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Birthday Wishes

4/28 Leonard Bristol PSP 1968-1969

Homecoming Information

The homecoming Ball is on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Villa Lombardi at 877 Main Street, Holbrook, NY, \$50 per person. Make checks to: East District Presidential Fund. Please send reservations to Martin I. Rosenthal.

An Elk Story

This comes from the current Elks newsletter, but bears retelling. It was told by an aging Elk, who was prominent and successful. Many years ago, he was an orphan in a Midwestern town. Just before Christmas, some men came to his orphanage. They took him and his fellow orphans downtown. It was late, and the stores had closed. The merry shoppers, loaded and weary, had hastened home. But the men took these boys to a clothing store. It was opened for them, and inside, among the many wonderful things, each boy was fitted personally with needed clothes and new shoes. They were the first new shoes some of the boys had ever had.

The boy who later became an Elk never knew who these men were. He didn't learn their names, which would have meant nothing to him anyway. There was nothing in the newspapers, and few people in this town even knew this charitable act happened, or perhaps even cared. All the orphan knew was that he heard the men were Members of the Elks.

These acts of charity and human service happen many times every day in our Lodges. Elks are engaged in so many projects that any one Elk cannot know or understand them all. But we need to make sure our Members and communities know and understand that each community would be lacking a great deal if we Elks weren't there doing the things we do. If they really understood, they'd be knocking at the door.



National HoopShoot

Kamdyn McClain, Grace Thomas and Joseph Girard III represented New York at the Elks National Hoop Shoot with State Chair William Reedy. The full results are at nyselks.org under 'News'.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held their Annual National Hoop Shoot Competition on April 12, 2014 in Springfield MA.

Kamdyn, sponsored by Olean Lodge 491, shot 20 for 25, coming in ninth in the Boys 8-9 division.

Grace, sponsored by Owego Lodge 1039, shot 21 for 25, coming in fifth in the Girls 12-13 division.

Joseph, sponsored by Glens Falls Lodge 81, shot 23 for 25, coming in third in the Boys 12-13 division.

We are very proud of all of our competitors, and we hope they found the HoopShoot experience a valuable asset and life experience. Our kids did great, all of them represented NY State with pride and sportsmanship. Great event, Great kids and families!!!!

Lodge Information Needed

It is time for all lodge secretaries to enter their lodge information for the 2014-2015 Lodge Year, including information about their Exalted Ruler. Go to Members Only under nyselks.org, and select "[Lodge Information for State Directory](#)". A copy of the information entered will be sent to the lodge via e-mail.

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In Vain We Call...none at this time

SP Rosenthal Travel Schedule

Visit	Date
Homecoming	April 25-26
East	May 2-4
Spring Convention	May 15-18

Spring Reservations Online

The reservation form for the 2014 Spring Convention is available on-line at nyselks.org under Conventions.

Grand Lodge Reservations

Reservation forms for the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans are available at nyselks.org under Conventions. Reservations and money are due to Tony Thanopoulos by today, April 15; call Tony if necessary at (518) 225-1126.

April 30th is Coming Quickly!

The end of April marks the deadline when all Lodge Annual Reports are due to Grand Lodge. The Charitable Records Survey part of the Annual Report is extremely important in that it reflects what our Lodges contributed to our communities during the fraternal year 2013-2014. Lodges that recorded their charitable records each month during the year, should find it much easier to complete this part of the Annual Report than those who did not.

Elks Manuals Available

Ever need access to an Elks manual, and not want to ask the Secretary for it? Most of these important resources are now available online from your easy chair at home or wherever you access the digital universe at Elks.Org. These manuals offer a wealth of information to anyone involved in Lodge operations.