



# THE LEGEND

## Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



July 2020

### ER's Message

To My Kinderhook Elks Family,

I miss you all!!! Even though the Lodge has been closed there have been many things that have happened over the past few months. We have had a drive through with the Easter Bunny, food drives, backpack drives for the 3 schools in our district, a successful sub sale BBQ. Not to mention the repairs and painting that has taken place. Men so sorry for the bathroom, it looked great in my grandson's bedroom.

We're working at opening up the Lodge. There are procedures and safety measures we need to put into place and follow, not only because the State says so but for the health and wellbeing of anyone who enters the Lodge. The kitchen will be closed for a while yet as we are proceeding with the hood replacement. We are trying to come up with ideas to keep as many involved as possible. If you have one that might work reach out to a chair and let them know about it, be prepared we may ask you to run it. We have to keep in mind the CDC guidelines, so no kissing booth or things like that, oh come on that was a little funny, no...

The Lodge is a not only a club but we are a business and we need your support, we may not have the Chatham Fair this year and that is a big chunk out of our budget. We will be doing what we can when we can, and we need your support. Come out and support your Lodge in the fund raising that we are doing. Tammy keeps updating Facebook with the happenings so check it out.

We need some help with the newsletter and with the weekly emails, if there is anyone willing to help please let us know. Thank you for all you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

Anne Leiser  
ER



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!

# Welcome Back Members

**On Monday, July 6, 2020 after a very long 3 months of closure, the lodge will reopen at 4 pm.**

With the lodge reopening comes restrictions which **MUST** strictly be followed.

1) The lodge is allowed to operate at 50% capacity. The lounge has been arranged to that number. Bar stools and bar tables cannot be moved! DO NOT move tables/stools.

2) ALL Members & guests Must use the game room door to enter and exit the lodge. The 9H door is for employees & deliveries only. Bartenders have been instructed not to buzz anyone in the 9H door. NO EXCEPTIONS!

3) ALL Members & guests Must sign in at the game room door with your name/phone number. This is for contact tracing in the case that anyone falls sick.

4) EVERYONE, this includes Members and guests MUST wear a mask when entering the lodge and keep it on until seated. Masks must be worn upon leaving tables or bar for any reason. NO EXCEPTIONS! The bartender will ask you to keep your mask on until seating.

5) Current cards (2020-2021 grey card) MUST be shown when ordering at the bar. If sitting at the bar, your membership cards MUST be in front of you on the bar. If you cannot produce a CURRENT membership card, you will not be served.

6) If using the pull tab, lotto or atm machine, it is your duty to wipe down the surfaces you have touched. Disinfecting wipes have been placed by each machine.

7) All drinks, draft beer, mixed drinks & wine will be served in plastic cups. NO glasses are to be used.

8) No bar food unless individually packaged, i.e. popcorn in bowls, hot dogs, etc. There will be bags of chips, peanuts, etc for purchase.

9) NO STANDING AT BAR!!!! You may stand at bar ONLY to order drinks. There will be extra tables set up on the dance floor for members to sit at.

The above restrictions are put in place by New York State during The current Phase reopening guidelines. These are for the protection of everyone.

Please do not ask the bartender on duty to make exceptions, they will not do so.

The bartender will be asking if you have signed the sign in book, again this is for all members and guests. There are bottles of hand sanitizer scattered throughout the lodge, please make use of them.

We know this has been a long 3 months of closure, and if we do not want to close again please follow the above and attached rules.

If there are questions, please do not hesitate to ask a lodge officer or a house committee member. These rules have been developed out of the 40 pages of reopening restrictions and rules put forth by New York State.

Finally, be PATIENT with the bartenders as much of this is new and they have additional duties.

Thank you  
The Officers & House Committee



## North Hudson District #6260 2019 Calendar of Events

Stay Tunes for Updates



September 17—20, 2020 Fall Conference Albany at the Desmond

July 4—7, 2021 157th National Convention Tampa, FL

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### Save the Dates.....

**Blood Drive**—July 9th 1p to 7p. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Sign up online with the Red Cross Website.

**Fish Fry Friday**— Friday, July 10th 5p—7pm. 1st come 1st serve. See Flyer for details

**Chicken BBQ**—Saturday, July 18th. See Flyer for details.

**Blood Drive**—September 8th 1p to 7p. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Sign up online with the Red Cross Website.

**Blood Drive**—February 15th 2021 1p to 7p. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Sign up online with the Red Cross Website.

**\*\*Keep a look out for the September issue of the Elks Magazine. We were told 6 of our articles will be published.**

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## Did you know?

Did you know on the Grand Lodge page there is a membership message board?

Link — <https://www.elks.org/messageboard/forum.cfm>

There are a lot of conversations, ideas, help assistance by members from all over happening. I had the opportunity to take a look to see what this was about and found it to be pretty cool. There are many topics covered and you can even start your own. Take a look. The link is above.

