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A picture is worth a thousand words! While PDD Tony Plesh was recovering from a Quintuple bypass, our Public Relations Chairman, Guy Haselman came up and told us he had a "Surprise" for Tony, Guy's son Xander wanted to play his guitar for him.

This is truly what Elksdom is all about.

Thank you Guy and Xander (Xman). You brought Tony's spirit up 100%.

Elks do Give From the Heart

As the year draws to an end, I would like to wish everyone a very healthy, safe and happy holiday season. Please do not forget all those who are less fortunate.

We could say our District in particular, is very glad to see this year end; with the two horrible storms we endured; Hurricane Irene and the Blizzard of October.

We also had a scare when our PDD Anthony Plesh, Jr. underwent a "Quintuple Bypass". I never knew until now that there were more than 4! I am happy to report that the surgery was a success, and Tony can honestly say he had an "Angel watching over him".

Tony is now home and on the road to recovery which will include new food staples such as salad and fruit! By the way, anyone know a good barber - Tony needs a haircut! We love you PDD Tony!

Despite some of our hardships this year; we came through it all, and out of it came brother helping brother and tighter bonds of friendships, bringing to mind a beautiful message from the Bible, which rings true to believers and non-believers alike. It is universally known that there is a cycle to life, with ebbs and flows, ups and downs. The wisdom of Solomon is quoted here: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV

Fraternally yours, Lois Pagano, ER

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| LODGE OFFICERS 2011-2012 |
| EXALTED RULERS: LOIS PAGANO |
| EST. LEADING KNIGHT: LUCY MCGOWAN |
| EST. LOYAL KNIGHT: AARON ARIAS |
| EST. LECTURING KNIGHT: JEFFERY LEITZ |
| ESQUIRE: LOUIS DeSOCIO, PER |
| SECRETARY: KEITH PIGNATARO |
| TREASURER: DENNIS MCGUIRE |
| CHAPLAIN: JEFFREY KRIEGER |
| INNER GUARD: MIKE SPELLMAN, PER |
| TILER: MIKE YANACONE |
| TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR: MARK DUNNDER, PDD, PER |
| TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR: ANTHONY PLESH, JR., DDGER |
| TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR: PETER SOCCODATO, JR., PER |
| TRUSTEE – 4 YEAR: JOHN KANALEY, PER |
| TRUSTEE – 5 YEAR: F. MICHAEL WILLIAMS, PER |
| > MEETINGS ARE EVERY 1 ST AND 3 RD WEDNESDAYS OF |
| THE MONTH < |

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| AMERICANISM | ROBERT PEACOCK |
| AUDITING | MICHAEL WILLIAMS, PER |
| BETTER PARADES | PETER SOCCODATO, JR. PER |
| COMM. ACTIVITIES | JOHN DeSOCIO, PER |
| CONVENTION | PETER SOCCODATO JR., PER |
| DRUG AWARENESS | THERESA GAZAWAY |
| FLAG DAY | ROBERT PEACOCK |
| GOV'T RELATIONS | MICHAEL WILLIAMS, PER |
| HALL RENTALS | ANTHONY PLESH, JR., DDGER |
| HOOP SHOOT | MICHAEL WILLIAMS, PER |
| HOUSE CHAIRMAN | ANTHONY PLESH JR., DDGER |
| INDOCTRINATION | LOUIS DeSOCIO, PER |
| INVESTIGATION | ANTHONY PLESH, JR., DDGER |
| LAPSATION | ANTHONY PLESH, JR., DDGER |
| LODGE ACTIVITIES | JEFF LEITZ |
| MEMBERSHIP | ANTHONY PLESH JR. DDGER |
| MEMORIAL DAY | JOHN DeSOCIO PER |
| NATIONAL FOUNDATION | LUCY MCGOWAN, JIM CRAMER |
| VETERANS | LOU DeSOCIO, PER |
| NEWSLETTER | LOIS PAGANO, ER |
| PER ASSOCIATION | PETER SOCCODATO, JR., PER |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | GUY HASELMANN, JOHN DeSOCIO |
| SCHOLARSHIP | PETER SOCCODATO, JR., PER |
| SOCCER SHOOT | MICHAEL WILLIAMS, PER |
| SPECIAL CHILDREN | LOIS PAGANO |



*Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler,
Honorable David R. Carr*

To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members: 'Tis the season for 'Giving from the Heart'

During the holiday season, Elks Members nationwide support Lodge Christmas Charities programs that assist citizens who are alone and lonely or need a helping hand. Many Lodges hold a free dinner for these citizens. Others contribute to the Toys for Tots Program as well as to local food pantries. Thanks to "Giving from the Heart" at Christmas time throughout America, Elks bring cheer to many children and adults as well as to veterans in VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes who sincerely appreciate our assistance.

