



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

July 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

To my Elks family, friends, and members,

I find myself in a conundrum. I preach and preach that we need to include members and guests in the things we do!! I've said we will never turn away help, help is always welcome! we will find something for you to do, and many other statements that I now feel like I have become a hypocrite. Why? because I have heard people say, we don't need you, we got this, no that's OK, we don't need your help! Have you ever been told one of these statements? Hurts, doesn't it? The thoughts going through your mind, fine they don't need or want me, I won't HELP.

The Lodge belongs to all of us. What we make of it determines it and our future. I love many aspects of the Lodge and that's where I focus my attention to, yeah there are parts that aren't my favorite, but then I try to avoid the things I don't like to do, like the yard sale, God bless Virginia and Rose! If they need help and I have the time yes I will help but you aren't going to see me say hey I'd love to help, because I wouldn't, just being honest, but I will if they need me. There are over 300 members of this Lodge, did you know that? We have..... I'm gonna take a shot in the dark and say over 200 events a year. Dinners, breakfast, car show, fair parking, graduation parties, weddings, banquets and the list goes on. I hate begging people too, but sometimes we get to that point, but that comes with a cost too. Those members get upset and get a bad taste in their mouth for me and the Lodge, believe me one member even said to me when I said hello, oh no, the only time you talk to me is when you need me to do something. EYE OPENER!!! So now I say hello, ask how things are going and move on.

One person doesn't own the bar, the pavilion, the kitchen or any part of the Lodge, we all do!!! Projects take people, many people. There are 52 weeks in the year. No one wants to work every Sunday, Wednesday or Friday. Many hands and bodies make the load easier to carry. I truly don't know what to do or how to even fix this.

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ER's message continued...

I am, and so are you, doing the best we can for ourselves and the Lodge. As members we take an oath that the Lodge will not affect our family life, however when you move up to a chair or an officer, you agree to take on more and more responsibility. I don't want anyone biting off more than they can chew, but we need to move forward. Officers positions, and chair positions are not meant to be a career!!!

I do appreciate everything that you do to help at the Lodge and with the Lodge!!! If you sponsored someone and YOU haven't gotten them involved, please do!! call them invite them over, have them meet new people, have them work a function, have them attend darts, or a meal with you, I know that within the first year of membership if you are not involved we are going to be begging them to pay their dues, and you know what they are going to say.....? IT'S NOT FOR ME, I DON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF IT!!, my reply... what did you put in?

I truly am grateful to the membership, the non members that bust their butt, and you!!! YOU are the future of this Lodge and it is what YOU make of it.

respectfully,
Annie

Columbia County Fair – Directing Traffic

The arrival of summer heralds the much-anticipated Columbia County Fair on August 28th through September 2nd! It's the perfect time to circle those dates on your calendar and help us direct traffic at the fair. Participation sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board—don't let this opportunity to join in the cherished community tradition slip by!

The contract our lodge holds with the Fair Board significantly benefits our financial stability.

Think about registering for a few shifts! We'll begin reaching out to folks in the final week of July to schedule them. If you're unable to come to the lodge, don't hesitate to call the bartender on duty or contact any of the committee members, and we'll ensure you're all set up.

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Esteemed Leading Knight's Message

Huge thank you to our members, family and friends.

June flew by in a blink and it was a month filled with delightful introductions. For the first time in my seven-year membership, I had the pleasure of meeting many longstanding members. It was heartwarming to see faces that had been absent for some time rejoining our gatherings. We are indeed fortunate to have such an extraordinary assembly of dedicated and industrious members.

Don't miss out on the Kinderhook Elks' 25-week club winter madness! Tickets are available now, and you can easily purchase them from the bartender on duty. If you're interested in selling tickets, please let me know. Remember, the drawings kick off on January 1st, 2025, so get your tickets soon!

I had the honor to work with a few newer members this month in the kitchen and it was great! I am learning a great deal, having fun, learning to cook different ways, driving a few people crazy (in a good way), making new friends, and creating great memories. Who knew there are so many ways to make salads? One surprise I did learn, Thom and I must be the only members who do not like eggs in our macaroni and potato salads.

I started to learn how Chris books rentals and how party foods are ordered. It is a lot of phone calls, talking to folks, explaining pricing, follow-ups, etc. This is a ton of work and, as you know, Chris has been keeping all of us pretty busy the last few months and thru the summer with bookings. My only thought before was, OK, we have an event, what help do you need? Now I think, Who is it for? How many people? What times? What's on the menu? How many helpers do we need? Do we need linens? Do we need 1 or 2 bartenders? Or, wait, they are supplying everything; we just have to open and close -- PERFECT!! Chris, you do such an extremely good job keeping it all together. Thank you so very much!

