



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

February 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family and friends,

This year has definitely been a learning experience for me. I have had to eat my own words, because I became cocky and arrogant. It has been a humbling year. There were times when I truly struggled to get things done and to do my best for the members, this Lodge and the community. I'm not perfect and I mess up a lot!!!! So, to that end I have to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who stepped in to help not only at the Lodge but with my family as well. We truly are a family here, and I am grateful for all of you, even Cinnamon.

The year is coming to a change point. Officers are needed for the upcoming year. If you are interested in a chair, please reach out and ask. You will never be alone on your journey. I promise someone is always there to help guide you along the way. There are sheets on the board if you would like to put forth your name or come to the meetings on the second and fourth Mondays and throw your name into the mix.

I am excited to say the Dave Mooney has stepped up to be the new third Friday crew chief. In the same day and in the same breath I had two members tell me at the cash register that if there was anything they could do to help out they would. Door OPENED! You got it they said they would also join in on the fun. So thank you Garry Smith and Patrick Wemitt. Rick Stegman has also said when time permits, he will be there to help. AWESOME. The crew still needs two people, one to run the cash register and another to help with whatever needs done. It's only a few hours a month and believe it or not it is actually fun work. It is what you make of it.

This month is PER month, what that means is the PER's do the initiation and they work the dinner at St. Luke's. Initiation will be on the 18th of February at 3pm. I have a commitment for a few to make hors d'oeuvres, but could use a few more. Text, email, call or message me and I will add your name to the list. Thank you in advance.

Short but sweet this month. Thank you for all you do for the Lodge, its members, and the community we serve. I challenge everyone to perform one act of kindness everyday, for that one small act may be huge to someone else.

Anne Leiser ER/PER



Upcoming events

Book Club

It was really nice to see you all on January 13th and continue on with our book club. We had great discussion and great perspectives on the book, Long Bright River. Consensus was that you had to get quite far in the book before it really got moving. Overall there was positive feedback on the book.

We chose our next 4 books in the following order:

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus - (this is our next book) followed by The Dutch House by Anne Pachet, The Footman by A.O'Connor and The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.

Our next two meetings are schedule for:

Feb 17th at 10:00am

Mar 23rd at 10:00am

The group mentioned that the Boys in the Boat is playing at the theater. We plan to go as a group when it plays at the Crandall in Chatham. If anyone sees it on the schedule please let the group know and we will pick a date to see it.

Super Bowl

A potluck get together is being planned for the Superbowl on February 11th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge.

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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

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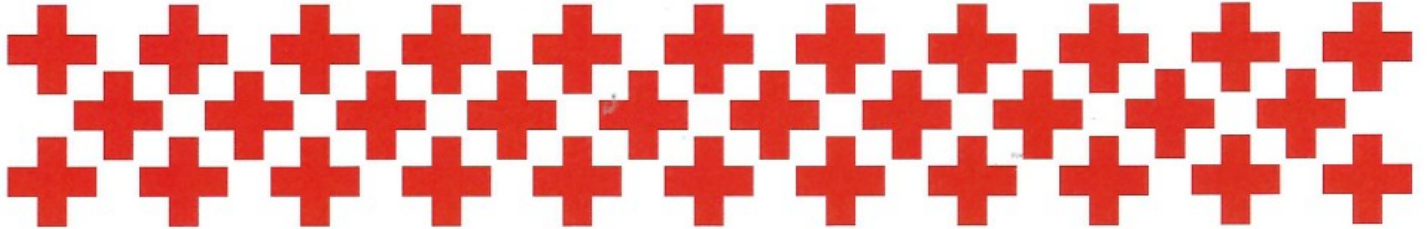
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Veterans

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 and Tuesdays from 9:00a - 12:00p.

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

Donate your gently-used, clean clothing, shoes, belts, blankets, drapes, purses, and bedding.

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Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or Robin Butcher or ask a bartender.

Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.


Lodge meetings Please join us!
Members: Monday 12th and 26th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 19th at 7:30pm

February Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 2nd Philly cheese steak, fries, au jus available upon request - \$13 – Bar menu available
- 9th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
- 16th New Orleans style Shrimp or Fish Po'Boy with chips \$15
- 23rd Tuna boat sub with chips - \$10

February Events

- 11th Pot Luck Party for the Superbowl
- 13th PER Community Dinner, St Luke's Lutheran Church – 5:30 to 6:30
- 18th PER Initiation - 3pm
- 21st Blood Drive – 1pm to 6pm



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