A simple Christmas card can bring a smile to a lonely veteran. Sending veterans Lodge Christmas cards that have been signed by several Members reinforces our commitment, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

As Elks, we have a very special opportunity to give a gift that will make a difference for years to come. One gift to the Elks National Foundation will offer care and comfort to veterans, help deserving students attend college, and provide healthy activities for youth, now and in the future. And this gift has tax benefits!

The year 2011 is coming to a close, but first we are obliged to ensure all tax-deductible donations for 2011 are applied to this calendar year. The ENF must receive donations in their office on or before December 31, 2011, in order to count the donations toward your 2011 taxes. You can donate online until midnight, December 31. I hope you will "Give from the Heart" this holiday season by contributing what you can in support of your Lodge's efforts to bring Christmas cheer to others less fortunate as well as by contributing to the Elks National Foundation, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for "Giving from the Heart" and proving once again that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

Happy holidays!

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From the Secretary's Desk

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To the Membership:

As this year comes to a close, I just want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please don't forget the members who have fallen into hard times and cannot pay their dues. Assure them that we can help them in their time of need or they may have simply forgotten, Many times we have heard members say "You know I thought I paid it" .

Lapsed members, you can either drop off the money (check or cash) at the Lodge or mail your dues to the following address:

*Summit Elks #1246
Attn: Keith Pignataro/
Tony Plesh
40 Maple Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901*

Sincerely,
Keith J. Pignataro, Secretary



The Special Children's Committee

As we come to a close of another year, I want to wish everyone, especially all our special children, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We had a great year this year, at Echo Lake Park, Turtle Back Zoo and the Camp Moore picnic. The Miracle on the Mountain also celebrated 40 years of bringing joy to our special children.

We sold all 20 of our Calendars for January through June. If you are not familiar with the Calendar, it's one of my favorite fundraisers. For \$20 investment, if your number is pulled you have a opportunity each day of the week to win an amount designated on the calendar for that day. Please email me for more information. All the proceeds go to our favorite camp, Camp Moore! It's wonderful to receive an unexpected check in the mail - I know I received two!

**ECD Camp Moore Picnic
August 7, 2011**



REMINDER: CHARITY BALL - MARCH 24TH!!!
If you need any more information on the above, or all our Special Children's events, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

lpagano07901@gmail.com

Sincerely, Lois Pagano, SCC Chairman

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Christmas at Arlington Cemetery

Rest easy, sleep well my brothers. Know the line has held, your job is done. Rest easy, sleep well. Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held. Peace, peace, and farewell...

Readers may be interested to know that these wreaths -- some 5,000 -- are donated by the Worcester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine . The owner, Merrill Worcester, not only provides the wreaths, but covers the trucking expense as well. He's done this since 1992. A wonderful guy. Also, most years, groups of Maine school kids combine an educational trip to DC with this event to help out. Making this even more remarkable is the fact that Harrington is in one the poorest parts of the state.

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**SUMMIT
FOOD
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PDD Charlie
Driesdan,
Springfield Lodge
2004,
PER John
DeSocio,
Barbara DeSocio
and PER Louie
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*Thanksgiving
at the
VA Hospital
In Paramus*

*John DeSocio
Preparing
Meals for the
Vets.*

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Veterans'
Christmas
Party



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PER Louie DeSocio'

Christianna Lily and Thomas Cirello with ER Lois,

PER John DeSocio

State Inner Guard, Howie Proctor

SUMMIT LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011



Presents for All!!!

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Get Well PDD Anthony, we need our favorite crooner back!

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Dear Fellow Elks,

I am pleased to announce this year's Essay Contest, "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to our Flag."

This contest is sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America.

Rules:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade.
2. The Essay length is not to exceed 250 words.
3. The Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted to Summit Elks Lodge 1246, 40 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901 (via mail or hand delivered) on or before Tuesday, January 10, 2012.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending, and sponsoring Elks Lodge (Summit Lodge 1246) on the Essay.

Awards to Winners of the National Contest:

1st Place: \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond
2nd Place: \$ 500 U.S. Savings Bond
3rd Place: \$ 250 U.S. Savings Bond

All Essays must be submitted with Section 1 of the Essay Cover Sheet completed by the entrant (see attachment).

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!!!

