



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

January 2025



Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy New Year to my Kinderhook Elks family and friends.

It seems sometimes in the moment of life things just drag on but then, when the year is over, we amazingly say to ourselves "The year flew by! Wow! How fast the year has passed." Believe me I know, I say the same things. Life is a constant change, which makes it unique, challenging, exciting, enjoyable, frustrating, and the list goes on. We have one life and we decide what we do with that life. As members of the Elks, we put our best foot forward for the betterment of ourselves, the Lodge, Elkdom in general, Veterans, children and our community. This Lodge has done some amazing things over the years, every year we do good but when you look at the big picture this Lodge has donated over 15 million dollars to benefit our community since we were chartered. That is HUGE and something to be very proud of because you have been part of that. I want to thank you on behalf of the Lodge and the community. Every person is a part of the big picture, a machine where every nut and bolt matters, so you matter, you mean so much more than you will ever realize. Take pride in that feeling.

It's New Year's, 2025!!! and the officers wish to extend to you their wishes for a wonderful adventurous new year. The world is what you make of it, same goes for the Lodge, there have been many amazing events that have happened which has brought members closer as a unit, ideas that turned into events that were loved by many. Thinking outside of the box sometimes is the best thought. So keep them coming, it is so nice to hear amazing comments from members and the community about this event or that event and how great they were. So hats off to all that have helped move the Lodge forward in a positive direction.



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I've decided to do something different this year for awards. I will be putting a box on the table at the lodge. I want to know who you think should be Elk of the year, citizen of the year and of course officer of the year, and I want to know why you think so. So please help me out and voice your opinion. Thank you. I will also have the new poster up if you would like to nominate someone for an officer position or if you yourself are interested in helping move the Lodge forward. Short and sweet this month!! Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve. You matter!!

Anne Marie Leiser ER/PER

Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Welcome to 2025! Let's embrace the precious gifts of family and friendship as we embark on this new year.

In December, John Sundwall started showing me the ropes on how to work with the deer hide program. I admire his energy—he just keeps going non-stop! I had a great workout and a refreshing nap that day. It was enjoyable despite the cold weather.

Elections are right around the corner. Each one of us who currently have a seat will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Last year, I discovered many opportunities at the Lodge to be explored. You genuinely don't know what you enjoy or are passionate about until you try everything. I was amazed to find joy in activities I had once doubted I would like.

Stay tuned for updates in the newsletter and emails about our upcoming Lodge activities as we reintroduce events for our members. We have game nights on the horizon, an exciting paint and sip session and engaging cooking instruction planned. More details are coming soon!

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

See you at the Lodge!
Tammy McDermott
Leading Knight



25 – Week Club

Embrace the winter season with excitement at the Kinderhook Elks 25-Week Winter Madness Event. Kicking-off January 1st, spark your spirit every Wednesday with thrilling drawings that await!

Leading Knight Tammy McDermott will be calling out two numbers every Wednesday at 6 PM in the lodge. The winners' names will be posted on the bulletin board, and if you didn't give an address, we'll give you a call!

If your name is selected as a winner, your ticket will be returned to the pool, granting you endless opportunities to shine, with no limits on how many times you can succeed.

We're excited to invite you to our fun Appreciation Party on June 21, 2025, as the grand finale of our fundraiser! All ticket holders are welcome to join us for free and enjoy an afternoon filled with tasty food, drinks, and a chance to win some awesome 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


January Flyers


KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE 2530
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ARE YOU READY
FOR SOME 
BUNCO?


**Kinderhook Elks
GAME NIGHT** 

Bunco a dice game with four groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice.

A bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-kind and all three numbers match the round number which is decided at the beginning of the round.

Jan 22nd

6pm
\$5 Donation
16 people needed to play
RSVP w/ Gail at 518-928-4311 or
Tammy at 518-704-1866

 For ELKs Members and their guests

Kinderhook Elks

**Trivia
Night**

**SATURDAY
Jan 25th** | Bar Food
Menu
Available

**DOORS OPEN AT : 4PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 6PM**

For members and their guests



A poster for a Macaroni & Cheese Cook-off event. The background is yellow with illustrations of macaroni and cheese. The text is in orange and black. It announces the Hudson Elks Lodge hosting the District Macaroni & Cheese Cook-off on February 16th, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM. It also mentions the need for taste testers, a \$10 donation for 5 taste cups, and provides contact information for registration.

