



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

September 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

It has been and enlightening month for me. We are all different, every single one of us. We see things differently, we tackle problems and life in our own unique way, as an Elks and as a person. Could you imagine how mundane the world would be if we all were the same? BORING to say the least. I have changed over the years and so have we all. I always thought one of my biggest obstacles as a member was to meet Ida's standards, I believe I have accomplished that. As a member, it was to work together despite all our differences for the benefit of the community, check, I think I've done that, not always with grace and style, or without attitude, but for the most part, I think that stays a, check. Yes, I know, some of you are saying I don't think so, or I wouldn't have done it that way, but that's what makes things interesting. I have gotten to the point I actually say out loud, let it go, the tide is coming in and the things that I THINK are faults will be washed away with the tide. Because the faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues on the tablets of love and memory. Because let's face it, if I died tomorrow, would you actually be thinking of all the faults I had or would you be thinking, I should have, I could have, I would have, said this or done this, I'll miss her, I loved her, or whatever each person feels about me.

I've had time to learn about who I am and what I can and cannot do. Every event at the Lodge has needs a team and there is no I in team. No one can do a function at the Lodge on their own. Yes we all can if its an easy one, we think, like working the Lounge, you are the person working the shift, but there is a crew that counts the money, orders the product, keeps the coolers up to par, cleans the room before hand, empties the garbage, takes the bottle returns to the basement and sorts them, and the list goes on. So much for doing an event on your own. We need to work together as a unit! Once we pass through the door of the building we are ELKS and everything we do is supposed to be for the benefit of the Lodge and the community we are here to support, no personal agenda involved.



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Enough ranting! Horns blown for the car show committee and all the volunteers who helped in one way or another. We donated some of the proceeds to "Healing A Woman's Soul" a nonprofit that helps victims of domestic violence in the Columbia-Greene community start over from an abusive relationship. Doesn't that make you feel good that with your help we can and have helped unknown others?, and we had fun doing it! Well you did, I had to work.

The yard sale is over and the basement has walk space, thank you to all! I don't want to single people out because I don't know all that helped, in one way or another. So thank you to all, and a special thank you to Ginny and Rose for chairing the project. You have my utmost respect and appreciation.

The fall conference is fast approaching, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. There are classes on ELKdom, events to attend, new people to meet, new ideas to explore and it's close by, in Albany, so if you wish to attend please do so.

I am starting to hand over my role in the Marion Stegmann Project to Paige Martin and Nina Kahn. It's time for new perspectives and new ideas to keep the program moving forward.

Also congratulations to the Country Night. Heard it was a sell out!! Tracy had an idea and it worked. She met with Tammy and the kitchen crew and tada, success, Keep those ideas coming. Not all ideas work out but if you don't try they sit stagnant.

We are doing another car show on September 29th at the fair grounds for the apple and wine festival. So hopefully we can have another great turn out of volunteers.

There are flyers at the Lodge for the car show, the deer hide program and the Stuff the Bus for Stegmann. Please if you can grab some and hand them out or hang them up around town to help promote these projects that would be fabulous.

There are quite a few Wednesday nights that need a kitchen crew. Come make your favorite meal for any and all. It's a little work, but if you're willing to give it a shot we will do our best to get you a crew and the help you need. You are never alone.

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

Anne Marie Leiser
PER/ER.

Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Thank you to all our members, family, and friends for everything you do to keep the lodge moving forward!

As I write this, I can't help but notice commercials reminding us that there are only 17 weeks left until Christmas. This year is passing by too quickly.

Get ready to celebrate another successful year at our annual workers' party! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5th. The lounge will open at 3 pm, the buffet will be ready at 4 pm, and we'll have a DJ from 5 pm to 8 pm to keep the dance floor moving. Once the menu has been finalized, check for the sign-up sheets after the fair. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

There are open Wednesday night dinner slots for those willing to cook on the 4th and 11th of September, as well as Wednesday, the 2nd, and the 9th of October. If you're interested in this opportunity, reach out to ER Annie or myself. We would be more than happy to guide you through the process if you haven't had the chance to do this before.

