



THE LEGEND

DECEMBER 2017

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I find it quite hard to believe that we're entering the last month of 2017 already. It goes by so fast and November was no exception.

On November 4th, we had a bus trip to area lodges. Bob Hymes organized this and I cannot thank him enough for doing so. The order of the lodges visited was Rotterdam #2157, Colonie #2192, Watervliet #1500, and Rensselaer #2073. The hospitality from the lodges was great, though I was intrigued by the variety. A couple things of note; Rotterdam, if you have never been there, is the largest lodge in the state; absolutely amazing place. Watervliet has a 8 lane bowling alley in its basement and the largest lodge room I've ever seen. The chairs have microphones.

The very next day was our lodge's visitation by District Deputy GER Richard Belcher, his inspection team, and State Vice-President Deb Haarsma-Minners. I can truly say that I will never be able to express sufficiently the gratitude to all the people that made this visitation remarkable. First to our secretary PSP Jerry Shook and treasurer PER Joe Laviano for the remarkable job with the inspection and audit team. A huge thanks to Abby Shook and her crew for the grand appetizer table; both the setting and food were amazing. To Tom Burrall and his crew for putting on the corned beef dinner. The food was so tasty and the crew seemed to work together so smoothly. To PDD Leo Buell, PER Joel Dyslin and the officers of Kinderhook Lodge #2530, thank you all so much for your time and energy in performing an incredible Ritual. Finally, thank you to all the members of our lodge for attending. It was so incredible having both the lodge room and the dining room so full. It was a splendid thing for the 4 new members to experience.



E R's MESSAGE

We honored our Veterans during the Wednesday, Nov. 8th dinner. All Veterans were welcome and ate free of charge. Esteemed Lecturing Knight Annie Leiser and her crew did an absolutely astounding job in serving over 110 roast beef dinners (and some USMC style SOS). Then on Veteran's Day, members provided ice cream and popcorn to veterans at the Stratton VA in Albany.

On November 18th, we gained a new member during the Red Hook/Rhinebeck visitation. Then that night we had Country Music with a LIVE BAND. The turn out was quite good, including members from Hudson's lodge. Heard that the gumbo was 'tasty'.

Then on November 24th, we held our annual Trim-A-Tree decorating event. Thanks to all those that turned out, ate, drank and decorated; the lodge looks so festive.

For December, in addition to our usual activities, we have a few important events happening. First is that Sunday, December 3rd is the annual Memorial Service. The Officers of the Kinderhook Lodge of Elks will perform the Ritual of Memorial Services in remembrance of all deceased members. The ceremony will be conducted at the Lodge. This is the most solemn ceremony in our Order and all Elks members are encouraged to attend. Next is the lodge's Hoop Shoot on December 10th at Chatham High School from 11:30 to 3pm (registration 11:30 -12:30). Also starting on the 10th is the Marion Stegmann Fund week; with the delivery date being on the 16th; please signup, especially drivers and helpers.

The Elks Americanism Essay Contest has the essay due date of December 15th. On the 16th, is our Christmas party (Elksmas). Finally, on December 30th we are hosting the District Hoop Shoot contest at Ichabod Crane High School.

May the spirit of the Holiday season fill you with Love and Charity and may all your loved ones be safe.

ER John Piddock

The Kinderhook Elks lodge Hoop Shoot will be held on December 10th, 2017 at the Chatham High school @11:45am - Registration . Start the Hoop Shoot @12:30pm.

The winner from our Lodge Shoot will go on to the District Shoot which will be at the ICC High School on December 30th @ 9am - Registration . Start the Hoop Shoot @ 9:45am .

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York State Elks Association DEER HIDE PROGRAM

WE WANT YOUR HIDE



The New York State Elks Association annually collects raw deer hides and the monies gathered from this great program are then distributed, on a monthly basis, to all the veterans hospitals in the state of New York.

Donated hides may be dropped off at any local participating Elks Lodge where they will be salted and prepared for the tannery.

Rapid deterioration is a big factor so we suggest that no plastic bags be used unless air is allowed to circulate in the bag. Hide purchasers will not accept any hide that has deteriorated so please let us all do our best to keep the hides in shape for the benefit of our hospitalized vets.

In return for your hide, a \$35.00 tax deductible certificate will be issued to the individual making the hide donation. There will be a sign-in sheet at each Lodge location which requires your name, address, and license type and number.

