



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

August 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings to My Kinderhook Elks Family, friends and guests,

I truly can't say with certainty that Wednesday night meals are staying or going. The event has been a success, but there are only a few crews doing them. SO.... as we move forward I will say that you'd have to stay tuned to the weekly emails, Facebook and the marquee in the front of the building to see if there is a meal or not.

Car show was a great time from what I heard, and we raised a nice sum of change. Thank you to the committee and those that volunteered their time to work it, and to those who donated raffle items. WE have another show booked!! With not so much work involved coming up on September 29th from 8:30-3, for the Food and Wine festival. The event will be at the Fairgrounds again. More information to follow.

It's August and that means the Fair is coming to us FAST!! Please sign up for a shift or more to help out with this major fund raising adventure. If you find a day that you didn't know you were free and you want to come over and help out, that would be fantastic. Many people are needed for this event. There are approximately 40 shifts per day and 6 days worth of shifts.

Remember if you sponsored someone and they haven't been to the Lodge, please reach out and help get them involved. There are six members that are past due on their membership. We spend hours trying to get people to pay their dues, I would like to say after 6 months of attempting we stop focusing our attention on this issue and move on to bigger more positive events.

There is a DD Clinic in Hudson on the 3rd Saturday in August all are welcome to attend, breakfast is served at 9, with the meeting to follow at 10.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all that have done things behind the scenes, mowing, planting, mulching, cleaning, fixing and repairing. I notice and so do many others, so keep up the good work, the Lodge looks great!!!!

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

Respectfully,
Anne Marie Leiser ER/PER



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Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Elks family and friends.

In the blink of an eye, August is upon us. Chris has numerous rentals lined up through October, and we are committed to keeping you informed as soon as he finalizes the contracts and specifies the assistance required for each one. In addition to these rentals, we are excited to announce that we have some outstanding events in the pipeline, so be sure to keep an eye out for our emails. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the chairs.

I want to express my appreciation to my husband and Julian for their hard work in setting up the pavilion for movie nights. The sound system they installed sounded amazing! I am also grateful to Mike for his quick thinking in picking up the movie screen and speakers. Their efforts make these nights a success.

Working together as a team creates strong friendships and leads to wonderful memories. July was a month full of hard work, and I appreciate your contributions in making the lodge a huge success.

Remember, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it. See you soon at the Lodge!

Tammy McDermott
Leading Knight

Columbia County Fair – Directing Traffic

The arrival of summer heralds the much-anticipated Columbia County Fair on August 28th through September 2nd! It's the perfect time to circle those dates on your calendar and help us direct traffic at the fair. Participation sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board—don't let this opportunity to join in the cherished community tradition slip by!

The contract our lodge holds with the Fair Board significantly benefits our financial stability.

Think about registering for a few shifts! We'll begin reaching out to folks in the final week of July to schedule them. If you're unable to come to the lodge, don't hesitate to call the bartender on duty or contact any of the committee members, and we'll ensure you're all set up.

Lodge / Bar - 4pm - 7pm	518-758-2530
Exalted Ruler Anne Leiser	518-758-2196
Leading Knight Tammy McDermott	518-704-1866
Loyal Knight Kelly McGiffert	518-545-0022
Lecturing Knight Rosemarie Neckles	845 902-8499

Four new members were initiated on Sunday, July 14th. Thomas Perito, Andrew Rice, Laurie Lichtel and Kevin Daly. Let's make these new members feel welcomed.



Front row left to right Thomas Perito, Andrew Rice, ER Anne Leiser, Laurie Litchel and Kevin Daly. Second row Chaplain Sharon Deck, Secretary Jerry Shook, Per Frank Masten, Trustee Tom McDermott, Lecturing Knight Rosemarie Neckles, District Deputy John Piddock, Essquire John Deane, Chris Bellingham and Jim Yager.

To our Absent Members

John McBride Utley, 81, of Kinderhook NY passed away on Saturday July 6, 2024 at his home in Kinderhook, NY. John was born on Christmas day, 1942, in Hudson to Samuel and Luciel (Johnson) Utley.

He was known for his speed and athleticism at Ichabod Crane and graduated from there to go on to Farmingdale State College where he earned his associate in applied science for Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Technology. He then worked at GE for two years. He bought a brand-new red Sting Ray corvette and drove it across the country to San Luis Obispo and then sold it to pay for his tuition at California Polytechnic Institute. He graduated as an engineer in Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration. Upon graduation he worked for American Air Filter (AAF International) in St. Louis, Missouri for a number of years before joining Porg Warner, Johnson Controls, in York, PA. While in York, John joined York Barbell and trained as a weightlifter with many Olympic athletes. He was very close to being selected as a US Olympic competitor in the clean and jerk.

