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*ROLL CALL OF NEW OFFICERS!*

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

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

**Message from Exalted Ruler**



*We are all geared up for the State Convention! With our hotel booked; all the events in place; food and entertainment - we are ready to roll!*

*For our special Centennial year - we have two bands playing: Evil Twin Duo and of course The Bums in the Park. We also have our first fishing trip as well as our annual golf trip scheduled.*

*The best part will be the Parade. This year I am very proud to announce that we have not only a float for the parade, but a marching band!*

*I look forward to visiting all the other lodges in Wildwood as we unite Loud and Proud! See you there!*

*I want to give a special thanks to Special Deputy Malcolm McPherson, Jr. and his wonderful wife Pat for being a part of our Centennial Ball! Also thanks to Guy Haselmann for doing a bang up job as the Master of Ceremony and to Congressman Lance and Assemblywoman Munoz for a very special presentation and to all the dignitaries and members for making it a very special evening!*

*Fraternally yours, Lois Pagano*



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



**Three months into year: How's Lodge Report Card?**

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

With many school years ending, perhaps we should check on our Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and committee objectives and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your Members are the foundation of your Lodge; treat them as such.

We have many opportunities during the month of June to Promote Elks Passion.

Flag Day is a mandatory service that should provide your membership a purpose to participate. Put the necessary attention to this program and make your Lodge PROUD. Involve the membership and community. Flag Day could also provide your Lodge some VISIBILITY and offer an opportunity to attract new Members. After the program, provide some refreshments and a short program explaining what Elks represent. Invite the media to your event as well as the gathering afterwards. Be Proud...Be Loud...Be Visible.

Father's Day allows us to show gratitude to fathers as well as to share some fellowship. Why not have your Members bring their friends to help celebrate and learn more about our Order while enjoying the evening? Make the event fun and fruitful. Please keep in mind as we sponsor programs that we are permitted to enjoy the moment and share the opportunities with others. Share the Fun and keep it positive! There is enough "Yuk" outside our Lodge for those in need. Enjoy your membership, our good works and allow others to be a part of our Great Order.

During our travels, we have witnessed some tremendous projects. I challenge you to allow others in your community to learn about your Lodge and our Order. We also seem to abandon our new Members. We indoctrinate and initiate and then assume the Member feels welcome. Why not sponsor a meet-and-greet function to recognize all Members initiated in the past 12 or 18 months? Many Members do not attend Lodge meetings and therefore would not know the new Members. Embrace these valuable assets and make them feel wanted. I suspect your lapsation would greatly improve.



*~Message From District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler ~*

Spring is here and so is the beginning of a new year in Elksdom, All the lodge officers have been installed and now we start again to reach the new goals set by Grand Lodge and our new State President-Elect Rusty.

Congratulations to Richie Zacek (D.D. designate) and Vickie Ceriello (VP-Elect) I know we will all continue to give them the support they will need to keep the East Central District a vital part of Grand Lodge and the New Jersey State Association.

Membership and Lapsation once again should be on the top of everyone's agenda. It is very simple, we are losing members and we must address this now! In the new world of e-mails it is very easy to communicate to the membership, but sometimes I wonder how many members, don't read their e-mails, how many members are not computer savvy or even have a computer, we need to reach out personally, find out what's wrong, pick up the phone or send a personal note ask them why they wouldn't want to stay in an organization that does nothing but good things for our communities.

Ritual is here to stay, I attended an initiation in Lyndhurst where all the Past State Presidents masterfully performed the initiation, it was a beautiful site to see and I know the impressions produced on the minds of those candidates will last forever. Our Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson spoke and he said as long as he is involved with the state of New Jersey, it is mandatory to learn the Ritual by memory! How many officers say they just can't memorize their parts; I would like to know how many officers really try to learn their parts.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation so far this year and I want to visit every lodge before July to say hello and wish your slate of officers well. We have a great district but we do have some problems that need to be solved and with the help of some of our great members we will be there to do just that.

Congratulations to all the Exalted Rulers of 2011-2012 and I hope to see you at your lodge or in Wildwood!

