



# Elks Tale



December 2017

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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Fourth Year

Our beloved lodge has been undergoing a whirlwind of activities with our volunteers working hard to make all of our events a success, sprucing up the grill room and much more. Our bookings are off the charts there isn't a weekend that some event is not going on. It's amazing to see so many of our new members rolling up their sleeves and jumping in with both feet. We have a few new ideas in the air with early bird luncheons, pasta nights and much more. Stay tuned to emails, Facebook and the Elks tale to keep up to date.



It's the Season to be kind and understanding to your fellow man no matter what walk of life they may come. Let us put down our swords and pick up the love and spirit of Christmas and embrace human nature. Remember that the faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. We should carry this love with us each and every day of the year.

Christmas Spirit is in the air and its joy is spreading. It's that feeling you remember from your childhood and to this day we have looked forward to every year because deep inside most people still have that glimmer of hope that all will be right with the world. No matter how badly things seem to be going on in our lives and it appears there's no hope for humanity, we can all still indulge in the annual Christmas Joy and carry this love throughout the year. So

remember while December Brings the only Christmas Day in the year, let there be Christmas in the things you do and say. Wouldn't life be worth living, Wouldn't dreams be worth coming true, if we kept the Christmas spirit the whole year through?

The most important thing about Christmas is that it invites us to reflect on the most important things in our life, our faith, our family, and our freedom. Our faith gives us hope, our family gives us love, and our freedom gives us the opportunity to practice our faith and to love each other. Please remember in your prayers those who are still fighting for our freedom, the homeless, the police officers and first responders who will be vigilant during the holidays keeping us safe.

*"So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over, and a new one just begun. And so this is Christmas! hope you have fun, the near and the dear ones, the old and the young A very Merry Christmas and a happy new year, Let's hope it's a good one, without any fear."*

May the blessings of the season bring you warmth and peace. May you and your family share love and happiness together. May the New Year bring to you all that is wonderful.

From my home to yours Merry Christmas

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**  
**William Storz 7/26/17**  
**Dominic Devitt 8/7/17**  
**James Bartles 9/11/17**

**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](mailto: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

### Elks National Foundation



I want to say thank you to all who have been donating to the ENF fund. The November winner will be drawn after the Elks meeting, Wednesday, 11/22. Let's make December a bigger pot for the next lucky winner. As a reminder, footballs are available in the grill room, the more footballs we can sell, the bigger the pot for both you and the organization.

Reminder, Wednesday is ENF day in the grill room. If you buy a football on a Wednesday, you will receive a dollar off a cocktail, and a free appetizer from Fridays. Please come down and show your support.

Hope to see you on Wednesdays.

ENF Chair,  
Sharon Mack

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### Auxiliary



**Hello Everyone:**  
I would like to start by saying thanks to those of you who helped and also who attended the Upton Crew FND as everyone enjoyed their dinner. I appreciate everyone's support for the Auxiliary and the lodge. Chris Ondrak came to the November Auxiliary meeting to demonstrate his Fall flower arrangements which were beautiful as always. I would like to thank Chris

for coming out to show the Auxiliary all the hard work that goes into creating these arrangements.

December will be another busy month with the holidays approaching so quickly. We will be having our Auxiliary Holiday/Christmas Party, including dinner, on December 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will be able to come out for this event so we can all share Good Cheer together! Please also join us for the Elks New Years Eve party starting at 7pm on December 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be a nice time for everyone to get together to celebrate and bring in the New Year!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Respectfully Submitted  
Linda Upton, President

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### Special Needs Children



I want to thank all of the volunteers who stepped up to the plate for our common goal. I am happy to report that once again Elks Care Elks Share. The volunteer list is increasing for both Bingo & Breakfast. November breakfast seemed like "THE GOOD OLD DAYS" we served 269 diners plus under 5 year old & reorders. I am very encouraged by our new participants in the goal of Special Needs Children & have filed for the first 6 month of 2018 renewal of our license for Bingo. Onward & Upward!!!

Thank you all very much,  
Suzanne Lucas, Chairperson

## Ramblings by Rich



With the holidays not far away I was wondering about the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet. The Christmas alphabet has no L (Noel)! Cookies are also my favorite snack at Christmas time. Do you know what the Gingerbread Man put on his bed? A cookie sheet. I was listening to the song "Deck the Halls..." so I did. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are not very happy.

In closing, remember Christmas isn't about how big the tree is or what's under it. It's about who's around it with you. Eileen and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Come down to the Grill Room on New Year's Eve where we will be hosting a casual New Year's party for our members. Don't forget to wear your Hawaiian shirt!

Fraternally,  
PDD Rich Lavagno

### Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Special meeting and initiations will be held on Wednesday, December 27 at 8:00 PM. All new members are encouraged to attend to see the ritual...

