



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



June 2020

ER's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family,

Welcome to the new norm!! Life is changing and we have to change with it. It's been hard adjusting to masks and social distancing. I miss our lodge family. I am not alone in that feeling, I have heard it numerous times when talking to members as we call to check-in on them. Hopefully, things will start returning to a somewhat normal life soon. Until then we have to follow the rules and stay closed.

There are so many of you chomping at the bit to get back into things, to help-out in any way possible, to visit with friends and have a relaxing afternoon or evening in the lounge, I'm with you!! At the present rate of the state opening we should be starting to open up within the next month.

With the Lodge closed we have no income however we still have bills to be paid. So we are starting to do things outside the Lodge. We have a sub night planned and a chicken BBQ planned for June. We are not allowed to open or be in the lounge at this time, so until then we will be having a drive-thru service with food take-out. Please support the Lodge in these endeavors.

Thank you to everyone for your help and support, phone calls have been made, maintenance has been done, grants

written and received, and the paperwork submitted to get the hood replacement going.

We have done a few things to keep our name out there, letting the public know we are there and that we care. We gave out over 150 bags of candy with the Easter bunny drive-thru and food collection. We collected a truckload of food and \$320 in donations to give to the Valatie food pantry, all greatly appreciated by the community. Jerry applied for and received a grant that gave money to the food pantries and the backpack programs at Ichabod Crane and Chatham Central School. We are doing what the Lodge is supposed to do, give back to the community and take care of kids and Vets.

I do hope we can all get together soon, until then please try and stay safe and healthy. Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

ER Anne

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!

It's June already. We miss everyone's smiling faces and the laughter we are so used to at the lodge. I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe.

Looking forward in seeing all of you in the future.

Membership Dues...

Members All - As one might suspect, these times are rough on us all. With the Lodge closed and unsure when it will reopen, your Dues are basically our only source of income. While our revenue has slowed, our bills have continued to come due. Paying your 2020 dues is more important now than ever

If you haven't yet paid your dues, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

Drop your dues in the mail to:
Kinderhook Elks Lodge No. 2530
PO Box 514
Kinderhook, NY 12106-0514

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.



Congrats Class of 2020

Congratulations Graduates. You have worked hard to achieve your goals and now you're on your way to seek new vistas, dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star.

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Member in Need

Ron Pinkowski's home was lost in a house fire. Everyone was able to get out safely. Katherine Pinkowski has set up a Go Fund me page to help Ron and his family help rebuild their lives. If you wish to help, the go fund me page is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/pinkowski-strong>

The Santa Claus box will be in the Fourier of the lodge if you wish to drop off a check to the family.

Drive Thru Suggestions Wanted

We are looking for suggestions for the June and possibly July Drive Thru meals.

Please let us know what you would like to see on the menu.

Contact ER Anne at a.leiser@aol.com or the newsletter at editor@kinderhookelks.org.

We look forward to your suggestions.

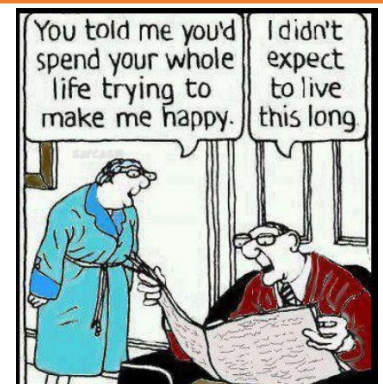
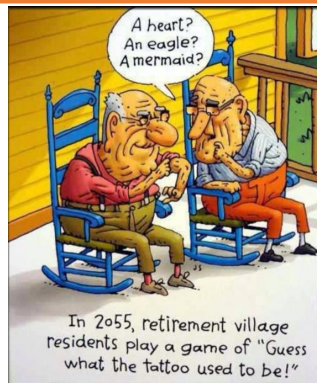
Thank you!!



Fall Bowling League

East Greenbush Bowling Ctr has openings for a fall bowling league. The cost would be \$25 pp each week or \$120 in full for 6 weeks. Includes 2 games. shoe rental, party and prizes at the end.

To form a league we do need a minimum of 10 bowlers. If you and your family are interested, contact Thom or Tammy McDermott.



