



# EMPIRE STATE ELK

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## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**BRIAN GREENE**  
**2019-2020**

**Elkdom—A Team Effort**



State President elect **Brian Greene** of Glens Falls Lodge #81 and his fiancée, First Lady Tonya Balfour are pictured on the Dias minutes before the Installation of the 2019-2020 NYSEA Officers. State President Brian Greene's motto is "Elkdom—A Team Effort".

Dear New York State Elks Teammates;

First of all I want to thank you for the opportunity to represent all of you this year as N.Y.S.E.A. President. Carrying the New York State Flag in St. Louis was truly an honor and I am proud to represent all of you. P.S.P. Tony Gilberti, P.S.P. Tim Kelly, PDD Tony Thanopoulos, and PDD John Blais should be very proud of making sure we all enjoyed the New York State Hospitality and the National Convention in St. Louis. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The 150<sup>th</sup> year of our Order the Elks nationwide had a plus in membership for the first time in over 30 years. New York was a little shy of their plus one goal but without the efforts of New York State Membership Chairman Carl Oken and P.S.P. Stuart Rische we wouldn't of come as close as we did. Even though we did not reach our goal they were both instrumental in helping our Order reach theirs. Their efforts got us real close to our plus one goal up until the last week. As we are a quarter of the way through our 151<sup>st</sup> year let's keep this momentum going. Start recruiting today for your new teammates. Initiate often so these new rookies are not waiting and lose interest in the best organization in the world. New members will grow your Lodge and make it prosper.

Summer is coming to an end and Lodges will be gearing up for D.D. and S.V.P. visitations. Use these opportunities to ask questions, share with others what your Lodge does to promote the programs of Elkdom. If a Lodge in your District is struggling, reach out to them, you might be able to get them back on the right track just by giving them a helping hand. I have seen so many Lodges working together in their Districts for a common goal, working together as a Team!!! "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." This quote by Pres. Ronald Reagan says it the best for Lodges and members working together. The leaders of your District are here to help all of us, so take advantage of them.

We all should be well under way in our fundraising endeavors for our Lodge Year. New York State Major Projects and Elks National Foundation are counting on all of us to prove Elks Care-Elks Share. I had the pleasure to meet our new Ambassador Amanda for New York State Major Projects. Meeting her you will understand why we support such a great cause. Don't just reach for your per capita, EXCEED them.

After the Fall Conference in Albany, Tonia and I will be traveling extensively throughout New York State and we look forward to visiting your Lodge and meeting as many teammates as we can.

Remember no one can do this alone. It takes everyone working together for the common good of your Lodge and of our Order to be successful. ELKDOM is truly A TEAM EFFORT.

Hope you have a GREAT Year and we will see you soon.

N.Y.S.E.A. President



State President elect **Brian Greene** is pictured as he takes the oath of office as a NYSEA Officer for the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Past State President John Jacques administered the oath.



Newly installed State President **Brian Greene** is pictured receiving addition charge of duties from Past State President John Jacques after receiving the gavel of his office. .



In one of his first duties as new State President, **Brian Greene** presented outgoing Ritual Chairman Mark Wunder with a service recognition plaque. Mark Wunder served as the State Association Ritual Chair from 2016-2019.



State President **Brian Greene** of Glens Falls Lodge #81 is pictured as he delivers his first message as President to the members in attendance at the Spring Convention Dinner. In his message, State President Greene spoke of importance of teamwork and referenced his role as "Executive Dishwasher" at Glens Falls Lodge #81 as an example.

# "ELKDOM—A TEAM EFFORT"

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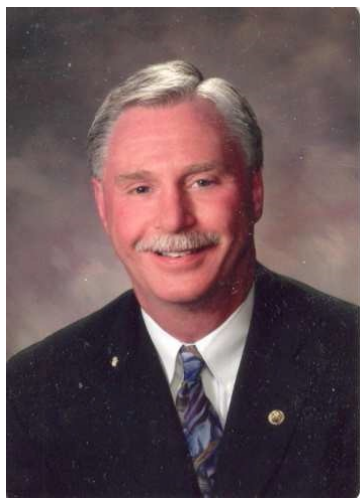
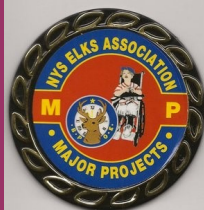
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BELIEVE IN THE GOODNESS OF THYSELF  
AS WELL AS IN OTHERS  
PROTECT CHILDHOOD WITH TENDERNESS  
OLD AGE WITH RESPECT  
CHERISH WITH REVERENCE THE MEMORY OF  
THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED  
OBSERVE FAITHFULLY THE GOLDEN RULE  
ENJOY THE GOOD THINGS OF EARTH, KEEP WITHIN  
THEE THE GLORIOUS SUNSHINE OF YOUTH AND  
REMAIN ALWAYS IN GOOD CHEER





# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECT



**PAST STATE PRESIDENT  
JAMIE PEACE  
Major Project Message  
Summer 2019**

Dear Members,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. The Major Projects Board would like to thank all of our current chairpersons who serve under the Major Projects, Inc. umbrella. At this time we would like to welcome our new chairman: Jamie Sisson, Community Activities; Barry Griffith, Veterans Services; Jay Mason, Academic Scholarships; David Gload, Youth Activities; David Brown, Major Project.

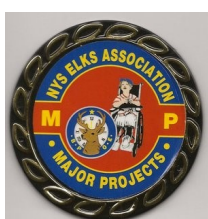
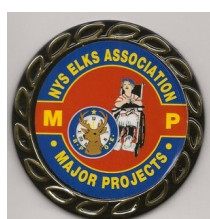
The new Major Project Chairman David Brown is pleased to announce to the membership that we have two new Ambassadors. They are— Charles Dieteman from the Empower Affiliate in Niagara County, and Amanda Canaday from the Affiliate Center for Disability Services in the Albany area. Both Charles and Amanda have attended events this summer and are looking forward to many more over the next three years. Just a reminder—any request to schedule one of the Ambassadors for your Lodge or District event must be requested through State Chairman David Brown—NO EXCEPTIONS!! Amanda and her family will be in attendance at our Fall conference at the Desmond in September. Let's all welcome our new Ambassador and our new State Chairpersons and recognize our continuing chairpersons for their efforts.



