LYONS ELKS LODGE #869



News for the Herd

Elkdom...A Team Effort



November 2020

Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Greeting Fellow Elks,

In November, our Lodge was honored to put on the First Responder Dinner on November 13th. We hosted a free takeout dinner for our area law enforcement and first responders. These heroes protect and serve us. Through COVID-19, these men and women have not received a break while putting themselves in even more of harm's way. For more information see page 3. My thanks to the committee that organized and ran the event.

There was a Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th, 2020 at 11am. The Lyons Elks Lodge in conjunction with Empire State Society Sons of the American Revolution, D.G. Caywood Camp #146 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 227 and 457 of Phelps, N.Y., Lyons VFW Post 5092, Town of Lyons, and Lyons Boy Scout Troop 229, conducted this service recognizing the Veterans of our armed forces. Elks Lodge member Hon. Larry Hartwell was the guest speaker. Many citizens observed the ceremony, even from their own motor vehicles due to the restrictions in place. Masking and social distancing were observed by all. Assemblyman Brian Manktelow also spoke. The event was organized and presented by Dan Olson. Dave and Donna DeWolf placed the wreath

Remember that membership is the lifeblood of our order. If you know anyone that is interested in joining, we are accepting applications and ready to initiate new members.

Our Lodge has successfully updated its Bylaws. This is an item that is important for Elks Lodges to do periodically, as it ensures that the Lodge's structures are current with the Lodge's needs. My thanks for all involved in this process.

Many thanks to those who are working to keep our Lodge clean in these trying times.

The Lodge raffled a Train made by Dave DeWolf, donated by Cathy Kallassy. Hopefully there will be more raffles in the future in order to support the Lodge.

The Lodge will be having a Wing Nite on December 4 and January 8, 2021. On Fridays, the Lodge remains open featuring the Queen of Hearts. The Lodge continues to celebrate Lodge Birthdays on December 18 and January 15, 2021. The Lodge will be holding a Soup and Sandwich Dinner on January 28, 2021. The next Pasta Dinner will be December 10, and then January 14, 2021.

Note that there are restrictions by the New York State Government and Elks Grand Lodge on Lodge functions, and more are expected in the upcoming months. Aside from the normal requirements for mask usage and signing in, the Lodge must now close at 10pm. I would ask all members to be mindful any changes or requests that may be made to keep the Lodge functioning as much as possible. For example, the above dinners may have to revert to takeout in the future, or feature dining restrictions.

Brotherly Yours,

Roy Franks, Exalted Ruler

Calendar of Events

 Lodge Bar is Open Every Friday
 BAR IS CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY

December:

12/4 - Wings

12/7 - PEARL HARBOR DAY House Committee Meeting

12/10 - Pasta Dinner

12/14 - Lodge Meeting

12/18 - Birthday Celebration

12/25 - CHRISTMAS

12/28 - Lodge Meeting

12/31 - NEW YEARS EVE

January:

1/1 - NEW YEARS DAY

1/4 - House Committee Meeting

1/8 - Wings

Birthday Celebration

1/11 - Lodge Meeting

1/14 - Pasta Dinner

1/22 - Trivia Night at the Lodge

1/25- Lodge Meeting

1/28 - Soup and Sandwich Dinner

WATCH FOR UPDATES IN SCHEDULE

FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES

AND STAY SAFE!

MEETINGS: All lodge meetings are returning to in-person meetings. Grand Lodge has stated we are allowed to have 25 people in a meeting. If more than 25 people show up, we will move some people to a separate room and set up a video chat between the two rooms. Please remember to social distance and have masks. There is a limited quality of masks available at the bar if you forget yours. If you have any questions, please let ER Roy or Secretary Ali know.

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December 2020

Mark Wunder - December 1 George Wunder - December 3 Maureen Paliotti - December 4 Hugh Spink - December 9 Dawn Gowan - December 18 Hugh Laird - December 23 Myron Ganze - December 31

Condolences

Death: We are saddened to report the death of Wolcott Elks Lodge Past Exalted Ruler Robert Lippert in early November.

Ailing

Member Dave DeWolf is home recovering from recent surgery.
Get well soon, Dave!

BIRTHDAYS: Please join us on the third Friday of the month to celebrate the birthdays for that month. Enjoy a piece of cake on us. Thus far only a few of you have taken advantage of this. Birthdays will be celebrated once the Lodge reopens!

PLEASE:

Wear face masks in public

Practice social distancing

Be safe Stay safe

LODGE DUES: Thank you to all of you who have paid this year's dues. As of 11/2520, we still have 6 delinquent members. Please remit your dues ASAP.

LODGE RENTAL: If you are a member that is interested in renting the lodge, please let a trustee of the Lodge know. Lodge rentals are brought up at the House Committee meeting so if there is a conflict with events we can work through them. In the past we have had some conflicts with events that were just put on the calendar and then were changed but not changed on the calendar. Thank you for your help with this. Dave DeWolf, Mark Bookmiller: 315-573-2305, Bill Cobb: 315-214-9802.

