



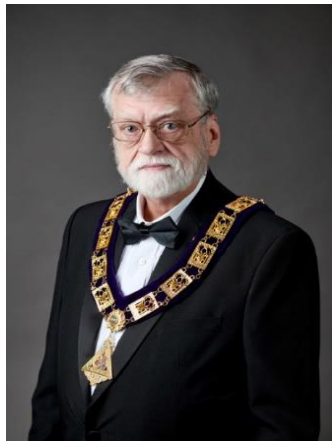
*April 2021*

# *The Elks Tale*

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## **Flemington Elks Lodge #1928**

So here we are beginning another Elk Year. On March 24, 2021 the Lodge installed Officers to carry on the tradition of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The Lodge has weathered the storm of the Covid-19 pandemic and is set to rebuild and renew our works of serving the Raritan-Flemington community. We still have a long way to go, but the 'new spirit' of the Lodge is rising. Members who have shied away from the social and volunteer aspects of the Lodge are coming back with ideas of how to restart the process.



I have received phone calls, e-mails and inquiries as to how they can pitch in and become a more active member. That is adding to a comradery that has been missing for far too long from this Lodge. You can see it firsthand in the Grill Room where members are enjoying each other's company and the laughter has returned. We cannot slow down or stop now, but we all must give a little extra to keep moving forward.

This Lodge is your Lodge and we need you to come back and participate with a 'Grab & Go' dinner or express your idea on how to raise funds or just attend a Regular Meeting to see the progress that has been made and learn about the many functions that are planned for the future.

*Respectfully,  
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	Craig Becker, PER
.....	Trustee - 4 Year	John Lombardi
.....	Trustee - 5 Year	John Kalmbach

## Officers of the Auxiliary

.....	President	Patti DeLuca
.....	Vice President	Deborah Keys
.....	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:  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - 7:30 PM  
July & August: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

**Auxiliary Members:** September to June:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7:15 PM



## *Flemington Strong*

## *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 Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Building & Grounds	Casey Hoff	
Community Affairs	Daniel Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Community Activities.	Tiffany Quick .....	908.797.0670
Dishwasher	Randy Sornberger .	908.328.3432
Drug Awareness.	Daniel Petitt, Sr.....	201.341.3071
Elks Tale Editor		
Fraternal Committee	Rich Lavagno, PDD	908.788.2917
Friday Night Dinner		
Government Relations	Eric Anderson.....	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot		
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	Daniel J. 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	Randall Kerr, PER	
Social/Comm. Welfare	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas ....	908.782.5037
Standing Relief		
Visiting	Joe Kanaby, PDD ..	908.782.4006
Youth Activities....		
Website	Sean Bergin.....	732.801.1231

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

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

## **B.P.O.E INFORMATION**

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: [www.flemingtonelks.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**



## Special Needs Children

Well, things continue to be busy at breakfast each month. February 28th we had 125 diners which included almost every lodge in the West Central District represented, of which we are appreciative for the support as well as the opportunity to discuss and share our mutual current events. We are gearing up for March's breakfast and anticipating a large attendance since Spring has Sprung. A special thank you to all the volunteers for hanging "tough" through the last 6 months. Also to our members who continue to support us by having breakfast with us.

Elks Camp Moore is ramping up for the virtual/zoom camp activity and preparing the campers packages which I will deliver to them when they are complete.

Until next month,

*Suzanne Lucas*  
*Chairperson*

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*Shine Bright!* 

March marks the one-year anniversary when we chose to delivery tele-therapy to our clients. Today, not only do we offer virtual therapy, but since October, we have been providing in-person therapy. We now have seven speech and language therapists, six occupational therapists and one physical therapist. The positive response from the community has been overwhelming, and we are continuing to receive more clients every day. Resilient is another adjective which describes us. We have learned patience, new technology, and coping skills. The challenge is to teach our children these same skills. Children with special needs have a harder time learning coping skills, especially during this pandemic. But, with patience and guidance, the anxiety may lessen. By encouraging each other to ask for help, remembering to breathe, and to cut ourselves a brake, makes life a bit easier.

