

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530

The Legend

Exalted Ruler's Message

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Welcome to our new format! The newsletter is undergoing some changes.

Please be patient while we iron out all the wrinkles. This is a time consuming endeavor. We welcome your input. Send suggestions to Denise George at:

deemgeorge@gmail.com

Or put your suggestions in the envelop at the Lodge.

Thank you!

I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

Thanks Leo for chairing the Sports Banquet at ICC.

Again, thanks to Leo for the D.A.R.E. picnic.

Thanks to John Deane for the Flag Day ceremony.

Thanks to the workers at the Chinese auction.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep this Lodge going.

I could list the names of all those Elks who help with the Sunday, Wednesday, & Friday meal crews but I would be repeating most of the names as many members serve on more than one crew.

More people are

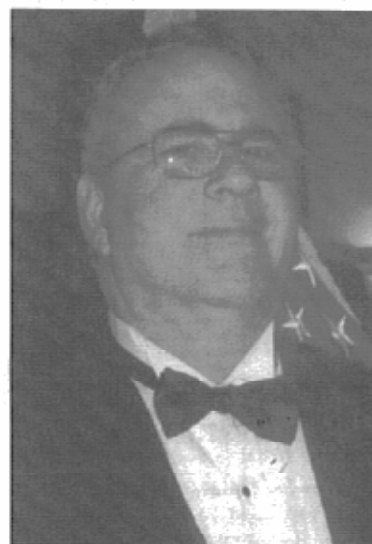
needed to help continue these functions. The Sunday breakfasts need lots of help.

Please see Chris, Jerry, Mike Hauser, or me to volunteer for one of the crews. Or, stop in at one of the meals and volunteer your services for that particular meal.

Leo still needs help with Mac-Haydn. Call or stop in and see Leo for more information.

The Chinese Auction went well. \$511.00 will be going to the Community Service Committee. Anyone who has an idea as to what we can do, please let me know.

By helping our communities, the Elks will get needed PR, which in turn will help our membership grow.



If you have not turned in your raffle tickets or money to Gordie for the "End of Summer Fling" yet, please do so ASAP as the first drawing will be held shortly.

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FLAG DAY CEREMONY & ESSAY WINNERS 2012



Pictured are: Joel Dyslin, Gary Strevell, John Deane, Nikolas Shultis, Nathan Melino, Jim Yager, Chuck Cotsonas, & Carmen Esposito

The Flag Day Ceremony was held on June 11, 2012. Many thanks to the "C" team, Chuck and Carmen, the "J" team, Julia, Joe, Jerry, Joel, and Jim for their fine rendition of the Flag Ceremony.

Many thanks to Bob Carroll and the Valatie Scout Pack #113 for their help in displaying the Flags.

Our Lodge's essay contest winners, **Nikolas Shultis and Nathan Melino**, read their winning essays, and received their awards. The essay topic for this year was "Why I Am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag".

Gary and John supplied accompanying music. Over sixty members and guests were treated to Skip and Larry's skillful preparation of the refreshments.

It was a great day for "Old Glory". Let's hope we never discover the answer to "Where would we be without it?"

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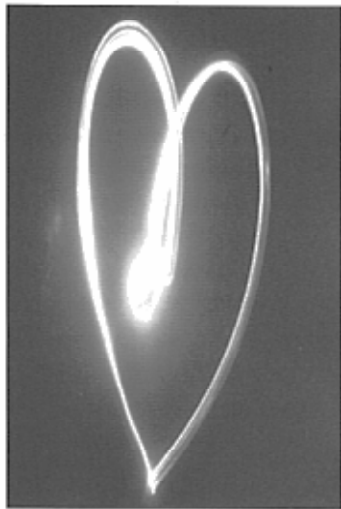
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FROM THE HEART



I've been a member of this Lodge for a few years now, and in that time, I've seen many things that I think need to change. When you volunteer, you're doing it for many reasons. Some of those reasons include: helping the Lodge, helping the community, self satisfaction, and/or guilt, etc. Whatever the reason, have pride in all you do for our Lodge. It reflects not only on you, but on all of us, and the Lodge as a whole.

