



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

May 2023



Exalted Ruler's Message

To our Kinderhook Elks Family,

WOW!!! Time flies when you're having fun! We are one month into the new Lodge year, and there is a ton of activity on the horizon! The advertising is set and new placemats with some terrific new business's have joined in. Terri Brew and her membership committee are implementing some new and exciting events to their roster. Darci and Gordie have the Honor Flag program in full swing and we have scheduled this year's Lodge Veteran dinner and the Columbia County Veteran Christmas party as well. We are excited to bring this program home to our lodge for our community and our heroes. The flags will wave with pride and honor, and grace our lawn with legacy and tradition.

We are diving into the list of members that have yet to turn in their dues and are down to just a few and the listed is posted on the board at the bar :)

June 4th is the initiation ceremony so polish the shoes and press the shirt, we have a few surprises and a sideboard of delicious snacks planned. We can't wait to see you there to welcome and support our new members and our officers.

June 11th is Flag Day at the Lodge. Both events are scheduled for 3pm, and we have chosen one of our members to be the guest speaker (it's a surprise) so come see! There are sign-up sheets on the board for for making refreshments for the events.

The Farmers Market is starting soon and we are still in need of people to man the booth and get our name and our mission out to the public. Many people don't know much about the Lodge, what we stand for, and all that we do in the community. 2023's goal is 50 new members!!!!!!!!!!

As we ramp up to prepare for all of these events and programs you will see some things move, change or get streamlined. Be patient as we move forward to make the 2530 the best it can be!!!!

Please remember the golden rule - do unto others as you would have done unto you.

Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve!!

Anne Marie Leiser
ER/PER



Easter Bunny Sightings

Larry Knott reported that the Easter Bunny was at Kinderhook Square on Saturday April 8th. 180 bags of peeps were handed out and ice cream, donated by Stewart's Shops, was served.

Donations were made by the following: Eric Geiger, Gordie Engel, Ben Lasher, Jack Novack, Frank Masten, Joel Dyslin, Rod Niesen, Leo Buell, Rich Fisher, Chris Akers, Jack Smith, Bob Hymes. Lee Jackson, Chris Bellingham, John Deane, Dave Travis, Annie Leiser and Sharon Deck.

Helpers for the event were Annie Leiser, Sharon Deck, Jeff Race, Bob Hymes, Ben Lasher, Steve Race, Kelly McGiffert, Mike Gagliardi and Darci Hover.

Thanks to all for making this a fun and successful event.



The Easter Bunny also visited The Grand.



The Bunny was at the Elks breakfast March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th.



Congratulations to member Rick LaCrosse on to taking 3rd place in the Tri-Village Fire Department Chili Contest.



To our absent members

Virginia May Brusso

May 11, 1934 to April 4, 2023



Born May 11, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Peter J. Sapko, Sr., and Helen M Pauza. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by: her brothers, Peter, Jr., and Harry Sapko, and her husband, Edward Brusso.

After graduating from Hudson High School she went on to work many years at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson. April 6, 1952, she married Edward W. Brusso and together they had four children: Edward Brusso, June (Vincent) Legg, Gregory Brusso and Terri (Tony) Jones. They shared 52 wonderful years of marriage until Mr. Brusso's passing in June 2004. Aside from being an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she was an incredibly talented artist who loved to paint lighthouses, landscapes, sunrises and sunsets that she witnessed on the countless family vacations to the ocean. She deeply loved to listen to and spread the word of God and praying. She greatly enjoyed sharing a cup of coffee and a conversation with a loved one, camping, gardening, crocheting, cooking, baking and traveling, but the moments she treasured the most, were those she spent with family.

In addition to her children, Mrs. Brusso is survived by: her brother, Larry (Connie) Sapko of Texas; her sister, Marjorie Nelson of Utah; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 11 at the Raymond Bond Funeral Home.

Some of Virginia's artwork is still displayed in the lodge dining room.



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Committee Meeting Recaps

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on April 25, 2023 at 6:30pm. Volunteers are still needed for the farmers markets on Saturdays and the Valatie festivals. The sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge on the bulletin board. If you have free time and would like to visit with the community and educate them on what the Elks Lodge is all about please sign up. Any questions can be referred to membership@kinderhookelks.org.

The committee is also looking at reinstatements to see if any members that dropped off the member list are interested in joining again. If you know of anyone that wishes to become a member, feel free to provide them an application, and it can be turned in for consideration to meet our goal of 50 new members this year. Please ask around. If everyone brought in one new member, we would far exceed our goal.

The next initiation ceremony is scheduled for June 4 at 3pm. We are inviting new members from the last two years to join us for the ceremony and refreshments. After to socialize and see what is new with our Lodge. All members are welcome to attend as well.

If you are interested in ordering an Elks T-shirt, or Polo shirt, see Gordie to order as he will be placing the order of the Awards by Walsh.

Book Club

We had some great discussion on the book “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Sklott. It was both educational and really pulled us into the emotional aspect of what the family experienced. Overall, the book was well received and had really good conversation.

