



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THE LEGEND

### Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

January 2021



To my Kinderhook Elks family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! What a year 2020 has been. We have learned so many things about ourselves, our family, and the world we live in. We have accomplished so much in the Covid-19 world that it simply amazes me. We were forced to think outside the box, and we did. This Lodge had a drive-through Easter Bunny event, we had food drives to help the community, and we even were involved in the Columbia County Rainbow Hunt. This Lodge and its members are here for not only each other, but for the kids, the Veterans and the community as a whole. We never lost sight of that, and I am so proud to be a part of such a caring group. Thank you to all.

Marion Stegmann was a success. Thank you to the members, and all the volunteers from the community. The program has reached many new corners of the world. One woman in Texas sent us a check and informed us how she grew up around here, knew about Marion Stegmann but never knew that her legacy has been carried on for so many years. The Scarsdale Women's Club reached out to us and donated boxes of books for the kids. We are so blessed with a caring community. KJ's gymnastics, and Our Towne along with the whole Felts family brought us toys and food. It not only the big things it is the little ones that matter too, all the handmade hats and mittens, people giving

of their time and talents to help others. So, when the world seems so dark and dismal there are always those that continue to shine their light for others. There definitely are angels among us.

We continue to work within the CDC guidelines to bring much needed revenue into the Lodge. The philly cheesesteaks went over so well. We now have planned a ham dinner and a friend chicken night. So please if you would like tickets, buy them, or grab some and sell them. We are also planning on fish fry Friday's for Lent. If you have an idea, please let us know.

February is nominations of officers. Please let us know if you wish to help move the Lodge forward for the 2021-2022 Lodge year. Meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30. We would love to see you there.

Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve. Happy New Year!!!

A huge thank you to Lee and Kate on their work on hide collections that brought in 192 hides. Simply AMAZING.

Anne Leiser ER



## North Hudson District #6260 2019 Calendar of Events



1/16/2021 January DD Clinic

4/17/2021 April DD Clinic

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



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

Each Sunday in January Dave's Dogs & Wings 4p—6:30p

Friday, January 15th Ham Dinner

Friday, January 29th—Southern Fried Chicken

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 - January 11th & 25th at 7:30pm

Board of Directors Meeting - January 18th at 7:30pm

**Your  
Membership  
Matters**

To All Members,

Now that 2020 is finally over, it's time to start thinking about 2021. I am happy to report that 21-22 dues and assessments will remain the same. If you are still delinquent for 20-21 you'll be receiving a double billing in early February stating what you owe. Hopefully, the few delinquents still out there will realize what they will be forfeiting if they choose to drop out.

I know some of you will say "I never go to the lodge" or "never partake in the events" but you need to realize that by just paying your dues you help support all the community and local efforts we are involved in. Please consider remaining an Elk and pay your dues when called upon.

Thanks from the Office of the Secretary.



**Kinderhook Elks**  
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**Ham Dinner**  
**Friday, January 15th**  
**4:30p - 6:30p**

Ham Dinner Includes: Sliced Ham, Au Gratin potatoes, apple sauce. **\$12.50**

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## Happy New Year!!

How can we not start off the newsletter with some new years fun..

Way to go Sharon!



## Elk of the Month

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.

As we have done every month for the past year or so, we give a little extra thank you to an Elk that has gone above and beyond. This month is someone who is a regular in the afternoons. In fact, when he isn't there for a few days in a row we all ask, "Is he ok?"

Whenever a hand is needed and help is asked for in the lounge, he gets up without hesitation to get the job done. This person is also one of the idea generators for the newsletter.

This past month he got the unpleasant job of Mr. fixit in the men's bathroom.

So, it is our pleasure to say thank you for your help to EOM **Bill Cooper**, aka "**Coop**".

Since Coop does not like his picture taken, here is the Elk he submits in the newsletter comics. We tried Coop, just couldn't find a pic.



# Grand Lodge News

## Finish your year strong by creating momentum

**Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.** This is my motto going into my year, but this can be your thoughts going out of your year. Finish the year strong—don't think to yourself that you only have two more months until you are done. Instead, think that **you have two more months to make a difference.**

Start bringing your Leading Knight or whoever will be your ER to all the events and all the meetings to help train them going into April. Don't forget, April 1 is a Thursday, and for the next week the Lodges throughout the country will be voting in the new leadership. Hopefully that doesn't mean you are stepping away. PERs are essential to the future of the Lodges.



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**PAUL R.  
RYAN**

Have a celebration for the Birthday of the Elks. The date of our origin is February 16th. It may be a Tuesday, but you can make it a profitable day! Celebrate our birthday and create an avenue for a fundraiser.

This is the time of year both current and future leaders of your Lodge need to come together to set the goals for the next

year. Engage Members in this process. Getting them involved can **Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom**, and this is what we all want.

Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due in March, so get prepared to participate in this. Even if you don't think you qualify, it is worth the efforts to work toward it. I know the parameters are different this year, but the efforts are still worth it!

