



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



April 2021

To my Kinderhook Lodge family,

Spring has arrived and with it more vaccinations and less restrictions. We are moving forward with functions at least on Friday nights. They have been a huge hit and are helping pay the bills.

The last meeting in March we gave out the Officer of the Year award and the Elk of the year award. Lee Jackson's picture will be up shortly for all to see as our Elk of the Year, and we may even get a picture of John Deane up to as officer of the year.

I had a few applications for Citizen of the year. There are people that do so much for the community. The Citizen of the Year is Dawn Steward. Tammy has put in the newsletter some of the things that she has done and is doing.

We have a partial slate of officers. All remain the same except ER is vacant, and Tom Meglio's term as trustee has expired and Rick Lacrosse was voted in. Thank you, Tom, for your dedication to the Vets and the Lodge. Please help welcome Rick to the board.

We have a bunch of things in the works, another ice cream day hopefully for the kids in May, the Easter Bunny drive thru, the Lodge yard sale, and meals every Friday for the next few months, and even a car show coming in July. If you want to get involved, please let an officer know. Many hands make light work, and the camaraderie is amazing especially after this past year.

If you like to cook and you would like to do a Friday meal, please let us know. We have the fish fry's, a Frank's meatloaf night, a hot sub night, a parm chicken night, a lasagna night, stuffed shells, and a chicken bbq in the works. These are paying the bills now so if you cannot make the meals, please spread the word. Members are allowed to eat inside, and once the pavilion is open, we should be able to have people stay and eat outside.

Wednesday night meals are a thing of the past. There just was not enough steady business to continue.

As of the moment the Chatham Fair is a go!!! Yup that means we will need everyone's help to park cars. Signup sheets will be up shortly. Please come in and sign up, or call the lounge and have the bartender on duty put your name down in a time slot or two. Making phone calls is a long tedious and thankless job.

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

HAPPY EASTER

Respectfully,
Anne Leiser PER





Elk of the Year

There's are so many wonderful people in this Lodge that do so much to help us out. I say people because spouses, significant others, member's family, and friends all come together when we need them. Over the years many that have stood out never got the recognition that they so deserved. Members do what they can when they can, and we are ever so grateful for that. We would not be where we are today without them.

However, at this time of the year it is up to the Exalted Ruler to pick one such person out of the many as Elk of the Year. It took a long time to decide this year, it was the COVID year, and there were so many members in and out. Not always here at the same time and the restrictions placed on us as a Lodge really reduced our numbers. Thank you to all for your membership, your dedication and participation at the Lodge, be it the lounge, working or patronizing a dinner night or a BBQ. All these helped pay the bills, and we appreciated you.

The Elk of the year has been a member for many years, but I have only known them for the past few. They were very active years ago. Then as life does, it changes and they needed to focus their attention on other things. They returned to the Lodge where I first met them patronizing the bar. We seemed to hit it off right away. Easy to talk to, friendly and funny.

They started coming to breakfasts and dart nights, always with that friendly smile and huge heart. COVID hit and the Lodge came to almost a standstill. As we slowly started to push through, this member donated to the yard sale, helped at the BBQ's, has purchased or placed orders at many of our dinners, not always getting what they ordered. But in true Elk form they took it in stride never saying a bad word about the Lodge or the efforts we put in.

This past fall he stepped up to take over the Deer Hide Program, and between him and Kate they knocked it out of the park!! They spread the word and worked hard to collect around 200 hides. If you haven't figured it out by now please let me tell you, the Elk of the year for 2021 is our one and only **Lee Jackson**.

I would love to give out so many of these awards, as there are so many deserving members, but we are only allowed one per year. Thank you to everyone for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve. We couldn't do what we do without you.

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Officer of the Year

Officer of the year. What a concept. Trying to pick one person over another for an award. I have chosen one but I want to tell you about your officers. I could write pages on all of them, but I'll just give some of the highlights.

First there is Jerry Shook who knows so much about this Lodge and about Elkdom. He does 90% of our budget, he is a grant champ!!!! He applies for and gets this Lodge thousands of dollars every year. He is dedicated 200% to his position and the Lodge. He is the center of attention at meetings because he has more to say than any of us.

