

Patriots Day Sept 11

The Summit Sentinel

ROLL CALL OF NEW OFFICERS!

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 1ST AND 3RD 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



Already into September; where did the summer go? What a wild end for New Jersey, a little earthquake and a very chaotic hurricane. Two Lodges we know of fell victim to Mother Nature's fury. My deepest regards go out to Lyndhurst Lodge and Springfield Lodge and all who are recovering from the damage left behind. Members please lend a helping hand if you can - **REMEMBER - GIVE FROM THE HEART!**

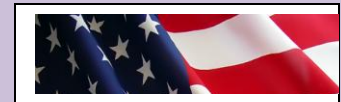
This month marks the 10th Anniversary of 9-11. Let us take a moment to reflect and remember all those civilians and first responders who put themselves in harms' way to protect thousands of people on that horrific day. In remembrance of that day and for all the brave men and women who have given their lives for our freedom, Lacey Lodge will be holding its annual Army of Hope Picnic on September 11th

Also in honor of our Vets, Stirling Lodge will be hosting the East Central District's annual Veterans Picnic on September 18th. Try to make one of these special events.

On August 4th, members John, Louis and Barbara DeSocio attended the Mission of Honor ceremonies to inter the cremated remains of twelve unclaimed veterans. It is the goal of the Mission of Honor to ensure that the remains of any veteran that is not claimed be buried in a proper military ceremony. For more information please read the National Veterans Committee Report.

On the lighter side, Summit will be holding its 3rd Annual Comedy Night on Saturday, October 1st hosted by Summit's very own Adam Sank, who keeps us laughing throughout the evening and has an even greater lineup than last year! We always have a "sold out" audience, so get the tickets now while they last! Last year we had well over 250 people. All donations go towards our continuing effort to support Summit Elks' charities.

Our NJ State Project Camp Moore is 40 years old this month! Happy Birthday and thank you for providing 40 years of love to our special children! Lacey Lodge is having a birthday party on September 25th, see the enclosed flyer for more details! *Fraternaly yours, Lois Pagano, ER*



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*Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler,
Honorable David R. Carr*



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

It is common to hear, "BPOE stands for the Best People On Earth!" A sixth-grade student familiar with the Elks because of Hoop Shoot, Dictionary Project, Soccer Shoot and Drug Awareness Programs in her school wrote to the Local Lodge about a painful and frightening situation at home. She concluded with a plea, "I don't know who else to turn to. Elks are special people. Please help me!"

The Lodge assisted this child just as Lodges nationwide reach out to help people every day. But this child brought forth a new description of Elkdom. Many children, veterans, victims of disaster, and children and adults with disabilities do not know who else to turn to but the local Elks. To them, Elks are special people.

Elks Members are committed to charity and patriotism and support just about every community and national program that helps others in need. Elks Lodges and Members often contribute to the success of local programs sponsored by other organizations as well.

October is Elks National Foundation Month, and I again urge every Lodge and Member to help achieve the highest contribution per capita possible. I know of no charitable program anywhere that contributes so much in student scholarships, Lodge Promise, Gratitude and Impact Grants, State Major Project Grants, Hoop Shoot, Veterans Service, Youth Activities and Drug Awareness. Many schools now depend on our professionally prepared Drug Awareness flyers for their health classes.

It's well known that ENF funds numerous projects that improve the quality of life in Elks communities nationwide. Lodges understand the needs of their community best, which is why each Lodge has the freedom to choose what activities will best meet the needs of its community. Lodges using ENF Gratitude and Promise Grants have consistently posted a noticeable increase in membership both in the year of the grant and the year following.

Make sure to include the ENF seven-minute DVD presentation during your Lodge Orientation Programs. Also provide copies of the many ENF brochures as well as bookmarks and other promotional material for potential Members and other guests attending the Lodge Orientation.

Thank you for helping to make a positive difference in the lives of so many. You are indeed special people!

To All Members:

Now that I am 2 months into my year as DDGER, I have to say, what a wonderful group of ER's and officers we have in the East Central District.

By now you all have received the Lapsation letters from myself and our Vice President Vickie, please make sure you get those letters out and also do your telethon and if you need help feel free to contact myself or Vickie and we will be glad to help.

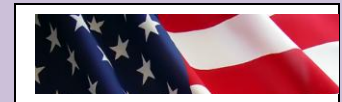
I would like to thank all the secretaries for their cooperation during the migration to CLMS 2 and if you need anything, get in touch with Joyce Powell. She is very knowledgeable in the program.

Now, with Fall Conference rapidly approaching I would suggest to the ER's that they get their application in ASAP, because they are doing renovations to the hotel and the Convention Committee is expecting an overflow. The application is now online at njelks.org or you can call Howie Proctor, SIG for application.

