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## Exalted Ruler's Message

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Check out the newsletter page where there are links to our Lodge news letters and more!

If you provided us with an email address but haven't received a "test" message yet, please let us know! Email Denise at: [deemgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:deemgeorge@gmail.com)

Thank you :)

January was a quiet month. A team was formed to compete in the District Ritual Contest at Catskill Lodge on Saturday, January 19. With little practice, we came in FIRST! Thank you Eric Feight, Ida Leiser, and PER's Steve Race, Bob Hall, Buster Esposito, Jerry Shook, Chuck Cotsonas (Jr.), and Paul Martin who competed. Congratulations on a job well done.

February is a very important month in Elkdom. All Lodges nominate and elect new officers for the next Lodge year. It is time to move this Lodge forward by putting new blood into the every day running of the Lodge. Grand Lodge has made some changes. It no longer required that chair holders memorize the ritual. It can be read. A team of fresh officers with new ideas and projects will move this Lodge forward for many years. Also, new committee chairmen are needed to help keep Elk projects moving forward. Some committees are Americanism, Drug Awareness, Easter Bunny, Flag Day, Hoop Shoot, House, Lodge Bulletin, Membership, Memorial Day, National Foundation, Public Relations, Ritual, Scholarships, Youth Activities, Soccer Shoot-out, McHaydn, Fair Parking and

Lodge Activities.

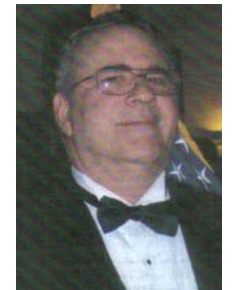
There will be a Crew Chief's meeting on February 10, in the Lounge at 2:00 p.m. All crew chiefs are urged to attend. Any crew member is also welcome.

Be sure to mark your calendar for February 16. This is the Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance. A sign-up sheet is in the Lounge.

On February 17, the Lodge will hold its Annual PER Dinner. New members will be installed at 2:00 p.m. Cocktails will be at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 4:00 p.m. The cost for anyone wishing to attend will be \$10.00 per person. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Lounge. Come out and support our PERs.

What do you think about the Lodge hosting a Youth Activities Day for Northern Columbia County? This would give the Lodge much needed PR. This would be a very large undertaking. There will be a meeting to discuss this on February 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lodge. Come and bring your ideas and suggestions.

Linda Baker is putting together another Special Prom for adults



with developmental disabilities. The date is April 27. Anyone wishing to support this in any way is urged to contact her.

March 23 will be our Annual Installation of Officers/Worker Appreciation Dinner. Reservations are required. A sign up sheet will be put in the lounge. 3:00 p.m. will be the Installation of Officers. 4:00 p.m. is the cocktail hour with an open bar. 5:00 will be dinner. There will be a DJ and karaoke.

The New York State Elks Association Convention will be held at the Hotel Albany, 40 Lodge Street, Albany May 16 – 19, 2013. Since it is so close, please try to attend the various workshops and enjoy the hospitality rooms. There is no charge to attend any of these. More information can be found at NYSElks.org. Hope to see you all there!

Fraternally,  
*ER Chuck*

**We need YOU to volunteer. Please consider donating your time to help keep our Lodge going.**

# Scholarships

Our Lodge once again participated in the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Scholar Program. The awards \$3.59 million each year in scholarships to tomorrow's leaders. Of the 14 applications, 5 were forwarded to the District for further judging. Our local candidates possess strong academic skills, and demonstrate leadership and involvement in the community. We applaud their accomplishments and wish them further success. Congratulations to Kayla Carson, Kirk Falconer, Caitlin Gilligan, Alexander Potts, and Olivia Rugen. Thanks to the Guidance Departments of New Lebanon, Chatham, and Ichabod Crane for helping with this important program.



## Americanism Essay Winners

Our Lodge participated in the Americanism Essay Contest. The response was encouraging. Over 50 students, from grades 5 to 8, prepared essays on the topic, "What the National Anthem Means to Me". The "Star Spangled Banner" continues to inspire people living in the "land of the free, and the home of the brave". Please thank Jeanie Engel, Sally Charon, and the staff and faculty of Chatham and Ichabod Crane for their help. The judges were introduced to many interpretations of how our National Anthem came to be. **Congratulations to our winners: Colby Fisher, Olivia Olingy and Bridget Pulver, in the 5th and 6th grade division, and Sam Sitzer, Brandon Martino, and Marianna Bellerose, in the 7th and 8th grade division.** Their essays will be sent to the district level for further competition. These students will be asked to read their essays at our Flag Day Ceremony, in June. Please join us, in June, to show your support for this important project.



