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Birthday Wishes—
9/22 Michael J Bloss
9/24 Richard C Wunder

SP Greene Travel Schedule (Plan)

- Sept 6 – 8 South Central
Sept 20 – 23 Fall Conference Albany
Sept 28 – 30 State Capital
Oct 4 – 6 North
Oct 18 – 20 Northeast
Oct 25 – 27 North Hudson
Nov 1 – 3 West
Nov 8 – 10 Southwest
Nov 15 – 17 North Central
Nov 28 – Dec 1 Southern Tier
Dec 6 – 8 South
Dec 13 – 15 Central
Jan 31 – Feb 2 West Central
Feb 14 – 16 Ontario
Feb 21 – 23 East Central
Feb 29 – Mar 2 Southeast
Mar 27 – 29 NYS Bowling Tourney
May 1 – 3 East
All Dates TENTATIVE

A Kind Thought Needed

Sue Erkkinen
Martin Rosenthal
Ed Baniak, Jr.

Fall Conference 2019

Sept 19 – 22 Desmond Hotel Albany
Reservations forms now available at www.nyselks.com

Famous Elks Through the Years

Although the original Elks were actors and entertainers, our members throughout the ensuing 151 years have spanned every profession(almost!). We have had politicians, business people, sports figures and many more.

Presidents Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Truman and John F Kennedy were all Elks. President Ford belonged to Grand Rapids Lodge #48, where his father was Exalted Ruler twice. Former Speakers of the House Tip O’Neill, Carl Albert, John McCormick and Sam Rayburn were all members. Speaker Tom Foley is a member of Spokane, Washington lodge.

General John “Blackjack” Pershing, hero of WW I hailed from New York Lodge #1 as a lifelong Member. 70,000 Elks served in the First World War, 1,000 gave their lives in the service of their country. 100,000 Elks served in World War II and over 1,600 made the supreme sacrifice.

Entertainers such as Lawrence Welk, Will Rogers, Al Jolson, magician Harry Houdini(New York Lodge #1), Jack Benny and Andy Devine. Devine served as Exalted Ruler of San Fernando Lodge #1539. Clint Eastwood is a member of Monterey Lodge #1285. William F Cody, a.k.a. Buffalo Bill was an Elk. From the world of sports, the Order has counted Vince Lombardi, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and famously the one and only Babe Ruth, again New York Lodge #1.

We are in great company!

MVS Scholarships

Scholarship forms are now available online at www.nyselks.org under Scholarships.

In Vain We Call

None to report

Membership Gain

As of March 31, 2019 the Order has had a gain in membership for the first time in 40 plus years. A total gain of 94 members was recorded. Congratulations and good job to those NYS lodges that reported a plus 1 in membership.

Forms Online

Did you know there are a variety of forms available from Grand Lodge at www.elks.org that are completely free and pdf fillable. These are available for Student of the Month/Year, Scouting and many more.

2019 – 2020 Americanism Essay Contest Theme

“What Does Freedom Of Speech Mean To Me?”
Now is the time for District & Lodge Americanism Chairs to begin prepping this year’s contest for kids. The new school year is just around the corner. Be prepared ahead of time.

2019 – 2020 NYSEA Directory

The 2019 – 2020 State Directory is now online at nyselks.org

Online Donations Available

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