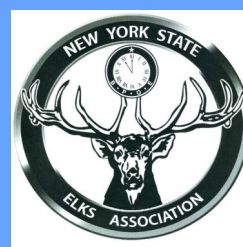


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Winter 2024 Issue



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kevin Connolly
2023-2024
"Elks...Feel the Energy"

Feel the Energy NYS Elks!

Now is the time to reflect and take note of your Lodge's accomplishments of this past year and to retool and re-fuel for the start of the new Elk year which is right around the corner. Embrace the positive and learn from adversity without dwelling on it. As the able mariner calmly steers his ship in storm as in fair weather, so must we always hold our resolve, adjusting the sails to reach our destination and fulfilling our purpose as Elks.

As I continue to travel around the great Empire State, I have seen with my own eyes what each of you are doing together - many dedicated Elks, giving countless hours of their time for the good of the community in which they live and for the Lodge they enjoy and love. But at many stops I see a recurring theme; the few carry the many. This must change.

An oft-uttered phrase these days is *'I don't have the time'* to be in the chairs, to lead a Lodge committee, to assist in a function or fundraiser. What I have learned is that people have time when they want to make time. The principle that if you want to get something done, give it to a busy person, still rings true today.

I encourage each Lodge to actively involve its Members. Each Lodge has a core group that is critical to its daily function. These Members can get tired and feel overwhelmed if there isn't enough help. If new people are added to the existing mix, positive results will follow. That core group that operates and keeps your Lodge going may need help even if they don't express it. As a dedicated Elk, part of a core group in my Lodge for the past 4 decades, I know the value of accepting help, even if I do not think to ask for it *[or if, in my own mind, I think it might be easier to do it myself]*.

And each time I receive help, I realize that I took a golden opportunity to invest in the Lodge's future. I now have a fresh view reinforced by the 98 Lodges I have been privileged to visit. Your energy and efforts have taught me a thing or two and motivated me to do better! This Old Elk learned a few new tricks this year!

For every Elk reading this message, I encourage you to make an effort to get involved in your Lodge in some form beginning NOW! Don't wait to be asked - just show up ready, to assist and make your presence known. You are an Elk, **Feel the Energy!**

The Elk year is like a ball game in the bottom of the 9th inning, with players on base and a few outs. This is the time to give that final push to meet our goals in Membership, ENF, and Major Projects. There is still time to run a fundraiser to meet a Lodge goal with ENF and CP. If you raised the money, send it in today. If your Lodge has any outstanding applications get that interview committee moving, for approved candidates set up an initiation to add new members to your Lodge! Candidates awaiting initiation are not like a fine wine, they don't get better with time, in fact, the opposite occurs; these candidates can lose interest before becoming productive members.

Looking ahead, it's also time to work on the business side of the Lodge: prepare the new budget (if not already done so), prepare our Lodge accounts to be closed out and work with FRS, dust off last year's 990 so you can prepare for this year's 990, Perform the year end inventories on furnishings and consumables, input your charitable contributions and submit any open reports due to the proper entities and mop up any loose ends so your Lodge can start the year in the right frame of mind with focus on the Future !

Finally, it has been exciting to see the Hoop Shoot free throw contest in action all over the NYS Elks Association; seeing young people and their families come together for some fun and competition makes this program Special. I want to wish the best of Luck to all our finalists who will meet in Camillus on March 2nd!

Elks of New York State – **Keep up the Good Work & FEEL THE ENERGY!**

Kevin Connolly, State President
New York State Elks Association

NYSEA State President Kevin Connolly Upcoming Visitation Schedule

NYS Bowling Tournament	April 5-7, 2024
West District	April 19-21, 2024
East District	May 3-5, 2024
NYS Spring Convention	May 23-24, 2024



During his visit to the Central District, New York State Elks Association President **Kevin Connolly** had the opportunity to visit Auburn Lodge #474. Auburn Lodge hosted a Presidents Breakfast to honor State President Kevin. During the breakfast, State president Kevin presented several Lodge awards. He is pictured presenting Lodge Inner Guard Teresa McCarthy with the Mother of the Year Award. Also pictured during the award presentation are Exalted Ruler John Chick and daughter Natalie McCarthy.



During his visit to the Mohawk Valley District, New York State Elks Association President **Kevin Connolly** had the honor of visiting Cobleskill Lodge #2040. He and his traveling companions Tom and Chris Griffiths, are pictured with a large contingency of Lodge and District members in front of the Lodge sign that included Past State President Michael Bloss, Past State President Cam Ricci, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Conrad Dohaniak, State Vice President Clifford Gillis, State Membership Chair Jeff Largeteau and several other Lodge and District members. State President Connolly is pictured below with North Central District members, along with Past State Presidents Tim Kelly, Barry Griffith and Stu Rishe and State Vice President Joan Carlo at Boonville Lodge #2158.



Please join us for the Homecoming of
Kevin Connolly

April 26-28, 2024

Pearl River Elks Lodge #2041
2041 Elks Drive
Nanuet, NY 10954

RSVP by Monday, April 15

Friday Night April 26 – 5:00pm

Hospitality & Free Buffet at Lodge 2041
5:00 pm

Saturday Day April 27

Men's Tour West Point
Lunch at Haverstraw Lodge 877
Depart 10:30 am

Ladies Tour Historic Tappan; the DeWitt House - George Washington's HQ
Lunch at the 76 House [America's Oldest Tavern]

Saturday Night April 27

Homecoming Dinner at Lodge 2041
5:00 pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm Dinner and Presentation

Quality Inn

100 Spring Valley Marketplace
Spring Valley, NY 10977
845-426-2000

\$110/night [single or double occ]

Link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/AA14B9>

The Element Hotel

90 Spring Valley Marketplace
Spring Valley, NY 10977
845-694.8200

\$179/night; Suites \$199/Night

Link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1700951121823&key=GRP>

Guests should make their own reservations using the links above or call the hotels directly
Shuttles will run from either hotel to/from Lodge 2041 – 10 minutes in transit

****Properties are adjacent to each other****



RSVP by Monday, April 15

Return dinner and tour reservations along with check and copy of ID (if attending Men's Tour) to:

Pearl River Elks Lodge #2041 Attn: James Kenny
2041 Elks Dr
Nanuet, NY 10954-3417

Attendee Information

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Lodge Name and Number:

Events

Friday Night April 26

Hospitality & Free Buffet at Lodge 2041

2 Floor VIP Lounge

5:00 pm

Number of People attending: _____

Saturday Day April 27

Men's Tour West Point

****Send copy of front of driver's license with reservation and check. Bring your original driver's license the day of the tour (no photocopies accepted, no exceptions), and are subject to a West Point security background check****

Lunch at Haverstraw Lodge 877

Depart 10:30 am

\$30 per person

Number of People attending: _____

Saturday Day April 27

Ladies Tour Historic Tappan; the DeWitt House -

George Washington's HQ

Lunch at the 76 House [America's Oldest Tavern]

Choice of 3 Entrees, Unlimited Champagne &

Mimosas

Depart 10:30 am

\$30 per person

Number of People attending: _____

Saturday Night April 27

Homecoming Dinner at Lodge 2041

5:00 pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

6:00 pm Dinner and Presentation

\$60 per person

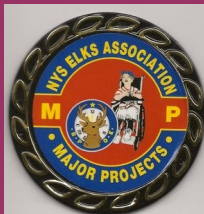
Number of People attending: _____

Family Style Dinner includes Salad & Rolls, Pasta, Prime Rib au jus, Chicken Stella, Salmon w/ dill Sauce, Potato, Vegetable, Venetian Dessert Table.





NEW YORK STATE ELK ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECT



**PAST STATE PRESIDENT
JAMIE PEACE
Major Project Message
Winter 2024**



During a recent visit to the Colonial District for a major Project fundraiser, New York State Elks Association Major Project Ambassador **Charles Dieteman** and his family visited Glens Falls Lodge #81 for breakfast. During the visit, Charles had an opportunity to speak and meet the Lodge members in attendance. During the visit, Past State President Brian Greene and Exalted Ruler Gordon Kalisz presented Charles with a Buffalo Bills sweatshirt. Charles is an avid Bills fan. Charles, along with his family, are pictured with the Lodge members who attended the breakfast.

Dear Members,

I'd like to express appreciation to the outgoing Exalted Rulers who have guided and helped their lodges for the past year. Congratulations to you all! We would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Thank you, too, for your support of our Major Project and the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

As you are aware, the per capita for the New York Elks Major Project Home Service Program helps to make the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) better for them and their families. 100% of all members' per capita raised goes directly to the Major Project.

Many of our members have heard our Ambassadors' families and the Home Service Directors speak to us about how important these funds are to them. They have expressed that without our continued financial assistance, they would be unable to provide the help that those people with I/DD need.

Your donations to ENF help to support all of the programs that fall under the Major Projects Corporation. Those include: Community Activities; Americanism; Disaster Relief; Drug Awareness; *Empire State Elk* publication; Major Project; Hoop Shoot; Elks National Foundation; National Veterans Services; Public Relations; Scholarship; Soccer Shoot, and Youth Activities.

I hope that you've made your per capita for these very important programs. Please note that you have until May 31st to reach your per capita of \$8.00 per member for our Major Project. This year, members have until March 28th to reach their ENF per capita.

THE BEQUEST AND LIVING TRUST OVERVIEW

BLT is the abbreviation for the Bequest and Living Trust program. The idea behind the BLT is to encourage Elks, their families and friends to name the New York Elks Major Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of their estate in any amount they can afford. It is recognized that an Elk's first responsibility is to their family.

The aim of the BLT is to ensure the future of our Major Project, our Veterans' and our youth. This benefactor program was formed to recognize Elks, their spouses and others who are making a commitment to the Major Projects' BLT program, either through their wills or through a direct donation. All gifts made through the BLT program will be invested prudently to obtain maximum growth.

Anyone can add a bequest to their will or trust with a simple sentence such as:

I give the sum of \$_____ or _____% to the New York Elks Major Projects, Inc.

Thank you to the entire New York Elks membership for your continued support for all of our programs.



Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317 recently hosted a charity auction to benefit the New York State Elks Association Major Project. Major Project Ambassador Charles Dieteman was a guest of honor. He was joined at the event by his mother and grandmother. During the benefit, Brookfield presented the Lodge with a \$3,000 donation to support the fundraiser. A representative from Brookfield is pictured, along with Lodge members, during the donation presentation.



Oswego Lodge #271 Exalted Ruler Michael Loughrey is pictured presenting Scott Pecoy, Arise Ramp Project Coordinator, with a donation of \$2000 to be used for Arise Ramp Project. Oswego Lodge teams up with Arise each year to help with construction of ramps. The Oswego County Ramp Project helps people with a mobility impairment to be able to access their home and become more independent.



Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 sponsored Adaptive Scouting units, BSA Pack 535 and Girl Scout Troop 1902 at The Bridge School at Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's were visited by the Stamford Police Department CT's K9 Unit. At the visit 10 Cubs Scouts and 12 Girls Scouts joined in learning how important the Police Dogs help the community to stay safe. Lt. Comstock with Pogo and Officer Scarano with Wrigley, explained to the Scouts about the important work the K9 Unit does to help protect the public from dangerous situations. Pogo and Wrigley showed off how well trained they are, and how they can sniff out evidence for the police. Afterwards the Scouts were able to pet the canines and ask the Officers questions about their work and training their canine partners. Two of the Girl Scouts are pictured with Lt. Comstock, Officer Scarano and one of the Police Dogs at the conclusion of the visit. (Picture to the left).

Camp Bristol Update



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SPRUCE NEWS

Official Newsletter of NYS Elks Camp Bristol

Are you ready for **SUMMER?**

**NYS ELKS Camp Bristol
YOUTH DAY CAMP**



JULY 8 - AUGUST 9
Ages 8-14

Staff & Camper Applications are open!

nyelkscampbristol.org
(315) 625-8145

2024 Youth Camp

Camp Bristol will be hosting youth day camp on weekdays starting July 8th through August 9th.

If you know a child in the area between the ages of 8-14, Camp Bristol is offering a unique, fun & educational program that will be sure to make a memorable summer!

Camp starts at 8:30am and ends at 4:30pm. Lunch and a day filled with awesome activities is included. Extended hours with a 8am drop off and a 5pm pick up are also being offered as needed.

A number of "CamperShips" are available and cover the majority of camp costs.

Please contact k.j.mcsweeney315@gmail.com for more information.

2024 Calendar

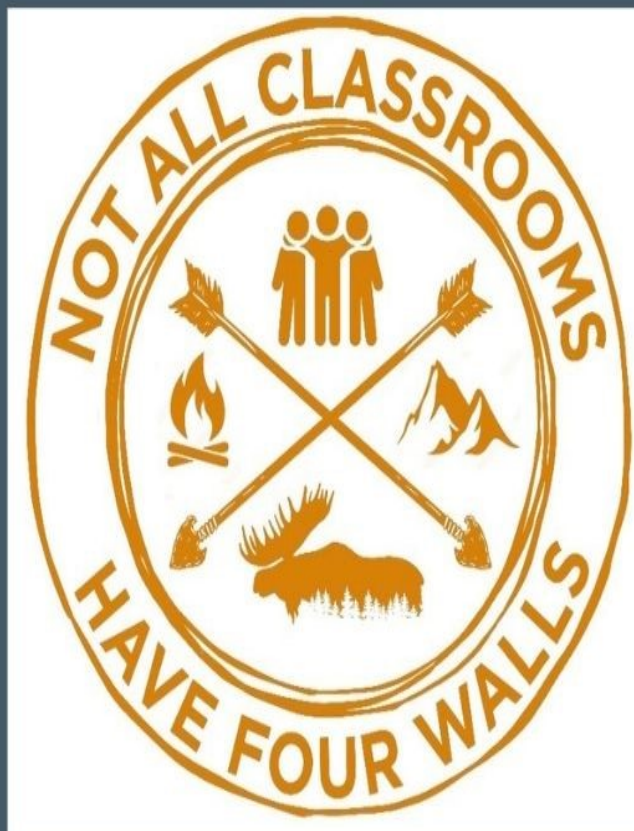
Spring Work Day
Saturday April 20th
9am

Camp Bristol Spring Golf Tournament
Wednesday May 15th
Villa Roma Golf Course
11am Registration
1pm Shotgun Start

Youth Camp Staff Training
July 1st- July 5th

Youth Day Camp Weekly Sessions
July 8th- August 9th
\$100/week per camper
"CamperShips" available

Veteran's CampFest
August 15th-18th



To Sign Up For Our
Newsletter & More...

Camp Rentals!
Youth Camping!
Getting Involved!



OR VISIT:
NYELKSCAMPBRISTOL.ORG

Camp Bristol Update



Spring Work Day

Please join us on Saturday, April 20th for Camp Bristol spring work day.

The day will begin at 9am and lunch will be served.

Please contact PSP Stuart Rishe @ 315-323-2202 or PDD Bob Wheeler @607-425-4341 to let us know if you will be attending, any preferred projects and tools you may be able to bring.

Additional work day information available on the Camp Bristol website.

To Sign Up For Our Newsletter & More...

Camp Rentals!
Getting Involved!



OR VISIT:
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Spring Golf Tournament

East Central District #6160 Golf "Fore" Camp Bristol will be held May 15th at Villa Roma Resort.

Registration is 11-12:15pm

Lunch is 12-12:30pm

1pm Shotgun Start

\$90/Person

Sponsorship opportunities for \$100 & consist of tee sign and cart brochure

For questions, please contact Merrill Conner
mconner18@yahoo.com
(845)594-2673



Veterans CampFest

The Veterans CampFest will be held August 15th-18th. It will be an outdoor recreational event where attendees will have the opportunity to participate in many physical activities, as well as relax & connect with nature.

Submission forms for Veteran honorees have been distributed to Camp District Representatives and Veterans District Chairs.

Two honoree Veterans per district may be submitted and all forms will need to be returned by July 5th. Veteran selection criteria will be determined by each district. Lodging, meals and activities are included at no cost to the district or lodge.

For additional information, please contact your Camp Bristol Representative or Veteran District Chair.

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CAMP BRISTOL WORK DAY

PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 20TH
9AM START
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



PROJECTS WE WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE

- Old Girl Scout Cabins: Repair roofing/flooring, replace windows, grade surrounding ground
- Clean up downed trees and branches from winter weather
- Rake/clean up leaves around buildings
- Clean tents and cots and inventory for upcoming seasonal use
- Clean area in front of Spruce Lodge between circle drive
- Determine potential for new paths down to waterfront
- Basic 'junk' removal
- Camp equipment inventory
- Grading around buildings and roads

TOOLS NEEDED

- Chainsaws
- Rakes - steel and lawn
- Paint and stain brushes
- Hammers
- Pry bars, Crow bars
- Cordless Framing Nailers
- Tape measures
- Leaf blowers
- Cordless screw guns or impact guns with bits and nut drivers
- Cordless circular saws
- Saw horses
- Utility trailer
- Please bring your own work gloves

PLEASE CONTACT PSP STUART @ 315-323-2202 OR PDD BOB WHEELER @607-425-4341 TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING, PREFERRED PROJECT AND WHAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BRING. THANK YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Come spend your summer at New York Elks Camp Bristol, located on the shore of North Pond in West Monroe, New York! Our Day Camp service allows children ages 8 to 14 to take part in our unique educational summer camp, while allowing them the comfort of sleeping in their own beds! All this fun for only \$100 per 5 day week (per-camper)!



This includes lunch prepared daily! Day Camp Hours include an 8:30 am drop off and 3:00—3:30 pm pick-up. For only an additional \$25 per week (per camper) you can access our extended care program. This allows you to drop off campers as early as 8:00 am for a quick breakfast, and pick them up as late as 4:00 pm before dinner!

Daily Programs include daily water based activities, leadership and team building activities, American history studies, our Elks Drug Awareness programming, and field games and sports. These include activities such as archery, soccer, hiking, cooperative tag and running activities, and much more!

Our mission at Camp Bristol is to engage campers through unique learning opportunities in order to develop a sense of empowerment while building healthy relationships with their peers and adults. Most importantly though, we want each camper to HAVE FUN!



Scan the QR code below with your smart device to sign up for a week at camp!

Are you 17 or older? Looking for a summer job? Scan the QR code below and fill out an application!



COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN THIS SUMMER!



SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

July 8 - Aug 9

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS AVAILABLE!

"SCHOLARSHIPS TYPICALLY COVER UP TO A WEEK OF CAMP"

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8-14? CAMP BRISTOL OFFERS A UNIQUE, FUN & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SURE TO MAKE A MEMORABLE SUMMER.

GIVE A YOUNG PERSON IN YOUR LIFE AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME!




FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:

KEEGHANJMCSWEENEY@GMAIL.COM,
ELBRISTOL@GMAIL.COM OR SCAN




ELKS SPRING CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT #6160

GOLF "FORE" CAMP BRISTOL

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP BRISTOL

\$90.00/PERSON

MAY 15, 2024, 1:00 SHOTGUN START
11:00-12:15: REGISTRATION; 12:00-12:30: LUNCH

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: \$100.00

CART/TEE SPONSOR SIGNS WILL CONSIST OF THE NAME OF THE SPONSOR ON THE TEE SIGNS ALONG WITH A SPONSOR BROCHURE ON EACH CART.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MIDDLETOWN ELKS BPOE 1097
Middletown Elks,
c/o Donalee Golf
PO Box 148
Middletown, NY 10940

For questions, contact:
MERRILL CONNER
mconner81@yahoo.com
845-594-2673

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

Villa Roma Resort
356 Villa Roma Rd.
Callicoon, NY 12723

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VETERANS

CampFest

AUGUST 15-18 2024

CAMP BRISTOL INVITES 2 VETERAN
HONOREES FROM EACH DISTRICT TO
JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING WEEKEND!

