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The Elks Tale

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Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



So now we are getting into the months where we need to get busy with Elkdom. We can do that by volunteering to Chair a committee. This lodge is in dire need of leadership in that category. I constantly receive e-mails from various WCD Chairpersons asking for the name of Committee Chairs. Sadly, my answer is the same, "I have no volunteers who want to do the work". With that answer, by default I am then appointed as Chairperson. My health restricts me from doing it all, as many of you are aware, and therefore our charitable work does not get done. I am asking for your help and none of these committees

require hard work. It does require some time on your part which is a very rewarding experience.

That brings me to another sore point in the Flemingington Lodge. The attendance at functions is nil. What I am saying is that no members, except the volunteers, came to the comedy shows or the Mortgage Burning Ceremony. It is very sad when we report that the Lodge is not getting any support from our membership at these events. And it is disheartening that more members have not visited the Grill Room just to see and hear what we are trying to accomplish. At the last Regular Lodge Meeting in September it was brought to the floor that no more than five members attend the meetings along with our Officers. That leaves all of the decision and work to just a handful of members out of a total of 309 members in good standing. Yes, there are 61 members living out of state, but there are so many closer by the Flemingington area. I ask that you reconsider attending these meetings.

*Fraternally,
Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler*

Lodge Officers – 2021 - 2022

..... Exalted Ruler	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.
..... Est. Leading Knight	Randall Kerr, PER
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Gene Sierp
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Rich Lavagno, PDD
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Adam Papa
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
..... Esquire	JD Harvis, PER
..... Trustee - 1 Year	William Trstensky
..... Trustee - 2 Year	Casey Hoff
..... Trustee - 3 Year ..	TBD
..... Trustee - 4 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 5 Year	John Kalmbach

Officers of the Auxiliary

..... President	Patti DeLuca
..... Vice President	Deborah Keyes
..... Treasurer	Suzanne Lucas, PP
..... Secretary.	Laura Karnoff
..... Trustee	Linda Upton, PP

2020 - 2021

Elk of the Year: *Jeffrey Allegar*
Citizen of the Year: *John 'Jack' Cust, Jr.*
Officer of the Year: *William Trstensky*

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Lodge Members: September to June:
2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7:30 PM
July & August: 2nd Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

Auxiliary Members: September to June:
2nd Tuesday - 7:15 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

As the House Committee Chairperson I would like to thank all of the people who have helped out to keep our Lodge active. Things are 'looking up' with more members coming out and enjoying the Grill Room once again.

We are also stocking new varieties of beverages in addition to your old favorites.

All of the bartenders will maintain the safety protocols and cleaning procedures that are mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Stop in some time to enjoy your favorite beverage and join in a friendly conversation with members that you have not seen in a long time.

House Committee Chair
Randy Kerr, PER

**Grill Room Hours:
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat**

Stop in and meet your friendly bartenders and see the changes that have occurred.

PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to ask any active PER for answers, since we work with Exalted Ruler Dan and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.

Fraternally,

*PDD Rich Lavagno
PER Association President*

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, please contact the Exalted Ruler, Dan Pettit.

Bill Trstensky
Head Trustee

Committee Chairs 2021-2022

Accident Prevention	Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Americanism		
Auditing & Accounting	George Upton, PER	908.788.5963
Better Parades	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff	
Community Affairs	Daniel Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick.....	908.797.0670
Drug Awareness.	Daniel J Petitt, Sr.	201.341.3071
Elks Tale Editor	TBD	
Fraternal Committee ..	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Friday Night Dinner		
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	TBD	
House Committee	William Trsentsky Randall Kerr, PER	
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
National Foundation	TBD	
National Service	TBD	
PER Association	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Public Relations	TBD	
Ritual Coach	Pete Naccarato	
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Randall Kerr, PER	
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief		
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD.....	908.782.4006
Youth Activities.....	TBD	
Website	TBD	

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Sickness and Distress

If you know of a Lodge Member who is ill, home bound or in the hospital please notify the Exalted Ruler or the Lodge Secretary so that information can be posted on the 'Sickness and Distress' board and a visitation can be arranged.

B.P.O.E INFORMATION

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: www.flemingtonelks.com for information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions, and general lodge information.

The Elks Tale is posted on our website by the 1st of each month!

We also have a Facebook Page (public): **Flemington Elks Lodge #1928**
and a West Central District Group (members only): **West Central District**

**There are also nationwide groups where members can find out
about the world of Elkdom:**

BPOE News

Elks Social Media Network

We Are Elks

I am an Elk from New Jersey

**Please visit these Facebook pages for more information from the
Grand Lodge and other Lodges that pertain to all
Members of the Elks**

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

Hi Everyone!

