

Before revealing the contest results, I will report on this year's activities. We had two Area 1 ritual certification clinics, the first one was in the State Capital District and the second was held in the Southeast District. We have 38 certified Floor Judges in the State of which 21 re-certified and 10 received their 1st approval. For Words, we have 69 judges, 25 re-certified and 11 are 1st time approved. Computer Judges we have 38 Statewide with 8 re-certified and 12 are 1st time approval.

On April 17th, the Area 1 Interstate Relation Committee held the PER contest at Watervliet Lodge #1500. Teams from NY, MA, NH, and ME performed, with Maine taking 1st place. June 26th will be the Area 1 Lodge contest, which will be held at Bath Lodge #934 in the state of Maine. Winning team of this Ritual contest will represent New York State for the Area 1 lodge contest. The winning team of the Area 1 Lodge contest will receive \$500.00 and the 2nd place team will receive \$300.00.

The team that will represent the NYS Elks Association at the National Convention, will be performing on Saturday, July 16th and Friday 15th is the ½ hour practice at 6 PM. Now to the contest report. The teams who have competed this weekend have practiced all year for a 45 minute performance. I wish to thank not only the Officers and Coaches but also the spouses who have given their time supporting them in the background. There are a lot of sacrifices by all to send a team to competition. The Achievement Awards are presented to those officers who have an outstanding performance, but were just edged out of first place.



The Achievement Award for Inner Guard is donated by, PSP Bruce Hidley. goes to the Inner Guard from Liverpool Lodge 2348, Maureen Cullican.



The Achievement Award for Chaplain is donated by, PSP Richard C. Wunder. goes to the Chaplain from Liverpool Lodge 2348, Patricia Newberger



The Achievement Award for Esquire is donated by, PSP Timothy E. Kelley. goes to the Esquire from Liverpool 2348, Michael Giehl



The Achievement Award for Esteemed Lecturing Knight is donated by, PSP James Peace goes to the Esteemed Lecturing Knight from Webster Fairport 2396, MaryEllen Maas.



The Achievement Award for Esteemed Loyal Knight is donated by, PSP Anthony Gilberti goes to the Esteemed Loyal Knight from Liverpool 2348, Earl Caporin.



The Achievement Award for Esteemed Leading Knight is donated by, PSP Charles I. Noonan goes to the Esteemed Leading Knight from Carthage 1762, Kathleen Smith. The Achievement Award for Exalted Ruler is



donated by PSP Donald Fischer goes to the Exalted Ruler from Liverpool 2348, Patricia McKenna.



The award for the third place team is presented by, PSP Ron Olson. In 3rd place, is Bath Lodge No. 1547.



The award for the second place team is presented by PSP William H. Smith, Jr. In 2nd place is Colonie Lodge No. 2192.



State President Michael J. Bloss presents Plaque; Presented to With Grateful Appreciation for His Dedicated Service as the State Sgt-at-Arms of the NYSEA Charles Johnston



State President Michael J. Bloss presents Plaque; Presented to With Grateful Appreciation for His Dedicated Service as the State Activities Chairman of the NYSEA Lawrence Haase, Jr.



State President Michael J. Bloss presents Plaque; Presented to With Grateful Appreciation for His Dedicated Service as the State Drug Awareness Chairman of the NYSEA Thomas Meier



State President Michael J. Bloss presents Plaque; Presented to With Grateful Appreciation for His Dedicated Service as the State Hoop Shoot Chairman of the NYSEA John Edinger



State President Michael J. Bloss presents Plaque; Presented to With Grateful Appreciation for His Dedicated Service as the State Youth Activities Chairman of the NYSEA Timothy R. Welpe