



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** sponsored a pizza party and provided \$100 Savings Bonds to area scholarship applicants. The savings bonds were supported through community partnerships with member James Sheenan of Sheehan Construction and Community Bank. The students are pictured with Exalted Ruler Wyatt Boswell, Leading Knight William LaPoint, State Vice President Jennifer Neaton and State Youth Chair Tim Welpe.



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** Leading Knight William LaPoint was the guest speaker at a "Court of Honors" sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #77. Mr. LaPoint spoke on the principles of charity. During the ceremony, Potsdam Lodge awarded Eagle Scouts Eric Hanss and Alexander G. Weil with an American Flag and Elk Eagle Scout certificates. They also received a Grand Exalted Ruler's Congratulation letter. Pictured presenting the awards are Mr. LaPoint and State Youth Chair Tim Welpe.

**Ticonderoga Lodge #1494** Officers, Members and Community Volunteers met at the Lodge rooms on Christmas Eve morning at 6AM, to fill 260 food boxes for families who otherwise would not have a Christmas dinner. DDGER Ray Scott, Christmas Charities Chairman, checked over the boxes and gave the order to start filling the trucks to distribute the boxes to the families.



**Oswego Lodge #271** has chosen Oswego High School student Meredith Moshier as Teen of the Month for December. Meredith plans on attending Medical School after she graduates. She was presented a certificate of appreciation as well as a \$100.00 savings bond. Pictured above are Meredith Moshier and her parents Marcia and Matt Moshier with Exalted Ruler Michael Loughrey from the Oswego Elks Lodge.

**Rotterdam Lodge #2157** received help from auxiliary members Ann Memoli, Tina Cole and members of Girl Scout Troop 2506 this past holiday season. The scouts shopped for and wrapped gifts to go with the Lodges holiday baskets. This project helped the scouts earn their community services badges.

The NY State Elks Memorial Service Committee is pleased to announce the winners for the 2011-2012 Elks Memorial Service Contest C. We received a number of outstanding entries this year making the judging extremely difficult. Our congratulations go out to the following Lodges.

Division 1 (Lodges under 301 Members)  
 First Place Johnson City Lodge #2821  
 Second Place Saranac Lake Lodge #1508  
 Third Place Amsterdam Lodge #101

Division 2 (Lodges with 301 thru 500 members)  
 First Place Camillus Lodge #2361  
 Second Place Niagara Falls Lodge #346  
 Third Place Penn Yan Lodge #1722

Division 3 (Lodges with 501 thru 700 members)  
 First Place Catskill Lodge #1341  
 Second Place Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403  
 Third Place Hudson Lodge #787

Division 4 (Lodges with 701 thru 1,100 members)  
 First Place Glen Falls Lodge #81  
 Second Place Oswego Lodge #271

There were no entries for Division 5 and 6 submitted for grading.

We extend our sincere thanks and again congratulations to the winners and all that participated in the Contest. All awards will be given out at the Memorial Service workshop at the Fall Conference in September. You may also pick up all the remaining booklets not forward on to the GL completion at that time.

Fraternally:  
 Kenneth R. Perry PDDGER  
 Chairman, Elks Memorial Service



**Colonie Lodge #2192** congratulates Sean Miller of Boy Scout Troop 62 for his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, Sean refurbished and built outside benches at Our Lady of Assumption Church. The project involved four scouts donating four hours each of labor and two adults donating twelve hours of labor. All materials for the project were donated by local business. Colonie Lodge, which holds the charter for Troop 62 was represented by Four Year trustee/Charter Representative Paul Sponable and PER Jim Rubino, Americanism chairman. The lodge presented Sean with a letter of congratulations from GER Michael Smith and a certificate of accomplishment and a American flag.

Ron Innes a 26 year member of **Herkimer Lodge #1439** recently traveled to Rochester for the New York State Bowling tournament. He has been bowling 50 years and averages around 180. He quoted " I never in a 100 seasons expected to have a day like that" In the singles event he tossed scores of 219-234-278 for a scratch total of 731 and with handicap a total of 806 to capture first place. He was not done there he also placed high in the doubles and all events." looking forward to next year already" he said.



**Utica Lodge #33** recently held a celebration of 125 years of Elkdom. Exalted Ruler Julie Slyvester the first female Exalted Ruler of the lodge, welcomed Past State President David Carr the endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler as the honored guest. PSP Carr presented Utica 33 with an "Exemplary Achievement Award on behalf of grand Lodge.PSP Carr also explained the significance of his designed pin. On hand were PSP Charles Noonan, District Deputy George Winne, State Vice President Bob Dwyer and State Public Relations chairman Charlie Sullivan.



For the 5th straight year , **Herkimer Lodge #1439 and Ilion Lodge #1444** teamed up in their annual friendly Exalted Rulers challenge to aid the local Salvation Army. The two lodges rang bells outside local stores during the holiday season. The two braved the elements to raise over \$ 720 .00 between them in one day. Shown in costume are Herkimer's Elf Leading Knight Scott Pizer and Santa PER Conrad Dowhaniak.

**Albany Lodge #49** Bagpipe music opened the third annual "Celebration of Freedom" ceremony on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the Albany Elks Lodge #49. 462 students from 11 public schools in the Albany City School District, grades 3-8, participated in the third annual citywide essay contest sponsored by Albany Elks Lodge #49, with this year's national theme "Why I Am Proud to be an American", as part of the annual national Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks program to promote patriotism. Albany Elks served as judges and determined 18 winning essays, which were then showcased at this "Celebration of Freedom"ceremony. Finalists stood at the podium and read their essays to an audience of 100, which included parents, teachers, the Albany School District Superintendent, and

