



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



August 2023

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings to my Kinderhook Elks family,

The summer is just flying by. We have been busy, and it's gonna get hectic for like the next six weeks and we need all the help we can get. There is a wedding on August 12th for over 150 people in the pavilion. The dinner is being plated and served, There is also a DD clinic in the morning so that day will be a hustle and bustle from sunup till late in the evening. We need help, if you can help all day, great, if you can only help for a few hours that works too. Everything you do helps. This is a big event so if you can help please reach out to us, it's easier for you to tell us than for us to call 335 members. But we will do what we need to as a team.

Two weeks after the wedding is..... can you guess? Yup!! Directing traffic at the Chatham Fair. This is the biggest, longest, and most demanding six days of the year. WE NEED YOU!! We need as many members as we can get, want to work with your family and friends great bring them along. You don't have to be a member to help. Every shift needs to be covered not only for the ease of directing cars but for the safety of all involved.

There is an initiation of three new members on Sunday the 13th, if you're able to help by making something for the event it would be greatly appreciated. Believe it or not you are appreciated. If you're new to the Lodge and you have questions about anything reach out, if we don't know the answer we will find it out. If you've never worked the fair that's ok, Terri is putting together an overview event of what happens and how we get things accomplished. Stay tuned for dates.

There are over 330 members of this Lodge we all have a different perspective on things and we all have our own way of doing things. Let's learn from each other, be respectful, listen, learn and have an open mind.



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On a good note, God gave us another beautiful day for the car show!!! It was a fantastic day. We learn a bit more every year on how to make things better. We have new ideas for next year, we are working on more vendors, food trucks, streamlining registration, having a band etc. Do you want to get involved? All are welcome, ideas and individual talents are greatly appreciated. I would personally like to thank everyone who helped out during the year and to all those who showed up on Saturday.

Stegmann will be gearing up and this year we will be sailing in uncharted waters. We will no longer be working with the Ghent VFW. Both organizations feel this will be better for the communities we serve. If they receive our forms they will pass them along to us and if we receive theirs we will return the favor. We will be supplying our own toys, so if you're a good shopper get involved. This a huge project for the community, and the Lodge.

Thank you for everything you all do for the Lodge and the community we serve. It's not about us, it's about the community, Veterans and youth.

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Lodge Initiation

Six new members were initiated on June 4. Refreshments were served in the lounge following the ceremony .Let's give them a warm welcome.



Seated from left to right – Randy Hahn, Barbara Chupa, Lisa Joslin, ER Anne Leiser, Melissa Heusdens, Robin Butcher, Barbara MacCormack. Standing from left to right PER Carmen Esposito, Chaplain Sharon Deck, Lecturing Knight Kelly McGiffert, Leading Knight Darci Hover, Board of Directors member John Sundwall, Inner Guard Jean Engel, Tiler Larry Knott and Esquire John Deane.



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Upcoming events and Committee Reports

To promote the Elk events in newspapers, John Piddock has requested that you send him photos and a short write-up describing the event to editor@kinderhookelks.org.

DD Clinic

The Lodge is hosting the District Deputy's Clinic on Sat., August 12th. Breakfast is at 9am by Robin Howes and his crew. The meeting starts at 10:15am.

Chatham Fair Traffic Direction

It's time for signing up for Chatham Fair shifts. The Fair runs from Wednesday, August 30th, to Monday, September 4th. The sign-up sheets are in the lounge on the bulletin board going up the ramp. Please consider signing up for 1 or 2 shifts.

Blood Drive

The Red Cross blood drive will be Wednesday, September 6th from 12pm to 6:30pm at the Elks. See flyer on page 7.

Lodge Yard Sale

The Lodge yard sale will be held on September 8th -10th. 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 have a chicken BBQ consisting of half a chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert for \$17 as well as an open house in the planning stages for Saturday the 9th.

