



Ithaca Lodge #636 submitted a Gratitude Grant to the Elks National Foundation asking for support of Franziska Racker Centers' "Making Room" Capital Campaign. A grant of \$2,000 was received, and will support needed renovations for the Racker Centers' special education preschool building and will also help build a new Learning Center where best practices for helping people with special needs can be shared with the community. Franziska Racker Centers has a long partnership with the Elks and greatly appreciate the ongoing support the Elks have shown Racker Centers over the years. "We couldn't ask for better friends" say Executive Director Roger Sibley, "Together we are able to assist many people in our community, helping them have happier more productive lives. We are grateful for this gift to our "Making Room Campaign."...Pictured above; Roger Sibley of Franziska Racker Centers (tan coat) accepts a check from Robert Boothroyd, Exalted Ruler of the Ithaca Elks Lodge #636, as Elks members Lou Withiam (far left), and Gary Carlson (far right), look on.



Liverpool Lodge #2348 recently held their annual Music Fest. They had several band playing different types of music throughout the day. They served great food and held a number of raffles. It was truly a pleasure to have New York State Ambassador for C.P., Caitlin Schulerin attendance. Sen. John DeFrancisco, and Past State President and his wife, Phil and Sue Holowacz were also in attendance. Approximately \$13,000 was raised for New York State Major Projects CP at this event.

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Port Jefferson # 2138 donates to family of child with brain cancer

The Port Jefferson Lodge #2138, before a recent meeting of the lodge, presented a check for \$3,500.00 to a family that has a 7 year old son that has been undergoing treatment for a rare form of brain cancer. The youngster, Ryan Zinna has been putting up a valiant battle with the disease. Shown in the photo (l. to r.) is the lodge's Chairman of the Trustees, Robert McClean, the boy's father Darren Zinna and Exalted Ruler Anthony Florio, PER. Brother McClean was the chairman of the 13th Annual Stick Ball Tournament that raised of \$11,800.00 net profit that was used to assist both local Veterans and families in need of financial assistance. In the 13 years that the tournament has been ran, the Lodge has raised over \$110,000.00 for this cause.