



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

July 2025



Exalted Ruler's Message

To the Kinderhook Elks Family,

The hot days of summer are upon us. However, that is not stopping us from doing all the great work that is being done for our community and at our lodge! We had an exciting month filled with rentals, a member activity, and the formation of a new committee.

We are excited to introduce our kitchen committee, made up of Chuck Cotsonas, Rick LaCrosse, and me. Together, we will manage food, inventory, and the shopping. For more details, please refer to this newsletter.

The end of the 25-week club party was a success! Thank you to everyone who played a vital role in buying or selling tickets, working on the team, and preparing the food. Together, we welcomed 136 guests to celebrate this achievement. Tickets for the 2026 event are now available for purchase.

Don't miss the opportunity to volunteer at one of our rentals or member activities. I send email updates that are posted on the lounge wall or refrigerator in the kitchen. If you haven't been receiving our emails, please let me know.

It was truly heartwarming for the lodge to host the Albany VA Hospital veterans' luncheon. The veterans enjoyed engaging in games, with pool and shuffleboard as their top choices. They savored a picnic lunch followed by a delightful "make your own ice cream sundae" activity, all while John Deane played uplifting music in the pavilion. Their appreciation and excitement were palpable, making the day even more memorable.

In July and August, we don't have a meeting on the second Monday of the month. We are still waiting to hear from the Grand Lodge regarding whether they approved our by-law change to make this a permanent arrangement.

Don't miss out on the exciting Columbia County Fair! Be sure to sign up to secure your spot. If you find yourself unable to sign up at the lodge, don't hesitate to reach out to me; I would be delighted to do it for you.

May July 4th bring you joy, love, and a sense of pride. Enjoy the fireworks, the celebrations, and the company of loved ones. Happy 4th of July! Your unwavering dedication to maintaining our lodge and ensuring everything runs smoothly inspires us all. I truly appreciate it; thank you!

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

Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott



Kitchen Committee

We are excited to introduce our kitchen committee, comprising of Chuck Cotsonas, Rick LaCrosse, and me. Together, we will manage food, inventory, and the shopping.

We encourage you to write your requests on the list and include your initials next to them. This will enable us to contact you if we have any questions. Please note that requests without initials may not be fulfilled.

To ensure we obtain the best prices possible and streamline our shopping process, please note that orders must be placed by 6:00 PM on Wednesday. By doing so, we can minimize the number of trips to various locations needed to fulfill our orders, making the process more efficient for everyone involved.

We have begun organizing and rotating stock in the basements, and during this process, we've discovered several special-ordered items (non-standard) that are currently underutilized. To improve our handling of special item requests in the future, we will discuss these requests in our committee meetings. We'll ensure to follow up with you regarding whether your request can be accommodated. Thank you for your understanding as we work to enhance our inventory management.

Here are some helpful reminders to keep our meals enjoyable:

- Let's make sure to use the salad dressing packets stored in the pantry during our meal nights.
- Please assist in keeping the salt and pepper shakers and sugar containers filled for everyone's convenience.
- For any leftover food, kindly wrap it well and label it with the date it was used to help us stay organized.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. Together, we can accomplish remarkable things! Thank you for your dedication!

Thank you,
Tammy



Becoming a member!

Joining the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is an exciting opportunity to become part of a nationwide community dedicated to service, charity, and fellowship. **Membership Eligibility.**

To be eligible for membership, you must:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Believe in God.
3. Be a citizen of the United States who pledges allegiance to and salutes the American Flag.
4. Be of good character.

How to Apply

1. Complete a Membership Inquiry Form

[Begin your journey by clicking here to fill out a Membership Inquiry Form.](#)

2. Sponsorship

- You'll need a sponsor who is a member in good standing of any Elks Lodge in the country.
- Additionally, two other Elks will act as your references.

3. Membership Application

- Your sponsor will provide you with a Membership Application, either as a hard copy or an online link.
- Follow all instructions carefully and ensure your application is complete.
- If you use a hard copy, return your completed form to the Lodge Secretary.

The Application Process

1. Lodge Meeting

- Your application will be presented at a regular Lodge meeting.

2. Investigation

- The Investigating Committee will review your application and contact you to schedule an interview with you and your sponsor.