LODGING, MEALS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

DEADLINE FOR HONOREE SUBMISSION FORMS
7/5/24

NYSELKSCAMPBRISTOL@GMAIL.COM

Camp Bristol Update



THE VETERANS CAMPFEST IS AN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL EVENT WHERE ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS RELAX & CONNECT WITH NATURE.

PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION FORMS AND SUBMIT TO
NYSELKSCAMPBRISTOL@GMAIL.COM BY 7/5/24

2 HONOREE VETERANS PER DISTRICT
A 3RD HONOREE MAY BE SUBMITTED BY EACH DISTRICT
AS AN ALTERNATE FOR CANCELLATIONS
VETERAN SELECTION CRITERIA WILL BE DETERMINED BY EACH DISTRICT.

LODGING, MEALS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDED AT NO COST TO DISTRICT OR LODGE

LODGING PREFERENCES ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS

SPOUSES & FAMILIES ARE INVITED FOR DAY VISITS TO CAMP WITH MEALS INCLUDED-MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN HOUSING OUTSIDE OF CAMP

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCOTT HIRST
(315)804-3512





ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION—GRANTS IN ACTION



Liverpool Lodge #2148 held a food drive throughout December. The food collected was given to Liverpool High School for their food pantry. In addition to the non-perishables collected, the Lodge presented the school with a check for nearly \$1100. This check was part of the Beacon Grant. Pictured, left to right, during the donation presentation are Food Pantry Coordinator Shannon Lasher, Leading Knight Ken Light, Lodge Grant Coordinator Jean Giuseppetti, Thomas Glauberman, Loyal Knight Dennis Seeber and Principal Brett Woodcock.

New York Lodge #1 used their \$4,000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to host an annual February Valentine dinner dance at Camp A.N.C.H.O.R in Lido Beach. Camp A.N.C.H.O.R is a comprehensive, year-round program that serves thousands of children and adults with special needs who live in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County Long Island. They hold many social programs for those with special needs. For the last 5 years, New York Lodge #1 has had the honor of hosting this fun-filled event. Those attending were treated to great music from Beyond Fab and parrtshots.com took souvenir pictures and put them on mouse pads for everyone to take home! Everyone enjoyed fantastic food from Antonio's and drinks from Monarch Beverage. The meal was capped off with heart cookies from Malverne Pastry Shop. At the end of the evening everyone got a red Elks water bottle to take home. The bottles were donated by the Lodge over and above the grant. Pictured at the event, left to right, are State Trustee and Grant Writer Lisa Moldovan Past Exalted Ruler Amy Schneller, Past District Deputy Mark Stuparich, Exalted Ruler Paul Schneller, members Maria Director, Michael Director, Dottie Maffucci, Tom Marcy, Rich Super, Sylvia Wanser, District Deputy Brian Steckler, member Micky Super, Past District Deputy and Lodge Sponsor Ron Hansen, Lecturing Knight Jean Costen, and Past District Deputy Bill Bock)



Mid-Westchester Lodge #535 presented the proceeds from the Lodges 2023-2024 ENF Gratitude Grant to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. This generous grant will aid the food pantry in addressing food insecurity and making a positive impact in their community. Thanks to the grant, the Mount Kisco Food Pantry we will be procuring nearly 100 high-quality shopping trolleys, ensuring that their pantry guests can comfortably carry their groceries and essentials. Pictured during the donation presentation are Laura Desmarais, Pantry Board Member-Grants, Lecturing Knight Dan Cooke, State Vice President Jay Singer, Past State President and District Sponsor Tony Gilberti, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Comstock Jr., Roberta Horowitz, Pantry, Director of Operations and Programs, and Natalie Oshukany, Pantry Grants Manager.

Amsterdam Lodge #101 used part of their Elks National Foundation grant money to provide free snacks to local schools. Pictured with a small fraction of the snacks that were distributed to the schools are Cheryl Galarneau, Pat Cudmore, Fran Sikorski, Tiffany Bermudez, Exalted Ruler Jim Galarneau, Linda DeMasi, and Jackie Sikorski.



Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant and presented a \$2000 donation to Caritas of Port Chester / Meals on Main Food Pantry. CaritasPC/Meals on Main works with 6 restaurants, 14 sources of surplus food (including 4 farms) to distribute food/meals to 7 communities that includes Port Chester, Mamaroneck, Tarrytown, Elmsford, New Rochelle, Greenwich and Stamford. Their mission is a simple one, to feed the hungry and provide an environment of hope wherever we can. Denise Cypher, Sam Diamond and Anthony Tirone received the check from the lodge and spoke about CaritasPC/MOMS and about how the ran their operation. They also thanked the lodge for all we do to help the community. Pictured during the donation presentation, left to right, are Past State President Antony Gilberti, State Vice President Jay Singer, Meals on Wheels Volunteer Sam Diamond, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Comstock Jr., Anthony Tirone and , Denise Cypher. Pictured in the background is CaritasPC / Meals on Main showing one of the food distribution trucks.

New York Lodge #1 provided Hunger Relief for 20 families in the Lynbrook area for the holiday season. The families, associated with Our Lady of Peace Food Bank came to the lodge and received giant laundry baskets filled with food including ham, bacon, butter, chocolate, pancake mix and many other items to make for a wonderful Christmas weekend. Lodge members generously donated group toys which were also given to each family who came to collect their bounty. This donation was made possible through the lodge receiving a \$2000 Spotlight Grant from the Elks National Foundation. In addition to the grant, the Lodge purchased water bottles that were included with the care packages. The laundry baskets were donated by Past District deputy John Nuzzi and his wife Pat. More than 60 games were donated by The Lodge members. Members are pictured with some of the baskets. They are (left to right) Past District Deputy John Nuzzi, Our Lady of Peace Volunteers Mae Anne Barrella, Clara Larkin, and Florence OConnor, donation recipient George O Dowd and Past District Deputy Mark Stuparich.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION—GRANTS IN ACTION



Scotia Glenville Lodge #2759 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation grant and purchased toys for donation to the City Mission of Schenectady's holiday toy program. The program allows families to shop and "purchase" toys for their children at no cost. Pictured are Denise Hyland, Lori Meguin of The Mission, grants coordinator Deb Kruk, and City Mission Executive Director Michal Saccocio.



Glens Falls Lodge #81 combined the Beacon and Spotlight Grants and recently donated a total of \$6000 to the Wait House. Wait House provides services and shelter for homeless youth 16-24 years of age. They also operate a street outreach program to support and provide services to families and youth at risk of homelessness as well as individuals of all ages that are victims of or at risk of human trafficking. Pictured during the donation presentation, from left to right are Leading Knight Frank Farrell, Wait House Director of Health Home Care Management Tanya Vasak, Exalted Ruler Gordon Kalisz, Wait House Executive Director Jason McLaughlin, Wait House Executive Assistant Brooke Needham, Wait House Housing Specialist Sherry Terrio and Past Exalted Ruler Mark Walker.



Monticello Lodge #1544 donated 120 coats, hats and gloves to the Rutherford School in Monticello. Pictured with boxes containing the coat donations are, from left, Lodge Trustee Brian Johnson, Rutherford School Principal Veronica Serrano, Kyle McNair, Peter Kunz, Past District Deputy and Leading Knight James Gerrard II, Zac Jaycox, Tristen Jaycox and Assistant Principal Patrick Miraglia. The Monticello Elks added another \$500 to the grant, bringing the coat donation project total to \$4500.



Huntington Lodge #1565 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and donated over \$250 worth of sweats and shoes to the St. Hugh of Lincoln Outreach Program. The donation was made just in time before the first significant snow storm of the season hit the local area. Since the Lodge's last delivery of coats, the members of the Lodge were told that these newly purchased items had been quickly distributed to parishioners in need immediately following their delivery. St. Hugh representative Cedith is pictured as she greeted the members during the delivery.



Monticello Lodge #1544 donated 240 sets of winter coats, hats and gloves to students at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School and the Rutherford Elementary School in Monticello. The funding for the clothing came from a \$4000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant. The Lodge kicked in another \$500 to bring the project total to \$4500. Pictured from left in Fallsburg are: Zac Jaycox, Monticello Elks National Foundation Chair and Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer, Fallsburg Guidance Secretary Kristen Meyer, Past District Deputy and Leading Knight James Gerrard II and Tristen Jaycox.



Huntington Lodge #1565 used approximately \$220 from funds the Lodge received through the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to purchase 15 warm winter coats. The coats were distributed to the children who attend the after school program at the Tri-CYA center. Pictured here receiving these much needed items is "Miss Debbie", the Director at the Center, along with Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Lynne Stein.



Boonville Lodge #2158 recently donated \$500 to the Foothills Rural Community Ministry food pantry. The Lodge used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to support the donation. Lodge Trustee Mark Murtomaki is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of Boonville Lodge to Sonya Ellinger, the Director of Foothills Rural Community Food bank.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION—GRANTS IN ACTION



Boonville Lodge #2158 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant and donated \$500 to the Old Forge Library. Lodge Trustee and Past Exalted Ruler Jody Lynn Henry is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of Boonville Lodge to Linda Weal, Director of Old Forge library.



Port Jefferson Lodge #2138 used \$1000 provided through an Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant, and donated a large variety of food supplies to the St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, located in Selden, NY. This small, but very active Church, has a strong mission to serve people in need through the efforts within their Outreach Program. Pictured, left to right, with the donation of breakfast items, soups, pasta and canned vegetables are Past District Deputy Rick Ross, Exalted Ruler Chris Roche, and Past District Deputy and East District Liaison Anthony Florio.



Through the efforts of the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, the members of **Huntington Lodge #1565** were able to purchase and deliver some tasty items to the St. Hugh of Lincoln R.C. Church Outreach Program. The items were distributed to Parishioners in need during the recent Holiday Season. Past District Deputy Jack Stein is pictured presenting the donation to Church Outreach Director James Calero and his assistant for the Parish Outreach Program, "Cedith". Approximately \$125.00, worth of items were delivered.



