



# THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks  
August 2025



## Exalted Ruler's Message

To the Kinderhook Elks Family,

Summer is in full swing, and the Lodge is bustling with activity. We are committed to making a positive impact in our community and strengthening our bonds within the lodge.

The Columbia County Fair is just around the corner, and we have an opportunity for you to volunteer to help direct traffic. Your participation could genuinely make a difference in the success of this event and fundraiser. The chairs have already started reaching out to all members to enlist your support for four-hour shifts. We are particularly in need of extra hands during the bustling afternoons from 1 PM to 5:30 PM and the lively evenings from 5:15 PM to 9:30 PM. Sign-up lists are also posted on the bulletin board in the lounge.

We are thrilled to host the members' country night dinner, featuring a lively DJ and dancing that will bring us together in celebration. Join us for a creative paint and milkshake night, where you can let your imagination shine at our craft night. Be sure to check the calendar for this month's exciting events and rentals!

The Grand Lodge has approved our bylaw change, which states that regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month throughout the year. In February, March, and April, the Lodge will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Members are discussing the great time they had at the car show. Thank you to the committee for their dedication and planning, as well as to everyone who contributed to making this event possible.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the dedicated individuals who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain the lodge's beauty and ensure it remains in excellent condition for our valued members and guests. Your efforts in landscaping the gardens, keeping the facilities spotless, and handling various maintenance tasks do not go unnoticed. Thanks to you, our lodge remains a welcoming and enjoyable place where everyone can create wonderful memories.

Your involvement keeps us going. We welcome new faces and innovative ideas at the 2530 and encourage your unique perspectives for our upcoming activities! Remember, everyone, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it.

See you at the Lodge!  
Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott



## Elks National Convention

I had the incredible opportunity to attend the National Elks Convention in Kansas City, a heartfelt gathering that resonated with camaraderie and purpose. The event kicked off with a powerful opening ceremony filled with inspiring speeches that set a tone of unity and commitment. During the business sessions, they discussed significant topics and emphasized the organization's influence on communities nationwide. The legislative discussions were particularly engaging. By the time we reached the closing session, I was deeply moved by the collective dedication of everyone present. It was awe-inspiring to witness the large turnout at the Grand Lodge, a testament to the strength of our membership. Having the chance to cast my vote on critical resolutions added a sense of pride and responsibility to my experience.

At check-in, vendors greeted us, each table brimming with colorful displays and enticing brochures. Various lodges enthusiastically showcased their raffles, each designed to support their unique activities and missions. As I chatted with the dedicated individuals at these tables, I discovered a wealth of knowledge about how lodges operate across the nation. It was fascinating to hear the diverse stories and experiences shared by their members.

We engaged in the daily training and informational sessions, which were rich with insightful content and practical knowledge. It was genuinely inspiring to see the incredible ways the Elks organization serves and uplifts communities, from organizing charity events to supporting local initiatives. One of the highlights was spending quality time with Exalted Ruler Lisa Moldovan from Lodge #1. She was full of warmth and passion for her lodge. I had the honor of receiving the Lodge #1 pin—The Jolly Cork.

We made two attempts to attend the ritual contest, but unfortunately, the rooms were packed, and we had to turn back. Despite this disappointment, we found joy in connecting with the contestants from Carthage Lodge afterwards. Listening to their stories about the dedication and travel they put into their preparation. Lastly, I had the privilege of meeting our new Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler, Bryan R. Klatt. With his vibrant personality, he truly inspires those around him.

I returned home with inspiring ideas after my time spent with the lodge Exalted Rulers and representatives from Hudson, Rensselaer, Brunswick, and Catskill lodges. The experience was truly enriching, as we exchanged ideas for our district. I greatly appreciated the insights shared by Ron Barner and his wife, Karen, during our discussions.

If you have the opportunity to attend a national convention, embrace it wholeheartedly.

Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott

## Elks National Convention



Trustee Thom McDermott, Elroy, ER Tammy McDermott



ER Tammy McDermott and Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler, Bryan R. Klatt



Front row from left to right ER Kathy Btzing, ER Tammy McDermott, Secretary Karen Theoret from Brunswick Lodge, Abby Shook, DD Ron Barner and wife Karen Barner from Rensselaer Lodge, ER Bob Near from Catskill Lodge, Back row Trustee Thom McDermott, State Representative Jerry Shook, Larry Rowse and wife Linda Rowse from Rensselaer Lodge.



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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.

