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Birthday Wishes

1/08 Lucian Masur PSP 1975-1976
 1/17 Joseph Petriello PSP 1989-1990
 1/27 Dominick Napolitano PSP 1978-1979
 2/11 Peter T Affatato PSP 1965-1966

Spring Convention May 16-19

Reservation forms for the Spring Convention in Albany are available at nyselks.org under News and/or Conventions. Phone calls will not be accepted.

Reservation Form for G/L Convention

Reservation forms for the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno July 14-18 are available at nyselks.org under News and/or Conventions.

Updated NY Directory Available

The updated NYS Elks Directory is now available at nyselks.org, under News or Members Only. Because it contains personal information, access is restricted to Elk members only.

General Business Session Minutes

Minutes of the general business session of the Fall Conference are available at nyselks.org, under News.

HoopShoot Schedules

Region	Location	Date
Central	Oswego Middle School	02/09/13
East	Ausable Valley HS	02/09/13
South	JFK Middle School	02/09/13
West	Lockport High Sch	02/09/13
State	NYS Chiropractic College, Seneca Falls	03/02/13
Tri-State	Wilkes-Barre PA	03/23/13
Finals	Springfield MA	04/27/13

Thank A Veteran

While we, as Elks, have faithfully supported our veterans, let us never forget to say two endearing words to them whenever we see them – thank you.

February and Nominations

A reprint of an article from the past: **To the Nominating Committees:** 2013 is NOT the year to nominate or elect your "buddies" for officer positions, just because you enjoy their company over a beer.

This year, we need Lodge officers who know and understand the Elk fraternity; who know that we exist NOT to sell the cheapest beer in town, but rather to fund the operations of the Elk National Foundation, and to be pillars of support in our communities.

This year especially, we need officers with some business background, -not just in making sure that operating costs are kept in check and that revenue remains healthy, but that members are made to feel welcomed, and important, and needed, so that they keep coming in the door!

This year especially, we need Lodge officers who constantly promote both new member production, and member retention, which is accomplished with relentless old-fashioned friendliness and through old-fashioned telephone contact with members whose dues are just expired. and

This year especially, we need Lodge officers who know that we must constantly promote charitable giving to the National Foundation and Major Projects.

Central District Hoop Shoot Pictures

Pictures from the Central District Hoop Shoot Contest are now available at nyselks.org, under News. Other districts are invited to send in descriptions, results and photos of their contests. Send any publicity to webmaster@nyselks.org.

Periodical Reminder

Some things happen infrequently, and we need a reminder. Dues are due **before** April 1st. Everybody knows that. But it may also be time to update your local lodge bylaws and house rules. These need revision every five years, as a minimum. Grand Lodge has a kit to aid you in the process, but you have to ask! Don't neglect this important duty.

In Vain We Call...

Past State Treasurer Rod O. Sutton of Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161 died January 2, 2013. Calling hours 2 to 5 PM January 6, 2013 at the William J. Burke & Sons Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Homes, Saratoga Springs. Services 10 a.m. January 7 at Bethesda Episcopal Church, 41 Washington St. Members of Saratoga-Wilton Elks met Sunday at 5 PM at the funeral home, 628 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY.

PSVP/PST Ronald G. Wierzbicki of Amsterdam Lodge #101 passed away December 28, 2012, the wake was Friday January 4th at Betz, Rossi, Bellinger Funeral Home at 171 Guy Park Ave. Amsterdam, NY 12010. Amsterdam Lodge #101 and Northeast District Members met at 6:30 on Friday to conduct the funeral services. A reception was held after the wake at the Lodge on 8th Fourth Avenue Amsterdam, NY 12010. Sign the register at Betz,Rossi,Bellinger.com.

PDD Frank Colavito of Brooklyn-Queensborough Lodge #878 died December 19, 2012. Viewing was Saturday and Sunday, December 22 and 23, 2-5 and 7 - 9 PM at [Andrew Torregrossa & Sons](http://AndrewTorregrossa&Sons) Funeral Home, 1305 79th St. Brooklyn NY. Elks services Sunday at 2:30 PM. Funeral Mass on Monday 24 at 9:45AM at St Athanasius Church 2154 61st St. Brooklyn.

PGLC Charles Crafts of Everett MA died on January 3, 2013. Charlie was an Honorary Life Member & Past Exalted Ruler of the Everett Lodge of Elks #642. He was also Past District Deputy, Past State President, Past Grand Lodge Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, covering Area 1 including New York State..

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