



New York State Elks Association E-Zine



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Lodge Activities Webpage

The Lodge Activities webpage has been updated to allow lodges to share programs that have worked for them. You can also enter ideas that have worked for you. Check it out at nyselks.org → Programs → Lodge Activities

Empire State Elk Change

At the Spring Convention, approval was given to publish the Empire State Elk four times a year, instead of the current three. Two issues will be mailed to the homes of Elks, and two will be available ONLY on our New York State Elks website (<http://www.nyselks.org>). This will get news out faster, and allow more articles and pictures to be included.

Start 'Em Young!



At the Owego Elks Flag Day ceremony, three-year old Dallas Jensen, held by Grandpa Don Jensen, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, as Leading Knight Bill Randall and Esquire Zach Newswanger look on. Dallas knows it by heart!

Absence

Due to a family wedding, Matt Intrieri, NYS Internet, will be out of web contact until August 8.

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Bell Jar Information

Apparently, during our recent State Convention at Rye Brook, erroneous information was forthcoming in the Business Practices workshop concerning the pending legislation regarding the placement of a special New York State identification legend to be placed on Bell Jar tickets.

It was implied that this legend was to be a tax and that it would possibly result in the profits from the sale of these tickets most likely being substantially reduced.

Both the Government Relations Committee and CONPOR would like to provide you with accurate information concerning this legend. The purpose of this legend is one of IDENTIFICATION only. It is intended to easily identify for you all Bell Jar tickets that may be legally sold and played in New York State.

When purchasing tickets for play within your lodge, how do you know they are legal? Do you simply take the supplier's word that they are legal? Do you go online and check them out on the Racing and Wagering Board's website? Since there are currently in excess of 86,000 legal bell jar deals authorized for sale within the State and with some 8,000-plus being added annually, it is nearly impossible for each of our lodges to know a legal deal from an illegal deal. This identification legend will provide you with a way to determine that the deals are legal for you to use.

Will this increase the cost of your deals? Yes, most likely. However according to information provided by the ticket manufacturers, their cost is less than a percentage of 1¢ per ticket. That means any increase should be minimal.

In Vain We Call...

Happily, none to report.

NYS WebSite Updated The New York State Website has now been updated to reflect all of the new Committee people and State Chairs, with their e-mail. The Directory (under Members Only) has also been updated with addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Congratulations to New DD's

Central	Jeffrey Smaldon
East	David Schotz
East Central	Nicholas Muscarella
MidHudson	Paul D. Cooper
North	Dan Witherwax
North Central	Ron Rockwood
North Hudson	John Minners
NorthEast	Vicki Brown
Ontario	Jan Pashley
South	Kevin Connolly
South Central	Robert Thomas
SouthEast	Gary Hamilton
SouthWest	Brian Gray
Southern Tier	Kenneth Field
State Capital	Raymond LaRose
West	Patrick Burns
West Central	Thomas Gowan Jr.

PSP Birthdays

8/8 Lawrence J Haase PSP 1981-1982

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