

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530

The Legend



Exalted Ruler's Message

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The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting colder. As we move into fall there is much to do.

On Thursday, November 1, the Hoop Shoot will take place at ICC. Contact Tim Cahill for details.

On Saturday, November 3 is Hudson's Visitation. November 18th is ours. Cocktails are at 2:00 p.m., Ritual is at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner. All Elks are urged to attend.

On November 10th the Kinderhook Library is having a cleanup starting at 9:00 a.m. As many members as

possible should go and help out. This is a great opportunity for Kinderhook Elks to perform some Community Service, because that is what Elks do!

Also on the 10th there will be a dinner dance for Developmentally Disabled Adults. As most of these people never had the opportunity to attend a prom, we are going to give them a chance. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the lounge for the donation of. Desserts, working in the kitchen, setting up the buffet table, and to be there to help insure everyone has a wonderful time, as well as cleaning up. Take your pick!!

On Wednesday November 14, the annual Veterans dinner will be served. The dinner is open to everyone. Any Vets dinner will be free.

On Friday November 23 is the Annual Trim a Tree at the Lodge at 5:00 p.m. Remember to bring a covered dish to share for dinner.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the lounge for Marian Stegman. Please sign up early.

From the ER and his family, we wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. And give thanks for all of God's blessings.

Fraternally,
ER Chuck

To all Elks and non-Elks who helped park cars at the Columbia County Fair this year.....

Thank you for putting up with all the fair goers, good and bad, as well as listening to their tales of woe.....

Again, THANK YOU!!!

Chris, Jerry and Rich

P. S. Hope to see all of you back next year, as well as other members of our Lodge who were not able to help this year to relieve the work load of our members who worked many many shifts to fill the void. This is the biggest fund raiser our Lodge does every year.

Editor's Note:

Volunteers make this happen. Mark your calendars now to volunteer for 2013!

We're almost there!
We'll start emailing the newsletter soon to those of you who have computer/email access; but don't worry, we'll still snail mail copies to members without computer/email access and have copies available at the Lodge.

If you would like to contribute an article or make a suggestion, email Denise at: deemgeorge@gmail.com

Or put your suggestions in the envelope on the bulletin board at the Lodge.

Thank you :)



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The Marion Stegman Fund

The Marion Stegman Fund, a program of assisting the less fortunate in our area of Columbia County since the 1950's, is beginning to put together it's Holiday Season operation. We supply the needy with a week's supply of groceries for the family and toys for the children.

For those of you unfamiliar with this community project, here is a little background: Back in the 1950's, a wonderful and loving lady, Marion Stegman, began distributing food and clothing to her neighbors in the Niverville area in the town of Kinderhook. Her enthusiasm and caring was such that the needs grew and grew and grew to such an extent that she had to reach out to other individuals, churches, businesses and civic organizations "to lend a hand". Marion was the heart, back bone and director until her passing when the Northern Columbia Jaycees took charge and continued her program until they disbanded in 1986. Not wanting to let such a program fall by the wayside, the Jaycees approached our Elks Lodge for its involvement. Since then, Kinderhook Lodge #2530 has been helping to coordinate the operation along side the Ghent VFW Post #5933. The Fund serves the northern portion of Columbia County and lends a helping hand to more than 300 needy families.

If you are aware of individuals or families that need a helping hand, please let us know by November 28th, 2012.

Donations are most welcomed. A \$50.00 donation will sponsor a family basket of groceries and toys. A \$40.00 donation will sponsor a basket of food.

There are literally hundreds of people who make this happen, and to them we send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Help is always needed and welcomed along with suggestions and ideas. A volunteer sign up sheet will be posted on the lounge bulletin board.

Where & when we need you:

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Hall, Kinderhook St (Route 9), Valatie, NY

Sunday, December 9th—staging at the Church hall; 5pm Scouts of Valatie Troop #114 bring in the "Scouting for Food" items from the Lodge basement (~1 hour); 6pm sort and separate items* (~1 hour); strapping and marking food boxes

Monday, December 10th— 6:30pm finish sorting and separating, strapping and marking boxes (~1 hour)

Tuesday, December 11th—6pm Girl Scouts, Leaders, Elks and others wrap toys (~2 hours)

Wednesday, December 12th— 6pm routing of wrapped toys (~2 hours)

Thursday, December 13th— 6pm pack food boxes* (~2 hours)

Friday, December 14th— 9:30am Ghent VFW to pick up food boxes at St. Lukes and perishables at Hannaford

Saturday, December 15th—7am DELIVERY DAY (~5 hours).

* many hands are needed especially on the 9th & 13th

If you would like to be involved, call Paul Martin (PER-Chairman) at 518-653-4522 or email: networkrelated55@gmail.com

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WE WANT YOUR HIDE!



Please help our hospitalized Veterans.

The New York State Elks Association annually collects raw deer hides and the monies gathered from this great program are then distributed, on a monthly basis, to all the veterans hospitals in the State of New York.

Donated hides may be dropped off at any local participating Elks Lodge where they will be salted and prepared for the tannery.

