



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



September 2021

I AM AN ELK

I am an ELK because an ELK saw something in me that would allow me to be a good ELK. When asked I eagerly joined my local lodge and embraced its greatness.

We become ELKS because our organization is meaningful, powerful, and important to our community, our county, our friends, and our family.

We remain ELKS because we embrace our mission, our duty, and our members. We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who ELKS are.

Working together we can accomplish great things.

Being an ELK is not about self, we are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills, and inexhaustible desire to serve. ELKS are not about what an individual can extract from membership, it is what needs to be done to support it.

We rejoice at being ELKS because we take pride in successes of the children, our veterans, and the communities we serve. We practice being ELKS by being there when needed, stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources when necessary. I cannot be a good ELK without my fellow ELKS; we are team.

Why are you an ELK?



E.R.'s MESSAGE

To my Kinderhook Elks Family,

I would like to thank everyone who signed up for parking, and if you didn't sign up but show up that would be great. I thank you for that. We are trying so hard to get people involved. This organization has been around for over 100 years. We can't continue to grow and move forward without new people with a commitment to the Lodge and the community we serve.

Lodge visitations and the fall conference are some of the Elks activities coming up. If anyone would like to attend, you are more than welcome. The Fall Conference is at the Desmond Hotel in Albany from September 23rd through the 25th.

We are also in need of someone to chair the Special Needs Prom. If interested, please let us know.

Virginia is chairing the Lodge yard sale to be held right after the Fair is over. Clean gently used items can be brought to the Lodge and placed in the basement. Help will be needed on Wednesday the 8th to bring things out and get them set up. The sale runs Friday the 10th and Saturday the 11th.

We are having a chicken BBQ on Saturday the 11th. If you can sell tickets or are able to help in any way, please reach out to Ben Lasher.

A Lodge Crawl is planned for October 23rd, let me know ASAP if you will be joining us. The more the merrier.

As always if you have an idea lets us know, let us see what we can do to make it happen.

Thank you for everything you do for the Lodge and the community we serve.

Respectfully,
Anne Leiser



You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, Whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message -- "TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS".

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped out at the fair.

A few pictures I was able to capture while working.



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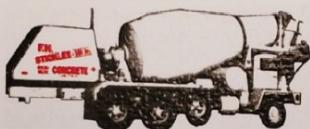
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Becoming a Member of Kinderhook Elks

To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God.

You can be sponsored by any member in good standing from any lodge in the country. 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.

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 and your spouse for indoctrination. During indoctrination, you will learn more about the Order's programs and charities. You will also be told during the program the date you will be initiated.

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

Email us at: editor@kinderhookelks.org

A Volunteer Organization Helping Another Volunteer Organization...

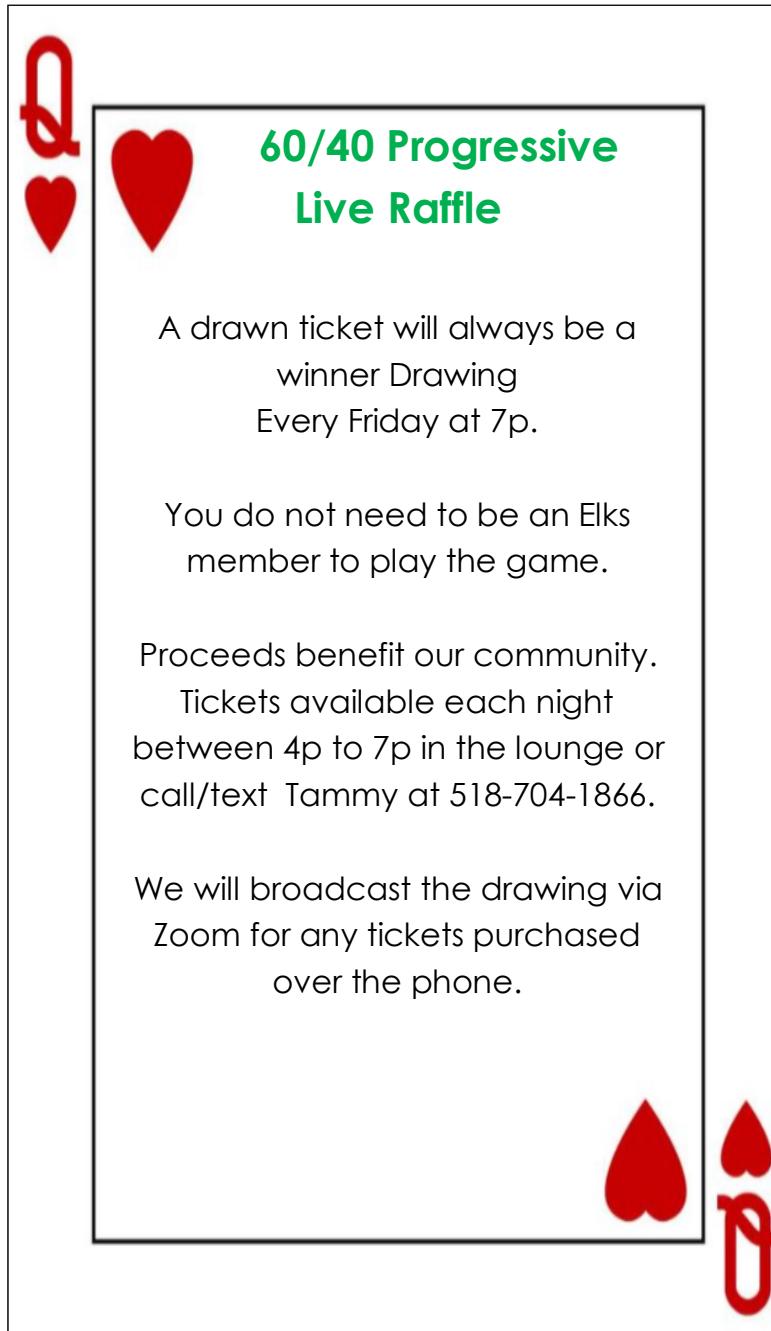
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We will broadcast the drawing via Zoom for any tickets purchased over the phone.



