



# Elks Tale



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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Fourth Year

It has been a very busy month as usual. There has been a flurry of activities and everyone has stepped up to make each one of them a success. I couldn't be prouder of how many of you have come to me expressing willingness to do more to help out with so many different things. We are a volunteer organization and many of you are truly stepping up to make great things happen. Our purpose as an Elk is to help our special needs children, veterans and our community and that is what we are truly doing. It is so wonderful to see the outpouring of selflessness to help others in need. We welcomed in new members recently and they are already diving in on all of our endeavors which is so exciting to see.

Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and a focused effort from all. Some may ask, What is a volunteer? What is the value of volunteering? Volunteering is not about money unless it's money we raise as volunteers to give to our community projects. Volunteering is about giving, contributing, and helping other individuals and the community at large. It is working with others to make a meaningful contribution for a better community and helping those in need. This is what it means to be an Elk. The value of volunteering is much deeper, much more fulfilling and much more important in contributing to a healthy and



vibrant community than money can ever measure. In the end, we cannot put a dollar value on volunteering. How can we put a monetary value on ordinary people doing extraordinary things? We are the BPOE best people on earth.

As I am writing this I am preparing for convention where we will be voting on some important changes in the statutes as was read on the floor at our general meeting. Additionally, we will be welcoming Malcom

McPherson Jr. to highest position in Elkdom. Did you know that some of his relatives are members of our lodge? This is certainly an honor. I promise to bring back all the information that will be given to me at the meeting sessions and share with you the experience of witnessing the swearing in or our Grand Exalted Ruler and our District Deputy.

I sign off now with My Elk tid bit: The legacy of our founder Charles Vivian's generosity continues to this day in over 2100 lodges. As long as there are those who need help, the Elks will be there to give aid and comfort.

Have a safe summer and God Bless

Fraternally,  
Linda Murphy  
Exalted Ruler



## Committee Chairpersons

## Officers of Lodge No. 1928 2017– 2018

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### Monthly Meetings

**Lodge:** September – June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – 8:00 PM  
 July & August – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 8:00 PM

**Auxiliary:** September – June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:15 PM

### ABSENT MEMBERS FOR THE 2017- 2018 ELK YEAR

Roger K. Everitt 3/31/17  
 Robert L. Wilt 4/7/2017  
 John Bomensatt 4/10/17  
 Susan Varano-Sierp 4/11/17  
 Walter W. (Bucky) Lance Jr. 4/27/17

THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON  
 THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND  
 MEMORY

Elk of the Year:  
 Randy Kerr, PER

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Citizen of the Year:  
 Bob Rowe

### Officers of the Auxiliary 2017 – 2018

PRESIDENT ..... Linda Upton ..... 788-5963  
 VICE PRESIDENT ..... Paula Melbourn..... 782-1331  
 TREASURER..... Suzanne Lucas, PP .... 782-5037  
 SECRETARY ..... Laura Karnoff..... 400-1371  
 TRUSTEE ..... Pat Trautman, PP ..... 996-6724

### Grill Room Hours

**Monday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Saturday - Sunday 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Submission deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Submissions received after noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> will not be used. Please submit articles and advertisements as early as possible. Articles, ads and other information to be published can be sent to elkstale1928@hotmail.com

**Somerset Children's Center  
Board of Directors**  
Joel Wolff – Member  
Barry Sheppard - Member

### ATTENTION...All members...

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...



### 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.

### LODGE WEBSITE

Please visit the Flemington Elks lodge website at [www.elks1928.com](http://www.elks1928.com) for more information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures from lodge functions, and general lodge information.



The Elks Tale is posted on the website by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month!



### NOTICE FOR BOOKINGS

Please Call

**908 -788-8203**

*Please be sure all bookings for both inside the lodge building and outside the building go through the booking agent.*



### Friday Night Dinner

**6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Friday Night Dinners will be served every Friday night, depending upon volunteers to cook and serve the meals.

**Please volunteer to support this event!**

Contact Ken Miller 908-894-8773 or his wife Hope Miller 908-894-8784 if you are interested in helping with Friday Night Dinners. We need more volunteers in order to keep this function going! Please consider helping out...

Menus are posted on our website weekly at [www.elks1928.com](http://www.elks1928.com).

### National Foundation

For pledges, contact  
**Sharon Mack**  
at  
**201-289-1990**

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Board of Directors



And so it begins. As you are aware, a Board of Directors is now functioning within the Flemington Lodge. The Board consists of the five trustees and the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight and the Lecturing Knight. Bill Trstensky has been elected as the Chairperson of the Board and I have volunteered to be the Board Secretary.

