



## Elks National Foundation Grants and Awards



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** member Gerald A. Gibbons has been recognized by the Elks National Foundation as a Permanent Benefactor for his generous donations totaling more than \$2000 towards the Philanthropic Projects Fostered by the ENF. He was recognized with an Elks National Foundation certificate. He was announced as a recipient of the award during a District Deputy and State Vice President visitation at Potsdam Lodge. PER William LaPoint and Exalted Ruler Deb Moschell are pictured accepting the award on behalf of Mr. Gibbons from State ENF Chair Stu Rishe. Additionally, Mr. Lapoint was recognized with a state ENF Chairman's Challenge Award.

**Watertown Lodge #496** member Robert C. Londraville has been recognized by the Elks National Foundation as a Permanent Benefactor for his generous donations totaling more than \$2000 towards the Philanthropic Projects Fostered by the ENF. He was recognized with an Elks National Foundation certificate before an audience of fellow members during a District Deputy Visitation at the Watertown Lodge. He was also presented with a medal of appreciation from the Lodge. Mr. Londraville is pictured proudly displaying his certificate and medal with Past State President Tim Kelly, State Trustee Scott Hirst, ENF State Chair Stu Rishe and Exalted Ruler Ray Cooley.



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** used a Beacon Grant and hosted a thied annual Wounded Warrior and Veteran's Appreciation Dinner. Approximately 125 area Veteran's, family members and Lodge members attended the dinner. Past State Vice President Ernie Charleston and Exalted Ruler Deb Morchell organized the dinner. PSVP Charleston provided Introductory and closing remarks. Lecturing Knight Mary Evans-Welpe provided the invocation and Jessica Charleston, daughter of PSVP's Ernie and Mary Charleston, sang the National Anthem. Special guests speakers were Mike Bultry from the Veteran's Service Office and Lt. Colonel James Hassett. Members from each branch of the Military Service were recognized during a post dinner ceremony.

**Auburn Lodge #474** member Fred Moochler, PER, was recently became a member of the Honorary Founder's Club of ENF. In honor of this accomplishment, he was recognized with an ENF Certificate of Accomplishment that was presented by the Auburn Lodge. Since the beginning of the Auburn Lodge in 1899, there are only 3 members who have reached this level of ENF donations. Joining Fred are two other members of the Lodge that have accomplished this prestigious milestone: pictured from from left to right: PDDGER Michael Gleason, PER Fred Moochler, and PSVP, Lodge and Ontario District ENF Chairperson, Edward Darrow.



**Beacon Elks Lodge #1493** used an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and donated \$1000 worth of food to the Dutchess County Community Action Food Bank in Beacon, New York. State Vice President Carl Oken of the Mid Hudson District is pictured presenting the food donations on behalf of Beacon Lodge to Delilah Velez and Cardenal Johnson of Dutchess County Community Action program. Since April of 2014, Beacon Lodge has generously donated \$4000 worth of food and clothing to support the Southern Dutchess area.

Recently Major Paul Hernandez, from the Auburn area New York Army National Guard, presented **Auburn lodge #474** with an appreciation plaque. The plaque, which now hangs proudly in the lodge meeting room, was presented in appreciation for the care packages sent from the lodge to soldiers serving overseas. A \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant was used to cover the cost of the items and to ship the packages overseas. PER Frank Saya, co-chair of the project, Treasurer Michael Gleason, and member Robin Jackson, co-chair are pictured accepting the award on behalf of the Lodge from Major Hernandez.

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