

# Summit Elks 1246

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## Lodge Officers 2008-2009:

Exalted Rulers: Peter Soccodato Jr., PER

Est. Leading Knight: Dennis McGuire

Est. Loyal Knight: Daniel Lemond

Est. Lecturing Knight: Lois Pagano

Esquire: Kristin Soccodato

Secretary: Mike Williams

Treasurer: Lucy McGowan

Chaplain: Tony Mancini

Inner Guard: Ken Weinstein

Tiler: Mike Yanacone

Trustee – 1 Year Lou DeSocio, PER

Trustee – 2 Year Mike Spellman, PER

Trustee – 3 Year Tom McGowan, PER

Trustee – 4 Year Mark Dunnder, PER

Trustee – 5 Year Tony Plesh Jr., PER

Meetings are every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
of the month

## Exalted Ruler Soccodato's Message

Winter 2008 has already begun I would like to welcome all our new members who were installed on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. First off I like to remind everyone about the Christmas Party, which will be held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a present for Santa to give to your child and a camera for a picture with Santa. There will be entertainment and food. Also, would like to thank everyone, who has helped in anyway to make the Billy Mac fundraiser a success. It was the first time in a long time to see many members contribute to a great cause. I know for personal fact that Bill MacAdams has greatly appreciated everyone's support. It is also, great to see him back up at the elks. One final note to take us into the new year, on the Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> will have a meeting to discuss next years Elks Convention and to start the ball rolling with our Centennial Gallia.

I wish all of your members a Happy Hanukah,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peter G. Soccodato Jr. ER

## Lodge Committees

Americanism	Mike Williams
Auditing	Ken Weinstein
Better Parades	Billy MacAdams
Comm. Activities	John DeSocio, PER
Convention	John DeSocio, PER
	Lou DeSocio, PER
Drug Awareness	Craig Finnegan
Flag Day	Mike Williams
Gov.t Relations	Mike Williams
Hall Rentals	Tony Plesh Jr. PER
Hoop Shoot	Mike Williams
House Chairman	Tony Plesh Jr. PER
Indoctrination	Mike Yanacone
Investigation	Mike Yanacone
Lapsation	Dan Lemond
Lodge Activities	Tony Plesh Jr. PER
Membership	Dan Lemond
Memorial Day	John DeSocio PER
National Foundation	Brad Hoecker & Chris Driscoll
National Veterans Services	
Newsletter	Kristin Soccodato
PER Association	Tony Plesh Jr. PER
Public Relations	Tim Kelaher
Scholarship	Kristin Soccodato
Soccer Shoot	Gerald Celmer
Special Children	Lois Pagano
Visiting Committee	Lou DeSocio PER
Youth Activities	Chris Mooney

## District Deputy Dunnder's Message

December 7th is an important day in the Elks. On the first Sunday in December all of the lodges hold

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a memorial service for our departed members. This is a very important service as this special and meaningful service is the last honor that we give our members. Please take the time to come out to these services and honor those whom we have lost. In this Holiday season also keep in mind the Elks motto, "Elks care, Elks share." Whether it be helping the Veterans or working with our youth this is the time of year when helping others is most appreciated. In closing, I hope that you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2009.

Mark I Dunnder, DDGER, PVP, PER

## *Elks Special Needs*

Hi Everyone:

Thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness during my family's time of sadness at the passing of my mom. As we get closer to the holidays, let us give thanks for the time we have with our loved ones. Hold This Date: March 21st, 2009-the next Summit Lodge #1246 Charity Ball. The last Charity Ball was a huge success despite Summit experiencing a power outage! I must say the candles added a romantic touch to the evening. We hope to top it in 2009.

The Eastern Central District Charity Ball will be held on May 2nd, 2009 at the Union Lodge. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

I still have a dozen Elks Camp Moore Calendars if you are interested. All the proceeds go to Elks Camp Moore, which provides Special Children with enjoyment during the summer. They are \$20.00 a piece, but you have a chance to win the amount designated each day on the calendar if your number is chosen from January 1st, 2009 through June 30th, 2009. Please see Anthony Plesh, Jr. or myself for the calendars.