It is the wish of the Board to improve the Lodge infrastructure as well as the participation of its members. The Board will attempt to repair and replace those dysfunctional areas and items that are essential to modernizing and improving the buildings appearance. BUT, we need your help. Your ideas must be known to us so that actions can be taken. Not only are your ideas needed, but your skills are needed as well. If you can hold a hammer or a paint brush, use a carpet steamer or can repair an HVAC system or even lay in some flooring, we need you. This opportunity will serve the lodge and the community and the rewards are plentiful.

Telling another member about something that needs to be repaired or replaced just won't 'cut it' anymore. Make your suggestions known to a member of the board by attending a regularly scheduled lodge meeting or by contacting them in person or in writing. It's your lodge whether you are new member or a 'long timer'. All of us are here to make a better community.

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.  
Lecturing Knight  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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### Auxiliary



I hope everyone is having a great summer and if you are taking a trip, I hope you have a great time and safe travels.

We are researching some ideas for fund raisers and I would like anyone with an idea for a fund raiser to let me or one of our officers know what it is so we can consider it.

I will also be looking forward to seeing everyone at the September dinner meeting! Please all stay well!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Upton, President

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### Busy Bees



The Busy Bees will continue to be available to help get the lodge's affairs/bookings ready. Please contact Doris at (908)782-6873) or Shirley (908)310-5255 if you need help.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doris Halstead & Shirley Brunn  
Busy Bees Co-Chairs

## Drug Awareness



The Flemington lodge's Drug Awareness Program is almost up and running. I have contacted some people so that we can work hand-in-hand to dissuade the youth of our community from using illegal drugs or abusing prescription drugs. It's a work in progress and I am planning events in the future to showcase our program.

I am also asking for some help from lodge members to be with the displays at these functions and hand out the brochures. It will be nothing strenuous or time consuming, but will go a long way to get the message out.

On Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> the West Central District sponsored a 'Walk Out on Drugs' event at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark. The District was represented by approximately 25 Elk members and we carried the district banner as well as lodge banners around the warning track led by our illustrious Exalted Ruler Linda Murphy (wearing the Elroy costume), our State President John Sczzomak and the District Deputy Christine Rose. A good time was had by all and the night concluded with a grand display of fireworks.

Daniel J. Petitt, Sr.  
Lecturing Knight  
Drug Awareness Chairperson

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### **NOTICE...**

**August 11, 2017 -  
Camp Moore BBQ...**

**All volunteers, please meet at the lodge at 1:00 pm so we can load up all the vehicles to bring all the food and equipment we will need to cook for the kids. A big thank you to everyone who is coming to help**

## Scholarship



All members in good standing who have a child or grandchild graduating from high school and is college bound in 2018 should check the August and September editions of the Elks National Magazine for application information regarding the Elks National Scholarship(s).

Look for information regarding New Jersey Elks Scholarships in the Elks State Magazine.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Jeff Anderson, Ed.D.  
Scholarship Coordinator

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## Ramblings by Rich



Before working in the supermarket business I tried a number of other jobs. I worked in a bakery. Why, do you ask? Well, where else can you loaf and get paid for it? Besides, I needed (kneaded) the dough! Then I was put in charge of making doughnuts, but I got tired of the hole business. Later on I tried to become a weatherman but had a hard time figuring out how lightning works. Then it struck me. :) After that I became an elevator operator. That job had its' ups and downs. At first it was really uplifting, but then it let me down. After that I got a job as a banker but I lost interest. So that's how I ended up in the supermarket business.

