



Glens Falls Lodge # 81 recently held its annual Youth Day. There were 264 children and a total of approximately 700 people, including family and friends who attended this fun-filled event. The public was treated to free food- hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, and drinks. Children participated in face painting, tattooing, sand art, necklace, and craft making. In addition, there were bounce houses, stock cars, and several other activities. Clowns created balloon art which was a big hit with the youngsters. The Bolton Dance Academy of Glens Falls entertained everyone with several unique dance performances to help make the day a huge success!

Massena Lodge #1702 hosted their 2nd Annual Fresh Air Kids Picnic. Local families as well as their guests with the program were treated to a wonderful picnic with great food, bouncy-rides and entertained by Cubby-T-Clown and his assistant. The Lodge sponsored a Student Government Day. Students from the J.W. Leary Jr. High School participated in this annual event. The students assumed responsibilities of Town and Village governmental officials. The Massena Elks Lodge helped transport the students to their assignments and hosted a luncheon for the students and their family members.



The 2010 State Soccer Shoot was hosted by the **Oswego Lodge #271**. Our 2010 State winners are pictured proudly displaying their first place awards. They are, in front row, Brooks Parsons (U 14 boys), Seth Kaufmann (U 12 boys), Samantha Shapiro (U 10 girls), Devon Nicholson (U 8 girls), Brody Amidon (U8 boys), Owen King (U 10 boys) and Kristen Prohaska (U12 girls). In back row is Carly Slade (U 14 girls). Our State Champions advanced to the Area One Soccer Championship in Hampton, New Hampshire. They are pictured above with Past State President Tim Kelly, Exalted Ruler Michael Loughrey, State Soccer Chair Michael Neaton, Past State President Dan Capella and State Youth Chair Tim Welpe.

2010 State Soccer Shoot Results

The New York Elks Association Soccer Shoot Championship was held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at Oswego High School. This year's contest was hosted by Oswego Lodge #271. The contestants and families members were treated to a complimentary breakfast prior to the start of the contest. Following the contest, the Lodge provided a luncheon and award ceremony. Past State Presidents Dan Capella and Tim Kelly attended the contest and presented the awards. Special high score awards were presented to Brooks Parsons (boys division) and Carly Slade (girls

division). The Youth Activities Committee extends a sincere thank you to State Soccer Chair Michael Neaton and Championship Chair Michael Coad for their outstanding effort in organizing the contest. A special thank you is extended to the members of Oswego Lodge #271 for their hospitality and for all their volunteer efforts at the contest and with the meal preparations. A thank you is also extended to PER Lolly Malone of Oswego Lodge and North Central District State Vice President Jennifer Neaton for their assistance with photo taking. Contest results are as follows:

- U-8 Girls:**
- 1st - Devon Nicholson, Fulton Lodge #830**
- 2nd - Megan Guay, Lockport #41
- 3rd - Katelyn Montemorra, Ellenville #1971
- U-10 Girls:**
- 1st - Samantha Shapiro, Saratoga/Wilton Lodge #161**
- 2nd - Grace Howland, Wellsville #1495
- 3rd - Lauren George, Ilion #1444
- U-12 Girls:**
- 1st - Kristen Prohaska, Lockport Lodge #41**
- 2nd - Kaylee Olmstead, Lowville #1605
- U-14 Girls:**
- 1st - Carley Slade, Saratoga/Wilton Lodge #161 (won by shoot out)**
- 2nd - Makenna Honeywell, Watertown #496
- 3rd - Ashley Lange, Webster/Fairport #2396
- 4th - Kyra Johnston, Beacon #1493
- U-8 Boys:**
- 1st - Brody Amidon, Corning Lodge # 1071**
- 2nd - Jonathan Lyndaker, Lowville #1605
- 3rd - Vincent Maccharulo, Glens Falls #81
- U-10 Boys:**
- 1st - Owen King, Webster-Fairport Lodge #2396**
- 2nd - Jacob Sharpe, Odgensburg #772
- 3rd - Michael Lopez, Ellenville #1971
- U-12 Boys:**
- 1st - Seth Kaufmann, Carthage Lodge #1762**
- 2nd - Joshua Sherman, Lockport #41
- 3rd - Tyler Acuti, Beacon #1493
- 4th - Gregory Maccharulo, Glens Falls #81
- U14 Boys:**
- 1st - Brooks Parsons, Bath Loge #1547**
- 2nd - Michael Andrews Jr. Beacon #1493
- 3rd - Nicholas McKeel, Massena # 1702
- 4th - James Gray, Guilderland #2480

