



## **BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Brothers All,**

**The summer and the heat is here! June started out with our Annual Wildwood Convention, which was once again ran by PER Fran Corridon. I want to thank Fran and his committee for doing an Awesome Job! Thanks to all the truck loaders, PDD Mike Dickie, Trustee Rich Mirenda, Chaplain Brian Phillips and Great Guy Bobby Foster. Thank you to all that helped Fran down in Wildwood. We didn't have a lot of marchers but we looked good enough to win 1st Place Overall in our group! Jimmy Lampert our Float Chairman and his Committee also won 6th place best float. Awesome job guys and girls! Thanks PDD Eddie Hahn for keeping all the marchers in step. June 14th we held our annual Flag Day Service. PER Billy Nichol and his Committee did a great job, even though the rain kept us inside. Thanks to Billy, the officers, Flag holders and all that attended and a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for the food afterwards. June 16th was our Annual Father's Day Softball Game. No major injuries to report, but a few close calls. If you missed the game this year, please mark your calendar for next year. We all have a Great day and a lot of fun! Thanks to FXC and Timmy Shannon for coaching us and then feeding us back at the Lodge. It is really a fun family day! June 22nd Chaplain Brian Phillips ran the Rock Our Way to the Top Party to raise funds to help offset the cost of the officers traveling to Austin, Texas to represent New Jersey in the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. The band Rockiness Monster was Awesome and everyone had a great time! Huge Thank You to all our friends from the South Central District that came out to support our officers! Nice job Brian! June 23rd we had our Ritual Kickoff Party. Thank you to Middletown Mayor Tony Perry, Committeeman Gerry Scharfenberger, President Elect Mike Penchenski.and all our Elk Dignitaries and Elk members and their families from all over the South Central District and the State that came out to wish the officers well in Austin. We really appreciate all the support you showed us. Thank You All! June 29th the officers performed in Austin at the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. Unfortunately we didn't Rock Our Way to the Top. But we learned a lot and the experience really makes us want to get back there as soon as possible and try again. Thanks again to everyone that helped us get there!**

**Stronger Together, Embracing Camaraderie, Driven by Purpose, United in Elk Pride!**

**God Bless the Elks and God Bless America!**

**Fraternally Yours,  
John Steakin Sr. Exalted Ruler**

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