



SP Larry Contratti



## New York State Elks Association E-Zine



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#### Birthday Wishes

11/4 James Peace PSP 2004-2005  
11/12 Nelson Navarra PSP 1991-1992

#### Lodge Internet Contest Very Close!!

There were 7 entries, and scoring matrix of 60 points. Two lodges ended up with the exact same score, Johnson City #2821, Webmaster John Oakes, and Watertown #496, Webmaster Rick Barrisford. Well done! To all our entries, thank you!

Lodge	Score
Johnson City #2821	36
Watertown #496	36
Camillus #2367	24
Middletown #1097	23
Hudson #787	22
Ilion #1444	18
Brewster #2101	9

#### 2013 Bowling Tournament

Poughkeepsie Lodge 275 invites all Elks to the 2013 Bowling Tournament starting April 6, 2013, and ending May 6, 2013. Reservations close December 29, 2012; entries close Mar 1, 2013. Bowling at Mardi-Bob Bowl, 55 Taft Ave, Poughkeepsie; singles/doubles at 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM Saturdays, teams 9:30 AM Sundays only. Lodge 845-454-6660.

#### Empire State Elk Summer 2012

The latest issue of the Empire State Elk, Summer 2012, is now available at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org). The lateness is due to your webmaster, not the ESE Editor.

#### SP Contratti Homecoming April 19-21

A block of rooms have been reserved at Hampton Inn & Suites, 125 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570, at \$159 per night plus tax. Cut-off date for reservations is March 20, 2013. Make reservations at [www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com) or by calling 1-800-HAMPTON and mentioning NYS President Larry Contratti's Homecoming. For more information, contact PDDGER Peter Roach (516-579-8996) or SVP Mark Stuparich (516-868-4142).

**State Dues remain \$2/member**

#### Youth Activities Workshop

Youth Chair Jeff Smaldon and Hoop Shoot Chair Bill Reedy presented the Youth Activities Workshop at the Fall Conference. Highlights were

- 2012 Jr Golf Tournament held by Rochester #24, results and photos on the state website, [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org)
  - 2013 Jr Golf Tournament at Utica #33 on August 11 and 12, 2013
  - Host needed for 2014 Jr Golf Tournament
  - Dictionary Project-in 2011 77 lodges distributed 30,329 dictionaries
  - Student Recognition-Student/Jr Teen/ Teenager of the Month/Year
  - GER Letter to Eagle and Gold Scouts
  - Adopt-a-Veteran/Platoon-involve scouts with veterans activities/ceremonies
  - Jr Golf Brochure - May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
  - Soccer Shoot Brochure -May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
  - Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award - submit resume by May 1to Jeff Smaldon
  - ENF Community Investments(Grants)
    - Gratitude -to lodge meeting per capita
    - Promise -to Lodge holding youth event
    - Impact -\$10,000 to help community
    - Beacon -\$1000 to develop ongoing, Elks-driven community project
  - Soccer-Oct 20 Champion at Beacon 1493
- Workshop details and all handouts are available at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org) under 'News'.

#### Drug Awareness Workshop

Chair Kathleen Neiss presented the Drug Awareness Workshop at the Fall Conference. Highlights were:

- Red Ribbon Week (last week in October)
  - Enrique Camarena Award to outstanding individual in war on drugs
  - Poster/Essay Contest theme: "The Choice 4 Me is Drug-Free"
  - Data Collection Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service forms
  - Literature Order Form for material
  - Parenting is Prevention - Milton Creagh videos available from Grand Lodge
  - "Hard Choices" comic teams Marvel super heroes and Elroy the Elk in the war on drugs
  - President's Volunteer Lifetime Service Award for 4000 hours of volunteer service
  - NYSEA Trailer and Elroy the Elk use specifics.
- The complete workshop and all handout material is available at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org).

**Remember our Vets November 11!**

#### In Vain We Call...



**Past State President, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Richard T. Moore** passed away Monday, October 1, in Yonkers, NY. Calling hours were on Oct. 3, at the Flynn Memorial Funeral Home, 1652 Central Park Ave, Yonkers, NY 10710 2-4 pm and 7-9pm the Elks Memorial Service at 7:30 pm. On Thursday October 4, at 10:00 am a funeral Mass was held at the Saint Denis Parish Rectory, 470 Van Cortlandt Park Ave, Yonkers, NY 10705 interment at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Yonkers, NY 10703. His obituary is at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org) under News. Memorials to Elks National Foundation.

**Harry M Hill, PER of Niagara Falls 346, Past District Deputy of West District** died October 1. A memorial Service was held on October 4th at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls followed by interment in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Amherst, NY. Memorials may be made to the church, Schoelkopf Resident Activity Fund, Niagara Hospice or the Wounded Warriors.

#### SP Larry Contratti Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
Northeast	10/19/12
West	11/02/12
Southwest	11/09/12
Southern Tier	11/30/12
South	12/07/12

#### 2013 Schedule to follow

#### Future Conventions Announced

The NY State Spring Convention is in Albany, at the Crowne Plaza, the Grand Lodge in Reno, July 14-18, and the Fall Conference is at the White Plains Crowne Plaza, September 19-22.