

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530

# The Legend



## Exalted Ruler's Message

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We plan to start emailing a link to the newsletter shortly, 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](mailto:deemgeorge@gmail.com)

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

Thank you :)

The Prom was a great success. Everyone had a great time, including the workers. I would like to thank everyone who donated their time to this great event. A special thanks goes out to Crazy Daisy for their generous donation of the corsages and boutonnieres. Also, to Krazy Keith, the DJ.

On November 14 the Lodge thanked the Veterans with a dinner. 87 dinners were served to the Vets and their guests. Thank you to all that helped.

The Lodge Visitation was held on November 18. All went well. Thank you to the officers and PERs for their performances of the ritual. Also, thank you to the kitchen crew and the donors of appetizers.

By the time you get this newsletter, the Lodge will be ready for Christmas. The lights and decorations will all be in place. Please sign up to help

with Marion Stegman on Dec 15. This is our largest Community Service project and many hands make for quick work.

Also there is a Toys for Tots drop box in the foyer. New unwrapped toys can be donated until mid-December.

The Lodges of the North Hudson District were very saddened by the passing of our District Sponsor, Jay Amodeo. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David R Carr has appointed PSP Bruce Hidley from the Capital District as our temporary District Sponsor until a new State President from the North Hudson District is installed. At this time, we are not aware of when that may be.

On behalf of my family and I, we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

Fraternally,  
**ER Chuck**



There was a Lodge that had four members named *Everybody*, *Somebody*, *Anybody* and *Nobody*. There was a very important job to be done at the Lodge and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought that *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done.



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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 busy putting together it's Holiday Season operation. We will supply the needy with a week's supply of groceries for the family and toys for the children.

Donations are 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 is 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](mailto:networkrelated55@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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*(all 518 area code)*

## ***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.

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### **Hoop Shoot**

On Thursday, November 1st, our Lodge conducted our 38th annual Hoop Shoot at Ichabod Crane High School. Our 6 winners (three boys and three girls) advance to the District contest to be held January 19th, 2013 at Bard College. The following Elks helped conduct the contest: Winston Burt, Larry Longo, John Haley, George Barlics, along with Ichabod Crane student athletes and basketball coaches Will Ferguson and Tom Call.

Our Hoop Shoot chairman, Tim Cahill, has officially retired after his 38th consecutive year. We will need a new Hoop Shoot chairman next year. Is that you?

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### **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.

**Newsletter Committee**

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Lodge meetings are usually held on the  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
every month  
at 8:00 pm  
See you there!



(except July & August)



**VEGAS  
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**December 2nd**

**CALLING ALL ESSAYS!**

Please help us find 5th to 8th graders to participate in our annual Essay Contest!

250 words, or less, on the topic of, "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me" will win a cash prize.

The winning essays will be passed on to the district level for more awards.

The essays are due by January 10, 2013.

If you know of any students in those grades, please remind them of this opportunity. Together we can promote Americanism, and reward learning.

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**Newsletter Articles**

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Or [news2530@fairpoint.net](mailto:news2530@fairpoint.net)

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## Bartender &amp; Dinner Schedule for December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						D. Travis 2:00PM W. Snyder 5:00PM J. Yager 8:00PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
C. Cotsonas 1:00PM T. Mc Dermott 4:00PM	J. Barmen House Comm. Meeting 5:00 PM	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Coutsonikas  Liver-Bacon- Onions	Closed at 8:00PM	Phil Melino  Taco Salad Bowls	B. Hawver 2:00PM L. Clockel 5:00PM D. Enlow 8:00PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
G. Yates 1:00PM  T. Smith 4:00PM	J. Shook  Lodge Meeting 8pm	Closed at 8:00PM	G. Engel  Lasagna	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Howes  RB's Chili w/ homemade cornbread	D. Travis 2:00PM T. Pinkowski 5:00PM S. Andros 8:00PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
C.E. Cotsonas 1:00PM.  J. Ward 4:00PM	C. Davis	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Laviano  Italian dinner buffet by Jeanne Ward	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Fisher  Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	L. Knott 2:00PM K. Altomer 5:00PM C. Akers 8:00PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
W. Boehme 1:00PM  D. Travis 4:00PM	Closed at 7:00 PM	Closed  MERRY CHRISTMAS	C. Seymour  Pot luck	Closed at 8:00PM	A.M.L. Hamilton	S. Race 2:00PM G. Proniske 5:00PM D. Bopp 8:00PM
30	31					
D. Turco 1:00 PM J. Ward 4:00 PM	B. Hymes 7:00 PM	Happy New Year!	1/2 Turkey Dinner		1/4 Turkey Clubs	



### Beacon Grant Helps Brighten the Night for Young Adults

Break out your sunglasses, because the world just got brighter for some.

Thanks, in part, to an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, the Kinderhook Elks were able to expand their charitable activities and make a difference in the community by hosting a “prom-style” dinner dance for developmentally disabled young adults on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 60-65 young adults brought their high energy, smiles and laughter to the Lodge while attending a prom held in their honor. Chairperson Linda Baker and ER Charles E. Cotsonas teamed to develop the prom concept and, with the help of a Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation, the concept developed into a reality. Since Beacon Grants offer Lodges a chance to expand their charitable activities, and to make a difference in the community through an ongoing project, the Elks are projecting a yearly, similar type event may also become a reality. The Lodge hopes the community will identify our Lodge with this project and know that the Elks are a force for positive change.

The Lodge is grateful to the area merchants who helped keep the costs of the project within reason. Special thanks to Crazy Daisy florists; DJ Krazy Keith and to all the Lodge members who prepared the meal, served it, helped chaperone, and, most importantly, provided an abundance of delicious, sweet desserts which just kept the young adults going, and going, and going.....

And, finally, thanks to the Elks National Foundation who, with the addition of Beacon Grants in 2012-13, will invest a record \$6.5 million in Lodge communities through the Community Investments Program. Community Investments Program grants allow Lodges to serve their communities while raising the Lodge’s profile, energizing the membership, encouraging former members to return to the fold, and gaining the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that’s doing big things.

