



# THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

September 2023



## Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

I'm at a loss here and want positivity and to focus on all the good there is out there, but words just aren't coming to me today. The summer has just flown by. Directing cars at the fair is fast approaching. It's funny how wording can change everything. We have always called it fair parking, however, now we have to say directing traffic because, after parking for 30 years, the insurance company thinks we actually do valet parking. Wording changes everything. I used to be a dairy farmer, but when I went to school and had to type up my resume I all of a sudden was an agricultural technician. Same job but now it sounds like so much more. I am now one of those people that has to think before I speak and have learned that from being an officer at the Lodge. Before I was totally blunt and pissed many off, now I still make people mad but in a more controlled way. Yeah I know I'm rambling. I guess what I'm trying to say is choose your words wisely.

Remember when you were new to the Lodge and you didn't know many if anyone other than your sponsor? Let's make all feel welcome, say hello, ask how they are doing follow your obligation and to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. Is this how you see yourself? Do you come into the Lodge and say hello, or do you come in and just want to be alone. For me I try and say hello, to everyone that comes in, I try and say goodbye at least to the group when I leave. I know not everyone's that way, but I ask and I care how people are, I listen, I watch, sometimes I am completely wrong in what I think I'm seeing but I still try and make the effort to connect with everyone. I am far from perfect, and I am who I am. I get up each day and try and be the best me I can be. Does it always work? HELL NO!!! but the next day I try and do better.



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I have driven down the road different times and God has put into my head to stop and get flowers for so and so. Talking back to myself I'm like "Why?" We aren't that close and I wouldn't even consider us close friends. Friends, yes, but why would I go out of my way to get and give her flowers? After passing the 4th florist, I turned my car around bought the flowers and dropped them off at her office. Within 2 hours I got a text, letting me know how much that bouquet of flowers meant and she let me know that she was having a very difficult time. This just brightened her day and knowing that someone cared about her was important. I haven't always listened to my gut, but I'm learning. We all see what is on the outside of a person, it doesn't cost you anything to say hello, it doesn't hurt and what's the worst that can happen? They in turn say hello and ask you how you're doing? Sounds like a win win to me.

We all want the Lodge to thrive, we're coming up with ideas for Sundays with football season, like pizza one Sunday, subs another, sliders and wings, taco's etc., but it takes members to step up and help. Each Sunday there should be a different crew just like there is for breakfasts and dinners. If you want to help please reach out. Visitations are starting soon so that pulls a few volunteers but again with 330 members we can do this.

If you have time, even if you didn't sign up, just show up, every hour you can cover at the Fair helps. Hope to see you there!!

Anne  
ER/PER



## Member Initiation

On Sunday, August 13, three new members were initiated. Dave and Maureen Mooney and Mike Dellert. Refreshments were served after the ceremony and we had a chance to get our new members.

Thanks to all who had provided refreshments.



Seated from left to right, Chaplain Sharon Deck, Dave Mooney, Maureen Mooney, Exalted Ruler Anne Leiser PER, Mike Dellert and Esquire John Deane. Standing Secretary Jerry Shook PSP, Lecturing Knight Kelly McGiffert, Chris Bellingham, Trustee Thom McDermott, Frank Masten PER, Trustee Ben Lasher, Trustee John Sundwall, Tiler Larry Knott, Inner Guard Jean Engel and District Deputy John Piddock.

# Committee Reports

## Book club

The book club met Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in the lounge at 10am. The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner was discussed. Everyone enjoyed this selection. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. The book we will be reading is Scent Keeper by Erica Burmeister. The book for October is Long Bright River by Liz Moore.

We are getting ready to come up with our next book list. Please choose 3 books and send me the titles and authors prior to our next meeting. I will compile a list and we will pick the next 3 books. There was some interest in naming some books with local authors.

It was suggested to *Google* an article about Henrietta Lacks who was the subject of a book we previously read (The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks) for information about the lawsuit her family filed. There was a settlement after all these years!

As we get closer to our next meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, anyone wishing to bring a snack just let me know.

## Lodge Visitation Schedule

- |                              |     |                          |                         |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Sunday, September 17, 2023 | 3PM | Rensselaer #2073         | ER: Tim Davis           |
| • Sunday, October 8, 2023    | 3PM | Brunswick #2556          | ER: Rich Seguin         |
| • Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 3PM | Hudson #787              | ER: Larry Health, PER   |
| • Sunday, October 15, 2023   | 3PM | Red Hook-Rhinebeck #2022 | ER: Joseph Spano        |
| • Sunday, October 21, 2023   | 3PM | Catskill #1341           | ER: Alison Englert, PER |
| • Sunday, October 29, 2023   | 3PM | Kinderhook #2530         | ER: Anne Leiser, PER    |



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## Upcoming Events

To promote the Elk events in newspapers, John Piddock has requested that you send him photos and a short write-up describing the event to [editor@kinderhookelks.org](mailto:editor@kinderhookelks.org).

### Chatham Fair Traffic Direction

It's time for signing up for Chatham Fair shifts. The Fair runs from Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, to Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheets are in the lounge on the bulletin board going up the ramp. Please consider signing up for 1 or 2 shifts.

### Blood Drive

The Red Cross blood drive will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 6:30pm at the Elks. See flyer on page 8.

### Lodge Yard Sale

The Lodge yard sale will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. Clean salable items may be brought to the Lodge and left in the cage in the basement. It will be a busy weekend as we have a chicken BBQ consisting of half a chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert for \$17 as well as an open house in the planning stages for Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Golf Tournament

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament will take place in West Monroe, NY. The shotgun start is at 10am. The net proceeds will go to Camp Bristol and their programs. There are sign up sheet applications and sponsor sheets on the table in the lounge for those interested.

For more information: contact Scott Hirst at 315-804-3512.

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# Donate Blood In Honor of **Kyle Stickles**

Kyle Stickles was a very active 11-year-old boy when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in his left tibia on September 23, 2020. He loved playing football and baseball and was a 6th grade student at Ichabod Crane Middle School. Kyle needed several blood transfusions during the 8.5 months he was receiving chemo. The blood and platelets he received were critical for his treatment and recovery.

“I want everyone to know how easy it is to donate and how critical it is for those in need. Donors are saving lives by simply giving their blood and an hour or so of their time.” Jamie Stickles, Kyle’s mother.



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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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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

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Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge  
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**Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.


**Lodge meetings** Please join us!  
Members: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
Board of Directors: Monday 18<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kitchen closed for the fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pork loin, stuffing, green beans, vanilla pudding - \$15
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sausage and pepper subs with chips - \$11
- 29<sup>th</sup> Cheeseburger deluxe w/ fries or Grilled chicken deluxe w/fries - \$12

## September Events

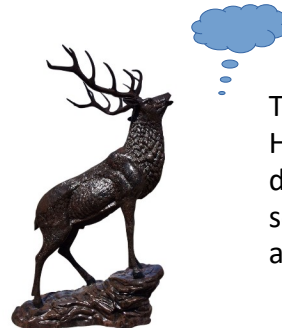
- 6<sup>th</sup> Blood drive 12pm to 6:30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lodge Yard Sale
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lodge Yard Sale, Chicken BBQ, and open House
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lodge Yard Sale
- 12<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting – 6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Club meeting - 10am



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