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## New York State Elks Association E-Zine

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### Salute Our Vets – Fly the Flag on V-J Day September 2!!

#### Birthday Wishes

8/27 George Malekian PSP 1979-1980  
9/14 William H. Smith Jr. PSP 1995-1996

#### Does Your Lodge Have a Website?

If so, why not enter the New York State Lodge Website contest? Send the website address, your Lodge name and number, and the names of the webmaster and ER to [webmaster@nyseks.org](mailto:webmaster@nyseks.org) by September 1st. Winners to be announced at the Fall Conference.

#### NY Elks in Action

A new feature has been added to the New York Elks website describing what NY Elks are doing to further the ideals of Elkdom. Tell the world about what you and your lodge are doing with an email to [webmaster@nyseks.org](mailto:webmaster@nyseks.org) with the lodge name and number, and a description of the activity. A jpg picture can be included..

#### Coming to Niagara Falls?

There will be a ladies program at the Fall Conference in Grand Isle consisting of a luncheon cruise on Friday and buses to shopping malls on Saturday. For more information and the form for reservations, go to [nyseks.org](http://nyseks.org) and look under What's New for the Elks Ladies Luncheon Cruise 2012

#### Six generations of Elks

Great-Great-Great Grandfather George Davie, PER, former Lodge Geneva, NY #1054;  
Great-Great Grandfather John Davie, PER, former Lodge Geneva, NY #1054;  
Great Grandfather Archie Noble, Penn Yan, NY #1722;  
Grandfather Chasta Jensen, Penn Yan, NY #1722;  
Father Robert Jensen, ER, Penn Yan, NY #1722;  
Daughter Kayleigh Jensen, Penn Yan, NY #1722.

#### PSP Bruce Hidley Appointed GLC

PSP Bruce Hidley of Watervliet Lodge 1500 was appointed new Area 1 GL Government Relations Committeeman. The Government Relations Committee was reestablished at the GL convention in Austin.

#### Grand Lodge Awards

**Bath Inner Guard Best in East Region**  
Inner Guard Timothy Muller, Bath, NY #1547 was the best Inner Guard in the Eastern Region at the National Convention Ritual Contest.

#### Oswego Second in Youth Brochure

Oswego #271 took second place in their division (701-1100 members) in the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Best Lodge Youth Program Brochure Contest. Oswego was also one of the best Youth Activities Committee State Association Designated Best Lodge Program 2011-2012.

#### Rotterdam Third in Bulletin Contest

Rotterdam came in third in their division (1501 members and over) in the Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "D" Lodge Bulletin. In addition, Rotterdam came in third in Division 6 (1501 or more members) in the Grand Lodge Americanism Brochure Contest.

#### Grand Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "C"

##### Memorial Service Winners

Division 1 (300 members or fewer)

2. Saranac Lake, NY #1508

3. Johnson City, NY #2821

Division 2 (301 to 500 members)

1. Camillus, NY #2367

2. Fulton, NY #830

Division 3 (501 to 700 members)

1. Mechanicville-Stillwater, NY #1403

2. Whitehall, NY #1491

3. Hudson, NY #787

Division 4 (701 to 1,100 members)

2. Glens Falls, NY #81

3. Oswego, NY #271

#### Five Star Award to Empire State Elk

The New York State Elk Association newspaper, the Empire State Elk, received a five star award, the highest possible, at the National Convention.

#### Five Star award to NY State Website

The New York State Elk Association website, [nyseks.org](http://nyseks.org), received a five star award, the highest possible, at the National Convention.

#### President's Volunteer Service

Have you submitted a name for the Volunteer Service Award? Details at [nyseks.org/vsa](http://nyseks.org/vsa).

#### GL Ritual Clinic at Colonie 9/15

The Ritual Clinic starting at 9 AM will offer Impressiveness, Word and Computer testing.

#### In Vain We Call...

**PSVP John Neveu of Plattsburgh 621** passed away July 25<sup>th</sup>. Services were held July 27 at the R. W. Walker Funeral Home, 69 Court Street in Plattsburgh from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM. The Elks Service was done by the Plattsburgh Lodge # 621 at 7 pm. The funeral took place on Saturday July 28 at 11 am at St. Johns in Plattsburgh.

#### SP Larry Contratti Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
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 Erkkinen, [nysea@verizon.net](mailto:nysea@verizon.net), 33 Holcomb Rd, Averill Park NY 12018.

#### PSP Ron Olson Appointed GLC

PSP Ron Olson of Colonie 2192 was appointed as Area 1 Committeeman on the "new" GL Activities Committee. New Activities committee's area of responsibility include Community Projects, Public Relations, and Youth Activities.

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