



# THE LEGEND

## Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

### NOVEMBER 2022



To the Members and Friends (Family) of the Kinderhook Elks,

How the time flies!! As of November 1st, there are 5 months left to this 'Lodge year' (Apr 1st to Mar 31st). Looking back WE have done so much; Easter Bunny, Car Show, Fair Parking, Country Dancing, Barbecues, Biker Nights, Dinners and parties, Whisky/Cigars, etc. And there is still much ongoing and other stuff to be done before the end of March.

There are plans being made for:

- Bowling league
- Classic Movie nights (One classic Biker movie and one other classic movie per month)
- Darts league again
- Cornhole league of challenge anyone?

Meanwhile, we have the holidays upcoming. That means we have Veteran's Dinner, Ballroom Dancing, Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, Community Baby Showers, Trimming the Tree, Making the Wreath, Friday Dinners, Holiday parties, Marion Stegmann Fund Deliveries, Karaoke Nights, Breakfast with Santa, and the list goes on and on just for November and December.

It is so great that the lodge is this busy. However, to keep this going, we need folks to help. Not just the fun stuff but also the daily functions of the lodge. So please don't hesitate to ask someone at the lodge how you can help, offer a skill that you have that you think can benefit the lodge or truly consider helping if asked.

Following the theme of "the end of year is approaching and helping with the lodge", elections for officers is coming up in 3 and a half months. For the nine years that I have been a member of this lodge, we have been so blessed with some great officers. Most of them have been in one or various roles continuously over most of this time. They have made sacrifices to themselves and their families, as well as blessed with making friendships, successfully accomplishing tasks and numerous other benefits. It is time for others to step forward and have a 'changing of the guard'. We need this in order to keep the lodge strong, energized and moving forward for many more years. So please, take a few minutes to consider becoming an officer or committee chair. Out of over 340 members in the lodge, we should be able to get other members of the lodge to step up.

Thanks to everything that each of you do for the lodge and our community.

ER John Piddock



To My Kinderhook Elks Family,

Wow, we just had a fall!! Cooler temperatures, beautiful fall colors, that brisk cool morning air, breathing in that refreshing scent of fall, simply amazing. We have had many functions at the Lodge in the past few months and I am happy to say we are starting to utilize new members! We even have a few that have joined a Sunday breakfast crew, some that are training in the lounge, some chipping in and helping out at a moment's notice, well not a moment, more like a day or two, but they are saying yes to the requests! Isn't that fantastic?

What would a blurb from me be lately if we didn't have something to say about the rumor mill? Members are working hard at putting functions on and advertising them to bring new blood and events to the Lodge. It's work!!! believe it or not it is, and when someone spreads falsities that the function has been cancelled, or the only way you can attend is if you're a member, causes not only hurt feelings but frustration and anger. Check your facts, we would much rather have to confirm something 10x than handle phone calls from those that are willing to call and see if the event is actually happening.

One wrong thing erases all those that atta boy's.

Tammy is looking to get a bowling league started, and I would also like to see our dart league start again.

Do you have an idea to bring us together, or an idea that the Lodge can do? Bring it to a meeting and let us know or tell a chair and work with them to get the idea out there. We have tried many things, some have worked, some haven't but we won't know if we don't try. Clynk bags are on the table in the entry way. Filling these bags and dropping them off to the collection building at Hannaford is an easy way to help the Vets. All the money raised with the clynk bags goes directly to the Vets fund. If you have any questions about it ask, I'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

Stegmann driver and helper sheets are posted on the board, please let us know if you're going to be helping us on D-elivery Day. We are going to be doing the food boxes again so drivers the bigger vehicle the better. D-elivery Day is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> with a weather date of December 17<sup>th</sup>. Routes leave every 15 minutes, and the delivery time is about an hour, help is always needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Biker Night, next year hopefully it will be bigger and better. The car show is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> forms for sponsors will be out in January. We are working out the details for a 2<sup>nd</sup> ballroom dance class, karaoke is continuing, and who knows what else will fall into play. Keep your ears tuned your eyes open and the ideas coming. Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

PER Anne Leiser



## Marion Stegmann Fund

The Marion Stegmann Fund's mission is to deliver food and gifts to hundreds of needy families across northern Columbia County. Because of this program, my family and hundreds of others had presents under the tree and food in our bellies every Christmas.

