBERS PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

Lapsation For 2020-2021

2520 - Jeff Agugliaro 2480 – Donna Agulis 1554 – Andrew Babar Jr. 2523 –
Melisa Batot 2053 – Craig Becker 2525 – Francisco Bowero 2527 – Jon
Cantagallo-Rohn 2074 – Mary Lou Cartobino 2214- Robert S. Cole 2013 –
Raymond Collins 2368 – James Connelly 2388 – Marty Cunningham 2073 –
Patricia Cunningham 1932 – Sudhir Dalal 1327 – Donald DeLuca Jr 2541 –
Kelli Dochterman 581 – Floyd Evans Jr 1911 – David Everitt 1858 – William
Faber 2494 – Joseph Fedalen 2491 – Jason Fisch 2372 – Troy Fischer 2505
– Frank Franco 2429 – John Gabel 2351 – Chris Gacos 2341 – Harry Gano
2453 – David Garbowski 1758 – Joseph Gherardi 2493 – Kaitlin Hingel 1594 –
Richard Hungerford Jr. 1608 – Gordon Johnson Jr. 2235 – John Keller 677 –
Bruce Kerr 2533 – Robert Kiebasis 2238 – Paul Knoll 2515 – Timothy Kracht
2516 –Dawn Kracht 2517 - Brenda Kracht 1762 – Ernest Luster 2461 – Amy
Mack 508 – Timothy McGivney 2228 – Robert McCann 2126 – David J,
Miller 251/- Joanne Moore 659 – George Muller 851 – Arvid Myhre 1530 –
Carl Ondrak 1230 – Chris Ondrak 1041 – Stanley Ozimek Jr 1447 – Donald
Peterson 2530 – Peter Plesh 1894 – Vincent Roche IV 2524 - Anthony Rolon

2478 – Antonio Rubio 1747 – Donald Scholl Jr. 533 – Robert Schottman
2370 - Scott Semanchik 930 – Robert Serridge Jr. 2010 – James Spinelli 2452
– Scott Steele 2456 – Anothony Stockelberg 2504 – Craig Sulkey 2450 –
Timothy Swahn 2474 – Tierney Trstensky 1782 – Jerry Trstensky 2521 –
Saul Valencia 2446 – JosephVeneziale 1458 – Wayne Voorhees 2355 –Richard
Whitelaw

The preceding is a list of all Delinquent members of the Flemington Lodge # 1928. If your name is listed, Please remit your dues of \$71.00 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 31,2021.

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

Elks National Foundation

**For pledges, contact:
Daniel Petit, Sr. 201.341.3071**

FOR BOOKINGS

Please Call: 908.788.8203

ALL bookings for both inside and outside the lodge building go through the booking agent.