Fraternally yours,

Tony Plesh, Jr., DDGER

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HELLO ALL,

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELK YEAR HAS PASSED SO QUICKLY. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT FOR SUPPORTING THE STATE AND GRAND LODGE PROGRAMS. THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF WILLIAM HEATH, VICE PRESIDENT, ANTHONY PLESH, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER AND ROBERT DOBLER, STATE TRUSTEE THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT WAS A BIG PART OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION IN REACHING MANY OF OUR GOALS.

TO ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED LODGE OFFICERS, I WISH YOU WELL DURING YOUR UPCOMING YEAR. THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE YOU IS TO REMEMBER TO ENJOY YOURSELF. IF YOU COMMUNICATE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS YOU AND YOUR LODGE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. AS ELKS WE MUST ALL HAVE ONE GOAL; TO GENERATE THAT SPARK OF INTEREST IN OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELK PROGRAMS, AND IGNITE IT INTO ONE PASSION; THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

WILLIAM J PELTIER JR,  
STATE PRESIDENT  
NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION



Last summer I bumped into our Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Malcolm, and he made a point of telling me that our East Central District was heading in the right direction, and that he was pleased with what he was seeing. It is no secret that we enjoyed a thoroughly good year

from start to finish. Now would be a good time for me thank some of you who made a positive difference.

Last May, a year ago, Carmel Kretchmer, PDD, PVP sat down and made up 8 Youth Week Brochures, one for each Lodge. This was done so that every Lodge would get credit towards the All American Lodge Contest. Honestly this was a mostly thankless and time consuming task, but she was happy to be making a difference. This was undertaken a month before her duties officially began. As a result of this we started off the year on the right foot and fully prepared to go the distance. At the end of March she again assisted every Lodge to complete the Contest A forms. And every week in between, the whole year long, from beginning to end this woman has always been available to help and assist in any way possible for you, me, and all of us. Carmel Kretchmer I cannot thank you enough.

Dina Sosa at Union Lodge put together an award winning Elks Memorial Service Brochure. They always had an impressive Service, but until now, it was never documented for all of us to take notice. I just wanted to thank Dina for her cooperation, and interest, and care in making her Lodge as good as it can be.

We had four really good Lodge Newsletters this year. Lois Pagano's first attempt came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in NJ, and again 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Grand Lodge. Doreen Duffy from Rahway finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place in NJ. Jim Cross from my Lodge did a fine job again and placed both 1<sup>st</sup> place at the State and Grand Lodge. Jerry Madonia from Cranford created a Bulletin that was loaded with talent. With the start of the New Year, we are going to see a Newsletter from Union every other month, and maybe Kelly Mazzocchi will get up and running. It was nice to have State President, Bill Peltier contribute something with the assistance of Joe Kupselaitis. I think that made a nice difference when competing against other Districts and States.

I have really enjoyed working with Tony Plesh, DDGER. He is such a nice person to spend time with, both bright and funny. A very down to earth kind of guy who has taken his position very seriously and shown us to be an accomplished and polished leader.

Mark Dunnder, PDD, PVP Veterans Service, and Norman King, PER Special Needs Children Chairman have both remained busy at their respective tasks every month. And I should also mention Thomas Ahern, PDD Army of Hope Chairman, also in the same respect. Brian Hopkins, PDD State Training Chairman, should get an honorable mention for his power point presentation at one of my VP Meetings. Let me thank all my Chairmen/women for getting in their monthly reports on time.

Lastly, I want to thank my Secretary, Stephanie Poranski for being at all my Meetings and taking notes on all that transpired. Her Minutes were always composed with a very professional manner impressing all who received a copy with how complete and thorough they were. Anyone could see that we had well attended, productive VP Clinics, and we worked diligently to support the many Programs of the Order. My congratulations go to Vickie Circelli as the next ECD Vice President and Richie Zacek and Designate DDGER. I trust they will continue our

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work on the district level and build on our successful past, bringing us to new heights in Elksdom.

Our District is still not the undisputed best there is in all of Elksdom yet, but we are making steady progress in that direction. Even though I will no longer be your Vice President after this month, I'll always be there to help and lend assistance.

It was a pleasure to serve you all this past year.