Past State Vice President **Thomas Stone** of Binghamton Lodge #70, South Central District State Vice Present **Michael Sage** of Vestal LODGE #2508 and Past District Deputy **Thomas O'Neil** of Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403 are pictured as they covered a shift at the New York Elks Association Major Project during at the National Convention.



The New York Elks Association Major Project Booth received a Five Star Award following judging at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The State Association booth drew thousands of attendees, Each attendee received a blue bird sticker that was placed on their credentials. During the convention, the entire stock of blue bird stickers that was depleted. Several State Association members took turns covering shifts at the booth during the convention. Pictured at the booth following judging with the Five Star Award are new State Major Project Chair **Dave Brown**, Major Project Board Chair- man **Jamie Peace** and PDDGER **Vicki Brown**.



**Joe Jackson** served as a Major Project Ambassador for the past three years. He and his parents, Gretchen and Jeff, were guests at the Spring Convention in Buffalo, New York. During the Major Project Workshop, Joe and his mom Gretchen shared the benefits of having supports such as the CP Home Services Program. They are pictured during their presentation at the workshop.



Major Project Ambassador **Joe Jackson** is pictured with Major Project Chair Jan Pashley, and his mom Gretchen as he addresses the members of the New York State Elks Association during the General Business Sessions. This would be Joe's final presentation as a Major Project Ambassador. The New York State Elks Association extends sincere gratitude and appreciation to Joe and his parents for all their efforts during Joe's tenure as a Major Project Ambassador.



During the Major Project Workshop, Major Project Chair Jan Pashley and Major Project Chairman Jamie Peace presented 35 recognition awards to Lodges that achieved over \$10 Per Capita. In 2018-2019, all eight Lodges from the Northeast District were recognized with Per Capita awards as follows; Amsterdam #101 (\$10 per capita), Greenwich #2223 (\$10 per capita), Saratoga-Wilton # 161 (\$10 per capita), Clifton-Park #2466 (\$10 per capita), Scotia-Glenville #2759 (\$15 per capita), Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403 (\$15 per capita), Cohoes-Waterford #1317 (\$15 per capita), and Ballston Spa # 2619 (\$20 per capita). Representatives from the District are pictured as they proudly showcase their Lodge and District-wide accomplishments. The District sponsors are Past State President Paul Galarneau and Past State President Michael Bloss.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MAJOR PROJECT AMBASSADORS



**AMANDA  
CANADAY**

**CHARLES  
DIETEMAN**



# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association and Spring Meeting of the New York Elks Major Projects, Inc. was held at the Buffalo Grand Hotel in Buffalo, New York from May 16, 2019 to May 19, 2019. The convention was attended by members and guests representing Lodges from throughout the State. The convention began with an Opening Ceremony and Memorial Ceremony on Thursday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The opening ceremony consisted of an invocation by State Chaplain, Father Michael Martini, the Pledge of Allegiance which was lead by West District SVP John Williams, introduction of Dias Dignitaries by Past State President Anthony Gilberti, a welcome from West District Deputy Gerald Claude, a State Association welcome from State President Stu Rische and remarks from the Honorable David R. Carr. Music selections that included the Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, and the Armed Forces Medley was provided by the Friends of Harmony.. The Memorial Ceremony immediately followed the opening Ceremony. During the Memorial Ceremony, 90 Past Exalted Rulers who passed away the past year were remembered. The ceremony featured a Lighting of Candles, an Invocation and Benediction from State Chaplain, Father Michael Martini, the Eleven O'clock Toast by PER Judy McGlynn of Bath Lodge #1547, a Necrology by State Secretary Paul Erkinen, a Eulogy presented by West District State Trustee Barry Griffith and Musical selections by the Stayed Tuned Quartet that included The Lords Prayer, Wonderful World and the Naval Hymn.

On Friday morning, May 17<sup>th</sup>, State President Stu Rische called the Opening Business session to order. An Invocation by provided by Reverend Michael Martini, the Pledge of Allegiance by Americanism Chair Randall Pray and the National Anthem by Tom Abbott of Whitehall Lodge #1491. State President Rische then introduced the Advisory Board members in attendance followed by remarks from Past Grand Exalted Ruler David R. Carr. This was followed by reports from the different committee chairs. Each outgoing Chairs was presented a Recognition Award. Following the committee reports, there were nominations for State Vice Presidents, Trustees and State President. Brian Greene of Glens Falls Lodge #81 was elected as State President for 2019-2020 and shortly thereafter provided his introductory speech. The convention featured workshops on Friday and Saturday that were well attended by Association members. Workshop included National Veterans Service, Government Relations/CONPOR, Community and Lodge Activities, Drug Awareness, Membership, Elks National Foundation, Youth Activities/Soccer, Accident Prevention/Risk Management, Business Practices, Elks Memorial Day, Scholarship, Empire State Elk/Public Relations/Internet-Website, Major Projects, Americanism/Flag and a Secretaries and Treasurers workshop. During the convention workshop, numerous members and Lodges were recognized with awards. Several of the award presentations are featured in the pages that follow. Significant Awards were presented to; William Chorley of Oswego Lodge #271 —Irene Pashley Memorial Major Project Award; Norman Biegaj, Southwest Major Project Chair—CP Person of the Year; Anthony J. Speechio of Watkins Glen Lodge #1546 and Justine Crowley Duncan of Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403—Veterans Volunteer of the Year, Hicksville Lodge #1531—Largest Major Project Per Capita Award, Rotterdam Lodge #2157 Ladies Auxiliary—largest Major Project group donation, William Pine, East Central District—NYSEA District Chairman Award, Owego Lodge #1039—Highest ENF Per Capita at \$31.77 and East Central District—Kevin Bristol ENF Outstanding Achievement Award. A highlight of the convention was a competitive Ritual Contest that saw Carthage Lodge #1762 repeat as State Ritual Champions with a score of 96.9129 to earn the opportunity to represent the NYSEA at the National contest in St. Louis Missouri. The convention concluded with a Gala State Banquet and closing ceremonies that included the Installation of State Officers, including Brian Greene as new State President for 2019-2020, his team of State Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs and the Presentation of Ritual Awards.