The theme night was an incredible success! I want to express my gratitude to Tracey for her fantastic idea and to Dave and his crew for their outstanding work creating a delicious, fun, and unforgettable meal for all the members.

September is movie night time again! We're facing the tough choice of watching Jaws or Saturday Night Fever. Let me know what you would like to see.

If you have 25-week club tickets, please get in touch with me to turn in what you've sold. Also, let me know how many you still have left to sell so we can count how many we need to sell by December.

The much-anticipated Sunday Wings and Things event is set to return on September 7th! Look for communications about the weekly specials.

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

Tammy McDermott

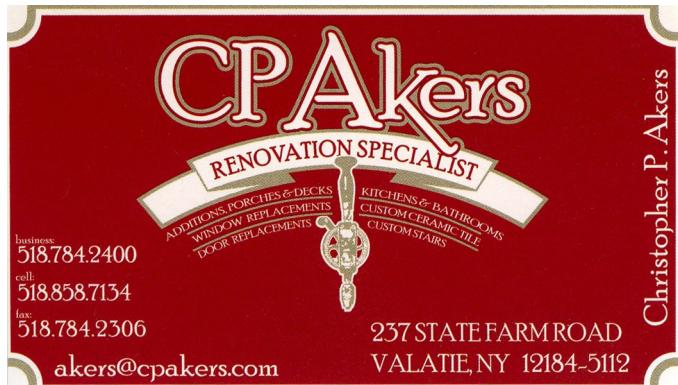
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Car Show July 27th



By-Law Changes

TO ALL LODGE MEMBERS:

The current Lodge By-Laws are due for recertification at Grand Lodge. The Board of Directors has reviewed and approved the following changes and offers the following changes for your review. Excerpts from the Sections of the current By-laws that have been changed are provided below in **RED** text.

ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment in advance of 25 times the annual regular Lodge dues as set forth in Article X.

The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application, ~~and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.~~ **Note:** The age requirement has been dropped by Grand Lodge. Granting of a Life Membership is not automatic. The application must be formally presented to the Lodge and a favorable vote gained thereon; meeting the criteria set forth in Grand Lodge Statutes Section 14.260 and/or 14.270.

Any nomination for Life Membership must be in writing. The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for the ballot on the nomination which shall be no later than the third regular meeting after it is presented. All Members shall receive notice by the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date on which the vote will be taken. A rejected nomination cannot be presented again within a period of one year from the date of rejection.

ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed ~~his twenty-sixth twenty first~~ birthday shall be \$35.00, \$10.00 to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his ~~his twenty-sixth twenty first~~ birthday shall be ~~\$25.00 35.00, \$10.00 to accompany the proposition,~~ and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

By-Law Changes

Section 2.

(c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay ~~\$10.00~~ ~~0.00~~ towards Lodge administration expense.

(d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

~~Omitted. Lodge does not accept Associate Memberships.~~

Section 3. The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be ~~\$35.00~~ ~~20.00~~.

House Rules

HOUSE RULES

7. The Bartender has the right and obligation to refuse to serve anyone whom he/she feels has abused his/her privileges or whom he/she feels has over indulged. Bartenders should never allow self-service of alcohol under any circumstances and should never serve drinks to anyone not escorted by a member in good standing. Anyone who serves alcohol should receive training from one of the many available courses that certify bartenders. Bartenders shall refrain from consuming alcohol while on duty.

Submitted by the Office of the Secretary.

ELKs Veterans Program



Luncheon Cruise on the Lac Du Saint Sacrement Lake George Steamboat Company Friday, September 27th

Available on your Cruise:

3 Hot Lunch buffets

Salad Bar

Soups

Live entertainment

Captain narration

Snacks & cocktail bar

Photo purchase

\$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.