Sincerely yours,

William Heath, VP East Central District



**From the Secretary's Desk**

June 1, 2011

To the Membership:

Reminder: I will be sending out dues notices at the end of June...Annual Dues (\$60) for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012 were due on April 1, 2011. As of today, there are still a significant number of members that have not met this commitment. 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*

Sponsors, please get in touch with the members you brought in that are lapse; find out if they have fallen into hard times and assure them that we can help them in their time of need!

Sincerely,  
Keith J. Pignataro, Secretary

The Special Children's Committee

We had over 1400 kids turn out for the Turtle Back Zoo's annual Friendship Day! I am so proud to announce that Summit Lodge had 21 helpers! I want to thank everyone who came out and lent a helping hand. The special kids really enjoyed the food, especially the cookies!

We also had a big turnout for our annual Fishing Derby on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Special Deputy GER Honorable Malcolm McPherson, Jr. and his wonderful wife Pat took time out to visit and watch special kids of all ages compete in the "biggest fish" competition... There were some great catches; a couple of Rainbow Trout weighed in at 18 1/2". It was a beautiful day all around.

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](mailto:lpagano07663@yahoo.com)

*Sincerely, Lois Pagano, SCC Chairman*

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### Scholarships

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Elks Scholarships contest this year. Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Summit held its Youth Activities Dinner and we announced all the winners, which we will list in the July Newsletter! Congratulations again for a job well done!

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

If you have a child or grandchild, please visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars.com](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars.com) to find out how to apply for a scholarship. *Peter Soccodato, Jr., Scholarships Chairman*



### National Service Veterans Committee

I want to thank all those members and their families that helped us serve over 400 hot dogs, orangeade, and water to all those in attendance at Summit's Memorial Day commemorative, Monday, May 30, 2011. Despite the thunder, lightning, and downpour at 5:00 AM, it was well attended by young and old alike. The highlight of the event was when our Exalted Ruler, Lois Pagano, placed a floral wreath at the foot of the War Memorial monument.

Our next event will be the picnic for the Veterans at Lyons Hospital on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (see below). We shall need help to prepare in advance the sausage and peppers for this and the Menlo Park picnic and to help us serve them at the VA facilities. Please contact Lou DeSocio at 908-656-1382, if you would like to be of assistance.

On Monday evening, May 16, 2011, the East Central District National Service Veterans Committee met at Rahway Lodge. The following was discussed.

- The ECD National Service Veterans Committee picnic at Lyons Hospital will be on Saturday, June 18, 2011, starting at 10:30 AM. Summit will, once again, be in charge of cooking the sausage and peppers for our veterans in Lyons Hospital.
- The ECD National Service Veterans Committee picnic at Menlo Park VA Facility will be on Saturday, July 23, 2011, at 10:30 AM. The Vets are looking forward to our world renowned sausage and peppers.
- The ECD National Service Veterans Committee picnic for members and their guests will be held at Stirling Elks Lodge on August 14, 2011, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM, at \$10.00 per person. Enjoy a fun day with friends and family in the sun or shade playing horse shoes, bocci, etc., enjoying the music, and eating all your barbecue favorites.
- The ECD National Service Veterans Committee annual dinner dance will be at Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 7:00 PM. Ticket prices to be announced.
- We approved the purchase of a printer to be placed in the office of Bonds of Courage in Summit to be used by returning veterans to print their resumes and letters to prospective employers.

The next meeting will be at the Summit Elks Lodge No. 1246 on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 8:00 PM. If you have any interest in the work that this committee is doing please attend. Please note that this will be the last meeting of our own Mark Dunnder, Chairman of the ECD Veterans Committee. I would like to invite all members to come out and congratulate Mark for a job well done and to wish him well on his upcoming nuptials.

Fraternally,  
Louis P. DeSocio  
Chairman



## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Our Centennial Celebration dinner lived up to its hype as great fun was had by all. Over 230 people filled the ballroom of the Grand Summit Hotel. Our members have never looked so good, in their gowns and tuxedos. Delicious food and beverage was professionally displayed and served throughout the night. The Hotel deserves our thanks for a job well done. Throughout the evening, Henry Boote and his band filled the room with great tunes and kept the atmosphere lively.

