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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

Let's talk about communication. With all the committees and meetings for different events we are all involved with, sometimes our communications are not as clear as we thought they were. Some messages can be taken out of context. Sometimes people are not listening effectively.

Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say *something*.



Good healthy communication is impossible without openness, honesty, and vulnerability. I think the number one rule of effective communication should be: 'choose your words wisely'. This is because a simple choice of wording can make a great difference and determine whether your message will be accepted or rejected. If you yell less, regardless of the way that you feel, then you should start seeing that people are more receptive to the things that you are trying to communicate.

The art of communication is the language of leadership. The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place. Communication is one of the most important skills required for a successful life. Sometimes communication is not what you first hear, so listen not just to the words, but to the reason. We take communication for granted because we do it so frequently, but it's actually a complex process. Here is what I believe is the bottom line in relation to satisfaction: Real people engaging in real conversations based on a real desire to serve people rather than the bottom line. Not the fastest horse in the world can catch a word spoken in anger. Not to discuss with a man worthy of conversation is to waste the man. To discuss with a man not worthy of conversation is to waste words. The wise waste neither men nor words.

When we are fully present, we have access to our greatest power, creativity and ability to communicate and perform exceptionally at whatever we are doing. Talking more than necessary is a barrier to effective communication and effective listening. Effective communicators make great friends. They're open to many things and can translate their thoughts into meaningful words and actions. Communicating socially is an imperative part of our daily lives and relationships, and when we can interpret and interact with the emotions of others, we're able to build stronger relationships, hold more effective meetings with our committees and have a clear direction as to what we are trying to do to complete our goals.

*Fraternally,
Linda Murphy, PER
Exalted Ruler*

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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

Monday – Friday 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Saturday & Sunday 3:00PM – 9:00PM

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

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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: Rich Lavagno, PDD
Citizen of the Year: Bruce Totten, PDD
Officer of the Year: Daniel Petitt, Sr.**

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.

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

Joel Wolff - Member
Barry Sheppard - Member

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.



**Friday Night Dinners Are
BACK!!
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Friday Night Dinners will be back in January, served monthly, depending upon volunteers to cook and serve the meals.

Contact Linda Murphy 609.605.6694 if you are interested in helping with Friday Night Dinners. We need volunteers in order to keep this function going! Please consider helping out.

Menus are posted on our website weekly at www.flemingtonelks.com

Elks National Foundation

**For pledges, contact:
Sharon Mack: 201.289.1990**



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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PER Association



The February 13th lodge meeting was PER night, as the PERs took over and led the meeting. Thank you to all of the PERs who came out and participated. Installation of officers for the Elk Year 2019-2020 will be held on Sunday, March 24th. If any PER would like to help with the ceremony, please contact Dave or Linda Murphy.

The next PER meeting will be held on March 6, 2019. As always, all PER's are welcome to attend.

PDD Rich
Flemington Lodge PER President

Ramblings by Rich



Hello Everyone,
It sure has been cold these past couple of weeks. As I sit inside trying to warm up, I was pondering a few things such as, if the number 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still number 2? Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak? Why are you "in" a movie but "on" TV? Finally, when people in France swear, do they say "Pardon my English?" Hopefully it warms up soon so I can get outside! Keep on smiling until next month.

PDD Rich

Auxiliary Report



Hello, I hope everyone is doing well. One happy thought is SPRING is on the way, as well as day light savings (don't forget to turn yours clocks forward on March 10th).

The Auxiliary is sponsoring a Hawaiian Luau dinner buffet with professional entertainment on April 6, 2019. Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door. Your support is needed. Contact Patti for tickets 908-528-7328 PattiO_57@hotmail.com

I would like to thank my officers and the Auxiliary for all the support that made my past two years a success. I truly enjoyed being your President these past two years. Let's continue supporting all the wonderful efforts of the Flemington Elks including but not limited to: Special Needs Children, Veterans, Drug Awareness, Sunday Breakfast, BINGO, etc....

The Auxiliary Installation of officers for 2019-2020 will take place at our April 9th meeting. Please come out and show your support for this year's officers.

I am sure we are all looking forward to the Spring and warmer weather. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Lodge. Again, *thank you* for your support these past two years and I will be around to support the Auxiliary in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Upton
President

Special Needs Children



On January 15th the Flemington Speedway Historical group presented Linda & Dave Murphy and me a check for \$2,000 to help send campers to Elks Camp Moore. What a great acknowledgement of our community efforts from another longtime established organization. As a result of this very generous donation we have registered seven Special Needs Children for this year's camp sessions.

We are having breakfast with the Easter bunny on March 31 from 9 to 11am - Kids eat for free!

Bingo continues to thrive & wait until word gets out that we are sporting "newer" equipment. We might have to run a shuttle bus for off premise parking.

Until next time,

Suzanne Lucas, Chairperson

Shuffleboard News

The annual Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament continues in the Grill Room on Saturday night's beginning at 7:00 PM. PDD Rich is behind the bar sharing his favorite Oldies music. Thanks to the players who have brought a snack and a lot of laughs to share. The board has seen pucks flying with some intense games. Stop by and have a few laughs with the teams!

