



# THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

February 2023



## Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Fellow Members of Kinderhook Elks Lodge,

Winter is nearing its end. Groundhogs (woodchucks) and heart shaped cards are fast approaching. With all this, it is time for the lodge to make ready for a new fiscal year. Part of that is having a new set of officers to lead and guide the lodge.

For the years that I have been a member, the officers of the lodge have been a few individuals that have served a long period of time. I, for instance, have been an officer for all but two of the 8 full years that I've been a member; three of them as Exalted Ruler.

Since 2014-15, the following individuals have served as officers of the lodge for the stated time:

9 years - Chris Akers, Joe Laviano, and Jerry Shook

8 years - Larry Knott and John Deane

7 years - Sharon Deck

6 years - Tom Miglio, Chris Bellingham, John Sundwall, and Ben Lasher

5 years - Anne Leiser and Richard Fischer

4 years - Ken Withkowski, Jeannie Engel, Rick LaCrosse, and Robin Howes

We have been blessed to have these people, but it is time for other members to step up and have a role in the leadership and future of our lodge. Otherwise things will become stagnant.

I think Anne said it best last year at this time:

*"We bring in new members, new ideas, a new way to move forward. The Lodge needs people to step up and step out of their comfort zone. We need officers for the upcoming Lodge year. ..."*

*The Lodge does so many good things for the community and its members. We are family. We work together; we play together; we fight; we forgive all for the betterment of the Lodge and the community.*



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*We don't all sync together perfectly but no family does all the time. This is a blessing and a curse. It gives us different perspective, ideas and ways to move the Lodge forward.*

*Please, let's keep the doors open and doing all the good that WE have done and need to continue to do. You are the only way we can do this. Speak to an officer. Jerry and Joe are a plethora of information. You can do this! You will not be alone, you will have the support of many to help you through. That much I promise you."*

Each year the following officers are elected;

Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Trustee (5yr term). The others are appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

How can one be nominated? First way is the sign-up sheet posted in the lounge; write your name, or another member's, that you think would be good in that position. The second way is to be nominated from the floor during the February meetings. Voting for officers will occur at the February 27th meeting.

As to other lodge matters and happenings, it's another busy month. The following events are planned for this February:

Community Baby shower on Saturday, Feb. 11th at the lodge

Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb 12th

PER Initiation of New Members, Sunday, Feb 19th at 3pm; refreshments following

Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb 22nd from 1 to 6pm

Membership Committee meeting, Tuesday, Feb 28th at 6:30pm

Fraternally yours,

John Piddock, ER

## Annie's Message

To my Elks family,

Ever have one of those days, weeks, months or God forbid a year that just isn't going right? You're on edge, you're angry, frustrated and or annoyed, and someone or something happens and you lose control? Without hesitation you say some or do something out of character that you wish you could take back, but just like a broken dish, you broke a friendship or a relationship, no matter how hard you try to put it back together it's still broken. You can see the glue trying to hold things in place. You can see small pieces missing, the cracks where it was once seamless. We all have problems, we all have issues, I can't tell what is going on in your head or your life, just like you have no idea what's going on in mine.

We take an oath to remember the good about people, and to forget their faults. I know how it is; a million attaboys and one "OH SHIT" and the good is forgotten. We all do the best we can with the information we have. It's what we don't know that would make all the difference. I love this story it explains what I'm trying to say the best.

Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room. Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest. When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel, "How could you have let this happen? The first man had everything, yet you helped him." – she accused. "The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die."

"Things aren't always what they seem." – the older angel replied. "When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it. Then last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem." Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You might not know it until some time later...

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If anyone makes a mistake that you think is a mistake, let them know not the community, not the guy sitting next to you at the bar, tell them they are the ones that need to know. How can something be corrected if the person doesn't realize there was ever an issue? Everyone worries so much about everyone else, WHY? Why do you care what they are doing or why they are doing it unless it affects you? If you want to know ask them!

Maybe if we all try to be a bit more understanding and more forgiving with everyone we deal with, not only at the Lodge but at work, in our families, even with strangers on the street, the grandeur of that could and would change the world.

Thanks for reading

Annie





## Kinderhook Elks On-Line

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## Mailing List

In addition you can also subscribe to our mailing list and receive emails about upcoming events and important announcements. Go to our home page and click on “Get e-mail news updates” in the right-hand column. This will take you to the *subscribe page*.



**Subscribing** is a three step process:

- 1) Enter your email address on the *subscribe page* and click *Send*
- 2) Watch your email for a confirmation message and click the link at the bottom of the page
- 3) Watch for a second email confirming that you have subscribed

The confirmation email usually arrives within 60 seconds. If you don't see it, check your junk mail folder.

If you haven't received a confirmation after 5 minutes, it's possible your email provider has rejected it as spam. You could try contacting their help desk but a simpler solution is to use a different email address. G-mail, AOL, Yahoo, Fairpoint, Hotmail, Taconic, and many other addresses will work. Approximately 150 members have subscribed to our emails.

**Unsubscribing** follows the same three steps but select “Please remove me” before clicking *Send* in step one.

If you have difficulty, please write to [webadmin@kinderhookelks.org](mailto:webadmin@kinderhookelks.org).

## Local Scoutmaster Retires

Member Thom McDermott was in scouting over 28 years with Troop 113 Kinderhook. He helped many kids thru the years preparing them to make ethical and moral choices. I believe it's called instilling the Scout Oath. He is still part of the Venture Crew Troop 113 Kinderhook. These kids are ages 14 to 21.

Now that he has retired from the younger kids he has accepted the advisor position for Venture Crew 113. He still is active in scouting for the older group only. At this level he will help kids develop essential skills like leadership, event-planning, organization, communication and responsibility.





