

The Great North District Presidential Committee



Cordially invites you to join us in honoring our New York State Elks Association President, Michael Bloss, at his Homecoming celebration, which will take place the weekend of April 15-17, 2011

A block of rooms have been reserved at The Hampton Inn, 620 Plank Road, in Clifton Park. This hotel is conveniently located directly off Exit 9 of the Adirondack Northway. Reservations may be made by calling The Hampton Inn directly at 518-373-2345 and referring to "ELKS" Room rate are \$89.00 per night.

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 15, 2011.

Calendar of Events

Friday: April 15, 2011:

Dinner at Clifton Park Elks
Friday Night dinner served 8:00

Saturday: April 16, 2011

11:00 AM Ladies Luncheon honoring First Lady Pat Bloss
Phelan's Banquet House \$16.50

**Homecoming Celebration, April 16, 2011
Honoring
President Michael J. Bloss & First
Lady Pat Bloss**

At The VISTA Restaurant & Banquet House
Van Patten Golf Club – Clifton Park, NY 12065
6:30 PM Dinner, 8:00 PM Program
9:30 - 12:00 Dancing at The Clifton Park Elks Lodge.
Music provided by the Rusty Old Guys.

Rome Lodge #96 recently held a court of honor to present Kyle K Cola a Rome Free Academy freshman with his Eagle Scout award. Kyle earned his award by providing the landscaping at the gravesite of Francis Bellamy the author of the Pledge of Alliance. He spent countless hours on the project to earn his distinguished award.



Saratoga-Wilton Lodge # 161 was honored to be part of an Eagle Scout Ceremony where 3 boy scouts became Eagle Scouts during ceremony at the Galway High School. Lodge Exalted Ruler Robert Lounsbury presented Trevor Gibbins, Charles J. Lander Jr. and Joe Monty, framed National Elks Eagle Scout certificates and an American Flag, during their Eagle Scout ceremony. Trevor Gibbins eagle scout community project was building 6 benches for the Galway Town Parks Athletic Fields. Donations and help were received from Pro

Builders of Johnstown and Agway of Galway. Charles Lander eagle scout community project was being involved in and a part of a history project of the Veterans History of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Over a space of many days he interviewed many veterans of all services and recorded their stories for future generations to enjoy and learn from. Joe MONTY'S community project was a home safety day held at the Amsterdam Home Depot in partnership with the Hagaman Vol. Fire Dept., Joe had the GAVAC Ambulance Corps, Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Dept., Life Net Emergency Helicopter Services, New York State Park Rangers with Smokey the Bear, and a total of 13 different departments in attendance at the all day event. Scotia-Glenville #2 75 9



Oneida Lodge #767 -A Vet Lives Here' was the message Oneida member Jim Tuggey wanted in the city of Oneida. With the help of his Elks Lodge, the American Legion and a local market he made A Vet Lives Here signs and gave them out Veterans in the city of Oneida. I just wanted veterans to know their service to this country was appreciated.



Utica Lodge #33 held a spaghetti dinner to benefit troops overseas, \$ 600.00 was raised to help buy every-day necessities that are hard to come by. On hand were several local and state officials to help the cause. Pictured above left to right. Delores Caruso from Governor Patterson's office, Past State President Charlie Noonan, Harvey and Cathie Hanna who's son is serving in Iraq, Roann Destlio Assemblywomen 115 district and Per Nick Kattato.



Utica Lodge #33 - On Saturday, June 27th, Nicholas S. Hanna, A1st.C, USAF, made a visit to B.P.O. Elks #33 in Utica for a personal "thank you" to the members of our Lodge for their donations made to his Squadron while stationed in Iraq. Nick is the son of member Harvey Hanna. Utica Lodge #33 held a spaghetti dinner, received donations from members, and sent seven boxes of supplies totaling 221 lbs to Iraq. Nicholas S. Hanna, presented to E.R. Daniel Kenney a framed certificate and framed American Flag. Our Lodge is honored to place this flag and certificate on our wall!