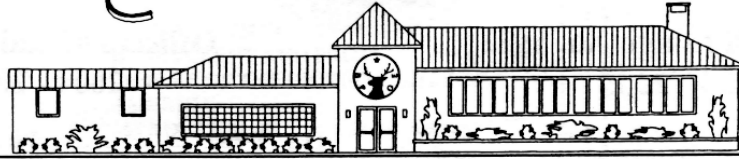




Elks Tale



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A Fraternal Organization

Our Sixty Fourth Year

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. I firmly believe that as Elks we love what we do, which is why we are so successful in all of our endeavors. Our beloved veterans, our special children, our families are all shining accolades to this work.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. taking the oath as an Elk is a commitment to yourself and what you believe in. My heart is so overjoyed to see more and more of you coming back to the lodge, lending a hand and enjoying fellowship. These numbers have been increasing and I am ecstatically pleased. I enjoy talking with each and every one of you. I learn about the history of the lodge and I get to see more members that I have never met. We had our luncheon get together and it would have been better attended if the weather and the flu was not a deterrent. We plan on doing another luncheon or perhaps a Wednesday evening pasta night so stay tuned and please call me with your suggestions I would love to hear from you.

Confucius said: "The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones," Well, once you see the new grill room you will see that it took many Elks moving many stones to accomplish in making a vision into a reality. I am amazed at all the hard work and communication on decisions have culminated into a beautiful finished product. It just goes to show you that many hands make the work load light.



Events are growing and some were pulled out from under the carpet and needed a quick response. As usual, in the Flemington Elk fashion the troops pulled together and made them a success. With the flu season being a difficult one many stepped up to fill in the gaps and I cannot thank you enough.

On a business note : The Board of Directors are finishing milestones and moving forward with the ever growing and evolving 5 year plan. The new budget is being prepared and communication is open. Our treasurer is suppling great information and we are working side by side so that the development of

planning and budgeting will become a more precise tool to help guide us into a more cohesive understanding of what it takes to keep our doors open and in providing a great service to our community.

Hopefully this horrible flu bug will not affect any more people, spring is around the corner. May these germs leave when it arrives. I pray your family's stay healthy and your visions stay focused on your dreams and convictions.

I leave you with this: With a new day comes new strength and new thoughts, share your thoughts so we can grow.

In order to succeed we have to believe we can..... I believe we can.

Fraternally

Linda Murphy
Exalted Ruler



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Monthly Meetings

Lodge: September – June 2nd & 4th Wednesday – 7:30 PM
 July & August – 2nd Wednesday – 7:30 PM

Auxiliary: September – June – 2nd 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
Henry Freyer 12/22/17

**THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON
THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND
MEMORY**

Elk of the Year:

Randy Kerr, PER

Citizen of the Year:

Bob Rowe

Grill Room Hours

Monday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Officers of the Auxiliary 2017 – 2018

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Submission deadline is the 10th of the month. Submissions received after noon on the 10th 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.

NEW LODGE WEBSITE

Please visit the Flemington Elks lodge website at www.flemingtonelks.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 25th 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.

National Foundation

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism



The 2017-2018 Americanism essays, "Why Our Veterans Are American Heroes", have been graded and the top winners have been sent on to the district chairman to compete against the finalists from the other lodges within the West Central District. The Americanism essay forms were delivered to J.P. Case Middle School, Immaculate Conception School and Reading Fleming Intermediate School. We received a total of 57 responses this year which is an exceptional increase over last year's total. We received responses from ALL three schools for the 1st time and also had another 1st with essays from both Division I (5th – 6th grades) and Division II (7th – 8th grades) for the first time since I have been chairman. My best wishes to those students that went on to the district judging and a thank you to all that participated. I read many of these essays to a WWII veteran and he was extremely impressed with the student's thoughts that went into their essays. I thank all that have supported this program and me through my tenure as chairman

Get involved.... And Fly Your Flag Proudly

Bruce R. Totten – PDD
Lodge Americanism Chairman

Ramblings by Rich



Ahoy Mates!

We just returned from a cruise so I thought I would share with you some questions that were asked of the crew:

1. Does the crew sleep on board?
2. What do you do with the ice sculptures after they melt?
3. Has the ship ever sunk?
4. How do I know which pictures are mine?
5. What time does the Midnight Buffet start?
6. Do these stairs go up or down?
7. Does the elevator go to the front of the ship?

I've heard that people leave their brains at home when they go on vacation. I guess this proves that point!

Fraternally,
PDD Rich

Army of Hope



The VA is **STILL** taking aim at a segment of those veterans on disability. Many veterans from NJ with TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) and/or PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disease) that are 100% disabled had their monthly disability checks reduced by \$1,000, some also had their Social Security benefit check delayed and some had their checks delayed for a month. The wait for basic benefits

takes an average of 18 months to 2 years for those with TBI and PTSD. Stress adds to those issues and now the same VA that is supposed to be assisting our veterans are putting them high stressed situations that will trigger more severe problems

Why does it take some veterans 3 months to make an appointment to see their doctor, but illegal's get treated much faster and treated anywhere? It seems that government employees don't get fired, but just reassigned or laid off with pay. Anyone have an answer why?

Thank you for your support and concern for our troops, Fallen Hero families and our severely wounded veterans during my chairmanship.

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Bruce R. Totten – PDD
Army of Hope Chairman

Veterans



Your Veterans Committee will be holding a Veterans "Spaghetti Dinner" on **May 6th** from 5pm-8pm. Veterans will eat for **FREE**. Meal cost for non-veterans adults and children over 11yrs. will be \$12, seniors \$10 and children under 10yrs \$6

Menu will include spaghetti with a plain red sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, coffee, tea and soda.

