

The Summit Sentinel

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2012

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 <

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*

Now is time for the incoming Exalted Ruler and Lodge Veterans Chairperson to plan together to fund activities for the Lodge's veterans programs for the upcoming year.

I could take this opportunity to expound for pages on all the wonderful programs that our Order has developed to honor our veterans and our active military personnel but I know that I would be preaching to the choir. Therefore, it is very important that we take this time to plan and budget appropriate funding that will allow us to outwardly show our veterans and military personnel that we honor and respect them and their families for the sacrifices they made.

Programs such as the "Army of Hope", "Comfort Care Kits", "Adopt-A-Vet", and our partnership with the USO, have been developed as tools to allow our Members to pay tribute to those veterans and military personnel who have given so much to allow us to live free. Dinners, dances and parties can be combined with fundraisers to support veterans' programs.

For many years the Elks National Foundation has been providing funding in support of our efforts with the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) at local veterans facilities. You, too, can help at these facilities by budgeting money in support of our VAVS volunteers. In addition, the Elks National Foundation can be a source of income through its Gratitude and Impact Grants – yet another reason to reach your Lodge per capita of \$4.50 per member early in the year.

Another opportunity is the Lodge Assistance Grant (LAG) which helps Lodges by allowing businesses that only support charitable 501(c)(3) organizations to support a specific Lodge charitable program or project through a restricted monetary gift to the ENF. By taking advantage of this opportunity, everyone benefits: The business is able to support a local charitable cause; the Lodge is able to expand on its good deeds; and a community need is addressed. No matter how you slice it, it's a win-win situation! I encourage you to plan your programs, prepare your budget and put the teams in place to allow your Lodge and its Members to show your veterans that you care. Giving a little bit of your time now will go a long way as you prove throughout the year that Elks never forget.

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Message from Exalted Ruler

Happy New Year Everyone.

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt wishes for PDD Tony's speedy recovery. He is getting stronger every day and I am happy to announce lost over 30 lbs!

Last year we had a great year with our Centennial Celebration and all the publicity our Lodge received during the year! This year we are going to continue in our very own Summit #1246 style! We have a lot going on this year! Elk member Freddy Mondri has started "The Friends of Tony Plesh" fund to help Tony with the financial hardship that he is now facing while he is out of work. On February 12th we will be holding a special fundraiser for Tony. Anthony Sereno, with the help of his brother Michael and sister-in-law RaeAnn, are donating a very special spaghetti and meatball dinner. There will be other surprises in store during the day! Please see the flyer for more information.

The next round of the Hoop Shoot will be held on Sunday, January 8th at the Rahway Recreation Center, come out and cheer on these very talented kids!

Also The NJ State Elks Association is sponsoring a Comedy Night on March 10th to benefit our Homeless Vets. This event will be held at Paramus Lodge. This is a very special event to go towards our continuing effort to aid the more than 6,000 New Jersey veterans who have fought for us. Now is the time we fight for them!

Fraternally yours,

Lois Pagano

From the Secretary's Desk



DECEMBER, 2011

To the Membership:

Happy New Year Everyone!

Dues notices for 2012 - 2013 will be sent out at the end of the month, and are due by April 1st. Convention notices will also be going out with the dues notices!

Sponsors, 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 your 2011 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

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The Special Children's Committee

Happy New Year!

We have a great year coming up for our Special Children! I would like to see more volunteers for our events this year.

So far we have submitted 2 Respite Weekend applications for John Fanning and Melanie Reach, the sooner we get them it the better chances they will get first choice of dates!

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!

COMING EVENTS:

- SUMMIT ELKS ANNUAL CHARITY BALL WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 24TH. The tickets for this event are \$85 pp, \$160 per couple
- THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CHARITY BALL WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28TH. The Lodge hosting it is to be announced. The tickets for this event are \$25.00 pp.
- THE ANNUAL BUNKER HILL GOLF OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30TH.
- FRIENDSHIP DAY AT THE TURTLE BACK ZOO IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7TH
- ANNUAL CAMP MOORE PICNICE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12th

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



National Service (Veterans) Committee

My Brothers and Sisters, members of the Summit Elks Lodge:

The East Central District National Service (Veterans) Committee annual dinner-dance held at Springfield-Hillside Elks on November 6, 2010, was well attended by Elks within and outside the ECD and many of our friends. The food and entertainment was great and all had a good time for the benefit of a good cause.

Three members of Summit Lodge and one member of Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge participated in carving turkeys and serving fresh turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable, stuffing, and gravy to the Veterans at Paramus VA Facility on Thanksgiving Day. They thanked us saying: "If it wasn't for you Elks we would be eating turkey roll today."

The East Central District Christmas Party held at Lyons Hospital in December was well attended by the Veterans at Lyons Hospital and the Elks that served them. The Vets really appreciated our serving them and the gift bags we gave them. A huge shout out to Gargiulo's Produce of Hillside that donated the fresh fruit given to the Vets. It was a real treat for them. We would like to thank the twenty members of Summit Elks that came out to assist.

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The NJ St Elks Assn is sponsoring a comedy night to benefit homeless Veterans at Paramus Elks Lodge at 7:00 PM on March 10, 2012. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Kelly Mizocchi at 908-510-8503. If you can not make it and wish to send in a donation to this worthy cause please call Kelly who will advise you where to send the check.