As always, if you need any help with anything feel free to call or email me.

Fraternally

Rich Zacek
DDGER



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Time is flying by really quickly. Summer is rapidly coming to a close. The National Convention was quite an experience for Marybeth and me. I was really proud to sit with the New Jersey Contingency at the meetings and to be able to visit all the hospitality rooms. As is usually the East Central District was very hospitable. I got to meet my many friends from your district that attended. You always make me feel right at home while visiting your district. It was an exciting week. We got to witness up close a dust storm, which is really something to behold. We also witnessed major changes to our old loved traditions. I know some of you feel tradition is the main stay of Elkdom but the membership spoke and we will now start new traditions to carry into the future. We aren't yet 100% sure how it will affect us here in New Jersey but Malcolm and I will let you know as soon as everything is in place for the changes that were voted on. I have visited with the East Central District several times since I was installed and each time I find warm and friendly people. You are some of the people that become a big part of my memories for this year.

I hope that by now your lodges have sent out second and in some cases third notices to your delinquent members. I hope you made good use of Vickie's Membership letter that was sent to you the first week of August. All we need is plus 1 member in each lodge, but don't forget the challenges. There is my President's Challenge for all Vice Presidents and Exalted Rulers to bring in one member in 60 days with 2 new applications. We have Past State President John Sentner's 2 for one. The 2 for one challenges each new member to bring in two new members and then have those two new members bring in two new members each and so on. Our State Chairman William Dow, PDD challenges each lodge to show an increase of one. If we can meet 20% of these goals our membership will grow in leaps and bounds. ENF is moving along well and I am sure that by year's end many lodges will have achieved my \$5.75 goal for this year and the New Jersey will be right at the top again.

Don't forget our other programs like the Vets and Elks Camp Moore. Summer is a good time to go to the Camp. You can't appreciate it until you've seen it in action. Someday you have nothing to do stop in and spend a few minutes with our hospitalized Vets. Not only will you come away with a new sense of being, you will have helped restore the soul of a great human being who possibly risked his or her life to make your life better here in the USA.

Remember: ***New Jersey Elks are Loud and Proud.***

VP Message- September



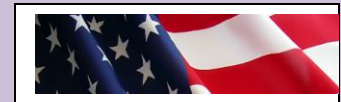
Is it September already? Summer is almost over and half of our fraternal year complete. I know that many of you have already started counting down the days to when your year is over, but wait, it's not over yet. There is still plenty of time to initiate new members, re-instate past members, and even have a membership drive. Our membership is not only the driving force behind our organization, it is what makes us the best people in the nation.

I urge all of you to take the time out to visit other lodges, whether in our district or not. As you all know, each of our lodges is usually operated by the same group of people. When this happens, we can get in a rut and new ideas are few and far between. Get out there and see what other lodges are doing and you never know what you may learn and can take back to your home lodge, not to mention you may gain a new friend or two.

I want to remind everyone of the East Central District's ENF campaign in memory of our absent brother, PVP Bill Heath. I handed out a package to each lodge which included purple ribbons. These ribbons should be sold for \$5 each. The deadline for the sale is November 7th. The monies that are collected from each lodge will be combined and will be presented at the Fall Conference in Long Branch in Bill Heath's name. Let's band together and get the best donation we can! If you need any information, feel free to contact me.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to Camp Moore on August 7th. This district had such a great showing, that we had more helpers than kids and counselors. I also want to thank everyone who came to help at the Veteran's Appreciation Day at the Somerset Patriot's Game on August 21st. Even though we got rained on, the veterans from Lyons Hospital and Menlo Park were able to be present for the opening ceremonies and had a great time. The next major event is the Army of Hope on September 11th at Lacey Lodge. I hope to see you all there!

Fraternally Yours,
Vickie Circelli



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From the Secretary's Desk

September 1, 2011

To the Membership:

+ 100 in Membership!!!! We could do it!

LAPSED MEMBERS, PLEASE GET YOUR DUES IN! OTHERWISE NEXT MONTH YOU WILL FIND YOURSELVES POSTED ON OUR NEW "HALL OF SHAME" BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LODGE AND IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!!

One way to keep our members - 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!

As of today, there are 80 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

Sincerely,
 Keith J. Pignataro, Secretary



The Special Children's Committee

Thanks to all our "helpers" who came up to Camp Moore's Picnic on Sunday, August 7th, the kids had a great time, enjoyed the food and some of them even danced the Macarena with the help of the counselors and the "East Central District Dancers", you know who your are!!!!

The Miracle Run was truly successful this year! Over a 1,000 bikers showed up for this great event. President Rusty did a great job as always especially at manning the Tug Of War contest.

