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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	TONY PLESH JR., PER
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 HASELMAN
SCHOLARSHIP	KRISTIN SOCCODATO
SOCCER SHOOT	GERALD CELMER

~Message from Exalted Ruler Mike Williams~



First of all, I want to thank all of you for your support during the past few months. I especially want to thank Secretary Keith Pignataro, Leading Knight Lois Pagano, and our District Deputy GER Tony Plesh, Jr. for their hand in keeping the Lodge active during the Summer.

We have many plans for events to be held during the coming months and I am asking for the support of all members in insuring their success. Among those events are the finishing of the Shuffleboard Competition, Hoop Shoot, Lyons Hospital visit, and several other events that are still in the planning stages.

I also encourage you to attend our meetings which are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. On Wednesday, October 20th we will bring in another large group to be initiated. These candidates were sponsored by many of you and I am sure that you will attend to show your support.

Another advantage to being a member is that we do have the NFL football package and there are several games on Sundays that you may be interested in seeing. Come on up and bring your friends and show your support for our Lodge.

I hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally yours,
 Mike Williams



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

Get involved...And watch Elkdom grow!

In our visits to the states, Sandra and I are continuously amazed and impressed with all the wonderful work that is being done for and in the name of Elkdom. We appreciate the greetings and well wishes from everyone we meet.

As you are aware, it is National Foundation Month and I hope your Lodge fundraisers were successful in attaining the goal of \$4.50 per capita for the year. The Elks National Foundation is the Heart of Elkdom and your donations the lifeblood. Please encourage every Member in your Lodge to keep an active certificate.

Next month our focus will be on our Veterans Programs. Every community across our great nation should take some time to honor its military servicemen and women and recognize their families. What an opportune time to Adopt-A-Vet during the Veterans Appreciation month.

This month, **"Promote Elks Passion"** by getting others involved. Pep up your programs. Ask a friend, neighbor or co-worker to join your Lodge. They might be waiting for your invitation. If each Member contributes time, talent and/or resources, we will make a huge positive impact in our communities. If your Lodge membership needs a boost, you should be the catalyst. Too many times we look to someone else to take care of things when we should accept the challenge. Increase your membership numbers for maximum impact in your community and everyone will benefit.

Many Lodges have a Red Ribbon Week this month to coincide with Drug Awareness Education. Be a volunteer and visit schools to hand out Elks Drug Awareness material to the students and help make a difference in a child's life. The more we can teach about the dangers of drug abuse, the safer our children. Their future depends on us.

With the many challenges facing us in these difficult times, it is imperative we communicate - *Elks Can Make a Difference*. Help us grow!

Elks Care - Elks Share



~Message From District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler ~

Fall is here and so are the Pre-visits and Ritual. Our first visit was at Elizabeth-Linden and because they were prepared, everything went smoothly and we were able to gather all the information we needed and were out of there in no time.

Pre-visits are done to help Grand Lodge know how things in our district and your lodge are doing in every facet of Elkdom. It is a way to solve little problems before they get to be **large** problems. Ritual is done so the District Deputy can report to the Grand Exalted Ruler on how each lodge initiates their new members, Remember "as the impressions produce on the mind of the candidate are likely to be lasting" we must try to do our best to achieve that everlasting memory... **YOU DON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION!**

It's hard to believe we are into the six months into our Elks' year. This means it's time to be concerned about membership, lapsation and of course Elks National Foundation. Grand Lodge and the state have set goals for us to meet. Grand Lodge is asking for plus 1 in membership; in order to do this our lapsation must improve greatly. Try to get the members who sponsor these delinquent members involved. Due to the economy, some members may be in tough times, remind the membership that your lodge is willing to help without revealing to anyone the name of a member asking or receiving aid or relieve from the order.

The goals that have been set for National Foundation have not changed much from last year. Our State President, Bill Peltier has asked for \$4.50 per member, while Grand Lodge is looking for \$5.75 per member, we as a district are far below their goal. With the Fall Conference coming in November, each Lodge Chairman should have made their motion on the lodge floor for their annual donation. This will help, but we still need new pledges, your \$10 donation to National Foundation goes a long way!!!

