



Elks Tale



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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

Welcome Elks members to a new Elk year. Having been elected as your Exalted Ruler, I am looking forward to an exciting year for **OUR** Lodge. Most of you probably know that each Lodge has its own personality. These Lodge personalities' come from the Members and Officers of the Lodge and are what make visiting other Lodges interesting.

While location and local customs also contribute to a Lodge's personality, I believe that it is the Members who contribute the most.

When I first came to Flemington with my wife Linda, I was very impressed to say the least. While we had met many members before, we had never really visited the Lodge itself. We were welcomed with open arms and made to feel comfortable right from the start. We found Flemington to be the perfect balance for what we thought an Elks Lodge should be – a well run lodge, with personality.

Flemington is rich in tradition, which is evident by the many awards received for Ritual competitions. To see the Ritual performed by the senior Officers of the Lodge is truly impressive. The time it takes to memorize not only the words, but the required movements of the ritual is immense. I give credit to those who have the capability to do that. It is not necessarily a talent I have. Back in the day when the ER was required to do the Ritual from memory, to say I struggled would be an understatement.

It was only due to the "kind" judging, if you will, by then DD Bruce Totten with PER Randy Kerr looking on that I passed by the skin of my teeth. To do the brakes on your car or drop a transmission, I'm your guy. Do the ritual, I look on in awe.



Meetings, I have been to hundreds of meetings. Many meetings I've attended are so formal, that the time it took to do the formalities was twice as long as the time it took to do the needed business at hand. I'm not talking about the formal opening and closings, but the overly formal decorum during a meeting. Of course, I have been to the other extreme where there was near chaos and little got done. In Flemington, Officers are dressed appropriately, when called on - members stand to be recognized (most of the time, if not they are asked to stand), and all are respectful of each other. And yes, there is even laughter at times. I had a visiting member comment to me how impressed they were after attending one of our meetings. "You guys do it the right way and have fun too" I think were their exact words. Grill Room. I would imagine that the

Grill Room or another Lodge's equivalent, is where most people get their first impression of a Lodge's personality. Look at our Grill Room. How much more inviting could a room be? The large fireplace, wood tone floors, fresh carpeting and friendly staff behind the old wooden bar. When people I've met for the first time see the Grill Room, their comment is enviably "what a great room this is".

Once we came to Flemington, attracted initially by its personality, it was down to business. Linda was drawn to the kitchen and I to the Monday Morning crew. This is where we both had the chance to work hand in hand with the Members of the Lodge, and realized we made the right choice to join your Lodge.

I look forward to the new Elk year and hope to hear from all of you with any concerns, ideas or thoughts you have to help our Lodge move forward.



*Fraternally,
David Murphy, PDD
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 March PER Association held its annual officer elections and I was once again elected PER President for the Elk Year 2019-2020. PER Linda Murphy will continue as PER Secretary. As a reminder the PER

Association is here to offer our knowledge and guidance to the lodge officers and members. If anyone has a question, please don't hesitate to contact any PER. Our congratulations to the recipient of the annual PER Award presented at the lodge installation.

The next PER meeting will be held on the first Monday night of April at 7:00 PM in the conference room. As always, all PERs are welcome to attend.

PDD Rich
Flemington Lodge PER President

Ramblings by Rich



Hello All - Spring is finally here, so it got me wondering about a few more things. If all the world's a stage, where does the audience sit? If something goes without saying why do people say it? If Noah had two of every animal on the ark, did he have two woodpeckers? If he did, where did he keep them? Why is it that well-rested people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours? Why do people say something is out of whack? What is a whack? Can anyone tell me what was the best thing before sliced bread?

I really need to get out more! Have a great 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



Do you have a few hours a month to have some fun and at the same time help raise money for the special needs community?

We need to cross train on positions at Bingo which is held on the first Thursday of the month. Selling cards, specials, tapes & dabbers is fairly simple, it isn't a sales position really because the people are here to play, and you just have to give them the item(s) they request & take their money. This job starts at 5:45pm & is done by 7:45pm. Calling bingo numbers back is just a matter of being in the bingo hall from 7:30pm until 9:30/10pm and being available when bingo is made by a player & must be verified by you calling their card numbers to the bingo caller to declare a good bingo. Bingo caller requires you to be here from 7pm until 9:30/10pm and is more involved but training is available and if I can do it anyone can. Kitchen help is more like selling and then supplying the people with the food they ordered and requires you to be here from 5:30pm until 9pm.