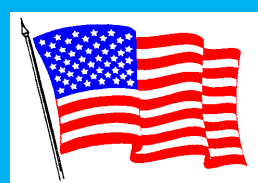
Riverhead Lodge #2044 used \$1000 provided by an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, and purchased a variety of coats, hats and gloves, which were then delivered to the Pulaski Street Elementary School. These items were distributed to children in need from the local Riverhead area. Pictured during the delivery of items are Riverhead Lodge member Deb Farkas, Elementary School Teacher Colleen Nizza, School Custodian Jonathan Trent and Past State Vice President Ted Farkas.



Thanks to funds received through the Elks National Foundation Spotlight and Beacon Grants, the members of **Port Jefferson Lodge #2138** purchased approximately \$1000 worth of much needed food supplies for the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, located in Ronkonkoma, NY. As pictured, these items included a variety of soups, pastas, canned fruits and vegetables and the desired mac and cheese meals. Pictured (l-r) are: Past District Deputy Rick Ross, Exalted Ruler Chris Roche, Past District Deputy and East District 6120 Liaison Tony Florio, along with Ann Kelly, a Representative of the Outreach Program from the Church.

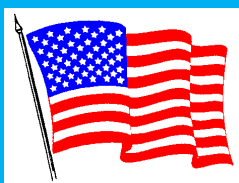


Potsdam Lodge #2074 donated \$250 to the Norwood-Norfolk Central School "Snack Pack" program. Lodge Leading Knight Shawn Morrill is pictured presenting the donation to Norwood -Norfolk Snack Pack Program Board Member Stephanie Murray. The Snack Program provides students of the Norwood-Norfolk Central School with healthy weekend snacks. The program provides over 210 Snack Packs each week to students in grades Pre-K to 8th grade. The Lodge used funds from an Elks National Foundation Grant to support the donation.



VETERANS ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS



Monticello Lodge #1544 "Elves" packed 54 boxes of food (including hams) for local veterans during the holiday season. Pictured with the donations are, From left (back row) Past Exalted Ruler Mike Brennan, Scott Cooper, Past District Deputy Jim Gerrard, Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer and Trustee Brian Johnson. Front row: Dennis Mandina, Peter Kunz and Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell. Also helping out, but not in the photo were Lecturing Knight David Welsch, Terry Atkins and Maggie Sheerer.



Members from **Beacon Lodge #** joined the Medical Foster Care group of the Hudson Valley VA system for a holiday breakfast. The Lodge members distributed Holiday gifts consisting of Elks Crafts, Elks Playing Cards, Word Find Books and warm gloves and socks. Pictured with the Veterans from L to R are Leading Knight Michael Zanzerella ,Veterans and VA Staff and Past District Deputy and Lodge Veterans Chair Carl Oken.



Beacon Lodge #1493 honored Veterans for their service with a Luncheon at the lodge. Veterans, along with their loved ones enjoyed a wonderful Luncheon with guest speakers from Community Outreach of Dutchess County and the Elks. This was all made possible with the use of an Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant. Pictured are some of the Veterans that attended the luncheon. .



Rochester Lodge #24 held a Music Festival Fundraiser to help fund an Honor Flight trip for five area Veterans. Kelly Eldredge, Lodge #24 Exalted Ruler Ken Maul and Sue Philips coordinated the event.



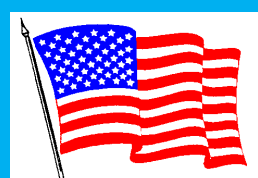
The New York State **East District 6120 VAVS** used funds received from the VAVS and hosted an annual "Drumming for Veterans" program at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook. Over \$600 worth of carefully chosen clothing was purchased for the residents at the Veteran's Home. Past District Deputy and VAVS Representative Jack Stein and Past District Deputy and East District 6120 Liaison Anthony Florio are pictured presenting the donation to the Veterans Home Volunteer Service Coordinator Samantha Calandrino.



Scotia Glenville Lodge #2759 members served ice cream and popcorn to patients and staff at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, New York, after a long three year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. Pictured, left to right, are the Lodge members that visited the VA Center. They are Colleen Lodge, Jeff Lodge, Sandra Ryder, Bev Bulson, Ted Bochenek, Curt Ryder, Greg Ames and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler John Pytlovany.

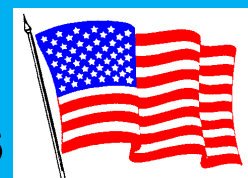


East District 6120 VAVS Representative Jack Stein, delivered several items taken from the "wish list" of the Northport VA Hospital during a recent visit. Included in this delivery were cozy lap blankets, toiletries and men's and women's apparel. Approximately \$1300 was utilized from funds received through the VAVS and the "Drumming for Veterans" efforts. Pictured during the delivery are Christen Butcher, Katie Poppe, and Jennifer Pohl (all from the staff for Volunteer Services) along with VAVS Representative, Past District Deputy Jack Stein. (Picture above right)



VETERANS ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS



Beacon Lodge #1493 provided a free Veterans Luncheon at the Lodge to 65 Veterans and their loved ones. The Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant provided the funds to sponsor this monthly event. Twelve members of the lodge volunteered to provide this well deserved event for our community Veterans. Pictured are some of the Veterans and family members who attended and enjoyed the lunch.



Hicksville Lodge #1931 presented a check for \$2000 to American Legion Post 1711 in an effort to support and recognize their members for the assistance they provide to the homeless veterans within their community. The funds donated for this initiative was provided by contributions received from the members of the Lodge and will be utilized to purchase much needed food and personal care items to veterans in need. Pictured during the donation presentation are, left to right, Members Robert Klebe and Robert Musilli, Trustee Fred Wedin, Exalted Ruler Carmine Asparro, American Legion Post Commander Michael Capillo, Leading Knight Gordon McDaniel, Member Pamela Marcinek, Trustee Frank Marcinek, Treasurer Anthony Dominick and Trustee Dennis Darcy.



Huntington Lodge #1565 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and delivered \$200 worth of canned vegetables, peanut butter and a variety of cereals for the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. The Veteran's Service agency, located in East Meadow, NY, provides numerous programs to assist veterans in all aspects of their daily lives. As part of their initiatives, which are devoted to improving quality of life, their well maintained food pantry remains in the forefront of their objective to provide good quality food to all veterans in need of this service. Pictured as the items were delivered are (l-r) Ralph Esposito, Director of NCVSA, Madelyn Lowery, Veteran, Frank Salamino, Veteran, Kristy Berghom, Volunteer along with Past District Deputy Jack Stein of Huntington Lodge #1565.



The **East District 6120 VAVS** recently provided residents at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook with several exciting items contained on their "wish list". Included in this delivery were: portable CD players, boombox radios, Kindles and adult coloring books all totaling \$1500. Thanks to the funds received from the VAVS and "Drumming for Veterans", these items will provide the veterans with hours of entertainment. Pictured during the delivery of the items are Samantha Calandrino, LMSW, Coordinator of Volunteer Services and Community Outreach along with VAVS Representative and Past District Deputy Jack Stein.

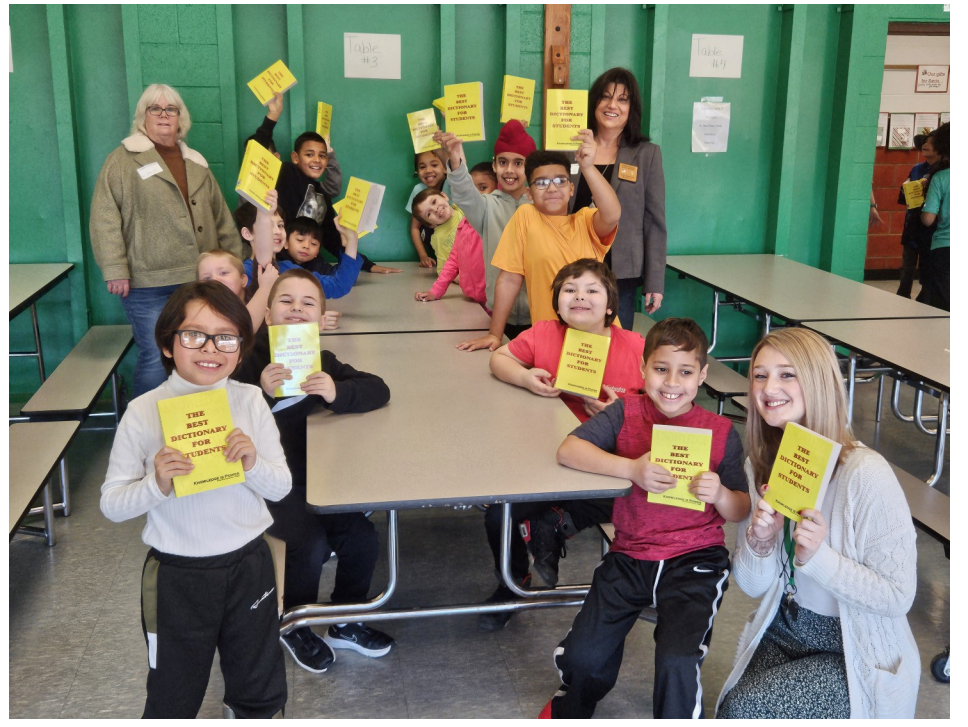


The **South District Lodges** delivered holiday cheer to the VA in St Albans. After bagging the gifts at New York Lodge #1, Past District Deputy and VAVS Representative John Nuzzi and others carted 127 Holiday gift bags to the St Albans VA Facility. They made personal presentations to a few of the Veterans, one being to the Female Veteran unit/A5. New York Lodge Veterans Chair Lois Anderson made special presentations to Ms Franklin of A5 unit, 24 male veterans, as well as 3 other Female Veterans. Each Veteran in the facility received a gift bag that members from New York Lodge #1, Brooklyn-Queensborough Lodge #878, and New Hyde Park – North Shore Lodge # 2107 packed with care. Those that were present to make the Delivery were Past District Deputy and VAVS Representative John M Nuzzi, Past District Deputy and Lodge 1 Sponsor Ron M Hansen, New York Lodge #1 Veterans Chair Lois Anderson, 1st VAVS Deputy and New York Lodge #1 member Richard Muniak, New Hyde Park-North Shore Lodge #2107 Secretary Kathy Lang, Past District Deputy/ 2nd VAVS Deputy and New Hyde Park-North Shore Lodge#2107 Treasurer Robert Giglio. (Picture to the left).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/SCOUTING



Mid-Westchester Lodge #535 Adaptive Boy Scout Troop 535 and Girl Scout Troop 1902 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet Luncheon. They joined Scouts across the country in celebrating Scout Anniversary Week. During the luncheon, the Scouts received their Pinewood Derby race car kits, in preparation for the competition in June. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all. Member Dan Cooke, Past Exalted Ruler Robert Lent and State Vice President Jay Singer are pictured with some of the scouts at the event.