The **Friends of Harmony** sang musical selections during the Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service, three songs during each ceremony. Friends of Harmony are pictured as they practice the Armed Forces Medley prior to the start of the Opening Ceremony.



The Friends of Harmony musical group are pictured with Grand Lodge Government Relations Committeeman **Daniel Capella**, Grand Lodge Trustee and Special Representative **Bruce Hidley** and Past Grand Exalted Ruler **David R. Carr** following the Opening Ceremony and Memorial



DDGER **Gerald Claude** of the West District is pictured as he welcomes those attending the Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service. Also pictured are Past State President Anthony Gilberti, Reverend Michael Martini, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler David R. Carr .



Newly elected State President **Brian Greene** of Glens Falls #81 is pictured as he is escorted to the Dias by Past State President Jerry Shook and Grand Lodge Trustee and Special Representative Bruce Hidley.



First Lady **Tonia Balfour** is all smiles as she is escorted to the Dias by Past State President William Reedy and Past State President Daniel Capeella



State President Elect **Brian Greene** is pictured receiving a congratulatory standing ovation from the Dias members following his acceptance speech at the Opening Business Sessions at the Spring Convention.



# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION AWARDS 2019



**Joseph Benoit** of Watervliet Lodge #1500 served as State Tiler during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe and Grand Lodge Trustee Bruce Hidley.



**Mark Stuparich** of New York Lodge #1 served as State Lodge Activities Chair during the 2016-2019 fraternal years. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe



**Raymond Strohm** of Poughkeepsie Lodge #275 served as the State Chairman of the Community Activities Committee from 2016-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe.



**Matt Intrieri** of Owego Lodge #1039 served as State Chairman of the Internet/Electronic Media Committee from 2006—2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe and State Secretary Paul Erkinen.



**Ernie Charleston** of Potsdam Lodge #2074 served as the State Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Committee from 2016-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Tim Kelly and Past State President Stu Rishe.



**Brian Greene** of Glens Falls Lodge # served as State Chairman of the Youth Activities Day Committee from 2017-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe.



**Barry Griffith** of Lockport Lodge #41 served as State Trustee of the West District from 2017-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Lawrence Haase.



**John Lawless** of Haverstraw Lodge #877 served as State Trustee of the Mid-Hudson District from 2017-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Joseph Petriello and Past State President John Jacques.



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Past State President **Charles I. Noonan** was recognized with a service recognition award for his contributions as a Board member of the Camp Bristol Board Committee from 2014-2019. PDDGER Roy Henry accepted the award on his behalf from PSP Stu Rishe and PSP Richard Wunder.



**Jennifer Neaton** of Ogdensburg Lodge #772 served as State Scholarship Chair from 2013-2019. Her sponsor, PSP Tim Kelley is pictured as he accepts the award on her behalf from Past State President Stu Rishe.



**Jan Pashley** of Oswego Lodge #271 served as the State Chairman of the Major Projects Committee from 2016-2019. He is pictured receiving a service recognition plaque from Past State President Stu Rishe and Major Project Board Chairman Jamie Peace...



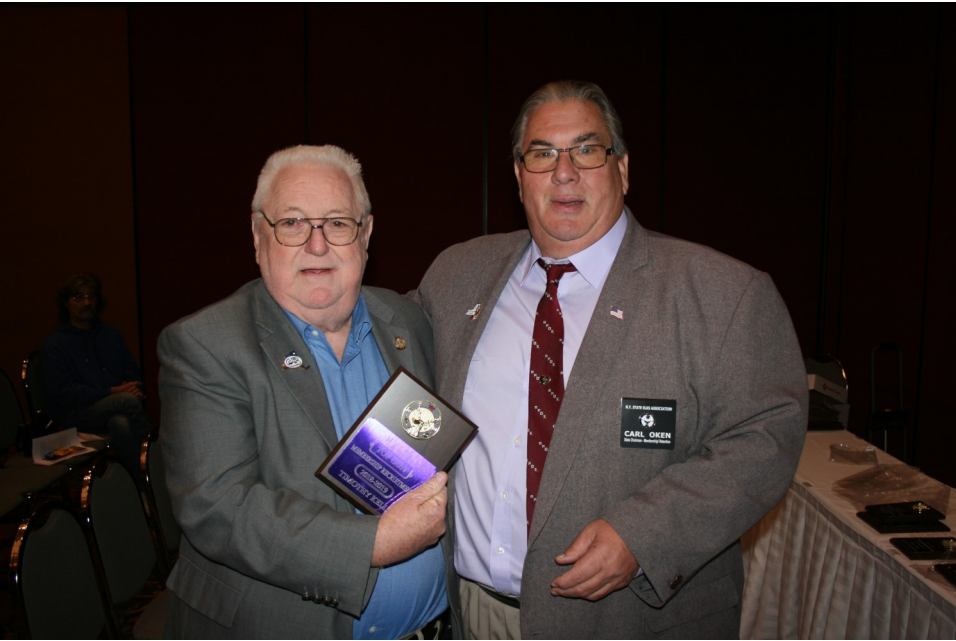
. Past State President **Martin Rosenthal** was recognized with a service recognition award for his contributions as a Board member of the Major Projects Corporation Board from 2012-2019. DDGER Gerald Krause accepted the award on his behalf from PSP Stu Rishe and PSP Jamie Peace.



**Haverstraw Lodge #877** was recognized for achieving 1st place honors for membership gain in Division 5 during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Mid-Hudson District Deputy Patrick Walsh is pictured accepting the awards on behalf of the Haverstraw Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Beacon Lodge #1493** was recognized for achieving a 5 Year Membership Gain in Division 2 during the 2014-2019 fraternal years. Membership Chair Carl Oken is pictured presenting the award.



Past State President **Tim Kelly** achieved a Top Gun Recognition Award for his membership recruitment efforts during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. He is pictured receiving his award from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



Membership Chair **Carl Oken** achieved a Top Gun Recognition Award for his membership recruitment efforts during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. He is pictured receiving his award from Past State President Tim Kelly. .



