



# 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 test, a face to face conversation. I truly don't know the answer, but somehow, someway 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

Interment will take place at The North Chatham Cemetery



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| October 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Catskill Visitation   | Exalted Ruler: Tim Reed    |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Red Hook Visitation   | Exalted Ruler: Joe Spano   |
| October 20 <sup>th</sup>  | Kinderhook Visitation | Exalted Ruler: Anne Leiser |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Rensselaer Visitation | Exalted Ruler: Paul Muzio  |
| November 16 <sup>th</sup> | Hudson Visitation     | Exalted Ruler: Larry Heath |
| November 30 <sup>th</sup> | 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 27<sup>th</sup>





## 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

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







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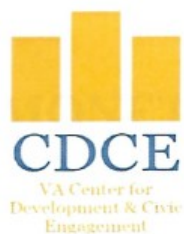
# CONGRATS!

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

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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)  
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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,  
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**For additional information please contact:**

**Dom Dominguez, Service Chief, Center for Development  
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# Veterans

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## **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.  
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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  
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Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000  
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- Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
- Lodge meetings** Please join us!  
Members: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Board of Directors: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm

## October Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

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

## October Events

- 5<sup>th</sup> Membership Party – 3pm to 8pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Visitation and Initiation – 3pm

## November Events

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

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