



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

October 2023



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

It is six months into the Lodge year. We started out with such fire and determination, and somehow we lost that drive, and now we need your help to continue. We are all different, that makes life amazing, thrilling, adventurous, new, and challenging. This is what any volunteer organization needs, new ideas, new blood, new life to keep things going. Some of you have come to me with ideas that are new and different, I have not discouraged any of those ideas. Most of my replies are perfect, awesome or something along those lines and then I say come up with a plan and let's make it happen. Then nothing. I try and stay in contact and ask how it's going by either when I see them or by text, phone call or email. I ask how it's going or what I can do to help. There are many people that are willing to help, but there are very few that are willing to step up and take the lead.

Members bring up they want karaoke, well make it happen. Tammy did an excellent job with it previously, reach out to her I'm sure she would be willing to help you get on the right track. Worker party has been brought up also. We will most definitely be getting started on planning the event.

Directing traffic at the fair has one more year on our contract, that is a thought process all on its own. The fair job takes care of some hefty bills around the Lodge, and part of that pays for the use of the fairgrounds for the car show. If we do not have that, we need to figure out what to do to continue to pay our overhead and to still be able to support all that we do in the community. How many more functions during the year will we have to try and do, will we have to double our dues, or maybe even triple them? Will we be able to continue with the car show? We keep food prices pretty low considering how many restaurants have had to increase their prices to cover costs. In the same token it's hard to find members to work breakfast and dinners. Thank you to those who work on a regular crew or help out when they can. It's food for thought, sorry trying to get a little levity in there.

Seriously, this is our Lodge, YOUR Lodge!! What can we do to make it better? I'm open to hearing new ideas. Some more food for thought..... April is not that far off and we are looking for new blood, new names, new people with new ideas and a fire to move this Lodge forward. Repeat ER's are not always good, step in the line, become an officer, get involved, don't be part of the problem help be part of the solution, we're all in this together.

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

Annie



Fair Raffle

John Margan was the winner of the picture frame of cash and scratch offs. Pictured is John receiving the prize from raffle chair Gordie Engel.



Committee Reports

Book Club

The book club meeting scheduled for September 23rd has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 7th. The book for discussion is the Scent Keeper by Erica Burmeister.

We are getting ready to come up with our next book list. Please choose 3 books and send me the names prior to our next meeting. I will compile a list and we will choose 3 books for our next list. There was some interest in naming some books with local authors.

Terri Brew (brewterri@yahoo.com)

Lodge Visitation Schedule

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|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 3PM | Brunswick #2556 | ER: Rich Seguin |
| • Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 3PM | Hudson #787 | ER: Larry Health, PER |
| • Sunday, October 15, 2023 | 3PM | Red Hook-Rhinebeck #2022 | ER: Joseph Spano |
| • Saturday, October 21, 2023 | 3PM | Catskill #1341 | ER: Alison Englert, PER |
| • Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 3PM | Kinderhook #2530 | ER: Anne Leiser, PER |



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Up coming events

Football Sunday

Dave Mooney will be cooking small beef pies on October 8th from 1pm to 3pm or until sold out. Stop in for football and a new offering.

Boy Scout Collection Day

Boy Scouts collection day is November 11, from 9-1 in the parking lot at KJ"S so fill a scouting for food bag and bring it over. Remember you're helping out your community, your neighbors, your friends, and maybe even your family.

Stuff the Bus

Stay tuned for stuff the bus to make donations for Marion Stegman. The Ghent VFW won't be working with us this year. Stuff the bus will be accepting food, new unwrapped toys, hats, mittens, glove, new blankets, baby items, diapers ect. and of course money.

Soup Sale

Rick LaCrosse will be hosting a soup sale on a Sunday afternoon. The date hasn't been determined yet. The soup will be sold for \$5 per pint starting at 1pm. Anyone interested in donating their favorite soup contact ER Annie Leiser.

Workers Party

Plans are being made for the annual workers party.

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Veterans

Ice cream at the VA

Kinderhook Elks will be serving ice cream at the Stratton VA on November 26th.

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:

Suite 7
389 Fairview Ave.
Hudson, NY

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

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.

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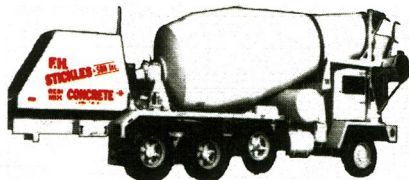
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Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.

Lodge meetings Please join us!
Members: Monday 9th and 23rd at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 16th at 7:30pm

October Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 6th Philly cheese steak - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 13th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 20th Stuffed shells or vegetable lasagna, salad, bread, dessert -\$15
- 27th Pepperoni Subs and Chips - \$11

October Events

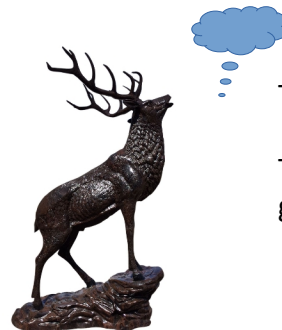
- 7th Book Club meeting
- 8th Small beef pies from 1pm to 3pm
- 26th Biker night



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