



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



May 2020

ER's Message

To my Elks family,

As you all know, we are in the middle of COVID-19. Some say this Lodge year is going to be easy, less meetings, less functions, less things to take care of, but oh how wrong that is. This Lodge year is going to be hard. We need to keep people connected, reach out to members to see how they are, we need to let it be known we are still here and we are doing what we can for the community and for our members.

All four chairs have made phone calls to check in on members to see how they are doing. We have been asked to get some help for some members in other states. We have reached out to the Lodges in their area and have requested their assistance in helping our members. The response was in true Elk form, OF COURSE WE WILL!! was their answer. Some just needed a simple prescription picked up, others a grocery run.

This is going to be going on for a while yet so at the beginning of this month the chairs are going to each take a different set of numbers and recall all our members. We have found that many numbers are invalid or disconnected. If you have not heard from us please drop one of us a line, or an email and let us know your contact information. We are all listed on the Lodge page.

I'd would like to personally welcome Steve Everett as Lecturing Knight, Tammy McDermott as Loyal Knight, Larry Eleby as Leading knight, and Jean Engel as Inner Guard. We still have John Deane as Esquire, Sharron Deck as Chaplain, Jerry Shook as secretary, Joe Lavanio as treasurer, Larry Knott as tiler, and Ben Lasher has signed on again as trustee. Your Board of Trustees members not already listed are Chris Akers, John Sundwall, Tom Miglio, and Robin Howes. The House Chair again for this year is our one and only Dave Travis. I hope we can keep the Lodge together and moving forward thru this difficult time. If you have an idea, a concern or issue please do not hesitate to contact one of these individuals.

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

ER Anne Leiser

Every month is an opportunity to discover something or make a decision that will change your life forever. Don't miss it! Do whatever you have to do to make your life as exciting as possible. Happy new month!

Kinderhook Elks Annual Awards



The Officer of the Year was awarded to John Piddock. John was my righthand last year. He would call or text me with things that were coming up or things that I had forgotten about. Sometimes he even had something already done when I went to ask for his help with it. He would listen and advise, help and teach, was always available with a kind word and a helping hand. He stepped back into a chair when the Lodge needed him. Thank you, John for everything, after all it's your fault I am where I am today.



The Elk of the Year for the 2019-2020 year is Jeannie Engle. Jeannie works many functions and helps promote the Lodge whenever possible. She bartends, helps coordinate initiations and visitations, works dinners, helps with the BBB, the Chatham Fair, does the sickness and distress, helps on the investigations committee, is on the newsletter committee, and what she isn't asked to do she sometimes get volunteered to do by her sidekick hubby Gordie. Thank you, Jeannie for all you do.

The Bartender of the Year for 2019-2020 is Tall Thom McDermott. Thom always does a great job, is friendly and courteous. He never refuses to help me out when needed. He has helped promote the Lodge whenever possible. Thank you, Tall Thom for all you do.



Thank to all our members and to our community!!

Kinderhook Elks Lodge has been selected for the 2020 Best of Kinderhook Awards in the category of Clubs. We truly appreciate everyone who volunteered or donated to make this possible. Thank you.

Press Release — Kinderhook Elks Lodge Receives 2020 Best of Kinderhook Award

KINDERHOOK March 20, 2020 -- Kinderhook Elks Lodge has been selected for the 2020 Best of Kinderhook Award in the Clubs category by the Kinderhook Award Program.

Each year, the Kinderhook Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Kinderhook area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2020 Kinderhook Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Kinderhook Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Kinderhook Award Program—The Kinderhook Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Kinderhook area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Kinderhook Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.



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If you did, you will have a whitish gray membership card. You can still pay your dues by dropping it in the mail to:

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If you have questions or concerns about your dues, please contact our lodge Secretary, Jerry Shook at 518-828-5749 or email him at sec2530@berk.com.

Easter Bunny Update

The Easter Bunny Committee would like to thank all the people that gave us a donation and the people who helped us make the 2020 event possible.

We held a drive thru Easter Bunny event and handed out treats to the moms and dads for the kids. The event was minimal exposure, no one got out of their car while keeping the Easter spirit in kids hearts. We received an overwhelming heart felt thank you from the parents for keeping the Easter spirit in their kids hearts.



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Volunteers Needed!



Join us, volunteers needed. This is a the chance to give something back to the community and make a difference to the people around you.