The ELKs Emergency Educational Grant is available for children or stepchildren to apply if their parent/stepparent was a member in good standing at the time they were deemed unable to work due to a total disability or have passed away.

It is up to us as fellow Elk members to find, recognize and provide the opportunity for the grant. If you know of anyone in our Lodge, or District and whose children may qualify, please notify John Deane at jd1945@aol.com, Lodge Scholarship and Emergency Grant Chairman.

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Most Valuable Student

The 2022 application will open on August 2, 2021.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

The 2022 application deadline will be November 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., Pacific Time

Awards:

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2022 competition.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners in late April, 2022. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)
- The 20 Top Finalists traditionally* participate in an all expenses paid [Leadership Weekend](#) in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 Finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

Looking for other Elks scholarship options? Learn about [Legacy Awards](#) and [Emergency Educational Grants](#).

Questions? Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

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Thursday's: 10 am - 8 pm,
Friday's: 9 am - 6 pm
(Fridays only till 6pm by appointment only)





Lounge opens daily 4pm—7pm

Sunday breakfast's are dinning room seating w/ menu options. 8a - 11a

Sunday's - Dave's Dogs & Wings 4p - 6:30p. Place orders w/ Dave at 518-669-0155.

Friday's - Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase Ticket in the Lounge or call Tammy at 518-704-1866.

Reservations are required for Friday night meals. Place your order w/ ER Anne at 518-758-2196.

Open to Members and Guests

SEP

***Lounge will be closed sed on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th for fair parking.*

1st - 6th Columbia County Fair Parking

3rd - No Dinner - Come see us at the Columbia County Fair

5th - Sunday Breakfast - Menu Options 8a—11a

8th - Red Cross Blood Drive 1p to 7p

10th, 11th & 12th - Annual Yard Sale in the Pavilion

10th - Fish Fry, Cole Slaw, French Fries or Onion Rings \$11.00 5p to 7p

11th - Chicken BBQ - 1/2 Chicken, coleslaw, corn on the cob, dessert \$15.00 12p to 4p

12th - Sunday Breakfast - Menu Options 8a—11a

13th - District Deputy Visitation and Initiation at Kinderhook - 7:30p

17th - Buttermilk Southern Fried Chicken, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Dessert \$15.00 5p to 7p

19th - Sunday Breakfast - Menu Options 8a—11a

21st - District Deputy Visitation at Red Hook 7p

23rd thru 26th - NYS Elks Fall Conference at Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel

24th - Sausage and Peppers subs served with chips \$10.00 5p to 7p

26th - Sunday Breakfast - Menu Options 8a—11a

OCT

1st -

3rd - The NYSEA Golf Tournament in West Monroe (near Central Square) for Camp Bristol on Oct 3rd

7th - District Deputy Visitation at Troy Lodge 7p

8th - Fish Fry, Cole Slaw, French Fries or Onion Rings \$11.00 5p to 7p

11th - District Deputy Visitation at Rensselaer 7:30p

15th - Pizza Night \$10.00 per pie \$1.00 per topping.

16th - Community Baby Shower in the pavilion

18th - District Deputy Visitation at Hudson 7p

22nd - Meatball Sub w/ Chips 5p-7p \$9.00

23rd - Lodge Crawl—Bus leaves at 8:30a

28th - District Deputy Visitation at Brunswick 7:30p

29th - Ham Dinner, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert \$13.00 5p to 7p

30th - State President Barry Griffith Visit Kinderhook Lodge

NOV

11th - District Deputy Visitation at Saugerties 6:30p

13th - Special Needs Prom

23rd - District Deputy Visitation at Catskill 7p



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Yard sale

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Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket to raise money to have an Elk proudly displayed at the lodge. There was some monies left over and it was used to do the lettering on the pavilion. We truly appreciate our members for always being generous.



Grand Lodge News

GRAND LODGE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Gov. Relations shares ideas in Tampa

By MARY R. WILLIAMS

Committee Member

The 2021 Grand Lodge Convention was spectacular! With more than 6,000 attendees, it was so good to see old friends and to meet many new friends. Business sessions were very informative, the Memorial Service was impressive, but the best part was T. Keith and Amy Mills, our new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady of Elkdom for 2021-2022. ***“Meeting The Challenge,”*** how appropriate for this upcoming year, a year after COVID-19 tried to take us down. But Elks don't give up, we just keep going a little harder and a little longer.

