



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



December 2021

To my Kinderhook Elks Family,

The Lodge has had so much going on and this is why I always put my Elks FAMILY. That's what we are, a family, not by blood, because blood doesn't make you family, that makes you related. There isn't much I or you can do alone here. We work together, we play together, we have our issues, and we don't always Agree, but we continue on. We forgive, we learn from one another, and we work together for the greater good. As Christmas approaches let's try to and work a bit on our oath. "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." Forgive often, love without reserve, put your best foot forward, be proud of who you are and all that we have accomplished not only in our Lodge but in the community.

There are changes coming in the New Year. Tammy has handed off the advertising and the newsletter to Kate so please reach out to Kate if you have things that need to be advertised not only to the public but to members. It is a learning adventure, so let's try and be patient until she can get everything under control. Tammy has reminded me that I can send out emails to all the members also, so every once and awhile I may give you an update.

Lodge officers are needed for the upcoming year. If you're interested in moving the Lodge forward please reach out to an officer and let them know.

Upcoming events, Stegmann is first on the list for December, followed by the Vets Christmas Party, (last I heard has over 125 people are coming so extra hands would be so helpful). Tammy has set up a CPR course at the Lodge and I believe the flyer is already out there. This is the knowledge that can save a life! The Christmas party is the 18th and lastly, Santa will visit during breakfast on the 12th and the 19th. If you're able to help on any of those functions let us know.

The car show committee will be meeting again in January to start working and planning on this year's show. A grand time was had by all last year and we are all looking forward to a bigger and better event. Come and share your thoughts and ideas. The new t-shirt design is ready to go. I for one am very excited about this event.

Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

Have a wonderful Christmas, remember it's not about the gifts under the tree but the gifts that come from the heart.

Respectfully,
Anne ER/PER

.....Thank you for your service.....



We call your attention to this small table, which occupies a place of dignity and honor near the head table. It is set for one – symbolizing the fact that our armed forces personnel are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families tonight, so we join together to pay our humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her oppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of our missing comrades' families and friends who keep the faith while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon symbolizes our continued uncertainty, hope for their return and determination to account for them.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate. The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait. The glass is inverted; they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty; they are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Veterans Note -

October 29th 2021 - Carol and I went to the Veterans Miracle Center, Albany, NY to donate 50 Blankets, from the grant money that the Lodge received, along with 15 home made blankets that Kate Timmis received from the Lebanon Valley Senior Citizens, Donna Moshimer and Diana Delucia kindly gathered for us.

We met with Jim Pratt, the General Manager who explained to me “you do not need to be a homeless Veteran to come in for food , clothing and furniture. Just call to make an appointment, Jim can be reached @ 518.772.7020, there address is 10 Interstate Ave. , Albany, NY 12205

November 11th 2021 - The Elks held the Veterans Dinner. I would like to thank all the kitchen staff as well as the servers and members who helped with the event, to make it a great success! A big shout out and thanks to Hannaford for the sheet cake donation for the dinner.

Tom Miglio -



Dave's Wings & Dogs



Come on down to see us, place your order, visit with friends while you wait to take your meal home.

If you wish to just grab and go, please call Dave at 518-669-0155 and he will be happy to have your order ready for pickup

**Sunday's
4pm—6:30pm**



IN MEMORY

Our Order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed.

Please take a moment to remember those we lost during the year: Shirley Kipp, Tom Aiello, Don Arnold, Paul Phelps
Bob Kisselburgh, George Barilics, Winston Burt



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November 26th thru December 15th

Drop off your donation between

4pm - 7pm

7 days a week

Toys for Tots does not have a specific list for "approved" donations.

Good gifts to give include board games, backpacks, books, sports equipment, radio control cars and trucks, skateboards and helmets, and hand-held electronics.



Kinderhook Elks Breakfast With Santa



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8am to 11am
Sunday, December 12th
and Sunday, December 19th



Kinderhook Elks



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It's that time of the year again! We are collecting Deer Hides for the Veterans.

We have 3 locations to drop off this year:

Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2750 NY-9H, Kinderhook, NY

Ghent Sportsmen's Association, 1128 County Rd 9, Ghent, NY

Tri Village Rod & Gun Club, Rod & Gun Club Road, Valatie, NY

Follow the road signs to labelled barrels on premises, if using large black bags, please do not tie off, hides need air!

We will be collecting hides up to mid January

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Sundays - Dave's Dogs & Wings 4pm- 6:30pm. Place orders w/ Dave at 518-669-0155

Fridays - Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase Ticket in the Lounge or call Tammy at 518-704-1866.

