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**Birthday Wishes**  
5/23 Frank Melino PSP 1997 – 1998

**SP Greene Travel Schedule**  
  
No travels at this time due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis

**A Kind Thought Needed**  
  
Bill Gephardt PDD  
  
All those fighting coronavirus & COVID-19

**NYSEA Spring 2020 Convention**  
  
**CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19**

**2020 Grand Lodge Convention**  
  
As of this writing (April 15) the Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for early July is still a go. Please watch emails & Facebook for updates as the COVID-19 crisis is ongoing. Reservations forms are available at [www.nyselks.org](http://www.nyselks.org) under "News"

**Did You Know??**  
There are many ways in addition to the NYS Elks website to get news & updates? Below are Facebook pages that are constantly updated.  
NYS Elks  
[www.facebook.com/nyselksassociation](http://www.facebook.com/nyselksassociation)  
  
Camp Bristol  
[www.facebook.com/nyecampbristol](http://www.facebook.com/nyecampbristol)  
  
Empire State Elk (state paper)  
[www.facebook.com/Empire-State-Elk](http://www.facebook.com/Empire-State-Elk)  
  
Please like, share and follow these pages for quick updates.

**Challenging Times**  
  
As we all know coronavirus & COVID-19 have closed ALL Lodges in New York State until further notice. This in effect has canceled any and all events happening in NYS. Including the Spring Convention, State President's Homecoming, Elks Bowling Tournament and many others. In these very unprecedented times, we must remember that ALL our lodges have older members that need to be checked on. Please be sure to check on those members most at risk from COVID-19 with a phone call/email or if possible a personal visit using all the precautions deemed necessary by health officials. Visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/> for the most up to date information on this health crisis.

Remember to practice social distancing when possible, 6ft between yourself and the next person, wear gloves and mask. Do not touch your face, this includes eyes and mouth. No unnecessary travel.

As Elks we are social creatures and enjoy going to dinners and socializing with our fellow Elks from other Lodges. This will happen again in future. But for now, we MUST be vigilant in stopping the spread of this virus.

Visit Grand Lodge website, [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more information.

**Stay Safe and Stay Healthy**

**Camp Bristol Updates**  
  
Work continues on the various buildings as much as the current executive orders and "New York State On Pause" allows. Visit the Camp Bristol Facebook page for more updates and photos.

**2020 – 2021 Dues**  
  
Please send in your dues as soon as possible. If you are having financial issues, do not hesitate to contact your lodge secretary to work out possible arrangements.

**In Vain We Call**  
Ray Cooley PSVP Watertown #496  
William A Cooper PER Gouverneur #2035  
Harvey Bayer PDD Southern-Westchester #707  
William Bayliff PDD Johnson City #2821  
Charles Reynolds PDD Port Jefferson #2138  
Bob Wagner PDD Wolcott #1763

**State President Homecoming**  
  
This was postponed due to the ongoing health crisis. Please watch your email for a new date.

**New York State Website**  
  
Webmaster Mel is currently working on updates to the existing website. Watch for these to be rolled out in the near future. [www.nyselks.org](http://www.nyselks.org) Most areas are open to the general public. There is a restricted area for "Members Only". If not already, please sign up for access. It is free and takes only a couple minutes to sign up.

**Empire State Elk**  
  
Exciting news from our State paper Editor Tim Welpé. The Empire State Elk was awarded the coveted 5 Star Award from Grand Lodge for the 2019 -2020 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to PDD Tim, District & Lodge editors for this wonderful achievement.