Our monetary charitable giving may have been a little less than in years past, but our charitable giving of time, energy, love, and support was strong as ever. So now as we are trying to get back to normal, we need to get Hoop Shoot, scholarship, veterans, and the many programs we do up and running more than ever, and make them bigger and better.

Remember: **report, report, report.** You need to report your hours, travel, and any expenses you incur when doing your events and programs. Be sure to include all non-Elks who help as well. It's simple: Keep a calendar or event sheet in your car, kitchen, in your purse, or next to the phone or computer. Keep track every day. You will be amazed at how much you really do. Be sure to include planning the event, set up, and cleaning up. It all counts.

Be sure your team keeps track. OK, there's always someone who

doesn't—perhaps you could help them out by having an extra form for them to fill out and give to you to turn in.

Government Relations met in Tampa, Florida, on July 3, 2021. We had 34 State Chairs in attendance. Several presenters gave us a plethora of information, including How to Meet your Legislators, UBI (Unrelated Business Income), CLMS, Charity Reporting, and much more.

States shared how they get things done, and many questions were asked. We all learned a lot. And yes we counted our time at Grand Lodge, and our Seminar on Saturday, on our Charity Report. You can too: Count your travel to Grand Lodge, your business sessions, and the seminars you attended (but not your entertainment time).

Reminders

September. Plan your veterans remembrance programs for November. Invite government officials to attend. Notify your local newspaper and television stations about your event.

October. Plan safe Halloween activities for the children, such as trick or treating or a haunted house at your Lodge.

November. See if anyone may need a ride or help getting to the polls to vote, or volunteer at the polls in some way. Send congratulation letters to all elected officials and legislators, and enclose your charitable worksheet. Show them what we do in our community.

Recognize future leaders today

By **LANCE C. KNIGHT**

Committee Member

Introduced in 2018, the purpose of the JROTC Awards Program is to allow Local Lodges to recognize our future leaders by focusing the public's attention on outstanding cadets from their communities.

Does your Lodge participate in this new program? If not, get involved by following the suggested procedure for setting up a JROTC Awards Program for your Lodge:

1. Locate your JROTC schools by state at the national level through the following websites:

US Army

<https://hqtradoc-usacc-jrotc-prod.azurewebsites.us/>

US Navy

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/NSTC/NJROTC/>

US Marine Corps

<https://www.mcjrotc.marines.mil/Schools/JROTC-Schools-by-State/>

US Air Force

<http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Holm-Center/AJROTC/Display/Article/950637/>

US Coast Guard

<https://www.gocoastguard.com/faq/does-the-uscg-have-a-jrotc-program>

2. Contact the schools in your area that have a JROTC program and ask to speak to the senior instructor to see if they would be interested in participating in the new Elks program. If so, request that the instructor select a cadet whom they feel has proven him or herself to be a true leader in academic achievement as well as community service projects, and one who maintains the highest standards of performance in all fields of endeavor. Be sure to coordinate your efforts with other Lodges in your district that may be close to the same school(s) your Lodge wants to contact. You may want to consider making it a district program with all Lodges in your district participating.

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JROTC From Page 1

3. Inform the instructor that your Lodge will provide them with a certificate and a medal to present to the cadet they select. Your Lodge may want to have a Lodge Officer(s) or Member(s) attend the ceremony to make the presentation to the cadet, if permissible.

4. If your Lodge holds a banquet/dinner to recognize outstanding youth in your community, you should consider inviting the cadet and their family.

5. A printable and fillable JROTC certificate is available on the Grand Lodge website under the Activities Committee at: elks.org/grandlodge/activities/files/JROTC_Awards_Program.pdf. The JROTC Medal can be ordered from the Grand Lodge Supplies/Shipping Department by using CLMS. The item number is 575300 and the cost is \$10.00 each plus shipping and handling. The JROTC medal makes a terrific companion gift to the JROTC certificate. Any cadet will be proud to receive both awards.

For more information or questions, please contact the Activities Committee JROTC Awards Program Coordinator, Lance C. Knight.

The committee encourages your Lodge to be an active community partner, promoting our youth programs: Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Junior Golf, Antlers, Scouting, Dictionary Project, National Youth Week, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, and the JROTC Awards Program. Let's increase our efforts to promote and recognize America's outstanding youth in our communities by ***“Meeting the Challenge”*** and truly demonstrating that ***“Elks Care – Elks Share”***.

Kinderhook Elks Lodge LODGE crawl



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October 23

Bus leaves 8:30

\$25 non refundable deposit to hold your spot and the total cost to be determined by the number of attendants, we will be splitting the cost evenly by the number of people who come. Total cost is estimated to be \$30-\$45 a person. Beverages and food are allowed on bus and the bus also has a bathroom. Come enjoy a fantastic group trip visiting 5 different CT lodges, it's a trip you will never forget!

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