Growing up, my family didn't have much. My father worked day and night on a farmer's salary to support a family of six. This often meant we wore hand-me-down clothing and bought the cheapest food in bulk to make it last. We never took a vacation, owned a reliable vehicle that wouldn't break down a few times a month, and never owned our own home.

Yet, by some miracle, unbeknownst to us, every Christmas, there would be gifts under the tree and more than enough delicious food for us to eat. No other feeling could compare to the excited delight as we woke up to find that Santa had come and didn't forget about us. Our best memories as a family were made during these times. The happiness, love, and overwhelming feeling of abundance were truly magical!

It wasn't until I became an adult that I learned it was because of The Marion Stegmann Fund that we were able to celebrate Christmas each year the way we did. As soon as the opportunity arose, I knew I wanted to pay it forward. That moment came in 2019 when I reached out to The Marion Stegmann Fund to help a family that had experienced a significant loss and had been struggling for some time. A loving father was left raising three boys alone after their mother passed away from cancer. I could see the hurt on his face, and I could feel his anxiety building as each day grew closer and closer to Christmas. The Marion Stegmann Fund was able to relieve his fears when the boys woke up to presents Christmas morning and ate plenty of food to keep their bellies full for days. Since then, I have volunteered as needed for the program.

In 2020 my employer graciously allowed all employees to select an organization that could make a monetary donation. It was a no-brainer that I chose the one that not only helped my family and so many others over the years but brought hope to those who needed it most.

Unfortunately, donations over time have decreased immensely, and the program finds itself uncomfortable. The once-booming charity established in the 1950s that has helped thousands of families over the years is now struggling to meet expectations. Donations, monetary or otherwise, are crucial to The Marion Stegmann Fund's survival. I hope the program can continue assisting families in need as it has for seventy years, but it takes a community's support.

Suppose you or someone you know would like to support an organization based on providing humanitarian services within our community. In that case, monetary donations in the form of a check to The Marion Stegmann Fund are accepted year-round and can be sent to:

The Marion Stegmann  
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Thank you in advance for your generosity, wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Kami Mena



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Christopher P. Akers

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We appreciate your patience with our on-going efforts to maintain and repair our highway infrastructure. If you should have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Raymond Jurkowski, Commissioner of Public Works, at 518-828-7011 or at [Raymond.jurkowski@columbiacounty.com](mailto:Raymond.jurkowski@columbiacounty.com).



  
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**DATE** Saturday, November 12th **TIME** Registration 9a, Contest 9:30-12p

**DIRECTOR** Chris Akers / John Piddock **PHONE/EMAIL** (518) 858-7134 / 281-2842

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2023.

For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit [elks.org/hoopshoot](http://elks.org/hoopshoot).



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## 2022-2023 GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

***Challenging young, inquisitive minds to explore American Values!***

# “What is your American Dream?”

***New features in this year's contest are:***

Four separate divisions for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.

Awards for Each Grade Level — ✓ \$1,000 for 1st; ✓ \$500 for 2nd; ✓ \$250 for 3rd.

I am pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee has selected the theme, ***“What is your American Dream?”*** for the 2022-2023 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in Minneapolis, MN in July 2023. This contest gives students in four separate grade levels, grades 5-8, the opportunity to thoughtfully, evaluate and express their views on the selected annual theme.

Nationally, first-place, second-place and third-place authors in each division will receive monetary awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 respectfully. Many Lodges, Districts and State Associations also provide various forms of recognition to their respective winners, and the Fraternal Committee appreciates and encourages their extraordinary efforts in support of the contest.

