



SP Larry Contratti



New York State Elks Association E-Zine



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Birthday Wishes

12/21 Anthony Gilberti PSP 2003-2004
12/26 Tim Kelly PSP 2005-2006

State President Homecoming

President Contratti has announced his Homecoming Weekend April 19-21, 2013, with Friday Night Supper at New Hyde Park, and Saturday Night Banquet at New York 1, 7 PM to midnite, and Sunday Brunch 10 AM to noon at New York 1.

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

PSP Holowacz E-mail Change

PSP Phil Holowacz has a new e-mail address: paholowacz@gmail.com

HoopShoot Reminders

District Directors are reminded to send a letter with all your District Shoot information to your local Lodge Directors to give to their winners. There is a sample letter on the disk you received in your packets.

Application to Host 2016 Bowling

The application for lodges interested in hosting the 2016 NYS Bowling Tournament is available on the NY Elks Association website, under 'News'.

Empire State Elk Winter 2012 Edition

The Winter 2012 issue of the Empire State Elk now available on our website is an electronic and paper edition.

ENF To Host HoopShoot Webinar

The Elks National Foundation will be hosting a webinar for District Hoop Shoot Directors on Tuesday, December 18 at 1:00PM CST. The webinar will review important (and some mandatory) pre- and post- contest procedures for District Hoop Shoot Directors. Details at nyselks.org News.

Say Thanks to Our Troops

The USO is offering an opportunity for you to say 'Thanks' by e-mail. Go to nyselks.org and click on 'Say Thanks' under News.

New York State Elks Donate

New York State Elks Association President Larry Contratti announced today the donation of \$2,500 to the Salvation Army for the victims of Hurricane Sandy in the New York metropolitan area. He noted that the local Elks Lodges have also been providing assistance to the Red Cross by providing staging areas for relief efforts and temporary shelter for volunteers. Lodges throughout the state have been collecting needed supplies and coordinating the delivery of those items to affected areas.

NYSEA Major Projects Corporation Chairman James Peace also announced that all donations received by the Elks Association for Sandy Disaster Relief will be sent to the Salvation Army. Anyone wishing to donate through the Elks to help the victims of Sandy can mail their donation to: The New York State Elks Association, Major Projects Corporation, 33 Holcomb Road, Averill Park, NY 12018. Checks should be made out to NYSEA Major Projects Corporation - Sandy Relief. The NYSEA Major Projects Corporation is designated as a 501 c (3) corporation by the IRS.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a fraternal organization which is dedicated to Patriotism, Community Service, and the development of our Youth, through the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

In recognition of the many dedicated Elk volunteers using CIP grants to better their communities, ENF features one volunteer each month. November's featured volunteer is Bob Sollazzo of Mid-Westchester, N.Y., Lodge No. 535.

As a former Marine, Bob Sollazzo knows a thing or two about dedicated service. Now a member of Mid-Westchester, N.Y., Lodge No. 535, Sollazzo serves his country in a different way—by organizing and volunteering with service projects in his community.

It was exactly this that led him to join the Elks in the first place. "The main reason I joined the Elks was due to the fact that my daughter was born with Cerebral Palsy," Sollazzo says. "She needed a hip operation, and I was so impressed with the Elks as they came forward to help us. I truly appreciated their concern, and I was so inspired that I wanted to get involved and give back." See the rest of the story on nyselks.org News about One Elk In Action

In Vain We Call...

Norman Nelson, PER, PDDGER, Glens Falls #81 passed away November 5 in Massachusetts. He was ER 1981-82 - and DDGER 1990-91 North District.

Daniel Broker, PER, PDDGER, Secretary of Cortland 748, passed away December 14 Visitation at Wright-Beard's on December 18, 4-7 PM, with the Elk Service at 6:45 PM by Homer Lodge 2506. Cards to the family at 9 Raymond St, Cortland NY 13045, and memorials to Cortland Lodge ENF.

SP Larry Contratti Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
West Central	02/01/13
Ontario	02/15/13
East Central	02/22/13
Southeast	03/01/13
Central	03/13/13
Bowling Tournament	03/29/12
President Homecoming	04/19/13
East	05/03/13

Communications

Dear NYS Elks' Association;
We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for helping USO Fort Drum support our men and women who so bravely serve our country. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to our United States Military and their families in Northern New York.

Your donation of \$5,221.00 for the 2012 tax year will support the USO Fort Drum's mission to provide the Military with a variety of services, outreach programs, and morale boosting efforts. With many of our men and women in uniform deployed far from home, there is a profound need for USO services. It is with the help of our devoted contributors like you that the USO is able to do its work. Once again, thank you for your support of the USO Fort Drum and its important programs. Your contribution demonstrates that the morale of our Armed Forces remains a priority of the American people.
Sincerely,

Karen Clark
Center Director
USO Fort Drum