Reservations are required for Friday night meals. Place your order w/ ER Anne at 518-758-2196

Open to Members & Guests

DEC

3rd - Philly Cheese Steak w/FF \$12.00 5pm - 7pm

4th - Veterans Christmas Dinner - Reservations Required

10th - Fish Fry, Coleslaw, FF or Onion Rings \$11.00 5pm - 7pm

11th - Stegmann D-elivery 8am—? - Sign up sheets are in the Lounge

12th - Santa will be here visiting at Breakfast

17th - Meatball or Chicken Parm Sub \$12.00 5pm - 7pm

18th - Christmas Party - starts at 2pm, dinner served at 5pm-Check your email for updates

19th - Santa will be here visiting at Breakfast

24th - No Dinner

31st - No Dinner

JAN

7th - Philly Cheese Steak w/FF \$12.00 5pm- 7pm

14th - Fish Fry, Coleslaw, FF or Onion Rings \$11.00 5pm - 7pm

21st - TBD

28th - TBD



Upcoming Lodge Meetings..... Please join us.

Member Meeting - December 13th at 7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting - December 20th at 7:30pm





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A Big Shout out to the Queen of Hearts Winners!



Congratulations To Gordie & Jean Engel
on your Big Win on the Queen of
Hearts!

The New Queen of Hearts will Start on
December 3rd..... Good Luck to All



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“What does it mean to love your country?”

Essay Contest

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RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) **by the entrant.**
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Atlanta, GA, July 3-6, 2022.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2021.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

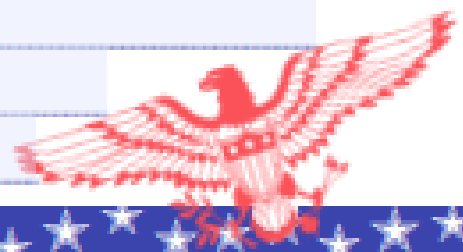
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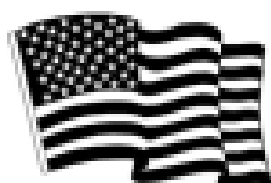
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2021-2022



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Essay Theme: “*What does it mean to love your country?*”

1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2021-22 school year, preceding June 30, 2022. **Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 15, 2021.**
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to Lodge nearest to home address of entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay.)
6. Judging criteria:
 - Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points
 - Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points
 - Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 pointsThere are two divisions for judging essays:
 - Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)
 - Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

PROCEDURES FOR LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select from submitted entries the top three essays from each division and send the six essays to the District Americanism Chairman by Jan. 31, 2022, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the top three essays in each division from entries submitted by Local Lodges and send the six essays to the State Americanism Chairman by Feb. 28, 2022, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the first-, second- and third-place winners for the state from entries submitted by the District Chairman. In addition, State Chairman forwards the first-place winners from each division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March 31, 2022.)

SEND TO: Essay Contest Administrator David P. Cioe, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, 6 Francis Street, Barrington, RI 02806-2709.

Plaques for first-, second-, and third-place winning essays in Divisions I and II will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee's Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session on July 5, 2022.



2021-2022 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

(MUST be attached to each Essay)



“What does it mean to love your country?”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade (Circle or Highlight One Grade) Division II: 7th or 8th Grade

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Age _____ Grade _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

(used only to contact the winners)

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2021.

Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2022 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2022 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, David P. Cioe, by March 31, 2022.



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Insurance Department

*Brian P. O'Neill, J.D.
Risk Manager*

Date: October 2021
To: Lodge Secretaries
From: Brian P. O'Neill
RE: Grand Lodge Master Liability Insurance Program for 3/31/22-3/31/23

The Laws of the Order, Section 4.231, requires an annual redetermination of the per capita assessment to insure adequate funding of the Master Liability Insurance Program. Our *Laws* also require a Local Lodge to collect the per capita assessment from each Member and from each Life Member. The Lodge is responsible for the payment of the per capita assessment to the Grand Secretary.

Insurance Companies provide excess coverage above the \$1,500,000 Self Insurance Fund. Due to numerous high-cost claims, the Insurance Companies will increase the premiums next year.

To provide adequate funding of the Master Liability Program, the per capita assessment will increase from \$7.00 to \$12.00 for the 3/31/22-3/31/23 policy year. Please make sure that your Lodge budget includes this increase for the fraternal year beginning on April 1, 2022.

Thank you.

cc: T. Keith Mills, GER
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