Reminder - This year marks Camp Moore's 40th Anniversary...A great achievement for the Camp! Members, if you have not visited the camp, please make an effort to do so. You will see how wonderful it is. The counselors do a remarkable job with the kids.



HOLD THIS DATE: MARCH 24th, 2012 - OUR ANNUAL CHARITY BALL!

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



HOUSE COMMITTEE:

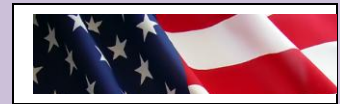


ITS THAT TIME AGAIN!

WE'VE GOT SUNDAY TICKET &

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

COME UP AND JOIN THE FUN! ANTHONY PLESH



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NATIONAL SERVICE VETERANS COMMITTEE

September 2011

Due to Hurricane Irene, the East Central District National Service Veterans Committee picnic was moved to Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, from 12 to 5 PM, still at Stirling Elks. Anyone interested in attending please contact me at 908-656-1382. Tickets are \$10.00 each for adults.

On Thursday, August 4, 2011, John, Louis, and Barbara DeSocio of this lodge and Charlie Dreizen of Springfield-Hillside Lodge attended the Mission of Honor ceremonies to inter the cremated remains of twelve unclaimed veterans. A brief ceremony was held in the morning at VFW Post 2867, Garfield, NJ. Following that we motored down to William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnytown, NJ, under a police escort. At the cemetery we were joined by a number of dignitaries from other service organizations who wished to pay homage to these men and women who served their country in time of need. It is the goal of the Mission of Honor to ensure that the remains of any veteran that is not claimed be buried in a proper military ceremony. Please let me know if you wish to attend the next ceremony. The ECD NSVC annual dinner-dance will be at Springfield-Hillside Elks on Saturday evening, November 5, 2011, starting at 7:00 PM. A donation of \$20.00 per person is requested. Dinner will include soda, wine, and beer and a disc jockey to play your favorite tunes to dance the night away.

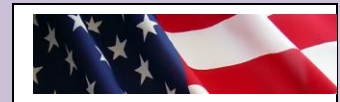
The next meeting of the ECD National Service Committee meeting will be at Union Elks Lodge on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 8:00 PM.

Louis DeSocio
Chairman



A Prayer for Patriots' Day:

Dear Heavenly Father, Today is a difficult day. The memories are painful and some of the wounds I fear may never heal. Yet I pray you will help me to go on living for truth, firm in my hope of your salvation. May I live for you, Lord, and by doing so, be an example to my friends and family. I pray, just like Jesus, I may learn obedience through these things that I have suffered. Help me not to question why, yet even if I do, give me courage to continue to trust you. Help me take the comfort and strength you've poured into my life and use it to comfort and strengthen others who need hope. I pray I might become a better person and help make the world a better place because of this terrible event. Thank you for the heroes that gave so sacrificially on September 11. Help me to remember their courage and learn from them. I want my life to be worthy of you Lord, so make of it what you desire, and use me to fulfill your purposes. May the evil of that day cause me and my family to work harder to do good on this earth and to bring your light into the dark places. Help me to never stop believing in you and living my life for you. Lord, heal all those who were crushed and broken on that day. May they come to experience your presence and know your peace. Amen.



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Hi All: Hope you enjoyed your summer! Right now we have contributed \$1, 644 or 1.66 per capita. We have over 760 members. If each member contributes \$5.00 online we would have over \$5,000!

The ENF 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.



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

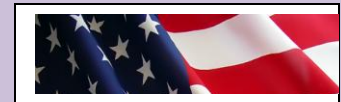
STEP UP AND HELP GET THE WORD OUT!
Lucy McGowan, ENF Chairperson

ELKS ETIQUETTE CORNER:

It is next to impossible not to discuss lodge business at the bar, but please attempt to keep these discussions to a minimum. If you have questions or concerns, the lodge or trustees meetings are the proper places to raise them, not at the bar. The combination of mixing lodge issues and alcohol is the blue print for unnecessary arguments, which should be avoided. Also, keep in mind that no matter what occurs at the bar, the only place it matters and can be decided is on the floor of the lodge meeting.



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ADAM SANK HOSTS "LODGE LAUGHTER 3"

Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8 PM prompt (Pre-Show Cocktails begin at 6:30 PM or earlier)

Admission: \$25 per person

Summit Elks Lodge #1246, 40 Maple Street, Summit

For the third time, Summit's own Adam Sank (NBC's "Last Comic Standing," Sirius-XM Satellite Radio) comes home to host an evening featuring some of America's top comedians in a fundraiser

for

Summit Elks charities.

