



Ilion Lodge #1444 recently presented a \$500.00 to the Comprehensive Breast Care Center located at the campus of Faxton-St. Lukes Hospital. This facility provides assistance to the uninsured and under insured women by hosting support groups that provide for the physical, social, psychological well-being. The treatment is designed to meet the personnel needs of each individual, but most important is that they never turn anyone away. "Ladies Night" is an annual event hosted by the lodge and this over 135 were in attendance with the proceeds' going to the Center. Pictured above from left to right: Christinne Davis-Co-Chair, Sue Burn RN, Leshia Kozenewski Co-Chair, Cosmo T. Leo, ER Ilion Elks Lodge 1444.



Watertown Lodge #496 presented a check to the Community Action Planning Council in the amount of \$165 to be used for the Food Pantry Program. The money was raised during a Lodge sponsored Bowling Banquet. The volunteers who served that evening donated their tips to CAPC. Pictured are Inner Guard Lisa Cooley, Esteemed Leading Knight Mike Forcier, Mary Hoistion, CAPC Intake Worker; Exalted Ruler Kathy Converse, Tammy Kitto, CAPC Emergency Services Manager and Esteemed Loyal Knight Paul Nutting.



Massena Lodge #1702 is celebrating the Lodge's 65th anniversary in 2011. The Lodge recently held an anniversary dinner that was attended by North Central District and State dignitaries, District and Lodge members. PSP Tim Kelly and PSP Nelson Navarra attended the ceremony and are pictured with Lodge members French Coupal, Jim Hidy, Dick Aldridge, PER Philip A. St. Amand and PER Bill Blair. Also in attendance were State Soccer Chair Mike Neaton and State Sgt-At-Arms Tim Welpel.



Liverpool Lodge #2348 - The weekend of June 10th-12th was a celebration of Liverpool Lodge's 45th Anniversary and was highlighted with a visit from our NYS Elks Assoc. President Phillip A. Holowacz, Jr., of Sidney Lodge #2175 along with the 'love of his life' Suzanne.

The weekend started out with a dinner and Award Presentation on Friday. NYS Elks Association President, Phillip Holowacz assisted Exalter Ruler Mike Halko in presenting awards for Firefighter and officers of the year. The Liverpool and Baldwinsville officers of the year were chosen by their fellow officers.

Pictured above from left NYSEA President Phillip Holowacz; Seneca River Fire Department Fire Fighter, Charlie Eastman; Baldwinsville Police Department Officer , Robert Thibault; Liverpool Police Department Officer and Liverpool Elks member, Sean Pierce; and Exalted Ruler Mike Halko.

Hudson Lodge #787 held a clambake fundraiser on July 22, 2011 to benefit Joplin Lodge # 501 that was totally destroyed during the May tornadoes that ravaged Joplin, Mo. The Grand Lodge immediately appealed for help from it's members but Hudson Lodge, in the true meaning of Elks Care/Elks Share, was already making plans for the fundraiser. Plenty of food and entertainment was provided and the Lodge was able to collect over \$800.00 for the event. Additional money in the form of donations were collected and it was all sent to the appropriate contact. Hudson Lodge #787 wishes our brothers and sisters in Joplin Lodge #501 a speedy recovery.

Yorktown Lodge # 2324 – At the 17th. Annual Community Day, Yorktown Lodge set up a table distributing Drug Awareness Literature and coloring books. Over 2,00 pieces of information were given to children of all ages. American Flags, Lodge bulletins and other information on what the Elks do in our community were also given to children and adults. This year's event had over 3,000 people in attendance. Over 100 tables and displays were set up by organizations in our community.

Potsdam Lodge #2074 was a sponsor of the Potsdam College 2011 Very Special Arts Festival. Over 250 children from St. Lawrence County schools Special Education classes participated in the event. The Lodge donated \$500 and made arrangement for the North Central District Drug Awareness trailer to be available. Additionally, Elroy the Elk attended and greeted the students as they arrived. Elroy presented the children with coloring books and was available for photo opportunities with over 200 children.



Massena Lodge #1702 and Potsdam Lodge #2074 members again supported the St. Lawrence County Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Massena Lodge graciously sponsored a luncheon for the runners and Special Olympic athletes. Potsdam Lodge donated \$250 and members Mike Pinckney and State Sgt. at Arms Tim Welpel assisted with the coordination of the run. They are pictured with Special Olympic athletes and Law Enforcement personnel at the conclusion of the run.



Watertown Lodge #496 recognized Honorary Life Member/PER Donald W. Reid for his dedicated service to the Watertown Elks Lodge. He is pictured being presented with a plaque by ER Kathy Converse. The plaque will be permanently displayed at the Watertown Elks Lodge for all to see and appreciate. Mr. Reid was Elk of the Year in 2001 and he received Grand Exalted Ruler Service awards in 2006 and 2010. He was a lodge officer and served on several committees.

Seven State Area 1 Soccer Shoot Championship Comes to New York in November!

The New York State Elks Association Soccer Shoot program and the great Ontario District is proud to announce that children and their families from the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont will be coming to join New York State's Soccer Shoot Champions on the weekend of November 4th through 6th in Syracuse. The Area 1 competition brings in 56 of the best soccer shooters from the seven state region, for a fun filled weekend that includes pizza parties, banquets, forging life long friendships, swimming at the hotel, and yes, a Soccer Shoot Competition second to none! The abilities of these children shooting at the Grid Goal or the 5 descending sized goals never cease to amaze the spectators. In New York State, the kids have already proven themselves outstanding at Local Lodge, District, State Regional, and State Championship Shoots. The culmination of the weekend comes at the banquet Saturday Night, hosted by Camillus Lodge # 2367, where all the competitors receive awards leading up to the 1st Place Area 1 Champion in the eight categories. There are also two "Francis Joyce" Awards given to the highest scoring child in the Grid Goal and 5 Goal competitions. Last year, New York was the proud sponsor of one of those winners; Devon Nicholson a U-8 competitor from Fulton Lodge #830. It was a fantastic achievement and one we can only hope to duplicate!

The Area 1 does not happen without costs of course. We ask that all lodges take out an advertisement in the Brochure to not only congratulate and encourage the competitors, but also to financially support this wonderful event. All information on the Area 1, including the form used to donate via brochure ads, is available on the New York State Elks Association Website, www.nyselks.org . You'll see the Area 1 soccer ball logo in the middle of the home page. Click on it and then look for "Please Support Our Youth and Area 1 Soccer!" We truly need your help to pull off this event.

Members of Potsdam Lodge # 2074 "Elks for Life" team participated in the annual Relay for Life Cancer Walk in Massena, New York. The Team theme this year was "Hunting for a Cure". The Lodges youth group raised donations by selling marshmallow guns while the members raised donations through food sales at a concession stand. Collectively the youth group and members raised \$1800 for the American Cancer Society. Youth Group members are pictured displaying the theme sign.