

The Summit Sentinel



100 YEARS
1911 - 2011

FEBRUARY, 2011

LODGE OFFICERS 2009-2010:
EXALTED RULERS: MIKE WILLIAMS
EST. LEADING KNIGHT: LOIS PAGANO
EST. LOYAL KNIGHT: LUCY MCGOWAN
EST. LECTURING KNIGHT: AARON ARIAS
ESQUIRE: JEFFERY LEITZ
SECRETARY: KEITH PIGNATARO
TREASURER: DENNIS MCGUIRE
CHAPLAIN: MIKE SPELLMAN, PER
INNER GUARD: BOB PEACOCK
TILER: MIKE YANACONE
TRUSTEE – 1 YEAR: TOM MCGOWAN, PER
TRUSTEE – 2 YEAR: MARK DUNNDER, PER
TRUSTEE – 3 YEAR: ANTHONY PLESH, JR., PER
TRUSTEE – 4 YEAR: PETER SOCCODATO, JR., PER
TRUSTEE – 5 YEAR: JOHN KANALEY, PER
> MEETINGS ARE EVERY 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF
THE MONTH <

AMERICANISM	BOB PEACOCK
AUDITING	PETER SOCCODATO JR., PER
BETTER PARADES	LOIS PAGANO
COMM. ACTIVITIES	JOHN DESOCIO, PER
CONVENTION	PETER SOCCODATO JR., PER
DRUG AWARENESS	THERESA GAZAWAY
FLAG DAY	MIKE WILLIAMS
GOV'T RELATIONS	MIKE WILLIAMS
HALL RENTALS	TONY PLESH, JR.
HOOP SHOOT	MIKE WILLIAMS
HOUSE CHAIRMAN	TONY PLESH JR., PER
INDOCTRINATION	MIKE YANACONE
INVESTIGATION	MIKE YANACONE
LAPSATION	AARON ARIAS
LODGE ACTIVITIES	TONY PLESH JR., PER
MEMBERSHIP	DAN LEMOND
MEMORIAL DAY	JOHN DESOCIO PER
NATIONAL FOUNDATION	LUCY MCGOWAN
VETERANS	LOU DESOCIO
NEWSLETTER	LOIS PAGANO
PER ASSOCIATION	TONY PLESH JR., PER
PUBLIC RELATIONS	GUY HASELMANN
SCHOLARSHIP	KRISTIN SOCCODATO
SOCCER SHOOT	GERALD CELMER

~ Message from Exalted Ruler F. Michael Williams ~



The members of this Lodge showed their support during the month of January. There were several days when the Club room was packed and those in attendance all had a good time. I hope that this support for our Lodge continues during the coming months and we continue to grow active participation.

We have a busy February planned starting with our Past Exalted Rulers Meeting which was on February 2. The Past Exalted Rulers conducted the Initiation Ritual for several new Members and did a very impressive job! At this meeting the following nominations and votes were cast:

- Nominations of the new officers for the year 2011-2012. The **New Officer Installation** will be held on **April 2nd**, please come up and greet our new Lodge Officers!
- Proposed changes to **Lodge #1246 Bylaws** which is read in our Lodge Secretary's message.
- **Resolution** to grant our District Deputy GER, Anthony Plesh, Jr an Honorary Life Membership. There is no member of this Lodge more deserving than Tony and this honor is long overdue.

February 12th is our annual **Comedy Night**, which has been sold out due to the hard work of Guy Haselman and his helpers.

February 13th, 3 of our **Hoop Shoot** contestants will be competing for the State championship at South Plainfield High School. Addisyn Ibrahim, Jack Leiter and Molly McCluskey will be vying for the State Championship Title and a trip to the Regional Contest in Wilkes Barre PA. I am sure that you join me in wishing them luck.

Right after the Hoop Shoot we are having our annual **Chili Cook Off!** Come up and have fun voting on your favorite recipe!

Enjoy the month and I hope to see many of you at the Lodge in the coming weeks.

Fraternally yours, F. Michael Williams



*Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler,
Honorable, Michael F. Smith*



To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

February brings us a number of opportunities in which we can make our surroundings a better place. Our Order celebrates its anniversary on the sixteenth, Presidents Day and, of course, Valentine's Day.

Have your Lodges plan an event recognizing Presidents Day through your Americanism Committee. Invite your community to witness our dedication to our country. Make it a visible event and let the attendees know who we are and what we represent.

On February 14 have your Lodge serve a Valentine's Day meal or host a reception and encourage your Members to bring their special person to be recognized.

As the Lodge year is coming to an end, February allows us to evaluate our progress and push to attain the goals we may not have met at this point.