This wildly popular event has always sold out in the past, and this installment promises to be the best yet. Headlining will be Los Angeles-based comic Michelle Buteau (TBS's "Lopez Tonight," NBC's "Last Comic Standing," Comedy Central's "Premium Blend"), making a rare East Coast appearance. Also performing will be Brad Loekle, star of TruTV's "World's Dumbest," and Hilary Schwartz, who has been featured on MTV and tours with the comedy troupe, "Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad."

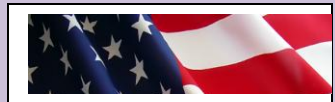
Adult language and content; only those 21 and over will be permitted entry.

How to attend? To be added to the entry list which will be checked at the door, send a check for \$25 per person payable to "Elks Lodge #1246 to address below. Please include all the names of the people to be placed on the attendance list. No physical tickets will be printed.

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 Comedy Show
c/o Haselmann
21 Ruthven Place
Summit, NJ 07901

Additional donations are greatly appreciated, all donations go to the Summit Elks' continuing charitable efforts
THIS EVENT WILL SELL-OUT QUICKLY!!!





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Happy Birthday Camp Moore



Camp Moore....

Celebrating 40 years of miracles

and still going strong!

Come join us at Camp Moore's 40th
Birthday Bash

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m.

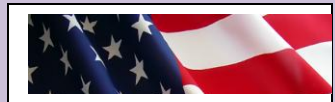
Place: Lacey Lodge #2525

Cost: \$25 per person/\$5 children under 12

Contact Jerry or Beverly Aycomare for
reservations at (360) 338-2291 or by email

shomak@sol.com





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All About Our NJSEA State Project



In 1971, while the New Jersey State Elks were looking for a site for a camp, the trustees of Camp Moore, a camp for underprivileged children that closed in the 1930's, were looking for someone to carry on their work. The camp was donated with the stipulation that the name of A. Harry Moore, former governor of NJ, is carried on in perpetuity.

More than thirty years later, due to the hard work and dedication of many thousand NJ State Elks, Elks Camp Moore is the major charity project of the NJ State Elks and has grown to great proportions. The camp is composed of over 18 modern buildings, which are air conditioned and fully accessible. Among the buildings stand 3 modern camper dormitories, a two story dining hall, kitchen, arts and crafts room, game room, and a fully equipped health center. The camp also contains a large heated pool that is completely wheelchair accessible.



- As with any volunteer organization, help is required to make the program a success. A few things interested parties can do are:
- ☀ Give a little of your time to directly assist in the up-keep of the camp through the spring preparations and fall closing.
 - ☀ Provide entertainment at various times throughout the summer.
 - ☀ Provide contacts with various businesses that would help the camp with supplies for the season, materials for the general maintenance, or items, which could be used by the campers to enhance their camping experiences.



TO MAKE A DONATION:

NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
665 Rahway Avenue
PO Box 1596
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
(732) 326-1300



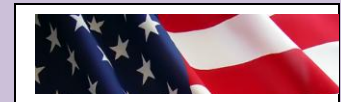
DIRECTIONS TO ELKS CAMP MOORE

FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY
GSP North to Exit 153B (left side exit). You will be on Rt. 3 West. Take Rt. 3 to Rt. 46 West. Continue on Rt. 46 for 4 mi. and take the exit for Rt. 23 North. Go Approximately 7 mi. Take the exit for Rt. 287 North and follow directions below.

FROM RT. 287 NORTH
Take Rt. 287 North to Exit 55. Make a right turn onto Ringwood Ave off the exit. Immediately get over to the left lane. At the first traffic light make a left onto Union Ave. Just after the next traffic light and by the Burger King, make a left turn onto Susquehanna Ave. Bear right up the hill to Elks Camp Moore.

FROM RT. 287 SOUTH
Take Rt. 287 South to Exit 55. Make a left turn onto Union Ave. Go about 100ft. and make a left onto Susquehanna Ave. (next to Burger King). Bear right up the hill to Elks Camp Moore.

Happy Birthday Camp Moore



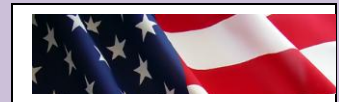
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~ Summit Lodge #1246 - 100 Years of Charitable Service - September 2011 ~						
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 PATRIOTS DAY CEREMONY SUMMIT GREEN 8:00AM ARMY OF HOPE LACEY LODGE 12 - 5PM	12	13	14 TRUSTEES MEETING	15	16	17
18  ECD VETERANS PICNIC STIRLING LODGE	19	20	21  LODGE MEETING AND INITIATION	22	23	24
25 CAMP MOORE'S YOUTH BIRTHDAY LACEY LODGE	26	27	28	29	30	1 Summit's  Annual "LODGE LAUGHTER 3" COMEDY NIGHT

SUMMIT LODGE #1246



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