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NOVEMBER Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Marion Stegmann 12/10-16					1 Taco Salad	2
3 3pm Football Elks Memorial Service	4	5	6 Shrimp Scampi	7	8 Fish Fry	9
10 3pm Football	11 8pm Lodge Meeting	12	13 Liver & bacon	14	15 Steak Essay Contest Deadline	16
17 3pm Football	18 BOD Meeting	19	20 Stuffed cabbage & Carrot salad	21	22 Kitchen Closed	23
24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30
31 3pm Football						

Did you know? Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green. Please go to www.greenlightavet.com for more information.

Wednesday Dinner Crews & Sunday Breakfasts

We always need volunteers! Especially if you are good at pitching in at the last minute because someone else can't make it. Possible options include: cooking, dishes, bussing, waiting on tables, etc.

If you would like to be a part of any crew, or volunteer as a "sub",
please contact John Colgan or John Piddock.

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Wednesday Dinners

6—Shrimp Scampi
13—Liver & Bacon
20—Stuffed Cabbage & Carrot Salad

Friday Specials

1—Taco Salad
8—Fish Fry
15—Steak
22—Kitchen Closed



PIZZA!

Two sizes; personal (\$3) and large (\$6).
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Just a reminder WINGS AND DOGS will be starting
Sunday 3:00 until 6:30!
Thanks to all.....HCC, DT

Lounge Hours:

M, Tu, Th 4pm - 8pm;
W, F 4pm - 9pm
Sat 3pm - 8pm
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Wednesday Dinner 5:30pm - 7:00pm
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There is a box in the lounge.

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

The Marion Stegmann Fund

The 2017 program year has begun!! For those of you who are not familiar with "The Fund", it began back in the late 1950's when a true and loving woman, Marion Stegmann, began distributing food and clothing to her needy neighbors in Niverville. Her enthusiasm and caring grew and grew and continues to grow today. With such growth, Marion had to reach out to businesses, civic organizations and individuals just like you to lend a hand. Since 1986, "the Fund" has been managed by the Kinderhook Elks Club, along with the help of the Ghent VFW. The program has evolved from one lady in one small town to a program that now encompasses all of northern Columbia County and hundreds of families. Last year alone, "The Fund" aided over 250 families and 1,200 individuals.

Requests for financial donations are prepared and sent out by the Girl Scouts. The Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts collect canned goods in mid-November. There are literally hundreds of people, young and old, big and small, who make this happen. Much help is always needed, welcomed, and appreciated, along with suggestions and ideas. If you would like to be involved, have an idea, or know a family in need, please let us know.

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the Elks Lodge's bulletin board in the lounge for those who wish to be involved. **Need drivers, drivers helpers, packers, wrappers, ... etc.** Please feel free to contact myself, Anne Leiser at (518) 758-2196, Charlie Roppolo (518) 758-7045, or Tom Burrall at (518) 755-8265.

Delivery day will be December 16, 2017

"It just doesn't seem like Christmas until you feed the needy..."
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Whatever his lot in life may be,
when this hour falls upon the dial of night
the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection,

the homecoming of those who wander,
the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.
Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never
forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass him by,
the light of day sink heedlessly in the West,
but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall,
the chimes of memory will be pealing forth
the friendly message --

"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

Powers "Brad" Bradley of Kinderhook Lake and Millerton, passed away peacefully after a long illness on November 6, 2017, at Albany Medical Center. Powers was born on May 24, 1935, and leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Alice (Holmes) Bradley; his six children, Lisa McCormack (Christopher), Theresa Anderson (Kevin), Maureen Bradley (David Shoop), Coleen Byrnes (Richard), Eileen Souliotis (Mark) and Matthew Bradley (Marlyn); 20 grandchildren, Allison, Brian, Liam, Paul, Heather (Lizzy), Jennifer, Samuel, Sarah, Zachary, Meghan, Katie, Danny, Shannon, Michael, Mallory, Alicia, Darren, Danielle, Daphne, and Davin; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was a long-time member of the [Elks Club](#) 2530.

Marilyn A. Engel passed away on October 25, 2017. She was 86 years old. Marilyn was born in Brooklyn to the late Mary I. and John A. Scherer. She was daughter in-law to the late Walter and Lillian J. Engel. She predeceased her loving husband of 67 years, Walter Engel; and is survived by her daughter, Patty Miller, wife of the late Phillip Miller; and son, Craig Engel and his spouse, Gina Marola. Marilyn leaves 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren in Texas and in New Hampshire.

Welcome new members!

Brett Cappelli, Gina Ford, Shelby Keeler, and Eugene Ringwood.



Congratulations Michael Blasl

On May 18, 2017, at Winding Brook Country Club, one of our members, Michael Blasl, was presented with the Melvin Jones Award by the Chatham Lions Club.

I googled the definition and found that the "Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest form of recognition that a Lion can receive for their charitable work".

Submitted by,
Joel Dyslin, PER