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**Webster-Fairport Lodge #2396** was recognized for achieving the highest 5 Year membership gain from 2014-2019 in Division 1. Exalted Ruler Gerald Hurley pictured accepting the award on behalf of Webster-Fairport Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Watertown Lodge #496** was recognized for achieving the highest 5 year membership gain in Division 5 from 2014-2019. Exalted Ruler Joan Carlo is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Watertown Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Massapequa Lodge #2162** was recognized for achieving 2nd place honors in membership gain in Division 2 during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. District Deputy Designee John Nuzzi is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Massapequa Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Esperance Lodge #2507** was recognized for achieving the highest 5 year membership gain in Division 2 from 2014-2019. Secretary Elizabeth Farr is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Esperance Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Horseheads Lodge #2297** was recognized for achieving the highest 5 year membership gain in Division 3 from 2014-2018. Exalted Ruler Steve Crozier is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Horseheads Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Horseheads Lodge #2297** was recognized for achieving the highest membership gain in Division 3 during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Lodge Secretary Terri O'Rourke is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Horseheads Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Elmira Lodge #62** was recognized for achieving 1st place honors for membership gain in Division 3 during the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Exalted Ruler Floyd Smith is pictured accepting the awards on behalf of the Elmira Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



**Pearl River Lodge #2041** was recognized for achieving the highest 5 year membership in Division 4 from 2014-2019. Christane Autorino of Brewster Lodge is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Pearl River Lodge from Membership Chair Carl Oken.



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**Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. PSVP Renee Bott is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Cohoes-Waterford Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Beacon Lodge #1493** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. ESE District Chair Alan Schrock is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Beacon Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Liverpool Lodge #2348** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. ESE District Editor Sheila McCallum is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Liverpool Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Newark Lodge #453** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. PER Ada Baxter is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Newark Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. ESE District Chair Deborah McCabe-Reedy is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Saratoga-Wilton Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Huntington Lodge #1565** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. ESE District Chair Lynne Stein is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Huntington Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**New York Lodge #1** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. SDGM John Nuzzi is pictured accepting the award on behalf of New York Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**Clifton-Park Lodge #2466** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Exalted Ruler Craig Masterson is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Huntington Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.





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**Oswego Lodge #271** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. ESE District Editor Sheila McCallum is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Oswego Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.

**Patchogue Lodge #271** was presented an Empire State Elk Lodge Recognition Award for the Lodges exceptional contribution to the Empire State publications during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Exalted Ruler Daniel Brooks is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Patchogue Lodge from ESE Editor Tim Welpe.



**New York Lodge #1** was recognized with a 1st place award in Division I of the Public Relations Best Lodge Bulletin Contest. New York Lodge #1 member John Nuzzi, SDGM, is pictured accepting the award on behalf of New York Lodge from State Public Relations Chairman Michael Jones.

**Colonie Lodge #2192** was recognized with a 1st place award in Division I V of the Public Relations Best Lodge Bulletin Contest. PDDGER Frank Bauer is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Colonie Lodge from State Public Relations Chairman Michael Jones.



**Lynn Stein**, East District Public Relation Chair, was recognized with a Public Relations Social Media Star Award for her outstanding efforts as a District Chair. She is pictured receiving her award from State Public Relation Chair Michael Jones

**Deborah McCabe-Reedy**, Northeast District Public Relation Chair, was recognized with a Public Relations Social Media Star Award for her outstanding efforts as a District Chair. She is pictured receiving her award from State Public Relation Chair Michael Jones



**John Nuzzi, SDGM, of New York Lodge #1** was awarded a certificate of Accomplishment for providing the second most Lodge articles (47) to the NYSEA "Elks in Action". He is pictured accepting his award from Internet / Electronic Media Chair Matt Intrieri

**Deborah McCabe-Reedy of Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161** was awarded a certificate of Accomplishment for providing the most District articles (146) to the NYSEA "Elks in Action". She is pictured accepting his award from Internet / Electronic Media Chair Matt Intrieri



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The NYSEA overall Elks National Foundation Award was presented to **Owego Lodge #1039**. The Lodge achieved a \$31.77 per capita. The Lodge Chair is Vernon Singleton. Lodge member Matt Intrieri is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Owego Lodge from Past State President Stu Rishe and Elks National Foundation Chair Paul C. Galarneau.



The NYSEA District Chairman Award winner for 2018-2019 was **William Pine** of the East Central District. He was recognized for his outstanding support of the Elks National Foundation. State Vice President Edward J. Wilhelm of the East Central District is pictured accepting the award on behalf of William Pine from Past State President Stu Rishe and Elks National Foundation Chair Paul C. Galarneau.



The NYSEA Kevin Bristol Outstanding Achievement Award for per capita increase in 2018-2019 was presented to the **East Central District**. State Vice Edward J. Wilhelm is pictured accepting the award on behalf of the East Central District from Past State President Stu Rishe and the Elks National Foundation Chairman Paul C. Galarneau.



**Watervliet Lodge #1500** was recognized during the Youth Activities workshop with an award for hosting the NYSEA Soccer Shoot. NYSEA Soccer Chair Patrick Mansfield is pictured presenting the award to Exalted Ruler Francisco Alecia who accepted on behalf of Watervliet Lodge.



**Anthony J. Speechio** of Watkins Glen Lodge #1546 and **Justine Crowley Duncan** of Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403 were each recognized with Veteran Volunteer Awards during the National Veterans workshop at the Spring Conventions. Each was honored for their on-going commitment and outstanding to their Lodges Veteran Programs. They are pictured with Veterans Chair Ernie Charleston after receiving their awards.



**Colonie Lodge #2192** was recognized during the Youth Activities workshop with an award for their support of the Area One Soccer Championship. The Lodge hosted the Area One Awards Dinner. NYSEA Soccer Chairman Patrick Mansfield is pictured presenting the award to Exalted Ruler Mark Loucks who accepted the award on behalf of Colonie Lodge.



**Deanna Whitbeck** was recognized with an award during the Youth Activities workshop for her support and commitment to the NYSEA Soccer Shoot Program. Deanna provided much needed assistance with the details, preparations and computer needs for the Area One Soccer Championship that was hosted last November by the NYSEA. She is pictured receiving her award from NYSEA Soccer Shoot Chair Patrick Mansfield.



