



E R's MESSAGE

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

First, let me say once again that I am truly humbled at being elected Kinderhook Elks' Exalted Ruler and to serve you for 2017-18. As I mentioned during the Installation of Officers ceremony, that Marley's response to Scrooge's statement "But you were always a good man of business, Jacob." is how I feel about the Elks. That response is:

"Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were all my business."

This past April has been quite busy. First was the Installation of Officers ceremony, followed by the dinner and awards. I want to thank everyone who helped with this special day. There were so many members and friends that volunteered, that I can not name them all, but again thanks to you all. For the ceremony, thanks so much to the PERs for filling the chairs and performing the ceremony. Special thanks to Leo Buell for being the Grand Exalted Ruler, John Utley for being the Grand Esquire, and to John Deane for surprising the 'heck' out of me by postponing his trip down south until after the ceremony. I would also like to thank our District Deputy Larry Rowse and the PER of Rensselaer Lodge, his wife, Linda Rowse for attending. As to the dinner, a huge thanks to Inner Guard Rick La Crosse, his wife Sandy, and his assistant Joel Dyslin for doing an outstanding job with the appetizers and dinner for close to 100 people. The food was tremendous! Regarding the awards, Steve Race has a piece in this newsletter discussing them.

Finally, I had the honor of awarding anniversary plaques to:
Charles Cotsonas (presented to Chuck Jr.) – 10th anniversary of being installed as ER
Joseph Laviano – 20th anniversary of being installed as ER
Frank Masten – 30th anniversary of being installed as ER

Next was the Homecoming for our very own State Vice President Christopher P. Akers on April 8th. We had members from all the lodges in the District attend and pay tribute to Chris and the work he has done this past year as State Vice President for our District. Special thanks to Joel Dyslin and his assistant Rick La Crosse for doing an awesome job with the food.

On April 15th, the quarterly District meeting was held at the Rensselaer Lodge. Our lodge was well represented with a total of 9 members attending. We also had the Easter Bunny make a special appearance at the Kinderhook gazebo. The Easter Bunny was kind enough to allow pictures to be taken, with those that wished to, and had delicious treats for the kids. Big thanks to Larry Knott and his crew on a job well done. Also, thanks to Stewarts for donating ice cream to those attending, to the Village of Kinderhook for the use of the space, and to all the businesses and individuals who made donations, which allow this event to happen.

Speaking of the Easter Bunny, another thanks for attending our Sunday Breakfasts on April 9th and 16th. Once again, the Easter Bunny allowed pictures with all kids that attended and provided treats to them. Between those two dates, over 160 people attended. In addition, the Easter Bunny spent a portion of Easter Sunday at Barnwell Rehabilitation Center visiting with patients and their families.

The last weekend in April was just a busy. On the 29th, we worked in conjunction with the Kinderhook Sportsmen and Tri-Village Rod and Gun clubs on a Veteran's event, by providing barbequed chicken halves. Also, a bus with members from the Poughkeepsie Elks arrived as part of their bus tour of lodges and refreshments were provided. For the 30th, we volunteered to handle the parking for the "Sean's Run" in Chatham. Thanks to all that assisted with these functions.

The month of May is going to be just as busy:

1. First, we are looking to have some fun by having a Country Night on May 6th. We are having a band play in the pavilion from 6 to 10; cover is \$6. Refreshments, such as hamburgers and hotdogs, will be available.
2. On the 13th, we are doing a Chicken BBQ in the pavilion for a party.
3. The weekend of the 20th/21st is very busy with the Miracle Run on the 20th and two Hall rentals. In addition, it is the Spring State Convention in Buffalo. So Chris Akers, Jerry Shook, Steve Race and myself will not be in the area. If you are available to help, please contact any of the officers, Chris Akers or myself.

