



SP Larry Contratti



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Salute Our Vets – Fly the Flag on V-J Day August 14-15!!

Birthday Wishes

8/8 Lawrence J Haase PSP 1981-1982

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 is displayed, 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, a couple days in CCU, is now home 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

Revised Emergency Grant Form

An updated Emergency Grant form is now available at nyselks.org, under Programs->Scholarship - Emergency Grant. Notice there is a new chairman.

Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours over the course of a lifetime. The nomination form is at nyselks.org/vsa.

Oops!

Last month's eZine listed the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay winners. The third place winner for 7th -8th Grade Essay Contest was Lindsey Erlich, Islip Lodge #2533. The lodge was inadvertently omitted.

PGELK/PSP Southworth Address Change

PSP Ernie Southworth has moved. His new address is:

Ernest Southworth
PO Box 326
267 Dogwood Lane
DeRuyter NY 13052
Phone: 315-852-4030

Bill Gebhardt Recognized in Austin

A Certificate of Appreciation "In Recognition of Superior Leadership and Teamwork" was presented to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks by the Austin Convention Center Department Security & Safety Division. This certificate commends the cooperation between the City of Austin and the B.P.O.E. towards the smooth and successful operation of the 148th Grand Lodge Session in Austin. National Convention Sessions Coordinator Bill Gebhardt of Albany, NY #49 accepted the Certificate on behalf of the Order.

"We don't do this for every show, but this is our way to show our appreciation for the cooperation in setting up the event and working with us on the security," said Donnell V. James, Security Coordinator for the Austin Convention Center Department. Austin Convention Center chief of security Jeff Adickes presented the certificate to Gebhardt.

The Elks Grand Lodge ranks in the top ten largest shows that Austin Convention Center sees all year.



"We definitely appreciate all the help with planning and implementing security from the Elks, especially Bill Gebhardt, and for keeping us up with all changes."

PSP Navarra Address Change

PSP Nelson Navarra has decided to move to the Webster, NY area. With his health and Clelia's failing, he wants to be closer to his son Jim and his family. Nelson has served the North Central District, NYSEA, and Watertown Lodge for many, many years.

His new address in Webster is:

Nelson Navarra
965 Cherry Ridge Blvd, Apt 101
Webster, NY 14580
Phone: 585-217-8769

In Vain We Call...

T. Ralph Fawcett, PDDGER / PSVP of Webster-Fairport Lodge #2396 passed away on July 5. Calling hours were 3-7 PM, July 10 at the Keenan Funeral Home, 7501 Pittsford Palmyra Road, Egypt, NY 14450. The Past District Deputies performed the Elks Service at 6:30 PM. A memorial service was held 10 AM July 11, 2012 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450.

SP Larry Contratti Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
Mid-Hudson	08/03/12
North Hudson	09/07/12
Fall Conference	09/20/12
State Capital	09/28/12
North	10/05/12
South Central	10/12/12
Northeast	10/19/12
West	11/02/12
Southwest	11/09/12
Southern Tier	11/30/12
South	12/07/12
West Central	02/01/13
Ontario	02/15/13
East Central	02/22/13
Southeast	03/01/13
Central	03/15/13
Bowling Tournament	03/29/13
East	05/03/13

Additions for PGER Carr Blog

Anyone with photos or other memorabilia of PGER Carr's year is asked to forward them to Paul Erkinen, nysea@verizon.net, 33 Holcomb Rd, Averill Park NY 12018.