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State President's Message

John E. Jacques
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"ELKS STEP UP"

Members All,

Since our Elk year began in April, and being installed as NYSEA President in May at the NYS Elks convention in Rochester, due to the fact of having a very short window to prepare for the year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Past State Presidents as well as my fellow Elks who have "Stepped Up" to help me with this endeavor. I thank you all very much.

Here we are in September and I find that time is passing quickly. Having visited only two Districts to date, I can assure everyone that ELKDOM is very much alive and working very hard to maintain and move forward to ensure continued success in their respective Lodges. As I continue to travel this great STATE of ours, I'm sure all is not as perfect in our Lodges as we would like them to be. In areas that need improvement such as attitude, it is very important that the majority of us have that "ELK CAN DO ATTITUDE". All we need now is for others to share our commitment, what a wonderful thing that would be. As we are all in the same boat, unfortunately all of us are not rowing. Let us keep in mind our perspective Lodges are not clubs as some would like us to be. The dedicated members who work so very hard to maintain our Lodges know we need our club to support our Lodges but we need a Lodge to support a club.

We have been told how membership is so very important. We must pursue every avenue for us to retain the ones we have and to recruit the one's we haven't for our fantastic order so as to continue the great work that the JOLLY CORKS started. We need to continue to support our Lodges, as well as our neighboring Lodges. Supporting our communities has been less difficult by applying for ENF grants. "ELKS STEP UP" is so very true. Please continue to do so and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as I travel this great State. As always, keep the faith!

Fraternally,

John Jacques, President

STATE PRESIDENT'S JACQUES POST CONFERENCE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

State Capital District	September 25-27, 2015
North District	October 2-4, 2015
South Central District	October 9-11, 2015
Northeast District	October 16-18, 2015
West District	November 6-8, 2015
Southwest District	November 13-15, 2015
North Central District	November 20-22, 2015
Southern Tier District	December 4-6, 2015
South District	December 11-13, 2015
Central District	December 18-20, 2015
West Central District	February 5-7, 2016
Ontario District	February 12-14, 2016
East Central District	February 19-21, 2016
Southeast District	February 26-28, 2016
NYSEA Bowling	March 25-27, 2016
East District	April 29-30, May 1, 2016
Spring Convention	May 29-31, 2016



State President John Jacques is pictured as he proudly carried and presented the New York State Flag during opening ceremonies at the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis.



State President John Jacques had the distinct honor of escorting National Scholarship winner Sarah Straka Jiudice to the Dias prior to her speech to the members during the opening ceremonies. Sarah was the Most Valuable Student female winner. She represented Southampton Lodge #1574. Pictured in the background is Southampton Lodge Exalted Ruler Thomas Bruzdoski..

IMPORTANT CAMP BRISTOL NOTICE

During the recent Fall Conference in Albany New York there was an informational question and answer session regarding the proposed Camp Bristol. Please refer to Page 3 of this publication for an important update information and committee members that can be contacted for additional information.

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