<u>FUNDRAISERS:</u> Train Raffle: The wooden train was raffled off November 6th and the winner was:

Ken Graff

If you have an idea for a future fundraiser, please reach out to us. If you would like to Chair a fundraiser to accomplish one of these items, please call ER Roy Franks at



1210. Thanks!

<u>Lodge Hours:</u> The lodge is following all guidelines, directives and orders

issued by Governor Cuomo on behalf of New York State as well as directives from Grand Lodge. The lodge can only reopen for normal activities with necessary approvals.

<u>VOLUNTEERS:</u> Are you interested in bartending? The lodge is looking for people to volunteer in this role and are happy to train. Contact Jim Kallassy if you are interested.

Queen of Hearts Committee seeking new member

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>: The following have applied for membership and been found favourable by the investigating committee. Voting will occur at the December 14th meeting.

- George Dobbins of Lyons, New York, proposed by Ali Barner; and
- •Scott Hurteau of Penfield, New York, proposed by Ed Gnau. Vote pending receipt of waiver of jurisdiction and may be postponed to a later meeting as needed to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge statues.

Remember -

ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE

Lodge ByLaws: The Bylaws were approved by the membership vote on November 9th. The ByLaws have now been sent on the Grand Lodge Judiciary for review and hoped for approval.

ELK SCHOLARSHIPS

<u>Legacy Awards:</u> These are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Deadline is February 5, 2021. and applicants must meet certain criteria.

CONTACT LODGE SECRETARY ALI BARNER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALL SCHOL-ARSHIPS.

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VETERANS

<u>Pearl Harbor Campaign</u>: Elks have partnered with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, to help preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial. The Grand Lodge has extended the "Campaign" until November 11th. This gives us a chance to raise additional funds for this worthy cause. Lyons Lodge has already donated \$150 but please consider making an additional donation. Questions? Email PearlHarbor@elks.org, call 773-755-4736 or visit enf.elks.org/PH

<u>Deer Hides</u>: The Lodge is still collecting throughout December only. Your contribution provides funding for a variety of veteran programs through the sales of these hides. Any questions just call Rick Wunder at 315-521-3145.

<u>Veteran's Day Ceremony:</u> Lyons Elks Lodge in conjunction with Empire State Society Sons of the American Revolution, D.G. Caywood Camp #146 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 227 and 457 of Phelps, N.Y., Lyons VFW Post 5092, Town of Lyons, and Lyons Boy Scout Troop 229, conducted a service recognizing the Veterans of our armed forces. Elks Lodge member Larry Hartwell was the guest speaker. Member David DeWolf and his wife Donna participated by laying a wreath at the monument and Member Daniel Olson led the ceremonial event. Many citizens observed the ceremony (even from their own motor vehicles due to the restrictions in place. Masking and social distancing were observed by all.

Pearl Harbor Day: December 7th, a day that will live in infamy. Please remember all of those veterans and civilians who sacrificed so much for so many.

Lap Robes, Hats and Scarves: Due to the regulations of the VA Hospital under Covid 19 our annual visit with gifts cannot happen this year. However, many lap robes, hats and scarves were delivered locally to the Food Pantry and Santa Sleigh for free distributions, A huge THANK YOU to the senior ladies of the Home Bureau of Wayne, Yates and Ontario Counties, Liz Galusha and her family, and Eileen Gansz and the Schleede family for making these needed items. This program of giving is a direct result of your contributions to the Elks National Foundation which helped Lyons Lodge once again receive a Gratitude Grant to fund this program. Thanks to all who participate with this project!

<u>FIRST RESPONDERS</u>: On November 13, 2020, Lyons Elks Lodge #869 First Responder's Fund Committee hosted a take-out luncheon to recognize the First Responders in the Lyons Community. Approximately 230 lunches and dinners were provided to the areas Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, Retirees, Wayne County Court Security, Corrections Officers, Wayne County ALS, Lyons Town Ambulance, Wayne County 911 and Wayne County Probation Department. In addition to the meal, the Committee was able to establish the First Responder's Fund, a special reserve to aid a hometown hero in the event of an emergency situation of their own.

A special thank you to our event sponsors for their generous donations that made this event possible:

Ali Barner
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Jim & Cathy Kallassy

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Three Year Bill Cobb

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Please note above vacancies - volunteer today!

Working Together to Make a Difference







If you have not noticed, the Lodge is open more frequently on Friday nights than it has been in the past. Stop on down and relax and visit with other members of the lodge as well as visiting members from other area lodges. The heat is on and the fellowship is phenomenal. Hope to see you there!