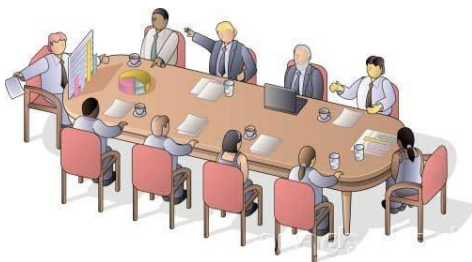
Adam Papa  
Tiler  
Lodge Rep, SCC

# 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

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Flemington Elks Lodge now has three trustees. The Lodge can now begin to move forward with plans to maintain and rebuild our reputation of supporting the surrounding communities.

The Trustees are tasked with overseeing the financial health of the Lodge by authorizing the proper payment of the bills and keeping the Lodge on a solid footing.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

The House Committee continues to keep the Grill Room open and active. We have added three new bartenders (members) who will attempt to bring back those members who have stayed away since the pandemic. 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.

PER Randy

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## PER ASSOCIATION

*The PER's are still meeting monthly and actively supporting our lodge in any way possible. If any 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 his officers. Many fundraising events are happening at our lodge - keep your eyes open for these events.*

*The PER's would like to congratulate ER Dan and his officers for their service in the past Elk year. Also, a big THANK YOU to the Lodge Auxiliary members for their continuous hard work to the lodge. Together we are Flemington Strong!*

*Fraternally,*

*PDD Rich Lavagno*

*PER Association President*

### \*\*\*\* 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.

Please remit your dues of \$71.00 for the year 2021-2022

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#### **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**



**To reserve a room for your  
event or social gathering**

**Please Call: 908.788.8203**

*ALL bookings for both inside and outside the  
lodge building go through the Booking Agent.*

*Absent Members for the Elk Year 2021-2022*





## Ramblings by Rich

*Hi Everyone,*

*I'm back again with this month's ramblings. It's been a long couple of months with everyone pandemic eating. As a matter of fact, I went to the butcher shop the other day. I bet the butcher that he couldn't reach the meat on the top shelf. He didn't take the bet because he said the steaks were too high!*

*I am still working (essential employee) and there is nothing like a good hot shower after a hard day's work. But remember, singing in the shower is fun until you get shampoo in your mouth. Then it becomes a soap opera. I had to go to the doctor the other day because I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor said that I'm okay, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.*

*I just read that the machine at the coin factory stopped working with no explanation. It doesn't make any cents. I was finding it hard to sleep at night, so I decided to sleep in the fireplace. Now I sleep like a log. You know that spring is here because I just saw an angry bird land on my door knob. Then it flew off the handle.*

*Happy Spring and keep on smiling! Until next time, remember the famous words attributed to President Abraham Lincoln, "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."*

*PDD Rich*





## **Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Day during April**

1. Charles Miller
2. Richard Nelson Jr.
- 3.
4. Matteo Sebastiano, Stephen Maksymovich Jr. Robert C, Evens
- 5.
- 6.
7. Eric Trautman, George Blackwell
8. Bruce A. Tomb
- 9.
- 10.
11. Michael E. Stover
12. Benjamin Vieytes Jr., Stanley L. Ozimek Jr., Patsy Lehman
- 13.
14. George J. Walker, Bruce A. Bailey PDD, William C. McCreery III
15. George D. Muller
16. Michael Sniscak
17. Felix Rossi, Bruce R. Totten PDD, Herbert B. Moore, Leslie W. Haley
18. Arthur Brannick, Dennis Tretter
19. Francis Feola
- 20.
21. Leslie M. Rupell
22. Edward J. Jamison III, Robert Lord
- 23.
- 24.
25. John Kalmbach, Theodore P. Seal, Robert W. Schottman
26. Francis X. Brown Jr., Charles A. Smith
27. Richard Woolf
28. William Maksymovich, Thomas Teubert PER, Michael J. Eannone, Guy Grignon
29. Robert E. Rowe
- 30.



## Attention

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.

## **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.

Please contact the Exalted Ruler for arrangements.

## A Message from the Lodge Secretary

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)