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## Lodge Newsletter Chairperson Wanted

It is time to pass the torch to keep fresh thinking and ideas flowing. I also am involved in many things at the lodge, I need to lighten the load. The newsletter is really fun to work on and you do get to know members really well. All you need to do is have a monthly meeting with your committee, talk to members for ideas, put it all down in this newsletter and print copies for the lodge members who don't have the ability to get it online or in an email. The time you put in is up to you and the committee. I will help teach you how and walk you along your journey.

Give me a call at 518-704-1866 or feel free to email me at [33frogsinatree@gmail.com](mailto:33frogsinatree@gmail.com).



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# Membership Dues...

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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](mailto:sec2530@berk.com).

## Partnership Benefits Community

A huge shout out to **Valatie Stewart's** and the **VFW Post 9593** for making today possible. Your continued support and donations help us bring our community together.

THANK YOU all for coming out in the pouring rain for lunch and ice cream sundaes. We appreciate you all. We enjoy your company and laughter. Amazing bunch in this photo.



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## Thank You

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A huge thank you goes out to Elk Melissa Stickles of Great Lengths Hair Salon. Melissa did a battle of the chairs to help benefit the Lodge and the community we serve. As soon as she was able to get back to work, she came up with The Battle of the Chairs fundraiser. Asking her clients to make a special donation to the Lodge to be put in her chair. Clients were happy to give.

Through her efforts she raised over  
\$550 to donate to the Lodge. THANK YOU, MELISSA!

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Kinderhook Elks Lodge is proud to welcome the following new members who have been initiated in June.



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## Members—Join us for Elks Veterans Service Week!



### Elks Veterans Service Week!

*Join us online July 13-17 for veterans-focused seminars, trivia nights and a celebration of all that our volunteers accomplished this past year.*

Mark your calendar for 1 full week of ENVSC events and celebrations, **starting July 13!**

#### **Monday July 13, at 6 PM Central Time: An online Re-Creation USA performance**

Re-Creation USA has adapted their regular touring schedule and is now video calling with veterans and performing online shows. They'll stage a live performance just for the Elks. All are welcome to stream the show!

*To join, simply visit the Re-Creation USA Facebook page at 6 PM Central Time. [Click here](#) for a video tutorial on how to view the show.*

#### **Tuesday July 14, at 12 noon, Central Time: ENVSC Seminar "An Elks Symphony: Sharing Ideas and Building Better Programs Together"**

"None of us can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play." - H.E. Luccock

This online seminar is an ENVSC training open to all Elks volunteers. We'll offer program updates and hear from some of our outstanding volunteers across the country. Time for discussion and questions to follow.

Link to sign up: [Click Here to Open the Registration Page](#)

*We will be hosting this event over Zoom. Stay tuned to [elks.org](#) for information on how to join. Session to be recorded for all who are unable to attend live.*

#### **Wednesday July 15, at 7 PM Central: Military Trivia Night**

We'll host a Military Trivia Night, complete with prizes for the winners, for all who want to join. Help us out beforehand by emailing up to 2 military trivia questions (with answers!) to [Vets@elks.org](mailto:Vets@elks.org) with the email title "Military Trivia".

*We will be hosting this event over Zoom. Stay tuned to [elks.org](#) for information on how to join. Session to be recorded for all who are unable to attend live.*

#### **Thursday July 16, at 12 noon Central Time: State Veterans Chair Training and Conference Call**

*All State Veterans Chairs are invited to attend this training and discussion. State Veterans Chairs, keep an eye on your email for an official invitation.*

#### **Friday, July 17, at 12 noon Central Time: ENVSC Annual Report**

We'll feature program success stories, share project ideas, and report on the year's accomplishments. We'll announce the Elks Veterans Service Volunteer of the Year, and we'll also celebrate another Elk member who received the National VA Volunteer Award!

# Grand Lodge News

## Elkdom shines during unprecedented times

This will be my final newsletter message as your Grand Exalted Ruler. Given the ongoing concerns for the health and safety of our Members, together with that of their families and friends, the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore has been cancelled. It is unclear as of the time of this writing what alternative arrangements will be made. Whatever happens, I can assure you that some very good people have been working to develop contingency plans.

History will remember these as extraordinary times in the history of our nation and the world. While many previously felt secure in the belief that the world's problems were always in far off places and there was little for us as Americans to worry about, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed that. Who had heard of social/spatial



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**ROBERT L. DUTSMAN**

distancing and the use of face masks in common areas?

We've been experiencing some challenging times, but here as in all throughout our history, the Elks have stood tall and worked through problems. Through creative new means of handling the business in our Lodges and looking after each other as best we can, we have done well and can be proud of what we have accomplished together.

It has been deeply moving for both Beth and I to have had the opportunity to travel around our country and meet so many wonderful people, to make new friends, and to learn about the truly remarkable charitable works being done in so many ways. While our travel was cut a bit short (a dozen of our visits were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions), we saw that Elkdom is clearly shining bright, building on the work and traditions of those who have gone before and moving forward together toward a brighter future.

That was the essence of my slogan, *"Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future"* and it is ringing true in our Lodges and State Associations all across the nation. There is a lot to be proud of with Elkdom.

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## Elks donate 17,000 hides for gloves, craft kits

By **MARY K. MORGAN**  
Commission Director

The Elks ensure that veterans everywhere have the support of the Order and a connection to the community. It may be hard to do that directly right now, but rest assured that the work of Elks volunteers throughout the past year is helping veterans right now.

A perfect example is the Veterans Leather Program, which had another stellar year in 2019-20.

This program brings Elks and community volunteers together to collect hides for veterans. The finished leather is then used for wheelchair gloves, craft kits, and recreation therapy programs.

This past year, Elks and volunteers in 12 states donated 17,234 hides to the Veterans Leather Program.

Volunteers helped to collect these hides and transport them to our partners, who turned them into leather.

That leather is turned into wheelchair gloves, and Elks across the country distributed 3,075 pairs of these gloves to veterans. In fact, every year Veterans Leather Program volunteers attend national adaptive sports events to meet with veterans personally and distribute these gloves.

Finished leather is also turned into craft

kits, with a little help from our partner Help Heal Veterans (HHV). This year,

Elks donated more than 83,870 square feet of leather to HHV to make craft kits for veterans. In return, HHV helped Elks volunteers in State Veterans Homes and elsewhere hand out 10,620 craft kits directly to veterans in their community. With so many activities canceled this year, these craft kits are more popular than ever!

Finished leather is also donated directly to VA Medical Centers, which recreational therapists use to plan

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### GER From Page 1

This has indeed been the ride of a lifetime, and I take this final opportunity to thank you all for the warmth, caring, and hospitality shown to Beth and me along the way. Elks are a truly special breed of people, and worthy of the title Best People On Earth!

By the way, don't forget that the Auditing and Accounting Committee is to be looking at the Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. Just doing my job.

Best wishes to all, and may God bless.

### VETERANS From Page 4

creative projects focused on helping veterans recover.

Every year there's a competition to see which states can contribute the most hides. Missouri came out on top again this year, contributing 8,742 hides. Arkansas came in second place with 3,274 hides, with Iowa on their heels in third place at 2,927 hides. Congratulations to these states!

Thank you to all the Veterans Leather Program volunteers who make this program a success, especially Veterans Leather Program Chair Dennis McAleese, and Vice-Chair Chuck Mudge.

Are you interested in participating in the Veterans Leather Program? Visit [elks.org/vets](http://elks.org/vets) to learn more!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## July Birthday's

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## 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.

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# Kinderhook Elks

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**Hamburger w/Mac Salad & Chips \$7.00**

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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.**

Our spotlight shines on an individual who juggles life with grace and poise. She works the lounge, is a wiz at the cash register, takes care of a few Elk members outside of the Lodge, cares for her mother, and loves cats. That's just some of her qualities. If she is available and you ask she will be right there to help, and if you don't ask she will reach out and offer to help.

The EOM for July is none other than our Chaplain retired traveler Sharon Deck.



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## Veteran's Recognition

We would like to recognize our veteran members within our lodge. Email, text, drop off or mail a picture in your uniform along with your name for Thom and Tammy to pick up.

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.

Submit your picture to Thom and Tammy McDermott at:

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**July 9th - 1p to 7p**

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Due to COVID-19, appointments  
are strongly encouraged.

# Elks



A person wishing to become a member must be proposed in writing by a member of the order, if the person sponsoring the new member does not belong to the same lodge, a certificate from the proposers secretary must accompany the application stating that the proposer is a member in good standing.

Applications must be signed by the applicant, state their name, occupation, date and place of birth, current residence, and employment and residences for the past five years, two references of member of the Order, and whether the applicant has been proposed for membership in another Lodge, if so when, where and what was the result.

Applicant must believe in God, not belonging to or participating in any group that is advocating the overthrow of the government, and must be willing to assume the obligation.

If applicant was not born in the US they must prove they are a citizen of the United States of America. A naturalized individual may still become a member if certain criteria is met. See Section 14.020 for further information.

When voting on an applicant, a white ball is an affirmative vote and a black cube is a negative vote. Applicants must have 2/3rds white balls to be elected to membership, and they have 4 months to complete initiation. For the purposes of initiation there is one or more meeting nights per month, if a candidate fails to appear for initiation without good cause within those 4 months, their right to initiation shall be forfeited, and no money will be returned to the applicant.

If multiple applications are being voted on and there is not a 2/3rds majority of white balls, each applicant will be voted on separately. If a person is not affirmed, the ER can order a new ballot at the next monthly meeting, the second ballot shall be final. The ballot admission of a candidate shall be strictly inviolate, any member who discloses the ballot is guilty of an offense against the Lodge.

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**Kinderhook Elks**

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