HUDSON ELKS LODGE
HOSTING THE DISTRICT
— FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 —
MACARONI & CHEESE
COOK-OFF
1 P M - 3 P M

****TASTE TESTERS WE NEED YOU TO VOTE****
\$10 DONATION FOR 5 TASTE CUPS

TO REGISTER YOUR DISH:
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OR
SVP CHRISTINE G. @ CHET6377@GMAIL.COM
OR
TEXT EITHER OF US
D.D BILL @ 716-392-6734 / SVP CHRISTINE @ 518-821-0816



A poster for a Saint Patrick's Dinner event. The background is blue and green with illustrations of a leprechaun, a pot of gold, and a banner. The text is in orange, black, and green. It announces the Kinderhook Elks Saint Patrick's Dinner on March 15th at 5 PM. It also mentions the need for taste testers, a \$10 donation for 5 taste cups, and provides contact information for registration.

Kinderhook Elks
SAINT PATRICK'S
Dinner

LETS EAT, DRINK & BE LUCKY

MAR SAT 15 AT 5PM

Mark your calendar for a special moment—exciting details will be unveiled in February!

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Survey Results Are In

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. We gathered a total of 25 responses. Stay tuned for exciting updates in your email about the fun events we have in store. Currently, we're working on game nights, a trivia night, a paint and sip event, and a beginner's cooking class.

What kind of group activities would you like to have at the Lodge?

Board Game Night – 11 Votes

Card Game Night – 10 Votes

Beginner Pool Nights – 6 Votes

Group Hike - 5 Votes

Corn Hole Tournament - 7 Votes

Darts Night (currently running on Thursday nights at 6:30pm) – 6 Votes

Shuffleboard Night – 4 Votes

Other (please specify) – 9 Votes

- Bingo
- Museum or historic sites
- Dance activities, Line dancing. Square dancing – 5 mentions
- 50's Cruisin' like bike nights but for cars and trucks.
- Live music – 3 mentions
- Crafting sessions – 3 mentions
- Trivia – 4 mentions

Would you be interested in any of these classes at the Lodge?

Hands-on cooking – 10 Votes

Public speaking – 0 Votes

Basic handyman (please specify interest: drywall, plumbing, electrical, etc.) – 5 Votes

Painting on canvas – 10 Votes

Exercising – 6 Votes

Photography basics - 3 Votes

Computer applications (please specify interest: Spreadsheets, Photoshop, etc.) - 5 Votes

Other (please specify) – 10 Votes

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Spreadsheets – 5 mentions
- None – 4 mentions

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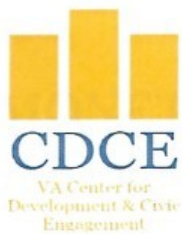
Veterans News

The Veterans Committee is thrilled to announce the addition of Darci Hover to our team. With her extensive background and deep understanding of veterans' needs, Darci will play an important role in helping us broaden our initiatives and enhance the support we provide to veterans, aiming to achieve even more impactful results than we accomplished this past year.

The Veterans Committee is completing the year on a high note with a significant delivery to the Columbia County Dwyer Program Food Pantry. This final contribution, made just before the holidays, will support those in need within the community, showcasing the committee's commitment to giving back and making a meaningful impact during this festive season.



Pictured are trustee John Sundwall and Program Director Racheal Hamilton



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
Men's/Women's disposable razors(3 blades), thermal top/bottoms, shaving
ELECTRIC RAZOR cream, Body Wash, Body Lotion

Small Denomination Gift Cards (\$15 -\$25)

Price Chopper, Hannaford, Shop-rite, etc.
FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF FOOD

Checks Payable to:

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center
On the memo line, please add: Voluntary Services

Thank You for supporting our Veterans!

For additional information please contact:

**Dom Dominguez, Service Chief, Center for Development
& Civic Engagement (518) 626-5507**

Veterans

Veterans Committee

John Sundwall Jr. 610-5630 Tammy McDermott 704-1866
Darci Hover 518-755-3879

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 through Thursdays 9:30 to 1:30 except for Federal holidays.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

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

No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, or household goods. These items are expensive to dispose of.

Donations are tax deductible.

Recycle and help others in need. Please bag your items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was a great success. Below are a few pictures from the December 15th breakfast.



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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 ask a bartender.

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

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

January Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 3rd Philly Cheese Steak, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 10th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$12 – Bar Menu available
- 17th Shepherds pie with salad - \$12
- 24th Pepperoni Subs with fries or rings - \$13
- 31st To be announced

January Events

- 22nd Game night – see flyer on page 5
- 25th Trivia night – see flyer on page 5

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(Graphics, plain text, or a word document is preferred - **No PDFs, please!**)

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