Golf Tournament

On Saturday, September 30th, the 5th annual golf tournament will take place in West Monroe, NY. The shotgun start is at 10am. The net proceeds will go to Camp Bristol and their programs. There are sign up sheet applications and sponsor sheets on the table in the lounge for those interested.

For more information: contact Scott Hirst at 315-804-3512.

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Donate Blood In Honor of **Kyle Stickles**

Kyle Stickles was a very active 11-year-old boy when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in his left tibia on September 23, 2020. He loved playing football and baseball and was a 6th grade student at Ichabod Crane Middle School. Kyle needed several blood transfusions during the 8.5 months he was receiving chemo. The blood and platelets he received were critical for his treatment and recovery.

“I want everyone to know how easy it is to donate and how critical it is for those in need. Donors are saving lives by simply giving their blood and an hour or so of their time.” Jamie Stickles, Kyle’s mother.



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Wednesday, September 6, 2023
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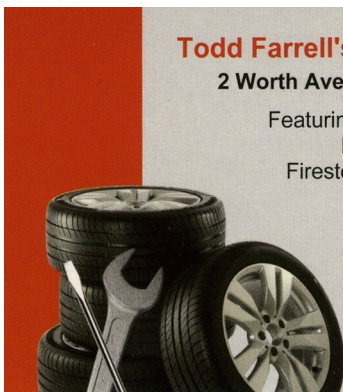
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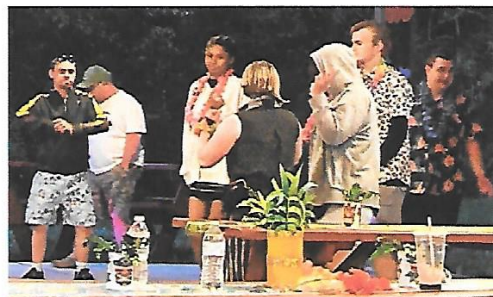
On Saturday, June 3rd, the Lodge hosted a Luau for individuals with disabilities. Attendees were treated to several different kinds of appetizers, vegetable platter and rainbow punch. The main meal was pasta salad, hamburgers, and hot dogs. You cannot forget their favorite of all, Cheese Puffs! Later in the evening everyone created their own ice cream sundaes.

Music was provided by DJ Brian Michaels and the guests danced the night away until 9 pm. This event takes months of preparation by the Luau committee, coordinating with several outside departments. Tammy McDermott and Lee Ann Alessi did an excellent job of getting everyone and everything together and working with Beth St.Clair Bedell and her staff.



A big thank you to the rest of the committee Melissa Heusdens, Sandy & Rick LaCrosse, Gail & David Smith. We need to give a BIG shout out to *the Bottle and Can Depot* in Columbiaville for opening their doors on their day off to help us raise money to offset some of the cost for this event.

The night was a huge success! This year there were over 65 luau attendees from several upstate counties and 18 caregivers to ensure the night flowed smoothly. The entire team always feels accomplished by this event and looks forward to the next one. It was a night to remember for all.



Veterans

Veterans Chair Darci Hover reported that veterans at the Stratton VA, The Grand, Ghent Rehab and the Fireman's home had received toiletry kits donated by the Elks. 317 cards were sent to the veterans in the Stratton VA as well as post cards featuring Riffley's Jeep.

The ice cream program will be starting up again. It was suspended during COVID.

Widows Support Group

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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Food and refreshments are served.

Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

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

Disabled American Veterans 888-604-0234
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

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Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.

Lodge meetings Please join us!
Members: Monday 14th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 21st at 7:30pm

August Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 4th Philly Cheese steak, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$13 – Bar Menu
- 11th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 18th Frank’s meatloaf, corn on cob, mashed potatoes with mushroom gravy and dessert - \$15
- 25th Meatball sub- \$10

August Events

- 10th Membership meeting – 6pm
- 12th Breakfast – 9am DD Clinic meeting - 10:15am

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