NYSEA Empire State Elk Editor **Tim Welp** was recognized with an award during the Youth Activities workshop for his support during the Area One Soccer Championship that was hosted by the NYSEA last November. He is pictured receiving his award from NYSEA President Brian Greene and NYSEA Soccer Shoot Chair Patrick Mansfield.



**NEW YORK ELK ASSOCIATION  
MAJOR PROJECT  
AWARDS 2019**



Major Project District Chairs **Linda Rowse** (North Hudson District), **Tania Defrank** (East Central District) and **Michael Sage** (Vestal Lodge) were recognized by the Major Project Committee for their outstanding support of the NYSEA Major Projects during the 2018-2018 Fraternal Year. Major Projects Board Chairman Jamie Peace and Major Project Board member Tony Thanopoulos presented the awards. Lawrence Rowse accepted for Linda Rowse.

State Vice Presidents **Debra Kruk** (Northeast District), **Michael Jones** (State Capital District) and **Shaun Walsh** (Southwest District) were recognized by the Major Project Committee with the State Vice President Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions in support of the NYSEA Major Projects. They are pictured receiving their awards from Major Project Board Chair Jamie Peace and Major Project Board member Tony Thanopoulos



The **Rotterdam Lodge #2157 Ladies Auxillary** was recognized by the Major Project Committee for achieving the largest Ladies Group donations during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Presenting the award were Grand Lodge Trustee Bruce Hidley, Major Project Board Major Project Board Chairman Jamie Peace and Major Project Committee member Tony Thanopoulos.

**Norman Biegaj**, Southwest District Chair, was honored by the NYSEA Major Project Committee with the prestigious CP Person of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding service, dedication and support of the New York State Major Projects. His recognition was loudly applauded by those attending the business session. Pictured presenting the award are Major Project Chair Jan Pashley and Major Project Board Chairman Jamie Peace.



**Hicksville Lodge #1931** was recognized by the NYSEA Major Project Committee for achieving the Largest Per capita donations during the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. DDGER **Frank Hunt** is pictured accepting the award on behalf of Hicksville Lodge from Major Project Board Chairman Jamie Peace..

Past State President **Stu Rische** presented NYSEA Major Project Chair **Jan Pashley** with an \$5000 donation to the NYS Major Projects during the General Business Session. As a result of the donation, the NYSEA exceeded \$400,000 in total contribution's to support the NYSEA Major Projects for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. Total contributions during the 2018-2019 year were \$414,485 at the time of the convention.



**William Chorley** of **Oswego Lodge #271** was recognized by the NYSEA Major Project Committee with the Irene Pashley Memorial Major Project Award. He is pictured receiving the award from Major Project Chair Jan Pashley.

**Lodges Achieving over \$10 Per Capita in 2018-2019**

Esperance #2507, Massapequa #2162, Beacon #1493, New York #1 Peekskill #744, Canandaigua #1844, Ken Ton #1942, Catskill #1341, Greenwood Lake #2067, Rensselaer #2073, Kinderhook #2530 , Camillus #2367, Vestal #2508, Wappinger Falls #2609, Albany #49, Staten Island #841, Saratoga-Wilton #161, Clifton Park #2466, Patchogue #1323, Penn Yan #1722, Elmira #62, Saugerties #2574, Rotterdam #2157, Owego #1039

**Lodges Achieving over \$15 Per Capita in 2018-2019**

Cohoes-Waterford #1317, Ellenville #1971, Port Jefferson #2138, Mechanicville-Stillwater #1403, Amsterdam #101, Seneca Falls #992, Greenwich #2223, Scotia-Glenville #2759

**Lodges Achieving over \$20 Per Capita in 2018-2019**

Brooklyn-Queensborough #878, Southampton #1574  
Ballston Spa #2619

# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION RITUAL CONTEST 2019

The 2019 New York State Ritual Contest was held during the Spring Convention in Buffalo, New York. Four teams competed in this years contest; Carthage Lodge #1762, Watervliet Lodge #1500, Oswego Lodge #271, and Wolcott Lodge #1763. Congratulations are extended to each team for their commitment to the Ritual and for a job well done. And a special recognition and congratulations to the 2019 Champions—Carthage Lodge #1762. Team and individual All-Star and Achievement were presented during the closing ceremonies.

### Team Standings

Position	Lodge	Score
1st Place	Carthage #1762	96.9129
2nd Place	Wolcott #1763	96.6477
3rd Place	Watervliet #1500	93.8307
4th Place	Oswego #271	90.8006

### Individual Awards

#### All Star Award

Exalted Ruler— Michael Higman	Carthage #1762
Leading Knight— Robert Sligar	Carthage #1762
Loyal Knight— Pam Yonker	Wolcott #1763
Lecturing Knight— Kody Heukrath	Carthage #1762
Esquire— Roy Cole	Wolcott #1763
Chaplain— Scott Bates	Wolcott #c1763
Inner Guard— Brian Scott	Carthage #1762
Candidate— Jeremy Thesier	Carthage #1762
Coach— Brian Scott	Carthage #1762

#### Achievement Award

Exalted Ruler—Matt Bates	Wolcott #1763
Leading Knight— Phil Galek	Wolcott #1763
Loyal Knight— Elizabeth Gamble	Carthage #1762
Lecturing Knight— Cheryl Garlock	Wolcott #1763
Esquire— Tyler Clemons	Carthage #1762
Chaplain— Paul Clark	Carthage #1762
Inner Guard— Laura Galek	Wolcott #1763



Ritual Achievement Award—Chaplain **Paul Clark** of Carthage Lodge #1762 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President William Reedy. He achieved a score of 93.236.



Ritual Achievement Award—Esquire **Tyler Clemons** of Carthage Lodge #1762 achieved a Ritual Achievement Award. Jeremy Thesier accepted on his behalf from Past State President John Jacques. He achieved a score of 94.101.



Ritual Achievement Award—Inner Guard **Laura Galek** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President Phil Conaty. She achieved a score of 94.040.



Ritual Achievement Award—Estemmed Lecturing Knight **Cheryl Garlock** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President Jerry Shook. She achieved a score of 92.654.



Ritual Achievement Award—Esteemmed Leading Knight **Phil Galek** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President Phil Holowacz. He achieved a score of 93,493.



