



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks



October 2021

To my Kinderhook Elks Family,

Welcome Fall! The first thing I want to do is thank everyone who worked the fair, either by manning the booth, delivering water, parking, whatever you did to help. THANK YOU!! About 20% of our members came out to help, some for a shift or two, some for more than 10. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. I understand that sometimes you get there, and it is sheer boredom, traffic is slow, so you feel like it was a waste of your time. I am sorry for that. Mornings are slower and not as much help is needed.

Afternoon and evenings are harder. More people getting out of work and coming. Fair goers decide when to come, we just need to have the manpower there in case they all decide to come at once. Please don't feel you wasted your time, if the traffic flow was there, you would have been busy and felt more useful. Stay with us! I know it's hard, but that four-hour shift you covered helped, and was gratefully appreciated.

Then we have the yard sale crew!!! Go Virginia, Rose and Gregg, Kate, Jerry, Lisa and who ever helped set up, sell and clean up. Your efforts brought in over \$2000.00 for the Lodge. We had fish fry Friday, and a BBQ on Saturday. The Elk is in place and the grounds have been getting cleaned up. It makes the place look so much better. A big thank you to all the members that help the Lodge in any way you can. Most of you are repeat offenders, you volunteer or get asked to help and you always say yes. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED.**

We need some help! We need to get more members involved in our functions. What can we do to make that happen? Burnout seems to be running quite a few members down. We're not asking you to do everything, but if you are willing to help, let one of the chairs or a BOD members know. Working together can be very fun and rewarding!

Stegmann will be moving forward, we have a meeting October 6th, at 6 pm if you are interested in attending. Also, we are working on the next car show!! That meeting is also on the October 5th, but at 7pm. We all had such a great time this year!! Looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year. If you have an event you would like to try, again, yes I know I sound like broken record, but please let someone know.

The Lodge Crawl is October 23rd as of yet I'm going alone, not much fun. Signup sheet is in the Lounge.

Frank is working on the workers party, there will be a signup sheet in the Lounge.

The State President will be visiting our Lodge during the event.

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

Anne Leiser

ER/PER



Dave's Wings & Dogs

**Sunday's
4p—6:30p**

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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".

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WELCOME Gary Davis, to our Elk Family.

September 13, 2021 Initiation



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



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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2 old ladies sitting in Church
one turns to the other and says
"My butt fell a sleep."

The other says,
"Yeah, I thought I heard it snore
a couple of times."

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Veterans Committee Update

Due to COVID19 the Kinderhook's Veterans Committee has not been able to take the veterans, from the Stratton VA Hospital out to a ballgames, fishing or to the lodge for games and lunch. My wife Carol and I have been bringing them supplies, games and food.

On May 29, 2021 - We delivered DVD players, radio and CD players, word puzzles, crayons, pencils and sensory balls. Then on June 22, 2021 & July 20, 2021 we brought them pizza, wings and meatballs.

I would like to than Jerry Shook and John Piddock for getting the Grants, so we can do this for our veterans. If you would like to make a donation to the Veterans Committee you can place it in the veterans can on the table or put in an envelope and leave at the bar.

Thank you, Tom Miglio, Veterans Chairman

REMINDER: Veterans Dinner is November 11th 2021 - Roast Beef, Potatoes, Vegetables and Cake



5—7p Veterans are Free and Non Veterans \$10

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The Kinderhook Elks Lodge will host a Community Baby Shower for residents of Northwest Columbia County. Kinderhook, Styvesant, etc. for those expecting or who recently became a mother.

Will provide games, food and gifts. Raffle tickets at no charge, prizes include a car seat, a pack & play and baby monitor.

We will also have social services (Catholic Charities, WIC, etc) on site.



October 16th
2p to 4p

Contact John Piddock
at 518-281-2842

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Lounge opens daily 4pm—7pm

Sunday Breakfasts are dining room seating w/ menu options. 8a - 11a

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

Fridays - 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

OCT

- 1st - Philly Cheese Steak Subs \$12.00 5p-7p
- 3rd - The NYSEA Golf Tournament in West Monroe (near Central Square) for Camp Bristol
- 7th - District Deputy Visitation at Troy Lodge 7p
- 8th - Fish Fry, Cole Slaw, French Fries or Onion Rings \$11.00 5p to 7p
- 15th - Pizza Night \$10 per pie \$1.00 per topping 5p to 7p
- 16th - Community Baby Shower
- 16th - District Deputy Visitation at Rensselaer 12p
- 18th - District Deputy Visitation at Hudson 7p
- 22nd - Meatball Sub w/ Chips 5p-7p \$9.00
- 23rd - District Deputy Visitation at Red Hook 12p
- 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

