



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks
April 2025



Exalted Ruler's Message

To the Kinderhook Elks Family,

It is truly an honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler. I look forward to working with officers and PERs this lodge year.

The installation day was truly inspiring! I am filled with gratitude for everyone who contributed to the ceremony. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Jerry and his team for preparing a delicious meal and to Rose and Greg for creating stunning centerpieces and transforming the dining room. A big thank you to Chris Bellingham for the wonderful installation photography! Your work is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, State Vice President Christine Grossman, for your invaluable support. Your presence here truly makes a difference and inspires us all!

I am genuinely excited about the remarkable achievements we will accomplish together in the coming year by harnessing our collective strengths and turning our aspirations into reality!

This year, PER Anne presented the following remarkable awards:

Elk of the Year - David Leiser

Officer of the Year - John Sundwall

Meritorious Service - Barbara McCormick & Ginny Hunt

Citizen of the Year - Al Johnson

House Committee Chair Sharon presented the Bartender of the Year award to Kelly McGiffert.

Congratulations to all the award recipients for your incredible contributions and unwavering dedication!

We still have one open position for the Esquire role. If you're interested in taking on this opportunity, please reach out to me or any of the other officers or PERs. We would be happy to discuss it with you if you want to learn more about what the position entails.

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

Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott





Lecturing Knight Rosemarie Neckles giving a donation for ICC yearbook to Financial Yearbook Supervisor John Wilary.

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To our absent members



David A. Smith Kinderhook - It is with endless sadness that we announce that David Alan Smith, 76, passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2025. David graduated from SUNY Albany with degrees in mathematics and physics. He served in the US Air Force at Whiteman AFB in Knob Noster, Missouri as a missile systems analyst. After leaving the military, he joined Mechanical Technology Inc. in Latham, NY, where he became a senior software engineer, and remained there for over 40 years until his retirement.

David was a voracious reader throughout his life, tending to prefer hard science and arcane science fiction. Upon joining a book club, he discovered the enjoyment of expanding his horizons and lively discussions. As a master gardener he looked forward every year to being outside and tending his vegetables for hours. David and Gail cherished the many memories they shared with yearly trips to Ogunquit, Maine.

David was a devoted family man, unfailingly generous and loyal to all that were a part of his life. Upon retirement, David became an enthusiastic volunteer with the Kinderhook Elks where he made many new friends. He recently discovered a love of pickleball and became a proud "picklehead".

He was predeceased by his parents, Claude and Adeline Smith. David is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Gail Hargrave-Smith and his sons, Christopher (Rachel) Smith, Tyler Smith and Shawn Smith. His granddaughters, Zera and Chloe, were the loves of his life. David was also very close to his extended family, Diane (Bill) Smith, Kathy (Greg) Proper and their children and grandchildren: Lauren (Chris) Wessell, Matthew (Giuliana) Smith, Geoffrey (Dacia) Proper, Stephen (Erin) Proper as well as Pari, Parker, Alessandra, Luca and Lorenzo. David's beloved pups, Trixie and Juice, will miss him too.

The family expresses sincere gratitude to the Niverville Fire Department and the NY State Police for their kindness and comfort at the accident site in Niverville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Niverville Fire Department, Valatie Food Pantry, or a charity of your choice.

Calling hours were Saturday, March 8th from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a funeral service immediately following at Raymond Bond Funeral Home. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Valatie.



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Furniture Delivery to Hudson Domestic Violence Shelter

I wanted to share with you the use of the \$1000 grant that Healing A Woman's Soul received from the Elks.

We recently delivered gently used furniture that we purchased from the ReStore to the Domestic Violence shelter in Hudson. The shelter is where the women and children live while they are in transition.

The furniture in the common room of the shelter had seen better days, were dirty and falling apart. These families that are in this situation deserve nice things and a sense of self worth. The administrators and guests at the shelter were thrilled. It made the place feel much more welcoming for women coming into the shelter. They are very very grateful to Healing A Woman's Soul and our supporters.

It was a cold and blustery day but a wonderful way to start the year. With the help of Wayne and some other volunteers we had 3 trucks which allowed us to make the move in one trip. We moved the old furniture out into the yard and then moved in a beautiful loveseat and couch. In addition there was a coffee table and end tables, lamps, a dresser and end tables, some kids chairs and a nice mirror. The administration was thrilled - it made the place feel much more welcoming from women coming into the shelter.

