



# THE LEGEND

## Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



### August 2020

#### ER's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks family,

Welcome back!!! at least partly. The Lodge lounge is open. There are rules that must be followed so please follow the simple guidelines that have to be followed so we can remain open. Thank you in advance.

The kitchen will not be open for meals for a bit, the hood is getting replaced. It's been in the works for a while and so we are taking advantage of the current situation to get that done.

We have had very successful functions in the pavilion, sub sales and BBQ's to name a few. Thank you to everyone who helped, in one way or another. We are having another sub sale and even working on a steak bake if you willing and able to help let a chair or board member know.

We will be having a craft and yard sale in September so please if you have gently used items, that you are willing to donate, by all means clean them up and bring them to the Lodge. Please don't block the walkway in the basement. If you would like to help, please let us know. We have at least 2 members that are willing to take this project on and the more hands we have the easier it is.

I know it's only August, but if anyone is interested in helping move the Lodge forward and taking on a new role at the Lodge reach out. New people with new ideas with a drive to help the Lodge and the community we serve are always wanted and needed.

Thank you to everyone for all you do.

Anne Leiser ER

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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!



## North Hudson District #6260 2019 Calendar of Events



### Stay Tunes for Updates

September 17—20, 2020 Fall Conference Is canceled.

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



### Save the Dates..... (see flyers for all events)

**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.

**Hot Subs**—August 22nd 3p to 6pm

**Yard Sale and Craft Fair**—September 12th and 13th

**Steak Bake**—September 19th 3p to 6pm

**Whisky & Cigars**—October 3rd 5p—8p

**State President Paul C. Galarneau Visit**—October 31st

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

### Meet Andy Millar

Andy is the newest newsletter committee member. When you see him around the lodge be sure to share your thoughts and ideas. We are looking forward to his fresh ideas to make this newsletter even better.



### 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.



# 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:  
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PO Box 514  
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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](mailto:sec2530@berk.com).

## Kinderhook Elks

### HOT SUB DINNER

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# Thank You

Without donations and volunteers we wouldn't be successful in helping the community as we do. Thank you to Paul Westover for donating the rolls for the ice cream social and the hamburger and hot dogs.



## Chicken BBQ Success!

Another sold out chicken BBQ. Love it when we all get together for a meal. Thank you to everyone who came out and the volunteers who made this event such a success.

## Ice Cream Social Success!

A huge shout out to [Valatie Stewart's](#) and the [VFW Post 9593](#) for making this event 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.



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# Grand Lodge News

## Communities need Elks' help more than ever

As I begin my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I want to begin by saying thanks to all of you and offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you have entrusted me as your next national president. This would not have been possible without all of you, my fellow brothers and sisters, and your support and guidance. I also need to thank my family and friends, and of course the assistance and aid of my wonderful wife.

When I started this adventure, finding a theme was something that I wanted to make sure stood out. I wanted to change a little of the landscape of the organization to make sure that we not only survive the future but thrive in it. With the changes happening in this world, my theme has become more and more vital to the situation. My Theme for 2020-2021 is ***Creating Momentum for the Future of Elksdom***. Now more than ever we need to go out there and help our communities and get them to



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**PAUL R. RYAN**

thrive again, get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Help to realize that this is a **great country**. And teach them who we are as Elks and that our organization is one that will Create Momentum for the Future of Elksdom and the people of this country.

The Elks are a community, and it is my hope for the coming year that by working together with the Elks National Foundation and through our Members and Lodges nationwide we can build both stronger communities and stronger Elks.

It is my goal that we can reach \$4.80 per Member in our ENF donations this Elks year. It's not a lofty goal when you consider that we have reached this amount for many of the past years. I understand that with the way the world is right now, it is hard to increase the goal. Lodges are closed and will have a hard time coming up with the extra funds to be able to sustain our current activity. Reach down and grab one more dollar. Believe me, the Elks National Foundation charitable giving will be needed more than ever and the funds will go a lot further now in the world that we are living in.

It is my challenge to each and every Member to practice the Elks values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your work, your daily lives, and everything you do.

Stacey and I are looking forward to visiting you in each of your respective states and Lodges during our travels during the next year.

### GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

## Organ donation is the ultimate gift

By **JAMES E. STEWART**  
Committee Member

Remember as a child the anticipation and excitement of Christmas? Waiting for Christmas Eve to come because Christmas morning would hold a big surprise for you?

Well, imagine being someone who is waiting for a heart, a lung, a cornea, or a kidney. Imagine the anticipation and excitement of getting that phone call that an organ is ready for transplant and you are the lucky one who will receive it! There is your Christmas present!

Today, there are 113,000 people waiting for that call; 82% of those are waiting for a kidney. Waiting for that special gift of life from someone who has passed on but left their legacy behind as an organ donor.

Every 10 minutes someone is added to the waiting list, but unfortunately, 22 die every day still waiting.

One organ, eye, and tissue donor can potentially save more than 75 lives! Some 8,000 deaths occur every year because organs are not donated in time. One out of three needing a donation is over 50 years of age.

Statistics show that 98% of Americans are in favor of donation, but only 58% are registered donors.

Please see **DONATE**, Page 4

### DONATE From Page 1

What can you do to help? Register today as a donor! The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has partnered with Donate Life America.

April is National Donate Life month. Plan now for a fundraiser for Donate Life America by encouraging other Members and family members to become organ donors during the month of April 2021.

Visit the Donate Life America website for updates, registration information, printable handouts, videos of recipients, and more at [donatelife.net](http://donatelife.net).





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

## August Birthday's

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Christopher P. Akers

## Veteran Committee Update

### Veterans Room on Fairview Ave Hudson

Thanks to Jerry Shook who obtained the grants for the veterans' programs, the veterans committee has been remarkably busy.

We celebrated the 4th of July bringing in pizza and wings to the veterans who are permanent residents of the Stratton VA hospital. We have also purchased 11 games for them, which were delivered on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, we bought a Keurig coffee pot along with K cups of coffee, hot cocoa, snacks and all the necessary items to go in the veterans room at 389 Fairview Ave (Tyme Square) run by Gary Flaherty our Columbia County Veterans Director.

There will be a grand opening of the room on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

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Answers

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1. In what year were the Elks founded? [\[Hint\]](#)

- 1854
- 1860
- 1868
- 1892

2. What was the original name of the organization that eventually came to be known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks?

- The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos
- Jolly Corks
- The Pickwick Club
- The Rinky Dinks

3. The original founders of the Order were ...

- Lawyers
- Doctors
- Actors
- Politicians

4. Which of the following Presidents of the United States were also members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks? [\[Hint\]](#)

- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Harry S. Truman
- John F. Kennedy
- Gerald R. Ford
- All of the Above

5. Where is Elks founder Charles Vivian buried?

- New York, New York
- Chicago, Illinois
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Leadville, Colorado

6. When was the Elks Veterans Memorial dedicated? [\[Hint\]](#)

- 1918
- 1926
- 1945
- 1950

7. Who inspired the establishment of the Elks National Foundation? [\[Hint\]](#)

- Charles Vivian
- John F. Malley
- Harry S. Truman
- Warren Harding

8. Today the Elks National Foundation boasts more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at more than \$500 million. How much was the initial grant used to establish the Elks National Foundation?

- \$100,000
- \$1,500,000
- \$5,000,000
- \$10,000,000

9. Which of the following National Holidays originated with the Elks?

- Veterans Day
- Flag Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day

10. What was the original name of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission? [\[Hint\]](#)

- Elks Patriotism Commission
- Elks War Relief Commission
- Elks National Defense and Public Relations Commission
- Elks National Service Commission

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The Elks have also teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel super-heroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements.

Check out the website. It is fun and educational with online videos, comics and trivia games.

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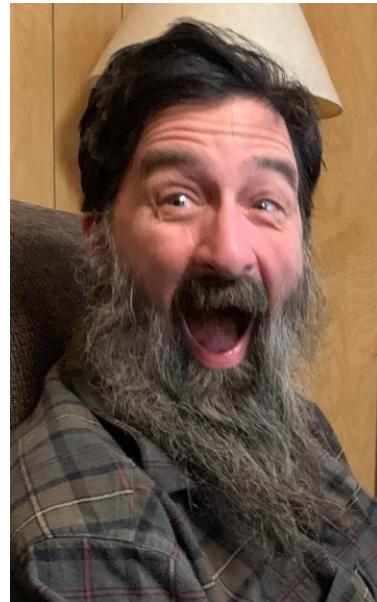


## Elk of the Month

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

As you all know by now, we like to give recognition to a member that gives that little extra for the benefit of the Lodge. This month our EOM is a bartender, Scout leader, helps with the Marion Stegmann Fund, has helped with repairs, hanging pictures, cleaning, helps in the kitchen, helps with events, moving/selling the Queen of Hearts, is a huge supporter and helper of his wife Tammy. Thom is a man of few words but a huge heart.

Our Elk of the Month for August is none other than our own Abe Lincoln as some call him,  
**Thomas McDermott.**



## 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:  
[editor@kinderhookelks.org](mailto:editor@kinderhookelks.org)



## Columbia County F.A.V.O.R. Program:

Columbia County Clerk Holly Tanner and Veterans Services Director Gary Flaherty are working on a program where any Veteran who registers their DD 214 with the County Clerk gets a card that gives them a 10% discount with many of Columbia County merchants. The Chamber of Commerce is assisting with getting businesses for the program.

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## FISH FRY Success!!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the fish fry event. Another successful night with great people and delicious foods.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this event happen.

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# Elks



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A Lodge may elect 3-5 trustees only, of which one member will be elected annually. Putting the trustees on a rotating schedule. No Lodge member can hold 2 offices in the Lodge either elective or appointive.

The Grand Exalted Ruler or District Deputy will not preside at a Lodge meeting unless it is during a ceremony of installation or institution, or while performing standard work. Upon request a PER, or a visiting ER or PER may preside over a Lodge meeting, other officers may assist during the initiation ceremony.

Members are not to be admitted or excused from a Lodge meeting during these times:

- . opening ceremonies
- . reading of the minutes
- . while a ballot is being taken on a application
- . during initiation
- . closing ceremonies

You must present your membership card to gain admittance to a meeting, if you have forgotten your card the secretary can affirm your membership is in good standing and you can be admitted.

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# Kinderhook Elks Steak Night



This is a call ahead & pick up event.  
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Stay tuned for details



Coleen Miller-Puckett



Glen Oldrich



## Kinderhook Elks

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## Upcoming Raffle

Jeannie and Gordie will be putting on a raffle to raise money for the Brass Elk statue for the front of the lodge. Stay tuned for details.

**Trivia Answers:** 1868; Jolly Corks; Actors; All the above; Boston MA; 1926; John Malley; 100,000; Flag Day; Elks War Relief Commission.

### Wings & Dogs

Who would like to have Dave's delicious wings a dogs one day this month out in the pavilion? I know I would! Let him know. If there is a lot of interest, I am sure he can be persuaded to do it.



### Random Acts of Kindness

People have shared with me the difficulties they have and not asked for help. We all have moments in our lives when we require the assistance of others. We don't ever know all there is to know or have the skills to do everything proficiently or successfully. We certainly shouldn't expect that of others, either. The biggest reason many seem to have not reached out is fear. People fear they will be rejected or told "no," fear being seen as "less than" or weak. We are brothers and sisters in this lodge. We are here for each other as well as the community. Reach out to each other if you need help, to vent, get advice, or just need someone to listen to you, help you with groceries, or what ever it may be. If you see someone being "not their usual self" reach out with some kindness. They maybe the person who will not ask for help but needs it.

"FAILURE WILL NEVER OVERTAKE ME IF MY DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED IS STRONG ENOUGH." – OG MANDINO

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# Another Successful Blood Drive

Thank you for taking the time on July 9th to donate blood with the American Red Cross. Because of your donation, and the help of the other volunteers, we were able to collect a lot of pints of blood. We hope that we will see you again at our next blood drive on September 8th.



## Exercise Your Brain

## Answers

1. Neon Lights
2. Jack in the Box
3. Up Before 8
4. He's Besides Himself
5. Lucky Break
6. Broken Promise
7. Out of Touch
8. 3 Degrees Below 0



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