



SP John Jacques



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Birthday Wishes

2/20 Bruce Hidley PSP 2007-2008

Grand Lodge Convention Forms

Reservation forms for the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention in Houston TX on July 2-6 are now available on the state website, nyselks.org under News. The packet includes maps, local attractions, and restaurants, as well as contacts.

NYS HoopShoot Information

The NYS HoopShoot Contest will be held March 4-6 in Vestal NY. Contestants register at the hotel after 3 PM on March 4, then join us for the pizza party at the hotel at 5:30 PM, and draw for your shooting order in your age group. Hotel mileage and food will be taken care of by the NYS Elks or Vestal Elks Lodge. Each winner will be reserved one room, additional rooms at \$70 per night by calling the hotel and asking for the Elks Hoop Shoot deal. Saturday will have breakfast at 7:30 at the hotel; at 9 the entrants will be transported to the school; competition begins at 10. Immediately following the contest, the awards banquet will be held at Vestal Elks.

Competition: Clayton Ave Elementary School, 209 Clayton Ave, Vestal NY 13850

Awards Banquet: Vestal Elks, 2071 Vestal Parkway West, Vestal NY

Hotel: Comfort Inn, 7666 Route 43A Apalachin NY 13732 607-625-2006

Contestants will be transported from hotel to school, and from school to lodge. Others must provide their own transportation. Directions at check-in. If I can help in any way, please call or email me.

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Note From GER Hicks to PGER Carr

Dave, we are having some real concerns about NY membership. Because of its size, and current numbers, I'm afraid NY may be the State that will derail our chances for a Plus-One Nationally. I hope NY lodges are working hard on initiations and delinquencies, but it is not evident in the results. We just need to make sure the lodges are focused. At this point, it will take a determined effort. I'd appreciate anything you can do to help President John by contacting and helping create a real sense of urgency with everyone who can help make a difference. Thanks, Ron.

P.S. John (Jacques) has responded to my earlier concerns, so I believe he is trying to do all he can.

PGER's Bristol, Affatato and myself thank you so much for all you do to make Elkdom to outstanding organization it is! Unfortunately, our membership continues to decline, and we need your help to bring it back.

The above email from GER Hicks urges us to work as hard as we can to achieve plus-membership. With all of us pitching in, we can achieve that goal. Please do all that you can to make the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks once again THE organization to belong to!

It is always heartwarming to witness an initiation and to have a good number of candidates join our fine order, so let's get the numbers up where they belong.

I wish you all the very best for a successful year, and thank you again for all you do. I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring convention in Rochester.

Sincerely and fraternally, David R. Carr, PGER

In Vain We Call...

Lynn Oliver, PER of Homer #2506, and PDD of South Central, passed on January 28. Memorials to Homer Elks, 82 Cortland St, Homer NY 13077. Cards to 132 Main St., Freeville NY 13068.

Douglas Ivan Messersmith, PER of Binghamton 70, passed on January 29. Memorials to the American Cancer Society or charity of your choice. Cards may be sent to 15 Monroe St., Binghamton NY 13904

SP Jacques Travel Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Visit, Date. Rows include Ontario, East Central, Southeast, NYS Bowling, East, and State Convention.

NYS Spring Convention

The 2016 NY State Elks Spring Convention will be held at the Rochester Radisson – Riverside on May 19-22. Reservation forms are now available at nyselks.org under News or Conventions.

Time to Update Lodge Info

It's time to update lodge info (ER, Secretary, etc) for the 2016-2017 Lodge year. Secretaries should go to Members Only at nyselks.org, and click on Lodge Information for State Directory.

HoopShoot Program Request

To help with the costs of putting on the state tournament, Vestal Elks will be printing a HoopShoot program. We hope that lodges, district and businesses will assist by purchasing an advertisement by 2/20; friends and boosters at \$5 and up, quarter page for \$35, half page for \$50, and full page for \$100. to John Edinger, 7461 US Rte 11, Tully NY 13159. Check payable to Vestal Elks Lodge.