I want to congratulate the Flemington Elks Lodge on paying off the mortgage. A lot of hard work by many members over the years made this happen. The mortgage burning ceremony was a wonderful evening but I was sad to see not many members or Auxiliary came to join in the fun.

The Auxiliary had our first meeting after summer break in September. It was a little crazy with everything going on that evening but we did get caught up with events. We are looking into having our favorite, Chris Ondrak, doing his flower demonstration at the November meeting. We will also be working on our holiday party for the December meeting. If anyone has any ideas for future fundraisers, please bring them to the October meeting.

Once a month Sunday breakfasts have started and bingo starts the 1st Thursday of October. If anyone would like to help for either event contact Suzanne Lucas otherwise come out and enjoy.

Patti DeLuca

Auxiliary President



Special Needs Children

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Our September breakfast was well attended with 144 diners with more old friends coming out for breakfast. Thank you to everyone attending and all the volunteers who worked to support the lodge and the kids.

Great news to all bingo participants, we are starting up bingo on October 7th!!! Doors will open at 6pm with the first game being called at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available to purchase. Tell all your friends to join us for a night out

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson

To All Members:

On Friday September 24, 2021 the Flemington Lodge #1928 performed the ritual of a Mortgage Burning Ceremony. We also presented the 'Elk of the Year' Award to Jeffrey Allegar and the 'Citizen of the Year' Award to John 'Jack' Cust Jr.

Also in attendance was PSDGER Francis Decibus, WCD VP Peter Mone and WCD DDGER Bill Rose and PDDGER Christine Rose. Music and food were provided by the lodge and we also were open to the public to seek new members. Lodge Esquire JD Harvis provided applications and explanations to those interested in becoming members.



Elks National Foundation

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work.

**For pledges, contact:
Daniel J Petitt, Sr. 201.341.3071**

**** Lapsation ****

This is a list of the Lodge Members who haven't sent in their dues as of this month. As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing.

If you know a member on this list, a phone call to them might be in order or maybe you can pay their dues as a gesture of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity.

Please remit your dues of \$71.00 for the year 2021-2022 to the Lodge Secretary.

Sean Bergin
Barry E. Creger
David J. Miller
Stanley L. Ozimek, Jr
Louis Carl Reiner
James G. Spinelli

George Blackwell
David A. Garbowski
Joanne Moore
Joseph T. Peake
Robert Schottman
Thomas Walsh

Mary Lou Cartobino
James Hall
George D. Muller
Peter J. Plesh
George S. Siruas



Absent Members for the Elk Year 2021-2022

Steven Kalafer 4/21/21 Matteo Sebastiano 5/16/21, Thomas Tosco 5/19/21
Barbara Schmitter, PER



Funeral Services

A reminder to all members and their families that should a Lodge Member pass away, the Lodge Officers will conduct a Funeral Service at the family's request.

Do you have a change of address or phone number or a different e-mail address?

Contact Barry Sheppard, PER
C/O Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
P.O. Box 261
Flemington, NJ 08822

(or drop your new information in the Secretary's Mailbox at the Lodge)

A Message from the Lodge Secretary



Ramblings by Rich

Hi Everyone,

‘Ramblings by Rich’ is on vacation this month and will return next time. But, while on vacation I met the man who invented the door knocker. He won the no-bell prize.

See you all next time

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

FLEMINGTON ELKS
165 NJ RTE 31, FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822
VENDORS - FOOD & BEVERAGES
FOR PURCHASE BY ELKS

SATURDAY 4 to 8 PM
OCT 23
TICKETS - \$20 IN ADVANCE - \$25 AT THE DOOR
CALL DEBRA FOR ADVANCE TIX 732 948-6758

DEB DYNAMITE'S BIG 5-0 BLAST

Rock'n'Roll
RAMPAGE

JET WESTON
AND HIS
ATOMIC RANCH HANDS

CRASH GORDON
& **DEBRA DYNAMITE**
with Dave Del Monte

★ *Yorke*
& THE ACTUALS

DJ MARCUS
SPINNIN' VINYL!

Poster - Warren Tesoro



PRO WRESTLING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 2021 • BELL TIME: 7:00 P.M.