ER John Piddock

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Lounge Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
4pm - 8pm

Wednesday, Friday
4pm - 9pm

Saturday
3pm - 8pm

Sunday
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Dining Room Hours

Wednesday Dinner
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Sunday Breakfast
8am - 11am



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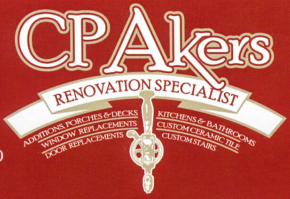
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 Lodge Mtg 8	9	10 BBQ Ribs & potato salad	11	12 Fish Fry	13
14	15 BOD Mtg 8	16	17 Grilled Chicken over pasta	18	19 TBD	20
21	22 Lodge Mtg 8	23	24 Beef tips & noodles	25	26 TBD	27
28	29	30	31 Breaded pork chop	June 1	June 2	June 3
		VEGAS NIGHT MAY 12th				
<p align="center">Sunday Breakfast</p> <p>Chris Akers is looking for a waiter/waitress for the first Sunday of each month, starting March 5th. No experience necessary! The shift runs from 7:30am to 11:30am and breakfast is included! Interested parties should contact Chris Akers.</p>						
<p align="center">Wednesday Dinner Crews</p> <p>We always need volunteers! Especially if you are good at pitching in at the last minute because someone else can't make it. If you would like to be a part of any crew, please contact Steve Race or John Piddock.</p>						

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Pizza!

The bar now has a pizza oven. Two sizes; personal (\$3) and large (\$6). Available every night except dinner nights (Wed & Fri)

Country Night

There will be a Country Night at the Lodge from 6-10pm on Saturday, May 6th, with live country music. If the weather is good, it will be located in the pavilion. There will be a \$6 cover charge to attend with food and drink available for purchase.

Veterans

The Veteran's Committee will be holding a fishing event for veterans on Thursday, June 8th. Anyone interested in assisting or having questions about the event, contact the Committee Chair Tom Miglio.

Vegas Night

Vegas Night will be on Friday, June 9th from 7:30 to 11pm

Flag Day Ceremony

Please mark on your calendar and plan to attend our annual Flag Day Ceremony on Sunday, June 11th at 3pm

Yard Sale

The Annual Yard/Tag sale is scheduled for the weekend of June 17th/18th (with drop-off on June 16th). Collection of items has begun. To make arrangements for drop-off or pickup contact John Piddock (281-2842 or jpiddock1111@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Lodge.

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There is a box in the lounge for any items you can donate.

If you have a family member currently serving in this capacity, please send their name and address to Kinderhook Elks or contact Tom Miglio at 392-8560.

Hard Candy	Hand Sanitizer	Snack Food
Dental Floss	Nail Files	Gum
Dry Soup	Plastic Baggies	Nuts
Beef Jerky	Feminine Products	Tea
Pop-Tarts	Stationery / Envelopes	Razors
Canned Fruit	Books (crossword, Sudoku,...)	Lip Balm
Tuna Kits	Twizzlers	Tylenol
Coffee	Toothbrushes	Band-Aids
Deodorant	Toothpaste	Socks
Q-Tips	Granola Bars	Pens

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters:

I wanted to give everyone a short message about the Installation of our New Officers for the 2017-2018 Lodge year that was held on Saturday, April 1st.

I would like to congratulate our new ER **John Piddock** and the Lodges full slate of officers for "stepping up" and committing themselves to making this new year a success.

After the Installation there was a banquet and awards were presented for the 2016-2017 Lodge year.

The following awards were presented:

Elk of the Year:

House Committee Chairman Dave Travis

Two Grand Exalted Ruler Awards:

Lodge Secretary Jerry Shook PSP, and
Chaplain Sharon Deck

Officer of the Year:

My good friend Larry Knott

House Committee Chairman Dave Travis also passed out two awards:

Bartender of the year: Sharon Deck

Co-Bartender: Joel Dyslin

Congratulations to everyone who received an award!

I want to thank everyone who attended this event, it was a Wonderful turnout!!!

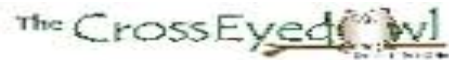
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