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New York State Elks Association
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Birthday Wishes

2/20 Bruce Hidley PSP 2007-2008

SP Reedy Travel Schedule (Plan)

Visit	Date
East Central	Feb 17-19
Southeast	Feb 24-26
NYS Bowling	Mar 31, April 1,2
East District	May 5-7
Spring Convention Adam's Mark Buffalo	May 18-21

Hoop Shoot State Competition

State	3/3-4	Glens Falls
Tri-State	3/18	Wilkes-Barre PA
Finals	4/20-3	Chicago IL

Location, times and addresses are posted on nyselks.org under News.

Congratulations Watertown!

At the Fall Conference, Watertown Lodge 496 won the State Lodge website contest. Their website was submitted to Grand Lodge for judging. Watertown Lodge 496 was just awarded the National Five Star Award, the highest possible!! Congratulations!!

Get Candidates Initiated!

Processing the candidates calls for Secretaries who know CLMS.
--In CLMS, click 'Process Membership'
--Select 'Applications Ready for Initiat'n'
--Click 'Initiate' next to candidate name
--Click 'Calculate Candidate Dues' to determine pro-rated dues for this year.
--To exit, click 'Previous Page' button
--Click 'Initiate'
--Enter initiated date (or date to be initiated up to two weeks in advance) and click the Submit button.
--Click on 'One Year Dues Payment'
--Enter prorated dues and click Submit' Your candidate is a member, with dues paid thru current lodge year.
--Use the drop-down wizard and select 'Submit Dues Payment'.
--Select 'One Year Dues Payment' and process dues for next lodge year as you would for any member.
Secretaries should explain the amount of dues to be paid in their letters to the candidates with initiation dates.

Spring Reservation Form On-Line

Reservation forms for the Spring Convention at Adam's Mark in Buffalo are now available at nyselks.org under News or Conventions.

Credit Card Donations

Credit Card donations are now back up and running for Major Projects. To donate, click on the button 'Give Major Projects' on the home page of nyselks.org. In filling out the form, keep the following in mind:

- Please enter your lodge name and number in the entry marked 'Company'.
- Enter your address and other information in succeeding lines. This is your address, **NOT** the address of your lodge!
- If the donation is a memorial, enter the person's name under 'Shipping Information'. If possible, provide an address or other contact information for the memorial.

These instructions are on the donation page, in case you need to refer to them. Click the button marked Donate! which will take you to the secure site that handles the credit card donation.

Thank you for your generosity to the New York State Elks Major Projects!

Winter Empire State Elk On-Line

The Winter 2016 edition of the Empire State Elk is now available online at nyselks.org under State Newspaper or News.

Lodge Bulletin Contest

To enter, send three consecutive issues of your lodge bulletin along with a letter from the Lodge Secretary certifying the Lodge membership as of April 1, 2016 to Michael Jones, Chairman, Public Relations, 809 Mann Ave, Rensselaer NY 12144. This year entries will be accepted via electronic means. Flash drive, cd's or direct email to michaeljns64@gmail.com Deadline for entries is February 21, 2017. Winning entries will be announced at the Spring Conference in Buffalo.

In Vain We Call...

Eugene F. Briggs Jr, PER of Binghamton 70, passed away January 17. Memorials to Lourdes Hospice 4102 Old Vestal Rd. Vestal, NY 13850.
Richard "Dick" Steers, PER of Ellenville Lodge #1971, PDD of East District, passed away January 16, 2017. Cards and condolences can be sent to Eleanor and the family at 4 Sheldon Drive, Kerhonkson, NY 12446.
Rest in Peace...

GL Reservation Form Available!

Forms for the GL Convention in Reno are now online at nyselks.org under News.

Contest Deadlines

As the month of February leads to March, so contest deadlines approach. Applications must be postmarked to the Grand Secretary by March 31, 2017.
--Citizen of the Year – not limited to Elks, opportunity for community outreach
--Elk of the Year – cannot be an Officer, but meant for a hardworking member
--Officer of the Year – for an outstanding current year officer
Following citations/awards must be postmarked to Area 1 Member of Fraternal Committee, Robert Drisko, 221 S Osceola St, Beverly Hills FL 34465-4103,
--GER Special Citation – for 2 members who did extraordinary work during the year
--"Making A Difference" for ER - for the ER who participated in 6 of 9 listed programs.
--"Making A Difference" for Lodge – for a Lodge participating in 6 of 11 programs.
--GER Lapsation Award – awarded to each lodge with a lapsation rate of 2% or less.
--ENF Contests and Awards – automatically determined by Grand Lodge on March 31.
--GER Membership Citation – to member who brings in a total of 3 new or reinstated members. Must be forwarded to Grand Secretary by June 15, 2017. Additional info in the GL Lodge Activities Program manual.

**We improve by Change,
♥ not by Chance! ♥**