Best regards,

Bob Peacock

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SUMMIT LODGE #1246 STANDINGS: Right now we have contributed \$3,129.70 or 4.477 per capita. Great Job, Keep it UP!

On February 9, at a meeting in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2011-12 fiscal year totaling a record \$21.7 million.

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| State Elks Association Grants | \$8.1 million |
| Scholarship Programs | \$3.64 million |
| Elks National Veterans Service Program | \$1.135 million |
| Elks "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest | \$809,275 |
| Elks Memorial Building Maintenance | \$406,146 |
| Elks Drug Awareness Program | \$715,350 |
| Community Investments Program | \$4.6 million |

 **SCHOLARSHIPS** The Elks National Foundation provides more than \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs. The application process and deadlines vary for each program. All applications must go through a local Elks Lodge before reaching the Elks National Foundation office. Contact your high school counselor for more information or your local Elks Lodge. To find the Elks Lodge nearest you, please visit elks.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM:

Every year the NJ State Elks Special Needs Children's Committee awards two scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year for four years. They are awarded to a graduating male high school senior and a graduating female high school senior from the State of New Jersey. Applications are sent to schools throughout New Jersey in early November and are due in by mid April

*HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!!!
Lucy McGowan, ENF Chairperson*

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HOOP SHOOT

On November 19th we held the local Lodge hoop shoot contest at the New Providence Rec Center. There were many contestants vying to win the contest and advance to the East Central District Hoop Shoot which will be held on January 8, 2012 at the Rahway rec Center. The winners were:

8 and 9 year old boys: Colin Smith
8 and 9 year old girls: Katie McCluney
10 and 11 year old boys: Dillan Pizzi
10 and 11 year old girls: Christina Richson
12 and 13 year old boys: Tyler Lawton
12 and 13 year old girls: Kayla Ibrahim

Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them well through the District, State, Regional and National Hoop Shoot Competitions.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!

Mike Williams, PER
Hoop Shoot Chairman

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!



Elroy the Elk

ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET OUR HOMELESS VETS!!!!

MEMBERS, HERE IS HOW WE CAN PROVIDE AID:

Determine the need in your community. Contact your mayor's office or other elected officials for a list of providers. Contact the Elk Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Representative in the VA Hospital nearest to you and ask to discuss this with the homeless coordinator of that hospital. Search state and community Web sites for homeless veterans programs and initiatives. Work with local shelters and invite homeless Veterans to a dinner.

Participate in local homeless coalitions. Chances are one is in your community. The coalition may need volunteers, food, clothing or other essentials. The Salvation Army is very active in helping the homeless all over the country.

Stand Downs. Many hospitals and community-based outpatient centers host "Stand Downs" for the homeless. Stand Downs give homeless Veterans 1-3 days of safety and security where they can obtain food, shelter, clothing and other types of assistance. Find out what the Elks can do to help by contacting your local Veterans Administration facility. If a cash contribution is beyond Lodge means, perhaps your Members can volunteer time or collect needed items specified by the facility hosting the Stand Down.

Send a financial donation to your nearest homeless Veteran provider if you are unable to participate in a program directly.

Fundraisers to help Homeless Veterans. Dinners, dances, walks and motorcycle rides are but a few ways to raise funds.

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Get it Now!
If you want to know the complete history of the Elks, this is a must-have Book. From its early beginnings to the "New Look of the Elks", with some never-before seen pictures. Please e-mail Lois Pagano @ lpagano07901@gmail.com for more info.

FYI – Our very own Lodge is in it!!!!

STARS OF TOMORROW



BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS:
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

J. HERBERT KLEIN

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!

| ~ December 2011 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 SUMMIT ELKS LODGE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY  |
| 4 SPRINGFIELD HILLSIDE 2004 MEMORIAL AT SUMMIT LODGE  | 5 | 6 | 7 LODGE Meeting & INITIATION Nat'l Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 LODGE TRUSTEE MEETING | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 LODGE MEETING  Hanukkah Begins  | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!  | 26 Kwanzaa Begins KWANZAA | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Years Eve  |

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For the latest news of the Summit Elks, please check out our website: summitelks1246.org

If you have anything to add to the website kindly email it to me at jdesocio1432@comcast.net. We all hear at the meetings when someone reports on Sickness and Distress, but we want to also hear about glad tidings, such as births, engagements, marriages, and any other happy event. Don't forget to email the Secretary, Keith Pignataro, kpignataro@comcast.net, of any change of address, email address, telephone number, etc. so he can update your information on our computer.

Thank you,

John DeSocio, PER

Publicity Chairman

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