There was some discussion on attending book club even if the book was not something you could finish. We had several individuals that brought this up and I also had this happen with the previous book. Please feel free to attend even if you do not finish the book. We would love to hear your perspective and just enjoy everyone's company!

The next book we are reading is “Trust” by Hernan Diaz. This book won the Booker Prize in 2022 and is on the best seller list.

Since the calendar is very busy for May we decided to meet on a weekday. Our next meeting is May 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Farmers Market

If anyone is interest in volunteering at any of the Farmers Markets or Valatie festivals feel free to sign up at the Lodge on the bulletin board.

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Car Show Committee

The car show committee met this past month.

- We are in need of volunteers for Saturday the 22nd of July.
- If you can donate a raffle prize it would be greatly appreciated.
- We are also looking to borrow a couple of golf carts to transport people during the event.
- We have two new food vendors.
- Sponsors for the shirts need to be in ASAP.

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Donations are tax deductible.

Recycle and help others in need. Please bag your items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry.

Upcoming events

Honor a Vet Program

On Monday, May 29th there will be a ceremony starting at 10am. The national anthem will be sung and the names of veterans who were named on the flags will be read.

At 12pm, guest speaker Chris Gibson will be presented.

Complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers will be available

Special Needs Luau

The Special Needs Luau will be held June 3rd from 5pm to 9pm in the pavilion (see flyer on page 10).

Membership Initiation

We are working on scheduling an initiation for June 4th, so we will need members to prepare snacks for the event. We are going to reach out to the members that have joined in the last 2 years and give them a special invite, not only to see ritual done from a different perspective but to get them back in and get them more involved

OK5K

The OK5K is scheduled for June 10 and they are in need of some volunteers to help with setup, registration, flagman, etc. This is a community event so, if you're able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet on the board in the Lounge. Volunteers are needed on Friday June 9 starting at 5pm for course set up and registration, then again on Saturday June 10th starting around 6:45am. If you are able to help please sign up. If you find yourself free on those days please just show up. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with our community.

They also need a safety officer to ride a bike during the race to check on runners and, if there is an incident, to call 911 then radio the officials to give them the information.

Flag Day Ceremony

The Flag Day ceremony will be held in the downstairs meeting room on Sunday, June 11th at 3pm. The Boy Scouts will be participating. All are welcome to attend.

Upstage Productions

Upstage Productions is planning to put together a cabaret and the theme is going to be "Do you hear the people sing? It is a dream role cabaret that will be held over July 4th weekend. More details will follow.

Car Show

The car show will be held at the Chatham Fairgrounds on July 22, 2023 from 8am to 2pm.

Lodge Yard Sale

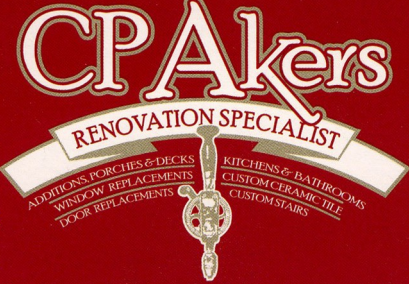
The Lodge yard sale will be held on September 8-10. Clean salable items may be brought to the Lodge and left in the cage in the basement. It will be a busy weekend as we also have have a BBQ and an open house in the planning stages for Saturday the 9th.

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Make a Wish



Kyle Stickles, son of member Todd Stickles and wife Jamie, announced the first round draft pick for the New York Jets on Thursday April 20th. The opportunity was granted by the Make a Wish foundation and the event was televised in Cincinnati. A follow-up story was aired on Channel 10 news the following day.



Kinderhook Elks will be hosting a luau for individuals with disabilities on Saturday, June 3rd from 5-9pm in the outdoor pavilion.

Food served will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, salads, veggie/fruit platter, desserts, soda, punch, & water.

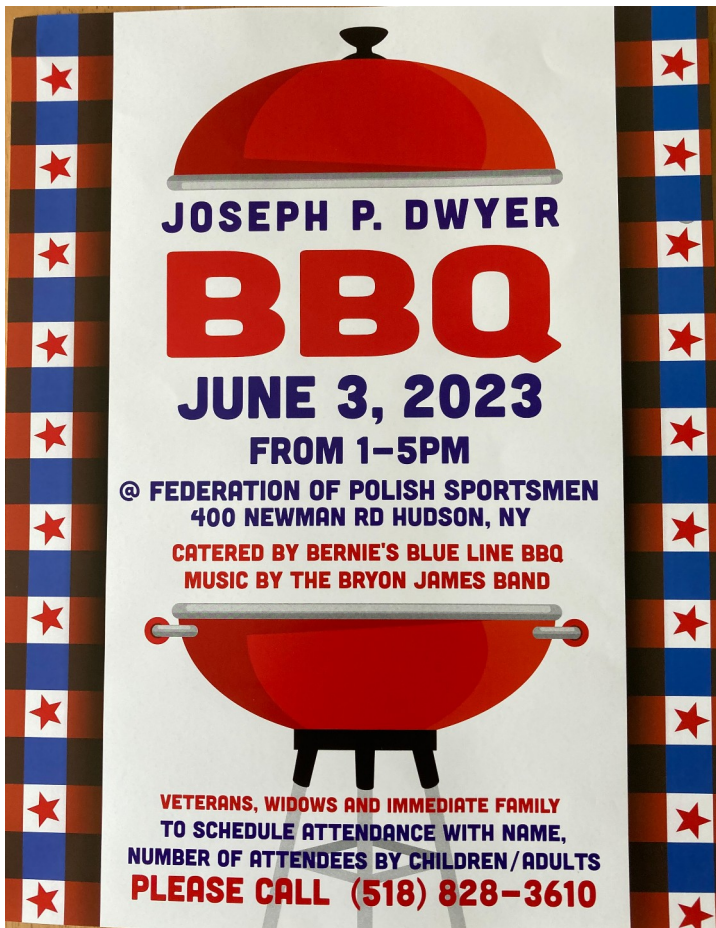
There will be a DJ and dancing. This event will be a “mask positive” environment for those individuals who choose to wear a mask.

