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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Sixth Year

Happy New Year all. I hope you, your family and friends had a happy and safe Holiday Season. With the new year, our thoughts turn to the upcoming new Elk year that begins in April. One concern that continues is the financial health of the Lodge, which is not as good as we would all like. Earlier in my term as Exalted Ruler I had addressed this concern and asked for member input for ideas to improve the situation. Asking Members to go as far as thinking "out of the box" for new ideas to raise funds for the Lodge. I received one response.

Longtime Member and Past Elk of the year, Rowe came through with

an idea to host a Casino Night. Bob went as far as researching what was needed for the event and building props for the night. Unfortunately, further research into the permits needed for the event and the equipment that was required to be rented from licensed vendors for the evening, proved too costly. This is just one example of the regulations that make raising funds for the Lodge difficult. The idea of "well, you know we used to...." ways to raise funds no longer apply in today's era of increased enforcement of those regulations. We are not alone in these struggles, as most volunteer organizations are facing the same issues.

All is not lost. We have a few events coming up that should help with the Lodge finances, but we will need all of your help. These events include a comedy night with Uncle Floyd in March, a new, you heard it here first, Tricky Tray in October, and a possible Murder Mystery in between.

With each of these events, help will be needed, not only the day of the event, but in the time leading up to the event to make it a success.



So, what can you do? Get involved. Contact the person running the event and ask what you can do. My guess is that you will be asked to help publicize the event and sell tickets. For the Tricky Tray, maybe find a sponsor or donate an item to be auctioned off. Selling tickets should be easy. Find a few of your friends and agree to go out for a fun night, then come to the event, have fun and support Your Lodge. The contact person for Uncle Floyd is Leading Knight Daniel Petitt Sr. Information on the other upcoming events will be published in future Elks Tails.

An additional thought that was brought to my attention, was to hold a Member Night Out type of event. This event would most likely be held in the Grill Room for members to come out, in a casual setting, to discuss ideas to not

only to raise funds, but also increases membership. Please let me know of your interest in such an event, and the format you would like to see used.

In Grand Lodge News, during the 2019 Elks National convention, outgoing GER Mike Lahr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor Memorial in Hawaii. The Elks are partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a World War II organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. The goal of this challenge is to raise a per capita donation of \$1.00 per member. Canisters have been placed in the Grill Room to help in collecting funds for this worthy cause.

I hope you all stay safe and warm this winter season and look forward to the upcoming Elk Year as much as I do.

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 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

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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: 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



The PER Association members wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year! Please continue to support our lodge in 2020. I would like to acknowledge and thank PER Pete and Diane Naccarato for

their generous donation to the lodge on Tuesday, December 3rd. The "pulled pork with sides" was a wonderful meal served in the Grill Room. To the members and guests who supported the event, thank you! I hope to see more attendees on Tuesday nights in 2020.

PDD Rich Flemington Lodge PER President

Ramblings by Rich



Hi Everyone - Well, 2019 is almost over and a new year is once again upon us. My friends are asking me where I see myself in the new year. How would I know? I don't have 2020

vision. But looking at the new year's calendar, we will all have 2020 vision! In the new year I was going to quit all of my bad habits. But then I remembered that no one likes a quitter. Every year I look forward to watching a good show at Times Square, and year after year they drop the ball. Did you hear about the guy who started fixing breakfast at midnight on December 31st? He wanted to make a New Year's toast! I'd like to go out dancing on New Year's Eve, but unfortunately, I have two left feet, making it impossible to start off the new year on the right foot.

Seriously now, Eileen and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Keep on smiling in 2020.

Remember, the good times of 2019 and get ready for the better times of 2020.

PDD Rich		

Auxiliary Report



Happy New Year! Here's hoping that everyone made it through all the holiday hustle and bustle with a smile. As 2020 begins we are looking forward to the upcoming activities at the lodge. The auxiliary will be going to the Hunterdon

Hills Playhouse on Sunday March 22, to see the show Sherlock Holmes Returns and enjoy a delicious dinner. Tickets are \$78 per person and are still available. Since we had a successful Princess Party last year we also have in the works a Frozen Party for all the little princesses. Information to come. Our April meeting will be the installation for the officers for the 2020 - 2021 year. If any auxiliary members are interested in taking an office let us know. We will also be looking for members to chair the historian, hospitality, dark horse, birthdays, entertainment, welfare and good cheer committees. As of now we haven't finalized the plans for the NYC trip and play but save the date, Sunday May 17, and join in this fun day for all. Auxiliary meetings are the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7:15 with the exception of July and August. Come out and see old friends and meet the new.

