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Birthday Wishes -

11/4 James Peace PSP 2004-2005

SP Rishe Travel Schedule (Plan)

Event	Date
Northeast	'Oct 19-21
North Hudson	'Oct 26-28
West	'Nov 2-4
Southwest	'Nov 9-11
North Central	'Nov 16-18
Southern Tier	'Nov 30-Dec 2
South	'Dec 7-9
Central	'Dec 14-16
West Central	'Feb 8-10
Ontario	'Feb 15-17
East Central	'Feb 22-24
Southeast	:Mar 1-3
Bowling	Mar 29-May 1
East	'May 5-7

Directory Availability

The 2018-2019 New York State Elks Association is now available at nyselks.org under Members Only. From there, it can be viewed, saved locally, or printed.

Fly the Flag Program

Local Lodges will present a Grand Lodge Recognition CERTIFICATE Of HONOR For Properly Flying THE UNITED STATES FLAG to local businesses and merchants for proper display of flying our United States Flag during the day and at night with proper illumination. The Recognition Certificate is available to Local Lodges at the nyselks.org website at Programs, Americanism . The certificate is a "fillable" PDF for you to type in recipient's business name and address to create a more professional looking product.

The Fraternal Committee believes that this Americanism Program activity will provide Local Lodges another key tool to increase good effective public relations and patriotism in the community by promoting outside the Lodge relationships. [M. Intrieri 10.13.18](#)

Youth Activity Report

Many lodges have sponsored youth activities throughout this summer in their communities. Activities include softball and baseball teams, soccer, golf, youth camps and many other recreational activities..

In August, Bath Lodge #1547 hosted the 63rd Annual New York State Junior Golf Tournament at Bath Country Club. 26 boys and 10 girls competed for the New York State Jr. Golf championship. A list of the results is on the NYS Elks website.

Many thanks to Junior Golf host Bath Lodge, Tournament Chair PDD Robert Wheeler and his committee. Next year's tournament will be hosted by Oswego Lodge 271.

Our soccer program is in full swing The Regional and State contests are weeks away. Watervliet will host the State on October 13-14 and the Area 1 Contest will be hosted by Colonie on November 2-4.

Veteran's Day will be here before you know and when you promote your Veteran's Month activities I would ask our Lodges to involve our Youth with your Veteran activities. Organizing activities with our youth such as a visit to our Veterans housed in local hospitals and nursing homes, inviting local Veterans to join youth for school events.

Schools are back in session, a great way to get your youth programs promoted is involving your local schools. Programs like Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Elk's Scholarships, Drug Awareness, Teen and Student of the Month and Dictionary Project are a great way to connect with our youth in our communities. Now more than ever it is very important to promote our Drug Awareness Programs that are available to us in our schools.

Brian Greene, Youth Chair
Kind Thought Needed

The following folks could use a kind thought or a prayer:

- Sue Erkkinnen Tom Boehlert
- Emil Kotasek Martin Rosenthal

In Vain We Call ...

Howard Kelley, PER of Potsdam Lodge 2074, Past District Deputy, Past State Vice President of North Central District, passed away September 26th. Services were held on October 1, donations may be sent to the Syracuse VA Medical Center.

John P Belanger, PER of Massena Lodge 1702, Past District Deputy of North Central District, passed away September 23, 2018. Donations to Hospice of St Lawrence Valley, 6805 US-11, Potsdam NY 13676

Americanism Essay Contest

I am pleased to announce that Members of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee have selected the theme, "What Makes You Proud of America" for the 2018-2019 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in St. Louis, Missouri in July 2019. This very important Patriotic Contest gives school children in grades 5-8 the opportunity to express views on their pride in America.

Now is the time for all Lodges to contact their local school districts and provide them with the new topic. Ask them to add the essay contest to their fall curriculum. The same material accompanying this letter may also be found at nyselks.org under Programs->Americanism, 2018-2019 Americanism Essay Contest This contest is most important because it involves school children in your area, showing them Americanism at its best. The contest also demonstrates that Members of your Lodge are proud to be Americans.

Elks Training Now Online

As promised, I have posted at nyselks.org:

- 1) My booklet, Elks Training Workshop;
 - 2) the 2018 – 2019 guided study "test" questions;
 - 3) answer sheet, where the references for the correct answer is found. This is a "new" feature to encourage participation by eliminating searches.
 - 4) Personal information form is printed on a separate sheet. Copy it on the back of the answer sheet (which of course will be returned to me);
 - 5) the completed answer key, citing the correct answers (True or False);
- Due December 12 to your district committeeman.