Beacon Lodge #1493 distributed 216 Dictionaries to local schools. The Lodge used an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to fund the project. Dictionaries were distributed at Fishkill Elementary, Fishkill Plains Elementary and Gayhead Elementary School's. Youth Activities Chair Cathy Oken and Esteemed Loyal Knight Jeanine McAuley are pictured distributing dictionaries at Fishkill Elementary School.



Mid-Westchester Lodge #535 recognized Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 2 Rye, New York and from BSA Troop 1 Hawthorne, NY. Lodge Secretary and Past Exalted Ruler Ray Sculky had the honor of presenting Elks Eagle Recognition Awards to Eagle Scouts Matthew Pellegrini and Ferdinand Coghlan of BSA Troop 2 Rye, NY. He is pictured with Eagle Scout Matthew Pellegrini and Eagle Scout Ferdinand Coghlan as they showcase their recognition awards.



Brewster Lodge #2101 hosted a Student and Writer dinner and awards ceremony for students and their families. The students were selected from the Henry H. Wells Middle School for their writing skills, Academic's, effort and numerous other attributes that make them outstanding students. Pictured during the award presentations, left to right, in front row are Ariana Whitman, Sofia Antaloskey, Alison Gutierrez Cervantes, Valentina Samayoa and Bailey Charbonneau. In the back row are Youth Activities Chairman Peter Priolo, Henry Naughton, Ethan Allen Yu, Jacob Pantoja, Logan Klotz, Alan Damaso Lemus and Mark Tallerico.



Amsterdam Lodge #101 hosted youth for a free showing of The Polar Express and provided popcorn, hot cocoa, and decorate-your-own cookies during the movie. Some of the children attending are pictured as they enjoyed the movie.



Lodge Officers from the **Clifton Park Lodge #2466** toured the latest Eagle Scout service project from Scouts BSA Troop 246. The development of this playground was completed by Matthew Gersey (in uniform), the son of Lodge Treasurer Chris Gersey and his wife Britt. Lodge Officers are pictured with Matthew at the playground.



Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 hosted an Annual Santa Breakfast at the Don Bosco Community Center to benefit underprivileged families in Port Chester, NY. Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 400 Port Chester, Troop 420 Port Chester, Troop 2 Rye and Troop 35 Greenwich assisted members of Elks Lodge 535 and members from the Port Chester Community who cooked breakfast for over 1,200 people including adults and approx. 800 children. All children under the age of 18 received gifts from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Ray Sculky, Mid-Westchester Lodge 535 Lodge Secretary coordinated the event. The Toys were donated by members of the Westchester Country Toys for Tots Collection including \$1,500 worth of Toys donated by members of Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 and the South District Elks during their annual South District Holiday Party. (Picture to the left).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/SCOUTING



Auburn Lodge #474 held their annual Children's Christmas Party. Special guests Santa and Mrs. Clause were in attendance. The children enjoyed pizza, snacks and crafts during the party. 11 children and their families attended.



Exalted Ruler Paul Schneller and Esquire Amy Schneller of **New York Lodge #1** recently attended an Eagle Scout court of honor for three young gentlemen in Valley Stream Troop 116: Christian Dyer, James Patrick Tronsor and Nicolas Baez. Christian's project was cleaning up and beautifying the back yard of Holy Name of Mary Convent. James's project was that he refurbished and cleaned up a school's playground. Nicholas's project was refurbishing a little league field, one that he's played on many times. The Eagle Scouts are pictured with Exalted Ruler Paul Schneller and Esquire Amy Schneller proudly showcasing the award they received from the Lodge.



Beacon Lodge #1493, presented Certificate's to Student's of the month. 8th grade student Max Kupper, 7th grade student Everett MacIntyre and 6th grade student Eleanor Pearson are pictured receiving their certificates from Esteemed Loyal Knight Jeanine McAuley, Youth Activities Chair Cathy Oken and Esteemed Leading Knight Michael Zanzarella.



Beacon Lodge #1493 recognized 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Students and Teachers of the month at Rombout Middle School for December 2023 and January 2024. The students were chosen for their compassion, leadership and enthusiasm in school. Students received a certificate and gift card for their accomplishments. The teachers were selected by the students for making the lesson fun. The teachers received a certificate. Pictured during the award presentations are from (left-right) in front row: Teachers Laura Briehof, Kristen Simms, Kyran Patino (6th Grade/Dec.), DeJuan Rigby (7th Grade/Dec.), Victoria Maruggi (8th Grade/Dec.) Qahtan Murshed (6th Grade/Jan), Pixie Kimberg (7th Grade/Jan), Kaylyn Adusei (8th Grade/Jan), Mr. Joyce (Teacher/Dec.) Ainsa Alzate (Teacher/Jan) and back row: Lodge Chaplain Sharon Haviland, Youth Activities Chair Cathy Oken, and Esteemed Loyal Knight Jeanine McAuley,



Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge # 535 presented dictionaries for the 2023/2024 Dictionary Project. The Lodge distributed over 1,014, "A Student's Dictionary & Animal Gazetteer" to stimulate 3rd Grade student's interest. This edition also has many facts that third graders study and each dictionary was stamped with Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge logo. The dictionaries cost \$3,960.00. Past Exalted Ruler Bob Lent lead this project for the Lodge. The dictionaries were presented to each third-grade student at school Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District: JKF, Edison, King Street and Park Avenue Schools. Mount Pleasant Central School District: Columbus Elementary School. White Plains City School District: Church Street, George Washington, Mamaroneck Avenue, Post Road and Ridgeway Schools. Past Exalted Ruler Jay Singer is pictured presenting at Columbus Elementary School, Thornwood, New York.



Brewster Lodge #2101 recently hosted a Student and Writer of the 2nd Quarter awards and dinner ceremony for students and their families. Framed certificates were presented. The students were selected from Henry H. Wells Middle school for their writing skills, academic efforts, and numerous other attributes that make them outstanding students. Pictured during the awards ceremony are left to right: in Front row: Alexandra Moravick, Angie Gomez Choc, Marjorie Palma Soto, Ava Plouffe, Isabella Coraza Zepeda, Melissa Quijada Lopez. In the Back row: Youth Activities Chairman Peter Priolo, Treasurer Millie Giordano, Tyler Semple, Samuel Kugel, William Gonzalez Mejia, Tiler Graig Gronert, Lecturing Knight Dan Giordano and Trustee Kevin Rogers.



Glens Falls Lodge #81 presented a \$500.00 check donation to the SUNY Adirondack Foundation for a student scholarship. The Lodge plans to continue this annually. Pictured during the donation presentation are Leading Knight Frank Farrell, PER/Trustee Bruce Imrie, Exalted Ruler Gordie Kalisz, Treasurer Richard Edwards, Executive Director of the SUNY Adirondack Foundation Rachael Hunsinger Patten, and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Kevan Mylott. (Picture to the left)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/SCOUTING



Islip Lodge #2533 members distributed over 140 dictionaries during a recent visit to JFK Elementary School in East Islip. The Lodge received many thanks from Principal Theresa Carino. Lodge Treasurer John Tramosch is pictured with some of the very happy students the members encountered during the day.



Mid-Westchester Lodge #535 hosted the CPW's Adaptive Boy Scout Troup #535 and Girl Scout Troop #1902 annual Blue and Gold Banquet Luncheon. Scouts from across the country participated as they celebrated Scout Anniversary Week. During the luncheon, the Scouts received their Pinewood Derby race car kits, in preparation for the competition in June. Pictured at the event are Lodge volunteers, from right to left: Dan Cooke, Past Exalted Ruler Robert Lent and Past State Vice President Jay Singer.



The **Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074** Annual Hockey Shoot was recently held at Pine Street Arena in Potsdam, New York. A record setting 63 area students competed in this year's shoot out. Competitors competed in 5 age divisions with the top three from each division receiving awards. This year's champions were Grace Haggett - Girls 5 and under; Chase Gaebel - Boys 5 and under; Amelia Knowlton - Girls 6-7; Luke Buchanan - Boys 6-7; Harper LaFave - Girls 8-9; Nolan Archer - Boys 8-9, Eloise Butlin - Girls 10-11; Cameron Whiteford - Boys 10-11; and Xavier Clookey - Boys 12-13. Second and third place honors were achieved by Easton Sessions (2nd) and Liam Lint (3rd) in the Boys 5 and under; Allie Rae O'Shea (2nd) and Chloe Jaey (3rd) in the Girls 6-7; Walter Butlin (2nd) and Kaleb Baxter (3rd) in the Boys 6-7; Willow Ladison (2nd) and Melody Decker (3rd) in the Girls 8-9; Max Arnold (2nd) and Shea Robert (3rd) in the Boys 8-9; Isla Lacourse (2nd) and Lila Ladison (3rd) in the Girls 10-11; Brody Thomas (2nd) and Darren Potter (3rd) in the Boys 10-11; and Luke Francis (2nd) and Ryan Murray (3rd) in the Boys 12-13. Potsdam Lodge #2074 extends congratulations to all the competitors and division winners. Many thanks go out to event volunteers Mary Charleston, Mike Pinckney, Linda LaFave, Tim Welpel, Rick Robar, Emily Pinckney, Brandon O'Shea, Shawn Spadaccini, Emily Robar, Willow Foster, Ben Gaebel, Ange Lovely, Owen Lovely, Quinn McGaheran, Kayden McGaheran and Ryan Charlebois.