Contest materials including the “annual contest theme” are published on-line on May 1. Lodges are encouraged to communicate with school officials in a timely fashion to facilitate annual curriculum planning. Contest materials and a fillable Certificate of Participation for Lodge completion are located at: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>.

This contest is vitally important to Elks as it promotes Americanism in our local communities. It encourages 10-13 year old students to thoughtfully consider American values and appreciate the blessings and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is committed to assisting you in promoting Americanism. Please let us know what we can do to be more helpful!

William J. Lindsey, *Chairman*



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## IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION OPENS:

September 1, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

February 6, 2023

## AWARDS & APPLICATION

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The Elks National Foundation awards **\$1.4 million** in college scholarships worth **\$4,000** each to a total of **350** children and grandchildren of Elks members through its Legacy Awards contest. Visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg) for complete details.

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#### DEADLINE

Due on or before **November 14, 2022**  
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## 2023 CONTEST TIMELINE

#### AUGUST 1, 2022

- Applications Available at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS)



#### NOVEMBER 14, 2022

- Application Deadline

#### DECEMBER 2022-JANUARY 2023

- Lodge and District Judging
- State Quarter-Finalists Notified  
 Supplemental Materials Required  
 (Transcript and FAFSA Student Aid Report)

#### FEBRUARY 2023

- State Judging

#### MARCH 2023

- 500 National Semi-Finalists Notified  
 Semi-Finalist Application Required
- National Judging
- Top 20 Finalists Selected to  
 Attend Leadership Weekend

#### APRIL 13-16, 2023

- Leadership Weekend in Chicago  
 Interviews for Top Awards



Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of the competition by the Elks National Foundation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.

**There is no guarantee of a financial award until applicants reach the national level.**

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Drop off Time: November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. (pick up can also be arranged.)

Where: 389 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY 12534 (next to Bagel Tyme)

Call: For further questions call Tracy at 518-821-9514

## Widows Support Group

Any widow who's spouse was a veteran can join the Joseph P. Dwyer widows connection. It's held every second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm at 389 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY Suite 7. Food and refreshments are served. Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.



Its Deer Season again, We are collecting Deer Hides for the Veterans

Location Drop Offs - Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2750 NY 9H, Kinderhook, NY & Ghent Sportsman's Association, 1128 County Rd. 9, Ghent NY

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Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) 800-827-1000

VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152

Veterans Of Foreign Wars (VFW) 518-626-5687

**A Breakfast is being held on  
Wednesday, November 9th from  
9a-10a @ the High & Mighty  
Therapeutic Horse Group.  
For info, contact Lisa Schmidt  
at 518.469.3562**



There was a grand opening on October 20, 2022 for the veterans food pantry at the Joseph P. Dwyer room at 388 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY. Veterans who need help can come to the new pantry for supplies. They are open Monday's and Tuesdays from 9:00 - 12:00.



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Friday, November 18th

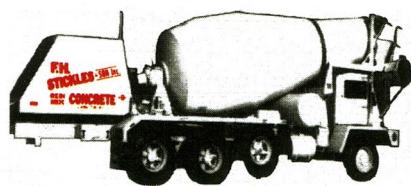


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## Member Letter

Hi everyone. I was asked to send a write-up on my thoughts of being a new member at the lodge. Here it goes. I have been a member for almost 3 months now. I have volunteered to help out with many of the activities like Sunday breakfasts, Friday night meals, the annual fair parking, and Karaoke nights just to name a few.

I have noticed advertising and communication within the lodge could use improvement. Some events could be better advertised. For example, the veteran's dinner. We are less than two weeks away, and I haven't heard anything about it. As a new person, I am just learning the ropes. There should be somewhere we can go to see everything happening in the upcoming months. This would help with other new members, not just me.