Thank you again to the Elks for the support to Healing A Woman's Soul.

Blessings to all,

Janet

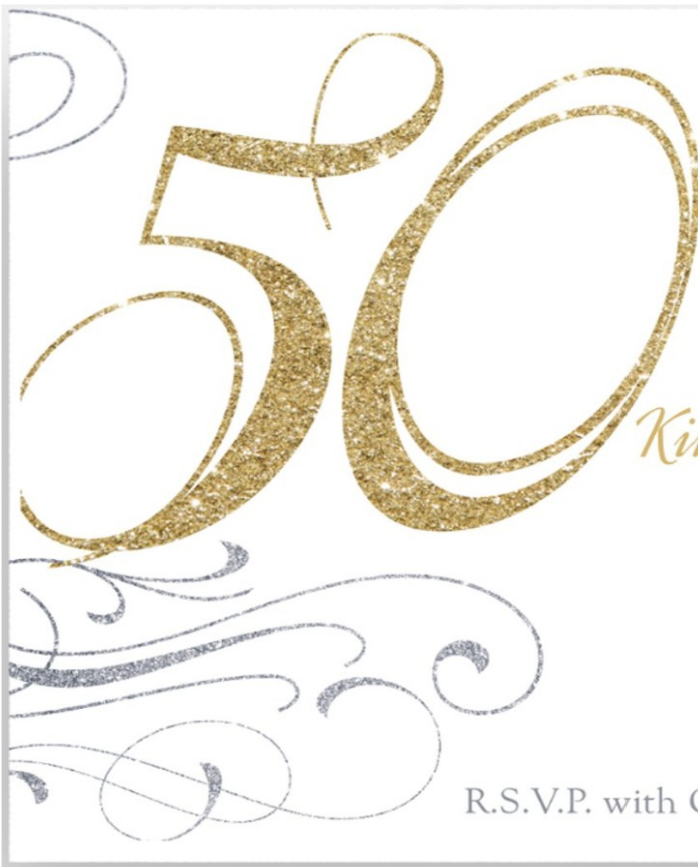




The Easter Bunny is coming on April 13th and 20th! We invite volunteers to join the Sunday breakfast crews between 8am and 11am to help create a magical experience for the kids. Your support can make these days truly special! Please let me know if you can lend a hand on either or both of these meaningful days.

Thank you!
 Tammy, Leading Knight





*Kinderhook Elks Members
& a Guest*

*Join us to celebrate
the 50th anniversary of*

Kinderhook Elks #2530

Sunday, April 27th
4 o'clock in the afternoon

The Kinderhook Elks Lodge
2750 Rt 9H
Kinderhook, NY 12106

R.S.V.P. with Cristina Shord at 518-331-5672



Kinderhook Elks

Birdhouse Paint and Sip

Wednesday, June 4th 5-7pm

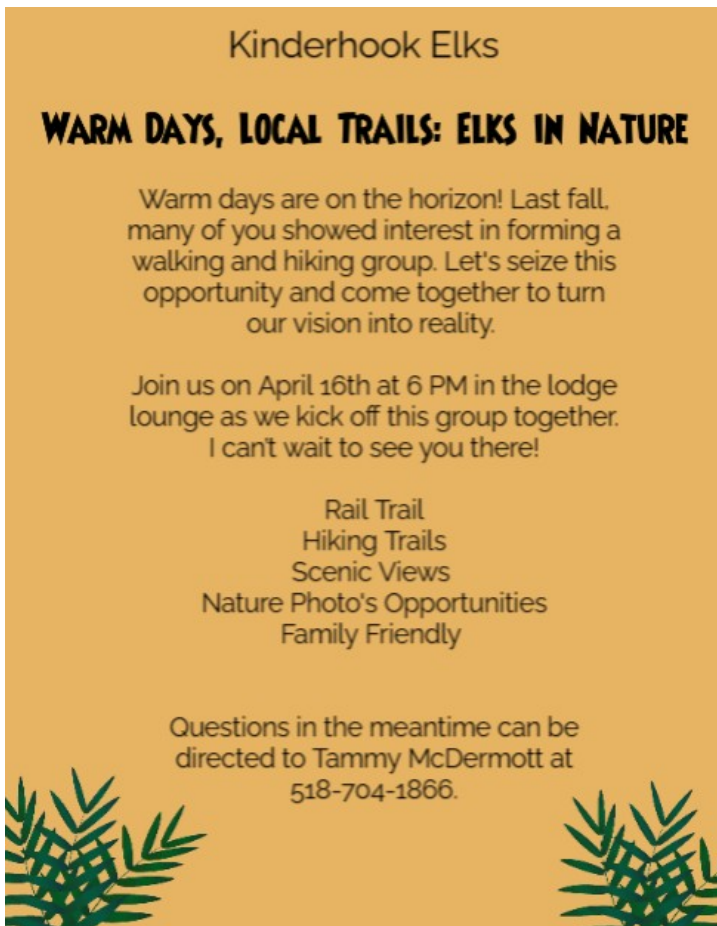
Unleash your creativity at our exciting birdhouse decorating, paint, and sip event!