Thank you tp Lee Ann and Polly chairing the annual yard sale. We do need other volunteers to help these ladies out. Please reach out to either Lee Ann at 518.588.9425 or Polly at 518.653.5895.

Anyone interested in taking on the weekly emails and the upcoming events flyers? Contact Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866.

Ideas, suggestions for fundraising are needed. Please share your ideas, chair an event or help get your idea off the ground. Talk to ER Anne or someone on the newsletter committee.


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Grand Lodge News

Be a lifesaver on EMS Week

By MARGARET O'POLKA
Committee Member

EMS Week honors emergency medical service practitioners and the important work they do in our communities. Held this year between May 17-23, the week brings together communities and EMS personnel to recognize the dedication of those who provide daily lifesaving services, and to comfort those who mourn the loss of a fallen hero.

This is a great opportunity for your Lodge to hold an event honoring these men and women. Ideas for this include hosting a cookout, an open house, or an awards ceremony.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has Medals of Honor and Medals of Valor available for purchase through the Grand Lodge Secretary's office for \$9.00 each, and they can be engraved on the back. Also, you can present certificates to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency service providers. These certificates can be accessed at elks.org on the Activities page, and they can be personalized as well.

If you do present medals or certificates, I would appreciate it if you could e-mail me photos and a short description of your presentation so we may share these at the National Convention. My e-mail address is pegopolka@gmail.com.

Dictionary project defines Elks

By JOHN MORFORD
Committee Member

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 with the goal to promote literacy to children in third grade as they transition from learning how to read to identify and use information. Since the Elks joined this project in 2004, we have donated millions of dictionaries across America.

In today's internet world, school administrators say that they teach children to use a computer and the internet to look-up words and definitions. However, the Lodges who continue to participate in the Dictionary Project observed that children still appreciate receiving their own book, which still has a lot of value.

To obtain more information, the supplier is the Dictionary Project and the website is www.dictionaryproject.org.

There you can see all the different types of dictionaries available, and their prices. You can also order sample kits, which have five types of dictionaries.

As Lodges begin to prepare for the new fiscal year, now is a good time to open the discussion of budgeting for the Dictionary Project and other youth programs. Of course, if Lodges had plenty of charitable funds, we would participate in all Grand Lodge Programs like the Dictionary Project. That is not the case for most Lodges. However, Elks across America are fantastic at raising charitable funds or using grants from the ENF.

Take the time to look into the Dictionary Project. Placing an actual book, like a dictionary, into a child's hands is very powerful—even in today's electronic world.



We hope your special day will bring you lots of happiness, love, and fun.

May Birthday's

Alexandra	Anderson	Edward	Knight
Donald	Balint Jr	Donald	Knott
Alberta	Beach	Richard	LaCrosse
Michael	Blasl	Albert	Lamarre
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Julian	Caproni	Charles	March Jr
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Polly	Engel	Paula	Nelson
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Christopher P. Akers

Veterans Committee Update

Do you have extra change in your pocket?

Please consider donating it to the veterans program. There is a collection can located under the house phone in the lounge for donations.

We collected \$580 filling the Clynk Bags! Thank you. This is very much appreciated.

If you know of an event or suggestions for events, please reach out to

Tom Miglio at 518-392-8560.

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Food Drive Update

It is heartwarming for the turn out on Saturday, April 11th for our Drive Up food drive. The event was minimal exposure, no one got out of their car. Trunks popped open and we took out the bags.

We truly live in a wonderful community with amazing caring people. Today was another day where we all came together to help one another.

Thank so much. We collected a truck load and \$320 in donations.

The Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry was more than thankful for your donations.



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Since we have so many outstanding elks, the newsletter committee has decided to recognize an elk that has consistently gone the extra mile.

Each month we will announce a member that has gone above and beyond for the betterment of the Lodge and its members.

The Elk of the Month for May has been member of the Lodge for a few years now. She is outgoing and always willing to help. She is the cashier of at least 3 crews, she makes the soda bread we all love so much for the St. Patrick's Day dinner, she makes the soups and the desserts for the Wednesday night dinners.

She does so much with no expense to the Lodge, everything she makes she donates. We always hear, I'm not taking it home so find a home for it. She lets you know when she is unavailable and that if she is available to help with anything she will.

