

# Summit Elks 1246

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May 2009

## Lodge Officers 2009-2010:

Exalted Rulers: Mike Williams, PER

Est. Leading Knight: Lois Pagano

Est. Loyal Knight: Lucy McGowan

Est. Lecturing Knight: Kristin Soccodato

Esquire: Jeffery Letz

Secretary: Ken Weinstein

Treasurer: Dennis McGuire

Chaplain: Daniel Lemond

Inner Guard: R Urban

Tiler: Mike Yanacone

Trustee – 1 Year Mike Spellman, PER

Trustee – 2 Year Tom McGowan, PER

Trustee – 3 Year Mark Dunnder, PER

Trustee – 4 Year Tony Plesh, Jr., PER

Trustee – 5 Year Peter Soccodato, Jr., PER

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

## Exalted Ruler Mike Williams' Message

I am pleased that the membership has given me the honored serving as your Exalted Ruler for the 2009-2010 Elks year. I promise to do my best to make the Summit Elks Lodge #1246 the best lodge in the state. In order to accomplish this, I am asking each number to contribute something to increase the effectiveness of the various events in which we participate. I thank all of the previous Exalted Rulers and their leadership teams for setting the stage for me and my state of officers. We do have a lot of new members and we should have good attendance at our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. I also look forward to getting the assistance of all of our members in our charitable works. This Lodge has a great track record of supporting our charitable events and I expect that participation to continue. If any Elk has any suggestions to make Summit Elks Lodge #1246 a better, please feel free to share them with me or any other officer. Lets make the phrase "Failure to

Communicate" obsolete and a thing of the past. Hope to see all of you soon and often.

Mike Williams

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	Mike Williams
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

As opening day of the baseball season is upon us, so is it the start of a new Elks year. I would like to congratulate to the new officers for the 2009-2010 lodge year. Over the past few months I have stressed the importance of finishing strong, but now the focus should be on starting strong. Getting everyone on board in achieving the goals for the

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lodge is something that cannot wait. To fall behind at this time of the year will only hurt the lodge going forward, so please do not allow this to happen. I have the utmost confidence that this will be another successful year for each lodge and the East Central district. I look forward to working with you and helping everyone come closer to meeting their goals.

Mark I Dunnder, DD, PVP, PER

## *Elks State President's Letter*

Dear Elks:

Our State Association has suffered a catastrophic loss. We have lost our #1 supporter and cheerleader. Art Mayer was always so proud of the accomplishments of the Elks of New Jersey. He never missed an opportunity to tell anyone and everyone how great his State was. He was a man truly driven by the spirit of Elkdom. I ask each and every Elk in the same spirit of Elkdom to press forward with courage and commitment to accomplish the work of our Association and our beloved Order. We can honor Art by being the very best in everything we do. "Elks Make A Difference" was not only his motto but his firm belief. In the last months of this Association year and for all the years to come, we must make a difference in our communities and our State. To accomplish this, we must strengthen our Lodges, initiate new members to help us in our charitable and patriotic work and remember our Special Children, Camp Moore, the Miracle on the Mountain, all of our youth programs, our Veterans, the Army of Hope, the Peer Leadership and our Elks National Foundation. Although, no longer with us physically his spirit lives in each and every one of us. "As he was true to us, let us be true to him." Please keep Art and Lynda and the entire Mayer Family in your prayers. I am certain that God has found a

**special place for a man who cared so much about our special children.**

**Fraternally,**

**Frank Vesely  
State President**

## *Elks Membership*

**Dues were due by April 1st.**

**If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.**

**If you have paid your dues, your new membership card is enclosed.**

**If you are not receiving Emails from the lodge, please send your Email address to this address [summitelks1246@yahoo.com](mailto:summitelks1246@yahoo.com) with a copy to [fmikewilliams@aol.com](mailto:fmikewilliams@aol.com).**

## *Elks Special Needs*

On Saturday, March 21st we had our annual Charity Ball. It was a huge success. A special thanks to all who made it possible, including: Mike Williams, Anthony Plesh, Bob Weaver, Kristin Soccodato, Lisa Plesh, Mary Mondi, my daughter Christi, my grandson Stefano, Jill Caparoso and her friend Amy. Special thanks to three special people, Dakota Clader, Peter Weinstein, and Melanie Reach, who all looked stunning. Just seeing them all smiling and dancing throughout the night made it an especially memorable evening for me. The highlight of the evening for Dakota and his mom's was getting Mr. Mad Money, or as we know him as our brother Elk, Jim Cramer's autograph!

The Camp Moore Picnic is August 9th. We are sponsoring 4 special children this year for a week at Camp Moore and one special child for 2 respite weekends. Please try to make it to the Camp Moore Picnic this year to see what all the fundraisers accomplish with these children. The children get to enjoy all the camp has to offer, with the utmost care from the camp counselors. Melanie Reach told me at the Charity Ball that she intends to be up at the



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camp again this year, both as a camper and as a helper at the picnic!

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

Fraternally,

Lois Pagano, Chairman, Summit Lodge #1246  
Special Children's Committee

### *Elks Memorial Day Celebration*

Please join us in honoring our fallen soldiers and sailors on Memorial Day. Our Exalted Ruler, Michael Williams, will once again lay a wreath at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in honor of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. In addition, we will once again serve hot dogs and orangeade at the Village Green free to all in attendance after Summits Memorial Day Parade. If you wish to help, meet us at 9:30 AM behind the Memorial Wall. Any questions, please advise me at 908-273-8148 or at [jdesocio1432@comcast.net](mailto:jdesocio1432@comcast.net).

Regards,  
John DeSocio

### *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](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

### *Upcoming Elk Events*

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> The Eastern Central District Charity Ball @  
Union Lodge.

4<sup>th</sup> Turtle Back Zoo.

9<sup>th</sup> Echo Lake Park Fishing Derby

25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Parade @ Village Green in  
Summit @ 9:30 am.

#### June

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Elks Convention @ Wildwood.

#### August

9<sup>th</sup> Camp Moore Picnic.

*Update us with your new email address and  
mailing address as well.*