



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

March 2026



Exalted Ruler’s Message

Dear Members,

The PERs once again did a remarkable job with PER Initiation. Your dedication, your pride in our traditions, and the heart you bring to this ceremony shine through every year. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day meaningful and memorable.

As my term as your Exalted Ruler comes to a close, my heart is truly full. Serving this Lodge has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and for the privilege of leading a Lodge built on compassion, service, and unity. Together, we lived our principles: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, not just in what we said, but in how we cared for one another and for our community.

A very special thank-you to my family. Your patience, encouragement, and quiet sacrifices made it possible for me to give my whole heart to this role. I could not have served our members the way I did without your unwavering love and support.

To our incoming officers, you have my warmest and most sincere wishes. Leadership is both a gift and a responsibility, and I have every confidence that you will guide this Lodge with integrity, compassion, and vision. May your year be filled with progress, unity, and the joy that comes from serving others. You have my support as you take the helm and continue the work we all cherish.

To every member of this Lodge — thank you. Thank you for your dedication, your fellowship, your kindness, and the countless ways you strengthen our Elk family. This year has been unforgettable because of you. I am proud of what we accomplished together, and even more proud of the spirit that makes this Lodge a true home.

Although my term concludes this month, my commitment does not. I will continue to stand beside you as a Past Exalted Ruler, ready to support, encourage, and celebrate the bright future ahead. This Lodge will always have my heart.

With love, gratitude, and deep appreciation,

Tammy McDermott

Exalted Ruler





On Sunday, February 15th, our past exalted rulers initiated three new members into the the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As usual, the names and photos of the new members are in the cabinet in the lounge. If you see them in the Lodge, please say hello and make them feel welcome.

Front L to R: PDD Leo Buell, **Paul Roemer**, **Anthony Cottingham**, PER Anne Leiser, **Bob Rhoads**, PER Joel Dyslin, Inner Guard Jean Engel

Rear L to R: Chaplain Sharon Deck, Trustee Chair Thom McDermott, Exalted Ruler Tammy McDermott, Loyal Knight Rosemarie Neckles, Trustee Ben Lasher, PDD Buster Esposito, PDD Christopher Akers, PER Frank Masten, Trustee Mike Delaney, Leading Knight Tom Burrall, Tiler Larry Knott, PDD John Piddock, Chris Bellingham.



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Bartenders Needed at the Lodge.

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Help Needed

Calling All Helping Hands — We Need You!

Our Lodge thrives because of the heart, generosity, and teamwork of our members. Every dinner served, every event hosted, every celebration enjoyed — it all happens because people like you step forward and say, “I can help.”

As we prepare for a busy and exciting year of meals, fundraisers, and community events, we’re building a volunteer call list of members who are willing to lend a hand when needed. Whether you can help once a month or once in a while, your support truly makes a difference.

We’re looking for members who are willing to help with:

- **Cooking** — from full meals to simple prep
- **Waitressing / Serving** — greeting guests, delivering plates, sharing smiles
- **Event Setup** — arranging tables, decorating, and getting the room ready
- **General Event Support** — wherever an extra pair of hands is needed

You don’t need special experience — just a good attitude, a willingness to learn, and a desire to be part of something meaningful. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new people, strengthen friendships, and feel the joy of contributing to events that bring our Lodge together.

And truly, for our Lodge to grow and progress, every member should try to work at least one or two events throughout the year. When we all pitch in — even just a little — the load becomes lighter, the events become smoother, and the sense of community becomes stronger than ever.

When you join the call list, you’re not committing to every event. You’re simply saying, “Reach out to me — if I’m free, I’ll help.” Every hour you give, every task you take on, helps keep our Lodge strong, welcoming, and full of life.

If you’d like to be added to the volunteer call list, please reach out. We would love to have you with us.

Together, we can make every event warm, memorable, and successful. Your helping hands truly matter. Reach out to any of the chairs to be placed on the call list. Thank you.



Your Newsletter Needs You!

The newsletter committee is looking for someone to edit the newsletter. If you have basic word-processing skills (MS Word or similar) and would like to manage the layout of submitted articles and images in the newsletter each month, please contact one of the newsletter committee members (see last page).

The hours are flexible and compensation is second to none! Work can be done from the comfort of your own home using LibreOffice, which is free, open-source software that runs on MS Windows, Mac OS and Linux. One-on-one training is available.



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For the 2025-2026, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) has allocated \$131,090 to fund this program. If you know any Elks children who may be eligible to receive an EEG, encourage them to contact me at nursecq@hotmail.com or they can go to enf.elks.org/EEG



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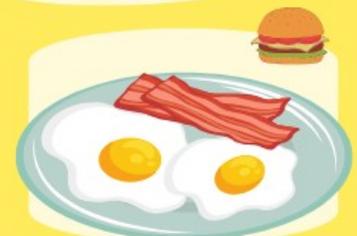
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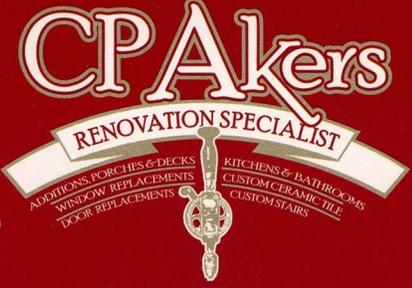
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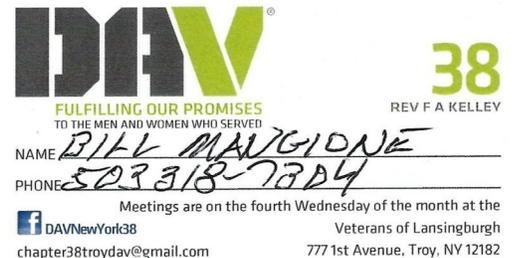
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Food and refreshments are served. Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

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
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.

Donations are tax-deductible.

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



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Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

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Twin Clam Roll Basket

Golden Fried Clam Strips, Cole Slaw, Choice of Fries, Onion Rings, or Side Salad. Cocktail or Tarter Sauce

\$13

Classic Fish & Chips

Battered and Fried Cod Pieces, served with skin on Fries. Served with Cole Slaw, Choice of Cocktail, Tarter Sauce, or Malt Vinegar.

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Fun Fact:
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Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

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Side Order Onion Rings

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Side Salad

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- Friday Evenings
- Dinner Menu. 5pm – 7pm
 - Queen of Hearts at 7pm – purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or ask bartender
- Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8Am - 11am
- Lodge Meetings Open to all members – please join us!
- Members: Monday 26th at 7:30pm
 - Board of Directors: Monday 19th at 7:30pm

March Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 6th Fish fry, coleslaw, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available
- 13th Fish fry, coleslaw, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available
- 20th Twin Clam Roll Basket **OR** Classic Fish & Chips **OR** Deluxe Cheeseburger basket **OR** Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad – all \$13 (*See page 10 for details*)
- 27th Fish Sandwich, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available

March Events

- 9th Lodge meeting 7:30pm
- 16th Board of Directors meeting 7:30pm
- 22nd Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- 23rd Lodge meeting 7:30pm – election of 2026-27 officers
- 28th Installation of Officers with dinner
- 29th Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

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

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

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