Patti DeLuca Auxiliary President

Food for Thought



Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.' A new year: a fresh, clean start! It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of

possibilities. For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. It is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one. We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential. Any new beginning is forged from the shards of the past, not from the abandonment of the past. It is difficult to live in the present, ridiculous to live in the future, and impossible to live in the past. Nothing is as far away as one minute ago. What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Linda Murphy VPWCD Loyal Knight

Special Needs Children



On November 24th, we held Breakfast with Santa from 10am until Noon and 49 children ate their breakfast for free and were able to visit Santa & receive a

candy cane from him. The total was 350 plates served which included free, paid & reorders. Busy day for everyone who attended & helped out. It was just slightly better than last year. But who was that Santa, was it PSP Lou Possemato? Some of our campers were happily in attendance: This 1st picture is of Julia Colella & Bryan Rebimbas, the second picture is Bryan & Artie his companion with Santa and the last picture is Bryan with his friend Blair Benson. By the way, we have already filed 6 applications for Elks Camp Moore but if you know anyone who would like information for camp, please have them get in touch with me @ (908) 782-5037.

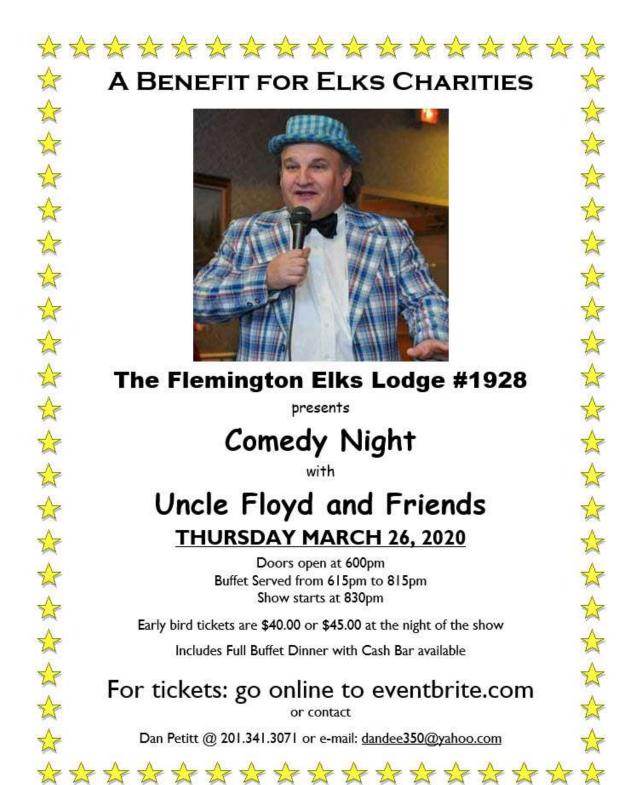
Continued success & happiness to all,

Suzanne Lucas, Chairperson









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

2519 – Dawn Agugliaro, 2511 – Alan Bodine, 1555 – Gregory Bodnar,

2527 – John Cantagalio-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, 851 – Arvid

Myhre, 1041 – Stanley Ozimek, Jr., 2532 - Louis Carl Reiner, 2478 –

Antonio Rubio, 2095 – Joseph Schellhorn, 533 – Robert Schottman,

1965 – Bruce Tomb 2497 – Erine Vitale

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

12/31 – NYE (Casual) in the Grill Room 1/02 – Bingo 1/26 – Sunday Breakfast 2/8 – Harvey Stout Shuffleboard Tournament begins

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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Happy Birthday to our Members!!

January 2020

1/1	1/11	1/16	1/24
Shawn Haley	Christine Esposito	Scott Semanchick	William Faber
	Mina Nace	James Spinelli	
1/2			1/25
Timothy Reasoner	1/12	1/17	Vincent Roche IV
	Suzanne Beam	Joseph Kurylo	
1/3			1/27
George Unfried	1/13	1/20	Kenneth Whalen, PER
Merrill Mellott	George Vdohakes	Larry Walczak	Alan Bodine
	Dawn Agugliaro		
1/5		1/21	1/28
Raymond M. Fella	1/14	Christine Bianchino	Richard Hungerford, Jr.
	Vincent Roche III		
1/6		1/22	1/29
Kenneth Thompson	1/15	Robert Martucci	George Jorda
James Smith	James Barabas		
1/9			
Douglas Hoff III			

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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

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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