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where you can customize your very own birdhouse. For just a \$20 donation, you'll receive all the necessary materials, plus snacks and beverages.

Don't miss out on this chance to craft, connect, and unwind—reserve your spot today!

Seating is limited to 20 participants, and registration is required.

RSVP to Tammy at 518-704-1886 or
Tammy3.McDermott@gmail.com



**KINDERHOOK ELKS
2025
CRUISE-IN BREAKFAST**
**SUNDAYS
8AM-11AM**
**5/18, 6/15, 7/20,
8/17, 9/21, 10/19**
**All cars, motorcycles, trucks, and
emergency response vehicles are
welcome!**



**In our outdoor pavilion, we offer freshly prepared
breakfast sandwiches, refreshing juices, and
brewed coffee. For a more extensive dining
experience, our indoor dining room features a
diverse menu of hearty options, ensuring a
delightful start to your day.**

**KINDERHOOK ELKS
LODGE #2530**

**Sept 5th, 6th & 7th
9am to 3pm**

\$5 bag/\$10 box sale on Sunday the 7th
Questions: Contact Rose 845-902-8499

**KINDERHOOK
ELKS
YARD SALE**



**The Lodge yard sale is coming up fast. Clean
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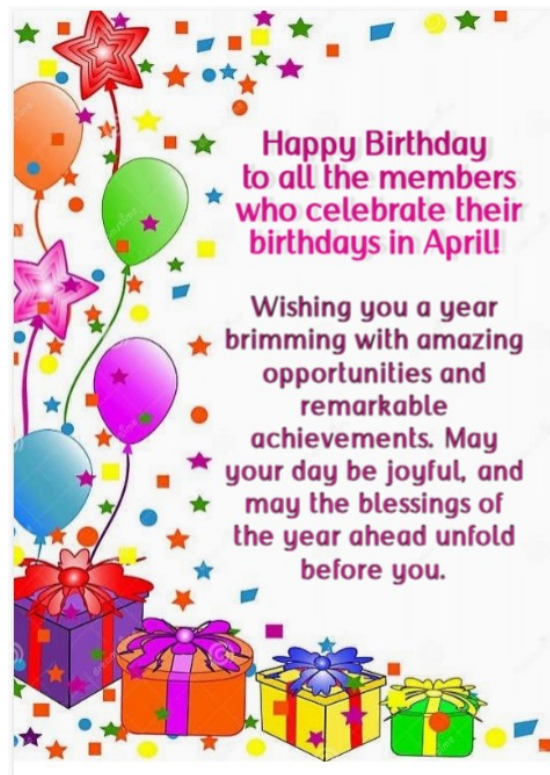
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**Happy Birthday
to all the members
who celebrate their
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brimming with amazing
opportunities and
remarkable
achievements. May
your day be joyful, and
may the blessings of
the year ahead unfold
before you.**



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



**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
CHANGES FOR THE BETTER**

Questions?

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

Answers to Easter Riddles

1 – Hip Hop 2 – A practical yolker!

3 – An egg! 4 – An egg-venturer!

5 – Eggs-cuse me!



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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT #6160 GOLF "FORE" CAMP BRISTOL

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP BRISTOL

\$90.00/PERSON

MAY 14, 2025, 1:00 SHOTGUN START
11:00:REGISTRATION; 12:00:LUNCH

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PURPLE RIBBON WEEK

CELEBRATING MILITARY-CONNECTED YOUTH

AUGUST 3RD-8TH, 2025

NYS Elks Camp Bristol is a fun & educational summer day & overnight camp. Camp Bristol offers programs that encourage healthy living & recreation, foster social connections and help children grow their confidence. In addition to regular camp sessions, the week of 8/3/25-8/8/25 is designated for our military-connected children & youth.

