



SP Brian Greene



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Birthday Wishes
6/2 Phil Holowacz PSP 2011-2012
6/25 Paul A Galarneau PSP 1999-2000
6/28 Donald Fischer PSP 2000-2001

SP Greene Travel Schedule
None at this time due to the ongoing health crisis

A Kind Thought Needed
Martin Rosenthal PSP
William Gephardt PDD
Sue Erkkinen

2020 Grand Lodge Convention
A very tough and gut wrenching decision was made by Grand Lodge to cancel the July 2020 convention in Baltimore due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis.

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
Camp Bristol
www.facebook.com/nyecampbristol
Empire State Elk (state paper)
www.facebook.com/Empire-State-Elk
Please like, share and follow these pages for quick updates.

Unprecedented Times

In these very challenging and somewhat crazy times we live in now, we as Elks are trying our very best to continue to do what we do best---lend a helping hand to the very communities that we call home. From Long Island to Buffalo to Watertown to Albany and all points in between our Lodges are still contributing money, food, essential products and most importantly our Time to help those in need. Thereby exemplifying the motto of our Order Elks Care-Elks Share. Time and time we have seen Lodges using their Grants to help local food pantries in this time of their greatest need with so many feeling the effects of the deadly coronavirus & COVID-19. Every single Member should be proud of the way that New York State Elks have stepped up to the tasks at hand.

Hopefully soon we will be able begin the task of reopening our Lodges and regaining some normalcy to our every day lives.
Visit www.nyselks.org and our Facebook page for more information on Lodge reopening.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

Exciting News

As the May Convention was canceled, the decision was made to install all incoming NYSEA State Officers in their home districts by the district sponsors. By the time you read this, new State President Paul C Galarneau, Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317 will have been installed by his father PGT, PSP Paul A Galarneau in a ceremony that was broadcast on the NYSEA Facebook page. Hopefully many tuned in to watch this new endeavor. Also present at the ceremony was BOGT Bruce Hidley who presented now PSP Brian Greene with his Past State President pin. This was also recorded to put on the state website.

In Vain We Call

John Zahnleuter, PER Guilderland #2480
Raymond Mattice Sr, PDDGER Brockport #2110
Joseph Thompson, PER Binghampton #70

State President Homecoming

A new date has not been set yet as an opening date for NYS lodges is in flux. Please watch your email and Facebook pages for more information.

New York State Website

The newest version of the state website has been rolled out. Same url www.nyselks.org but the look is completely different. Check it out and be sure to email the webmaster with your comments.

Camp Bristol

In Camp Bristol news, work continues at a slow pace due to COVID-19 orders and NYS "On Pause". The 2nd annual golf tournament has been rescheduled to October 3rd. More details to be announced at a later date.

Americanism Essay Contest

We are proud to announce that New York State has a Grand Lodge 1st place winner with Katelyn Halverson's essay. Katelyn is an 8th grade, 13 year old student at Holy Angels School in Patchogue. She was sponsored by Patchogue Lodge #1323. Congratulations to Katelyn for this wonderful achievement. Her winning essay will be posted on the state website and Facebook page.

Many grateful thanks to ALL the frontline workers doing their best to help all those affected by coronavirus & COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!