



# New York State Elks Association E-Zine



## The Monthly Electronic Newsletter of the New York State Elks Vol. 10- September 2009

### → Scholarship Dates ←

A big change this year is that scholarships must be back to the lodges by **November 2**. More at the Fall Conference!

### Drug Awareness Newsletter

The summer edition of the Drug Awareness Newsletter is now on the NYS Elks website. Access thru Programs → Drug Awareness or News

### Elks National Home

Wouldn't you like to have your name or the name of a loved one engraved on a brick at the Elks National Home? For just \$100.00 you can purchase a 4" x 8" laser engraved brick in the new patio at the front circle near the Elk statue. The plan is for the patio to be expanded into a walkway as more bricks are sold. Forms are available on the New York State Elks website.

### Patriotism Week

Last year, National Patriotism Week was moved from February to September and there were many celebrations nationwide. This year, it will be bigger because more Lodges plan to participate during September 7-13 with Friday the 11th, Patriots Day, the day to really plan for your big celebration.

### From the Grand Secretary

In June, the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary made the statement that having newsletters online is not in violation of the Statutes **as long as it is password protected**. The determination that if the publication is not protected, the Lodge **is not a member-only organization**, basically open and/or soliciting the public.

Fraternal/business information that is for the information of Members, can be viewed, copied, disseminated by the general public, which is the crux of the violation.

Bryan R. Klatt  
Grand Secretary/COO

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### GER James Nichelson at Fall Conference



### Convention Schedule

#### Friday Sept 25 9-10:15

Membership/Retention S/H B  
Elks Memorial Day S/H C  
Drug Awareness S/H D

#### Friday Sept 25 10:30-Noon

ENF S/H B  
Americanism S/H C  
Veterans Service S/H D  
Lodge Development P/B

#### Friday Sept 25 2-3:30 PM

Ritual S/H A  
Major Projects S/H B  
Scholarship/Emerg. Grant S/H C  
Elks Training S/H D

#### Saturday Sept 26 9-Noon

General Business Session S/H B  
S/H C

#### Saturday Sept 26 1:30-3:30

Governing the Order S/H B  
Empire Elk S/H C  
Youth/HoopShoot S/H D

#### Saturday Sept 26 4 PM

Catholic Mass S/H B  
Non-Denominational State

#### Saturday Sept 26 6:30 PM

Cocktail Reception Courtyard

#### Saturday Sept 26 7:30 PM

Gala State Banquet S/H

**S/H** – StoneHenge

**P/B** – Phoenix Ballroom

**State** - State Room

### Lodge Activities-Website

**Contest** Submissions must be to Larry Haase Jr., 2 Jacqueline Ct, Utica N.Y. 13502 by **Sept 26**.

### In Vain We Call...

**Thomas F. Gurnett, PDD** of Carthage Lodge 1762 passed away July 25, 2009 in Arizona where he had been a resident for several years. Because he lived out of New York State, there was no Lodge of Sorrows at the memorial service August 1. In lieu of flowers, donations to Andre House can be sent to P.O. Box 2014, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2014.

### Flag Amendment

With the recent introductions of flag amendments in both the US House of Representatives and the Senate, the cosponsor list grows. House Joint [H.J.] Resolution 47, introduced in late April by Representatives Jo Ann Emerson [R-MO] and Jim Marshall [D-GA] enjoys co- sponsorship from 59 members of the House. Senate Joint [S.J.] Resolution 15, introduced in early May by Senator David Vitter [R-LA] has 25 cosponsors. More than 200 Representatives have indicated support for the House amendment, and more than 50 Senators have indicated support there. The language of the amendments is identical: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." Adoption of an amendment requires a two-thirds affirmative vote from the House [290 ayes] as well as from the Senate [67 ayes]. Adoption of the amendment, making it part of the US Constitution, then requires ratification by three-fourths [38] of the states. Currently only Reps Peter King, Carolyn McCarthy and John McHugh are sponsors. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand are not.

### State Soccer

State Shoot will be October 24, 2009 at Rotterdam Elks #2157, 1152 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Pre-registration 9:00AM - 10:30AM with breakfast at the Lodge, Competition will start at 11:00AM at Challenger Little League Field (Down the Street from the Lodge), Brunch at the Lodge after Shoot followed by awards.