John returned to Kinderhook to help care for his mother and worked in construction and remodeling for many years in Kinderhook and the surrounding areas. His skill and pride in hanging and taping sheet rock was well known and he worked on many detailed, complex, and difficult older home restorations. He was a perfectionist and would often sheet rock or tape for friends and family so that it was done correctly.

John was a member of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 for decades and always worked the Sunday breakfasts and directed cars for parking at the Columbia County Fair each year.

John loved music – classic rock from the 50s and 60s and country music; animals of all shapes and sizes, especially Rottweilers and just about any cat he could get his hands on; restoring and showing off his Edsels; listening to Yankee and Phillies games on the radio; and cruises to just about anywhere.

John McBride Utley is survived by his sister, Judith (the Rev. LeRoy Suess) Utley-Suess, of Glenmont NY, niece Laura (Edward) McCullen of Melrose, NY and her children Kimberly Salvati (Leyton Spencer) of Stamford, CT, Natalie Salvati of Brooklyn, NY, and Sam Salvati of Melrose NY as well as many beloved cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Columbia Green Humane Society at 111 Humane Society Rd, Hudson, NY 12534.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 and to all the friends and family who took time to call, visit and catchup with John these past few years.

Calling hours will be held at 10:00am on Friday July 12 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home 1015 Kinderhook St, Valatie with service by the Rev. Donald Rutherford at 12:00pm. Burial will follow at Kinderhook Cemetery, 2 Kindertree Dr., Kinderhook.

After interment, a reception will be held at the Elk's Club from 2-4p

Albany Stratton VA

Veterans Luncheon



On the 15th of July, which fell on a Monday, we had the honor of hosting 13 veterans from the Albany Stratton VA. We organized a special BBQ feast in their honor, where we not only served them delicious food but also engaged in games and took the time to listen to their remarkable stories. As our guests were getting ready to leave, we ensured that they were well-stocked with BBQ food for their journey home. Additionally, we extended an invitation for them to join us for the Lake George Lunch Cruise, which is scheduled for Friday, the 27th of September.

You Scream, I Scream, The Veterans Want Ice Cream

On June 30, 2024, John Sundwall, Thom, and Tammy McDermott had the wonderful opportunity to serve up ice cream cones, ice cream dishes, and plenty of popcorn bags to 92 veterans and staff members at the Albany Stratton VA Hospital. The smiles and excitement as we strolled through the halls were simply priceless. Even the security team expressed their gratitude for the sweet treats. What an amazing day it was!



Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

Country Night

Friday August 16th, 2024

5:00-7:00PM

We'll have country music playing and people on the dance floor. Dress in your finest cowboy or cowgirl attire to win a prize basket.

Complete Dinner & Dessert - \$15

Menu

- BBQ Chicken
- Cowboy Beans
- Roasted Potatoes
- Cole Slaw
- Corn Bread
- Dessert
- Apple Crisp
- Apple Cobbler

Drink Specials:

- \$5 Watermelon
Margaritas
- Buy 1 Get 1
Draft Beer

Member & Guest

ELKs Veterans Program



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Soups

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Snacks & cocktail bar

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\$60 per Member/ Guest

Cruising 12 - 2pm Departs @ Noon

See Tammy McDermott or John Sundwall to reserve and purchase your tickets before September 9th.

***Must* arrive at the steamboat parking lot Lake George for ticket at 10am for tickets.**

I AM AN ELK

I am an ELK because an ELK saw something in me that would allow me to be a good ELK. When asked I eagerly joined my local lodge and embraced its greatness.

We become ELKs because our organization is meaningful, powerful, and important to our community, our county, our friends, and our family.

We remain ELKs because we embrace our mission, our duty, and our members. We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who ELKs are.

Working together we can accomplish great things.

Being an ELK is not about self, we are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills, and inexhaustible desire to serve. ELKs are not about what an individual can extract from membership, it is what needs to be done to support it.

We rejoice at being ELKs because we take pride in successes of the children, our veterans, and the communities we serve. We practice being ELKs by being there when needed, stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources when necessary.

I cannot be a good ELK without my fellow ELKs; we are team.

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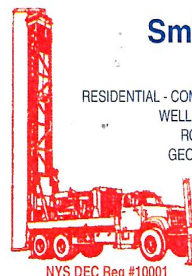
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25-Week Club

Prepare to conquer the winter blues at our inaugural Kinderhook Elks 25-Week Winter Madness Event!

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25-Week Tickets can now be obtained from Leading Knight Tammy McDermott. Securing tickets for yourself, selling tickets to your family and friends, and can make for an excellent gift. With a contribution of \$25.00, you are entered into 25 weekly drawings, each offering a cash prize of \$25.00.

