



# THE LEGEND

## Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



**November 2020**

### ER's Message

To my Kinderhook Elks Family:

The leaves are falling, the weather is changing, and we are still working. The Lodge has been doing events not only to keep the Lodge moving forward but to pay our bills and still support the community. The hood is almost finished so that will make having functions like the steak bake and sub nights a little easier in the colder weather. We are taking this one day at a time.

Joe is planning a philly cheese steak night on November 14th. If you are interested in helping, reach out and let Joe know. If you have an idea, please let us know. We need your help. Stegmann is still a go!! Great news!! We are still working out the details and when we finalize the plan we will be reaching out for wrappers, drivers and delivery people. We will be staggering events over a few days to keep with social distancing.

October was our annual audit and inspection by the DD and his crew. Thank you especially to Jerry Shook, Joe Laviano and Ben Lasher for all the prep work. The Lodge passed. One of the comments from the audit team "the best books we've ever seen".

Do you have an idea that you think will work at the Lodge? Come to a meeting and tell us. Meetings are less than an hour and they start at 7:30. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday's of the month.

I know it's only November, but we are in need of officers for the 2021-2022 Lodge year. New blood and new ideas are always needed. Please come ask questions, find out what is involved. There are always people here willing to help along the way.

Thank you to everyone for all you do for the Lodge and the community we serve. We would not be where we are today without the commitment and dedication of our members.

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.

# Kinderhook Elks Welcomes State President Paul & wife Kristen



**Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530**  
P.O. Box 514 □ Kinderhook, New York 12106



November 5, 2020

On Sunday, December 6, 2020 the Officers of Kinderhook Lodge #2530 will conduct a Memorial Service in memory of our departed members.

Due to the New York State COVID19 restrictions regarding 'social distancing' the Lodge will not be able to accommodate the public at this program.

We hope to extend invitations for our next Memorial Service scheduled December 5, 2021.

Sincerely,

Carman A. Esposito, PDDGER

cc: Annie Leiser, Exalted Ruler

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

Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich - November 14th 4p—6p

Blood Drive - February 15th 2021 1p to 7p.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. Sign up online with the Red Cross Website.

## **Upcoming Lodge Meetings..... Please join us.**

Member Meeting - November 9th and 23rd 7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting - November 16th 7:30pm

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## **Successful EVENTS**

Congratulations on another successful event!!

ER Anne , Tom Burrall and crew

did a fantastic job on the BBQ Rib sale.

Thank you to all who make this event happen.

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## **Lodge Newsletter Chairperson Wanted**

March will be sneaking up on us quickly.

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 so I may take on other opportunities.

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.



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# Kinderhook Elks

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Happy Thanksgiving. There are so many things we are thankful for this year, but at the very top of that list is you. Wishing you a wonderful holiday filled with the warmth and happiness of the season.

It is not just the festivities that make Thanksgiving special. It is a time to ponder upon the lessons we learned through the year, and the happiness we spread around. So, look back at the memories of the year, and look forward to another great year.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude each time we gather at the lodge and see the so many amazing people. May you celebrate the thanksgiving day with love in your heart, prosperous vision in your mind, and gratitude in your being.

Thanksgiving blessings from our house to yours.

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## WHEN

Applications are available starting August 5th, 2020. The deadline for submitting the applications is November 15, 2020.

## JUDGING

Applications are judged on:

- Knowledge
- Charity
- Community Service
- Integrity

Winners are announced in April 2021

## QUESTIONS

CONTACT THE MOST VALUABLE STUDENT COORDINATOR AT YOUR LODGE. IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHO THAT IS, CONTACT YOUR LODGE SECRETARY

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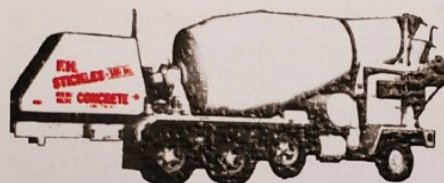
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# Grand Lodge News

## DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

### COVID won't slow DAP's mission

By **WILLIAM J. BRYAN**  
Assistant National Director

Everyone's goal is to prioritize the reopening of schools as safely and quickly as possible, considering the many benefits of in-person learning. In order to enable this and assist schools with their day-to-day operations, it is important to adopt and diligently implement actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 inside the school and out in the community.

Vigilance with these actions will lessen the risk of in-school transmission regardless of the underlying community burden—with risk being the lowest if proven mitigation strategies are taken and community transmission is low.

Elks everywhere have been challenged with the proposition of opening, and of how we can assure the safety of our communities and our Members. The DAP is facing the very same issue in how do we best deliver our message to our communities, our schools, and our children.

The CDC has issued many guidelines to schools and among these is to limit or even cease having school assemblies. This posed an obvious roadblock to the DAP, who relies on getting our educational materials into schools and by having our National Spokesperson, Ray Lozano, educate schools throughout the country. The DAP even solicited the help of a second speaker, Heather DeBlasi, to expand these services—and then along came COVID-19!

