



Freeport-Baldwin Lodge #1253 - Breast Cancer patient Elk Mary Cantry gets a head of hair back from the head of Elk Joe Lugo. Joe had the barber, DDGER George May, do a professional job in the hair styling. The act of love raised over \$1,000.00 for Breast Cancer.

Utica Lodge #33 - For the holiday spirit Utica Lodge donated 715 pounds of food which included 10 turkeys to the Utica Food Bank, in additions Utica donated 200 pounds of food to the local Veterans Outreach program which included 5 turkeys.



Watertown Lodge #496 held an annual Harvest Dinner. For the event, the Lodge invites all senior citizens from the Watertown community to a complimentary traditional Thanksgiving Dinner that is held at the Lodge. The Lodge provides busing to those senior citizens who reside in senior housing. The event is made possible by the generous donations of the Lodge members. Some of the many that attended are pictured enjoying the dinner.



Colonie Lodge #2192 honored the fire services in the Town of Colonie at it's annual recognition dinner. Exalter Ruler Carol Sponable welcomed over four hundred fire fighters and their guests and presented a "Fireman of the Year award to a member chosen from each department. This marks the 40th annual dinner the lodge has help to honor Colonies bravest.

Herkimer Lodge #1439 along with Dick's Bicycle Shop combined to donate 10 bikes to Children in the area who didn't have one to make their Christmas brighter as part of the Elks Christmas Campaign.

Once again the Exalted Ruler challenge had **Herkimer Lodge 1439** and

Ilion Lodge 1444 ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Program. In it's seventh year Ilion beat Herkimer for the most money collected. Both lodges collected \$725.11 for the real winner humanity. The members of Herkimer Lodge 1439 along with the Lady Elks donated \$1000.00 to the local food pantry and the Gram Lorriane Program that makes Christmas brighter for children in the area.



Oswego Lodge #271 Elks helped with a breakfast for the Oswego Lady's Softball Team. State Vice President David Longley, Past Exalted Ruler John Rinaldo, member Chuck Davis and Exalted Ruler Colleen Rinaldo helped with the cooking of the breakfast.



Haverstraw Lodge #877 was given the honor of being the first organization to be inducted into the North Rockland High School Sports Hall of Fame. This honor was given to the lodge for our many years of dedication to the community and the community wanted to give us something back to honor us. We feel it is an extreme honor for us and all of Elkdom! Pictured above:left to right, Inner Guard Jerry Krol, House Committee Chairman Julio Alonso, PSVP Scott Taylor, PER Dominic Posillippo, ER Kevin Reilly, SVP Patrick Walsh, ESQUIRE Ed Lipski, Secretary Frank Falco and member John Gould.



Esperance Lodge #2507 - Exalted Ruler Edward Rockwell, pictured above presenting a check for \$ 2,000.00 to Jeannette Spaulding, Deputy Director of Schoharie County Community Action Program to aid flood victims in Schoharie County.

Guilderland Lodge #2480 awarded The Keepers of the Circle, a native American Cultural Center a grant of \$ 500.00 for their

work in their community to bring an understanding between both native and non-natives alike of our cultures, and by providing aid to those in need in their community.



Patchogue Lodge #1323 held a fund raiser breakfast for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Long Island Chapter. The breakfast netted \$1,200.00 and with the help from the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant of \$600.00 the Lodge was able to make a total donation of \$1,800.00. Accepting on behalf of JD RF was Lauren Sweeney. The girls were presented with Certificates of Recognition for being helpers at the breakfast. Recognition also goes to (not pictured) Angelina Caroli a helper and to Andrew Zimlinghaus who was the Lodge's Poster Child for the breakfast. Pictured from L to R: PDD Craig Munn, Gianna Mileto (behind her) Gianna's mom, Gail Mileto, Lauren Sweeney, Samantha Calandra and Leading Knight Scott Salimando

Patchogue Lodge #1323 - Because of their generosity, dedication and hard work



Chef's Randy Tremble and Nick Sweeney PER were able to raise \$500.00 for the Patchogue Medford Youth and Community Service.

Along with a Gratuity Grant from the Elks National Foundation of \$600.00 the lodge was able to make a \$1,100.00 donation to PMYCS. Pictured above; l to r - PDD Craig Munn, Accepting on behalf of the Patchogue Medford Youth and Community Services, Theresa Reilly and Administrative Assistant Shawn Hirst and Lodge Leading Knight Scott Salimando.

Herkimer Lodge #1439, Herkimer Police Department, and Dick Bike Shop teamed up to hold its annual bike rodeo. The Herkimer Police gave a talk on bike safety and the rules of the road for riding on the street. Dick Bike Shop inspected each bike and corrected safety issues. Money from the Promise Grant was used to purchased new bikes that where given out to winners of the safety obstacles course. **Ringing the Bells for Charity. Herkimer Lodge #1439 and Ilion Lodge #1444** renewed its annual contest to see who could raise the most money for the Salvation Army in the Exalted Ruler Challenge. Each lodge rang the bells at two different locations for a total of 6 hours. Ilion came out on top in the contest by raising the most money, but the biggest winner was the Salvation Army with a total of \$725.11 being raised.