

The Summit Sentinel



100 YEARS
1911 - 2011

MARCH, 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	TONY PLESH JR. PER
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 ~



Members:

I think that everyone is tired of the cold weather and all of the snow that we have had this winter.

*Fortunately we have had quite a few events that were enjoyed by all who attended especially the chili contest. Some of the samples had enough heat in them to really warm us up. Congratulations to our winners **Joe and Gail Riela, Chris Campbell and Rick Stockton**. Another accomplishment was that the shuffleboard contest is finally over. **Joe Ross and Jimmy Mac** were successful in a close contest over **Brad Hoecker and Pete Reinhardt**.*

*On Saturday we had our annual Charity Ball, which was a great success. We gave out honorable mentions, one of which was the Elk of the Year Award. This award went to **Guy Haselmann**, who has worked tirelessly on the upcoming Centennial events. Thank you Guy!*

*The Election of Officers was held and **Lois Pagano** will be succeeding me as Exalted Ruler. Congratulations Lois, you have worked hard and certainly deserve to be our next Exalted Ruler. Please come up to show your support for all our officers and new committee members, one of which we are excited to announce that **Jim Cramer**, will be very much involved with ENF which plays an integral part in the Students Scholarships program and Elks grants as well as Vets programs, Drug Awareness and the Hoop Shoot! **The Installation of Officers will take place on April 2nd**. We have a great night in store with food and entertainment.*

Fraternally yours, F. Michael Williams



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



**Time to grind for strong finish to
Lodge year!**

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

As March falls upon us, we need to review our goals and make a diligent effort to attain each of them with *Passion*.

As I travel there is a consistent factor in those Lodges with a small list of delinquent Members: They call and/or visit those Members who have not paid their dues and discuss what we could do to make them happy with our Lodge/Order.

Many times we think a letter or a note in the bulletin will have an impact on paying dues, but personal contact is far more effective. The Edmonds Survey, which was sponsored by our Order, confirmed that a contact will produce positive results.

We indoctrinate, initiate and then often times abandon our new Members without giving them a chance to be a part of our Order.

I recently witnessed a successful program that was initiated into my Lodge. Get a name badge made for each new Member and have them wear it to the Lodge so that your Members will recognize the person is a new Member. Encourage them to wear the badge until they feel comfortable.

Many Lodges have a small number of Members attending their initiations, which means most of your Members would not know who is a new Member and therefore not make an effort to get acquainted. Using the name badge would help them get to know the new Member.

Thank you for your service to your Lodge and our Order. I encourage you to continue to help Elks grow. It is time for the new Officers to prepare for the upcoming year, and Lodge budgets are nearly complete. Be Proud, Be Loud and Be Visible as you "Promote Elks Passion

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~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%.

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 arrangements to do so.

The next District Deputy Clinic will be held on Monday, **April 11th, 8 pm sharp** at Summit Lodge #1246.

Exalted Rulers please bring a copy of the list of your new committee chairpersons. That sheet was passed out at the last meeting and should be completed by your first meeting in April.

Fraternally yours,

Anthony Plesh, Jr., DDGER



From the Secretary's Desk To the Membership:

The end of the BPOE fiscal year 2010-2011 is upon us and a new year is right around the corner; one filled with great expectations since it will be ushered in under the leadership of our new Exalted Ruler-elect, Lois Pagano – the first woman to ever hold this lofty position!

However, there is still work to be done to close out this year. There will be one more official Initiation at Summit Lodge on Wednesday, March 16, and a special Initiation ceremony to be held at Lyndhurst Lodge on March 28 (arrive by 7:30PM) for those that are unable to attend the one being held at our lodge and wish to become a member in the current fiscal year. **NOTE:** The meeting on March 16th will be a very important one - the membership will be voting on the By-Law changes outlined in the previous newsletter – all members are welcomed (I urge you) to join in on the discussion, have their voice heard and vote!

For newly initiated members, I urge each of you to reach out to the Civic/Community and/or Lodge Activity committee(s) that you indicated on your applications and begin to lend a helping hand. There is plenty to do, and the more volunteers the better. In addition, new ideas and perspectives on how to raise funds, administer funds and to get involved are always welcome – change can be good!

