



# New York State Elks Association E-Zine



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### QuickBooks Templates for Lodges

A great many Lodges use the QuickBooks program for their financial record keeping. However, not all the lodges that use Quick-Books have setup the accounts to match the Grand Lodge Chart of Accounts as recommended in the Auditing, Accounting, and Management Manual. Business Practices Chair Bob Acquanita has provided templates, available on the NY State website, [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org)

### Summer/Fall Empire State Elk Mailed

The latest edition of the Empire State Elk has gone out, but if you misplaced yours, or want to see it in FULL COLOR, check it out at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org).

### Elks GL Government Relations

**Seminar** presentation dealing with IRS audits is now available at the New York State Elks website.

### Brewster Gives Dictionaries

On October 26, members of the Brewster Elks Lodge #2101 presented over 525 dictionaries to 4th and 5th graders at the C.V. Starr Intermediate School.

### Lowville Veteran's Luncheon

On Monday, October 12, Lowville Elks Lodge 1605 held it's annual Veterans Remembrance Luncheon. All area veterans from all services were invited to a special luncheon honoring their service and commitment to our country. Nearly 100 veterans and their significant others enjoyed a hot lunch and beverage of their choice. After being welcomed by ER Joseph Boshart and DD Ronald Rockwood, Veterans Service Agency Director Duane Croniser gave a short discussion of recent changes to veterans issues.

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### NYS e-Zine Now 1 Year Old!

#### World Handball Championships

By Victor LoPierre, Queens  
Borough #878 Inner Guard

The World Handball Championships is an event that is held once every three years. In 2009 it was held in Portland, Oregon. I along with two members of our Antlers group made the trip to this prestigious event in the hopes of capturing world titles in our respective divisions. The competition drew just under one thousand players from all over the world vying for the same goal that we had. It was an intense week and although we didn't come home victorious, we all placed highly in the divisions we entered. We met with Michael Creevan Sr. from the Milwaukee Elks Lodge at our hotel and he proceeded to give us a tour of the three local lodges.

On the morning of my finals match, Mr. Creevan and his wife treated us to a wonderful breakfast at a very popular restaurant run by Native Americans and some local sights. Mr. Creevan, his wife and all of the other Elks that we met treated us with such love and respect that it was as if we were long-time friends. In a way, we were more than that. We were brothers. We shared the common beliefs of Elkdom that brought us together. It is a feeling that I wish to reciprocate to Michael and all of the other Elks I met. It is a feeling I will pay forward towards the brothers I will meet in the future. This feeling of camaraderie is what makes the Elks so special and a pleasure to be a part of.

**2009 Area 1 Soccer Photos** now available on the state website, [NYSElks.org](http://NYSElks.org).

### In Vain We Call...

**Gary Bramer, of Syracuse Lodge #31, PDDGER. PER.** passed away Sunday, December 6. The wake was Thursday 12/10 at Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South Main St, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Members of Syracuse Lodge #31 gathered at 7:30 PM at the Funeral Home to pay their respects. Please remember Gary and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### State President Carr Homecoming

State President Dave Carr will have his homecoming on April 17, 2010 at Glens Falls Lodge 81. Reservation forms and more information at News on [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org).

### CLMS Tutorials

Are you confused by CLMS? Our state website, [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org), now has tutorials for CLMS available under 'Resources'. New courses are being added.

### Leading Knight Training Guide

Elks Training State Chair Dale Hare provided an Esteemed Leading Knight Training Guide at his workshop. The guide is available on our state website, under 'Resources'.

### State President Visits

Jan 8-10	Central → <u>Canceled</u> ←
Feb 5-7	West Central
Feb 26-28	Central
Mar 5-7	Southeast

### PSP Birthdays

12/21 Anthony Gilberti	PSP 2003-2004
12/26 Tim Kelly	PSP 2005-2006

**200 Thanksgiving Dinners** served to Needy Families a huge success at Queens Borough Elks Lodge No. 878!