This event is to honor those that served our Country and to make those attending aware of their daily problems, the issues of our veterans with PTSD, and the over 15,000 homeless veterans living in shelters or on the streets of New Jersey.

Please come out and support this event and if you served our Country, PLEASE allow us to say THANK YOU

Look for information on future district and lodge events to help assist our veterans

**GOD, FLAG AND COUNTRY
GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS**

Your lodge Veterans Committee

Auxiliary



Hello, I hope everyone is staying healthy and well with all the flu illnesses that has been going on. One happy thought is SPRING is on the way ☺ as well as day light savings, don't forget to turn yours clocks forward on March 11th.

We are off to a good start as we will be bringing in some new members for the Auxiliary in March which is always Great to bring in new members for the Auxiliary. Hopefully we can continue to get new members to join the Auxiliary.

March will be a busy month for the lodge as we have a number of events that will be taking place. Hopefully you will be able to come out to support the lodge or lend a helping hand with upcoming affairs or the Auxiliary's Sunday Breakfast, Bingo or any other affairs that we will be running. Everyone's help is always appreciated.

We will be celebrating our Irish spirit with a corn beef or Fish & Chips dinner as well as Eileen's famous Irish coffee on March 16TH 2018. If you enjoy St. Patrick's Day as much as George Upton does then you should come out for a fun night to celebrate. We will also be having a Chili Cook off on 3/18/18 and The 80's Murder Mystery play dinner Theater on 3/24/18 which will be run by Tiffany Quick with the Recreation Committee. Tickets are still available for the Murder Mystery dinner which will need to be purchased in advance so please reach out to Tiffany if you would like to purchase a ticket. I want to Thank Tiffany for all her hard work with the two events she is running.

As a reminder we will also be having our annual Children's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 25, 2018 which will be run by Patti Deluca who always does a great job with this event. So, please bring out your little ones to enjoy a fun day with the Easter Bunny.

Looking forward to the Spring and warmer weather. I hope to see you all more often around the lodge.

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Upton, President

*Flemington Elks #1928
Irish Night - March 16, 2018
Bar open at 5pm Dinner at 6pm*



*Enjoy good food, Irish music and
fellowship in our upgraded Grill Room*

Meal Selections - \$12

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Or

Fish & Chips

*Served with Potato Leek Soup, Salad, Rye &
Irish Soda Bread*



*Eileen's Special
Irish Coffee \$4*



Call ER Linda Murphy for reservations (609) 605-6694

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Flemington Elks Lodge 1928 Presents:



Come on down and help the crowd and the detective figure out who ruined this totally tubular night, so everyone can like, take a chill pill.

Make sure you are dressed with the times or someone may ask you to bang your head! Grab your most righteous '80s concert gear to rock out in style while you solve a crime with your friends. Jean jackets and spandex leggings, big hair, bangles, leg warmers, and ripped jeans will be all the rage at this rocking night of mystery. See you there!

Where: Flemington Elks Lodge, 165 Rt.31 South, Flemington, NJ

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018 @ 6:30 (doors open at 6:00)

Ticket price: \$35.00 each - Cash bar available

(Includes: show, buffet style dinner, coffee, tea, dessert)

For tickets, please contact Tiffany Quick @ muffiny@comcast.net please put Murder Mystery in subject

The Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament

February 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, 2018

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

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!!



March 25, 2018

Come out to the lodge and enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny Express will arrive around 10:00 and the bunny will hang out with the children until 12:00. Bring the Kids and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting the Special Needs Children Committees of the lodge...

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

Lapsation For 2017 – 2018

2175 – Robert W. Bishop Jr. 1600 – George Blenderman, 2169 – Matthew J. Durant,
2266 – Shari Dvoor, 2341 – Harry L. Gano, 2264
– Paul Graczyk, 2436 – Raymond A. Hagaen, 1332 – Jeffrey R. Horn, 1339 –
William G. Horn, 2102 – Christine Martucci, 2443 –
Ricardo Morillo, 1843 – Edison R. Morris 2455 – Peter Moschello
Stanley L. Ozimek Jr 2473 – Colton J. Philhower,
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

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Happy Birthday to our Members!!

March 2018

3/1 Matthew Durant	3/8 Allen Rake	3/16 Adam Papa	3/22 Ralph Alexander
3/2 Christopher Unger	3/9 Jerry Trstensky, Jr.	3/17 Robert Serridge Jr. Richard Graper Sr. Patricia Cunningham	3/23 Gary Strouse
3/3 Paul Kuhl, Jr. Thomas Stover Frank Emanuele	3/10 Robert Tronolone	3/18 Jeffrey Allegar Dennis Tretter	3/27 Richard Vail
3/5 Michael Stager	3/11 Joseph Kovi Judith M. Gold	3/19 Carl Ondrak John Slaughter Donna Agulis	3/28 Peter Nemec
3/6 Amy Mack Christopher Grimes	3/13 Philip DeStefano	3/20 Jason Fisch	3/29 Paul Blodgett
3/7 James VanDerveer Lillian Ibach	3/15 Joseph Gherardi		3/31 Frank Franco

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

3/4/18 – Harvey Stout Memorial Shuffleboard Tournament

3/16/18 – Irish Friday Night Dinner

3/18/18 – Chili Cook Off

3/24/18 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

3/25/18 – Lodge Breakfast with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny

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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