Thank you, members of Summit Lodge, for all your support.

Louis E. DeSocio, Chairman

Drug Awareness

The East Central District Drug Awareness Committee will be sponsoring a Walk Out On Drugs, on Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Echo Lake Park with registration starting at 10:30 AM, and the Walk Out starting at 11:00 AM. We will advise more information as we receive it.

Louis DeSocio
ECD Drug Awareness Committee



SCHOLARSHIPS

We received three applications so far.
They are now in the process of being judged.
For more information, please visit Elks.org
or contact Peter Soccodato @ 908-591-2823.



HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Our "House" is alive and well with Sunday Night Football! Come up and join the fun.

For parties @ the Elks Lodge please contact summitelks1246@yahoo.com or call Peter Soccodato @ 908-591-2823.



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
Chairman
Americanism Committee

On December 6, 2011 Summit's long time Resident, Barber and Elk Member, Tony Plesh, Jr. underwent a Quintuple Bypass. Although he is making strides in his recovery, it will be some time when he will be back to work; which is now becoming a financial burden on him.



So because of his generosity to both the community and to the Elks for over 40 + years, whether it is giving "free haircuts" or being the first one to donate his time or money for any charitable cause without hesitation, it is only fitting that we hold a fundraiser for him and name it :

"THE FRIENDS OF TONY PLESH FUNDRAISER"
PLEASE JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 12TH FROM 1 – 5PM
for THIS VERY SPECIAL SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER
HELD AT SUMMIT LODGE #1246
FOOD PREPARED AND DONATED BY ANTHONY SERENO WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF MICHAEL AND RAEANN SERENO
MINIMUM DONATION FOR THIS EVENT IS \$25.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "THE FRIENDS OF TONY PLESH FUND" AND SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO KEITH PIGNATARO, SECRETARY, SUMMIT LODGE #1246, 40 MAPLE ST., SUMMIT, NJ 07901. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT, THAT'S OK, WE'LL TAKE YOUR CHECK ANYWAY! FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE E-MAIL KEITH @ kpignataro@comcast.net.

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.

Some of Our Hoop Shoot Contestants!
Great Job Kids!!!!



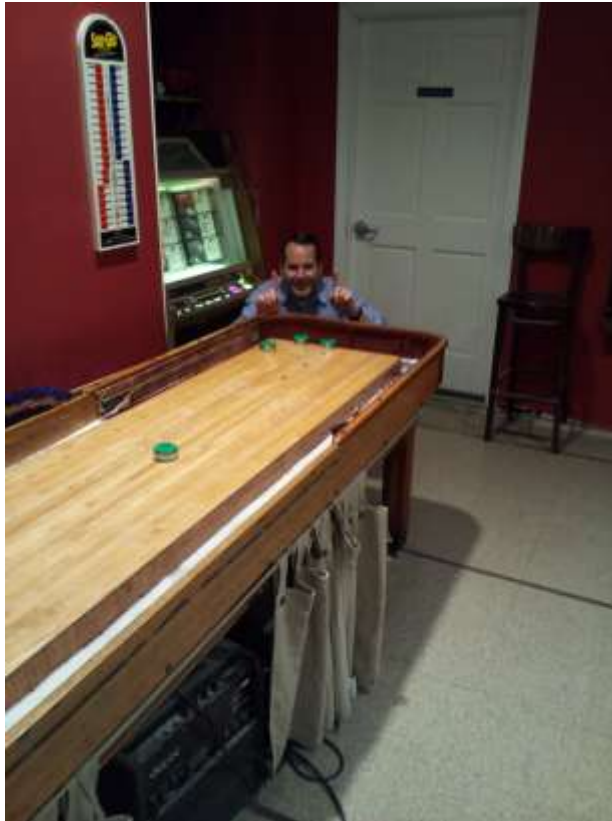
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*Get Well Soon
Banner
presented
To
PDD Tony
With over
200 signatures
On
Christmas Day*

*Tony pictured
with
Grand Nieces
Meadow, Nicole
and Grand
Nephew Pete*

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Lois
Congratulating
Matt Huth
And
Jim Singer
on their
victorious
win over
Lois
And Barbara
DeSocio

(although it was
pretty close)

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SUMMIT LODGE #1246 STANDINGS:

Right now we have contributed \$3,189.70 or 4.563 per capita. Special thanks to Jim Cramer who donated \$1,500!

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.

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

Elks Etiaquette Corner

During lodge meetings members are allowed to enter and exit during the meeting. If entering after the session is opened, you must go in front of the altar and salute the Exalted Ruler with the hailing sign, when answered by a wave of the hand, you can be seated. When leaving you must also go in front of the altar and salute the Exalted Ruler with the hailing sign, when answered you will be at liberty to retire. If the Exalted Ruler is occupied, you can look to the Leading Knight for the wave of the hand. Also a note that no member is permitted to enter or exit a lodge meeting during the opening, reading of the minutes, balloting for membership, initiation and closing.



Elroy the Elk

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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◀ December		~ January 2012 ~					February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3	4 LODGE MEETING 	5	6	7	
8 HOOP SHOOT RAHWAY REC CENTER	9 DD CLINIC UNION LODGE 1583	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18 LODGE MEETING 	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	Notes: <i>NEXT INITIATION: P.E.R. NIGHT, FEBRUARY 1ST</i>				

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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.

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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