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Birthday Wishes - none

SP Conaty Travel Schedule (Plan)

Event	Date
Ontario	Feb 16-18
East Central	Feb 23-25
Southeast	Mar 2-4
State Bowling	Mar 30-31
East	May 4-6
Spring Convention	May 31, Jun 1-2

2018 Grand Lodge Reservations Notice: The New York delegation is NOT 5 miles from the Convention Center, but 0.5 miles or 1/2 miles.

Revised Reservation forms for the 2018 Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio TX on July 1-4 are now available at nyselks.org under Conventions or News. Reserve now and pay in full by April 15, 2018.

2018 Spring Convention Forms

Reservation forms for the 2018 Spring Elks Convention at the Rochester Radisson May 31 through June 3 are available at nyselks.org under News and Conventions. Reservation deadline is April 28, 2018.

Special Event At Spring!

At 9 PM on June 1, 2018, Ambrosia will be appearing with special guest Peter Beckett of Player. This will be free to convention attendees.

East Regional Results

- 8-9 Girls Division:
Brooke Lilly 21/25 Guilderland
- 8-9 Boys Division:
Aiden Karo 23/25 (5/5) Clifton Park
- 10-11 Girls Division:
Nicolette Rifenburg 19/25 Saugerties
- 10-11 Boys Division:
Luke MacDougall 23/25 Glens Falls
- 12-13 Girls Division:
Ashley DiCarlo 22/25 Scotia-Glenville
- 12-13 Boys Division:
Nicholas Petersen 24/25 Cobleskill

Good luck to all in Horseheads!

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HoopShoot Schedule Released

Chair Sheila O'Connor has announced the state competition for HoopShoot.

The contest will be held at the Horseheads Middle School on 950 Sing Sing Rd, starting at 10:00 am. There will be a luncheon and trophy presentation at the Horsehead Elks Lodge 2297 after the contest. The lodge address is 6 Prospect Hill Rd., Horseheads NY 14845.

Elks Celebrate 150 Years

There are two new videos on nyselks.org, under News. The first, 150 Years of Elkdom, traces a time-line of Elkdom, with some incredible pictures and memories. The second is messages from people all over the country that have been touched by our service. A third video on the accomplishments of the Elks National Foundation is also provided at News on nyselks.org.

It's Not Too Late...

To say thank you to some of our hard-working volunteers. There is still time to recognize an Elk of the Year, an Officer of the Year, and a Citizen of the Year, the last need not be an Elk. Forms are available online at elks.org or from your Secretary.

Disaster Relief-Are You Ready?

Every year our country experiences numerous natural disasters—such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, and wildfires. It is very important to follow a program properly prepared and heed the Boy Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared."

Note to Secretaries

Local Lodge Secretaries are reminded that they must have all membership records for 2017-2018 ready for year-end closeout finalized by midnight March 31. Failure to have current records can—and probably will—throw membership totals out of balance in the Chicago Lodge Membership System.

Bowling Tournament News

Utica #31 reminds all bowlers that entries close and payments are due March 1. Bowling is March 24-25, April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and April 28-29.

In Vain We Call ...

Harley DeShane, PER of Homer 2506, passed away February 4 at SUNY Upstate Medical. A 20 year veteran of the Air Force, he was also very active in the Masons. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Brotherhood Fund, c/o Rusty Perkins, Homer Masonic Lodge, 25 S. Main St, Homer, NY 13077.

Deadline Nears for Lodge Report

After the election of Lodge Officers, and before April 15, The Secretary must complete the 2018-2019 Lodge Committee Chairperson report in CLMS2Web and confirm acceptance.

State Secretary Office Close (Temporarily)

The State Secretary's Office will be closed February 19 and reopen on March 5.

Sue will be having surgery to reduce the possibility of having another stroke and should be hospitalized for a few days.

I will be checking periodically for messages on the office phone and my cell phone but there may be delays in responding to messages. Thank you in advance for your support and we are looking forward to returning to assist you and the Elks of New York in our good work.

A Note From The Secretary...

The annual dues for your Lodge continues to be \$2.00 per member as of March 31 as reported on April 1 to Grand Lodge.

Please make a point to have your count on CLMS2 accurately reflect your membership before April 1.

For future reference, the annual dues have been \$2.00 for more than 10 years and can only be changed at the NYSEA Spring Convention.

A Kind Thought Needed

The following folks need a kind thought or a prayer.

- Sue Erkkinen
 - Tom Boehlert
 - Emil Kotasek
- and of course their caregivers (spouses) who probably need a kind word too.

March Forward -To The Future!

For many, March is a time of change. It begins in winter but ends with signs of spring. It's also a time of change for Elks, when Lodges across the country host installations to welcome a new slate of Officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year.