

Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 1 August 2022

Calendar of Events

- Last Week:** 7/25 Terra Maddalone-Ristau, Captain/CHS: Care Links (Zoom & Jenkins Park)
- This Week:** 8/1 Sam Jackson, UAlbany: Oath Keepers (Zoom & Pizza Works)
- Next Week:** 8/8 Nicholas Clay: Being One World (Zoom & Pizza Works)
- Coming Up:** 8/15 Club Service Project @ Captain/CHS
8/22 Liz Hicklin: "Letters from a Laureate"
8/29 Club Social: Lake George Cruise

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm. Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Note: Many Meetings are now hybrid with an in-person option.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower & Peter Sawyer.

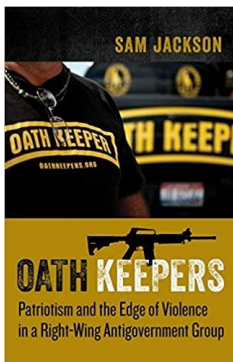
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DR. SAM JACKSON, UALBANY THE OATH KEEPERS

Sam Jackson is an Assistant Professor in the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity at the University at Albany. He primarily studies far-right extremism in America, particularly anti-government extremism. His writings include the book *Oath*

Keepers: Patriotism and the Edge of Violence in a Right-Wing Antigovernment Group.



The Oath Keepers were founded in 2009 with the mission of "preventing the destruction American liberty by preventing full-blown totalitarian government from coming to power", feeling that our government, if not now, will become tyrannical. The founder and current leader is Stewart Rhodes (pictured right) a former paratrooper and Yale Law School graduate.



Membership is estimated to be 35,000, mostly white males, many with a military or police background. They participated in the 2014 Bundy Ranch Standoff, the 2016 Malheur Refuge Occupation, threw their support to Donald Trump in 2016, and of course were involved in the 1/6/2021 US capital insurrection, as part of Trump's "Stop-the-Steal" effort. Thirty-two members have been charged with federal crimes and are in the hands of the criminal justice system.

Oath Keeper inspiration is drawn from American History – particularly the American Revolution in which the British are portrayed as tyrants, and colonial revolutionaries as patriots. Think Boston Tea Party. In their "patriot" role, Oath Keepers are encouraged to prepare for conflict.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Semi-annual dues of \$85 are due. Please send checks to Steve Geene, 10 Knollwood Hollow, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
- The club needs a Secretary and a President Nominee. Which two Rotarians can be counted on to fill these critical leadership roles?
- The Golf Tournament needs a leader.
- The club BOD will meet on Zoom on 8/11
- A meeting will be held at the Ballston Town Hall on 8/17 at 7 PM to consider the Saratoga County grant to the Parks Committee.
- Remember the Lake George cruise on 8/29
- The club is scheduled to meet at and tour the Charlton School on 9/12.
- A Drive-Thru dinner is scheduled for 9/21.
- The recent passing of Grace Jorgensen is noted with sadness. Condolences are extended to Walter Grattidge.

Reported by Fred Bailly