Massapequa Lodge #2162 held their Annual Children's Christmas Party for children with Cerebral Palsy and Autism. The Lodge used funds received from their latest Murder Mystery Party fundraiser for Major Project. With approximately 150+ attendees, each child received a "Squishmallow" from Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with a luncheon with plenty of desserts. The children all had pictures taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. member Joann McCann and a.k.a. Leading Knight Tom Harrington) to complete the fun-filled days' event.

West Regional Hoop Shoot: The West Regional Competition was held at the beginning of February with the following winners: Girls Boys 8-9 yr olds: 1st—Giovanna Sanon (Newark) 1st—Logan Swartout (Horseheads) 2nd—Mya Teed (Watkins Glen) 2nd—Drew Battle (Canandaigua) 10-11 yr olds: 1st —Sylvia Bysiek (Hornell) 1st—Matthew Delisanti (Canandaigua) 2nd—Samantha Shulla (Newark) 2nd—Josia Greene (Elmira) 12-13 yr olds: 1st—Allie Sherman (Rochester) 1st—Anson Foster (Penn Yan) 2nd—Leah Antes (Watkins Glen) 2nd—Brennan McCullough (Horseheads) Most Consecutive Baskets Awards: 8 Baskets—Allie Sherman 25 Baskets—Logan Swartout.



The New York State **South Regional Hoop Shoot**, held in Islip, NY, was attended by over 100 attendees including participants from Hudson Valley, East Central, South and East Districts, proud parents, family members and friends as well as our own State President Kevin Connolly. This event was hosted by State Vice President Joe D'Angelo and the members of Islip Elk Lodge #2533. Islip Lodge arranged for a wonderful luncheon immediately following the event where awards were presented to the winners. Pictured are the contest volunteers along with NYSEA President Kevin Connolly and State Vice President Joe D'Angelo.

Community Activities "Elks...Feel the Energy"



The **Hudson Valley District #6180** partnered with the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps and conducted their annual Toys for Tots drive 2023. The Marines presented the District with a plaque in appreciation for our outstanding support and continued generous contributions to the Toys for Tots program. Over 700 toys were collected for distribution. Pictured, left to right, Past Exalted ruler Harry Sherblom of Brewster Lodge 2101, and Past State Vice President and Event Coordinator Ron Piga and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Atllano Rivera Jr, Beacon Lodge #1493. The Marines are from the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 49.



Liverpool Lodge 2348 conducted their annual Christmas food drive at Nichols Supermarket in Liverpool. They were able to collect 292 non perishables and 28 hams and \$595 in cash.



The Ladies of **Malone Lodge #1303** assisted hundreds of youth from the Malone community who had a simple request for Santa – personal hygiene items. The Ladies assisted in establishing collaborations with other organizations and businesses and collected the following items: shower gels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, hair brushes/combs, and washcloths/loofas. These items were provided to the youth who requested items.



Mid-Westchester Lodge #535 and 15 Cubs Scouts from Pack 535 and 12 Girl Scouts from Troop 1902 located at the Bridge School - Cerebral Palsy of Westchester collected gifts for Toys For Tots toy drive as part of their community service projects. They collected 20 toys worth approximately \$300.00 that were delivered after a special holiday luncheon to Toys for Tots program in Westchester County. The Lodge also made sure all the Scouts each received a special holiday gift to thank them for all their hard work this year. State Vice President Jay Singer, Exalted Ruler Tom Geary, Past Exalted Ruler Bob Lent and Dan Cook from Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 organized the event.



Rochester Lodge #24 hosted their second annual First Responders Appreciation Dinner. The Lodge recognized Jenny Bartholomay of CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare as 2023 EMT of the Year; Jeff Blair of the Henrietta Fire District as 2023 Firefighter of the Year; and Deputy Nicole Gorman of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office as 2023 Deputy of the Year. The honorees each received a plaque from Rochester Elks Lodge #24 recognizing their service, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Medal of Valor.



Hicksville Lodge #1931 used \$500 from funds raised by the members of the Lodge #1931, and purchased an assortment of toys that were donated to the Berkshire Farm Center. The Center services Youth enrolled in their Long Island Foster Care Program. The members of the Lodge took great interest in ensuring that these children received happiness during the recent Holiday Season. Pictured (l-r) are Lodge member Ivan Rodriguez, Trustee Francis Marcinek. Lodge Member Pamela Marcinek, Exalted Ruler Carmine Asparro, Trustee Fred Wedin, Lodge Chaplain Richard O'Neill and Berkshire Farm Center Foster Care Coordinator Morgan Neuhedel.

Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 hosted Children's Christmas Party. Over 70 children participated and Santa Claus visited the Lodge. All the children had fun and the Lodge treated everyone to complimentary pizza.

Watertown Lodge #496 hosted an Annual Harvest Dinner for Area Senior Citizens. This event was once again a big success. Made possible by generous donations from Lodge members, over 550 dinners were served. Many Lodge members volunteered at the event cook, prepare and pack dinners for area Senior Citizens. There were several drivers that delivered the turkey dinner to senior facilities in the area.

Community Activities "Elks...Feel the energy"



Utica Lodge #33 presented a \$1000 donation to the Utica Center for Development (UCD) to purchase items of necessity such as socks, blankets, and slippers. These items will be distributed to those who need them and to residents of the Center's permanent supportive units and their transitional housing units. These housing assistance programs are just one of the numerous services offered to Veterans by the Utica Center for Development, a 501c3 corporation. Pictured during the donation presentation are, L to R Front Row: Lodge Treasurer Robin Carson, Grant Writer, Kathy Kraus. L to R Back Row: UCD Outreach Coordinator, Jeff Ostrander, Cory O'Connor Utica Lodge #33 Lodge Trustee, UCD Outreach Founder and Executive Director Vincent Scalise, Utica Lodge #33 Exalted Ruler, Dan Kenney and Utica Lodge #33 Lecturing Knight Christopher Ford.



Liverpool Lodge #2348 donated food products and a check for \$965 to New Life CNY. The donation is for Weekend Power Packs for students in Liverpool Schools. The donation was made from the proceeds of the Spotlight Grant. Pictured during the donation presentation are L-R, Grant Coordinator Jean Giuseppetti, New Life CNY Representative Sheri Meier, Leading Knight Ken Light, and Dennis Seeber,



Members from the **Auburn Lodge #474** volunteered ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Past Exalted Ruler Phyllis Allen, Member Theresa Denson and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Fritz Allen are pictured ringing the bell. Other members who volunteered who are not pictured are Trustee Lee Brew and Past Exalted Ruler Peter O'Connor.



New York Lodge #1 presented students at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School in East Rockaway with a karaoke machine. The idea for the karaoke came about when District Drug Awareness Chair Brian Steckler visited the school during Red Ribbon Week and learned the students loved to sing. He is pictured, along with Past District Deputy John Nuzzi, Past District Deputy Ron Hansen and Past District Deputy Bill Bock as they presented the school with their very own karaoke machine. The students were very excited to receive the gift. Also pictured are School Principal Jack Bixhorn and school social worker Maureen Schutta.



Elmira Lodge #62 partnered with the Habitat for Humanity of Chemung County and hosted a Cornhole tournament fundraiser. 42 teams participated in the tournament and the event raised \$4,300 for the Habitat for Humanity Ramp Program. Lodge member Justin Faulkner coordinated the event. He is pictured presenting a donation in the amount of \$4,300 to Emily Barrett, the Executive Director for Habitat of Humanity of Chemung County.



Utica Lodge #33 donated \$1000 to the Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen. This "all volunteer" organization serves a hot lunch Monday through Friday and a bagged lunch on weekends. From August through November, volunteers prepared and served over 17,000 lunch time meals to the hungry of West Utica. Pictured at St. Patrick Church during the donation presentation are, left to right; Utica Lodge #33 Exalted Ruler Dan Kenney, Mother Marianne's Kitchen Manager Michael Pilot and Utica Lodge #33 Member and Grant Writer Kathy Kraus.



The **South District** Veterans committee, consisting of members from New York Lodge #1, Brooklyn Queensborough Lodge #878 and New Hyde Park - North Shore Lodge #2107 held their annual packing of holiday gifts at New York Lodge #1. The gifts consisted of clothing, puzzle books, toiletries and a canteen book were provided to over 120+ Veteran's at the St Albans VA, CLC. District members donated gifts and New York Lodge #1 Chair Lois Anderson did the shopping for most of the gifts.



Scotia-Glenville Lodge assisted three families through their Adopt-a-Family project. Lodge members were able to provide wrapped gifts of toys, clothing, household essentials, and grocery gift cards for the three families. Lodge members that assisted with the gift wrapping are pictured with the wrapped gifts.

Community Activities "Elks... Feel the Energy"



Huntington Lodge #1565 members learned that there were new students arriving at the Huntington High School that were in desperate need of clothing and that food was also needed to replenish the pantry shelves at Tri-CYA in Huntington Station. With this in mind, the members quickly shopped and delivered all of the necessities to the Social Worker at the center for distribution. Pictured is "Ms. Debbie" as she received some of these items. Approximately \$450, received through the efforts of the Beacon Grant, was utilized for the items donated.



Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074 supported the Parishville - Hopkinson Central School Snack Pack Program with a \$250 donation. The Lodge used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Grant to assist with the donation. Lodge Community Activities Chair Tim Welpé is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of Potsdam Lodge to Amy Murphy and Chelsea Johnston from PCSD.



Massapequa Lodge #2162 members conducted fundraising events and donated 12 "Blessing Bags" to the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church's Outreach Program. Each bag included a gift card and food, each valued at approximately \$65.00. These were distributed by the Church to local families in need.



The members of **Huntington Lodge #1565** have been working with Social Worker Samira Lopez-Johnson, at the Northwell Health Dolan Family Health Center in Huntington Station, for many years and learning what items are most needed by their outpatients was easily obtainable. As in many cases in the past, the need for diapers and baby wipes are the most frequently requested items, particularly for newborns. Social worker Samira is pictured as she gratefully accepted the delivery. The small storage area, that is provided by the Center, was completely void of these products and the items were quickly distributed.