Many dignitaries were present; showing their support. Congressman Leonard Lance presented Exalted Ruler Lois Pagano with the flag that flew over the Capital Building in Washington in honor of our 100 years of service to the community. Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz presented a beautiful looking and worded proclamation from the joint State Legislature (the Senate and Assembly), which we intend to frame and hang next to our charter. It acknowledges and lists many of the great charity work of our lodge. One of the biggest highlights of the evening was when our very own DDGER Anthony Plesh, Jr., received the "ELK OF THE CENTURY" award which was most deserved! Jim Cramer got into the mix and riled-up the revealers with a rousing "boo-ha!", and then passionately stated that the Elks is the greatest organization he has ever been associated with.

Also in attendance were Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler the Honorable Malcolm J. McPherson and his wife Pat. In addition, the dinner was attended by 5 past State Presidents, 4 past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and 27 past Exalted Rulers (11 from our lodge). Mayor Glatt and his wife Suzanne and 3 members of council and their spouses also attended the event.

Elkdom is now preparing for the State Convention in Wildwood, were after the buzz created from our May 7<sup>th</sup> event, Summit Lodge #1246 will be the talk of the town.

On Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> our lodge will have an open house with live music playing throughout the day. We invite you and your family to join us and help us to welcome others from the community. Please spread the word.

Guy Haselmann  
Chairman, Centennial Committee

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The Elks National Foundation was founded in 1928. Its mission, today, is to build stronger communities. It fulfills this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work.

It provides more than \$3.64 million in college scholarships each year through its three scholarship programs

- Most Valuable Student Scholarships – for graduating high school seniors based on financial need
- Legacy Awards – \$4,000.00 (over a 4-yr. period) merit based scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks who are members in good standing
- Emergency Educational Grants – 1-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks

Donations also support the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the National Veterans Service Commission, Community Investment Program and grants to State Elks Associations.

let's do it again this year!

Please get the word out, last year we went above our goal,

Fraternally yours, Lucy McGowan, ENF

Chairperson



*Though the origin of Flag Day dates back to the late 19th century, its inspiration takes us further back to 1777. On June 14th of that year, in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress passed a resolution specifying that the flag carry 13 stripes and 13 stars. The colors would represent hardiness and valor (red), purity and innocence (white), and vigilance, perseverance and justice (blue).*

*The concept of a specific day to annually recognize the American Flag came 108 years later. In 1885, a Fredonia, Wisconsin schoolteacher, B.J. Cigrand, arranged for the students in his school district to observe the resolution on June 14th as 'Flag Birthday'. In 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned similar festivities for his school's students. In 1893, Philadelphia became the first city to celebrate Flag Day, and in the following year, New York was the first state to observe June 14th. After decades of expanding community observances, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day on May 30, 1916.*

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*Still many communities did not celebrate Flag Day. It wasn't until 1949, when President Harry Truman signed into an Act of Congress that National Flag Day be observed every June 14th. The United States Flag Code, as adopted by Congress, states "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing." This is why we should give the flag our full respect.*

**Life Lessons**

You may have thought I didn't see,  
Or that I hadn't heard,  
Life lessons that you taught to me,  
But I got every word.  
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,  
And that we'd grow apart,  
But Dad, I picked up everything,  
It's written on my heart.  
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be  
The person I am today;  
You built a strong foundation  
No one can take away.  
I've grown up with your values,  
And I'm very glad I did;  
So here's to you, dear father,  
From your forever grateful kid!!!  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**PHOTO SHOOT**

**SDGER MALCOLM MCPHERSON, JR  
GETS CLIPPED BY THE DDGER WHO  
IS ALSO SUMMIT'S OWN LOVABLE  
BARBER ANTHONY PLESH, JR.**



**FISHING DERBY - ECHO LAKE PARK - MAY 7TH**



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THE CENTENNIAL BALL



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PHOTO OF THE YEAR!!!!



JIM CRAMER OF MAD MONEY- ON CNBC SHOWING HIS SUMMIT ELKS MEMBERSHIP CARD -  
THANK YOU JIM FOR BEING A TRUE AND UPRIGHT MEMBER!

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5 STATE CONVENTION WILDWOOD 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15 LODGE MEETING 	16	17	18
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	20	21	22	23 LODGE INITIATION 	24	25
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