Ritual Achievement Award—Esteemmed Loyal Knight **Elizabeth Gamble** of Carthage Lodge #1762 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President Richard Wunder. She achieved a score of 93.892



## NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION RITUAL CONTEST 2019



Ritual Achievement Award—Exalted Ruler **Matt Bates** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual Achievement Award from Past State President Michael Bloss. He achieved a score of 93.005.



Ritual All Star Award—Inner Guard **Brian Scott** of Carthage Lodge #1762 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Jamie Peace. He achieved a score of 94.469



Ritual All Star Award—Chaplain **Scott Bates** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Reverend Michael Martini. He achieved a score of 93.772.



Ritual All Star Award—Esquire **Roy Cole** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Donald Fischer. He achieved a score of 94.374.



Ritual All Star Award—Esteemed Lecturing Knight **Kody Heukrath** of Carthage Lodge #1762 received a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Paul Galarneau. He achieved a score of 94.574.



Ritual All Star Award—Esteemed Loyal Knight **Pam Yonker** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Joseph Petriello. She achieved a score of 94.176.



Ritual All Star Award—Esteemed Leading Knight **Robert Sligar** of Carthage Lodge #1762 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Dan Capella. He achieved a score of 94.100.



Ritual All Star Award—Exalted Ruler **Michael Higman** of Carthage Lodge #1762 is pictured receiving a Ritual All Star Award from Past State President Lawrence J. Haase. He achieved a score of 93.018



## NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION RITUAL CONTEST TEAM AWARDS 2019



**Oswego Lodge #271** took 4th place honors with a score of 90.8006. Past Exalted Ruler Kenneth Ellsworth is pictured receiving a Ritual Committee Participation Award from Past State President Dan Capella. .



**Watervliet Lodge #1500** took 3rd place honors with a score of 93.8307. Robert Passonno is pictured receiving a Ritual Committee Participation Award and 3rd place trophy from Grand Lodge Trustee Bruce Hidley..



**Wolcott Lodge #1763** took 2nd place honors with a team score of 96.6477. Coach Jeff Drake is pictured receiving a Ritual Committee Participation Award and 2nd Place Trophy from Past State President Richard Wunder.



**Carthage Lodge #1762** took 1st place honors with a team score of 96.9129. Exalted Ruler Michael Higman is picture receiving a Ritual Committee Participation Award and 1st Place Trophy from Past State President Anthony Gilberti..



The Ritual All Star Coach Award was presented to **Brian Scott** of Carthage Lodge #1762. He is pictured receiving the Coaching Award Trophy from Past State President Tim Kelly.



The Ritual All Star Candidate Award was presented to Coach Award was presented to **Jeremy Thesier** of Carthage Lodge #1762. Past State President Richard Wunder is pictured presenting the award.





# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION 2019 PHOTO GALLERY





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**NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
STATE VICE PRESIDENTS**



**CHARLES PANKO  
ILION #1444  
CENTRAL DISTRICT**



**JOHN BRIGANTE  
PORT JEFFERSON #2138  
EAST DISTRICT**



**JOSEPH MAXWELL  
LIBERTY #1545  
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**



**JOHN LAWLESS  
HAVERSTRAW #877  
MID-HUDSON DISTRICT**



**MARJORIE HULBURT  
TICONDEROGA #1494  
NORTH DISTRICT**



**DAVE GIVER  
LOWVILLE #1605  
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**



**TIMOTHY REED  
CATSKILL #1341  
NORTH HUDSON DISTRICT**



**ED ZUZICK  
MECHANICVILLE-STILLWATER #1403  
NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**“ELKDOM—A TEAM EFFORT”**



# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION STATE VICE PRESIDENTS



**DAVE McKENNA**  
**LOCKPORT #41**  
**WEST DISTRICT**



**DAVE PORTER**  
**WOLCOTT #1763**  
**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT**



**JAMES RUBINO**  
**COLONIE #2192**  
**STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT**



**JUDY McGLYNN**  
**BATH #1547**  
**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**



**LAURIE BARAVALLE**  
**CORNING #1071**  
**SOUTHERN TIER DISTRICT**



**STEPHANIE HANSA**  
**STATEN ISLAND #841**  
**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**



**PHIL O'HAGAN**  
**SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER #707**  
**SOUTH DISTRICT**



**MICHAEL SAGE**  
**VESTAL #2508**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**

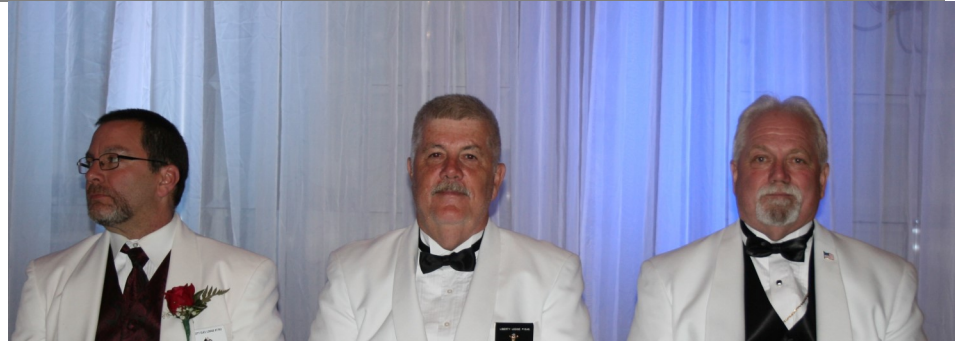
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# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION STATE VICE PRESIDENTS



**ROBERT C. CULICAN**  
**LIVERPOOL #2348**  
**ONTARIO DISTRICT**



**David Porter** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 (West Central District), **Joseph Maxwell** of Liberty Lodge #1545 (East Central District) and **Edward Zuzick Jr.** of Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403 (Northeast District) are pictured as they await the start of the Initiation Ceremony at the Spring Convention. Minutes later, they were sworn in as State Vice Presidents.



**Charles Panko** of Ilion Lodge #1444 (Central District), **Phil O'Hagan** of Southern Westchester Lodge #707 (South District) and **David Porter** of Wolcott Lodge #1763 (West Central District) are pictured minutes prior to being sworn in as State Vice Presidents during the Initiation Ceremony.



