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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WILLIAM REEDY Jr. 2016-2017

“ELKS BELIEVE,
ELKS ACHIEVE!”



State President Bill Reedy is pictured as he prepares to bowl the first ball to open the New York State Elks Association Bowling Tournament. This year's tournament was hosted by Guilderland Lodge #2480.

Dear Members and Friends:

One of my favorite quotes is “Life is not made up of all the breaths you take, but of the moments that take your breath away.” During this past year, we have had many such moments that have taken our breath away.

First of all, Lisa and I would like to thank everyone throughout the state for the generous hospitality, support and friendship that you showed to us throughout the past year. We have had a wonderful time meeting all of you and seeing your Lodges. We learned a lot as we watched you and the members of your lodges in action and as a result, I can once again proclaim that Elkdom is alive and strong in N.Y. State.

I have learned that every lodge in our state has something very special about it and that every lodge has a strong passion and pride with regards to all that they accomplish. It has truly been a special honor for us to be able to witness and at times participate in these achievements. We have made friends for life and look forward to being with you at conventions and to revisiting your lodges so that we can update and reminisce. All of you welcomed us, and our traveling companions during each and every visit. You went out of your way so that we would have a great time and you made us feel like we were members of your lodge. You gave us great feedback, teased us, took us under your wing and treated us like family. It has been a special feeling that will last with us forever.

A special thanks to my Presidential Committee, the Ontario District and the Camillus Elks Lodge for all your support and guidance and for allowing us to shine in the glory while you worked diligently behind the scenes.

We will never forget our year of travel throughout our great State, the sites we visited, friends we made and the honor and pride we felt as we served as your State President and First Lady. We are very proud of all of you and encourage you to keep on spreading the word about all our important programs, and what we accomplish as Elks. Please, don't forget to ask that very important question when you are with non-members of Elkdom. “Would you like to become an Elk?” That question is the key to our future.

All of you are very special to us and because of you, our lives have been changed forever. ELKS, truly are the Best People on Earth.

Lastly, to our new State President and First Lady Phil and Betsy Conaty, Lisa and I wish you the very best. I am confident you will continue the positive direction we are heading and will do an excellent job. I know you have the support of the greatest Elks in the country.

Elks Believe, Elks Achieve

Bill



The Homecoming for State President Bill Reedy was hosted by Camillus Lodge #2367 on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The homecoming was well attended by members from throughout the State. State President Bill and his wife Lisa are pictured as they visit with guests at the homecoming.



State President Reedy and his wife Lisa recently attended the Gouverneur Lodge #2035 60th Anniversary Celebration. During the ceremony, the Lodge recognized Charter members Robert Fuller, Claude Gates and Hilliard Seaker. State President Reedy presented the Lodge a certificate on behalf of the NYS Elks Association recognizing the 60th Anniversary. State President Reedy, along with SVP Chip George, DDGER Phil St. Amand, PSP Tim Kelly and Exalted Ruler Rod Pryce are pictured with Charter members Robert Fuller and Hilliard Seaker.



State President Bill Reedy was a special guest at the Watervliet Elks Ladies Auxiliary 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance Celebration. The Watervliet Ladies Auxiliary was established in 1936. State President Reedy is pictured presenting a Proclamation to Watervliet Lodge Ladies Auxiliary President Margaret Gras to recognize the 80th Anniversary during the ceremony.

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