



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

October 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

So many thoughts are going through my head at 5 am, but what better time to write. Yesterday after the 2nd car show of the year, lol, David and I went back to the Lodge to return signs and other things so I could see out my back window. When we got to the Lodge there was Rich Fisher doing his thing, the committee of one getting things done. He was painting the spindles on the ramps. He was never asked, he saw something that needed to be done and was on it. There are so many that do that in the background, and that is so much appreciated. You all know its coming, HOWEVER, we need members to step up and help out, so I am asking every member that has sponsored a new member to take a look..... is that new member here? Are they involved? Have you as their sponsor brought them in to meet people, get them on a crew or get them engaged in the workings of the Lodge? That is what I am asking of you this month, all those new members that came in over the last five years, if you signed off as the proposer or as a reference, get going on getting them involved. Bring them in, have them meet new people and make them feel comfortable to be at the Lodge. The Lodge can be an intimidating place for a new member. So help get them in and involved, please.....We have worked so many functions on a skeleton crew or with the same people over and over again. I have been told I'm too easy in my letters to members and that I have to be bold and blunt.....

Thank you to the people over the past month that have helped repeatedly at all the functions we have/had going on at the Lodge. Remember we are all volunteers, we are all not members, but we all volunteer our time and talents for the betterment of the Lodge and the community. My proudest moment as a member of the Lodge was raising money to actually make a difference, to support an organization to help people. I hold on to that! because we do make a difference, we impact individuals, family and even the community with what we do and what we give back.



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We are reaching out to members to do meals and Sundays and help with functions, because email isn't working!! We need that personal connection, a phone call, a text, a face to face conversation. I truly don't know the answer, but somehow, somehow we need to get members involved. Maybe it's actually mailing our newsletter out, maybe it's getting on the phone and calling, I don't know, but we need to do something. I love what the Lodge does for the community. I see the shirts on kids at baseball and soccer, but we need to get more involved!! Please if you have an idea or you have a few hours to give let us know.

It's wind down time for me. The HUGE events of the year are behind us, however we always need to keep moving forward and making a difference. It's the halfway mark, would you like to be more involved? Are you willing to make a difference in your life and the lives of others? Step out of your comfort zone and get involved, chair a program, become an officer, join a crew. I heard over the weekend that it's all old people there, why would I want to join there. Organizations across the nation are struggling to get volunteers to make their events and their organization work, be beneficial, to themselves and the community, I have no answers but maybe you do..... there is no I in team but there is in ideas!!! let's make them happen!!!

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

Respectfully
Anne Leiser PER/ER

State President

On November 2nd, State President Tania and her husband Marren will be visiting the lodge. So all available members, please come to meet and greet our State President.

Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts to all our members, family, and friends, for your unwavering support that keeps the Lodge moving forward!

Over the summer, we've been quite occupied with various events at the Lodge. Chris has been diligently managing all the bookings, working hard to keep everything running smoothly.

If you happen to have any 25-week club tickets that you're unable to sell, please give me a heads-up. We're almost at a full sell-out, and I can't wait for January 1st when we start picking two winners every Wednesday! I'm really looking forward to this raffle - it's going to be so much fun!

If you're interested in joining the kitchen crew to help with Wednesday's meals, please reach out to me. I'd be happy to show you the ropes. If you've been inactive and want to get back into action but don't know where to start, I'd love to sit down with you and have that conversation. All you have to do is reach out to me.

We have reached the midpoint of the year, and it's a perfect moment to begin reflecting on the upcoming elections. What are your hopes for the next year? What changes would you like to see? Perhaps you even aspire to take a seat at the table? We are here to lend our ears, offer guidance, and engage in meaningful conversations with you.

Remember, everyone, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it.

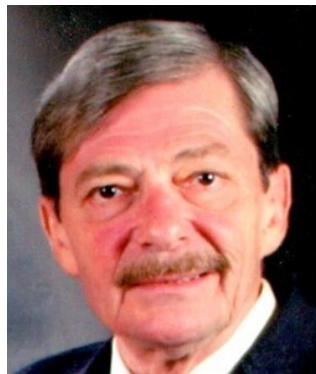
See you soon at the Lodge!

Tammy McDermott
Leading Knight

Wednesday Meals

- 10/2 - Sausage and Peppers
- 10/9 - Polish Night
- 10/16 - Stuffed Chicken Breast
- 10/23 - Oktoberfest
- 10/30 - Chicken Pot Pies

To our Absent Members



William "Bill" Paul McGarry Jr., of Valatie, NY, passed away on September 4th, 2024, at the age of 84.

