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Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530



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VISITATION

On November 17th, our Lodge hosted a gathering of members and officers from the Lodges of the North Hudson District.

The visitation and inspection of our Lodge was conducted by District Deputy Charles Cotsonas and his team. Kinderhook officers and past Exalted Rulers performed the ritual of initiation adding two new members to our order.



Front Row: New members Ira Halfond and Robert Overocker, PDD Steve Race, State Vice President Dale Loucks, District Deputy Charles Cotsonas, and the endorsed candidate for President, Jerry Shook.

Back row: PER Bob Hall, Trustee John Deane, Chairman of the Board/PER Chris Akers, Lecturing Knight Robert Cramer, PDD Leo Buell, Trustee Richard Fisher, Tiler Ida Leiser, Inner Guard Jean Engel, and Trustee Jim Yager.

Exalted Ruler’s Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to all who helped with the Marion Stegmann Drive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their well wishes when I had health issues recently. For those who may not have heard, I was having problems at the December 9, 2013 meeting. The next morning my wife took me to the Albany Medical Center Emergency Room thinking I had had a stroke. On Friday, December 13, I had a brain tumor removed. I came home on Monday, December 16, with minimal side effects. I will be having some radiation treatments to ensure that all of the tumor is gone. Then I will be resuming the treatments I have been having every other week for more than 4 years.

I have decided that I must slow down a bit. I will be giving up my Wednesday night dinners. Therefore we need a crew chief for the Second Wednesday. Please step forward to fill this slot.

On another note, elections are coming up soon. The Lodge needs new officers. Anyone who is interested in taking a Chair is welcome to ask any PER or former officer any question as to what the Chair entails. We will only be too happy to answer your questions.

Fraternally,
ER Chuck DDGER

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

Read the newsletter online at:
www.kinderhookelks2530.org

DD CLINICS will be held as follows:
January 19, 2014 & April 27, 2014

Helping Wounded Warriors



Chairman of our Veterans Service Committee Charlie Davis (right) and Trustee Jim Yager (left) present a \$500.00 check to Mary Ellen Whitney, CEO and Founder of STRIDE Adaptive Sports.

The donation will help sponsor a permanently disabled soldier, allowing him/her to attend an event that will provide a sense of independence and freedom and foster a therapeutic, reciprocal relationship between service members, their families and our community who want to thank and recognize them for the sacrifices they've made for us, and our country.

Warrior Snowfest Weekend
Wounded warriors and their families spend a four day weekend with the STRIDE team participating in adaptive skiing and snowboarding at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort. There will be a welcome ceremony at a capital District host venue, where the participants and their families will be honored by local dignitaries. They will then head to Jiminy Peak in Hancock MA to learn how to ski and snowboard as they put their lives back together through sports. Transportation, lodging, food, clothing, entertainment and gifts for the warriors is provided.

Elks donate Educational Resources

Recently, the Kinderhook Elks donated five cases of Webster's dictionary and Thesaurus to the students of the Berkshire Free School in Canaan, New York. The dictionaries are supplied by the Elks as part of their National Dictionary Project to provide younger students with the resources they need to enhance their education through re-search, reading and learning.



Front row Left to right: Students, Dylan J. Fee, Keshun Williams, Keshawn P. McMurrin.

Rear row: Principal Greg Pasos, Jerry Shook, Secretary and PDD of Kinderhook Lodge #2530 and Deb Minners, Berkshire Free School employee and PER of Hudson Lodge #787.

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Bartender & Dinner Schedule for January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Closed at 8:00PM	Phil Melino Chicken Parm Salad Wrap	D. Travis 3:00PM J. Yager 6:00PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
C. Cotsonas 1:00PM T. McDermott 4:00PM	J. Barmen	Closed at 8:00PM	G. Engel House Comm. Meeting 5:00PM Dinner	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Fisher Dinner	L. Clockel 3:00PM D. Enlow 6:00PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
G. Yates 1:00PM T. Smith 4:00PM	J. Shook	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Laviano Dinner	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Howe Dinner	S. Andros 3:00PM D.Travis 6:00PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
C. E. Cotsonas 1:00PM OPEN 4:00PM	C. Davis	Closed at 8:00PM	C. Seymour Dinner	Closed at 8:00PM	R.Coutsonikas Chicken Parm On hard roll	L. Knott 3:00PM K. Altomer 6:00PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	
W. Boehme 1:00PM D. Travis 4:00PM	L. Buell	Closed at 8:00PM	D. Malsan Dinner	Closed at 8:00PM	M. Hauser Dinner	

**We need help on
Wednesday night dinner and
Sunday breakfast crews.
Make volunteering your New Year's
resolution!**

ATTENTION Crew Chiefs:
you need to write your specials on the
calendar on the fridge in the kitchen or
email it by the 18th of every month;
Otherwise the special won't be listed.



Memorial Service

For our

Absent Members



On December 1, 2013, a Memorial Service was conducted for all our Absent Members. A stirring service was presented by the officers and past Exalted Rulers of the lodge.

Rev. Richard A Washburn provided an uplifting memorial response. Hymns by organist Gary Strevell and vocals by Wendy Madsen made the ceremony truly special.



The widows of absent members in the photo (front row) are: Patricia Hogan, Jane Greene, Marilyn Neander, and Ida Leiser.

2013-2014 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler
Interim: Charles E. Cotsonas

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Richard Fisher 929-3971

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Bob Hawver 758-9816
Roger Bradley 784-3263
PER Chuck Cotsonas 828-2507
Mike Aiello 758-1626
Bert Beach 784-2104
Jean Engel 392-9766

(518 area code unless noted)



Scholarship Reminder!

The Elks National Foundation also sponsors a Legacy Awards for high school seniors who are the children or grand children of dues-paying Elks. These applications are judged at the national level, and can be found on line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. The applications are judged on the core values of the ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service and Integrity. **The deadline for filing for the Legacy Award is January 31, 2014.**

Essay Contest Reminder!

Our Lodge is continuing its support for Americanism, by sponsoring the annual Essay Contest. This contest is open to all children in grades 5 thru 8. Don't forget, **the due date for the essays is January 10, 2014.** If you have friends or family in these age groups, please encourage them to prepare a 250 word or less essay on the topic of "What Veterans Day Means To Me". There are monetary awards given to the top three essays in each division, 5th and 6th, 7 and 8th. This is a great opportunity to promote pride in our country, and reward learning. The winning essays will be read by the authors, during the annual Flag Day Ceremony held in June.

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are usually held on the
2nd & 4th Mondays
8:00 PM
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(except July & August)



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