Stacey and I have had minimal travel throughout the country. However, in our travels we are meeting some great people who are Creating Momentum. We feel change is coming and we look forward to meeting even more people and seeing how this Momentum is helping keep Elkdom strong.



### GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

## Bet you did more good works than you thought

By WILLIAM J. LINDSEY  
Committee Member

What does team competition, showing your stuff, adversities, and COVID-19 lead to? The Grand Lodge All-American Lodge Contest "A" in the year 2020-21 is the answer.

What a year to try and get through a contest, let alone participate in it. Our Lodges have all been affected by adverse conditions and yet we all carry on. To that end the All-American Lodge Contest "A" deadline is quickly approaching and your Lodge needs to compete by filling out the application with signatures of the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary. It needs to be sent to your District Deputy, postmarked by March 15, 2021.

Once you start filling out the application you quickly find out what Elks do, especially as a team. Get your Officers and Committee Chairs together and start talking about what you have already completed and what can be done by the

end of the year. Checking the items off on the All-American Lodge application will flow. Not many Lodges complete every aspect or have an answer for every component of the application, but that does not stop you from being an All-American Lodge.

Look at what you usually do—such as Veterans and Youth Activities, Americanism, membership, and Flag Day—and then at what you could do, like competing in the Ritual Contest, holding Hoop Shoot, sponsoring a scouting group, etc. I think there will be more done than you originally thought. All-American can be defined as possessing qualities characteristic of established ideals including honesty, industriousness, and health. It also means being selected as one of the best in a particular category, especially as a team composed of outstanding members.

All these points—whether they make you the eventual leader in the contest or

not—make your Lodge an organization that will stand out in your community and the world of Elkdom. Your Lodge can be proud of its accomplishments, achieved by a better functioning set of Officers. You and your Lodge are winners just by reviewing the requirements, and more so by entering. The size of your Lodge will determine which of the six Divisions in which you will compete.

The All-American Lodge Contest "A" application was sent to each Lodge before the end of the calendar year. If it somehow got misplaced, it can be found at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/contestALodgeCertification.pdf>.

First-place Lodges in each Division receive plaques and second- and third-place Lodges earn certificates.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. See if you can garner the bragging rights for your Lodge and show your members what you are made of. After all *Elks Care, Elks Share*.

## 2021-2022 Lodge Year Nominations

The New Year is fast approaching and we are in need of officers for the 2021-2022 Lodge year. Nominations are the first meeting in February.

So please if you would like to be an officer get your name out there. You can nominate yourself if you wish. Elections are the second meeting in February.

The meeting in February is also PER night.

Hope to hear some new names with a desire to move the Lodge forward.



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## Essay contest update

The Americanism Essay contest, ended December 15.

We had 2 entries, from Chatham Middle School. The topic was, 'How can Patriotism be Demonstrated'. Many thanks to Michele Debye-Saxinger for her continuing support of our program.

The winners will be invited to read their essays, at the Flag Day Ceremony, in June.

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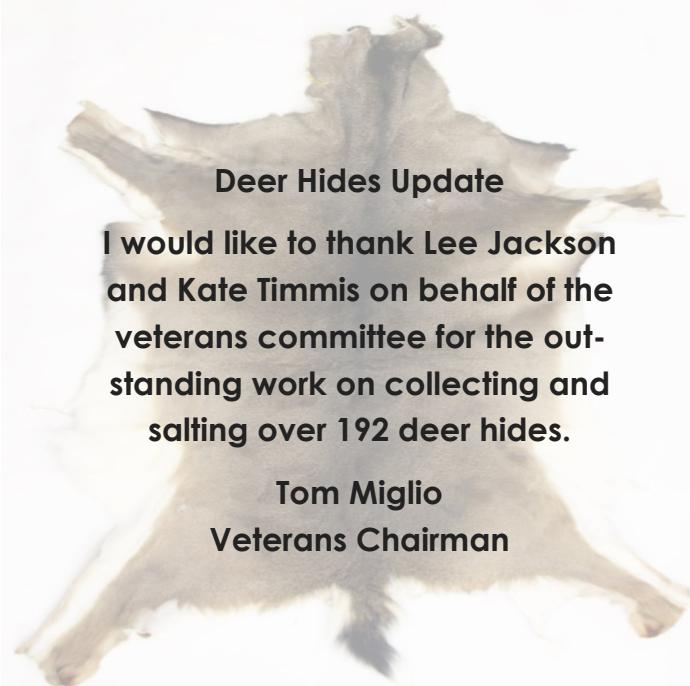
Appointments are made online at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

## Veteran Committee Update

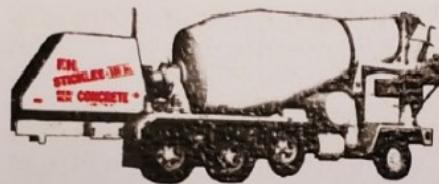
I would like to thank Lee Jackson and Kate Timmis on behalf of the veterans committee for the outstanding work on collecting and salting over 192 deer hides.

**Tom Miglio  
Veterans Chairman**



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## Need a New Year's resolution? We have you covered!

