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### ER's MESSAGE

It is indeed an honor to be your Exalted Ruler once again. I am looking forward to working with our newly elected officers through this upcoming lodge year.

I want to mention our Easter Bunny event that we had on March 26th. I want to thank the following people for all their work: Chairman; Whiskers, Annie who was our Easter Bunny, Bert Beach, Walter Gay, Mike Aiello, Bob Cramer, Skip VanDeusen, John Moroch, Dave Travis, Jeff Race, Larry Knott, Sharon Deck, Dara Martin, Rich Fisher and ER Chris Akers. A special thank you to Irene Buell, Jackie Knott and Stewart's for their donations. There were 100 plus children visiting the Easter Bunny in the Kinderhook Village Square.

On April 2nd we had the Installation of new officers. I would like to thank everyone who "stepped up" and made it possible for us to have a full slate of chairs for the 2016-2017 year. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. I welcome any and all suggestions you may have to help improve our lodge. (For example: activities, fund raisers, special events, etc.....)

The Installation Dinner was a huge success. Approximately 75 people attended (this includes Elks and their families). I want to thank Heather Samascott and her crew: Jeanne Ward, Alisha Siligato, John Sundwall, George Barilics, Bob and Kathy Tator, Tom Loring, Joan Salazor, Bob Cramer, Rich Fisher, Phil Melino, Tom Fix, Dave Travis, Doug Groat and Irene Buell. If I missed anyone, I apologize. Everyone who helped played an intricate part in making this event a success. Thank You! It was wonderful to see so many of my fellow Elks in attendance and I hope to see many of you at upcoming events at our lodge.

Awards were also given out at the dinner by ER Chris Akers and House Committee Chairman Dave Travis; Officer of the Year: Chris Bellingham; Grand Exalted Ruler Award: Alisha Siligato; Elk of the Year: John Deane; Bartender of the Year: Sharon Andros

Veteran's committee co-chairman Tom Miglio and his many volunteers had a successful ziti and meatball fundraising dinner, Sunday, April 17th. Over 70 dinners were served. Thank you.

I would like to thank Roger Bradley for his 20 years of service at the Elks doing our event sign out by the road. Our newly elected Chaplain; Sharon Deck has graciously volunteered to step forward and do our sign in the future.

With nicer weather on the horizon please check our events calendar, in the lounge area, for dinners or barbecues in the pavilion. This is a great time to get to know our officers and new members.

Hope to see you there,  
ER Steve

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Regards

Linda Baker

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## MAY Dates To Remember

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 18-Mexican  
 25-Pot Luck

### Friday Night Dinners

6-Reubens  
 13-Fish Fry/French Dip  
 20-Sausage, Peppers & Onions  
 27-American subs w/ Mac Salad

### EVENTS

9-Lodge Meeting  
 16-BOD Meeting  
 21-Special Needs Prom  
 23-Lodge Meeting

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## VEGAS NITE

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## PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

Two years ago, the Advisory Board of the New York State Elks Association appointed a committee to be known as the Elks Camp Committee. This Committee was asked to explore the possibility and develop a plan for the purchase of real property to establish a New York State Elks Association camp for youth. In keeping with this goal, the Elks Camp Committee explored the possibility of purchasing a number of parcels of real property. Also, they explored the possible uses of such property for not only the establishment of an Elks Camp for kids but also other possible uses. Such possibilities include the location of an annual Soccer Shootout Competition, Veteran Retreats, site to locate State Elks Memorabilia, lodge and district Elks functions and activities, camping experiences for members, and other possible uses. The Elks Camp Committee has entered into a Purchase Offer with the Girl Scouts (known as Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.) to purchase approximately 187 acres of real property together with all existing buildings and improvements. The Purchase Offer specifically states that the transaction is subject to the approval of the membership of the New York State Elks Association as well as Grand Lodge under the Statutes of our Order.

It is proposed that this Purchase Offer be voted upon by the membership of the New York State Elks Association at the Spring Convention of the Association to be held in Rochester, New York. The proposal will be presented to the membership at the General Business Session on Saturday afternoon, May 21, 2016 for action.

In keeping with the requirements of the Statutes of our Order the following information is provided:

1. To Purchase Real Property for the establishment of an Elks Youth Camp and for other uses by members.
2. Purchase price to be \$400,000.00
3. Indebtedness to be created – NONE – This is a cash offer.
4. Mortgage – NONE.
5. Person authorized to act on behalf of the New York State Elks Association – Richard C. Wunder, Committee Chair.

### Committee Members:

Richard C. Wunder, PSP, Chairman Scott Hirst,  
ST Daniel Capella, PSP, Secretary Christopher Maddock,  
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*Submitted by: Jerry Shook, PSP, Sec*

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