It is time to be developing the Lodge budget for next year, along with the nomination of Officers. Our Order is going through some changes to improve and grow. Take the time to evaluate where your Lodge needs to be and fill the offices with the people you believe can achieve your objectives.

Many opportunities will be presented at the National Convention, and you will need the leadership to direct the membership in order for your Lodge and our Order to advance.

What a great month February represents. Embrace the opportunities and "Promote Elks Passion". Remember to Be Proud, Be Loud and Be Visible with our works.

Elks Care - Elks Share



~Message From District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler ~

Nominations for the year 2011-2012 have come and gone and another year is about to start.

Congratulations to all elected officers and I know you will take the commitment you are making seriously.

It is now important for the Exalted Ruler-Elect to sit back and put together your Lodge committees and send the list to me so the Vice President and Vice President-Elect can contact your Lodge Chairperson. There is nothing more frustrating than trying to put a meeting together not knowing who to contact. I am hoping that we will get some new blood to work with the existing chairpersons so things can become easier for everyone.

Five lodges in our district have met both State and Grand Lodge ENF per capita; congratulations to the ENF Chairman from Cranford Lodge for leading our district thus far! Time is running out, so let's hope the other three lodges will come through and get us to 100%.

Membership, membership, membership! As I reported at my last District Deputy meeting, we have to work on Lapsation. We will be meeting on Feb 21st at Springfield Lodge to make our last plea to lapsed members. If you haven't done so already, please urge the Lodge members who sponsored those lapsed members to contact them. **Please be prepared for the 21st!**

Finally, I will be installing the new officers of Summit Lodge #1246 on April 2nd, if your P E R 's of your Lodge are going to install your team, please contact me, if you need me to install your team, I will try to make arrangement to do so.

Fraternally yours,

Anthony Plesh, Jr.



From the Secretary's Desk

To the Membership:

Welcome to 2011 - I hope everyone is doing well in the New Year!

A couple of administrative things to bring to your attention:

First, at our last regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2011, the following four (4) by-law changes were proposed by the Trustees for this upcoming fiscal year:

1. To increase the Membership Dues to \$72 a year (an additional \$1/month);
2. Increase the Initiation Fee for a new member to \$50 (from \$25);
3. Raise the salary to the Treasurer to \$750 and the Secretary to \$2,000;
4. The club is *only* open to members that attend the meeting on meeting nights

NOTE: These proposals will be discussed, and ultimately voted on via secret ballot, during the Lodge's 2nd regularly scheduled meeting in March - Wednesday, 3/16/11. These are very important matters - your presence and feedback at the meeting will be greatly appreciated by the officers and trustees of your Lodge!

Secondly, Dues Notices for fiscal year 2011-12 will be mailed to the membership over the course of the next few weeks. In addition to dues payments, we will be requesting every member to provide the Lodge with updated contact information, especially a *home e-mail address (if available) and mobile number*. Our plan is to bring the Lodge into the 21st century so that we can more easily communicate the goings-on of the Lodge with each and every one of you.

Hope to see each of you soon at the Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Keith J. Pignataro, Secretary

The Special Children's Committee



The invitations have gone out for our annual Charity Ball which will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011! Along with music by the Evil Twin Acoustic Band, there will be plenty of food, raffles and tricky tray items. All proceeds go to our continuing effort in supporting our Special Children's programs.

We had two entries for our Lodge in the annual Poster Contest: Taylor Jaskloski and Melanie Reach, who both did a great job and I am looking forward to seeing them at our Charity Ball.

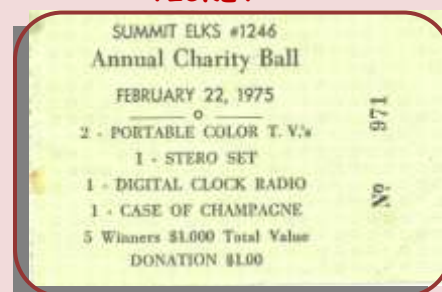
Camp Moore is just around the corner. We already received 3 applications. If you have or know of any members that have a special child who you would like to experience the camp for a week, please contact me. If you haven't been up to Camp Moore, please make an effort - you will come away with a special sense of pride.

If you need any more information on the above, or all our Special Children's events, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

lpagano07663@yahoo.com.

Sincerely, Lois Pagano, SCC Chairman

**BACK IN THE DAY: 1975 CHARITY BALL
TICKET**





Scholarships



We had five participants from our three neighboring high schools in the Elks Scholarships contest.

Thank you for your support to ENF, which helps this cause.

If you have a child or grandchild, please visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars.com to find out how to apply for a scholarship.

Peter Soccodato, Jr., Scholarships Chairman



Summit Elks, BPOE 1246 National Service (Veterans) Committee

We have a number of upcoming events, some of which we do not have dates for, but which we do every year. Please keep these events in mind in case you may wish to participate in them. All are welcome.