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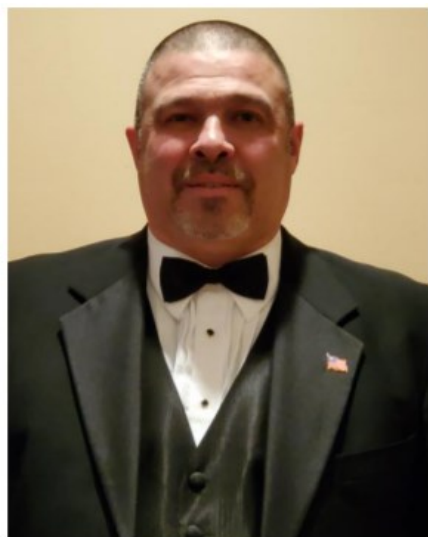
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Grand Lodge News

Elks stay strong, connected during pandemic

The past few months have been a chaotic time in the life of our Order and our nation. There has been an unprecedented amount of suffering, deprivation, hardship, fear, and for some even the loss of life as we collectively deal with the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But through this and other trials we as a nation have faced over the years, we as Elks and as Americans have always stood strong. It is times like these that we should be all the more mindful of the cardinal principles on which our Order was founded. Our Lodges have been closed and activities have been suspended, but we would do well to focus our thoughts and look for ways to help others get through these times.

While the typical focus of newsletter messages is to address business and operational matters within our Lodges, it bears repeating that under



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**ROBERT L.
DUITSMAN**

our cardinal principle of Brotherly Love we should be looking after our fellow Members and those in our communities who are disadvantaged. Some likely don't have family or support and may need our help. Consider setting up a phone tree so that your officers can make personal contact with Members, especially those who are alone or may need some help with even routine tasks like shopping. A little attention may go a very long way.

It has been fully recognized that we can't

do the work of our Lodges in traditional ways, and flexibility and creativity have been encouraged to take care of Lodge matters the best we can. Hopefully you are finding ways to keep moving until things can return to normal, or at least improve.

This is a time for Elks to do what Elks have always done better than anyone else: Help others, as best we can.

On a more mundane note, remember to submit your Lodge Audit Report by the end of June. It is important information, and timely submission will avoid a \$100.00 fine. If there are problems, talk with your Sponsor to see how they can be addressed. Also, for Members who are eligible for GER membership pins, you need to get your request in by June 15.

May God bless you all as together we move forward to better times.

GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

Contest winners explain free speech

By **DAVID P. CIOE**
Committee Member, Americanism Essay
Contest Administrator

Final judging of the Americanism Essay Contest for 2019-20 has been completed. The theme was **"What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?"** A huge round of applause and many thanks to all the students, parents, guardians, teachers, Lodges, and State Associations who followed through on the process to reach the submission and judging stages of this contest. Great job everyone!

The submissions were excellent and once again made the job of judging quite difficult. To complicate things, due to the unprecedented pandemic, our challenge was to complete the judging while keeping our team of judges safe. Through the benefits of technology, our team reviewed the entries and judged virtually, meaning all entries were scanned and voted on by our judges via the internet.

In all, 84 submissions were received, compared to 79 last year. The results are as follows:

DIVISION I Fifth and Sixth Grades (43 submissions)

1st Place: Elena Sorkin, sixth grade, Dennison Elementary School, Lakewood, CO, sponsored by Lakewood, CO Lodge No. 1777.

2nd Place: Alana Hua, sixth grade, Christian Heritage Academy, Del City,

OK, sponsored by Midwest City, OK Lodge No. 1890.

3rd Place: Ava Tocci, sixth grade, Holy Angels Regional School, Patchogue, NY, sponsored by Patchogue, NY Lodge No. 1323.

DIVISION II Seventh and Eighth Grades (41 submissions)

1st Place: Katelyn Halverson, eighth grade, Holy Angels Regional School, Patchogue, NY, sponsored by Patchogue, NY Lodge No. 1323.

2nd Place: Lucy Crosby, eighth grade, home-schooled, Burlington, WA, sponsored by Mount Vernon, WA Lodge No. 1604.