### Lapsation For 2017 – 2018

2175 – Robert W. Bishop Jr.    1600 – George Blenderman,    2169 – Matthew J. Durant,    2266 – Shari Dvoor,    144 – Henry Freyer,    2341 – Harry L. Gano,    2264 – Paul Graczyk,    2436 – Raymond A. Hagaen,    1332 – Jeffrey R. Horn,    1339 – William G. Horn,    677 – Bruce Kerr,    2102 – Christine Martucci,    2443 – Ricardo Morillo,    1843 – Edison R. Morris    2455 – Peter Moschello,    2260 – Peter Nemeck,    1041 – Stanley L. Ozimek Jr    2473 – Colton J. Philhower,    918 – John Sabo    2370 – Scott Semanchik,    2010 – James G. Spinelli,    2105 – Brian Strizki,    2487 – Timothy Stryker,    2194 Barbara Young,    2303 – Tracey Young,    2444 – Patricia Zavis

**The preceding is a list of all Delinquent members of the Flemington Lodge # 1928. If your name is listed, Please remit your dues of \$68.00 for the year 2017-2018. 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, 2018.**

As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and can not 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



# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 AM

## Breakfast with Santa



The party is open to all Elk members' children / grandchildren. Be sure to sign up on the sign up sheet in the hallway of the lodge or contact Patti DeLuca at [patio\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:patio_57@hotmail.com).



**12/31/17**

# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

*7:00 IN THE LODGE GRILL ROOM*

**JOIN YOUR FAVORITE BARTENDER, PDD, RICH LAVAGNO, AND DUST OFF YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT TO WEAR AND SAY GOOD BYE TO 2017 WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT THE LODGE. THE NIGHT WILL CONSIST OF A CASH BAR, APPETIZERS, AND A MIDNIGHT CHAMPAGNE TOAST. BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE WITH THE GANG AND BE SURE TO LET PDD, RICH LAVAGNO OR HIS WIFE EILEEN KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO JOIN THEM THAT EVENING!**



# The Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament

February 10, 17, 24 and March 4, 2018

Grill Room



- 🏆 First game will begin at 7:00 PM each night.
- 🏆 Sign up your team of two, or join a team. Limited to 16 teams of two.
- 🏆 Entry fee: \$5.00 per person (to benefit Elks Charities)
- 🏆 Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- 🏆 50/50 held on each night of the tournament (to benefit the lodge)
- 🏆 Register in the Grill Room or call PDD Rich Lavagno (908-788-2917)
- 🏆 Deadline to register: February 8, 2017

**CHEER ON THE TEAMS  
IN MEMORY OF  
HARVEY!**



# Flemington Elks 1928 Chili Cook off Details

**When: March 18, 2018 1:00 pm -4:00 pm**

**Where: Elks Lodge 1928 Grill Room**



**Join us for an afternoon of tasty competition and a little fun too. If you would like to throw your crock pot into the ring, here are the basics:**

**be as creative as you would like with your chili: hot, medium, mild spice, pork, chicken, beef, white, red, beans, no beans it's up to you! Attendees will have the opportunity to buy a ticket to be the judge of who is the Best Chili Chef!**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the grill room but feel free to use the entry form below. Either drop it off at the lodge or mail the registration form with the registration fee of \$10.00 to the Flemington Elks 1928, PO Box 261**

**Flemington, NJ 08822-0261 Attention: Tiffany Quick. You may also email me if you would like to at [muffiny@comcast.net](mailto:muffiny@comcast.net)**

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## **Flemington Elks 1928 Chili Cook off Registration Form**

**Please do not mail in Cash**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**

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# Happy Birthday to our Members!!

## December 2017

<b>12/1</b> Clarence Merrell	<b>12/6</b> Raymond Collins	<b>12/11</b> Arvid Myhre	<b>12/21</b> Brian White Becky Miller
<b>12/4</b> Mauro Fanelli Maureen Blair Jan J. Murphy	<b>12/7</b> Joseph Case	<b>12/15</b> John Wilson John Polhemus Jr.	<b>12/22</b> Ernest Luster Daniel Loreti Wayne Irvine
<b>12/5</b> Brad Stockelberg David Everitt	<b>12/9</b> James Finelli Ben J. Gryctko	<b>12/19</b> Charles Stuart III	<b>12/24</b> James Brown Jr. Gregory Bodnar

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

Change of Address or Phone No.? Not receiving your Elks Tale? Clip and send new info to:  
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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, Town, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

**12/7/17 - BINGO**

**12/17/17 – Children’s Christmas Party**

**12/31/17 – New Year’s Eve party in the Grill Room**

**2/10/18; 2/17/18; 2/24/18; 3/4/18 – Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament**

**3/18/18 – Chili Cook Off**

**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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