



JOHN D. AMEN
 GRAND EXALTED RULER
 2014 - 2015
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 Order of Elks of the U.S.A

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES 2014-2015

- Reverend Michael T. Martine—Grand Chaplain**
- PSP Ron Olson—Area I Activities**
- PSP Bruce Hidley—Area I Government Relations**



The New York State Elk Association Major Projects booth earned a five star rating during booth judging. Major Projects Board Chairman Jamie Peace and Major Project Chair Irene Pashley proudly display the Five Star Award.



The NYSEA Major Projects booth was visited on a routine basis throughout the convention.



Members of the Bath Lodge Ritual Team pose for a picture at the altar following their ritual contest presentation,



Vicki and David Brown provided assistance at the Major Project booth.



State President Jerry Shook, his wife Abby and several State Association awaiting the start of a morning session at the convention hall.



Grand Lodge Representative Ron Olson is pictured during the Activities Committee presentation at the convention.



The 102nd Grand Lodge Convention was held in New Orleans and well attended by members of the New York State Elks Association. Past Grand Exalted Rulers Peter T. Affatato (pictured opposite page with his wife Irene at the State Dinner) and David R. Carr, along with several Past State Presidents were in attendance. The NYSEA sponsored a member breakfast, dinner and hospitality room. Both the breakfast and dinners were well attended by NY State Elks, and NY Elks as well as visitors from other State Associations visited the hospitality room. A large contingency of members attended the daily meeting sessions and trainings. The State's seventeen District Deputy designates were sworn into office at the closing session. Additionally, Reverend Michael Martine was sworn into office as Grand Chaplain He provided thoughtful messages of prayer throughout the Grand Lodge sessions and at the State breakfast and Dinner. And John D. Amen, Denver Lodge #17, was installed as Grand Exalted Ruler. His motto is "Elks: Elevating America".