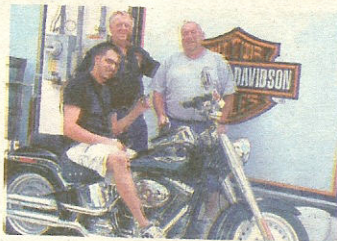


Middletown Lodge



On Sunday August 3, 2008 the Middletown Elks #2179 held their annual "Poker Run for the KIDS". The Elks plan all year for this event which brings in funds for the handicap children committee. Such funds are used for things like the wheelchair swing at Croyden Hall, Middletown. The Elks are always looking for new things to improve the run each year. This year they sold out all 300 tickets for the Harley Raffle which was won by Anthony DiCostanzo of "JEMS BAGELS" of Port Monmouth. They

raised over \$25,000 for the KIDS, but when you see their smiles, that is PRICE-LESS. The Elks would like to thank all who attended this years RUN, we hope to see you again next year. From left to right in picture; Tom Page - Harley Davidson of Long Branch NJ; Winner of Bike- Anthony DiCostanzo; Bert Revill- Chairman, Middletown Elks 2179 Motorcycle Committee

On Saturday, May 31, 2008 members of the Middletown Elks #2179, Pat Dunphy DPT., and Whirl Construction join together with the Mayor of Middletown Gerry Scharffenberger, Deputy Mayor Pam Brightbill, and Committeeman Pat Short, to dedicate the wheelchair swing at Croyden Hall now open. It is a beautiful work of art to allow Special Children that are restricted to wheelchairs to enjoy the park swings again. The swing welcomes the child and wheelchair on to a special platform that closes up to allow child to move freely as a regular swing. There was a few of our special children on hand to test out their new swing. They all agreed that they loved it. The children were there along with their parents to see the smiles again. Exalted Ruler; Mike Parulis Jr. & Leading Knight Mike Dickie and Special Children Committee Chairman Todd Syrdale of the Elks also agree that when you see the smiles on their faces, it makes everything that we do worth it.