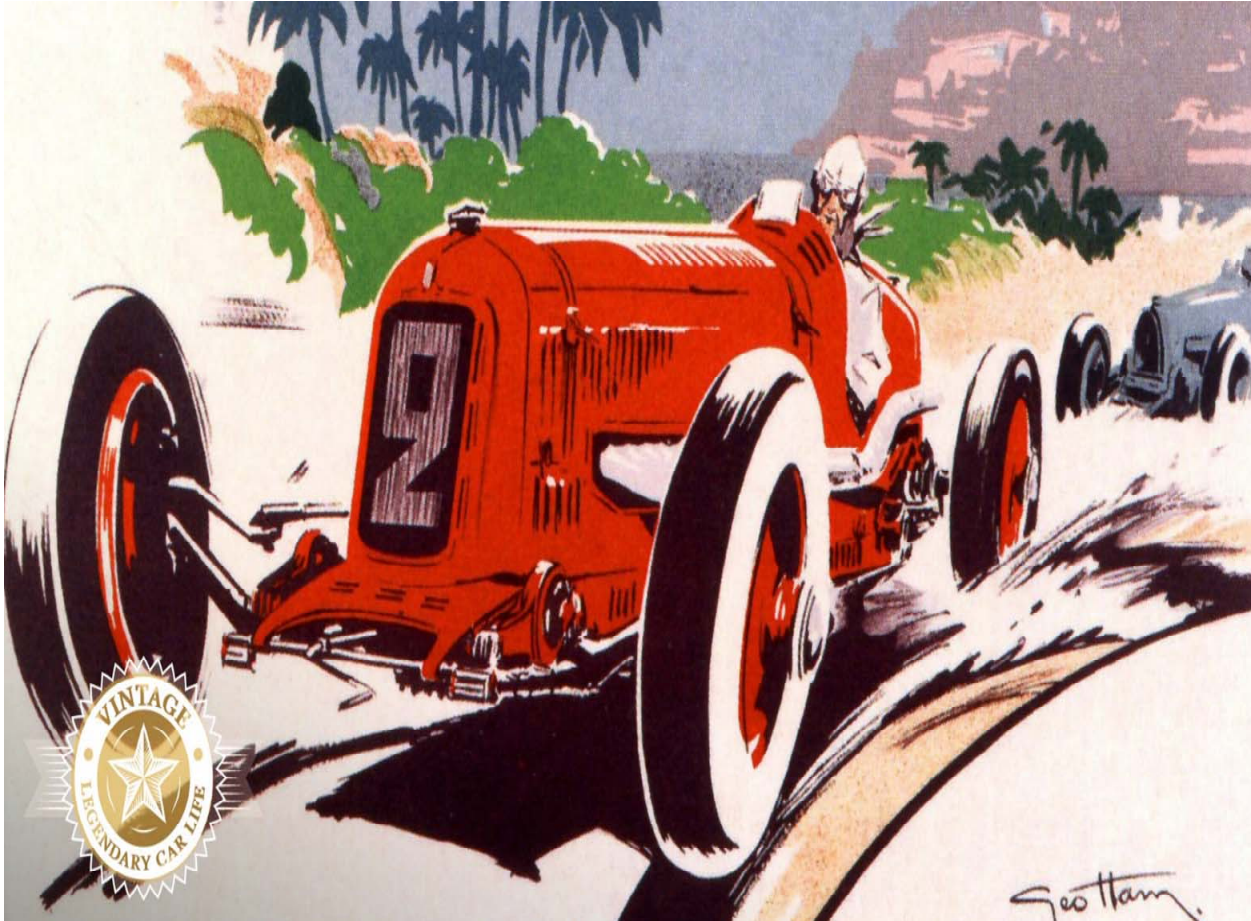
Fraternally,  
PDD Rich Lavagno

### **Note from Somerville Elks lodge:**

There will be a West Central District Pizza Party for the veterans at Lyons Hospital on October 7 beginning at noon. The party will be held at the Somerville lodge picnic grove. In case of bad weather the party will be moved indoors to building 143.

Flemington Elks Lodge's

# Car Rally!



**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

Registration starts at 9:00 am Start time 10:00 am

\$30.00 a car with a team of 2

Includes continental breakfast & lunch buffet

Info and pre-registration ... [pattio\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:pattio_57@hotmail.com)

# Veteran's News:

Flemington Lodge was proud to utilize a grant to provide a wonderful meal for our veterans on June 2. State President John Szczomak came and was impressed and enjoyed the day. We had a magician and shared in great comradeship. A big thanks for the kitchen and serving staff for making this such a big success.



# District News:



Somerville Elks came out June 25 to hold a poker run benefit and to share in fellowship

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# Happy Birthday to our Members!!

## August 2017

<p><b>8/1</b> Joseph Schellhorn Walter Williams</p>	<p><b>8/12</b> John Keller</p>	<p><b>8/22</b> Carmen Garfole</p>	<p><b>8/25</b> John Johnson Douglas Allen Joseph F. Veneziaie</p>
<p><b>8/4</b> Gerald Stockelberg</p>	<p><b>8/13</b> Charlene Santo</p>	<p><b>8/23</b> James Santonastaso</p>	<p><b>8/27</b> Alfred Napolitano</p>
<p><b>8/5</b> Jennifer Montanelli</p>	<p><b>8/14</b> Howard Quick</p>	<p><b>8/24</b> Jeffery Anderson John David Harvis</p>	<p><b>8/28</b> Walter Campbell Michael Panko</p>
<p><b>8/6</b> Thomas Higgins Ernie Vitale</p>	<p><b>8/16</b> Chris Gacos</p>		<p><b>8/29</b> John Sabo</p>
<p><b>8/8</b> Millard Thornton</p>	<p><b>8/17</b> William T. Pritchett</p>		<p><b>8/31</b> Nicholas Gurski</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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## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

**8/3/17 - BINGO**

**8/11/17 – Elks Camp Moore BBQ**

**9/3/17 – Car Rally**

**Remember – Lodge meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.**

**Friday Night Dinners are every Friday providing there is a volunteer crew to cook.**

**Breakfasts are the last Sunday of every month, *except for July, August, & December***

**Auxiliary meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, *except for July and August***

**BINGO to benefit Special Needs Children is the first Thursday of every month**



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