3. Membership Vote

- The committee will present their findings to the Lodge members, who will vote on your application.
- The vote will occur between 10 days and two months after notice is given.

4. Orientation and Initiation

- If approved, you and your spouse will be invited to an orientation session, where you'll learn more about the Elks' charitable programs and initiatives.
- Following orientation, you'll attend an initiation ceremony to formally become a member.

John Sundwall presented a scholarship check to Olivia Macdonald at Chatham High School.

Best wishes to Olivia as she embarks on her new journey. We are excited for her as she takes on new challenges and opportunities. May this adventure be filled with success, joy, and unforgettable moments.



Loyal Knight Rosemarie Neckles at Eagle Scout Award Ceremony with Brendan Lockmer

Flag Day Ceremony



Front Row: Joel Dyslin PER, Jim Yager, Luke Mills, Kiera Drummond, Sharon Deck, Joe Laviano PER.
Back Row: Chris Bellingham, Jerry Shook PSP, John Piddock PDD, Thom McDermott, Tom Burrell

The Flag Day ceremony was conducted by PER Joe Laviano, standing in for Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott.

The history of the flag was presented by Jim Yager and Scout Pack 113 and Troop 113 of Kinderhook. Jerry Shook provided the response.

Essay winners Kiera Drummond and Luke Mills read their essays and were presented with a certificate and a flag pin by Americanism Committee chair, John Deane.

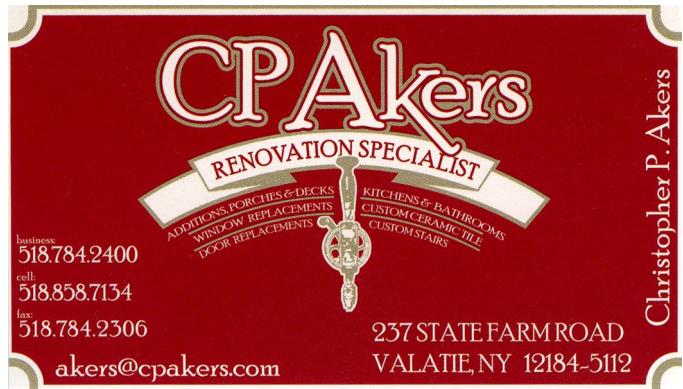
The singing of the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, and America the Beautiful, was led by Wendy Dyslin, accompanied by Sandra Fischer on keyboard.

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25-Week Club

Tickets are now available for the 2026 Kinderhook Elks' 25-Week Winter Madness Event. Starting January 1, 2026, embrace the thrill each Wednesday as exciting drawings await to uplift your spirit!

Winning numbers will be drawn every Wednesday between 5 PM and 6 PM at the lodge. The winners' names will be proudly displayed on the bulletin board and shared via email. Make sure we have a valid phone number to reach you with the exciting news of your winnings!

If your name is chosen as a winner, your ticket will be returned to the pool, offering you limitless opportunities to shine and succeed time and time again.

We are thrilled to invite you to our Appreciation Party on June 20, 2026, from 1 PM to 4 PM, as a celebration of our collective achievements through the fundraiser! All ticket holders are warmly welcomed to join us for free and experience an afternoon overflowing with delicious food and the chance to win exciting cash prizes!

For any questions, reach out to Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866.

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Two - 2nd Prizes of \$250 ea
Four - 3rd Prizes of \$100 ea
Four - 4th Prizes of \$50 ea
Ten - 5th Prizes of \$25 ea

Thank you to everyone who attended the Birdhouse Paint and Sip event. It was a truly inspiring night, where each of you showcased your incredible creativity! Don't forget to visit our Facebook page to see more of the wonderful moments we captured on camera.



Caught a few of the several dedicated members directing parking for Kinderhook's Community Day. Despite the pouring rain, everyone remained strong and in great spirits.



From left to right Trustee Thom McDermott, Trustee Ben Lasher, Mike Delaney and Trustee John Sundwall

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

YARD SALE

SHOP TILL YOU DROP
Support The ELKS

The Lodge yard sale is coming up fast. Clean saleable items may be brought to the Lodge starting April 1st. No books, No clothes. Furniture in good condition accepted.

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

Craft & Sip

August 20, 2025

5-7pm

Craft your unique pressed flower wine bottle and let your creativity bloom.