Also, there is a need to cross train at breakfast which again is 4 or 5 hours a month on the last Sunday of the month. These positions are cooking, serving, clearing and resetting tables and there is always dishwashing.

Anyone interested or may have questions, just call me at (908) 782-5037.

Suzanne Lucas, Chairperson

Food for Thought



Congratulations to all our new officers and committee members. With the changing of the guard in the new Elks year, one can ponder many things. Pause and ponder when you get to a certain point in the journey of life. Know your destination and mind the true destiny you shall form upon reaching that final destination. Each year comes with its own memories! Memories that make us ponder! Memories that shake our nerves and thought to think about things we did, things we could have done, things we should have done, the right time and timing for the yes and no we could have say with courage or humility, the right time and timing of our steps and things we should have never done!

When you remember the year, you remember something! Something good or something bad. It is all part of your journey.

Linda Murphy, PER

Drug Awareness



The D.A.P. is planning a big year for 2019. It will be aggressive because we, as Elks, need to get the word out about the perils of drug abuse and its effects on our youth and their families. In order to be able to do that the D.A.P. needs to raise money. So, first up, is a Friday Night Dinner that will also celebrate the 65th Anniversary of this lodge. There is a flyer in this month's newsletter for your information.

And again the D.A.P. will be at the 'Music Under the Stars' concert series during the Summer of 2019. Details have not been confirmed yet and we are waiting for the Hunterdon County Parks Department to finalize the acts and performers. I hope to see many more Elks this year at Deer Path Park and maybe we could all gather together to listen to the music.

The big event is still in the planning stages and I have asked the entire membership of the West Central District to participate with us at the 2019 Hunterdon County 4H Fair in August. We will be sponsoring a 'dunk tank' to raise awareness about drug abuse and to raise money for Elks Charities. I will have more information at each lodge meeting and I would greatly appreciate to have volunteers from this lodge to make this event a total success.

The D.A.P. is also planning a Holiday Bazaar at the lodge in November. This would be a good time to sell your arts & crafts. More information will follow in the coming months.

Dan Petitt, Sr., Chairperson



*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 Evening
April 26, 2019
The Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
will Celebrate the
65th Anniversary of the Lodge



Friday Night Dinner will be served

\$10.00 per person includes:
Pasta, meatballs, bread, salad
Coffee, tea or juice

Contact Dan Petitt @ 201.341.3071
or e-mail dandee350@yahoo.com
or
Linda Murphy @ 609.605.6694

**ABSENT MEMBERS FOR THE
2019- 2020 ELK YEAR**

John O. Wilson, PDD 1/2/19
S. Rudger Benjamin 1/2/2019

THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY

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Happy Birthday to our Members!!

April 2019

<p>4/1 Charles Miller</p> <p>4/2 Richard Nelson, Jr.</p> <p>4/4 Matteo Sebastiano Stephen Maksymovich, Jr. Robert C. Evens</p> <p>4/7 Eric Trautman George Blackwell</p> <p>4/8 Bruce A. Tomb Jerry Papariello</p> <p>4/11 Michael E. Stover</p>	<p>4/12 Benjamin Vieytes, Jr. Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr. Patsy Lehman</p> <p>4/14 George J. Walker Bruce A. Bailey William C. McCreery III</p> <p>4/15 George D. Muller</p> <p>4/16 Albert P. Ries</p> <p>4/17 Felix Rossi Bruce R. Totten Herbert B. Moore Leslie W. Haley</p>	<p>4/18 Arthur Brannick</p> <p>4/19 Francis Feola Gilbert Dick Leslie Haley</p> <p>4/21 Leslie M. Rupell</p> <p>4/22 Edward J. Jamison III</p> <p>4/25 John Kalmbach Theodore P. Seal Robert W. Schottman</p>	<p>4/26 Francis X. Brown, Jr. Charles A. Smith</p> <p>4/27 Richard Woolf</p> <p>4/28 William Maksymovich Thomas Teubert Michael J. Eannone Guy Grignon</p> <p>4/29 Robert E. Rowe</p> <p>4/30 William F. Fischer</p>
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