Mid-Westchester Lodge # 535 received the Freedom Grant Classic in the amount of \$3000. Since receiving the grant the Lodge has made 5 deliveries to the Montrose / Hudson Valley Veterans Administration Hospital Food Pantry. Most recently, the food items requested by the food pantry included Apple Juice, Cranberry Grape Juice, Vegetable Oil, Marinara Sauce, Pasta and Cereal. The Lodge purchased food staples that the Food Pantry requests and that they are in short supply of and can't get from the regional food pantry. This is a 10-month project. The most recent donation was valued at \$814.68. To date, the Lodge total value of donated food is \$3,288.12. Volunteers from Montrose/Hudson Valley Veterans Administration Hospital Food Pantry are pictured accepting the delivery from Past State Vice President Jay Singer and Nicole Embry.



After speaking with the Outreach Manager at the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Huntington, the members of **Huntington Lodge #1565** learned that some specific items were desperately needed in their pantry. With the list in hand, members shopped for coffee, sugar, paper goods, canned fruit, laundry detergent, dish soap, mayonnaise, pasta sauce and olive oil. Celeste and her Outreach Assistant are pictured as they happily greeted Lodge members with 2 shopping carts in tow. Approximately \$450 from funds received through the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, was utilized to support this donation.

The **Massapequa Lodge #2162** Veterans Committee sponsored a breakfast at the Northport VA Hospital for over 50 veterans who were part of the Adaptive Sports and PTSD Clinics. Breakfast included bacon, eggs, sausage, French toast and an array of muffins and rolls with a delicious fruit platter. \$650, raised by the members of the Lodge, was utilized for this effort. A great time was had by all!

Community Activities

"Elks... Feel the Energy"



Watertown Lodge #496 donated \$2,000 to CAPC. The Lodge has a Warm Hands, Warm Feet Program and members made donations to support the program. This donation is to help area less fortunate kids get new boots and mittens to stay warm through our cold winter months. Lodge #496 Warm Feet, Warm Hand chairperson Kathy Converse and Exalted Ruler Anne Fleming are pictured presenting the donation to a CAPC representative.



Gouverneur Lodge #2035 hosted an annual Children's Christmas Party at the Lodge during the recent holiday season. The event had a fantastic turnout with approximately 350 children attending. Each child had the opportunity to visit with Santa and received a Christmas gift. Pictured are just some of the many gifts purchased by Lodge members. Numerous Lodge members assisted with the gift purchasing, wrapping, set-up and during the event.



Potsdam Lodge #2074 provided the Potsdam Snack Pack Program with a \$400 donation. The Lodge used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Grant to support the donation. Potsdam Snack Pack Coordinator Lynzie Schulte and volunteers Dylis, Joy, Jane, Kaitlin, Cheyenne, Ann, Shannon, and Tori are pictured receiving the donation.



Potsdam Lodge #2074 donated \$400 to the Ethan Mills "Pot of Gold" Jamboree. Community Activities Chair Tim Welpé is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of the Lodge to Ethan, his mom, sister and event coordinator Colby Downey and her children.



Gouverneur Lodge #2035 continued its long history of honoring Senior Citizens by hosting a free dinner during the holiday season. The dinner is an annual event. Approximately 250 Senior Citizens from the Gouverneur community and near-by communities attended the dinner. Some of many Seniors in attendance are pictured as they wait in the serving line to receive their dinner.



Carthage Lodge #1762 hosted the 2024 North Central District Hoop Shoot Contest. The contest was held at Carthage High School and was coordinated by District Hoop Shoot Chair Robert Sligar. Following the contest, there was an award ceremony and the contestants and their families were treated to a pizza. The first, second and third place award winners are pictured at the conclusion of the award presentation ceremony with District Hoop Shoot chair Robert Sligar, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Adam Fuller and Past State President Tim Kelly. (Picture to the left).

Community Activities "Elks...Feel the Energy"



Amsterdam Lodge #101 held a collection for toys that were later distributed to Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery counties. Lodge Trustee Peter DeMasi is pictured with Alice Burgado from the Montgomery County Catholic Charities site as he delivered very large bags of toys.



Boonville Lodge #2158 used proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant and recently donated \$500 to Erwin Library. Exalted Ruler Dale Schultz is pictured as he presented the donation on behalf of Boonville Lodge to Library Assistant Jessica Ford.



Catskill Lodge #1341 members were honored to host a hot breakfast for the Veterans at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, New York. Pictured at the breakfast are Lodge volunteers Jeff Winters, Martha McPartland, Leading Knight Bob Near, Past District Deputy Jack Lubera and Past Exalted Ruler Mike Archambault.

Greenwich Lodge #2223 used the proceeds from a Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant and presented a \$200 donation to the Hometown Hero's Program. Veterans Chair Bruce Jordan, Exalted Ruler Jill Lloyd, and State Vice President Jason Lloyd are pictured as they presented the donation to Renee Farley from the Malta Veterans Appreciation Program. This donation will support the Homes for Hometown Hero's program which will be rebuilding this home for a veteran in need. (Picture to the right).



Clifton Park Lodge #2466 provided veterans recovering at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center with ice cream cones and fresh popcorn. Pictured at the VA Center are Bill Williams, Cathy McGrath, Veteran and current Ladies Auxiliary President Julia Holcomb and Lodge Veterans Chair Toby Watkins.



Clifton Park Lodge #2466, with the help of Cub Scout Pack 45 ensured that meals for the men's and woman's Veterans Homes in Ballston Spa had some delicious deserts. The scouts, with assistance from family and Pack Leaders, whipped up some homemade cookies for the Lodge to deliver with the dinners.



Fulton Lodge #830 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and donated \$500 worth of foods to the Hannibal Backpack Program. The Hannibal Backpack Program serves 125 children per week with food insecurities, by providing them with food for the weekend or school break. Past Exalted Ruler and Loyal Knight Dave Ormsby and Secretary Rene Ormsby are pictured with Donna Blake from the Hannibal Backpack Program.



Community Activities "Elks...Feel the Energy"



Herkimer Lodge #1439 and **Ilion Lodge #1444** participated in their annual "battle of the bells". This friendly competition is an annual tradition in Central New York. District Deputy Conrad Dowhaniak is pictured as he took his turn ringing the Salvation Army bell during the recent holiday.



Ken Ton Lodge #1942 hosted an annual Lodge Hoop Shoot. Pictured at the registration table as they awaited the arrival of the Hoop Shoot contestants, front row left to right are Lodge volunteers Rita Pollanger, Kathy Monaghan and Diane Wacker and in back row are volunteers Linda Beutner and Sue Lefler.



Scotia-Glenville Lodge #2759 used the proceeds from Elk National Foundation funds to donate \$1,000 to Things Of My Very Own. The funds will be used to assist Things Of My Very Own in their work of assisting families and children in crisis. Rick and Deb Kruk are pictured as they presented the donation on behalf of the Lodge to Rayn Boncie, founder of Things Of My Very Own.



Massapequa Lodge #2162 partnered with LifeVac of Nesconset and donated an assortment of toys worth \$400 to the John Theissen Children's Foundation during the recent Holiday Season. Founded in 1992, this Foundation is dedicated to providing hope and healing to sick and underprivileged children across Long Island. The funds utilized for this annual classic toy drive were raised by members of the Lodge. The toys were then delivered by members Arthur Lih, Lisa Lih, Hedi Felix and Margaret Keogh.

After receiving a call from Social worker "Jean" from the TRI-CYA Center in Huntington, the members of **Huntington Lodge #1565** quickly shopped for additional coats and clothing for 2 students attending Huntington High School. Thanks to the efforts of the funds received through the Beacon Grant, along with the Lodge's strong working relationship with the representatives of TRI-CYA, these requests are easily obtainable. A total of \$197 was utilized for this event. Social Worker Jean is pictured with the items provided. (Picture to the left).

Lyons Lodge #869 used proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant and donated \$100 to the Lyons Central School Drug Awareness Program. Past Exalted Ruler Chris VanDWalle and member Linda Wunder presented the donation on behalf of the Lodge to Principal Chris Taylor

Community Activities "Elks...Feel the Energy"



Huntington Lodge #1565 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and delivered \$200 worth of personal care and paper good items to the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. The Helping Hands Rescue Mission, located in Huntington Station, NY, is one of the most active food pantries in the local area serving over 200 families each week. In addition to the items usually delivered such as soups, canned vegetables and potatoes, cereals, tuna, chicken salad and condiments, the members of Huntington Lodge learned that personal care items and paper goods were also in dire need of replacement on their very active shelves. Past District Deputy Lynne Stein is pictured as the trunk load of these non perishable items were being delivered.



Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074 donated \$300 to the Hospice "When Grief Comes to School" Program in loving memory of Christian House. Lodge Community Activities Chair Tim Welpé is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of the Lodge to Hospice Director of Development and Community Relations Zachary Monroe and Hospice Director of Family Support Services Mary Jones.



Beacon Lodge #1493 recently recognized 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students of the month at Haldane Middle School. The students were chosen for their compassion, leadership and enthusiasm in school. Each student received a certificate and gift card for their accomplishments. Cold Sping Pizza co-sponsored this event, with the Lodge. Pictured, left to right, in front row are award winners Tanya Syan (8th Grade/Dec.) Kirra McCoy (8th Grade/Jan), Gavin Lyons-King (7th Grade/Jan), Ellie Shields 7th Grade/Dec.), MiaCruz DiGilio (6th Grade/Jan), Vincenzo Pidala (6th Grade/Dec.) and Back row - Lodge Chaplain Sharon Haviland, Youth Activities Chair Cathy Oken, and Esteemed Loyal Knight Jeanine McAuley,



In a recent conversation with representatives from the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church Outreach Program, the members from **Huntington Lodge # 1565** learned of their need for fresh meat and poultry in addition to household supplies, diapers and various personal care items. The Lodge used approximately \$225 from An Elks National Foundation Grant to purchase the items. Denis, a representative from the church is

Huntington Lodge #1565 used the proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and donated approximately \$180 of food items to assist Island Harvest in replacing much needed items for their warehouse. The members of Huntington Lodge provided an array of soups, canned vegetable and fruits, breakfast bars and condiments in their most recent delivery.