With the passing of our District Sponsor Past President Jay Amodeo, Past Grand Ruler David Carr has appointed Past President Bruce Hidley from Watervliet Lodge 1500 as our temporary sponsor of the North Hudson District. PSP Bruce will be in charge until we have a new State President from our District. Pictured is Past District Deputy Steve Race welcoming PSP Bruce at our recent Lodge Visitation.

## PIZZA NITE



Reminder that our next Pizza Nite will be held on March 29, 2013. On behalf of the entire pizza crew I want to thank everyone for your support over the last dozen years. This will be our final Pizza Nite as a crew and crew chief. **IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN STEPPING FORWARD TO LEARN THE TRADE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**

Respectfully,  
Buster, Chris, Bob, Cathy, Kristin, Carl, Dan, Wendy, Don, Bill, Marylyn & Walter

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## Bartender & Dinner Schedule for February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>Your Lodge needs YOU.</b>                      It's time to step up! We need a new Pizza Team for the 5th Friday Night Pizza Nite. Next year there are only four 5th Fridays!</p>					Phil Melino Chicken Parm Sandwich 6-8	D. Travis 2:00PM W. Snyder 5:00PM J. Yager 8:00PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C. Cotsonas 1:00PM T. Mc Dermott 4:00PM	J.Barmen Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Closed at 8:00PM	J.Coutsonikas  London Broil (Jerry) 5:30-7:30	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Howes Chicken or Beef Quesadillas 6-8	B. Hawver 2:00PM L. Clockel 5:00PM D. Enlow 8:00PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
G.Yates 1:00PM T.Smith 4:00PM Crew Chief 2	J. Shook	Closed at 8:00PM	G.Engel Broiled Haddock (Chuck) 5:30-7:30	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Fisher French Dip Beef w/ swiss & French Fries 6-8	D.Travis 2:00PM T. Pinkowski 5:00PM S. Andros 8:00PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
C.E.Cotsonas 1:00PM.  J.Ward 4:00PM	C. Davis Lodge Meeting 8 PM	Closed at 8:00PM	J.Laviano Linguine w/ white clam sauce (JWard) 5:30-7:30	Closed at 8:00PM	R.Coutsonikas Steamed Clams 6-8	L. Knott 2:00PM K. Altomer 5:00PM C. Akers 8:00PM
24	25	26	27	28		
W.Boehme 1:00PM  D.Travis 4:00PM	L. Buell	Closed at 8:00PM	C.Seymour Fish Special (Leo) 5:30-7:30	Closed at 8:00PM		

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16, 2013**  
 \$15 per person + tax & gratuity  
 5:30 to 6pm = cocktails; 6-7pm = Corned beef/ham w/ cabbage dinner w/ dessert;  
 7-11pm = music by Jack's DJ Ser vice  
 Sign up in the Lounge Reservation Book; \$10 deposit (give to Bartender)

**March 1 = Fish Platter  
 March 6 = Shrimp Scampi  
 March 8 = Fish Fry  
 March 13 = Beef Stroganoff**

**Don't Forget!  
 Crew Chief Meeting  
 2/10 @ 2**

# Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

Dinner seating 6:00PM  
 Saturday February 16 2013

Your Choice of:

"SURF"  
 Lobster  
 \$19.95

"SURF & TURF"  
 Lobster & Beef  
 \$27.95

"TURF"  
 Prime Rib  
 \$21.95

All Dinners Include  
 Potato, Vegetable, Salad  
 Rolls  
 Coffee & Dessert

MUSIC BY  
 Jacks DJ Service  
 7:30-11pm

Reservations Please

Sign up in Reservation Book in Lounge  
 \$10.00 Per Person Deposit Required

TAX & GRATUITY WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR SELECTIONS

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**Lecturing Knight**  
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 open  
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 Roger Bradley 784-3263  
 PER Chuck Cotsonas 828-2507  
 Mike Aiello 758-1626  
 Bert Beach 784-2104  
 Gordie Engel 392-9766

(all 518 area code)



Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 recently held it's District Deputy Visitation and Initiation. Seated L-R; Leading Knight, Eric Feight; new member, Tracy Knott; District Deputy, Leo Buell, ER. Charles Cotsonas; NYS Vice President Barbara Eacott; PDD Steve Race and PER John Utley. Standing L-R, PER Bob Hall; PDD and Secretary Jerry Shook; PDD Bob Peck; PER Frank Masten; Organist and Trustee John Deane; PER and Chairman of Trustees Chris Akers; Trustee Bob Cramer; Tiler Ida Leiser; PDD Carman Esposito and Trustee Jim Yager.

**Newsletter Committee**

Steve Race, PER  
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 George Barilics, Advertising  
 Jerry Shook, Circulation

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



(except July & August)



**VEGAS  
 NITE  
 FEBRUARY 2nd**

**NOTICE:**



**Crew Chief's meeting  
 February 10, 2013  
 in the Lounge at 2:00 p.m.**

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*Please help support us.*

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