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



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8/17, 9/21, 10/19

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**KINDERHOOK ELKS LODGE 2530**  
**FRIDAY DINNER AT THE LODGE**





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### DELUXE BURGER

Hand Formed Beef Patty, Served on a Brioche Roll with optional cheese, Lettuce Tomato & Onion. Served With Potato Chips and Fresh Made Macaroni Salad



\$13

### HONEY GARLIC SHRIMP

Honey Garlic Glazed Shrimp Served With Rice, and a Fresh Side Salad, Choice of Salad Dressing

**FRIDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, 5:00-7:00PM - IN HOUSE OR TO-GO  
MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS**

# Kinderhook Elks

PLEASE JOIN US

## Community Baby Shower

The Kinderhook Elks Lodge will host a Community Baby Shower for residents of Northern Columbia County. Kinderhook, Styvesant, etc. for those expecting or who recently became a Mother.

Raffle tickets at no charge, prizes include a car seat, or baby monitor or stroller

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**\$5 bag/\$10 box sale on Sunday the 7th**

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**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  
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August 24th at 1:35 pm



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For any questions regarding this event:

Email: [statesecretary@nyselks.org](mailto:statesecretary@nyselks.org)

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Newyork323>

## Kinderhook Elks Pie Baking Contest



Sunday, Oct 5th at 2pm

Get ready for a deliciously fun event! Bake two pies—one for you to enjoy, and the other to auction off to the highest bidder.

Each slice available for tasting will only require a \$5 contribution. There's no entry fee for the pie contest, so we're inviting all Elks and their guests to join in on the fun!

Every dollar raised will go to a charity, showcasing our dedication to giving back. We'll have a panel of three judges who are ready to crown the best pies in the competition, and we'll celebrate both our first and second place winners. Don't miss out on this scrumptious opportunity to taste, compete, and contribute to a great cause!

Contact Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866 to enter.





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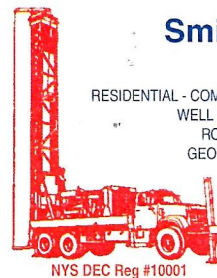
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**Kinderhook Elks**

## Touchdown at the Elks Lodge — Volunteers Needed!

Get ready to kick off the football season in style! Our beloved Football Sunday tradition returns to the Elks Lodge starting Sunday, September 7th, and we're looking for some all-star volunteers to help make this year the best one yet.

Whether you're great at cooking, decorating, organizing raffles, or just love the game-day vibe, we want YOU on the team!

## Organizational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Members Lodge to plan the season ahead.

Come share your ideas, get involved, and be a part of the fun!

If you can't make the meeting, please reach out to Kelly McGiffert (518)545-0022.

Let's make this football season unforgettable — because at the Kinderhook Elks, it's more than just the game. It's about community, camaraderie, and a whole lot of spirit. 💜💛💜

## Veteran

*Boat Ride  
on the  
Hudson River*



**DATE:** August 17, 2025

**Boarding starts at: 3pm departs  
at 330pm**

*After the cruise join us back at the Elk's for some  
delicious food and desserts!*

*Lodge veterans please sign up at the lodge!*

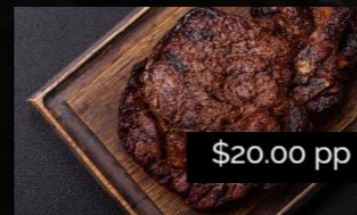
## Saturday, August 9th

Kinderhook Elks Country Night featuring Roasted Beef dinner and great Country music with our DJ.

Members and your guest join us between 5p-9p

Featuring a delicious roast beef meal which includes a fresh salad, roast beef, cubed potatoes, BBQ boneless chicken, and desserts as we gather for food and camaraderie.

Don't miss out on the chance to secure your dinner ticket from Tammy McDermott! Make sure to order by August 6th to guarantee your spot, as walk-ins will not be accommodated.



**\$20.00 pp**





# 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  
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## **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  
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 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Board of Directors: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cold cut subs - \$8 to \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 8<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry with coleslaw, french fries or onion rings - \$13 – Bar Menu available
- 15<sup>th</sup> Deluxe hamburger or honey garlic shrimp, side salad - \$13 - see flyer page 7
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dozen Wings, fries or onion rings - \$15 – Bar Menu available
- 29<sup>th</sup> Kitchen closed for fair parking

## August Events

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive thru baby shower - 9am to 11am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Country Night dinner and and dancing – see flyer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Scents Flower Paint & Sip – 5pm – see flyer
- 20<sup>th</sup> Craft & Sip – 5pm to 7pm – see flyer
- 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> – fair parking

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## Newsletter

Articles must be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next edition.

Send articles and event flyers to [editor@kinderhookelks.org](mailto:editor@kinderhookelks.org)

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

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