3rd Place: Naomi Schroeder, seventh grade, St. John Lutheran School, Kendallville, IN, sponsored by Kendallville, IN Lodge No. 1194.

Congratulations to all the winners! Your plaques will be on display at the Fraternal Committee Booth during the Elks National Convention in Baltimore, MD from July 3-7, 2020. State Association Presidents or their designees may pick up the plaques after the convention.

The Americanism Essay Contest theme for 2020-2021 is **"How Can Patriotism Be Demonstrated?"**

We enjoyed reading all of the essays on what made students proud of America. All of Elksdom is extremely proud of all of the contestants!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

June Birthday's

Daniel	Albertson	Lee	Jackson
Michael	Amsden	Craig	Luckfield
Garrison	Andros	Harvey	McCagg
William	Bogarski	Wilson	McKay
Cindy	Buell	Ronald	Pinkowski
Sally	Charron	Charles	Radley
Kellie	Clark	Michael	Rybka
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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

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Backpack Program was a success!

The Backpack Program was a success! Thank you everyone who donated. We all are more than grateful. It was a hot beautiful day with fabulous people working this event to collect school/hygiene supplies and food for the children in the new Lebanon, Ichabod Crane, and Chatham schools.

Our goal for this program was to make sure no student worried about their next meal or the supplies they need to do their homework. We managed to raise a good amount of items as well as cash donations.

A heartfelt thank you to Our Community Cares for the partnership. We would also like to thank the American Legion Post #47 for your monetary donation and Sheriff Dave Bartlett for the bag of masks for community members who needed them.



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Elk of the Month

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

This month will be a little different. This month the EOM (Elk of the Month) is more than one.

Whenever you need a helping hand you can always go to one of these guys and they are quick to respond with of course I'll help. The catch is that when you ask you know your are getting two for the price of one, because "where you find one, you will always find the other". They are on the board of directors, they help with BBQ's, they are staples at our dinners and functions, they park cars for hours on end, they help paint and do repairs, anything and everything. They get down in the trench and truly help you out.

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Ben Lasher and John Sundwall



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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.

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You may also contact:

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"The Elks UNIFY AMERICA by CHARITY and PATRIOTISM"

The idea of a Flag Day Service was first suggested to our Order by the then Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1907 Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia.

Of the dates submitted for consideration at that time, June 14th was adopted by the session and was called "Elks Flag Day." The following year, in Dallas, the Grand Lodge approved a ritual for the Flag Day ceremony

Elks



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July 5 - 8, 2020 Grand Lodge Convention CANCELED.

September 17—20 Fall Conference Albany at the Desmond

July 4—7 157th National Convention Tampa, FL

Save the Dates.....

Stay tuned for emails and Facebook posts on activities we will be doing with Minimal to no exposure.

June 13th — Drive Thru Chicken BBQ—see Flyer for details

June 27th — Drive Thru Ice Cream Sunday—see flyer for details

TBD — Red Cross Blood Drive

Sickness & Distress

Guy Gamelo—Son passed away
Leg

Matt Hauser—Wife passed away

Karen Lasher—Broken

Brud Snyder—Father in Law passed away

Brian Gildersleeve—Mother passed away

Danny Bopp—Father passed away

Bob Tater—Step Mother passed away

Pipper Williams—Sister passed away

Howie Ostrowski—Mother passed away

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Hard Choices: A Digital Comic

This just in! The Elks Drug Awareness Program has once again teamed with Marvel Entertainment to bring you the *Hard Choices* comic book, featuring Marvel Super Heroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking!

Hard Choices is designed to educate fourth- through eighth-graders about the perils of underage drinking. In March 2013, more than 600,000 comic books were sent to select elementary and middle schools in Elks communities across the nation.

Want see Elroy the Elk and his Superhero friends in *Hard Choices*? Look no further. The comic is available right here in digital format! [Check it out!](#)

It's Not Just Fun—It's Educational!

Teachers and parents, be sure to check out the [Hard Choices teacher's guide](#). (PDF, 4MB) The *Hard Choices* teacher's guide contains fun, educational games for students to participate in.



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