**Fraternally yours,
Anthony Plesh, Jr., DDGER**

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+Hello All,

October is Elks National Foundation Month. Since inception in 1928 through March 31, 2010, the Foundation has granted a total of **\$10,159,303.05** to New Jersey, compared with our total donations of **\$9,168,816.14**. That's a ratio of **\$1.108** for every dollar the Foundation has received from New Jersey. I don't know of any other charity that the pays back more than we donate.

The Foundation's past support includes: State Charities Grants, Special Projects Grants, "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships, Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks and Legacy Award scholarships to the children and grandchildren of New Jersey Elks.

Please set aside a little time learn more at njelks.org you can even donate direct from the website.

Has your Lodge preformed the Ritual for the District Deputy yet? The Ritual is a beautiful ceremony, help support you Lodge and Officers by attending. I am sure your attendance will be appreciated.

*William J. Peltier, President
New Jersey State Elks Association*



As all of you know, October is Elks National Foundation Month. All of our Lodges should be involved in some sort of fundraiser. Help the ENF to fulfill their pledge to never forget our Veterans, to support our Elks Camp Moore, Youth Activities, and Scholarships etc. We can all be proud of the many projects that the ENF funds to improve the quality of life in our communities.

I have been asking all of you to think outside the box this year by doing something new and different. Stirling Lodge heard the message and will sponsor a Batter-Up competition on Sunday, October 10th. This is the first time our District has gotten involved in this new Program. Volunteers are needed, and your help would be appreciated.

Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries should be working in earnest on the Lapsation List. Send out the letters, and make the necessary follow up phone calls. Let's go all out to retain the Members we have and to recruit new ones.

The Eleventh Hour Toast and Flag Charge Contest will be held at the Stirling Elks Lodge on Friday, October the 8th, at 8:00pm. The Exalted Ruler that wins in each category will represent the East Central District at the Fall Conference. The winner will also take home a trophy that will reside in his or her Lodge until next year. All of you are invited to attend and to share some food and good fellowship afterwards.

Many of the Lodges in the District have a really attractive Bulletin. Of course it takes a lot of work and cooperation to make it all come together every month. ER's and all of you take the time to compliment your Editors for a job well done. I would not be surprised to see many of our Newsletters compete successfully at both the State and Grand Lodge Level.

Let's keep busy, and find ways to be successful.

William Heath, VP

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Eleventh Hour Toast and Flag Charge Contest,
October 8, 2010 @ 8 pm - Stirling Lodge

DISTRICT ADVISOR, ECD

Greetings all, my first (of which I hope are many) is based upon the history of the 11 O'Clock Toast; believe me I know that all of you will be as surprised as I was.

Origins of the 11 O'Clock Toast
As told by Mike Kelly, Grand Lodge Historian

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson - - in stage name of Charles Algeron Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks - - was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 O'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night risked great peril from either evildoers and patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top.

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of which seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-1910. Given out theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks.

George H. Miller III, PSP, ECD District Advisor



From the Secretary's Desk

To the Membership:

Well, autumn has finally arrived, bringing along with it beautiful sleeping weather and the gentle descent of leaves from the trees. Hopefully, everyone's kids got back to school successfully!

There is plenty of work to be done and the more volunteers the better. So attend our regular meetings or see our bulletin board at the club for more information. Remember, Elksdom exists across this great nation and there are plenty of worthwhile charity events and efforts taking place both at our club and within our district – I urge you to attend them and help make a difference!

Dues Update - 2010-2011: As of September 22, 2010, there were **35 members** that still had not met their commitment for this year. As mentioned in the previous newsletters, you can either drop off the money at the Elks or mail it to the following address:

Summit Elks #1246
Attn: Keith Pignataro/
F. Michael Williams
40 Maple Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901

I thank each of you for your prompt attention to this request.

For those initiated prior to the beginning of summer, your access keys and membership cards are available at the bar – please stop by the club and pick them up.

See you all at our next upcoming meetings scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th and 20th, the later being our first Initiation ceremony of the season.

