



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

March 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks friends and family,

It's 4am and I am up, mind racing, the to do list growing, the never-ending thoughts that run through my mind. What can we do to make things better at the Lodge? How can we attract more members? How do we get more members involved? You know, the everyday questions. This past Monday at our regular meeting Rick Stegmann made us all laugh, but what a great way to push for an event. He sat there with a coat on, now if you have ever attended a meeting it gets pretty warm down there as Sharon and I can attest to. When it came time, Rick stood up took off his coat and had a referee's shirt and whistle on to promote the March Madness Mac and Cheese event. Hats off to him for his initiative and unique way to promote the event.

This is supposed to be my last ER message, but as we all know from last year, I kept writing to try and keep everyone updated. I am proud of the many things that this Lodge does, from the Special Needs Prom and Luau, the Car Show, (BTW my favorite event), Marion Stegmann, the Field of Honor this past year, the Community Baby Showers, all the groups we support, the events we make happen, and the smiles we put on the faces of so many in the smallest way. Those, my friends, are a positive impact on the community. The thoughts are, when many hear about the Elks, that it is an old man's drinking club. Not so! Partly factual though, just kidding. We do!! WE pay to donate our time and talents to not only enrich our lives but to enrich the lives of our community, the Vets, and the kids. After all, that encompasses everything, the past the present and the future.



We are part of a domino effect. Every business, family, and individual becomes a tile. We support the sports teams, High and Mighty, Boys State, Boy Scouts, scholarships, and the list goes on. How we do that is by volunteering our time and talents to raise that money to give it away. In order for the tiles to work we need to remind everyone that we have meals and breakfast. It would be helpful if every family in every organization WE sponsor could support us by coming in every once and a while for breakfast, where the coffee is forever flowing. It's a relaxed environment, we laugh, we joke, and we raise the funds to help others. There are also Friday Night Dinners, and other events you can help support. We have had plays, dance classes, and Karaoke nights. If we can get more support for our events, we can continue to keep supporting community events.

The Ides of March are upon us. There are 3 breakfasts with the Easter Bunny and all are going to be a buffet, so if you can help out on an extra Sunday or two, please do. If you can donate candy for the Bunny to give away or help advertise, great!! Every little bit helps.

Newsletter and placemat ad forms are out, so are car show sponsor sheets, vendor form and preregistration forms. They will all be on the table in the foyer as you enter the Lodge. Dues notices are out so if you haven't sent them back, please do so, every year we lose members because they are busy, and it slips their mind.

The calendar of events is in the newsletter but we will send out updates when we can. I know Kelly is looking for help with Sunday food, the March Madness preorder sheets are up but you can call my house phone and I will forward the request. The Easter Bunny is at Barnwell on the 24th at 2pm and in the Kinderhook square on the 30th, after which we will install new officers. Kelly is moving up to Loyal Knight, Rosemarie Neckles is stepping up to be Lecturing Knight, and John Piddock is taking the 5 year trustee position. Jerry and Joe are locked into their positions; however, we are in need of a Leading Knight and ER. Enough rambling let's have a great month!! Hope to see you around the Lodge.

PER/ER Annie

Upcoming and past events

Book Club

Our next book club meeting is March 23, 2024, 10:00am at the Kinderhook Elks Lodge.

We had a great meeting discussing Lessons in Chemistry on February 17th. Overall the book was a hit. An easy but enjoyable read. We are reading The Dutch House by Ann Pachet next.. I will be mixing it up a bit next meeting so stay tuned.

Super Bowl

About 25 were in attendance at the Super Bowl Party. There was lots of delicious food and a good time was had by all.

Veterans

On Sunday, February 18th Jim Yager and John Sundwall served ice cream to the veterans at the Albany Stratton VA.

Mothers Day Bazaar

Save the date for a Mother's Day weekend Bazaar on Saturday May 11th and will coincide with the Boy Scout breakfast. Times and a form will be forth coming.

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Come on out for a night of fun and laughs.

Would you like to learn how to play?

Let's learn together!

Contact Tammy for any questions at 518-704-1866

For Members and their guests



The Elk's
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SPRING FORWARD

Wings
& Things

4:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 10th

Members & guests



ST. PATRICK'S DAY dinner

Kiderhook Elks

Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal

Eat in or take out

*** Reservations Only ***

No walk-ins

\$21 pp Sunday March 17th 3pm - 6pm

**Please reserve your dinner
with ER Anne at
518-758-2196**



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Three new members were initiated on Sunday February 18th. Please welcome Jack Warner, Paige Martin and Kelly Price.



Front row from left Loyal Knight Tammy McDermott, Chaplain Sharon Deck, Kelly Price, Exalted Ruler PER Anne Leiser, Paige Martin, Jack Warner and PER Joel Dyslin, Back row from left Trustee Thom McDermott, Tiler Larry Knott, PSP Jerry Shook, PDD Chris Akers, PER Frank Masten, Trustee Ben Lasher, PDD Carmen Esposito, DD John Piddock, Lecturing Knight Kelly McGiffert, PER John Utley, Inner Guard Jean Engel, PER Joe Laviano and Esquire John Deane.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024 5:30PM-9:30PM



CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 7:30PM

KITCHEN OPEN 5:30-7:30PM, ENJOY IN HOUSE OR TO-GO

Announcements

Bar Prices

Because the prices of stocking the bar have increased, the bar beverage prices were increased as of Monday February 26th.