# 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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## Notes of Appreciation and Notices

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### Americanism

The Americanism Committee chairman John Deane along with Jean and Sharon have announced the Lodge winners of the Americanism Essay Contest. The topic was “What is Your American Dream”. The essays of Allyson DeMatteo, Tara Manarel and Abigail Scharoun were forwarded to the District Level. They are fifth graders at Ichabod Crane. Our eighth grade winner was Sadie Stead. She also attends Ichabod Crane. These students will be invited to participate in our Flag Day Ceremony in June.

Many Thanks to Mrs. Bell, Ms. Balstead and Mrs. Carey for their assistance promoting The contest.

### American Legion

Thank you to all who participated in the American Legion visitation to Columbia County by State Commander Dave Riley. I was proud to be a member of the Lodge and their hard work to make for a great day. Third District Commander Thomas Burrall

### Community Dinner

St. Luke's have resumed their community dinner program and the Kinderhook Elks, led by Leo Buell, will be serving dinner on the the second Tuesday in February (14th). Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal at the Lodge and to serve it at the church.

### Clothing Shed

We received a letter from St. Pauly Textile Inc. - the folks that operate the clothing shed program. Last year, 25,855 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed, which was enough to clothe an estimated 4,763 people all over the world.



### 2023-24 Officers

Whether you are a new or a long-time member, picture yourself as a Lodge Officer next year!

We are looking for new faces and new ideas. The requirements are minimal: attend meetings, initiate new members, participate in a few, short ceremonial rituals like Flag Day, Memorial Service, etc. Your reward will be the esteem of other Lodge members and new Elk friendships in lodges across the district.



# Kinderhook Elks

PLEASE JOIN US

## Community Baby Shower

The Kinderhook Elks Lodge will host a Community Baby Shower for residents of Northern Columbia County. Kinderhook, Styvesant, etc. for those expecting or who recently became a mother.

Raffle tickets at no charge, prizes include a car seat, or baby monitor.

February 11th

11 am

R.S.V.P to LeeAnn at  
518-588-9425



2750 State Rte 9H, Kinderhook



**Kinderhook Elks**  
is please to announce ...  
*Our Annual Prom*  
**For individuals with special needs**  
*Sweet Spring Celebration*  
**Saturday, March 25th**  
**5p - 9p**

There is no cost to attendee and 1 guest or caregiver.  
Dinner & DJ, corsage or boutonniere & framed photo included!

Formal clothing requested, so dress to impress!

**Please RSVP by March 18 th 2023!**  
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**Tammy McDermott @ 518-704-1866**

## GAME TIME Food, Fun, and Football!! JOIN US FOR THE SUPER BOWL

GAME DAY: FEBRUARY 12TH

Kick off: 4:00 PM

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# Veterans

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## Deer Hides

Lee Jackson would like to thank all the hunters who dropped off deer hides this season. There were a total of 179 hides and the funds raised will go to the Veterans Committee. Another Great Season.

The Veterans Committee would like to thank Kate Timmis and Lee Jackson for their outstanding job of collecting and processing 179 deer hides for a total of \$958 for the Veterans Committee.

### Veterans Food Pantry

The Veterans food pantry at the Joseph P. Dwyer room at 388 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY, is open. Veterans who need help can come to the new pantry for supplies. They are open Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00a - 12:00p.

### Widows Support Group

Any widow whose spouse was a veteran can join the Joseph P. Dwyer widows connection. It's held at 10:00 am on the second Thursday of every month at :

Suite 7  
389 Fairview Ave.  
Hudson, NY

Food and refreshments are served.  
Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

## The Albany Stratton VA

Please note that Veteran Service offices are no longer in the VAMC facility. Please contact the organization directly using the following phone numbers

Disabled American Veterans 888-604-0234  
NY State Dept. of Veterans Services 888-838-7697  
Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000  
VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152  
Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687



## Upcoming Events

February is PER month! The PERs will be performing the initiation ritual on February 19 at 3pm. All members are welcome to attend. Officers are required to attend in Tuxedos and will sit at their normal station to the right of the PER.

The Elks NY State President, Cameron Ricci, will be visiting the North Hudson district on the weekend of March 17-19. He is expected to arrive at our Lodge during the evening of Saturday, March 18. This is likely to coincide with our St. Patrick's dinner. More details to Follow.

Terri Brew is having a membership committee meeting on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. She'll be putting together a committee Charter, budget proposal, event plan for 2023 and will be advertising positions on the committee to recruit a bigger team. Save the date and plan to attend.

  
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## Baby Shower

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There were 8 mothers who benefited from the shower.





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Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge  
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**Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.

**Sunday Afternoon** Dave's Dogs and Wings. 4Pm – 6:30pm.  
Place your orders with Dave at 518-669-0155

**Lodge meetings** Please join us!  
Members: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Board of Directors: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

## February

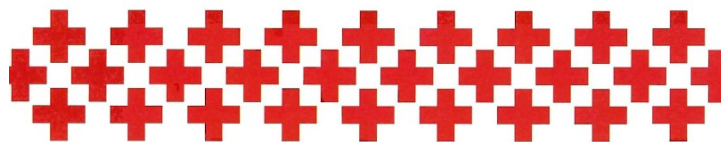
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Steak with French fries - \$14. Bar menu available
- 10<sup>h</sup> Fish fry, served with coleslaw, French fries or onion rings - \$11. Bar Menu
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw - \$11.00
- 24<sup>th</sup> Meatball Sub - \$10

## February

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive

### American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



### Blood Drive

### Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

2750 Route 9H, Kinderhook, NY 12106  
Dining Room

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

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