

**Freeport/Baldwin Celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Freeport/Baldwin Lodge #1253** filled a three-day weekend with all the festivities one could handle. Except for a rainy day on Sunday, when they held their Brunch, everything went off smoothly. There Saturday night Bash was very impressive. All that attended and danced the night away to the music of the New Yorkers had a great time. District Co. Sponsor PDDGER Martin Rosenthal presented a proclamation to the Freeport/Baldwin Lodge from Grand Exalted Ruler David Carr celebrating the Lodges 100 Anniversary. Pictured above: left to right, District Co-Sponsor PDDGER Martin Rosenthal, PER Larry Clement, Exalted Ruler Ron Carmen and PDDGER Dave Schotz, Lodge Sponsor.



**Huntington Lodge # 1565** - At a recent affair at the Huntington Elks Lodge Senior Past Exalted Ruler Walter Kuhn is shaking hands with his grandson and member Michael Alberto. He is congratulating Michael and fellow member Stephen Scialdone for their efforts in bringing in new members to the Lodge. On the right is E.R. John J. Safarik.

The State Association is pleased to announce the **winners of the 2011-2012 Elks Memorial Service Contest C**. I have received a number of outstanding entries this year making the judging extremely difficult. My congratulations go out to the following Lodges. Division 1, First place: Johnson City Lodge #2821, Second place: Saranac Lake Lodge #1508. Division 2 First place: Camillus Lodge 2367, Second place: Fulton Lodge #830. Division 3 First place: Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403, Second place: Hudson Lodge #787. Third place: Whitehall Lodge #1491. Division 4 First place: Glens Falls Lodge #81, Second place: Oswego Lodge #271. Division 5 First place: Haverstraw Lodge #877. Division 6 (Lodges with over 1,500 members) No Entries I extend my sincere thanks and again congratulations to the winners and all that participated in the Contest this year.

Ken Perry, PDDGER, State Chairman



**Newark Lodge #1249** welcomed New York State Elks Association President, Phillip Holowacz (left), and his wife, Suzanne, during a recent visit. Following a buffet luncheon, which was also attended by representatives from several of the District Lodges, Newark Exalted Ruler, Michael Thompson (rt), presented the couple with special appreciation gifts, which included a handmade afghan. Holowacz thanked everyone for attending and commended the members of the various Elk lodges for all of their contributions to their communities. He concluded with a special congratulatory note to Newark Lodge #1249 for recently celebrating 100 years of dedicated service.

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Division 1	(Lodges under 301 members)
First place:	Johnson City Lodge #2821
Second place:	Saranac Lake Lodge #1508
Division 2	(Lodges with 301 thru 700 members)
First place:	Camillus Lodge 2367
Second place:	Fulton Lodge #830
Division 3	(Lodges with 501 thru 700 members)
First place:	Mechanicville-Stillwater Lodge #1403
Second place:	Hudson Lodge #787
Third place:	Whitehall Lodge #1491
Division 4	(Lodges with 701 thru 1,100 members)
First place:	Glens Falls Lodge #81
Second place:	Oswego Lodge #271
Division 5	(Lodges dwith 1,101 thru 1,500 members)
First place:	Haverstraw Lodge #877
Division 6	(Lodges with over 1,500 members)
	No Entries.

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Ken Perry, PDDGER  
State Chairman 2/5/12

**2012 Impact Grant Lodges**

Congratulations to the class of 2012 **Impact Grant** recipients! The following projects will receive between \$2,500 and \$10,000 to make a significant different in their communities. **Renewal grants** are listed in green.

**Mid Westchester, NY, Lodge No. 535** will continue to run a social group for teens with disabilities to reduce their isolation and offer their parents and families respite through the *Social Group for Teens with Special Needs*.



**Colonie, NY, Lodge No. 2192** will hold monthly events for people with disabilities with the *Miracles Dance Night* program. Elks will plan, host and volunteer at the events, which are attended by up to 300 people.



**Lyons Lodge #869** was recently visited by New York State Elks Association President Philip Holowacz. Holowacz is a member of Sidney Elks Lodge. During the visit, Elks Leader Holowacz had an opportunity to meet with Lyons Lodge Exalted Ruler Gary Rogers together with other officers and members from the Lodge. The Lyons Elks Lodge hosted the visitors to a breakfast at the Lodge. Also during the visit, Holowacz and his companions received a tour of the Lyons Elks Lodge facility and were briefed on the many activities at the Lyons Lodge including youth, community and veterans programs sponsored or supported by the members of Lyons Elks Lodge. During the weekend visitation schedule, Elks Leader Holowacz and his companions also had the opportunity to visit Elks Lodges in the communities of Seneca Falls, Wolcott, Canandaigua, Newark, Rochester and Webster-Fairport. Pictured (L-R): Lyons Elks Leader Gary Rogers and State Elks Leader Phil Holowacz.