I understand that we are all volunteers; however, just because you volunteer doesn't mean that you show up and don't make a contribution. When you commit to doing something, I believe you should give it your all. I'm not saying you need to kill yourself working, but there are members here that are over 80 years old and do more work than members half their age. Please don't walk away when the job isn't done. Someone has to finish it. If you needed to leave early last time, volunteer to be the one who stays late this

month. A Sunday breakfast, a Wednesday night dinner, a Friday night wings and things, the numerous banquets, Mac Hayden Theater, parking cars at the Fair, the hoop shoot, bartending, the list goes on and on. There are so many things that need to be done. With the number of members at this Lodge, if everyone put in just 25 hours a year (that's about 2 hours a month), this place would run like a Swiss watch.

There are people who give hundreds of hours a year to this organization. These people have lives too. Many work full-time, manage their homes and families, volunteer at the Lodge, and elsewhere.

We understand things come up and life sometimes interferes with your volunteer service. just not show up! But PLEASE don't just not show; in this age of technology, communicate somehow with someone on your crew or the crew chief that you can't make it and try to find a replacement if you can. Just like a real job, you wouldn't just not show up. While you're volunteering and putting things away at

the Lodge, put them where they belong so the next time you work, everything is where it needs to be. If the sugar bowls are empty, fill them. Same goes for the ketchup, the syrup, the napkins, the coffee, etc. Don't be bashful! If you don't know where something is or how something is done, ASK!!!!

Also, we serve breakfast to the public and try to raise money for the Lodge. How we treat the public at breakfast can make or break us. When customers wait an excessively long time for Coffee or breakfast, then comment to the waitress and/or cashier, don't audibly label them as complainers. Make every effort to check in on the customers and somehow make the situation better. Our customers are our best advertisements. Their word of mouth is our ticket to new business. Let's work together to dispel the myth that we're slow.

I was brought up to do

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the best job every time no matter what the task. But, I think our Lodge is slipping and it's incredibly painful for me to watch. We may gain new members, but quantity doesn't substitute for quality in our efforts. Personally, I would rather work with five people who stepped up to the plate than twenty people who just

showed up to say they donated a few hours of their time. I work hard and I'm tired. Step up and lend a hand. I, for one, would be most appreciative.

Thank you.

Don't Forget!

Lodge meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays every month at 8:00 pm. Except July and August. See you there!

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JULY 7th

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1 T. McDermott 4-8:00PM	2 J. Barmen House Com. Mt. 5:00PM	3 Closed at 8:00PM	4 closed 	5 Closed at 8:00PM	6 Phil Melino American Subs 6-8pm	7 D. Travis 2:00PM W. Snyder 5:00PM J. Yager 8:00PM
8 J. Ward 4-8:00PM	9 J. Shook	10 Closed at 8:00PM	11 G. Engel Pork Chops 5:30-7:30pm	12 Closed at 8:00PM	13 R. Howes Cob Salad 6-8pm	14 B. Hawver 2:00PM L. Clockel 5:00PM D. Enlow 8:00PM
15 L. Clockel 4-8:00PM	16 C. Davis	17 Closed at 8:00PM	18 J.Laviano Chicken Parm 5:30-7:30pm	19 Closed at 8:00PM	20 R. Fisher Italian Mixed Subs 6-8pm	21 D.Travis 2:00PM T. Pinkowski 5:00PM S. Andros 8:00PM
22 D. Travis 4-8:00PM	23 L. Buell Lodge Meeting 8pm	24 Closed at 8:00PM	25 C. Seymour Roast Beef 5:30-7:30pm	26 Closed at 8:00PM	27 A.M.L. Hamilton Chili Dogs with Fries 6-8pm	28 L. Knott 2:00PM K. Altomer 5:00PM C. Akers 8:00PM
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