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1. I am a member of Kinderhook Lodge #2530. who joined this lodge to contribute by helping / sharing.
2. I believe in and actively participate in events that benefit local families through charitable giving.
3. I perform tasks for the Lodge that include grass cutting, snow removal, cleaning up the cigarette butts off the back deck, painting the interior and exterior, and general maintenance or other improvements.
4. I enjoy and help with Vegas, Wednesday night dinners, Friday night wings and things, PER breakfast's, regular Sunday breakfasts, and other special outside events along with Lodge Social events.
5. I look forward to joining others members in various social activities offered by this Lodge.
6. I make a concerted effort to show up and breed negativity, use foul and abusive remarks / language against fellow members; I complain about anything, everything and everybody because I think other members enjoy hearing it.
7. I attend membership meetings and take an active role towards promoting POSITIVE results and successful events.
8. I attend committee meetings and provide suggestions and ideas that through discussion, are implemented and benefit everyone.
9. I play poker on Tuesday, pool and darts on Thursday, I bring my family in and play shuffle board, I attend committee meetings, play bar dice, donate baked items or prepared food whenever there are such events.,
10. I'm the person who is offended by those who unfortunately choose to be negative, use foul language and/or complain. If this is you, such behavior is not welcome, not solicited, not in conformance with our great lodge's growth and will be dealt with and shunned as necessary.

- Allow all of us #1s to #5s and #7s to #9s to enjoy what we truly entered the lodge for and believe in.

This was given to me and after reading it, I thought we all could take note. Step Up and help—it is your home, your lodge, and your place of gathering. Negativity is sour and bitter, be Positive. Welcome your brothers and sisters in support and love your Lodge.

Christopher Akers, PER / ER

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### Marion Stegmann Fund

Saturday, 12/12 thru 12/19

Back in the 1950's, a true loving and caring lady, Marion Stegmann, by herself, began distributing food and clothing to her needy neighbors in the Niverville area of the Town of Kinderhook. Marion was the heart, soul and backbone of the operation until her passing when The Marion Stegmann Fund was established through the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 and included involvement of the Ghent VFW Post #5933. The fund has now grown to encompass the entire northern portion of Columbia County (the area of the New Lebanon, Chatham and Ichabod Crane Central School districts) and the Town of Schodack in Rensselaer County.

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All the information is on the web-site. There are three, separate scholarship programs.

The Legacy Awards are due **January 29, 2016**, on line only. Local lodges do not process the Legacy Awards. Hardship grants are also handled completely on line.

Last year, New York State had to return money to the ENF!. Let's work together to ensure a better educational use for those funds this year.

Spread the word, talk it up, enlighten others to the opportunities offered through Elks National Foundation.

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