





# The Monthly Electronic Newsletter of the New York State Elks Year 9 Volume 1 – December 2016

# **Birthday Wishes**

12/21 Anthony Gilberti PSP 2003-2004 12/26 Timothy E. Kelly PSP 2005-2006 1/01 Lawrence Contratti PSP 2012-2013 1/08 Lucian Masur PSP 1975-1976

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Visit	Date	
Central	Dec 16-18	
North Central	Jan 13-15	
West Central	Feb 3-5	
Ontario	Feb 10-12	
East Central	Feb 17-19	
Southeast	Feb 24-26	
NYS Bowling	Mar 31,April 1,2	
East District	May 5-7	
Spring Convention Adam's Mark Buffalo	May 18-21	

### **Hoop Shoot District Contests**

District	Date	Location
Central East E.Central Mid-Hudson North N. Central N. Hudson	12/17 1/21 1/14 1/14 1/21 1/21 1/14	W. Haverstraw Whitehall Lowville
Northeast Ontario South S. Central Southeast Southwest South'rnTier State Cap West W.Central	1/22 1/14 1/14 1/14 1/28 1/8 1/28 1/22 1/14	Scotia Oswego Ossining Owego Valley Stream Allegany. Penn Yan Watervliet

#### **Hoop Shoot Regionals/State**

Central East South West	2/11 2/4	Syracuse Middletown Bardonia Wolcott
State	3/3-4	Glens Falls

# Memorial Sunday Reports Due!

The Memorial Sunday report is due to your district committee person.

M. Intrieri PDD 12/12/16

# President Reedy Message

I wanted to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season. I am very thankful to be working with such talented and knowledgeable people. I appreciate all your hard work to make Elkdom shine in N.Y. State. I encourage you to stay strong with your communications and contacts with your district chairs and lodges. You are all such a vital part to our success and reaching our goals. Please keep me in the loop and let me know if I can be of any help.

Lisa and I thank you for all your support and please take some time this holiday to enjoy your friends and families.

All the Best! Bill

#### Congratulations!

Congratulations to <u>East</u> District for joining <u>Ontario</u>, <u>Northeast</u> and <u>Mid-Hudson</u> with 100% lodge participation in Elks in Action. Every lodge in those districts sent in at least one article and photograph showing that in their lodge, Elks Care, Elks Share!

# Legacy Scholarship Apps Are Due!

Do you know a high school senior who is the child or grandchild of an Elks member? Encourage them to apply for the Legacy Awards contest that launched on September 1, 2016.

Go to http://www.enf.elks.org/legacy.cfm to learn more and to apply for the 2017 Legacy Awards Contest.

Applications are due online by **February** 3, 2017, at 11:59 a.m. Central Time. 250 students who exhibit the values of the Elks National Foundation will be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to support their college education.

#### **Bring Back Lapsed Members!**

The November Membership Report has been closed with the Order showing a gain 3.0% (23,345) for a mid-year total of 804,392 Members with 9,578 candidates awaiting initiation. We have 9.3% (74,419) delinquent Members. We need them back!

#### In Vain We Call...

Keirn Brown Vincent, PER of Lockport PSVP, PDD of West District and Secretary of Lockport for 19 years, passed away suddenly on December 9, 2016 at Buffalo General Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Elks Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 395, Lockport, NY 14095 or the First Presbyterian Church, 21 Church St., Lockport, NY 14094. Condolences at pruddenandkandt.com.

George Kippley, PER of Brockport, and PDD of West District passed away November 16 in Greece NY at 93. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Honor Flight in his memory. Cards may be left at meesonfamily.com

Gustave 'Gus' Martine, PER, PST, PSVP, PDDGER, Secretary and Lodge Sponsor of Staten Island Lodge 841 of the Southeast District He is the father of Fr. Michael Martine, Chaplain of NY, and Past Grand Chaplain. Condolences may be sent to <a href="Juris1917@aol.com">Juris1917@aol.com</a>. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Joseph Saint Thomas Parish, 6097 Amboy Rd, Staten Island NY 10309.

# Rest in Peace...

#### Elks Partner with Alex's Lemonade

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program – the largest drug education program in the United States – has announced a partnership with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which raises funds for researching new treatments for children battling cancer.

State Drug Awareness Chairs have been asked to encourage Lodges to organize these events during Red Ribbon Week this year, but by no means are they being limited to that week. To date 25 events from 13 states have been registered on the ALSF website.

We improve by Change, not by Chance!

Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday and a Safe and Healthy New Year!