

Community Activities

Leading Knight Helen Blais of **Guilderland Lodge # 2480** had her beautiful long hair cut and donated the hair to ☐Locks of Love☐ an organization that takes human hair and turns it into wigs for people who are undergoing treatment for cancer and other sicknesses. Helen has done this numerous times in the past, each time Helen has cut her locks for this worthy project, she has requested donations from the Elk members in the Capital District. The money collected has been donated to Cancer Research. Helen has collected and donated \$660.00 for this cutting alone! Over the last few years, Helen has donated a total of 35 inches of her hair to ☐Locks of Love☐ and a total of \$924.00 has been donated to Breast Cancer Research! Helen's hair was cut by Sheri Curcuruto.



PER Trustee Dean Frasier, representing **Ticonderoga Lodge #1494**, accepts stuffed animals from the Cub Scout Pack 72 for his Nursing Home game night. Once a month Frasier visits the Heritage Commons nursing home to socialize and play games with the residence. The stuffed animals donated by the scouts will be used as prizes for game winning senior citizens. Pictured: PER Dean Frasier and members of Cub Scout Pack 72.



Oswego Lodge # 271 recently held their annual Public Safety Awards. Each year the Oswego Elks honor one outstanding officer of the Oswego Police Department, the Oswego Fire Department, Oswego Sheriff's Department and two Volunteer Fire Departments also the State University of Oswego Police. Each officer is honored by the head of their department. This year State President David Carr and his wife Penny attended the dinner. President Carr presented each honoree with a statue of their office. He presented to the Oswego Elks Teen of the Month, Elizabeth Morley and Sarah Hill a award for their accomplishments. There were 280 in attendance at the dinner. Pictured is Exalted Ruler James Burnell, Ron Phelps, New Haven Fire department, Scott Pritchard, Oswego Town Volunteer Fire Department, Lt. Charles L. Searor, Jr Oswego Police Department, Kirk Coates, State University Police, Damen Morrell, Oswego firefighter and Deputy Matthew C. Bray Oswego County Sheriff's Department, New York State President David C. Carr and Past Exalted Ruler Michael Coad.



March 18th Just Say No hosted their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner. The Yates County Sheriffs Department presented **Penn Yan**

Lodge #1722 with a plaque for all the things that Just Say No does for the Yates County youth. Just Say No made a \$1000 Donation to the New York State Sheriffs' Association for a summer camp. It will be one of the largest groups visiting the camp this year. Pictured left to right: Yates County District Attorney Jason Cook, New York State Police Sgt. Steve Neuberger, Penn Yan Police Chief Mark Hulse, Exalted Ruler Bart Winslow, and Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike.