



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

June 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

Good morning to the Kinderhook Elks, members, family and friends,

This month we are trying something new. You have read, over the years, many messages from me. So to change it up a bit Tammy is writing the message. There are tons of events coming up if you can help out that would be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the past few months with everything that has been going on.

Our Grace!!!! Grace Pierto is graduating and she's having her party with us August 4. She has worked with us on Sunday breakfast for years!!! She is one amazing young lady. She made it to the second level for the Elks National Scholarship, but hence she did not make it any further. Very proud of her and all her accomplishments.

Check out Tammy's message!!! A new perspective, new ideas!!! Lets keep the Lodge moving forward.

Thank you all for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

Annie

Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Elks family and friends.

Being tasked with writing my inaugural newsletter letter, I confess there was a moment of trepidation. "What on earth should I write?" was the question echoing in my mind. Yet, Annie's advice to speak from the heart stuck with me, and that's precisely what I intend to do. In my role as Leading Knight, I've been trying to find my footing and absorbing wisdom from Annie and the rest of our chairs and board of directors, all in preparation to hopefully serve as a competent Exalted Ruler next term. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their enduring patience and guidance as I evolve through my experiences. The support and laughter we share are truly invaluable.

The past few months have been bustling with rentals, and the learning experience has been incredibly enriching. I'm eager to continue this journey of growth. It's clear that those aspiring to be more active within the lodge would greatly benefit from mentorship.

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Even as I progress, the feeling of being somewhat floundering. This is an area where we, as a team, can collectively focus our efforts to improve.

Everyone has their unique way of doing things, inspired by their own experiences and what they hope to achieve at the lodge. It's exciting to think about and I would like more members to get involved in planning and running events, making their ideas a reality. Rest assured, we are here to back you up until you feel fully comfortable in your role.

We continue to seek more volunteers for Wednesday meal preparation. If you're interested in participating, please let Annie or me know and we will help make it possible for you.

Shopping is an art and a sport, especially when you're on a mission to stretch every lodge dollar. Picture this: two cars jam-packed with groceries, from the front seat to the roof, and all the way back to the trunk, with a wild chase after runaway cherry tomatoes in the parking lot. That's a day in the life on a shopping trip with John Sundwall, the master of car-stuffing. It's a whole production for those who shop for the lodge and kitchen crews. Expressing gratitude with a simple 'thank you' and supporting them by buying a meal can brighten their day and simultaneously contribute to our community.

Summer has arrived at last! June is a month of celebration, with numerous graduations and Father's Day. Additionally, it's a significant time for the Elks as we observe Flag Day. The Elks played a pivotal role in establishing this day, and we at the Lodge will commemorate Flag Day on June 15th. Please join us on the patio for this lovely ceremony.

Gathering for an outdoor Bocce ball or cornhole game sounds like a fantastic idea! If you're up for some fun and friendly competition, don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make the most of the great outdoors with a few rounds of these classic games!

Fantastic news, team! We've hit the magic number to kick off our bowling league. Pack away your sharp aim for the summer – darts will make a comeback when the summer sun says goodbye. Keep an eye on your inbox for lodge emails; they'll be your treasure map to a calendar full of events and chances to help our lodge thrive.

I'm really into the Grand Lodge Website, especially the fun and games section. I've been on a quest to beat my high score of 40 in the Magical Mystery Lodge game—it's like being a contestant on Wheel of Fortune! Achieving a score of 100 seems almost magical to me. Plus, there's even a section where you can collect digital pins!

Remember, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it. See you soon at the Lodge!

Tammy McDermott
Leading Knight

To our absent members



David P. Eberlein, 85, of Valatie NY passed away on Tuesday May 7, 2024 in Albany NY. He was born in Hudson NY on December 24, 1938 and was a Mechanic for Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. until his retirement. Dave and his lifelong friend and business partner Rudy Bozik also operated Omi Automotive in Omi NY for many years. He was a lifelong resident of Columbia County and most recently lived in Valatie with his devoted wife Diane.

Dave was a proud lifetime member of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 and the Glencadia Rod and Gun Club, where he valued many new and longtime friendships. He also enjoyed the camaraderie of many friends at Four Brothers, Samson's, and the Niverville Pub.

Dave enjoyed all things automotive, spending time outdoors, and most importantly, spending time with his beloved family and friends.

Dave is survived by his loving wife Diane Eberlein, sons Victor (Pamela), Matthew (Victoria), David (Kerin), and daughter Cristina (James) Shord. He is also survived by his grandchildren Patricia, Jennifer, Matthew, Laura, Alexandra, and Katelyn Eberlein, and Keira and Andrew Hourigan. He was predeceased by his parents Gustav and Bertha Eberlein.

Calling hours were held at 10:00am on Friday May 17 at the Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home, 1015 Kinderhook St. Valatie with a service at 12:00pm conducted by Rev. Dan Cohn. Burial followed at Stuyvesant Falls Cemetery, 1620 Route 9, Stuyvesant Falls NY.



David B Stammel better known as Dave, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 26,2024.

He was born in Troy, the son of the late Harold Stammel and Mary (Turley) Wollschlager. He graduated from Albany High School.

In addition to Key Club and his civic endeavors, Dave excelled at many sports while at Albany High including football, basketball and track and field. He was All-Albany in football.

Dave was a Charter and Lifetime Member of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 and a proud retiree of Teamsters Local 294. After retirement, he worked for NYS OGS Parking Services for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his older brother Leonard Stammel and many cousins.

Dave is survived by his devoted wife, Joanne (Holdridge), together for 53 years, his loving daughter, Kelly (Sean) Johnston, his younger brother Edward (Diane) Stammel, nephews Edward (Molly), David (Whitney), Andrew (David Brower), niece Kristin (Frank) Basile, cousins and other family members.

For years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and refereeing high school football games.

He never missed an episode of “Let’s Make a Deal,” “Price is Right,” “Wheel of Fortune,” or “Jeopardy.” Same goes for just about any football game on TV. When he wasn’t enjoying his shows, he was reading the Times Union and the NY Post.

Always in his signature baseball cap, he thoroughly enjoyed his weekly trips to Rivers Casino, watching the NY Yankees and Turner Classic Movies.

Calling hours were held at New Comer Cremations & Funerals, 181 Troy Schenectady Rd., Watervliet, New York on Saturday May 4, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. A funeral service was held at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Burial followed the service at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie, NY.

In his memory, the family requests that donations be made to Judicial Watch at <https://www.judicialwatch.org/donate.S>

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- Tea
- Cereal
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- 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



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Questions?

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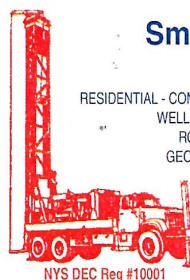
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Chap Stick
Boots (Winter) sz's 13-14

Food

Snack items (cookies, chips, pretzels, gummies, etc.) in single serve packaging
Ramen, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken/Tuna & Canned Beans
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Spaghetti/Macaroni Noodles

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Veterans Committee

John Sundwall Jr. 610-5630 Tammy McDermott 704-1866

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Suite 7
389 Fairview Ave.
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Food and refreshments are served.
Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

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Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
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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.

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12th - Tacos and quesadillas

19th - Hot open-faced roast beef sandwich

26th - Liver and onions

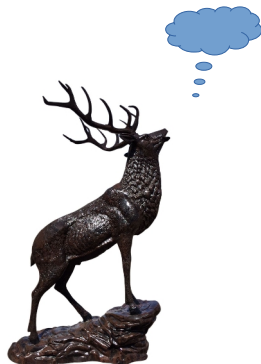
Are you interested in cooking and working on a kitchen crew?

We have seen the positive impact of our Wednesday night meals, with two consecutive weeks of success. This simple idea has brought people together, creating a positive experience for all involved. Your contribution to this initiative can make a significant difference.

Together, we can make a difference. We are seeking volunteers willing to step up and organize a Wednesday night meal. You can help us make this a reality and provide a warm and welcoming meal by answering a couple of simple questions.

- 1) Which Wednesday are you available to work? 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Wednesday?
- 2) Would you like to be a crew leader?

We appreciate your support! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy 704-1866 or Annie 758-2196.



The Elk says

Ask Not What The Elks Can Do For You,
Ask What you Can Do For The Elks

Calendar

- Friday Evening** Menu 5pm – 7pm. Reservations required call Anne at 518-758-2196
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 10^h and 24th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 17th at 7:30pm

June Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 7th Philly Cheese Steak, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$13 – Bar menu available
14th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
21st Smashburgers \$12 - hand cut fries or Onion Rings - \$2
28th Sloppy Joes with fries \$10 – Bar menu available

June Events

- 1st Homecoming
7th Special Needs Luau
15th Country Band and rifle raffle
21st Movie night – Gran Torino

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