CamperShips are available for youth 8-14 years old for an incredible week of adventure, STEAM activities & fun at no cost to the family. Deadline for applications is 6/15/25. Join us at Camp Bristol for an unforgettable summer!

For More Information contact:
nyselkscampbristol@gmail.com or scan
Use code Military25 for CamperShip



Only 1hr from
Fort Drum!

Youth Cornhole Tournament on Saturday May 10th. Singles and doubles. Food, prizes and fun. For more information please contact John Piddock at 758-2842

Brochures detailing events at Camp Bristol are available on the table in the lounge.



CHATHAM FAIR GROUNDS

**JULY
26TH
2025**

8AM-2PM

**GATE OPENS AT 7:30AM
TROPHIES AT 1PM**



Healing a Woman's Soul
A journey of hope

Do you own a business and looking for ways to support our lodge and the community? Advertise your business while supporting great programs, it's a win-win situation!

We donate funds we raise to support valuable causes. These include donating to Healing a Woman's Soul (HAWs), funding breast cancer research in honor of all female Elks, and supporting various local community programs.

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YEAR: _____

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Veterans Donations

On Thursday, March 28th, John and I had the honor of spending time with Cindy Guess from the Community Hospice Center in Albany, representing the Kinderhook Elks as the Veterans Chairs. Cindy and her dedicated team are celebrated throughout the region for their unwavering support of veteran patients. In 2024, the hospice proudly donated 255 blankets to veterans in her program, including a hero who served in World War II.

They discovered a low supply and requested donations of yarn from crafters and local businesses. We took action by shopping at JoAnn Fabrics' going-out-of-business sale, where we found a buy-one, get-one-half-price offer, and donated three 30-gallon garbage bags filled with yarn. The pictures below show the completed blankets that are distributed to every veteran. If you enjoy crocheting and want to participate in this wonderful program, we will collect blankets and yarn in January 2026.



From left to right Trustee John Sundwall, Cindy Guess and ER Tammy McDermott



Camp Bristol Campfest



VETERANS CampFest

AUGUST 14-17 2025


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Veteran Needs

Clothing *ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW

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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

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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.
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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

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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 to Friday from 9:30a - 1:30p.

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.

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Installation of Officers

On Saturday March 29th the officers for 2025-2026 were installed by PDDGER Leo Buel. A dinner and awards ceremony followed the installation. The master of ceremonies was PER Frank Masten



From left to right Chaplain Sharon Deck, Inner Guard Jean Engel, Tiler Larry Knott, Trustee Ben Lasher, Treasurer Joe Laviano, Secretary Jerry Shook, Loyal Knight Rosemarie Neckles, Leading Knight Tom Burrall and Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott. Missing was Lecturing Knight Jim Shord. PDDGER Leo Buell conducted the service.

- NEW -
OFFICIAL LODGE PIN



NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

This event is open to all members and the public.
Coffee, donuts, and a ziti lunch will be provided.
Members can also sign up in the lounge.
Questions: Tammy McDermott 518-704-1866

NY STATE APPROVED
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Saturday May 31, 2025
9AM-3PM

Taking our 6-hour PIRP course will save you up to 10% off your liability and collision portion of your auto insurance premium for 3 years AND up to 4 points off your driving record.



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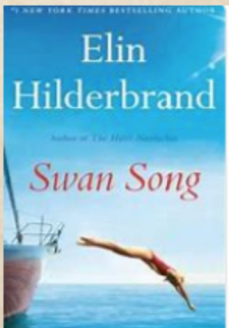
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MUST BRING PHOTOCOPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE TO CLASS!

Kinderhook Elks Book Club

The book club has embraced the inspiring novel "Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand. Remember, it's never too late to join the fun, even if you miss a meeting.

You're invited to join us for a meeting about "Swan Song" on Saturday, April 26th, at 9 a.m. This is a great chance to dive into the themes of the book and chat with other readers. Plus, we'll talk about some upcoming book picks.
Hope to see you there!



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 14 th and 28 th at 7:30pm Board of Directors: Monday 21 st at 7:30pm

April Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 4th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 11th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 18th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – see flyer on page 7
- 25th Meatball subs, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available

April Events

27th Kinderhook Elks 50th Anniversary Cocktail Party 4pm to 7pm

The CrossEyed Owl
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