But the Elks DAP has never allowed a little blip to interrupt their service to children, so work is underway to bring the Virtual Speaking Tour to your community. For more information, contact your State Association's DAP Chairperson.



## Season of sharing and feeling the reward

'Tis the season we give thanks as the holiday season comes upon us. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you during this special time of year. Take the time to give back to your local veterans as Veterans Day is also upon us. So long as there are veterans, Elks will never forget them.

Set up a dinner for as many local veterans as you can. Help a homeless veteran with finding housing and household goods. Go to your local veterans hospital and bring them something as simple as socks and underwear. Take some Bingo cards and some small winner gifts and play Bingo for a few hours. There are so many things you can do to show your support of your local veterans. No matter what you accomplish to do in your Lodge, or outside your Lodge, to show the support, I am positive the thanks you receive will be worth it.



**Message from  
the Grand  
Exalted Ruler**

**PAUL R.  
RYAN**

Thanksgiving is also cherished this month. Many Elks throughout our nation will celebrate by opening their Lodges to a dinner for the homeless, or for those who are less fortunate. Be a part of this if you can: The reward of thanks will warm you as the chill in the air gets cooler. Before sitting down with your family, give thanks for what you have and remember those who have fought to allow you to do so.

Now, this time of year is also a time to start thinking about the end of the Lodge

year. Have you thought about your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, or your Citizen of the Year? This is a time to reflect on your Members who have stood out and helped you through your year. Show your appreciation for their hard work and prepare an event for attendance by Members to show them and non-Members what it means to be an Elk.

Stacey and I will travel back to Minnesota to be with our families during the holidays. We will think of all the people we have already met and also the ones who we look forward to meeting. We wish to extend to you a very happy Thanksgiving. We thank you for all your efforts during our year representing you as Elks. With your efforts for now and years to come we are **"Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom!"**





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

## November's Birthday's

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Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.

Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written, or typed, by the entrant.

The entrant must be identified on the essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge.

The essay will be judged by the following criteria:

Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases

Development of theme: Stay focuses on the ideas and thoughts.  
Do not ramble.

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### Veteran Committee Update

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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.

The Elk of the month for the month of October is a snowbird Elk. But that does not stop her from doing anything she can when she is here. She has worked on dinner crews, run the register, is a bartender, has helped on many functions, and one function in particular, this year's yard sale.

This Elk spent countless hours setting up, organizing, working, and helping clean up from one spectacular sale. She gets called Ginny sometimes, but no matter what you call her she is the

The Elk of the month for October. Ms. Virginia Hunt.



**North Hudson District #6260 2019 Calendar of Events**



**Stay Tunes for Updates**

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



This tablet was dedicated by the Omaha Lodge #39 B.P.O. Elks In Memory of our brother William B Cody.

Mary and I visited Wild Bill Cody's grave site and museum in Golden Colorado a few summers ago. We learned that his wife wanted him to be buried here in Golden On Look Out Mountain. But the folks in Cody Wyoming wanted him buried in the town he founded. There was a significant threat that the irate residents of Cody were going to steal Bill's body and bury him in Cody. Golden residents didn't want the body stolen so they moved a World War 1 tank on top of Bill's grave to insure his safety.. True Story.....REG



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# Elk's Training



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Should a member of the DDGER report to the GER that a Lodge has violated this section, there will be an investigation into the allegations. If found to be true the GER may discipline the Lodge.

GER Grand Exalted Ruler

DDGER District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

## Elks Memorial Service

The first Sunday in December is **Elks Memorial Day**. This service is commemorated to the memories of departed members. This service is a required service. The DDGER can give permission for two or more Lodges to hold a joint service. The DDGER can also grant permission to hold the service on a designated day during the week immediately following the first Sunday in December.

## Flag Day Service

This service is to be held at a time and in a manner prescribed by the Ritual of the Order. Again the GER or the DDGER can give special dispensation for two or more Lodges to do a joint service on a different day. The GER or the DDGER can also grant permission for this service to be a public program, with portions of the Flag Day Ritual of the Parade of the Flags and the narrated History of the Flag being presented. Appropriate music and other events must conform with the setting of the occasion.

Every Lodge has a duty to erect and maintain a memorial table containing the names of all departed members who's names were on the rolls as a member of the Lodge at the time of their demise. Officer of the Lodge that die during their term of office shall have their name inscribed on the memorial tablet as a past officer of the station they were filling at the time of death.

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The New York State Elks Association annually collects raw deer hides and the monies gathered from this great program are then distributed, on a monthly basis, to all veterans hospitals in the State of New York. Donated hides may be dropped off at any local participating Elks Lodge where they will be salted and prepared for the tannery. Rapid deterioration is a big factor so we suggest that no plastic bags be used unless air is allowed to circulate in the bag. Hide purchasers will not accept any hide that has deteriorated so PLEASE let us do our best to keep the hides in shape for the benefit of our hospitalized veterans. In return for your hide, a \$35 tax deductible certificate will be issued to the individual making the hide donation. There will be a sign-in sheet at each Lodge location which requires your name, address, and license type and number.

Thank you for supporting this very worthy program!

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