I see the same people working at each of the events. I see the same people trying to bring in events to fundraise for the lodge. Where are all the 300-plus members? Could it be our advertising and lack of communication with our members? I expected to see more people around the lodge and more events. We all joined to volunteer for the betterment of our community.

The members I have met so far have been friendly and welcoming. Some people are quiet, and others are talkative. As a new member learning the ropes, I am the quiet one. As older members pass by it would be nice to have you introduce yourself. I'm a great guy when you get to know me.

My name is Eric Meuchner. I am happy to have worked with some of you already and looking forward to meeting those members I have yet to meet.



# Kinderhook Elks Lodge Bowling League



Thursday's  
Starting in February  
6pm - 8pm

East Greenbush Bowling Ctr  
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We need 8 people to start a league. If interested,  
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# Kinderhook Elks

**Dinner & Events Open To  
Members & Guests**

**Sunday Breakfasts** - Dining room seating w/ menu options, 8a - 11a

**Sundays** - Dave's Dogs & Wings 4p - 6:30p, Place your orders w/ Dave at 518.669.0155

**Fridays** - Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase Tickets in the Lounge or call Tammy at 518.704.1866

**Reservations Required for Friday Dinners** - Place your order w/ Anne at 518.758.2196

**NOV** 1st - Ballroom Dancing - 6:30p - 7:45p, Contact Anne for reservations

4th - Open Menu-Burgers, Cheese Burgers, etc. 5p-7p

5th - District Deputy Visitation at Kinderhook #2530 - 3p

6th - Daylight Savings Time Ends

8th - Ballroom Dancing - 6:30p - 7:45p, Contact Anne for reservations

9th - Veterans Day Dinner- Roast Beef Dinner, Veterans are Free of charge

11th - Fish Fry, Served w/Cole Slaw, FF or Onion Rings 5p - 7p \$11.00

12th - Hoop Shoot @ ICC Gym, Registration 9-9:30a, Contest 9-12, Lunch/Awards at Lodge  
Following the Completion of Contest

18th - Cigar Night - Contact Tammy or Thom McDermott

20th - Holiday Wreath Making 1p-4p, \$45 - Contact Terri Brew (This Event has been Filled)

24th - Thanksgiving Day

25th - Trim the Tree at the Lodge @ 5p Potluck Dinner

**DEC** 9th - Fish Fry, Served w/Cole Slaw, FF or Onion Rings 5p - 7p \$11.00

11th - Breakfast with Santa 8a-11a

18th - Breakfast with Santa 8a-11a



## UPCOMING LODGE MEETINGS, PLEASE JOIN US.

**Member Meetings - November 14th & 28th at 7:30pm**

**Board of Directors Meeting - November 21st at 7:30pm**

## 2022-2023

### Phone Numbers

Lodge: 518 758 2530  
Office: 518 758 2538  
Emergency: 518 758 0344  
Lodge Fax: 518 758 1771

### Mailing Address

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P O Box 514  
2530 State Route 9H  
Kinderhook, NY 12106

### **Officers**

Exalted Ruler: John Piddock PSVP 758-2842  
Leading Knight: Chris Bellingham 610-1244  
Loyal Knight:  
Lecturing Knight: Steve Everett 610-8542  
Esquire: John Deane 758-7051  
Chaplain: Sharon Deck 784-3482  
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Secretary: Jerry Shook, PSP 567-4443  
Organist: John Deane 758-7051

### **Trustees**

Trustee: Ben Lasher (Chair) 784-2032  
Trustee: John Sundwall Jr. 784-3600  
Trustee: Robin Howes 392-3578  
Trustee: Thom McDermott 776-9000  
Trustee: Chris Akers PDD 858-7134

### **House Committee**

Dave Travis (Chair) 794-8427  
Sharon Deck 784-3482  
Chuck Cotsonas PER 821-2367  
John Piddock PSVP 758-2842  
Tammy McDermott 704-1866

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