Born on March 13, 1940, in Queens, NY, to William P. McGarry Sr. and Lylan Stein, Bill grew up in Mount Kisco, NY, where he attended high school.

In September 1959, Bill enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served as a chef until August 1963. After completing his military service, he pursued a career as an auto mechanic, a profession he loved and excelled in for many years.

Bill had a deep passion for racing and was a devoted NASCAR fan. He was also a longtime member of the Elks Club of Kinderhook, where he enjoyed camaraderie and community involvement.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Sylvia McGarry; his daughter, Christine McGarry of Sunset Harbor, NC; his son, Brian McGarry, also of Sunset Harbor, NC; and his stepchildren, Ralph Johnson of Hyde Park and Cheryl Johnson of Clifton Park. He is also survived by his brother James McGarry (Deborah) of Sterling, CT, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill will now join his late son, William McGarry.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at St. Peter's Hospice on the 5th floor for their care and compassion.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home on Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 10 am to 12 pm.

A funeral service, officiated by Nick Becker, will follow at 12 p.m.

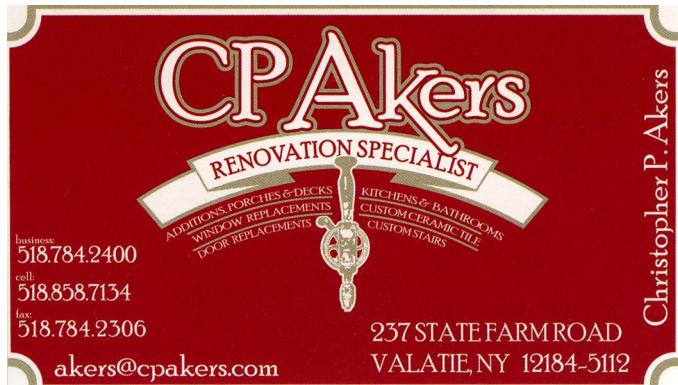
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October 6 th	Catskill Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Tim Reed
October 13 th	Red Hook Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Joe Spano
October 20 th	Kinderhook Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Anne Leiser
November 9 th	Rensselaer Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Paul Muzio
November 16 th	Hudson Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Larry Heath
November 30 th	Brunswick Visitation	Exalted Ruler: Rick Sequin

All Elk members are invited to attend the visitations.

One of the County Fair Traffic Control Crews



Car Show July 27th



State Fall Conference in Albany



SVP Christine Grossman (middle)



Loyal Knight -Kelly McGiffert and Greg Hacker



DD Bill Mellan and Beth Mellan



State ENF Chair Deb Minners and John Minners



Kinderhook Elks was pleased to host its first Lake George Veterans luncheon cruise, specifically organized for veterans from the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center on Friday September 28th.

From left to right – Jim Yager, Tammy McDermott, Tom McDermott, Marge Yager, Tom Burrell, Susan Sundwall and John Sundwall





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JUNE 27, 2024

JULY 25, 2024

AUG. 22, 2024

SEPT. 26, 2024

OCT. 24, 2024

Don't Miss It

5-8pm
cash bar
food



CONGRATS!

PDD John Piddock has been elected as the State Chairman of Youth Activities. Congratulations to him on this achievement!

Loyal Knight Kelly McGiffert has been recognized for their outstanding commitment to service by volunteering to serve on Bill Mellen's Scholarship Committee. In this role, Kelly will be contributing to the evaluation and scoring of scholarships on a district scale. This is a commendable demonstration of dedication to supporting educational opportunities for deserving individuals.



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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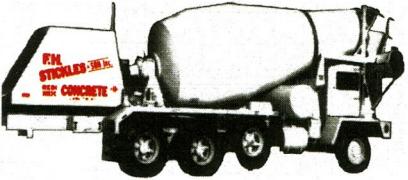
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Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.

Lodge meetings Please join us!
Members: Monday 14th and 28th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 21st at 7:30pm

October Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

4th Philly Cheese Steak, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
11th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$12 – Bar Menu available
18th Smash Burgers with french fries or onion rings - \$13
25th Meatball Sub with chips - \$11

October Events

5th Membership Party – 3pm to 8pm
20th Visitation and Initiation – 3pm

November Events

2nd Special Needs Prom- flyer will be posted on Facebook
2nd State President Tania and her husband Marren will be visiting the lodge



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