Keith J. Pignataro
Secretary



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The Special Childrens' Committee

On September 17th, Cranford Lodge had a fundraiser for a four year old boy named Tommy Bevan, who is currently being treated for brain cancer. There was an outpouring of people and donations. Summit Lodge donated \$300.00. Just to see the gratitude in the eyes of the parents tugged at the heartstrings. Hats off to Cranford for a truly spectacular event!

I am currently working on another bus trip for the fall. I will keep you posted on the date!

Sincerely,

Lois Pagano, SCC Chairman

Scholarships:

Hi Everyone! Do you know a high school senior looking for college scholarships? 2011 Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards applications are now available! MVS applications, available to all high school seniors who are U.S. citizens, are due on December 1, 2010, to the Lodge nearest the applicant's home.

For more details and to download an application visit www.Elks.org/enf

Legacy Awards applications, available online only, are due on February 1, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time.



If you are the child or grandchild of an active Elk member, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm to find out more!

Peter Soccodato, Jr., Scholarships Chairman



SUMMIT ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE VETERANS

My fellow members of the Summit Elks:

We are now into the fall and your committee is very busy with the following activities to honor and assist those who have given their all for our safety and security.

The East Central District National Service (Veterans) Committee annual dinner-dance will be held at Springfield-Hillside Elks on November 6, 2010, at 7:00 PM. The menu will consist of a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, salad, coffee, dessert, and include free wine, tap beer, and soda, all at a requested donation of \$20.00 per person. There will a disc jockey playing your favorite tunes for your dancing pleasure. Please contact me at 908-656-1382, for more information or to order your tickets. Anyone who has been to Springfield-Hillside Elks knows how well they cook and what a great time will be had. Please support the work that this committee does by attending this event.

The next meeting of the ECD National Service (Veterans) Committee will be held at Summit Elks on Monday, October 18, 2010, at 7:30 PM. I urge you to make every effort to attend this meeting to see the work that this committee does over the years. Perhaps you have considered becoming a member of this committee. This is a good chance to learn what we do over the years.

We will be hosting a Christmas party for the veterans at Lyons VA Facility on Saturday, December 16, 2010. This is a fun event and you should try to make it. The vets really appreciate this every year.

Summit Supports Our Troops - SSOT.org

Summit Supports Our Troops is a non-profit organization that provides emotional, financial, and community support to the men and women serving in the armed forces as well as to their families.

Summit Supports Our Troops is dedicated to building the morale of our neighbors serving our country through military service by bringing their hometown community together to provide them with the items and services they need most. Please note that on Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM, SSOT will hold their annual Tribute to the Troops at Baltusrol Golf Club. Please check out their website: ssot.org, for more information and to see how you can help.

Louis DeSocio, Veterans Chairman

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STATE CONVENTION:

Next year at the New Jersey Elks Convention in Wildwood, NJ, our lodge will be celebrating "100 years". The dates are the first week in June - 1st to 5th. The committee is asking for a \$100 deposit for your room by December 1st 2010. The prices will be the same as last week. There will be a sign up on the board in the lodge. If you have any questions, you can reach me at my e-mail address: soccodjr@yahoo.com,

Peter Soccodato, Jr., Chairman, Convention Committee



HOUSE COMMITTEE



WANTED: BARTENDERS!!!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! ESPN, YES, MLB, NFL AND TO SOME THE WE AND DISCOVERY CHANNEL....THE BAR IS COMING ALIVE, SO BARTENDERS ARE REALLY NEEDED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE TONY TO FILL OUT THE DATE YOU ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CALENDAR.

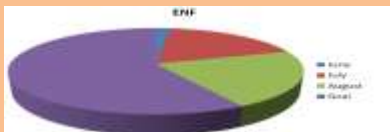
AT THE TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 15TH, A MOTION WAS PASSED TO PURCHASE THE MUCH NEEDED ELEVATOR. WE ARE NOW MOVING FORWARD, GETTING ALL THE PAPERWORK TOGETHER AND SEARCHING FOR GOOD BANK RATE.

CHEERS!

ANTHONY PLESH, JR. DDGER,



Hi Everyone, this month we spiked a little; \$1.66 per capita. We have raised \$910.00 so far. We still have a way to go to meet our \$4.50 goal! Hopefully with the summer coming to a close, we will see more donations. Members, when you have some time, don't forget to check out ENF on Elks.org. Get the message out there about all the benefits of joining ENF and how they give back; the ENF; just approved an additional \$1.4 million on the Community Investments Program.