Lodge Announcements

- Our next Friday Night Dinner will be March 8 the menu will consist of Chicken Piccata, Baked Ziti, Eggplant Rollatini, salad, veggies rolls, dessert. (Gluten free options available). Please come out and enjoy the fellowship with members in the grill room for a relaxing evening. Our last dinner was a great success let's keep these dinner going bring back this tradition.
- Our Super Bowl Party was also a success. We would love for more of you to come out to join in our fun events.

• Springtime Help Needed

As many of you know, Flemington Lodge was selected to be the recipient of the *Lowe's Hero's Project* last summer.

Unfortunately, the project was delayed due to the requirement of a Building/Zoning Permit from Raritan Township, dependent on the scope of the project. One idea is for a pergola type structure in the rear yard, the other for a patio type area surrounded by flower beds.

The pergola structure requires an architectural drawing and blueprints for the permit application. The patio design does not require the same information as it is not a structure, but both designs require information on the impervious coverage of the Lodge lot.

If any member can assist with or knows someone who can help with drawing up the architectural drawings and blueprints for the pergola design or in determining impervious coverage of the lot, please contact me. David Murphy, PDD, 908-399-6934 or dmurphywcd@gmail.com.

It would be very exciting to see this project come to our Lodge.

*You are cordially invited
to the*

PRINCESS BALL

Flemington Elks Lodge

Sunday April 28, 2019

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

You'll meet your favorite princesses and enjoy a
delicious afternoon tea and buffet

There will be dancing, face painting, sing-a-longs,
story time, vendors and more!

Tickets ... Child \$40.00 - Adults \$35.00

For info and tickets call 908-528-7328 or email pattio_57@hotmail.com



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

March 8, 2019

***CHOICES:
CHICKEN PICCATA
BAKED ZITI
EGGPLANT ROLLATINI
VEGGIES
BREAD/SALAD
DESSERTS***



Flemington Elks Auxiliary Trip

Pretty Woman on Broadway!

Sunday May 19, 2019

3:00 pm show time

Tickets \$120.00 for Auxiliary members

\$130.00 for non- members

includes show tickets and bus

Contact Patti DeLuca at 908-528-7328 or email pattio_57@hotmail.com for tickets



Final Notice

Lapsation For 2018 – 2019

1698 – Richard G. Barclay 2175 – Robert Bishop, Jr. 2410 – Steven Brown
 2202 – Joseph Case 2388 – Marty Cunningham 2073 – Patricia Cunningham
 1327 – Donald C. DeLuca, Jr. 2453 – David Garbowski 2509 – Louis Giannobile
 843 – Edison Morris 1041 – Stanley Ozimek, Jr. 2308 – Chris Rogers
 918 – John Sabo 2010 – James Spinelli 2105 – Brian Strizki
 2450 – Timothy Swahn 2033 - David Thomas 1841 – Larry Tutela
 1573 – Ben Vieytes, Jr. 2499 – John Walsh

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 2017-2018. 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, 2019.

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.

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

3/7/19 Bingo

3/8/19 Linda's Friday Night Dinner

3/13/19 Lodge Meeting

3/23/19 Pro Wrestling Show

3/24/19 Installation of Officers

3/27/19 Lodge Meeting

3/31/19 Sunday Breakfast

ABSENT MEMBERS FOR THE 2018- 2019 ELK YEAR

Richard Winters 2/25/2018

Gordon K. Johnson, Sr. 3/12/2018

Mark Taggart 3/21/2018

Frank Garrett 3/24/2008

Louis E. Vegh 4/7/2018

Thomas J. Shannon 4/13/2018

John F. Stryker 5/30/2018

Robert S. Wiggins 9/18/2018

Charles Pursell 12/21/18

John O. Wilson, PDD 1/2/19

S. Rudger Benjamin 1/2/2019

Happy Birthday to our Members!!

March 2019

<p>3/2 Christopher Unger</p> <p>3/3 Paul Kuhl, Jr. Thomas Stover Frank Emanuele</p> <p>3/5 Michael Stager</p> <p>3/6 Amy Mack Christopher Grimes</p> <p>3/7 James Van Derveer Lillian Ibach Robert J. Serridge, Jr.</p>	<p>3/8 Allen Rake</p> <p>3/9 Jerry Trstensky, Jr.</p> <p>3/10 Robert Tronolone</p> <p>3/11 Joseph Kovi Judith M. Gold</p> <p>3/13 Philip DeStefano</p> <p>3/15 Joseph Gherardi</p>	<p>3/16 Adam Papa</p> <p>3/17 Richard Graper, Sr. Patricia Cunningham</p> <p>3/18 Jeffrey Allegar Dennis Tretter</p> <p>3/19 Carl Ondrak John Slaughter Donna Agulis</p> <p>3/20 Jason Fisch</p>	<p>3/22 Ralph Alexander</p> <p>3/23 Gary Strouse</p> <p>3/27 Richard Vail</p> <p>3/28 Peter Nemec</p> <p>3/29 Paul Blodgett</p> <p>3/31 Frank Franco</p>
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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

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E-Mail Address: _____

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