Next Joe Laviano, treasurer for as long as I can remember. Mr. Fix It. A man that does so much that people don't know. He repairs, replaces, completely overhauls old not working equipment into functional maintained equipment. He changes filters, works for hours on end, he's the first person we call when something breaks, and he comes as fast as he can and gets the job done. Record keeper of all our finances and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Jeannie Engel. She steps in when needed or when she sees a need. She has been cook, cleaner, the sickness and distress head, she is involved with the BBB, darts, a seamstress for rabbit feet and paws, bartender, kitchen organizer, newsletter committee and the list goes one. She is a staple here. We appreciate her so much.

Larry Knott. The friendly face you see at the bar, who is always got something going on, he helps out whenever needed and if you don't ask him to help with something, he shows up with his funny ways and loving heart to help. I don't think there is anything that he wouldn't do for the Lodge or a member if asked.

Frank Masten. The man who always said women don't belong in the Lodge, but was the first person who wanted to put jewels on me when I became ER. He stepped in this past year when we lost our Leading Knight. He supports the Lodge at meals and functions, he also plays Mr. Fix It, is a great friend, supporter and Elk.

Tammy McDermott. She has a fire for the Lodge, its members, and the community. We joke about being the Wonder Twins, but believe me, this Lodge has done so much growing with her. Writing the newsletter, coming up with ideas to keep the public, especially the kids involved during this past year. She is a force to be reckoned with.

Steve Everett. He stepped into the chairs last year and has pushed himself to be involved while dealing with his own issues. He has taken charge of the blood drives and asks questions and voices concern from a different perspective that makes us all think a little more.

Sharon Deck. Our Chaplain, she helps at breakfast, the bar, and our meals, she has helped so many of our older members this past year with getting them the supplies they needed, checking in on them while still supporting the Lodge. She has been dealing with the stress of family and covid with style, grace and a few hugs from her second family.

John Deane. He has been our Esquire for as long as I can remember. He always has a way of changing your perspective to a much brighter view. He works on the yard, the sign bed, pulls weeds, cuts down trees, he even worked on his hands and knees with past winter to clean the grout on the kitchen floor. He supports our functions and is always buying tickets for one thing or another, and a dam good dart player and musician.

The dynamic duo. Ben Lasher and John Sundwall, where you find one you find the other, thank goodness because when you're looking for help with something you get two for the price of one. They work tirelessly, I'm sure they won't say that, but they do. Inventory of the Lodge, working the kitchen and the BBQ's, and the countless hours they put in when we have the fair.

Chris Akers. A businessman that pushes himself to the limit. He cooks, does repairs around the Lodge, works with contractors for the Lodge, and supports all our efforts in one way or another, and somehow still finds time to do the booking and ordering for the Lodge.

Tom Miglio. This is Tom's last year as a trustee. He is the perfect advocate for the Vets. He even took on the district Vets Chair this year. Could not pick a better person. His dedication to the Veterans' make the saying as long as there are Vets, the BPOE will be there to support them.

Robin Howes. The trench man, and the hours he put in working the grounds. He supported and helped with almost any idea I thought of over the years. He works the bar and helps out on the grounds, breakfasts and most any other project that he has a talent for.

Now to the Officer of the Year. Hard choice believe me. The Officer of the Year for 2021 is the one and only **John Deane**. You are the Scholarship Chair, Esquire, and a great friend. Thank you for the years of service, you have given to this Lodge and its members.



Bartender of the Year

The Bartender of the Year for 2020-2021 is Tom Burrall. Tom always does a great job, is friendly and courteous. He never refuses to help me out when needed. He has helped promote the Lodge whenever possible. Thank you, Tom for all you do.



Citizen of the Year

Every Lodge in existence has the opportunity to give out a Citizen of the Year award. I think this award is an amazing way to say thank you to someone that gives so much of themselves for the betterment of the community. You do not have to be an Elk for this award.

As I was reading the nomination letters this one just stood out.

Dawn Steward, founder of Our Community Cares. Volunteer delivery person for the Ghent meals on wheels. Delivery person for the recovery kitchen in Hudson delivering meals and food to those who cannot shop for themselves.

Chatham Manor, a senior and developmental assistance living center, had residents who were housebound during Covid. Dawn delivered food to all of them weekly from the food co-op, food pantries, and federal aid food drops at the Chatham fair grounds.

As a board member of Our Community Cares, Dawn provides resources and aide to those who are experiencing job loss, illness, and unemployment. Dawn has to date coordinated over 100 fundraising events to help local Columbia county residents. She is an auxiliary member of Chatham Rescue.