2021 is here, but there's still time to make a new year's resolution.

Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.

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Kinderhook Elks Lodge No. 2530  
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Kinderhook, NY 12106

Let us kick off the new year with a commitment to support our community. Your Donation Will Help Build Stronger Communities!



## Thank You All!

We made our goal on funding the elk statue. The statue will be delivered in early spring. I would like to thank all those that sold tickets and all that purchased them.

## Jan 19th National Popcorn Day



Stop in, visit and have some free popcorn.



## DIY Tissue Box Monsters Contest

### Kinderhook Elks – Tissue Box Monster Contest

Make your very own tissue box monster. Let your imagination run wild. And we love that every tissue box monster can be unique!

Email a picture of your monster to Tammy McDermott at: [33Frogsinatree@gmail.com](mailto:33Frogsinatree@gmail.com)

All monsters will be posted up within our lodge and FB site. (Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530)

Entry Deadline February 11<sup>th</sup>.

The committee will decide the winner on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.



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## Elks Lodges celebrate 100 years of service

The following Elks Lodges have stood the test of time as they celebrate their 100-Year Anniversary this 2020-2021 fraternal year during GER Paul R. Ryan's term. Here's to 100 more years in service to humanity, community, our nation and our Order's noble principles.

<b>Lodge Name &amp; No.</b>	<b>Instituted</b>	<b>Lodge Name &amp; No.</b>	<b>Instituted</b>
Nampa, ID Lodge No. 1389	September 9, 1920	Carlinville, IL No. 1412	May 24, 1921
Mechanicville-Stillwater, NY Lodge No. 1403	December 19, 1920	Huntington Park, CA No. 1415	June 4, 1921
McAllen, TX Lodge No. 1402	December 28, 1920	Peabody-Lynn, MA No. 1409	June 8, 1921
Garden City, KS No. 1404	February 3, 1921	Bicknell, IN No. 1421	June 16, 1921
El Dorado, KS No. 1407	February 7, 1921	St. Maries, ID No. 1418	June 24, 1921
Boonton, NJ No. 1405	February 22, 1921	Brawley, CA No. 1420	June 25, 1921
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Bag your items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry.

## 7 awards recognize those who do the heavy lifting

By ROBERT R. HINKLE  
Committee Chairman

The final quarter of the Lodge Year is the time to say **thank you**. It's the time when Exalted Rulers review their Lodge's accomplishments and recognize those who make significant contributions to their Lodge and community.

The three most cherished tokens of recognition are the Elk, Officer, and Citizen of the Year Awards. Certificates are available upon request from the Grand Lodge Secretary. Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed by March 31. Forms may be downloaded at:

[elks.org/clms2web/files/  
AwardRequestForm.pdf](http://elks.org/clms2web/files/AwardRequestForm.pdf)

• **Elk of the Year.** This award is for a Member who demonstrated devotion,

dedication, and loyalty to the Lodge. This award cannot go to an officer.

• **Officer of the Year.** For an outstanding current officer who exhibited extraordinary leadership and voluntary service to the Lodge.

• **Citizen of the Year.** This award is not limited to Elks. It presents an opportunity for Lodges to recognize an individual for significant community effort. It is a useful tool for community outreach and membership recruitment.

The following four awards are available by request directly from the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. Applications are submitted to your Area Member of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee by March 31. Online fillable PDF forms which facilitate processing/reduce error are available online:

[elks.org/grandlodge/ger/files/  
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• **The GER Special Citation Award.** Exalted Rulers may issue citations to two Members who displayed extraordinary effort during the Lodge year.

• **Making a Difference – Exalted Ruler.** This Special Citation recognizes Exalted Rulers who participated in at least six of the nine listed programs and contests during the Lodge year.

• **Making a Difference – Lodge.** This Special Citation is for Lodges that participated in at least six of the eleven listed programs.

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You can be sponsored by any member in good standing. You'll also need two other Elks who will be your references. The Elk who proposes you for membership will provide you with a copy of the Membership Application, or will email you a link to the online version of the form. Please follow all instructions and answer all questions. If applying via hard copy, please return your completed application to the Lodge Secretary.

Your application will be read at a regular Lodge meeting. It will then be forwarded to the Investigating Committee, who will call you and set up a time for you and your sponsor to meet with the committee so that they can interview you.

After the interview is concluded, the committee will report to the Lodge concerning your membership. The members will be given a notice not less than 10 days nor more than two months before the vote will be taken.

When the vote is concluded, you will be notified and asked to present yourself for indoctrination. During indoctrination, you will learn more about the Order's programs and charities. You will also be told the date of your initiation.

After initiation as an Elk, you can take part in all meetings and social functions of the Lodge.

If for any reason your application is rejected, you can submit a new application for membership after six months from the date of rejection.

If you have questions feel free to email us at: [editor@kinderhookelks.org](mailto:editor@kinderhookelks.org)

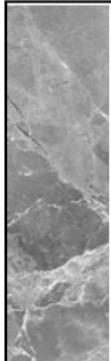


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