Rapid deterioration is a big factor so we suggest that no plastic bags be used unless air is allowed to circulate in the bag.

The tannery will not accept any hide that has deteriorated so please, let us all do our best to keep the hides in shape for the benefit of our hospitalized Vets.

In return for your hide, a \$35 tax deductible certificate will be issued to the individual making the hide donation. There will be a sign-in sheet at each Lodge location which requires name, address and license type and number.

For further information, please call the Kinderhook Lodge #2530 at 518-758-2530 or Steve Race at 518-758-1767.

Thank you for supporting this very worthy program.

Make a Donation

Donate your gently used clean clothing, shoes, belts, blankets, drapes, purses, and bedding at the **Clothing Drop-off Shed** in the Lodge parking lot.

NO rags, fabric scraps, pillows or household goods—these items are expensive to dispose of. Donations are tax deductible. Please bag your items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry.

Thank you.

December Menu Sampler

Wednesday

December 5—liver, bacon & onions
December 12—lasagna

Friday

December 7—taco salad bowl



Lodge meetings are held on the
2nd & 4th Mondays
every month
at 8:00 pm

Volunteer to fill a chair!

(except July & August)



**VEGAS
NITE**

November 3rd

Our Lodge is conducting the annual essay contest!

Students in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to participate. If you know any students enrolled in these grades, please encourage them to participate. The goal of the contest is to stimulate the spirit of American patriotism.

Participants are asked to prepare an essay on the topic of "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?"

The essay cannot exceed 250 words, and must be typed, or legibly printed in ink. Name, home address, and school must be provided. The essays will be judged for originality, theme development, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. In order to award prizes, we also need the names of parents/guardians, including addresses and telephone numbers.

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Bartender & Dinner Schedule for November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Closed at 8:00PM	Phil Melino Italian subs	D. Travis 2:00PM W. Snyder 5:00PM J. Yager 8:00PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C. Cotsonas 1:00PM T. Mc Dermott 4:00PM	J. Barmen Lodge Meeting 8pm	Closed at 8:00PM Election Day	J. Coutsonikas Stuffed Chicken Breast	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Howes Chicken Parm	B. Hawver 2:00PM L. Clockel 5:00PM D. Enlow 8:00PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
G. Yates 1:00PM T. Smith 4:00PM Veteran's Day	J. Shook Lodge Meeting 8pm Veteran's Day	Closed at 8:00PM	G. Engel Roast Beef Veterans eat free	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Fisher Chef Salad	D. Travis 2:00PM T. Pinkowski 5:00PM S. Andros 8:00PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
C.E. Cotsonas 1:00PM. J. Ward 4:00PM	C. Davis Lodge Meeting 8pm	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Laviano Shrimp Scampi w/ angel hair	Closed—Happy Thanksgiving	Ann Hamilton Trim the Tree— bring a covered dish	L. Knott 2:00PM K. Altomer 5:00PM C. Akers 8:00PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	
W. Boehme 1:00PM D. Travis 4:00PM	L. Buell Lodge Meeting 8pm	Closed at 8:00PM	C. Seymour Baked ham w/ scalloped potatoes	Closed at 8:00PM	M. Hauser Pizza Night	
December Menu Sampler:	12/5 Liver, Bacon & Onions	12/7 Taco Salad Bowl	Wednesday dinner served 5:30-7:30pm	12/12 Lasagna	Friday eats served 6-8pm	

On Saturday, November 10th, 2012, the Kinderhook Elks will hold it's First Annual Semi-Formal "Prom" for Developmentally Disabled young adults from 5pm to 9:00pm.

We plan to have a ziti dinner, photographer, DJ, lots of dancing and plenty of fun. We would graciously accept donations of time to dance with the kids, work the kitchen crew, help them serve themselves, etc. We would also graciously accept donations of goodies—baked goods for dessert. Any gently used prom and/or bridesmaid dresses, costume jewelry, dress pants/shirts and ties are also being collected. Reservations are required to attend this free event.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful event and helping make an unforgettable evening for a young adult with special needs, **please contact Linda Baker at 518-376-8365 or Charles Cotsonas at 518-828-3234.**

True American Heroes



When Elks think of heroes, veterans are at the top of the list. We think of the father who left his wife and children at home so he could defend our country; the daughter who left for Iraq unsure if she'd return to her family; the grandfather who is paralyzed due to an injury sustained while helping a fellow soldier; and so on.

We are proud of these heroes, and through Elks National Foundation funded veterans' programs, we are able to serve them year round.

Take the Hastings, Nebraska, Lodge for example. The Lodge uses an ENF Community Investments Program grant to support local veterans through the Army of Hope, Bingo nights at the VA Hospital, and more. "Our Lodge proudly honors our veterans for their service and sacrifices in securing and protecting the freedoms we all enjoy today," says CIP Project Manager Jackie Norris.

This Veterans Day, share the work our Lodge does for veterans with other community members. The more people we get involved, the more we can do to ensure our veterans are always remembered.

The Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, honor veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit www.elks.org/enf

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Newsletter Articles

Must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Place articles in the envelop on the bulletin board at the Lodge or email deemgeorge@gmail.com
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