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Birthdays

3/15 John Flannery PSP 1980-1981
3/29 Ron Olson PSP 1998-1999

Spring Convention Reservation

Reservation forms for the 2012 Spring Convention in Albany May 17-20 are posted at nyselks.org under Conventions. Deadline is April 9.

Upcoming Ritual Clinics

There will be an Area 1 Ritual Clinic at Colonie Lodge #2192 in the Fall. Details to follow.

GL Convention Reservations

Reservations for the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin TX June 30, July 1-5 are now being accepted. The form is available at nyselks.org, under 'Conventions'. The deadline is April 15.

Last Chance for ENF Donation!!

March 31 is the last chance to make a donation to ENF and have it count for this lodge year.

New Website Features

In the upper right corner of the New York Elks website, there is a place to enter a number, and a button labeled 'Show'. This allows easy reference to a news article. To try this out, type in 405 into the white box, and click 'Show'. The website will display the Conventions page, just as if you had clicked 'the Conventions link. The advantage of this is that we can refer to news articles by number, rather than by saying 'Go to News, and scroll down until you see...'

To assist in finding specific items, a Search function has been implemented. To use, click the 'Search' button in the upper right corner, then enter the first few letters of the desired item. A list of matching articles will be displayed. Click on any article title to read it.

NYS HoopShoot Contest Results

On March 3, the New York State HoopShoot Finals were held in Glens Falls. Brian Greene and his team from Glens Falls Lodge did a great job. The competition was intense, with a shoot-off in every age group. The winners were:

Boys		
'8-9	Adam Arnold	Elmira 62
'10-11	Joe Girard	Glens Falls 81
'12-13	Jack Hallinan	Pearl River 2041
Girls		
'8-9	Caiden Crego	Lyons 869
'10-11	Lily Kamin	Mid Westchester 535
'12-13	Amanda Pike	Watkins Glen 1546

Most consecutive shots were Amanda Pike with 10 and Joe Girard with 18. The next event is the Tri State Shoot in Wilkes Barre on March 23-24.

March 23-Registration, Ramada Inn

Ask at Front Desk for Frank Bonner's Room Number

March 24-

8 AM Breakfast – Ramada Inn

No charge for contestants or parents
Adults-\$12 / Children\$9

9 AM Contestants@Coughlin High School

10 AM Contest begins – over by noon

12 PM Parents/winners meet in Frank Bonner Suite

1:30 PM Awards Luncheon at Ramada

No charge for contestants or parents
Adults-\$17 / Children \$10.50

Late checkout available. For the shopper, there is a large mall 2 miles from the Ramada Inn.

There are also some fine restaurants in the area.

Ritual Teams

We are looking to see if there are any more teams wishing to compete at the Spring Convention in Albany. We have team information from North Central, North Hudson, Ontario, South West and State Capital Districts. If there are any more district teams wanting to compete, please get the information to Frank Bauer this week at 518-439-9672.

In Vain We Call...

.None at this time

Contest Submission Dates

The following are the dates for various Grand Lodge and state contests for the 2011-2012 Lodge year

A All-American Lodge	3/15/12
B Community Image	3/15/12
C Memorial Service	2/15/12
D Lodge Bulletin	1/15/12
E ENF Per Capita	3/31/12
F ENF Lodge Chair	3/31/12
G ENF State	3/31/12
H ENF State Chair	3/31/12
I State Bulletin	1/15/12
J ENF Special Recognition	3/31/12
Outstanding Youth Volunteer	5/15/12
Americanism Essay	1/10/12
State Website	10/1/11
Lodge Website	10/1/11

State President Homecoming!

President Phil's Homecoming is April 21 at Sidney Elks, contact Melissa Rowe at 607 434-0644. Menu choice of prime rib, chicken cordon bleu or vegetable lasagna for \$35. Cocktails at 5, dinner at 6. Rooms at Super 8, Sidney (607-563-8880) and Hampton Inn, 225 River St. Oneonta (607-433-9000). Ladies buffet luncheon at Sidney Golf Club, West Main St., Sidney at \$15. All reservations must be in by April 13.

Update Lodge Information

A reminder to all secretaries to update your lodge information on-line, by going to nyselks.org, clicking on 'Members Only', and then on 'Lodge Information for State Directory'. Update the information as needed, and click 'Submit'.