



SP Larry Contratti



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### Salute Our Vets – Fly the Flag on Independence Day July 4!!

#### Birthday Wishes

6/25 Paul Galameau	PSP 1999-2000
6/28 Donald Fischer	PSP 2000-2001
7/05 Ernest Southworth	PSP 1992-1993
7/09 Jay Amodeo	PSP 2008-2009

#### Update Lodge Info for Directory

If you have not already done so, please update your lodge information by going to [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org), click on 'MembersOnly', and then on 'Lodge Information for State Directory'. This is for the State Directory listing of Lodge, ER, Secretary, addresses, meeting nights, e-mail, website, phone numbers, etc.

#### SP Contratti Picture Available

A picture of SP Larry Contratti is available at the NY State web site. Click on 'Meet our President' and when the picture comes up, click on the picture for a full screen version.

#### PSP Bill Smith Recovering

PSP Bill Smith from Keeseville Lodge had surgery on June 13, and after spending the night in ICU, is now in CCU and doing well.

#### 2012 Youth Workshop Notes

The notes and handouts from the 2012 Youth Workshop held at the Spring Convention are available on the NY Website by clicking on 'Whats New' and then on -2012 Youth Activities Workshop'

#### Fall Reservations Available

The reservation form for the Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn -Grand Isle is now posted under 'Conventions' at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org)

#### N.Y. State Hoop Shoot Results 2011/12 DA Poster / Essay Winners

It was another great year of Hoop Shoot. We had 73,554 participants from 119 out of 125 lodges. A big thank you to all the Local, District, Regional Directors, State Coordinator Brian Greene and everyone that helped to make sure this great program continues to grow. This really is one of our best programs and I was very proud to be involved. What a year we had! I traveled many places across our state and to our Tri State and National Competitions; the positive feedback I received from the kids and their parents was overwhelming. The Hoop Shoot program is very well known and respected. We should all be very proud of it. Our N.Y. State winners all competed strongly in the Tri State Regional Shoot in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and we had 2 winners go on to the National Competition in Springfield Massachusetts. They were **Lily Kamin** from **Mid Westchester Lodge** and **Joseph Girard III** from **Glens Falls Lodge**, both representing the 10-11 year old age group. They represented N.Y. State with pride and the true spirit of completion. Lily shot 15 out of 25 and Joseph shot a perfect 25 out of 25 to become our National Champion. In addition to winning Joseph will be awarded the Getty Powell Award for having the best overall score out of all age categories in Austin, TX. at our National Convention in July. Congratulations to all our CHAMPIONS!

I am in the process of looking for a host lodge for 2012/13 N.Y. State Hoop shoot. If you have an interest and want to find out more about hosting please contact me.

Thanks again to everyone for all your support and assistance in making this year something very special.

Fraternally  
William J. Reedy Jr.  
NYSEA Hoop Shoot Director

#### Congratulations Bath 1547!

Bath Lodge 1547 will be representing New York at National in the Ritual Contest. Be sure to wish them good luck in Austin!

The judging was very difficult, as there were so many wonderful entries. NYSEA will now be awarding with cash (in the form of checks to the winning student).

2011-2012 Poster Contest Winners  
Group I Kindergarten:

1st Place - \$250 **Daniel Mendez**  
New York Lodge #1

2nd Place - \$150 **Aleena Nabeel**  
New York Lodge #1

Group II 1st & 2nd Grades:

1st Place - \$250 **Brandon Pierre**  
New York Lodge #1

2nd Place - \$150 **Jaci Baijnath**  
New York Lodge #1

3rd Place - \$50 **Sarina Singh**  
Niagara Falls #346

Group III 3rd & 4th Grades:

1st Place - \$250 **Carly Zincone**  
Massapequa #2162

2nd Place - \$150 **Eva Hymes**  
Colonie Lodge #2192

3rd Place - \$50 **Paige Brinsko**  
Mechanicville-St#1403

#### Essay Contest Winners

Group IV 5th & 6th Grades:

1st Place - \$250 **Brady Logan**  
Penn Yan Lodge #1722

2nd Place - \$150 **Noor Kamal**  
Port Jefferson #2138

3rd Place - \$50 **Olivia Schmitt**  
Port Jefferson #2138

Group V 7th & 8th Grades

1st Place - \$250 **Aislinn Keely**  
Islip Lodge 2533

2nd Place - \$150 **Amrita Singh**  
Niagara Falls #346

3rd Place - \$50 **Lindsey Erlich**