Dawn reflects what we want and need in our community. To say selfless is a serious understatement, she consistently goes without to give more. She will say it's her job as a member of the community, she gives all that she has to her family and to the community.

There are not enough words to express how deserving she would be of this award, so simply put, she is the citizen of the year to those who are honored to know her and those who have been saved by her, she is a crusader of that is good and right in this world and she chooses to invest every bit of her efforts here in Columbia NY.

The Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 is honored to give the Citizen of the Year award for 2020-2021 to Dawn Steward. Thank you for all you continue to do for the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lounge opens daily 4pm—7pm

Sunday's in March - Dave's Dogs & Wings 4p - 6:30p

Fish Fry **Friday's** - Every Friday until April 2nd

Queen of Hearts every **Friday** 7pm

April

2nd - Fish Fry 4:30p to 6:30p \$9.00 Fish Fry only \$11.00 with French Fries

3rd - Easter Bunny Drive Thru 9a to 12p Free

9th - Parmesan Chicken, pasta, salad, dessert 4:30p to 6:30p

16th - Hot Pepperoni, meatball or Godfather (both together) Sub Night 4:30p to 6:30p

23rd - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert 4:30p to 6:30p

30th - Pot Roast, red potatoes, gravy, carrots, sweet sour red cabbage, dessert 4:30p to 6:30p

May

7th - Stuffed Shells, caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert 4:30p to 6:30p

14th - Fish Fry, cole slaw, French fries or onion rings 4:30p to 6:30p

21st - Chicken Pot Pie, squash, applesauce, dessert 4:30p to 6:30p

28th - Lasagna, salad, garlic bread 4:30p to 6:30p

June

4th - Whisky and Cigars Night

11th - Fish Fry, cole slaw, French fries or onion rings 4:30p to 6:30p

18th - Chicken BBQ

July

9th - Fish Fry, cole slaw, French fries or onion rings 4:30p to 6:30p

24th - Kinderhook Elks Car Show at Chatham Fairgrounds



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NATIONAL WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS DAY – April 16

Each year on April 16th, National Wear Your Pajamas Day allows us a reprieve after meeting a late-night deadline shuffling receipts and adding columns to file our taxes. While some people call this day “the best holiday of the year,” it was created for fun. Wearing pajamas offers a little relief from the nail-biting and stress that often comes with filing taxes. The day helps to let go of the anxiety and offers a few more minutes of sleep for those who pushed the deadline to the limit.

Come to the lodge in your Pj's Night

Grand Lodge News

Start the new Lodge year with a proactive mindset

Stacey and I can't believe that it has been nine months since this journey began for us. We feel that it has been an experience that has fulfilled us as Elks! Although our travels have been very limited, meeting all the wonderful Elks throughout this country during the trips that we have been able to make has been an absolute joy of our life.

So as we enter into the Elks New Year, this is a time to reflect on making sure you get your Lodge in order. Being able to be proactive rather than reactive will only help you and your Lodge in the long run. How is this possible? Start with making sure to have some of the following things in effect:



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler**
**PAUL R.
RYAN**

1. Review your bylaws and ensure that they are up to date and pertain to your Lodge's rules and regulations.
2. Check your house rules and make sure they are up to date and approved by your Judiciary member of your area.
3. Do a physical inventory of all your personal property and make sure that

you have enough insurance to cover it.

These are just a few items that need to be done in the beginning of the Lodge year. That being said, it is not just **your** responsibility. Involve your officers and your Board of Directors, too.

Lean on your best friend (Secretary) to make sure that you plan and cover everything. A good thing to also do now is to create a list for monthly "activities" — not just your charitable ones, but also your social ones. You should have a monthly event at your Lodge to keep Members involved, to raise funds to pay bills, and to help in the community.

We are so excited that the National Hoop Shoot competition will be

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happening. It may be a little different as it will be held virtually. It is also for the 2019-2020 competition winners for regional competitors and national winners that advanced. That being said, keep an eye out for the future: The 50 year anniversary celebration will be held in Chicago next year for the 2021-2022 season of Hoop Shoot. We all hope that we will have a normal Hoop Shoot for that season.

As you know my theme for this year is *Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom*. Younger Members need to take this into consideration: You are the ones that are going to continue the tradition that this organization has to offer.

Stacey and I are looking forward to continuing seeing the great Elks throughout the country.

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