Southampton Lodge #1574 held a Court of Honor in a ceremony for new Eagle Scout, Peter Christopher Miller of Boy Scout Troop 58. Thomas Daily, ER presented him with a U.S. Flag and certificate from the Lodge with more than 70 family members and guests in attendance. Peter's Eagle Scout project consisted of building a 10' x 10' utility shed for a family of Rwandan Refugees in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

Oswego Lodge #217 recognized the youth of their community in many ways during the month of May. They had a "youth in government"(High school) luncheon with the Mayor and the city council on May 3rd and another one with the 7th and 8th graders on May 13th with the county council. They held their annual Teens of distinction and scholarship award winners banquet. Teens of the month from several schools in the Oswego area, three eagle scouts and four gold scouts received awards and scholarship winners receiving awards that night.

Shannon Gael Youth Athletic Association held a BBQ complete with 100-Galic Youth Football Players and parents were given a donation of \$600 in space and equipment rental by **Brooklyn-Queens Borough Lodge #878** as the youngsters celebrated their season-finale. The Lodge provided the patio and grill for those enjoying a good old-fashion cookout. Lodge Secretary Michael Watson, who helped organize and supervise the event, stated "giving the youth of our community this opportunity to enjoy

themselves in a safe environment is what B.P.O. Elks are all about. We are proud to provide them with a facility they can consider home."

On Monday, May 17th, 16 area high school juniors and seniors from 4 local schools participated in the **Albany Lodge #49 21st. Annual Youth in Government Day**. The event is a partnership between the Albany Lodge of B.P.O. Elks #49 and the City of Albany's Common Council under which area high school students are invited by the Common Council to visit Albany's City Hall for a day.

The students were sworn-in as "Alderspersons for the day" and then paired with an Aldersperson. The student then met various city officials, attended informational sessions on city administration, and ran an actual meeting of the Common Council. The Common Council, the students, and their parents were then invited back to the Lodge for dinner and a talk on Americanism. This year the event hosted 56 people including the students, parents, city officials, and Elks.



Ballston Spa Lodge #2619, awarded scholarships during Awards Night on May 11th at the Ballston Spa High School. Adam Custer and Molly Myers were recipients of the Elks Memorial Award of \$100 each in Memory of Jack Prock based on academic excellence and community involvement; Adam Custer and Erika Brockmann were recipients of the Ballston Spa Elks Lodge No. 2619 Award of \$500 each based on community service and concern for fellow students. Pictured l to r, Joseph Shaver, Lodge Exalted Ruler, Erika Brockmann, Adam Custer, Molly Myers, and Louis J. Gnip, Past District Deputy and Lodge Scholarship Chairman.

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The **State Capitol District Lodges** recently held a series of fund raising events for ENF known as "The Pentathlon ". Each lodge held one event with teams representing the district lodges participating. Only one team from each lodge with the highest score was allowed to represent their lodge as the participating winners of the event. The events included bowling, darts, softball, horseshoes, and bocci. A breakfast and dinner was also held and participants added to their lodges scores. A total of \$1032 was raised for ENF. This years winning lodge was Albany 49, led by ER Herb Carle.

Albany Lodge 49 recently held a fund raising event to benefit The Elks National Foundation and Major Projects. Over one hundred attendees browsed the twenty five vendors present and the event and lodge members manned a food booth. Over one thousand one hundred eighty seven dollars was raised for the two charities.