**Michael Sage** of Vestal Lodge #2508 (South Central District) and **Marjorie Hurlburt** of Ticonderoga Lodge #1494 (North District) are pictured during the Installation Ceremony as they wait to take the oath as a State Vice President.



**Michael Sage** of Vestal Lodge #2508 (South Central District), **Marjorie Hurlburt** of Ticonderoga Lodge #1494 (North District), **John Lawless** of Haverstraw Lodge #877 (Mid-Hudson District) and **Robert C. Culican** of Liverpool Lodge #2348 (Ontario District) are pictured as they take the oath as a State Vice President during the Initiation Ceremony. Past State President John Jacques administered the Oath of Office. Also pictured are Past Grand Exalted Ruler **David R. Carr** and Grand Lodge Trustee and Special Representative **Bruce Hidley**.



**Stephanie Hansa** of Staten Island Lodge #841 (Southeast District), **James Rubino** of Colonie Lodge #2192 (State Capital District) and **Timothy Reed** of Catskill Lodge #1341 (North Hudson District) are pictured as they await the start of the Initiation Ceremony. They are representing their respective district as a State Vice President.



**Stephanie Hansa** of Staten Island #841 (Southeast District) and **James Rubino** of Colonie Lodge #2192 (State Capital District) are pictured moments before they took their oath as a State Vice President.



**John Lawless** of Haverstraw Lodge #877 (Mid-Hudson District), **Judy McGlynn** of Bath Lodge #1547 (Southwest District) and **Robert C. Culican** of Liverpool Lodge #2348 (Ontario District) are pictured during the Initiation Ceremony. Each was sworn in during the ceremony as a State vice President for their respective districts. Pictured to the right is **Timothy Reed** of Catskill Lodge #1341 (North Hudson District) prior to his installation as a State Vice President.





# GRAND LODGE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



The 155th Grand Lodge Session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was held June 30th-July 3rd, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. New York State Elks Association members experienced a busy first day that included the State Association breakfast and the Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. The convention activities began with our State Association Breakfast which was attended by approximately 320 members and guests. Past State President Anthony Gilberti served as Master of Ceremony during the breakfast program. The breakfast program included an invocation by Reverend Michael Martini, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Past State President and statements from GL Housing Director Tony Thanopoulos, Grand Lodge Trustee Bruce Hidley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler David R. Carr, Major Project Board Chair Jamie Peace and State Association President Brian Greene. State President Greene provided welcoming remarks and introduced the State Association Chairpersons in attendance. Dignitaries attending the State Association breakfast included Justice of the Grand Forum Vito Caruso, Justice of the Grand Forum Francis Oliveri, Reverend Michael Martini, State Secretary Paul Erkinen, State President Brian Greene and Stella Kolysko. Past State Presidents attending were Tim Kelly, Bruce Hidley, Tony Gilberti, Jamie Peace, Jerry Shook, Bill Reedy, Dan Capella, and Phil Conaty. State Association Chairs and Committee members attending were Tim Welpe, Cameron Ricci, Colleen Quackenbush, David Brown, Mel Oliveira, Bill Gebhardt, Edgar Manwaring, Tony Thanopolis, John and Helen Blais, Sheila O'Connor, Brian Scott, and Barry Griffith. The opening ceremony took place Sunday afternoon, June 30th. The opening ceremony featured an introduction of Past Grand Exalted Rulers that included David R. Carr. State President Brian Greene had the distinct honor of carrying and presenting the New York State Flag during the opening ceremony. And NYSEA Veterans Activities Chair Barry Griffith of Lockport Lodge #41 had the distinct honor of presenting the US. Air Force Flag to the Dias during the presentation of Military Flags at the Opening Ceremony.

Our State Association had several highlights during the convention. For the second consecutive year, State Ritual representative Carthage Lodge #1762 finished 2nd in the Eastern Conference with an outstanding score of 97.4053, earning the opportunity to compete in the National Finals. Following a close and competitive contest, Carthage finished 2nd Nationally with a score of 96.2105. Edgar Manwaring, PER and Bill Gebhardt, PDDGER, once again served as session coordinators. Edgar has worked the sound booth for 27 years and Bill has worked the floor detail for 15 years. Shannon Dinse of Rochester Lodge #24 had the honor to serve as a National Ritual Contest Judge. Our State Association Major Project Booth was recognized with a Five Star award. Other State Association Awards announced during the GL Business sessions were; Empire State Elk with a Five Star Award for Publication Excellence, Rochester Lodge #24 for 3rd place in the Division 2 of the Community Project Contest, NYSEA for significant Improvement in Membership and Emily Scott of Royalton-Hartland Middle School, Middleport as National Americanism Contest Winner. She was sponsored by Lockport Lodge #41. The national Enrique Camarena Award was awarded to Officer Shelly Farrell who was sponsored by Ossining Lodge #1486. Several State Association Lodges were featured during a Grand Lodge Activities Committee slide show tribute. The following State Association members will continue as Grand Lodge representatives during the in 2019-2020 Fraternal Year; Past State President Bruce Hidley—Grand Lodge Trustee, Past State President Dan Capella—Area 1 Government Relations and the Honorable Vito Caruso—Justice of the Grand Forum. A thank you is extended to our Grand Lodge Convention Committee members for their efforts prior to the convention and for once again putting together a successful State Association Breakfast and Hospitality Room during the convention. They are: Past State President Tony Gilberti, PDDGER Tony Thanopoulos, Past State President Tim Kelly, and Past District Deputy John Blais. And a special thank you to Mary Gilberti and Helen Blais for their daily assistance with the Hospitality Room.



New York State Elks Association President **Brian Greene** is pictured as he proudly waves the New York State Flag during the Procession of State Flags during the opening ceremonies at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, Missouri.



Veterans Activities **Chair Barry Griffith**, retired United States Air Force, of Lockport Lodge #41 had the distinct honor of presenting the US. Air Force Flag on the steps of the Dias during the presentation of Military Flags during the Opening Ceremony.



New York state Elks Association President **Brian Greene** is pictured as he carries on the tradition of a state association president signing the New York State Flag prior to the start of the opening ceremonies.



