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Birthday Wishes

3/15 John Flannery PSP 1980-1981
3/29 Ron Olson PSP 1998-1999

Spring Convention May 16-19

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

G/L Convention Reservations

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

State Ritual Competition

District	Lodge	Perform	Practice
		Friday	Thurs.
Ontario	Liverpool	9 AM	7:00 PM
State Cap	Colonie	10 AM	7:30 PM
North	Carthage	11 AM	8:00 PM
District	Lodge	Sat'dy	Friday
W.Central	Lyons	9 AM	7:00 PM

We just found out that the Ritual Room we are using for the Spring Convention is the same one we used last year. The dimensions for the room are on the website. If you have any questions, please email me or call me at 518-785-5714 from 8 to 1:00 and 518-439-9672 after 3 PM. Thank you and good luck.

Frank Bauer PDD, NYS Ritual Chair

A CLMS Reminder...

Be sure to complete all membership changes that occurred in 2012 before March 31. Also, be sure not to make any membership changes that are for 2013-2014 until after April 1.

Hoop Shoot Schedules

Event	Location	Date
Tri-State	Wilkes-Barre PA	March 23, 13
Finals	Springfield MA	April 27, 13

2016 Bowling Tournament

If your Lodge is interested in hosting the NYS Bowling Tournament in 2016, contact Gary Powell of Endicott 1977 for information.

Tips for a Successful ER

The Fraternal Committee has prepared a document called the KEY 2 Elks Program, which gives the Exalted Ruler nearly everything he or she needs to be a success. This document was sent to the secretaries last summer. If you have not seen this brochure it is necessary for you to get your hands on a copy. Contact your Fraternal Committeeman for a copy.

The Grand Lodge Web site has documents and manuals that will help you achieve your goals. Finally, pick the brains of Past Exalted Rulers in your Lodge. They have learned from trial and error what works. Utilize their knowledge and you will be successful.

SP Contratti Homecoming Schedule

Reservations are due by March 20, 2013. The reservation form is available on nyselks.org under News.

Time	Event	Location
Friday April 19, 2013		
3-5 PM	Hospitality Room	Hampton Inn
6-9 PM	Hot buffet, coffee, dessert	N.Hyde Park \$12. at door
9 PM-1AM	Lodges Open	New York 1 N.Hyde Park
Saturday, April 20, 2013		
9-12Noon	NYS Trustees	New York 1
12-5 PM	Hospitality Room	Hampton Inn
12-5 PM	Lodge Open	New York 1
7-12AM	Reception	New York 1
7-8PM	Cocktail hour – open bar	
8-9PM	Dinner-Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala-\$45 Business attire	
9-9:30PM	Presentations during dessert	
9:30-12	Entertainment - New Yorkers	
Sunday April 21, 2013		
10AM-12PM	Brunch-Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes coffee	New York 1 \$9 at the door

In Vain We Call...

There are none to report this month.

Hoop Shoot Press Release

The New York State Elks Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held their 41st Annual New York State Hoop Shoot Competition on March 2, 2013 in Seneca Falls, NY.

The winners of the State Championship will now move onto the Regional Hoop Shoot in Wilkes Barre, PA on March 23, 2013 to shoot against the State Champions from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. If successful there they will then shoot for the National Championship in Springfield, MA on April 20, 2013 against winners from all other States (72 shooters). They will be competing for National Honors and the right to have their names inscribed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Boys 8-9	
Bradley Buban	Brewster #2101
Girls 8-9	
Megan Hannon	Pearl River #2041
Boys 10-11	
Brian Ramarge	Olean #491
Girls 10-11	
Riley Tupper	Southampton #1574
Boys 12-13	
Joseph Girard III	Glens Falls #81
Girls 12-13	
Madison Harrington	Mechanicville/Stillwater #1403

A Reminder to Secretaries

It's the start of a new Lodge year, with new officers and committee people. This means updating the Lodge information with the new Officers' names. This is done using the form under Members Only at nyselks.org under 'Lodge Information for State Directory'.

SP Contratti Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
Bowling Tournament	March 29, 2013
President Homecoming	April 19-21 2013
East	May 3, 2013
Spring Convention	May 16-19, 2013