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**Birthday Wishes**  
4/11 Gerald Shook PSP 2014 – 2015

**SP Galarneau Travel Schedule**  
April 9 – 11 State Capital District

**A Kind Thought Needed**  
William Gephardt PDD  
Stephen Frankoski PDD  
Martin Rosenthal PSP

**COVID-19 Update**  
Hopefully many have had their 1<sup>st</sup> or both vaccine shots by now. Hoping that this is a turning point in fighting this seemingly unbeatable virus that has caused such pain and suffering. As always continue to Mask Up and Be Safe!

**Did You Know???**  
There are many ways to get updates and important news about the New York State Elks Association. Below are links to Facebook pages that are updated constantly.  
NYS Elks Association  
[www.facebook.com/nyseleksassociation](http://www.facebook.com/nyseleksassociation)  
Empire State Elk (5 Star state paper)  
[www.facebook.com/Empire-State-Elk](http://www.facebook.com/Empire-State-Elk)  
Camp Bristol  
[www.facebook.com/nyecampbristol](http://www.facebook.com/nyecampbristol)  
Like and share these pages with friends and family.

**Elks Care ~ Elks Share**

**Grants Opening Up**  
As of April 1, 2021 Gratitude & Freedom Grant applications will be open and available to apply for. Gratitude Grants are available to every lodge that meets the per member giving goal of the Elks National Foundation. So be sure to get all last minute donations in by March 31, 2021. This a hard cut-off for donations.  
Freedom Grants must be used for Veterans or active duty military members projects or donations. Only 350 Freedom Grants will be given out nationwide. So act fast on this. For more info and to fill out grant applications, go [www.elks.org/cip](http://www.elks.org/cip)  
Spotlight, Beacon and Impact Grant applications will open later this year. Keep checking the [elks.org/cip](http://elks.org/cip) website for application dates.  
Good luck to all lodges! And remember, take photos and publicize your lodge grants!

**State President Paul**  
Follow NYSEA State President Paul and Frist Lady Kristen on their Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/New-York-State-Elks-Association-President-Paul-C-Galarneau-2020-2021-124723182596812>

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**Happy April Fool's Day!**

**In Vain We Call**  
Joseph Civitano PER Southern Westchester #707

**2021 Spring Convention Canceled**  
After much discussion by the Advisory Board, the most difficult decision to cancel the convention was made. Due to the everchanging conditions and restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic this was done in the best interests of Members. Plans are now being made to install State Officers in much the same manner as in 2021.

**Camp Bristol**  
Camping rates have been set and are posted on the Camp Bristol website, Facebook page and the NYSEA Facebook page. There are trailer spots, cabins and tent sites available.  
[www.nyelkscampbristol.org](http://www.nyelkscampbristol.org)

**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!**

**Check on your neighbors! Be Safe. Be Healthy!**