



SP Larry Contratti



## New York State Elks Association e-Zine



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#### Birthday Wishes

4/28 Leonard Bristol PSP 1968-1969

#### G/L Convention Reservations

Reservation forms for the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno July 14-18 are available at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org) under News or Conventions.

#### State Ritual Competition

District	Lodge	Perform Friday	Practice 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

#### SP Contratti Travel Schedule

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

#### Hoop Shoot Schedules

Event	Location	Date
Finals	Springfield MA	04/20/13

#### 2016 Bowling Tournament

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

#### A Reminder to Secretaries

It's the start of a new Lodge year, with new officers and committee people. This means updating the Lodge data with the new Officers' names on the form under Members Only at [nyselks.org](http://nyselks.org) under 'Lodge Information for State Directory'.

Each Local Lodge and State Association must take the time to complete their Annual Report, including the Charitable Contributions report. To submit their Charitable Report, Lodge Secretaries should click the link labeled "Update Charitable Giving Data" in the Grand Lodge Submissions section of the CLMS2Web Roster Control Panel at [elks.org/clms2web](http://elks.org/clms2web).

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#### Preliminary Spring Convention Program

Time	Event	Room
Thursday		
2 PM	Major Projects Board	Gov E
4 PM	Advisory Board Mtg	Gov E
4 PM	Ritual Groundrules	Chambers
8:30 PM	Opening Ceremonies	Gov. Ball
Friday		
9 AM	Ritual	Chambers
9 AM	Opening Business	Gov. Ball
11 AM	Nominations	Gov. Ball
Noon	SVP/Trustees Photos	Grnd Gov.
1 PM	DD Designates & PGERs	AnteRoom
1:30 PM	Advisory Board	Gov. E
1:30 PM	Gov't Rel / CONPOR	Gov. B
1:30 PM	Lodge/Comm. Activities	Gov. C
1:30 PM	Nat. Veteran's Service	Gov. D
3 PM	DD-Designates/SVPs	Gov. D
3 PM	ENF	Gov. B
3 PM	Americanism-Flag Day	Gov. C
3 PM	Youth Activities	Gov. D
Saturday		
9 AM	DD-Designates/SVPs	Gov. D
9 AM	Empire State Elk, Internet, Publicity	Gov. A
9 AM	Membership/Retention	Gov. B
9 AM	Scholarship & Emergency Grant	Gov. C
9 AM	DD-Designates/SVPs	Gov. D
10:30AM	Secretaries/Treasurers	Gov. A
10:30AM	Accident Prevention	Gov. B
10:30AM	Major Projects	Gov. C
10:30AM	Drug Awareness	Gov. D
1:30 PM	Closing Business Mtg	Gov. Ball
4 PM	Catholic Mass	Gov. Ball
6:15 PM	Cocktails	Mezzanine
7:30 PM	State Banquet	Gov Ball

#### In Vain We Call...

**Gerald Roberts, PDD, PSVP, PER** of Sidney Lodge 2175. Jerry passed away March 22 as a result of a heart attack. At age 90, he had been Accident Prevention Committeeman for over 10 years. Viewing was at Landers Funeral Home 21 Main St, Sidney, on Monday March 25, 2013 from 6 to 8 PM, with the Lodge of Sorrows at 8 PM. Funeral services at Sacred Heart Church, 15 Liberty St. in Sidney, NY at 11:00AM on Tuesday March 26. Condolences may be sent to the family at 20 DeWitt Drive, Sidney NY 13838.

**Dennis Whittlemore, State Vice President-Elect** passed away on Sunday March 17. He was in route home from a long weekend away before the start of his year as SVP. Dennis was one of those rare people who never had a bad word to say about anyone and always had a smile on his face. Viewing was at New Comer-Canon Funeral Home, 343 New Karner Rd Colonie, on Monday March 25 from 4-9 PM. Elk Service by Rotterdam PERs at 7 PM. An Honor Guard stood from 4-9, changing every 15 minutes. Memorial Service at the Funeral Home Tuesday March 26 10 AM with a reception at Rotterdam Elks at 11:30 AM. Donations to NYS Elks Major Projects in memory of Dennis. Cards to James Suschinski at 26 Osborne Rd, Albany, NY 12205 or at [jsuschinski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsuschinski@nycap.rr.com).

**William F. Wooding, PER** of Lowville #1605 died March 23, at Upstate Medical University Hospital, Syracuse. Viewing was 4-8 p.m. March 26, at Isenker Funeral Home, Inc., 5702 Waters Road, Lowville, with the Elks service at 8. The graveside service with military honors was held Thursday, March 28, in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse.

**James Shaw, PER, PSVP** of Red Hook -Rhinebeck Lodge # 2022 of Livingston, NY died on March 23. Memorial service was April 7, 3 PM at Redhook Rhinebeck Lodge.

#### Tri-State HoopShoot Results

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held their Annual Northeast Central Regional Hoop Shoot Competition on March 23, 2013 in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Megan Hannon who represented Pearl River Lodge #2041 and Madison Harrington represented Mechanicville/Stillwater Lodge #1403 were the winners in the Girls 8-9 year old competition and the Girls 12-13 year old competition. Megan and Madison have qualified for the National Finals in Springfield, MA on April 20, 2013. They competed against the State Champions from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Megan and Madison became State Champions in Seneca Falls, NY after qualifying in Local, District and State Regional Competition. Megan and Madison will now compete against 11 other contestants, in each age group, throughout the United States on April 20th to become the National Hoop Shoot Champion.