



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



January 2024

Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

I was getting ready to write this today when I got a phone call from Dave Travis informing me he would be stepping down as house chairman. I stopped and took a deep breath and became very somber. Dave was my, you stay I stay guy. When my term was up the first time, Dave said you stay I stay, end of term two, I went to Dave with, I stay you stay? We worked those three terms and now 3/4 of the way into term 4, time and health issues have taken their toll and Dave needs to do what is right for him and hand the reins over to Sharon Deck for the remainder of his year. It is very hard to write this as Dave has done so many things for this Lodge on his own time and many times out of his own pocket, wings and dogs, refrigerator raffle, bar rail raffles, trying new ideas to help generate new business and to bring members in not only for the Lodge but for themselves. The friendships fostered here made many of us family to each other. Dave I want you to know how grateful I am for your guidance, friendship, help and determination to do anything and everything you could to help not only me but this Lodge. You are a true gentleman, no words can ever express how much you have meant to me, and this Lodge. Thank you for everything.

As we begin the New Year, 2024, let's try some new things. You know like those New Year's resolutions? We have members that have had the same position in this Lodge for years. Some crews have been the same for decades. We need new blood, new ideas, fresh eyes to see the future of this Lodge. We had a member step up to cover the third Friday dinners, man was I excited. Well that didn't last long. Because of that famous rumor mill, this member texted me and said they had heard some negative things about them and their cooking so they politely apologized and said I don't want to do this to you but if it's not appreciated there's no point in me doing it. Then the next statement, I don't know if I will continue to be a member of this Lodge next year. My response was that they had to do what was right for them, I don't want to see members leave for any reason. When you step up and step out to help, it should be appreciated. If you don't like that persons cooking don't come, put please at the same time don't spread the rumors. Do as your mother taught you: If you dont have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Please, I put up on Facebook if you break a dish and put it back together, yes its a dish but its not the same. The cracks will be there forever. Choose your words carefully.



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There are three months left until the new Lodge year starts. So watch the mail for your dues notice and return it ASAP. I'm thinking of having a night with drink specials for those that come in on that night and pay their dues. I might even make carrot cake muffins and tiramisu . We lose members every year for one reason or another. It still amazes me that when there is a free event word travels like wild fire and tons of people show up, but when work is involved not so many people are able to come. Guess what? Those free events are paid for by the people that show up to work the events to pay for that FREE event, because nothing is truly free, so before you judge anything, take a step back and say what can I do to help?

I hope this New Year brings a new peace, a new perspective, new ideas, and a new future for this Lodge.

Happy New Year, God bless,

Annie



Past and upcoming events

Marion Stegmann

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Marion Stegmann Program this year!! What a fabulous job!! I can not say enough about how well things went for the first time doing this on our own. Nothing but rave review from my perspective. So hats off to you!!

Will be planning a wrap up meeting sometime in January, all are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!!!

Christmas Party

The lodge Christmas party was held on Sunday December 10th from 4pm to 8pm. Pizza, salad and desserts were served. About 60 members attended. There was a secret Santa gift exchange. Recipients had the option of keeping the gift they chose or taking a gift that had already been opened.

Book Club

The Book Club will be meeting on Saturday, January 13th at 10am to discuss Long Bright River by Liz Moore. We hope to see you there.

Soup Sale

Rick LaCrosse will be hosting Cabin Fever Soup on Jan. 21st. The soup will be sold for \$10 a quart, \$5 per pint and \$3 per bowl starting at 1pm. Anyone interested in donating their favorite soup contact ER Annie Leiser.

Chili Cook Off

John Piddock has scheduled a chili cook off contest for January 27th.

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Thursday's starting November 16th

6:30pm - 9 Innings of Baseball

Come on out for a night of fun and laughs.
Would you like to learn how to play?
Let's learn together!

Contact Tammy for any questions at 518-704-1866

For Members and their guests

We're reaching out to our members for

Help!!!!

Joe Laviano will be making Chicken Parmesan the 3rd Friday in January.

We need to someone to put together a crew to man the kitchen and plan meals every month starting in February. Please consider getting a crew together to have a rewarding and fun night helping the lodge. Meals don't have to be elaborate – we have Philly cheese steak, fish frys, and hot subs on the other Fridays.



It's Deer Season and, as usual, we are collecting deer hides for the Veterans.

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Kinderhook, NY

Follow the red signs to the labeled barrels to drop. We will be collecting hides up to mid January 2024.



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Veterans

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.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

Donate your gently-used, clean clothing, shoes, belts, blankets, drapes, purses, and bedding.

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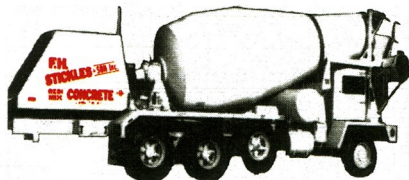
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Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.

Lodge meetings Please join us!
Members: Monday 8th and 22nd at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 15th at 7:30pm

January Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 5th t Philly cheese steak, fries, au jus available upon request - \$13 – Bar menu available
- 12th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 19th Chicken Parmesan, salad, garlic bread and dessert - \$15
- 26th Meatball subs and chips - \$11

January Events

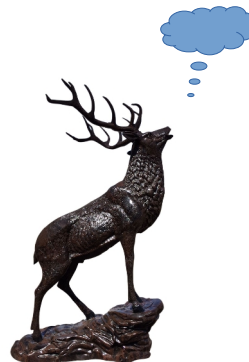
- 10th PER meeting at 7:30pm
- 13th Book Club meeting in the lounge at 10am
- 21st Cabin Fever Soup
- 27th Chili Cook off



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