- *Feb 21st at 7:30 PM, Cranford Lodge will host the next ECD Veterans meeting.*
- *Each summer we host two picnics for the veterans in local VA Facilities. One at Lyons Hospital, usually on the third Saturday in June, and the second one for the veterans at the Menlo Park VA Facility, usually the third Saturday in July.*
- *The Veterans Committee picnic will be held at Stirling Elks Lodge this summer,*

- *date to be announced. It is usually early in August.*
- *Another upcoming event is we will be taking a group of Veterans from Lyons VA Facility and Menlo Park VA Facility to see a minor league baseball game. It is usually the last weekend in August.*
- *The ECD Veterans Committee Dinner Dance will be held in the fall, date and venue to be announced.*

Again, please keep these events in mind. This we do to honor those who have given their all so that we may be safe here, at home.

In closing, I would like to congratulate our own Mark Dunnder, for taking the helm of the ECD National Service (Veterans) Committee and thank him for the great job that he is doing.

Louis P. DeSocio, Chairman



HOOPSHOOT

On Sunday, February 13th, the NJ State Hoop Shoot contest will be held at the South Plainfield High School at 9:00 AM.

Three of our Lodge #1246 contestants who won the Local contest and advanced through the East Central District competition will be representing our Lodge in this Championship. They are Addisyn Ibrahim, Jack Leiter and Molly McCluskey. If they win this stage, they will compete in the Regional Hoop Shoot at Wilkes Barre Pa.

I am inviting all members to come out and support these competitors and cheer them on to victory. If you wish further information please contact me by replying to this Email or calling my cell phone at 646 593 1224. I look forward to seeing you on the 13th and assure you that the contest will be over in plenty of time before the start of the Chili contest.

*Mike Williams
Hoop Shoot Chairman*



Americanism Committee
Elks Lodge #1246

In recognition of President's Day, February 21, 2011, I am honored to announce the six finalists in this year's "Why I am Proud to be an American" Essay Contest.

Division I: 5th and 6th Grades:

Anna Surman, Grade 5, Allen W. Roberts School, New Providence
Eamon McTernan, Grade 5, Oak Knoll, Summit
James Badenhausen, Grade 6, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School \

Division II: 7th and 8th Grades:

Garrett Cahill, Grade 7, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School
Donovan Cahill, Grade 7, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School
Olivia Bergman, Grade 8, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School

All of the essays submitted by the finalists are being forwarded to the East Central District Americanism Chairman.

I would like to thank Bonny Peacock, Lauren Peacock, and Mike Mielczarek who carefully judged all of the essays, and selected the top six essays to be forwarded to the East Central District. After reviewing all the essays myself, I concurred with their recommendations. Honorable mention for a great essay goes out to Kevin Cahill, Grade 5, Lincoln Hubbard, Summit.

Wishing the best of luck to all the finalists, and hoping for two Summit Lodge #1246 National winners!!!

Fraternally yours,

*Bob Peacock Americanism
Chairman Summit Elks
Lodge #1246*



PRESIDENTS DAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2011



The STATE CONVENTION – WILDWOOD – 2011

Please see me as soon as possible for the signup sheets for the Compass Hotel for the Annual State Convention. The rooms are first come, first served, the first weekend of June June 3rd through June 5th.

We will be posting the Rooms and Sign Up sheets at the Lodge.

Please do not forget to inquire about the special events our Lodge is holding as well there that weekend:

- Fishing Trip
- Golf Outing

Fraternally,
Pete Soccodato, Jr.



SAVE THIS DATE

PLEASE
JOIN
US

2011
SUMMIT ELKS
LODGE #1246
Charity Ball

SATURDAY,
MARCH 5th,
2011

SUMMIT ELKS
LODGE #1246
40 MAPLE STREET
SUMMIT, NJ 07901

7PM



GRAND DINNER BUFFET

Music By: *Evil Twin Duo*
Acoustic Band

SILENT AUCTION

TRICKY TRAY

50/50 RAFFLE

OPEN BAR

\$50 PP

Please detach below response and forward to Anthony Plesh, Jr.
40 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901 by February 21st, thank you



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SUMMIT ELKS #1246 CHARITY BALL,
MARCH 5TH 2011

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Please Make check out to:
Summit Elks Lodge #1246 SCC, thank you

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SOLD OUT PERFORMANCE!

FEBRUARY 12, 2011

SUMMIT ELKS LODGE #1246

PRESENTS THE 2ND ANNUAL LODGE LAUGHTER COMEDY NIGHT

SUMMIT ELKS LODGE #1246
40 MAPLE STREET
SUMMIT, NJ 07901

\$25.00 PP

FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED

PLEASE MAKE OUT CHECK TO
SUMMIT LODGE #1246
Drop it off to Tony Plesh at the Elks Lodge or
Mail to:
Guy Hazelmann
21 Ruthven Place
Summit, NJ 07901

For more information contact Guy @
Guyh21@gmail.com

ALSO COMING UP!