\$30 per bottle

Includes the bottle, a variety of pressed flowers, fairy lights, paint sponge and Mod Podge.

Only 20 seats available.

RSVP with Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866



KINDERHOOK ELKS

Members & Their Guests



Flag Etiquette

If you have a worn or unwanted flag, please help us ensure it is treated with the respect it deserves.

Simply drop it off in the designated barrel located at our front door. Together, we can ensure these flags are disposed of properly and honorably.

Thank you.



New York Elks Day at Yankee Stadium



New York Yankees vs **Boston Red Sox**

August 24th at 1:35 pm



All tickets purchased from link will receive a Limited Edition Yankees x NY Elks Hat! Every ticket also includes a \$5 donation to the New York Elks Major Projects fund

Scan Here For Tickets 

For any questions regarding this event:
Email: statesecretary@nyselks.org
<https://www.gofewo.com/event/Newyork323>



NYS ELKS YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT August 03, 2025



Join us for the 69th Annual NYS Elks Youth Golf Tournamant. Test your skills against other youth golfers from around New York State.

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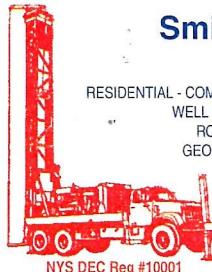
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Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

FRIDAY NITE DINNER
Friday July 18th, 5:00-7:00PM



Chili on Chicken

Zesty Chili & Salad



\$13

BBQ Chicken Meal



\$15

Enjoy In House or To-Go
Open to Members and Their Guests

Kinderhook Elks

Cigar & Whiskey Night

Friday, July 25th 7p

Join us next to the fire pit for drinks, snacks, & good conversation with amazing people.

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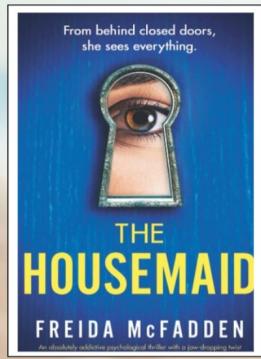
Advance Ticket Purchase
Deadline Friday, July 14th

SEE THOM & TAMMY FOR TICKETS

OR CALL/TEXT 518.704.1866

MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

JULY BOOK CLUB



#1 New York Times and USA Today bestseller and addictive psychological thriller with a jaw-dropping twist that's burning up Instagram and TikTok -Freida McFadden's The Housemaid is perfect for fans of Ruth Ware, Lisa Jewell, and Verity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th @ 6 PM
KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE
PAVILLION AREA (WEATHER PERMITTING)
Light Snacks Will Be Provided

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Quilt Raffle

The Elks car show committee has a patriotic handmade quilt that has been donated. We will be raffling off 1000 tickets. One ticket is \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, 7 for \$20.00. The proceeds will pay for the widows and Vet's Christmas party at the lodge. For tickets please call Annie at 518 758-2196.

 **KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE 2530**

HANDMADE PATRIOTIC QUILT RAFFLE



> CONTACT ANNE FOR TICKETS <
518-758-2196

TICKETS \$5.00 EACH
3 TICKETS FOR \$10 OR 7 TICKETS FOR \$20

**Proceeds support the
Veterans and Widows Christmas Gathering**



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
cream, Body Wash, Body Lotion
ELECTRIC RAZOR

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

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

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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
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Veterans

Veterans Committee

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

Friday Evening	Menu 5pm – 7pm. 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 the 28 th at 7:30pm Board of Directors: Monday 21 st at 7:30pm

July Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 4th Lodge is closed
- 11th Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 18th Hot chili with green salad - \$13, BBQ chicken leg with potato or tuna Mac salad - \$15
- 25th Pepperoni Subs – fries or rings – Bar Menu available - \$12

July Events

- 2nd - Blood Drive
- 18th – Members Saratoga Race Track day 10am – Details to come
- 20th – Cruise-in breakfast at pavilion
- 25th – Cigar & Whiskey Night Pavilion 7pm – Tickets on Sale
- 26th – Elks Car Show
- 30th - Book Club meeting - 6pm

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Newsletter

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

Send articles and event flyers to editor@kinderhookelks.org
(Graphics, plain text, or a word document is preferred - **No PDFs, please!**)

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