Deer Hide Program

A special thank you to Lee Jackson and Kate Timmis for all the hard work with the deer hides program. The amount raised from the donations put over \$600 in the Veterans account. Lee and Kate have resigned from doing the hides in 2024.

We are asking a couple of members to step up and take over the deer hide program. Please contact the exalted ruler if you are willing to chair this committee.

St. Patrick's Day dinner

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served on Sunday March 17th from 3pm to 6pm, eat in or take out. Cost is \$21. Sign up in the lounge or call 518 758-2196 by March 14th. NO WALK-INS. See Flyer on page 3.

We need volunteers to make desserts for this, please contact Annie if you able.

Installation of Officers

The newly elected officers will be installed on March 30th. Kelly McGiffert is Loyal Knight, Rosemarie Neckles is Lecturing Knight, John Piddock is Trustee, Jerry Shook is Secretary, and Joe Laviano is Treasurer. The positions of Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler still need to be filled.

Car Show

Sponsor sheets and registration forms are available in the Lodge. Also, this year we're allowing vendors to come. Vendor registration forms are also available.

Yard Sale

If you have items for the yard sale, you are welcome to drop them off at the Lodge. Please put them downstairs in the cage.

North Hudson District Initiation

There will be a district initiation in our Lodge on Sunday, March 24th. If you would like to participate in the ritual, please contact DD John Piddock.

Cabin Fever Soup Sale March 02, 2024



Come join us for our soup sale. There will be a big variety of soups and we will try and keep everyone updated on flavors.

Time : Noon to 5 or sold out

\$10.00 quart

\$5.00 pint

\$3.00 cup eat in



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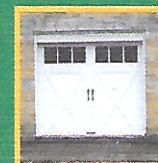
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Breakfast Buffet w/ the Easter Bunny at the Kinderhook Elks

**March 17th
March 24th
March 31st**
8am - 11am

**\$15 Adults - \$10 Kids
5 yrs and younger eat FREE**

**Larger seating call 518-758-2196
for reservations**



To Our Absent Members

Albert M Lamarre Sr.

In our deepest sorrow we announce the unexpected passing of Albert M. Lamarre Sr., 71, of East Chatham, at St. Peter's Hospital on January 27, 2024, with his loving family by his side. He was born in Pittsfield, MA to the late Lois and Lionel "Leo" Lamarre.

His passion for over 60 years was riding his motorcycle. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting and fishing. After retirement from Mt. Greylock Regional School his enjoyment became his passion for his 2 great granddaughters and their time spent together. He also enjoyed his time spent at McDonalds with his friends who became like his second family and going to casinos with his loving wife.

In addition to his parents, Albert was predeceased by his sibling Roger Lamarre. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Charlotte Lamarre; son, Albert Jr. (Jodi), daughter Terry (Paul), grandson John (Kayla), and 2 great granddaughters Lilly-Ann and Daisy-Mae, siblings Edward (Kim), Lawrence (Nancy), Kathie and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Albert may be made to the Baystate Health Foundation, Living Kidney Donor Program, 280 Chestnut St. Springfield, MA 01199 or to the American Heart Association P.O. Box 840692 Dallas, TX 75284.

Robert C Tator

Robert C. Tator, 79, of Stuyvesant, NY passed away suddenly and peacefully on February 14, 2024 at his home. Born on October 12, 1944 in Albany, NY, he was the son of the late Henry and Katherine (Gardner) Tator Jr.

Robert served in the Army National Guard and before retiring, was a Pharmacy Warehouse Technician at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, NY. He was a life member of the Kinderhook Elks, Lodge #2530. He was an avid sports fan especially of the Yankees and Giants. Most of all, he enjoyed vacationing with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Cathleen M. (Rouleau) Tator of Stuyvesant; his children, Sandi (Ron) Dixon of Valatie and Gary (Mary) Tator of Ballston Spa, NY; his sister, Deborah (Howard) Ostrowski of Valatie; his half brother, Joe Tator of Clayton, NC; his Aunt, Mabel Usyk of Valatie; his grandchildren, Ryan and Matthew Gildersleeve, Kayla Harris, Olivia and Austin Dixon, David, Esther and Anthony Jenks; his great grandchildren, Aubree Harris, Mercy Gildersleeve and Nae'Ioni Hunt and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he is also predeceased by his brothers, Daniel and David Tator and his granddaughter, Abigail Jenks.

A celebration of life will be announced in the future. Arrangements are entrusted to the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, Valatie, NY.

There is a collection box in the front entry way to put the items in.



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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

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Snack items (cookies, chips, pretzels, gummies, etc.) in single serve packaging
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Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal,
Spaghetti/Macaroni Noodles

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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

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- Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
- Lodge meetings** Please join us!
Members: Monday 11th and 25th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 18th at 7:30pm

March Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 1st Fish Sandwich with popcorn shrimp and fried clams, FF or OR - \$13 – Bar menu available
8th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
15th Shrimp boat (cold sandwich with lettuce, tomato, onion), FF or OR - \$15
22nd Tuna boat sub with chips - \$10 or Meatless Stuffed Shells, salad, bread + dessert - \$15
29th Fish dinner or tortellini Alfredo with salad, Italian bread & dessert - \$15

March Events

- 2nd Cabin Fever Soup Sale
16th Mac & Cheese Madness 5:30 to 9:30
17th St. Patrick's dinner 3pm to 6pm
24th Easter Bunny at The Grand, Barnwell 2pm
24th North Hudson District Initiation, 3pm.
30th Easter Bunny in the village Square 11am
30th Officer Installation, 3pm. No dinner, sorry.

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