SUMMIT ELKS LODGE #1246

2nd Annual Chili Cook Off

Bring your Taste Buds!

Music by the Evil Twin Duo
Acoustic Band!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 3 PM

DONATIONS GO TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES FUND



OUR BIGGEST EVENT FOR 2011

THE CENTENNIAL BALL

February 1, 2011

Dear Members,

Greetings,

This year marks the 100th year of the founding of our Lodge and will be an exciting time to be a part of our Lodge.



The Event

Where: Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom
When: May 7, 2011 6:30 to 11:30 pm
What: Food, Drinks, Music, Fun
Cost: \$100 per person, the balance to be subsidized by the lodge
Dress: yes, be dressed; business attire

The Hotel is rolling out some fabulous perks on our behalf, and doing so for a discounted and reasonable price. A portion of the cost will be subsidized by the Lodge to keep the price for members at an even and total price of \$100 per person.

The hotel is providing valet parking, a 5 hour open bar of premium liquors, tons of appetizers and a choice of meals during our sit down dinner. Special room rates are also available.

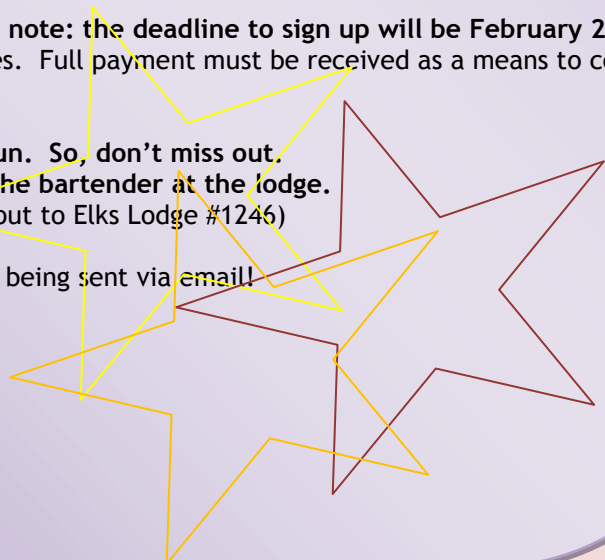
Space is limited to the first 250 people who sign up. **Please note: the deadline to sign up will be February 26th, 2011**, after which time places will be opened to other Lodges. Full payment must be received as a means to confirm your place

**Sign up has already begun. So, don't miss out.
Please give your checks to the bartender at the lodge.
(Checks should be made out to Elks Lodge #1246)**

Flyers are posted around the lodge and a formal invitation is being sent via email!

Cheers,

Guy Haselmann
Chairman, Centennial Celebration Committee



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HOUSE COMMITTEE



IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE, THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO COMMENCE WITH OUR RENOVATIONS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF OUR ELEVATOR!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND WINNER OF THE LODGE ACTIVITIES FUND, JOHN TEMPEST!!! THE NEXT DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT OUR CHILI COOKOUT ON FEBRUARY 13TH !

CHEERS!

ANTHONY PLESH JR., HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



As of February 1st, Summit Lodge #1246 was at \$4.41 per capita, \$2,415.00 raised so far - a BIG JUMP from last month, thanks to all our generous members! Also thanks to the Members, that are getting the message out there about all the benefits of joining ENF and as you can see below, even a little bit given by each member goes a very long way! Considering we have over 500 members, if each member gave \$10....that's \$5,000 more to go toward ENF's continuous efforts in providing:

<u>State Elks Association Grants</u>	\$7.9 million
<u>Scholarship Programs</u>	\$3.64 million
<u>Elks National Veterans Service Program</u>	\$911,475
<u>Elks "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest</u>	\$778,020
<u>Elks Memorial Building Maintenance</u>	\$446,961
<u>Elks Drug Awareness Program</u>	\$726,600
<u>Community Investments Program</u>	\$2.3 million

Lucy McGowan, ENF, Chairman

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FEBRUARY, 2011

100 YEARS 1911-2011 ~Summit Elks Lodge #1246~ February 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 P.E.R. NIGHT INITIATION & NOMINATION OF 2011 OFFICERS	3	4	5
6 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY 	7	8	9 TRUSTEES MEETING	10	11	12 COMEDY NIGHT 
13 CHILI COOK-OFF 	14 VALENTINES DAY 	15	16 LODGE MEETING 	17	18	19
20	21 PRESIDENTS DAY 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	Notes:				

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