FLEMINGTON ELK'S LODGE

165 STATE ROUTE 31 • FLEMINGTON, NJ • 201-341-3071

TICKETS: \$15 IN ADVANCE / \$20 AT THE DOOR



FUNDRAISER FOR THE ELK'S

SPONSORED BY LENORA'S BAR & GRILL

ECPW TV TITLE MATCH

TREY FELIPE
VS. CROWBAR WITH DESTINY

ECPW HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH

KENNY BENGAL
VS. JOHN TELLA

TRIPLE THREAT MATCH

DIRTBAG DAN
VS. CAPTAIN EMMETT PAIN VS. SAMI NASIR

TAG TEAM MATCH

FRANKIE & JUNIOR FLOW
VS. BROLLY & ALEX REIMAN

ALSO FEATURING: PRINCE AKKANATAN • JOHNNY CHILL • CONNOR REILLY
THE SAMOAN DESTROYER • COOL GUY ZACK • LOVE JONES
BEAUTIFUL BUDDY TOMAS • & MORE ECPW STARS!

LENORA'S BAR & GRILL IS LOCATED AT 7 FILMORE STREET IN PHILLIPSBURG, NJ

CARD SUBJECT TO CHANGE INFO: 732-718-2399 • 973-402-9599 • ECPW1.COM

Contact the Exalted Ruler, Dan Petitt for tickets



It's been
a scary
year & a
half!

Come out with friends to enjoy food,
libations, music, prizes, and to celebrate

HALLOWEEN!



Saturday, October 30th
6 - 10 PM

\$20 PP/ Cash Bar
Costumes Preferred

THE ELKS LODGE 1928

165 Route 31, Flemington

RSVP to the witches by 10/23



gayleannie1928@gmail.com

Or Call or Text:

(908) 310-4513





Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Day during October

1. JoAnn Totten, Kelly DeLuca
2. Jeffrey Anclien
- 3.
4. Michael Fasano, Temma Simo
5. James McPherson- PER, Gerald Troisi
- 6.
- 7.
8. George Upton- PER
- 9.
10. Fred Rynearson, Jr.
- 11.
12. Keith Wilson
- 13.
14. Norman Rathbone, Samuel Ganis
- 15.
- 16.. Jeffrey Jamison
17. Joseph Iselin
- 18.
- 19.
- 20.
- 21.
- 22.
23. William Meytrott
- 24.
- 25.
26. Charlie Upton - PDD
27. Tiffany Quick, Debra Abruzzi
28. Donald West, Jr.
- 29.
- 30.
31. Chris Rogers

WE are FAMILY

On behalf of the Flemington Lodge, I would like to thank those listed below who have given so kindly from their hearts to the 'Free Will Donation Appeal' so that the Lodge can continue to do the charitable work that is the cornerstone of Elkdom. If you haven't donated as of yet, there is still time to send in a donation and show your support.

Daniel J. Pettitt, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Albright, Patricia
Alexander, Ralph
Anderson, Edward
Anderson, Dr. Jeff
Assenheimer, Fred
Bailey, Bruce
Cahall, David
Callahan, Richard
Campbell, Walter
Cervanka, Deborah
Cestra, Louis
Ciotta, Donald
Clark, Sandy
Coppola, Angelo
Dickison, Doug & Rose
Elbaum, Emil
Ellis, Ann Marie
Esposito, Anthony
Fanelli, Mauro
Fasano, Michael
Finelli, James
Fisher, Charles
Halstead, Doris
In Memory of Kalafer, Steve
Troisi, Gerald
Kanaby, Joseph
Kopcha, Daniel
Kuhl, Henry
Lavagno, Rich & Eileen
Lucas, Suzanne
Martin, William
Martinetti, Jean
Masaitis, Richard
Maskell, Patricia
McPherson, James
Monaco, Louis
Pettitt, Daniel J., Sr.

Mulligan, Donald
Muscatell, Daniel
Naccarato, Peter
Ondrak, Chris
Papa, Adam
Panko, Michael
Partak, Robert
Polhemus, Jack & Luba
Ricard, Donald
Riley, Elizabeth
Rossi, Felix & Barbara
Rowe, Robert
Rowe, Sandy
Rupell, Leslie
Rynerson, Frederick
Sornberger, Gundegard
Sornberger, Randy
Stockelberg, Barbara
Stockelberg, Gerald
Stuart III, Charles
Tedesco, James
Teubert, Thomas
Trautman, Lee
Trautman, Tracey
Strizki, Brian
Upton, Charles
Upton, George
Upton, Linda
Valencia, Saul
VanDerveer, James & Shirley
Vill, Shirley Ann
Whalen, Kenneth
Wilkinson, John
Wilson, Mary
Zapko, Louis
Zarish, Lois

Say Hello to our newest members and wELKome them to the Flemington Lodge



Ernesto Cuellar, Gordon Johnson, Debra Abruzzi,
Santiago Cuellar, Dawn Schenck & Santiago Cueller, Jr.

And our Lodge Officers:
Trustee Casey Hoff, Exalted Ruler Dan Pettitt,
Chaplain Mauro Fanelli – PER & Lee Trautman - PDD