Advertise? Do you own a business and want to advertise locally while helping out the Elks lodge? The Lyons Elks Lodge has begun selling advertisements that will be included in the newsletter. The cost for a business card advertisement is \$60.00 per year. This will allow your advertisement to reach the Elks members in our lodge as well as be advertised in other lodges that display the newsletter at their lodges. If you are interested in advertising in our lodge newsletter, please contact Esteemed Leading Knight Roy Franks at 315-576-1210 or email him at

RoyFranksEsq@gmail.com .

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Ecstasy/MDMA

WHAT IS ECSTASY/MDMA?

MDMA acts as both a stimulant and psychedelic, producing an energizing effect, distortions in time and perception, and enhanced enjoyment of tactile experiences.

Adolescents and young adults use it to reduce inhibitions and to promote:

· Euphoria, feelings of closeness, empathy, and sexuality

Although MDMA is known among users as ecstasy, researchers have determined that many ecstasy tablets contain not only MDMA but also a number of other drugs or drug combinations that can be harmful, such as:

Methamphetamine, ketamine, cocaine, cathinones, and caffeine

In addition, other drugs similar to MDMA, such as MDA or PMA, are often sold as ecstasy, which can lead to overdose and death when the user takes additional doses to obtain the desired effect.

WHAT IS ITS ORIGIN?

MDMA is a synthetic chemical made in labs. Seized MDMA in the U.S. is primarily manufactured in, and smuggled across U.S. borders from, clandestine laboratories in Canada and, to a lesser extent, the Netherlands. A small number of MDMA clandestine laboratories have also been identified operating in the U.S.

What are common street names?

Common street names include:

 Adam, Beans, Clarity, Disco Biscuit, E, Ecstasy, Eve, Go, Hug Drug, Lover's Speed, MDMA, Peace, STP, X, and XTC

What does it look like?

MDMA is mainly distributed in tablet form. MDMA tablets are often sold with logos, creating brand names for users to seek out. The colorful pills are often hidden among colorful candies. MDMA is also distributed in capsules, powder, and liquid forms.

How is it abused?

MDMA use mainly involves swallowing tablets (50-150 mg), which are sometimes crushed and snorted, occasionally smoked, but rarely injected. MDMA is also available as a powder.

MDMA users usually take MDMA by "stacking" (taking three or more tablets at once) or by "piggy-backing" (taking a series of tablets over a short period of time). One trend among young adults is "candy flipping," which is the co-abuse of MDMA and LSD.

MDMA is considered a "party drug." As with many other drugs of abuse, MDMA is rarely used alone. It is common for users to mix MDMA with other substances, such as alcohol and marijuana.

What is its effect on the mind?

MDMA mainly affects brain cells that use the chemical serotonin to communicate with each other. Serotonin helps to regulate mood, aggression, sexual activity, sleep, and sensitivity to pain. Clinical studies suggest that MDMA may increase the risk of long-term, perhaps permanent, problems with memory and learning.

MDMA causes changes in perception, including euphoria and increased sensitivity to touch, energy, sensual and sexual arousal, need to be touched, and need for stimulation.

Donate for Life: Have you ever considered organ donation? According to recent statistics there are approximately 120,000 people waiting for an organ transplant. Eight vital organs can be donated heart, kidneys (2), pancreas, lungs (2), liver and intestines. Tissues such as corneas, the middle ear, skin, heart values, bones, veins, cartilage, tendons, and ligaments can also be used. Skin can be used for victims of serious burns. Tissue donation must be done within 24 hours of death. Pursuant to <u>organdonor.gov</u>, no one is too old to donate. Doctors will examine your organs to decide if they are appropriate for donation. How to register—You can sign up on line or in person at the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. More information can be obtained at <u>organdonor.gov</u>.

TOP TEN REASONS TO BE AN ELK

- 1) An exclusive membership in the largest Fraternal Organization in the United States.
- 2) Stop into any Elks Lodge in the Country. Being a member of one Elks lodge means you are free to utilize any of over 2,000 lodges across the country.
- 3) Get a feeling of gratification knowing that you are a member of an organization that does so many benevolent and charitable acts throughout our local communities.
- 4) If you always wanted to get involved in helping with local events in your community, here is your chance.
- 5) Get to know some of the BPOE. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks or better known as the Best People On Earth
- 6) The Elks are one of the largest supporters of our Veterans. We do so much for them because they sacrificed so much for us.
- 7) The Elks Drug Awareness Program is the largest privately funded program in the world dedicated to teaching children about the dangers of drugs.
- 8) The Elks spend approximately \$80 million dollars every year to make our communities a better place.
- 9) Clean quiet restaurant that you can frequent with friends and family
- 10) No Obligation or mandatory hours to volunteer. We would love for you to join us in our work to support our communities, Veterans, children, and the needy, but it is not required. Help if you can. If you can't you are helping us by just being a member.

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