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New York State Elks Association e-Zine



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Birthday Wishes

None

Memorial Sunday Guidelines

1. Planning

- a. Write formal letters to next-of-kin.
- b. Publicity is the key. Extend an invitation to the public to attend. Publish in the bulletin in October and November.
- c. Organize / prepare a formal program.
- d. Make certain Lodge Officers are familiar with the service.
- e. Select an interesting guest speaker. Invite him by written invitation. Extend a written invitation to local dignitaries.
- f. Decorate the lodge appropriately for this occasion. The use of floral arrangements should be considered.

2. Execution

- a. Start the service on time or as close as possible to your announced time.
- b. Offer refreshments of some kind upon conclusion of the program.
- c. Invite your ladies auxiliary to participate. Involve youth groups if possible.
- d. Musical support should be considered in addition to the Lodge Organist (such as soloist, choir or choral group) as they help make favorable impressions.
- e. Include the 11 o'clock toast performed by your most impressive ritualist. The Tablet Service can also be included.
- f. Take plenty of photographs.

3. Post Ceremony

- a. Write a letter of appreciation or thanks to each and every individual and organization that took part in the Memorial Service.
- b. Complete and send your report to the District Chairman on Monday!! The day immediately following the service. Do not wait for your brochure to be ready.
- c. Participate in the State and Grand Lodge Brochure Contests. Compile copies of all correspondence, photographs and publicity, then arrange them in scrapbook format. Follow the guidelines for submittal listed on the criteria for judging and general rules. Remember these are only guidelines. Each Lodge is free to include their own ideas and to share them with the District and State Chairman to enhance the service.

Special Meeting At Fall Conference

Lodge Secretary, you should have received a notice calling for a Special Meeting regarding the acquisition of property by the Association.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

To be posted prominently in the Lodge and read at the next Lodge Meeting

As President of the New York State Elks Association and in keeping with the provisions of its Constitution, I am calling for a Special Meeting of the Association. This meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. This Special Meeting is called with the approval of the Advisory Board Chairman and at the unanimous request of the Camp Committee to establish a physical location for the New York State Elks Association Camp Bristol. The proposal before the members will be to vote upon the purchase of real property for an amount not to exceed the sum of \$429,000.00. There will be a question and answer workshop on the matter on Friday afternoon, September 18, 2015 at the Fall Conference. **Attached is additional information on the Camp.**

Lodge Activities Message

Lodge Activities is very similar to Community Activities and sometimes overlaps. The easy way to remember, is Lodge Activities is the inn and Community Activities is the outie. Lodge Activities is any activity we do that involves members only. Community Activities is any activity we do that involves the public. In an effort to increase awareness of the Lodge Activities we do, I would like each one of you to submit a short write up of a Lodge Activity that is done in your district, with photos each month. It can be something very simple or a big event. Remember this is a Lodge Activity, not a Community Activity. Please have your Lodge Activities article and photos to me by September 15, 2015. Then each month if you could send them to me by the 15th of the month I would appreciate it. Please let the lodges in your district know we will be doing this. Bill Reedy, Lodge Activities
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In Vain We Call...

None at this time

Upcoming Ritual Clinics

In addition to the clinic on August 29 in Potsdam, we also have GL Ritual clinics in Colonie on October 10, and in Peekskill on November 7. All start at 9 AM

Lodge Website Contest

Please send your lodge website address to webmaster@nyselks.org by September 15 for consideration in this year's contest. Please include the name of the Lodge, Exalted Ruler and webmaster.

Junior Golf Results

The 60th New York State Elks Jr. Golf Tournament was held Monday August 10, 2015 at the Orchard Creek Golf Club in Altamont, NY. This year's contest was sponsored by Rotterdam Lodge #2157. This year's contest had 29 registered golfers with 26 who actually participated, 22 boys and 4 girls.

Name	#	Lodge
Boys 17-18		
Nate Devins	84	Plattsburgh
Tyler Popp	84	Rotterdam
Mike Ross	84	Saratoga/Wilt
Boys 15-16		
Kyle Hart	82	Plattsburgh
Bryce Hourigan	83	Oswego
Chris Gramuglia	83	Clifton Park
Boys 12-14		
Matt Barton	85	Watertown
Wyatt Renshaw	89	Herkimer
Christian Caputo	90	Clifton Park
Girls 17-18		
Courtney Doxtader	91	Utica
Girls 15-16		
Emma Van De Car	81	Rotterdam
Girls 12-14		
Fiona Fitzgerald	93	Clifton Park
Haley Waghorn	137	Saratoga Wilt