Lucy McGowan, ENF Chairman



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SUMMIT LODGE #1246 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

HOLD THIS DATE: MAY 7TH, 2011

THERE ARE SEVERAL EXCITING CELEBRATIONS IN STORE AS WE CELEBRATE THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LODGE IN 2011. THE FIRST EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL ON MAY 7TH, 2011. WE HAVE RESERVED THE BALL ROOM FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF FOOD, DRINK AND MUSIC. FESTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED FROM 6:30 TO 11:30 PM. THE HOTEL IS ROLLING OUT SOME FABULOUS PERKS ON OUR BEHALF AND DOING SO FOR A DISCOUNTED AND REASONABLE PRICE. FURTHERMORE, 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. ALONG WITH THE GREAT BAND, ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY TONY PLESH THROUGH HIS PROMISE TO BREAK OUT HIS RED DANCING SHOES.

A WEBSITE IS CURRENTLY BEING BUILT DETAILING ALL THE "WHO, WHAT, WHEN, HOW AND WHERE" INFORMATION. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT ANNOUNCING THE WEBSITE AS WELL AS THE DETAILS FOR HOW TO SIGN UP. SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 250 PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP. PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP WILL BE JANUARY 1ST, 2011, AFTER WHICH TIME PLACES WILL BE OPENED TO OTHER LODGES. I GUARANTEE THIS EVENT WILL BE SOLD OUT EARLY.

IN ADDITION, THE ELKS STATE CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD NJ IS GIVING THE SUMMIT LODGE MANY SPECIAL BENEFITS TO HONOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THE WILDWOOD CONVENTION WILL BE HELD DURING THE JUNE 3RD WEEKEND, SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR. OTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THE ENTIRE HOTEL BOOKED, I ADVISE SIGNING UP EARLY SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AT A DIFFERENT HOTEL. I WENT LAST YEARS WITH MY 4 KIDS AND HAD A BLAST. DON'T MISS OUT.

CHEERS,

GUY HASELMANN
CHAIRMAN, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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In 1492 Columbus Sailed the Ocean Blue
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The second Monday in October is designated in the United States as Columbus Day. This day commemorates Christopher Columbus' first voyage and sighting of the Americas on October 12, 1492. However, Columbus Day as a federal holiday was not officially recognized until 1937.

Early Commemorations of Columbus

The first recorded ceremony commemorating Columbus in America occurred in 1792, 300 years after his famous first voyage in 1492. To honor Columbus, a ceremony was held in New York, and a monument was dedicated to him in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1892, a statue of Columbus was raised at Columbus Avenue in New York City. Further, at the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago that year, replicas of Columbus' three ships were displayed.

Creating Columbus Day

Italian-Americans were key in the creation of Columbus Day. Beginning on October 12, 1866, New York City's Italian population organized a celebration of the 'discovery' of America. This yearly celebration spread to other cities and became known as Columbus Day in San Francisco in 1869.

Colorado became the first state to observe an official Columbus Day in 1905. Over time other states followed until 1937 when President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12 as Columbus Day. In 1971, the federal holiday was officially changed by Congress to be observed on the second Monday in October.

Current Celebrations

Since Columbus Day is a designated federal holiday, the post office, government offices, and many banks are closed. Many cities across America stage parades that day. For example, Baltimore claims to have the "Oldest Continuous Marching Parade in America" celebrating Columbus Day. Denver is holding its 101st parade in 2008. New York City holds a Columbus Celebration that includes a parade down Fifth Avenue and a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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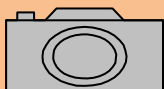
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PIX CORNER

Having Fun at Elks Camp Moore 2010



If you have any pictures you would like to share, please contact Lois Pagano @ lpagano07663@yahoo.com

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3	4	5	6  LODGE MEETING	7	8  Eleventh Hr Toast and Flag Charge Contest- Stirling- 8pm	9
10  Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20  LODGE MEETING AND INITIATION	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31  Halloween						