Dues Notices: 2011-2012 will be mailed out to the membership during the next couple of weeks. Enclosed will be a **Membership Information Update Form** that we request be completed and sent back to the lodge along with dues (or dropped off at the Lodge). I thank each of you for your prompt attention to this request!

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Keith J. Pignataro
Secretary

The Special Children's Committee



The Charity Ball was held Saturday, March 5, 2011 and we had a great time! Melanie Reach and her two friends along with Jim Cramer were cutting up the dance floor thanks to the Evil Twin Duo Acoustic Band. We also received donations from members that had prior engagements, so all in all it was a success!

We had two entries for our Lodge in the annual Poster Contest: Taylor Jaskloski and Melanie Reach.

Melanie Reach, Taylor Jaskloski and David Reynolds and John Fanning have been registered for Camp Moore. Their parents will be receiving the registration information in the mail. 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



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



NATIONAL SERVICE (VETERANS) COMMITTEE

We have the following events coming up. Please mark them on your calendars in case you wish to participate in them. All are welcome. Each summer we host two picnics for the veterans in local VA Facilities. The first one is Saturday, June 18th, at Lyons Hospital. The second one is Saturday, July 16th, at the Menlo Park VA Facility. The times are usually from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Of course, we cook the sausage and peppers the night before at the lodge. All cooks welcome to assist.

- The ECD Veterans Committee picnic will be held at Stirling Elks Lodge on Sunday, August 14th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, corn on the cob, salads, all the fixings, and tap beer, all for only \$10.00 per person. Games and musical entertainment by a DJ included.
- Another upcoming event is that 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. We will advise date once we know it.
- The ECD Veterans Committee Dinner Dance will be held in the fall, date and venue to be announced.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, our Exalted Ruler, Michael Williams and I assisted at Stirling Lodge where they served dinner to twenty-five veterans from Lyons VA Facility. Mike Williams handed out canteen books to those vets present.

I will keep you posted on any updates of these and any other activities of this committee.

Louis P. DeSocio
Chairman
Summit Elks 1246 National Service (Veterans) Committee

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MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
YOUR INVITED!!!!

SUMMIT LODGE #1246 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

APRIL 2ND AT 7 PM

FOLLOWED BY FOOD MUSIC/KARAOKE
with
THE EVIL TWIN DUO ACOUSTIC BAND

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
TONY AT tpleshjr@verizon.net



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.



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PLEASE
JOIN
US

Summit Elks Lodge #1246
Centennial Celebration

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

THE GRAND SUMMIT
HOTEL

7PM

\$100 pp

Please detach below response and forward to Anthony Plesh, Jr.
40 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901 by April 22nd, 2011

KEEP THIS STUB

Summit Elks Centennial
Celebration
MAY 7TH 2011
THE GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL

NAME (S) _____

Summit Elks Centennial Celebration
MAY 7TH 2011

Name(s) _____

Of Tix _____

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

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HOUSE COMMITTEE



WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING AN ARCHITECT FOR OUR LODGE RENOVATIONS. PRETTY SOON IT WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A HARD HAT AREA! I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED WHEN WE WILL BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.

THE NEXT DRAWING OF THE LODGE ACTIVITIES FUND WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, APRIL 2ND.

OUR LODGE HAS COME ALIVE - IF YOU WISH TO BE A BARTENDAR, PLEASE SIGN UP!

CHEERS!

ANTHONY PLESH JR., HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



As of February 1st, Summit Lodge #1246 was at \$5.64 per capita, \$3,089.70 raised!!! Thanks to all our generous members! Also thanks to the Members, who are getting the message out there about all the benefits of joining ENF!

Lucy McGowan, ENF, Chairman

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~ March 2011 - SUMMIT ELKS LODGE #1246~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 LODGE MEETING	3	4	5 SCC CHARITY BALL
6	7	8	9 TRUSTEES MEETING	10	11	12
13	14 VP MEETING	15	16 LODGE INITIATION	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 PSPs INITIATION AT LYNDHURST LODGE	29	30	31	Notes:	

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