In May, I mentioned shopping for the lodge was an art, as is looking for food or supplies in the pantry and walk-in. I do find it pretty cool how everyone has their own place where they like a particular item. Because one item, the silverware wrap for example, is never in the same spot from week to week. I am not complaining - it's a hide and seek game. I have it down to a science now. It's always either in one of these spots by the coffee pot, silverware cart, pantry shelf, counter top or the shelf with table numbers. When I first started, I had to always ask did you see the wraps?

Who knew pickles come in 5-gallon pales? Not me. This month Sandy showed me that pickles not only come in household size jars and gallon jars but 5-gallon pales. I couldn't even open the lid. You definitely learn your weaknesses in the kitchen.

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Leading Knight's message continued...

In the midst of everything, I've been attempting to memorize my lines for the role of Leading Knight. It's proving to be quite the challenge. I'm steadily working on it, but the clock is ticking. Unlike the luxurious four years I had to master the part of Loyal Knight, this time the countdown is on!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your invaluable assistance this month; your efforts are deeply appreciated. A special shout-out to Anne for the exceptional dedication. Taking on the role of chair involves a tremendous amount of work, and as I begin to delve into leading, I often wonder how Anne manages it all as ER. It's clear that I have much to learn. Even as I write this, perspiration beads on my forehead—a testament to the intensity of the role. Anne, you handle it with such apparent ease, maintaining smooth operations 98% of the time. If we step back and view your performance from our perspective, it's evident you're holding everything together, much like Chris does in his role. Both of you contribute immensely to the lodge with scant recognition, and for that, you both have my utmost admiration and applause.

Feeling bogged down by all the info? The universe is vast, with infinite nooks to investigate. I could ramble on, but Chris Bellingham's giving me the 'wrap it up' signal (wink).

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

Tammy McDermott
Leading Knight



Movie Night



Clint Eastwood deserves recognition. Few figures in the history of cinema have matched his 53 years as an actor and 37 as a director, encompassing a wide array of roles within the film industry. This movie had elements of redemption, and personal growth, making it a compelling watch for a memorable evening. What better way to celebrate our 1st of many movie nights at the lodge than to have a Gran Torino at the lodge!!



DARE 2024 Picnic

On June 7th, 2024, Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530 hosted the annual picnic for the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program graduating class at Ichabod Crane Central School District.

The DARE program (www.dare.org/about) was founded in 1983 and has been implemented in thousands of schools throughout the U.S. and the world. It is a police-officer led program that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live safe, healthy and drug free lives. The ICC program is taught by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to 5th grade students over a period of ten weeks.

We are honored to have provided these program graduates with an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishment! Approximately 300 students, parents, staff and other guests enjoyed a menu of Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs and soft drinks. All were appreciative of our efforts!

I would like to thank my DARE Picnic Crew: Sharon Deck, Ben Lasher, Larry Knott, Bobby Hymes, Pipper Williams and DD John Piddock. Everyone did a great job. I appreciate it and you!

As a result of member dedication and participation, our lodge continues to contribute to our local community and promote the cardinal principles of the ELKS. Please get involved!

Fraternally,
Leo Buell, PDD
DARE Chairman



To our absent members



Joseph Pino (Joe, Joey, Dad, Uncle Joe, Papa) 90 of Stuyvesant, NY passed away on June 22nd at his home in Stuyvesant surrounded by his family.

Joe graduated from Martin Van Buren High School in 1951. Not long after, he served in the US Army as a Communications Specialist in the Korean war. He served in the army from 1951-1955. He worked for the Fort Orange Paper Company as a General Manager for 50 years.

Joe was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed softball, bowling, football, basketball and golf. He started playing golf after he could no longer play his favorite sport which was baseball. His love for his wife could only be matched by his love for the NY Yankees. He was a member of the Columbia County Baseball League and coached a women's softball team in the late 70's-early 80's, the Elks Club, a lifelong member of the Fire Company and VFW 9593 in Stuyvesant Falls and a member of the Winding Brook Country Club.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Johanna VanKampen Pino, his daughters, Valerie Bertram, Jolene McClintick, his son Ronald (Debbie) Proniski and his brother Frank (Margaret) Pino. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren along with many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Pino. His siblings Teresa "Dolly" (Valentine), Antonette (George), his daughter Laura (Russ) Williams and son Richard (Colleen) Davis Jr.

Joe was known by many names to those he loved. Joey, Dad, Uncle Joe and Papa. His family will always remember the kind, wise and loving man that he was. We were all better for having him in our lives. He was always quick to praise when deserved as well as giving a Papa style "attitude adjustment" when needed. He will be missed beyond measure.

A Celebration of life will be held at the Stuyvesant Fire house Rt 26-A in Stuyvesant on Friday, June 28th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and share a story.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia & Greene County, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414 and the Stuyveant Fire Company.