Please RSVP to Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866 or LeAnne Alessi at 518-588-9425 by Saturday, May 27th to reserve a spot for your group.

Thank you! Hope to see some familiar faces again, miss you all!!



Veterans



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Any widow whose spouse was a veteran can join the Joseph P. Dwyer widows connection. It's held at 10:00 am on the second Thursday of every month at:

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The Albany Stratton VA

Please note that Veteran Service offices are no longer in the VAMC facility. Please contact the organization directly using the following phone numbers

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NY State Dept. of Veterans Services 888-838-7697
Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152
Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687

Veterans Food Pantry

The Veterans Food Pantry at the Joseph P. Dwyer room at 388 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY, is open. Veterans who need help can come to the new pantry for supplies. They are open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00a - 12:00p.

Honor a Vet Program

Darci Hover and Gordie Engel were selling 3' by 5' flags for \$40. **All the flags have been sold.** The flags that were purchased will be displayed on the Elks lawn prior to the ceremony. There will be name tags on the flags and sponsors may take their flags after the ceremony.



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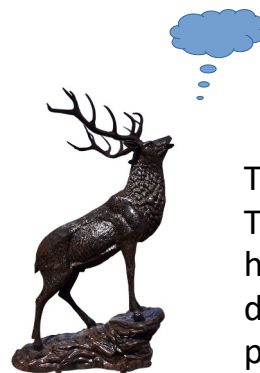
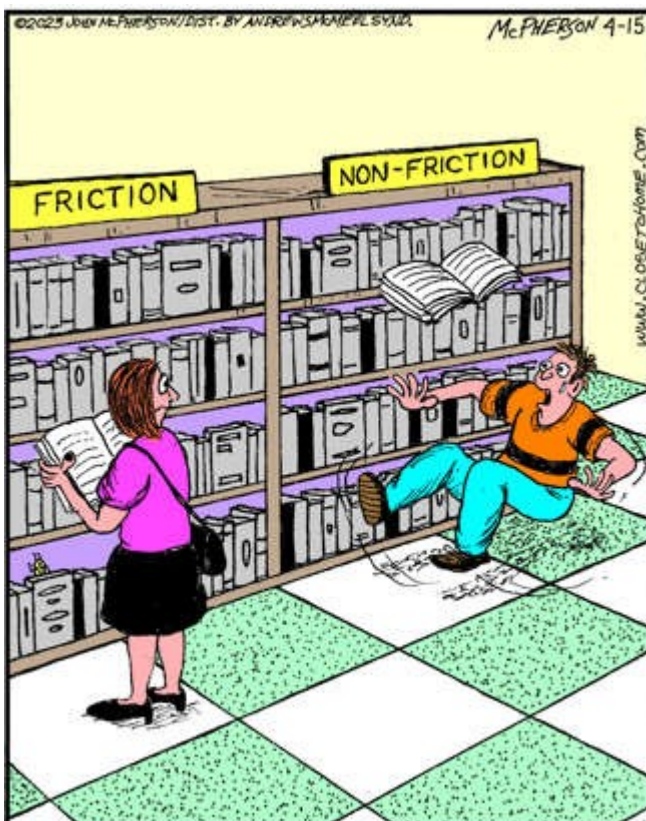
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- 5th Philly Cheese Steak and fries - \$12. Bar menu available
- 12th Fish fry, served with coleslaw, French fries or onion rings - \$11. Bar menu available
- 19th Open-faced Roast beef or Turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans - \$14
- 26th Meatball subs \$10

May Events

- 6th House Committee meeting 2:30pm
- 6th Bartenders meeting 3pm
- 10th Blood Drive 12pm to 6:30pm
- 11th Book Club meeting 7pm
- 29th Honor a Vet program 10am reading of the names who bought flags - 10am
- 29th Chris Gibson will speak at the Honor A Vet event -12pm
- 30th Membership meeting 6:30



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