Veterans activities Chair **Barry Griffith** and New York State Elks Association President **Brian Green** are pictured in front of the Dias prior to the opening ceremony



Past State Presidents Jerry Shook and his wife Abby are pictured with State President Brian Greene and his fiancée Tonya Belfour prior to the Opening Ceremony at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, Missouri .



Grand Lodge Trustee **Bruce Hidley** is pictured with Grand Exalted Ruler **Michael Luhr** are pictured prior to the Grand Lodge Memorial Service Ceremonies and Installation of Grand Lodge officer and District Deputies at the closing session of the Grand Lodge Convention.



# GRAND LODGE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

## St. LOUIS MISSOURI



Newly Installed District Deputies **April Bates** of the Southern Tier District and **Guy S. McGlynn** of the Southwest District are pictured with New York State Elks Association President **Brian Greene** and his fiancée **Tonia Balfour** following the closing of the Grand Lodge session in St. Louis, Missouri.



Newly installed District Deputy **Raymond Caprin** of the Ontario District is pictured with Grand Lodge Trustee and Special Representative **Bruce Hidley** and New York State Elk Association President **Brian Greene** following the closing of the Grand Lodge Session.



Newly installed District Deputy **Colleen Quackenbush** of the State Capital District is pictured with New York State President **Brian Greene** following the closing of the Grand Lodge Session. They are pictured on the Dias in front of the Memorial Service Alter.



GL convention Committee member **Tony Thanopoulos**, State President **Brian Greene** and his fiancée **Tonia Balfour**, GL Trustee **Bruce Hidley** and his wife **Helen** and PSP **Stu Rishe** and his wife **Nancy** are pictured before leaving the St. Louis Convention Center following the closing session.



**Carthage Lodge #1762** took 2nd Place honors in the National Ritual Contest. Exalted Ruler **Michael Higman** is pictured as he accepts the 2nd Place Award from Grand Exalted Ruler **Michael Luhr**. The Carthage Ritual Team has represented the New York State Elks Association at the national completion the past two years. They finished 4th in last years national contest.



The **Carthage Ritual Team** is pictured with their 2nd place national award following the ritual presentations. Pictured front, from left; Esteemed Loyal knight Elizabeth Gamble, Exalted Ruler Michael Higman, Esquire Tyler Clemons; in back from left; Candidate Jeremy Thesier, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Kody Heukrath, Esteemed Leading Knight Robert Sligar and Inner Guard/Coach Brian Scott. Absent from photo is Chaplain Paul Clark.



The New York Elk Association Grand Lodge Convention Committee members are pictured at the State Association hospitality room. They are Past state President **Tim Kelly**, Past State President **Tony Gilberti** and his wife **Mary**, and PDDGER **John Blais** and his wife **Helen**. Absent from the photo is PDDGER **Tony Thanopoulos**. The team did an excellent job in preparing the hospitality each day.



A newer tradition that has been established in recent years is the performance of the 11th Hour Toast by the State Association President and the District Deputy designees. State President **Brian Greene** is pictured with the District Deputy designees prior to an 11th hour Toast.



# GRAND LODGE CONVENTION PHOTO GALLERY

## St. LOUIS MISSOURI





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**NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
DISTRICT DEPUTIES**



**JAMES GERRARD II  
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**COLLEEN QUACKENBUSH  
STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT**

**ANTHONY FLORIO  
EAST DISTRICT**

**GUY S. McGLYNN  
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**



**KYLE GORDON  
NORTH DISTRICT**

**THOMAS R. STEELE  
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**JOHN GARDNER  
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**SHEILA HARGRAVE  
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**



**APRIL BATES  
SOUTHERN TIER DISTRICT**

**RICHARD JOKAJTYS  
CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**PAUL H. CRUMB  
MID-HUDSON DISTRICT**

**CAMILLE LEWANDOWSKI  
WEST DISTRICT**



**DEBORAH MINNERS  
NORTH HUDSON DISTRICT**

**CARMELLA GILLIS  
NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**JOHN M. NUZZI SR.  
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

**RAYMOND CAPRIN  
ONTARIO DISTRICT**

**“Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future”**



# NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT DEPUTIES



**FRANK W. PEZZELLA**  
**SOUTH DISTRICT**



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler **Colleen Quackenbush** (State Capital District) is pictured with New York State Elks Association President **Brian Greene** following the closing Ceremony at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. She is a member of Watervliet Lodge #1500.



**ROBERT DUITSMAN**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**2019-2020**  
**“Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future”**



**Anthony Florio** of Port Jefferson Lodge #2138 (East District), **Paul H. Crumb** of Peekskill Lodge #744 (Mid-Hudson District), **Sheila Hargrave** of Malone Lodge #1303 (North Central District) and **Camille Lewandowski** of Lancaster Lodge #1478 (West District) are pictured prior to the District Deputy Installation at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis Missouri.



**April Bates** of Elmira Lodge #62 (Southern Tier District), **Thomas Steele** of Webster-Fairport Lodge #2396 (West Central District) and **Richard Jokajty** of Boonville Lodge #2158 (Central District) are pictured as they await the District Deputy Installation at the Grand Lodge convention in St. Louis Missouri.



**Guy S. McGlynn** of Bath Lodge #1547 (Southwest District), **John M. Nuzzi Sr.** of New York Lodge #1 (Southeast District), and **Camille Lewandowski** of Lancaster Lodge #1478 (West District) are pictured as they take their oath of office as a District Deputy during the District Deputy Initiation at the closing ceremony.



District Deputy Designate **Camille Lawandowski** and **Walter J. Paluszak** of Lancaster Lodge #1478 are pictured prior to the start of the Grand Lodge Memorial Ceremony and Installation Ceremony.



The NYSEA District Deputy Designates for the Fraternal year 2019-2020 took time for a group picture just prior to the Installation Ceremony. Moments later they took the oath of office as a District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler



**Kyle Gordon** of Whitehall Lodge #1491 (North District), **Anthony Florio** of Port Jefferson Lodge #2138 (East District) and **Carmella Gillis** of Amsterdam Lodge #101 (Northeast District) are pictured following the Installation of District Deputies.

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