I AM AN ELK

I am an ELK because an ELK saw something in me that would allow me to be a good ELK. When asked I eagerly joined my local lodge and embraced its greatness.

We become ELKs because our organization is meaningful, powerful, and important to our community, our county, our friends, and our family.

We remain ELKs because we embrace our mission, our duty, and our members. We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who ELKs are.

Working together we can accomplish great things.

Being an ELK is not about self, we are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills, and inexhaustible desire to serve. ELKs are not about what an individual can extract from membership, it is what needs to be done to support it.

We rejoice at being ELKs because we take pride in successes of the children, our veterans, and the communities we serve. We practice being ELKs by being there when needed, stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources when necessary.

I cannot be a good ELK without my fellow ELKs; we are team.

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25-Week Club

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Should you be selected as a winner, your ticket will be placed back into the pool for an opportunity to be drawn again, with no restrictions on the number of times you can win.

The initial drawing is scheduled for January 1, 2025 at 6pm, followed by subsequent drawings every Wednesday.

The fundraiser will culminate in a celebratory appreciation party on June 21st, 2025. All ticket holders are cordially invited to join us at no extra cost for an afternoon filled with food, drinks and the opportunity to win the following cash prizes.

- GRAND Prize \$1,000
- One - 1st Prize of \$500
- Two - 2nd Prizes of \$250 ea
- Four - 3rd Prizes of \$100 ea
- Four - 4th Prizes of \$50 ea
- Ten - 5th Prizes of \$25 ea

Sign Up for Lodge Communications

Are you signed up for emails? I have spoken to many of you and a surprising number are either not aware of our emails or have tried to sign up and were unsuccessful.

Sign-up is easy:

- 1) Go to our home page, www.kinderhookelks.org
- 2) Click on "Get e-mail news updates" (mobile users will have to scroll down)
- 3) Follow the updated instructions

Kinderhook Elks Lodge

Pantry Food Drive

The Columbia County Dwyer Food Pantry needs help with these items:

- Tuna
- Beef Stew
- Salad Dressing
- Mayo / Ketchup / Mustard
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cereal
- Laundry Detergent
- 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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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

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,
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Veterans

Veterans Committee

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

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.
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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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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.

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No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, or household goods. These items are expensive to dispose of.

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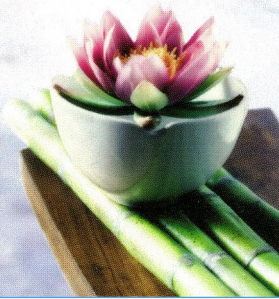
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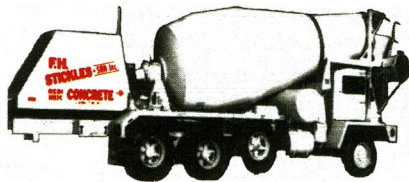
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10th Stuffed Pork

17th London Broil

24th Stuffed Shells

31st TBD

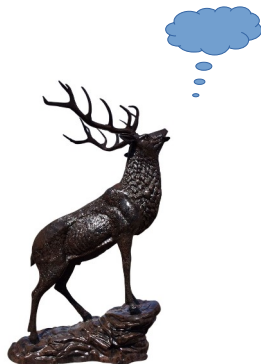
Are you interested in cooking and working on a kitchen crew?

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

July - 2024

Bartenders

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rick	2 Ginny	3 Rick	4 X	5 Tom B	6 Deck
7 Chuck	8 Rick	9 J Sundwall	10 Annie	11 Thom	12 Tom B	13 Joel
14 Gordi	15 Rick	16 JP	17 Ginny	18 Thom	19 Rose	20 Kelly
21 Deck	22 Rick	23 J Sundwall	24 Deck	25 Rick	26 Tom B	27 JP
28 Deck	29 Rick	30 JP	31 Phil			

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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 8^h at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 15th at 7:30pm

July Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 5th Philly Cheese Steak, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$13 – Bar menu available
12th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
19th Smashburgers \$12 – Hand cut Fries or Onion Rings \$2
26th Pepperoni subs \$10 – bar menu available

July Events

- 3rd Blood drive – 12 pm to 6 pm
14th Initiation – 3 pm. All members are welcome.
26th Movie Night
27th Car Show – African Queen or Casablanca – Send Tammy your vote now!

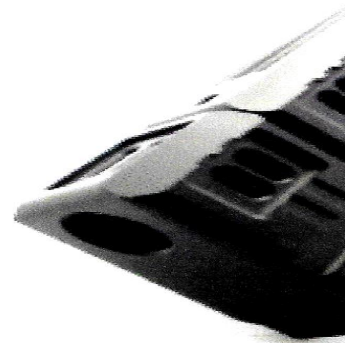


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