

Summit Elks 1246

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July 2008

Lodge Officers 2007-2008:

Exalted Rulers: Peter Soccodato Jr., PER

Est. Leading Knight: Jack McCaddin

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 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month*

Exalted Ruler Soccodato's Message

I wish everyone a happy Fourth of July. Summer is a time to relax and to be with your family. Please see below a list of Elk events which occur during the months of July and August. It may also be a time to visit other lodges to gain new experiences. As I enter the summer months as a married man it puts me in a new perspective on life. As an Elk and a person we are constantly changing our lives to strive for a greater happiness. I look to the members for their constant participation. It is always exciting to meet many people up at the elks. Please keep in mind that we need to treat the elks as our home and cleanup after ourselves. There are a couple of new items on the agenda this year. We are going to try to put together a billiards team that will play other

lodges headed by Bob Morgan. We are looking to have bartenders on duty on Thursday and Friday nights to serve our patrons. The last item is for the members to continue to enjoy and participate. Have a great summer.

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
Govt 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	Jack McCaddin Bob Bulger
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

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ECD-DDGER, Dunnder's Message

As the year comes to a close I'd like to thank Charlie Dreizin for all of his hard work over the past year. I am looking forward to Anaheim to be installed as the ECD-DDGER. I think that it will be a great time to get to know all of the East Central District Exalted Rulers by starting my term off on a good note. I think that our district will continue to prosper over the next year and I look forward to being a part of it. My "Investiture of Jewels" ceremony will be on August 10th beginning at 1pm at Summit Lodge, so please stop in if you are available. Thank you again for all of your hard work and I look forward to working with all of you over the next year.

Thanks,

Mark I Dunnder, DDD, PVP-Summit 1246

Elks Public Relations

The Public Relations Committee is here to inform the membership and the local public all the good that we do. In order to do this committee advisors should be taking pictures and with brief descriptions at every Elk event. This way I can send it in to the Elks Magazine the New Jersey Elk, and the local media. If it is a worthwhile event we may even arrange for some media coverage beforehand.

Please keep one eye open for Elk events in the newspaper, on the radio, or on TV. If you would like something posted please contact me. This will help us meet our Elks Public Relations requirements. Remember: for every Elks event there should be a camera and someone taking notes. Any

questions, please advise me at 908-273-8148 or at jdesocio1432@comcast.net.

Regards,
John DeSocio PER

Elks Special Needs

Hi Everyone:

I am so glad Summit Lodge #1246's Poster Child, Peter and his family came down to Wildwood to be a part of this year's Elks Convention. It made it extra special for all of us. Peter and his Dad road in the Union Lodge's float during the Elks parade leading the East Central District. After the parade Peter enjoyed the Boardwalk with his family and won prizes at the arcades that he shared with his sister Randy. By the way - I heard Peter even beat his Dad at Texas Hold'em! Good job Peter!



The Miracle Run is coming up, it will be held on Saturday, July 27th in New Egypt, New Jersey. I had a big response for the Miracle Run raffles, and I will be getting more in by the next meeting. They are \$20 each and all proceeds go to the Miracle on the Mountain.



We are looking for some "helpers" for this year's Camp Moore Picnic, which will be held this year on Friday, August 22nd from 3pm on. If you haven't been up to Camp Moore, please try to experience it. You can see it, nestled high up on a mountain on the left side of Rte 287 by Pompton Plains. The individualized care they give to the special needs children, while providing a week of

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enjoyment in such a beautiful setting makes me proud to be part of the Elks Special Children's Committee!
Thanks for your continued support!
Have a wonderful summer!

Lois Pagano, Chairman,
Summit Elks Special Children's Committee

Elks Veterans

I just want to take the time to thank the members that went out to Lyons Hospital. This is the second year in a row we have had double digits at this event thanks to all of your participation. Hold the date! Saturday, July 19th will be the date that the East Central District Veterans Committee will be at the Menlo Park VA hospital for our annual picnic with the Vets. We start setting up at the Menlo Park facility at about 11AM and expect to be finished by about 3PM. Again, anyone who's interested is welcome and can contact me for any additional information. Last year, we had a great turnout with over 10 people from our lodge alone. It's a good opportunity to network with other lodges in the district and to give something back to the Vets (they really do appreciate it, as anyone who's attended a Vets event can tell you). Also, a strong turnout goes a long way with the national and state organizations which helps us a lot in other ways. Many events are listed on the calendar to help support our veterans.

Contact: Jack McCaddin or Bob Bulger.

ENF -> Elks National Foundation

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.

Contact: Brad Hoecker & Chris Driscoll

CONVENTION

First off, I wish to thank all those who helped us plan and execute this year's convention. I want to especially thank Tony Plesh, Jr PER for arranging for the refreshments. A special thanks to Lois Pagano for arranging for the shirts and hats. We really looked sharp as we proudly marched down Atlantic Avenue, Saturday afternoon, at this year's New Jersey State Elks Association parade.

It was a true pleasure to have Stirling Lodge join us at the Compass Inn for the second year in a row. We appreciated Shilo Frampton for helping us to cook and grill for the weekend. Saturday night steaks were provided by Green Village Packing. Our house band, Bums in the Park, called who has plated for us 8yrs in a row. They played all of our favorite tunes on Friday and Saturday night. People come from all over to hear them play and dance the night away. A good time was had by all.

They great thing about the Compass Inn is that they have a pool, refrigerator in every room besides the beach and boardwalk are in walking distance. If you have any question please call me at 908-273-8148 or email jdesocio1432@comcast.net.

Have a great summer.
John DeSocio PER, Convention Committee



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Upcoming Elk Events

July

19th Veterans Picnic @ Menlo Park Hospital

21st Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Stirling

27th Echo Lake Park Concert with Veterans
Miracle Run

30th Somerset Patriots Game with Veterans

August

3rd East Central District Annual Veterans
Picnic @ Stirling

10th Mark Dunnder Investiture of Jewels
1pm @ Summit

18th Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Linden

22nd Camp Moore Picnic 3pm

23rd Mark Dunnder and Charlie Dreizin
dinner 7pm @ Springfield

September

15th Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Rahway

October

20th Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Summit

25th East Central District Veterans Dinner
Dance

November

17th Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Union

December

15th Veterans Monthly Meetings 8pm @
Mountainside

18th Veterans Christmas Party @ Lyons
Hospital

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and mailing address as well.*