The next Special Children's Committee Meeting will be held at Springfield/Hillside Lodge on December 1, 2008.

If you need any more information regarding the Special Children's Committee please contact me at [lpagano07663@yahoo.com](mailto:lpagano07663@yahoo.com).

Wishing you a Blessed Holiday Season,  
Lois Pagano  
Chairman, Summit Lodge #1246, SCC

## *Elks Hoop Shoot*

The local Hoop Shoot for the Summit Lodge #1246 was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the New Providence Rec Center. We had almost 100 Boys and Girls participate.

The Winners were:

GIRLS 8 AND 9 KAYLA IBRAHAN  
BOYS 8 AND 9 TYLER DE GEORGE  
GIRLS 10 AND 11 TALYA BEDARSKY  
BOYS 10 AND 11 GRANT KOBRIN  
GIRLS 12 AND 13 LILY MUSEK  
BOYS 12 AND 13 CHARLEY TERRY

The winners will be competing in the East Central District Hoop Shoot in December at the Rahway Rec Center for a chance to go to the state Championship Contest in January in Woodbridge. The past three years one of our contestants has gone on to become a New Jersey State Champion. Lets Hope this tradition continues.

Special thanks to those members who assisted me in the conduct of the contest. Those helping out were Eric Wenslau, Gerard Celmer, Charlie Cusamona, Mike Yanacone, Kevin Hagen, Scott Terry, Steve Myers, Dennis McGuire, Mike Fabijanik, Dave Hadley, and Craig Finnegan.

*ENF -> Elks National Foundation*



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Thanks to Friendship Night quota is being met. Please place your donations in the bottle up at the Elks Club or donate online at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). As of right now we have reached our goal for this elk year. Thanks to your generosity. Now we start collecting for next year.

Contact: Brad Hoecker & Chris Driscoll

## CONVENTION

Dear Brother and Sister Elks:

The Turkey is in the oven with sweet potato pie. Gravy and stuffing are on the stove. Mother is wearing her holiday apron and Dad and the boys are out back smoking cigars and having a beer. Everyone is full of Holiday cheer. What does this have to do with the Elks Convention? Nothing, except to take these good feelings and fast forward to June when we all get together in Wildwood and experience the same feelings of brotherly love.

If you have never been to the New Jersey State Elks Convention in Wildwood allow me to explain. It is a yearly event, during the first weekend in June, where each Elks lodge in the State of New Jersey sends a delegation to its annual convention. The Convention takes place in the Wildwood Convention Hall on the Friday of that weekend. This is where the various committees of the NJ State Elks Association reports on their progress. On this day the Vice-Presidents of each District are installed. Every Elks Lodge has to be represented by their Exalted Ruler or a designate at this convention. Many Elks lodges, including ours, rent a motel for the weekend, Friday to Sunday, where the members come down to support their lodge and march in the parade on Saturday. This is the largest parade in the State of New Jersey with floats, marching bands, mummers, clowns, etc. In addition to this, there is the pool, the beach, the boardwalk. You may also go to Cape May which is nearby. A

few have been known to take a side trip to Atlantic City. Also, some of our members come down on Thursday so they can play golf Friday morning. We bring down a band, The Bums in the Park, who have played for us for the last ten years. We also bring down food and refreshments. No one comes to Summit and goes away hungry or thirsty. This is a family event. We encourage our members to bring their families and friends. Some families have used this as their family reunion. If you are interested, please email us at [jdesocio1432@comcast.net](mailto:jdesocio1432@comcast.net) and we will give you more details. Speak to anyone who has gone and they will tell you what a great time they and their family had.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Fraternally,  
John & Lou DeSocio

## Upcoming Elk Events

### December

1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Visit @ 7pm all officers and members stop by the lodge.

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party Friday Night @ 7pm Please bring a gift for your child and a camera for a picture with Santa Claus

15<sup>th</sup> Veterans Monthly Meeting 8pm @ Mountainside

17<sup>th</sup> Mark Dunnder's District Deputy Homecoming

Veterans Christmas Party @ Lyons Hospital TBA

### February

1<sup>st</sup> Super Bowl Party

### March

21<sup>st</sup> Charity Ball @ 8pm Summit Elks



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