



## New York State Elks Association E-Zine



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#### Status of Barry Klipsch, PDD

Barry Klipsch, PDD and State Lode Development chairman, was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and was operated on in early December. Since then, he has received chemotherapy and radiation treatments. The chemo is now just one pill at night.

Barry has asked that people do not call, but rather send recovery wishes via e-mail. I have talked to him by phone, and he seems to tire quickly.

#### Klipsch Pig Roast Fundraiser

Vestal Lodge 2508 is holding a pig roast fundraiser on February 5 to help defray some of the expenses that Barry has encountered. Tickets are \$15; contact John Gardner at 607-748-0867. Donations are welcome.

#### Birthdays

1/17 Joseph Petriello	PSP 1989-1990
1/27 Dominick Napolitano	PSP 1978-1979
2/11 Peter T Affatato	PSP 1965-1966

#### Youth Brochure Contests

National Youth Week Contest-5/27/2011

- Theodore (Ted) A Balash,
- 400 Pheasant Dr.
- Fallon, NV 89406

Junior. Golf Contest - 5/1/2011

- Winston M Needham
- 1155 SE 12th St
- Ocala, FL 34471-4553

Soccer Shoot Brochure Contest – 5/1/2011

- Herb Dennis
- 730 Roswell Drive N.E.
- Bremerton, Washington 98310-2933

Subordinate Lodge Best Youth Program – 3/1

- Tim Welpé
- 54 Waverly Street
- Potsdam, New York 13676

Details at NYSElks.org, under 'News'

#### Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award

The GL Youth Activities Committee has implemented an OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD. This award will be presented to one (1) Elk from each of the eight (8) Grand Lodge Areas who has been actively involved with the youth of their community. This person MUST be an Elk and should be active not only with the Elks Youth Activity programs but, also, with other programs not necessarily connected with the Elks. Details at nyselks.org under 'News'.

#### District Web Sites are Back!

The District websites have returned, with many improvements! As the lodges use the VHP facility of the Elk national website, we have the VDP (Virtual District Page) facility.

The website for a district is located at Nyselks.org/districtname where districtname is the name of your district. The page for the Northeast district is nyselks.org/Northeast. There is a home page, a page for each lodge, pages for news, calendar, links, officers and committee people.

To update a page, you must be a registered Elk, with access to the Members Only section of the site. The facility is constantly improving, so comments are welcome!

#### Nominations are Coming!

A review of an article from last year: To the Nominating Committees: 2011 is NOT the year to nominate or elect your "buddies" for officer positions, just because you enjoy their company over a beer.

This year, we need Lodge officers who know and understand the Elk fraternity; who know that we exist NOT to sell the cheapest beer in town, but rather to fund the operations of the Elk National Foundation, and to be pillars of support in our communities.

This year especially, we need officers with some business background, -not just in making sure that operating costs are kept in check and that revenue remains healthy, but that members are made to feel welcomed, and important, and needed, so that they keep coming in the door!

This year especially, we need Lodge officers who constantly promote both new member production, and member retention, which is accomplished with relentless old-fashioned friendliness and through old-fashioned telephone contact with members whose dues are just expired.

And this year especially, we need Lodge officers who know that we must constantly promote charitable giving to the Elks National Foundation and Major Projects.

#### In Vain We Call...

**Janice Oliver, SVP of North District** passed away the morning of December 15, 2010.

Calling hours were at Jillson Funeral Home, 46 Williams Street, Whitehall, NY 12887-1318, (518) 499-1040, with a Lodge Of Sorrow at 7:45 PM. Elks met at the Whitehall Lodge around 7 pm prior to going to the Funeral Home. There was a Mass Saturday at 11 AM at Our Lady of Hope, 9 Wheeler Ave, Whitehall NY. Please keep her husband. Dave Sr. in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Oliver Family, PO Box 3, Clemons NY 12819.

#### Spring Convention Reservation Form

The reservation form for the Spring Convention is now available on at NYSElks.org, click on 'Conventions'. The form must be submitted by April 11, 11.

#### Grand Lodge Convention Forms

Grand Lodge Convention forms are available on-line, at NYSElks.org, and click on 'Conventions'. Submit the form as soon as possible, and full payment must be sent by April 15. PSP Dave Carr is the endorsed candidate for GER so all of NY should be there to support Dave!

#### Bowling Tournament Host Form

The forms to host the 2014 NY State Elks Bowling Tournament are now available at the NY Elks web site, nyselks.org, under 'News'.

#### NYS Junior Golf Tournament

The NYS Junior Golf Tournament will be sponsored by the Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge 1403 on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fairways of Half Moon Golf Course. This is open to boys and girls ages 12 to 18. More info coming...

#### SP Bloss Homecoming

SP Mike Bloss' homecoming celebration is April 15-17. Forms available at News at nyselks.org.

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