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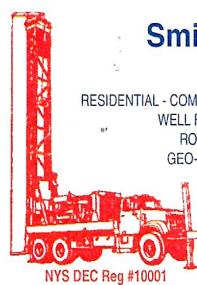
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JUNE 27, 2024
JULY 25, 2024
AUG. 22, 2024
SEPT. 26, 2024
OCT. 24, 2024



25-Week Club

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

Limited to 400 tickets

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 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:**

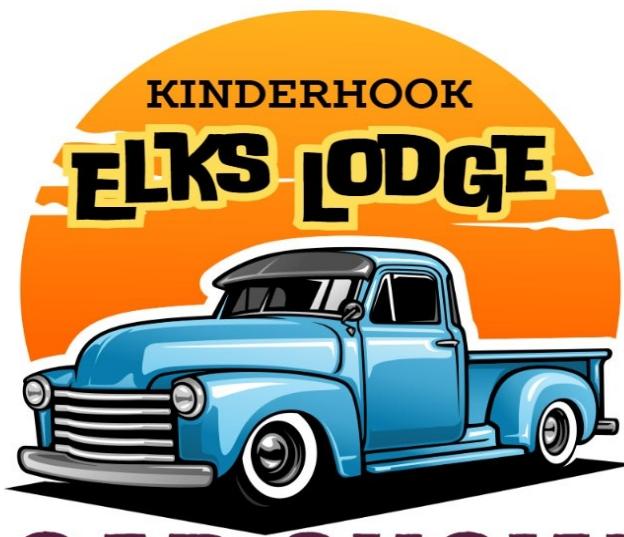
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PRE-REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15, \$20 if you would like to include a wine tasting wristband for the Capital Apple & Wine Festival. On site registration the day of the event is \$20. Wristbands are only available to those who pre-register.



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SEPTEMBER 9AM to 29TH 2024 3PM

on site registration from 9-3pm
over 30 trophies given
all car, truck, motorcycles, firetrucks,
etc welcome

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Check this box to Join the car show mailing list to have forms mailed directly to you next year!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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Mail this completed form to:

**Kinderhook Elks Lodge No. 2530
Post Office Box 514
Kinderhook, NY 12106-0514**

Kinderhook Elks Lodge

Pantry Food Drive

The Columbia County Dwyer Food Pantry needs help with these items:

- Tuna
- Beef Stew
- Salad Dressing
- Mayo / Ketchup / Mustard
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cereal
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Plastic Wrap / Foil / Plastic Baggies
- Pet Foods

You can drop items off at the lodge in the foyer during these times:

Monday thru Saturday 4pm to 7pm
Sundays 8am to 11am & 4pm to 7pm

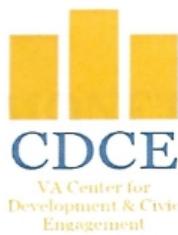


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Questions?

Contact Veterans Chair John Sundwall at 518-610-5630
or co-chair Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866

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Veteran Needs



Clothing *ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW

Men's Sneakers (sizes 9-12)
Sweatpants (sizes Medium and 2XLarge)
Sweatshirts (sizes XLarge and 3XLarge)
Men's Boxers and Briefs (Med/Large/ XL
Belts
Chap Stick
Boots (Winter) sz's 13-14

Food

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

Toiletries

Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Nail Clippers
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Veterans

Veterans Committee

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

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

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.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

Donate your gently-used, clean clothing, shoes, belts, blankets, drapes, purses, and bedding.

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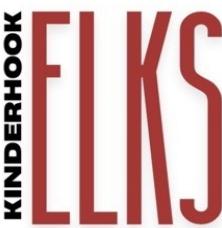


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Sunday Breakfast	Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
Lodge meetings	Please join us! Members: Monday 9 th and 23 rd at 7:30pm Board of Directors: Monday 16 th at 7:30pm

September Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 6th Philly Cheese Steak, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 13th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$12 – Bar Menu available
- 20th Roast pork, potato, vegetable and dessert - \$15.00
- 27th Ziti - \$10

September Events

- 27th Lake George lunch cruise
- 29th Car Show

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Newsletter

Articles must be submitted by the 25th of each month for the next edition.

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