During a meeting with the head of St. Hugh's Outreach Center, James Calero, the members of **Huntington Lodge #1565** learned of the Outreach Center's desperate need for winter coats for both adults and children of their Parish. In view of this, \$290 dollars were utilized from funds received through the Beacon Grant, to purchase 15 coats for the Outreach Center to distribute.

Auburn Lodge #474 used proceeds from both an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and Gratitude Grant and donated \$9000 to the Scat Van. Pictured at the donation presentation are Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Fritz Allen PDDGER, Volunteer Edward Kustyn, Scat Van Executive Director Susan Van Epps, Scat Van Board President Bob Steigerwald, Head Dispatcher Melanie Bassett, volunteer Lee Brew, Past Exalted Ruler Phyllis Allen and Past Board Member Peter O'Connor. (Picture to the left).





NEW YORK STATE ELKS 75th. ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY THE N.Y.S. ELKS ASSOCIATION - CERTIFIED BY USBC

DATES OF TOURNAMENT

April 6th and 7th April 13th and 14th

April 20th and 21st April 27th and April 28th May 4th and May 5th

Hosted By:

Vestal Lodge #2508
2071 Vestal Parkway West
Vestal NY 13850
(607)748-0081

Team Event

Ideal Bowling Center
119 Jennings Street
Endicott NY 13760
(607)748-3546

Doubles & Singles

Ripics Carousel Lanes
137 Laurel Avenue
Binghamton NY 13905
(607)723-8344



*** RESERVATIONS CLOSE 12/30/2023 - ENTRIES CLOSE 3/01/2024 ***

Four Man Team

Team Name In Full: _____
Lodge Name: _____ Lodge Number: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Leave Blank	USBC #	Team Lineup (Must Bowl In Position Entered)		Sex	2022-2023	2023-2024
		First Name	MI	MF	Highest Average	Highest Average
		Membership#				
		Zip Code:				
		Membership#				
		Zip Code:				
		Membership#				
		Zip Code:				

RESERVED DATES/TIME TEAM:

DATE: ____/____/2024

TIME: _____

DOUBLES AND SINGLES

DATE: ____/____/2024

TIME: _____

If no reservations enter preferred date below

1st Choice: _____

Official Use Only

Entry Number: _____

Amount Received: _____

Date Received: ____/____/____

DOUBLES AND SINGLES - YOU MUST BOWL IN BOTH EVENTS

Leave Blank	USBC #	Team Lineup (Must Bowl In Position Entered)		Sex	2022-2023	2023-2024	Check Box If Paying Fee to Enter All Events	
		First Name	MI	MF	Highest Average	Highest Average		
							\$5.00	
		Membership#						
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		Membership#						

ALL EVENTS OPTIONAL

NO RANDOM LANE ASSIGNMENTS

SQUAD TIMES AND 80% HANDICAP RULES ON REVERSE SIDE

Mandatory Confirmation Information: Team Contact Name _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Lodge Verification: I hereby certify that all participants are bonafide members of lodge # _____

Lodge Secretary's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Captain's Name: _____ Email _____

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All entrants must be members in good standing of the B.P.O. Elks to whom the tournament is restricted. **THE SECRETARY OF EACH LODGE MUST CERTIFY THIS MEMBERSHIP.**

The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Moral Support certification granted by the USBC. All games shall be played in strict compliance with the playing rules thereof.

USBC and Non-USBC members may participate in a Moral Support Certified Tournament with **HIGH SCORE** Recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible **NON-CERTIFIED** members can qualify for **HIGH SCORE RECOGNITION** at their option by paying a \$22.00 fee prior to bowling for which USBC will issue an unattached membership card.

AN ENTRANT OR REPLACEMENT MAY BOWL ONLY ONCE IN EACH EVENT. Substitutes provided by the **HOST LODGE** may bowl more than once but cash prizes will be paid to the original entrant only and the first score bowled will count for all their events.

Substitutions may be made at any time but **NO SUBSTITUTIONS FOR SINGLES OR ALL EVENTS** may be made once an entrant or a replacement has started bowling in either event. No substitutions shall cause the original position of bowling of any other applicant to change.

The entering average for this tournament shall be the bowler's **HIGHEST CERTIFIED LEAGUE AVERAGE**, for a minimum of 21 games, for the 22-23 season. If a bowler's current season's average (minimum 21 games) as of March 1, 2024 is 10 pins or more above their average for the 22-23 season's average (minimum 21 games), current season average must be used. If a bowler has no average for the 22-23 Season, current season average at the time of entry for 21 or more games is to be used. If a bowler has no average from 2022 thru 2024 they must bowl scratch.

Averages for all winning scores will be verified by the Tournament Committee by

Means of **BOWL.COM** **SPORT AVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ENTRANT TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THEIR AVERAGE AS SUBMITTED BY THE ENTRANT, A TEAM CAPTAIN OR OTHER. FAILURE TO USE THE PROPER AVERAGE OR MAKE A CORRECTION PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST GAME IN THE FIRST EVENT BOWLED SHALL CAUSE THE SCORE TO BE DISQUALIFIED IF THE ACTUAL AVERAGE IS HIGHER THAN SUBMITTED. WHEN THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE IS HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE, THE SUBMITTED AVERAGE WILL BE USED

BRACKETS WILL BE OFFERED FOR EACH AND EVERY SQUAD

SQUAD DATES DAYS AND TIMES

April 6th and 7th April 13th and 14th April 20th and April 21st
April 27th and April 28th May 4th and 5th

TEAM EVENT

SATURDAY 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

DOUBLES AND SINGLES EVENT

SATURDAY 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

Handicap for this tournament shall be 80% of the difference between the participant's entering average and 220 with a maximum of 70 pins per game allowed

Any participant who has qualified for a prize fund of \$200.00 or more in a tournament certified or uncertified within the 12 month period prior to the time of entry, must report those winnings **IN WRITING**, including the actual score, position of finish and the amount of the prize money won.

For this tournament, Rules 319E is not in effect.

ENTRANTS SHOULD REGISTER ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED TIME OF BOWLING. Any entry failing to appear at the lanes at the scheduled time shall forfeit the entry. Bowlers arriving late for any event will receive a "0" for the frames missed.

Tournament management will not permit any undue delay in the progress of any game and reserves the right to remove any participant from the lane for delay or other just cause.

Entry Fee for this tournament is allocated as follows:

	Team	Doubles	Singles	All Events
Prize Fee	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Bowling	\$42.00	\$21.00	\$10.50	-
Expenses	\$18.00	\$9.00	\$3.50	-
Total	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$5.00

Breakdown \$80.00 per person

Prize Funds shall be returned 100% with a ratio of one for each 5 entries or major fraction thereof in team, doubles and singles, and one prize per 10 entries in all events.

All entries are subject to the approval of the General Chairman.

It is understood that premature termination of this tournament or cancellation of any entry resulting from a cause beyond the control of the New York State Elks Association, the host Vestal Lodge #2508 or the bowling center, shall cause the prize fund to be pro-rated based on the number of entries bowled up to the time of termination. The liability to an entry which has not bowled shall be limited to the refund of the entry paid.

RESERVATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 30th 2023

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 1ST 2024

All entries must be postmarked by MIDNIGHT 3/1/2024

FULL REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY

Make checks payable to the N.Y.S. Elks Bowling Tournament

Mail completed entries and fees to

N.Y.S. Elks Bowling Tournament

Vestal Lodge #2508

2071 Vestal Parkway West

Vestal NY 13850

Attn: Michael Sage

Lodge Contact

Chair Michael Sage - (607) 206-7645/strike39@yahoo.com

Co-Chair John Gardner - (607) 743-5434/jkgardner@gmail.com

Reservations Dina Fields - (607) 821-8889/

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Lodge Phone Number (607) 748-0081/elks2508@gmail.com

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Friday's

Lodge opens at 12:00pm

The kitchen will be serving our Bar Menu from 6:00pm-8:00pm (Members Lounge)

DJ and/or Karaoke from 8:00pm-11:00pm (Members Lounge)

Saturday's

Lodge will open at 10:00am on Tournament Weekends

The kitchen will be serving our Bar Menu from 11:00am-1:00pm (Members Lounge)

The kitchen will be serving dinner from 5:00pm-8:00pm (Backroom)

Casino Night from 8:00pm-10:30pm (Backroom)

Bands will perform from 8:00pm-11:00pm (Members Lounge)

Sunday's

Lodge opens at 12:00pm

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Double Occupancy \$550.62 per person

Wednesday to Sunday (5 days /4 nights) May 15-19, 2024

Traditional Room

Main building or Non-Connecting
(Two Double or Two Queen Beds)
Single Occupancy \$993.82 per person
Double Occupancy \$680.02 per person

One Bedroom Suite

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The above three-night and four-night packaged rates are per stay per person and includes lodging and meetings; all meals beginning with dinner on arrival through breakfast on departure day; cocktail party; state & local taxes and gratuities. ***Main Building Room requests are on a first come first serve basis.***

Optional Golf Special for Wednesday, May 15: 18-holes of Golf including cart for \$65.00 per person
Optional "Room Only" early arrival rate for Tuesday or Wednesday: \$155.00 per room plus tax and gratuities

CUT-OFF DATE: April 6, 2024

CHECK-IN TIME: 4:00PM **CHECK-OUT TIME:** 12:00PM

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: A \$150.00 per room deposit is required for each reservation; please fax this reservation form with your deposit by April 6, 2024 to 845-887-4824 OR e-mail to KMullally@villaroma.com or Hbauer@villaroma.com

CANCELLATION: Individual cancellations will be accepted until 12:00pm on Monday, May 13, 2024 without penalty. A cancellation after this date will result in a charge in the amount of a "one night stay" being charged.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

First & Last Name _____

No. of Guests in Room _____ Roommate Name(s): _____

Mailing Address _____ Email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____

CC# _____ Type _____ Exp date _____ Security Code _____

OR: Note other form of payment: _____

Room Type Requested: _____

Special Requests/Dietary Restrictions: _____

District Name / Lodge Name/# _____