The Elk of the month for May is **Lil Todriff**



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We will proudly display your picture in the order we received the submissions on a wall within the lounge for a month. We give time for members to guess who it is and then we will add your name to the picture.

Once your month of fame is over, we will place it in a photo album within the lodge.

Any submission or questions, please email
Thom and Tammy McDermott at:
editor@kinderhookelks.org

Last month, We did not get to display the picture on the wall but when we return we will have it up. Did you guess "Whiskers"?

Now, Try your luck this month. Do you know this guy?



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April 3rd is considered National Rainbow day. The Kinderhook Elks has joined the Great 518 Rainbow Hunt that is Spreading Rainbows Nationwide.

April 3rd is now considered National Rainbow day. Many people are meeting the COVID-19 crisis with rainbows. Everyone is looking for something bright to battle the stress. The goal is to create a rainbow scavenger hunt for kids and adults who are cooped up inside for most of the day.

How many rainbows can you and your family find within our community?





Membership — There are 4 standards that a person must meet to become a member of any Lodge.

1. Must be a citizen of the United States of America and be willing to swear allegiance to and salute our flag.
2. Be at least 21 years of age.
3. You must believe in GOD, not a higher power, or a supreme being, but GOD.
4. Be of good character.

No person shall be accepted to membership if they have beliefs or plans to overthrow the government of the United States, or any of its subdivisions by force or violence.

You CANNOT be a member or more than one Lodge at a time. However your card will allow you access to any Lodge within the United States and its territories. That is why you are asked to carry your card with you at all times, and to have it signed.

A person seeking membership in the Order must be proposed by a Member of the Order who is in good standing. They do not have to be a member of the Lodge that they are proposing a member for. For example, a member of Hudson can propose a person to be a member of Kinderhook Lodge. However, the application must have a letter from the proposer's secretary that said member is a member in good standing.

You are not required to stay at the Lodge you join either. You can request a Transfer Dimit to another Lodge. To do this you must be a member in good standing, (dues paid to date), submit a request in writing for the Dimit to your current Lodge indicating which Lodge you wish to transfer to. You must remain a member in good standing in current Lodge until the new Lodge had notified you that your affiliation is complete.

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Stay Tunes for Updates

Spring Convention 2020 - Cancelled

NYSEA President Brian J Greene Homecoming - Rescheduling. Target dates June 6th or July 18th

July 5 - 8, 2020 Grand Lodge Convention, to be held this year in Baltimore, Maryland. Keep posted for any changes on this event at <https://www.elks.org/convention/default.cfm>



Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

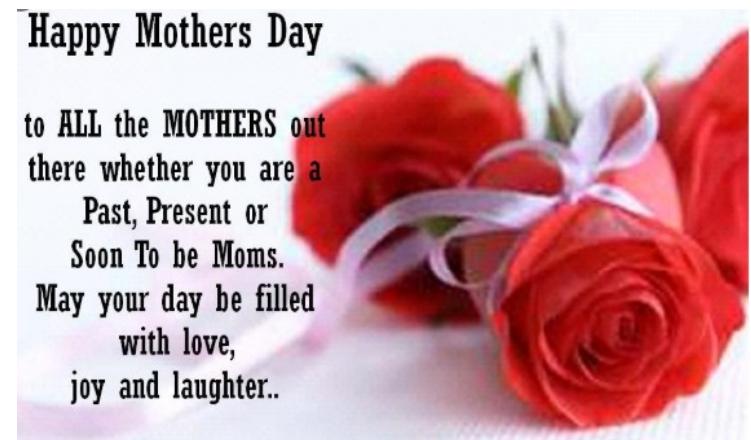
On May 22, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

Food Pantry Donations

Kinderhook Elks donated \$2000 across several local food pantries to help community members in need, distributing funds made available through the receipt of an ENF Gratitude Grant.

Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out there whether you are a Past, Present or Soon To be Moms. May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter..



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Kinderhook Elks Words at the window— look for the coming out flyer with details.

Build your own pizza night—look for the upcoming flyer with details.

If you have an suggestion, please feel free to reach out to us.



Calling All Members

ER Anne, Steve, Larry and Tammy will be making phone calls again to all the lodge members with active phone numbers we have on file. We are checking to see if you are holding up well in your home and if you need any assistance. If you have not heard from us yet, please contact one of us to ensure we have your correct contact number. Thank you

Death Announcements

Elk members and their families are dedicated to charity and service.

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