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Birthday Wishes -

8/8 Lawrence J Haase PSP 1981-1982

SP Rishe Travel Schedule (Plan)

Event	Corrected Date
Ontario	'Feb 15-17
East Central	'Feb 22-24
Southeast	'Mar 1-3
Bowling	'Mar 29-May 1
East	'May 3-5

Spring Convention

Forms for the Spring Convention on May 16-19 in Buffalo are now online at nyselks.org under News or Conventions..

HoopShoo\ Dates

State

Host: Clifton Park #2466
Craig Masterson (518-728-3894)
March 2, 2019
Shenendehowa High School
870 ST RT 146 Clifton Park, NY
12065 Koda White Gym 9:00 AM

Tri-Regional

Host: Wilkes-Barre, PA
March 16,2019
(More information to be posted soon)

National Finals

April 25-28, 2019
Chicago
(More information to be posted soon)

February Tough on Vets

February is a tough time here in New York. We've finally had enough of winter, but winter hasn't had enough of us. We're still in for weeks of cold even if the groundhog doesn't see his shadow.

It can be the same for veterans and military families in need across the country. Veterans Day has passed, the holidays are over, and many people won't think about veterans and military members again until Memorial Day.

It's the perfect time for your Lodge to step up and help! Hold a party at a local veteran facility, hold a singalong with a vet, help veteran families by holding a baby shower, get Back-packs and books for vet's kids.

February Time to Say Thanks

February is packed with many important events. The month's signature holiday, Valentine's Day, reminds all of us of the importance of sharing our God-given talents to those less fortunate. This very important day is symbolized by the hearts on the cards that we send to family and friends. Take the time to rethink this symbol of joy and the friendship that we as Elks can provide as we give time and money and volunteer assistance to others: **H – Helping** the Lodge committee programs is extremely important. They provide a service within your Lodge, to the less fortunate, to our youth, to our veterans, and to our local communities by providing programs, personnel assistance, and awareness of who we are as Elks.

E – Effort that is put forth by each Elks Member, family member, or friend provides the support to the many programs provided within our communities. Many times, volunteers do not even stop to think as to why they are doing so. It's out of pure heartfelt volunteerism and individual pride to provide an enriched life to others. Charity is at the heart of Elkdom

A – Arouse interest in fellow Members, family members, and friends to become Members and get involved with fellow committee volunteers within our great Order. It is amazing what can be accomplished with a program through individual involvement.

R – Report these accomplishments of time, travel, and monetary donations to your Lodge Secretary. After completing a project or event, a very simple form can be obtained from your Lodge Secretary or your Lodge Government Relations Committee Chairperson. Complete and return the form to your Lodge Secretary so they can report the activity in CLMS to be accumulated by Grand Lodge. The compiled information is submitted to the Federal Government to inform Senators and Representatives in Congress the amount of charitable time, money, and travel that Elks provide.

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In Vain We Call ...

John Frederick "Fred" Martin, 99-1/2, **PER** of **Watertown Lodge 496, PSVP** and **PDD** of **North Central District**, formerly of Watertown, NY and Port Charlotte, FL, died peacefully at Discovery Commons of Bradenton on Jan. 22, 2019. Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Foundation, Watertown, NY or The St. Joseph Food Pantry, Bradenton, FL. Condolence may be made to: www.brownandsonsfuneral.com

Rest in Peace...

Award Members Aiding Scouta

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee invites all Lodges to nominate one candidate for the Marvin M. Lewis Award, the highest award for Scouting presented by the Elks. It is awarded to those Members who have promoted Scouting in their Lodge and have a strong history in working with Scouts. Four Elks each year are given this prestigious award.

In addition to the annual ceremony at the Grand Lodge Convention, a presentation can be made at one of the following events: Boy Scouts of America Local Council, Elks State Convention, or a Local Lodge meeting.

Awards Time is Coming!

Remember that all awards must be submitted by end of March. Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Officer of the Year are beautiful awards that may be requested from Grand Lodge, but the time to submit them is rapidly coming to a close.

Secretarial Reminder

In January, to assist in compiling the needed information, a worksheet was mailed to the Secretary. Remember: This information is to be filed via CLMS2Web. Please do not mail to Grand Lodge or your District Deputy

February to Say Thanks (Cont)

T – Thank each Member that is or was involved on a committee or event, whether it may be an ongoing project, an annual project, or event that has been completed. Recognition gives a volunteer a great deal of satisfaction and makes them feel accepted and appreciated within your Lodge and in the organization