



# Summit Elks 1246

April 2007

## Officers:

### Exalted Rulers:

Peter Soccodato

### Esteemed Leading Knight:

Scott Dunnder

### Esteemed Loyal Knight:

Jack McCaddin

### Esteemed Lecturing Knight:

Daniel Lemond

### Esquire: Lois Pagano

### Chaplain: Ken Weinstein

### Inner Guard: Tony Man

### Tiler: Mike Yanacone

### Secretary: Mike Williams

### Treasurer: Lucy McGowan

## Trustees:

Mark Dunnder

Tom McGowan

Mike Spellman

Jared Urban

Tony Plesh

- Meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Annual dues are now due.

## *Exalted Ruler Soccodato's Message*

For those members who do not know me that well I would like to give you a little background on myself. I was born and raised here in Summit. I received a Bachelor's of Science degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange. Coaching is one of my favorite hobbies. I have coached Summit Youth Football for the past nine years and have taken two teams to the youth level league Super Bowl and won. I also have been involved with the Summit Recreation Basketball program for the past seven years. I have been a member of the Summit Elks for the past four years. I have held the position of Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Esteemed Loyal Knight. I have been Chairman of the Elks Scholarships committee for the past four years. One of my most memorable moments of being an Elk is meeting my fiancée, Lisa Plesh. Serving as Exalted Ruler for Summit Elks 1246 for the coming year will be an honor. I look forward to working with all of you and invite you to participate in as many Elk activities as possible.

## *Past Exalted Ruler Mark Dunnder*

Wow, it seems like just yesterday that I was just being installed as Exalted Ruler and now, two years later it is all finished. Man that time flew by. I want to thank all of my officers for all of their hard work during the year, especially those who competed in ritual. To go to state ritual contest is an accomplishment that everyone should be proud of. I am equally thankful for all of the time and effort that was given by the lodge membership. Throughout the year we went to many events to help the Veterans, the Special Children and our Youth. Our attendance at those events was excellent, so let's keep that up. Congratulations to Peter Soccodato and his new slate of officers. I know that they will be working hard to have another successful year. In conclusion, I want to again thank all members of Summit Lodge for the chance to serve you as Exalted Ruler. It was an experience that I will never forget. I now look forward to the challenge of serving the lodge as a trustee and the state as our Vice President. Keep up the good work and continue to make Summit Lodge #1246 the best of the best.

Fraternally,

Mark I Dunnder, VP-ECD, PER



## Upcoming Elk Events

### April

21<sup>st</sup> Special Needs District Dinner @ Springfield / Hillside Lodge

29<sup>th</sup> Summit Street Fair 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We are holding an open house. Stop in and relax in our newly redecorated lodge.

### May

7<sup>th</sup> Special Needs Turtle Back Zoo

12<sup>th</sup> Fishing Derby @ Echo Lake

28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Parade @ the Village Green in Summit

### June

1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elks Convention

9<sup>th</sup> Veterans Picnic @ Lyons Hospital in Basking Ridge

### July

21<sup>st</sup> Veterans Picnic @ Menlo Park facility

29<sup>th</sup> Party Dolls outing @ Echo Lake

## *ENF -> Elks National Foundation*

I'd like to take this time to recognize all the members that gave so generously to the Elks National Foundation this year. We have yet again exceeded our goal of \$4.00 per member by attaining \$5.80 for the fraternal year of 2006-2007. For those of you that are not familiar with the ENF, it is one of the largest charities we support as elks. The Elks uses this money to support almost all of our worthwhile causes.....Special Needs Children, Veterans and Scholarships. Once again this year we exceeded our goal and were privileged to receive two special Promise Grants that went to support Summit D.A.R.E. activities and our upcoming Memorial Day ceremony to remember our veterans. The ENF should be sending out reminders for 2007-2008 pledges in the summer, I ask that everyone continue to give and those of you not a member, please contact me to find out how you can help (I will also be asking for new members during monthly lodge meetings). We usually ask for a small donation of \$10 per member, per year. The amount is very small but the benefits we receive far exceed what we give.

Fraternally,

Jared Urban PER  
Elks National Foundation Chairman

## *Elks Hoop Shoot*

The Elks National Hoop Shoot is the longest run participation event in the United States. Each year more than 370,000 boys and girls participate between the ages of 9-13 years old.

The Summit Elks sponsored their local Hoop Shoot contest on November 18, 2006. There were more than 100 contestants in the local contest. The winners were Steven Ferraro, Tanya Bednatski, Charlie Terry, Meghan Celmer, Danielle Haggerty, and Daniel Treacy, all of whom went on to participate in the East Central District of New Jersey Elks Hoop Shoot. There were only two winners at this level, Stephen Ferraro and Daniel Treacy, who advanced to the State Championship. We had three second place finishers and two third place finishers in the District competition. The State of New Jersey Hoop Shoot Finals was held at Woodbridge High School on December 10, 2006. Stephen Ferraro shot 22 out of 25 free throws and came in a close second to the State Champion. Daniel Treacy shot 24 of 25 free throws and is the State Champion for his age group of New Jersey. Daniel went on to compete in the Regional Finals in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and won. Now he has to travel to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts for the National Finals on April 21. If he wins his name will be written in the National Basketball Hall of Fame. This is the first time that we have ever had a person advance to the National Finals.

Mike Williams

August

5<sup>th</sup> Veterans District Picnic @ Stirling Elks

September

16<sup>th</sup> Veterans outing Somerset Patriots baseball game

24<sup>th</sup> Golfing Outing

October

November

3<sup>rd</sup> Veterans District Dinner

December

13<sup>th</sup> Veterans Christmas Party at Lyons Hospital

## *Elks Scholarship*

This past year I was the Summit Elks Scholarship Committee Chairperson. The Elks received three applications from Summit High School students. This was an improvement from previous years. These applicants will each receive a fifty dollar saving bond from the Summit Elks. Their applications were well done. At the present time they are being judged at the state level.

The Elks also gives generous donations to deceased members whose children or grandchildren graduating high school, and are applying to college. This scholarship award is called the Legacy Award. If you know someone who is eligible please request that they visit the Elks website, [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org), to download the forms.

Peter Soccodato ER

## *Elks Youth Activities*

The first week in May is Youth Week for the Elks.

## *Elks Veterans*

All members are invited to attend the Summit Memorial Day Parade where the Summit Elks serve hotdogs and orangeade at the end of the parade, which ends at the Village Green in Summit (located on Broad Street across from the Train Station). For more information contact John DeSocio or Jack McCaddin.

## *Elks Specials Needs*

The ECD Special Needs Committee is having their annual dinner on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Springfield / Hillside Elks Lodge. There are still four or five tickets available to go. Please contact Lois Pagano or Tony Plesh if interested.

## *Elks Convention*

Each year we look forward to the NJ State Elks Convention in Wildwood (June 1-3), where there is plenty of food, beverages, and good family fun. At last count we are full. If you have not paid yet, please send in your check NOW. If you want to go call John DeSocio, 908-273-8148, in case he can find you a room.

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