Should you be selected as a winner, your ticket will be placed back into the pool for an opportunity to be drawn again, with no restrictions on the number of times you can win.

The initial drawing is scheduled for January 1, 2025 at 6pm, followed by subsequent drawings every Wednesday.

The fundraiser will culminate in a celebratory appreciation party on June 21st, 2025. All ticket holders are cordially invited to join us at no extra cost for an afternoon filled with food, drinks and the opportunity to win the following cash prizes.

GRAND Prize \$1,000
One - 1st Prize of \$500
Two - 2nd Prizes of \$250 ea
Four - 3rd Prizes of \$100 ea
Four - 4th Prizes of \$50 ea
Ten - 5th Prizes of \$25 ea

Sign Up for Lodge Communications

Are you signed up for emails? I have spoken to many of you and a surprising number are either not aware of our emails or have tried to sign up and were unsuccessful.

Sign-up is easy:

- 1) Go to to our home page, www.kinderhookelks.org
- 2) Click on "Get e-mail news updates" (mobile users will have to scroll down)
- 3) Follow the updated instructions

ER's Message

Good Morning members, family and friends,

Wow! Did you see the update! OMG lots going on. Hope we can get some

Lodge Events

Recurring Events

(Check with [Calendar](#) in case of cancellations.)

- **Sundays:**
 - We serve breakfast 8am - 11am. [See menu here.](#)
- **Fridays:**

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Kinderhook Elks Lodge

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Men's Boxers and Briefs (Med/Large/ XL)
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Snack items (cookies, chips, pretzels, gummies, etc.) in single serve packaging
Ramen, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken/Tuna & Canned Beans
Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal,
Spaghetti/Macaroni Noodles

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Veterans

Veterans Committee

John Sundwall Jr. 610-5630 Tammy McDermott 704-1866

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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:

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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

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.

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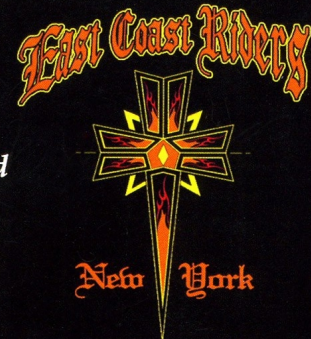
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Exalted Ruler – Anne Leiser - The Exalted Ruler is the "Chief Executive" of the Lodge and is responsible for effectively administering the affairs of the Lodge and providing the leadership necessary to accomplish Lodge goals. The Exalted Ruler also serves the local Lodge delegate to the Grand Lodge Convention.

The Knights – Tammy McDermott, Kelly McGiffert, Rose Nikles - The Knights - Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight - assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.

Secretary – Jerry Shook - The Lodge Secretary has a variety of administrative responsibilities, including the maintenance of Lodge membership records. The Lodge Secretary - along with the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, and Trustee Chairperson - is required to attend training clinics conducted by the District Deputy.

Treasurer -Joe Laviano - The Lodge Treasurer pays all approved bills and is required to maintain an accurate record of receipts and disbursements.

Board of Trustees – Ben Lasher, Chris Akers, John Sundwall, Thom McDermott, John Piddock - The three-to-five-member Board of Trustees meets at least once each month to oversee the funds, investments and property of the Lodge.

Tiler -Larry Knott - The Tiler is responsible for guarding the outer door during lodge meetings and must be thoroughly familiar with the laws and rituals of the Order.

Esquire -John Dean - The Lodge Esquire is responsible for organizing the Lodge for meetings, including the preparation of candidates for initiation, and introducing visiting Members.

Chaplain -Sharon Deck - At most Lodges, it is customary for the Lodge Chaplain to perform invocations and benedictions at various lodge functions.

Inner Guard -Jeannie Engel - The Inner Guard may perform various duties required by the Laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Organist – John Dean - The Organist provides the music prescribed by the rituals of the Order.

Vocalist – Tom Burrall - The Vocalist provides the music prescribed by the rituals of the Order.



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SALE**

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DROP**

**Support
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AUGUST 16-18
9am to 3pm

\$5 bag sale on Sunday the 18th



The Lodge yard sale is coming up fast. Clean salable items may be brought to the Lodge and left in the cage in the basement.

Calendar

- Friday Evening** Menu 5pm – 7pm. Reservations required call Anne at 518-758-2196
Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or Robin Butcher or ask a bartender.
- Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
- Lodge meetings** Please join us!
Members: Monday 26^h at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 19th at 7:30pm

August Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 2nd Philly Cheese Steak, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
9th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$12 – Bar Menu available
16th BBQ chicken, beans, roasted potatoes, dessert - \$15 – see flyer on page 7
23rd Crab cakes with french fries or onion rings - \$9
30th

August Events

- 16th -18th Yard sale in Pavillion
16th Country Night

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