- 5th - TBD
- 11th - District Deputy Visitation at Saugerties 6:30p
- 12th - Fish Fry, Cole Slaw, French Fires or Onion Rings, \$11.00 5p- 7p
- 19th - Chicken Pot Pie, Salad and Dessert \$12.00 5p - 7p
- 23rd - District Deputy Visitation at Catskill 7p
- 26th - Trim a Tree Night - Pot Luck Dinner



North Hudson District #6260 2021 Calendar of Events



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Thank you everyone who attended the Paint & Sip, it was a great time. We had many laughs and who knew how creative one could get while having a blast with friends at a Sip & Paint event? Take a look at these masterpieces!

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Grand Lodge News

Community projects give back—and lure new Members

How are you doing with your Lodge Community Projects? Did you know that you can enter your Lodge into the Community Project Contest offered by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee? Visit the Grand Lodge Activities Committee on elks.org to see what is needed to get your Lodge some additional recognition. If you have done some projects, fantastic. If not, it is not too late to begin now. This is a great way for your membership to get involved outside the Lodge. Who knows, it may interest new Members for your Lodge.

October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program,



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler
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reaching millions of Americans every year. The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, and others plan activities throughout the month. Contact local law enforcement and community organizations to see if your Lodge can get involved. In addition, encourage your Members to wear red ribbons

for the month during their daily routine. Pass out red ribbons to your schools, sponsor a red ribbon activity, submit public service announcements supporting your Red Ribbon program to local media. Also, during this time, most DEA agencies sponsor a prescription Drug Take Back Day. Ask a local law enforcement agency if your Lodge can volunteer to help in any way.

Now is the time for your six-month review of your Lodge operations. Lodge Secretaries need to give their bi-annual report on the activities of their office to the membership. Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, you need to submit to the Lodge floor your report

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on the Grand Lodge Session. Auditing and Accounting Committees also need to review the Lodge financials and report to the Lodge Members. Finally, make revisions (if necessary) to your annual budgets to get a clearer financial picture of your Lodge and to make decisions moving forward. Keeping your Lodge fiscally strong will ensure you continue *"Meeting the Challenge."*

In addition to other activities, get started on the American Essay contest at your local schools. The deadline for submission is in mid-December. Information for the essay contest is located in the Grand Lodge Americanism Manual found on the Elks website. Have your Americanism chairperson examine the manual—There are great programs for your Lodge and community, and it provides ways to interact with others outside the Lodge, promote our programs, and find prospective new Members.

Finally, let us not forget Halloween at the end of the month. Think about planning an event for kids or working with another entity to provide a safe and fun opportunity for our youth.

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Scouting leaders can earn top award

By **MICHAEL T. OHREN**
Committee Member and Scouting Coordinator

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee invites all Lodges to nominate one candidate for the Marvin M. Lewis Award, the highest award for scouting presented by the Elks. This is awarded to those Elks Members who have been strong promoters of Scouting in their Lodge and have a strong history in working with Scouts. Four Elks each year are awarded this distinguished award.

The Marvin M. Lewis awards are presented annually at the Grand Lodge Convention. In addition, recipients of this award can be recognized at one of the following events: Boy Scouts of America Local Council, Elks State Convention, or a Local Lodge meeting.

When selecting a candidate for the Marvin M. Lewis Award, candidates must have the recommendation of their Lodge and their local Scouting council to be eligible. Lodges should consider Elks who meet the following criteria.

1. Candidate has brought Scouting to more youth.
2. Candidate has assisted local Elks Lodges in forming Scouting units.

3. Candidate is fully trained in the skills of Scouting and is an outstanding role model.

4. Candidate has contributed significantly to Elks and Scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community.

5. Candidate has offered Scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level, and has been instrumental in organizing Scouting units, especially in inner-city or other low-income communities.

The Grand Lodge Regional Scouting Chairmen will review the candidates and choose qualified recipients.

Applications for this award can be found on the Elks website under the "Programs" section of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee page. Applications are due on or before March 1, 2022. Lodges who have submitted an application in the past and were not selected are encouraged to resubmit.

If you have any questions concerning the application, contact Activities Committee member Michael Ohren at white-tail@cox.net, Richard Belmore at america@flash.net, or William Sternberg at bigjockewing@yahoo.com.





2021-2022



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Essay Theme: *“What does it mean to love your country?”*

1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2021-22 school year, preceding June 30, 2022. **Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 15, 2021.**
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to Lodge nearest to home address of entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay.)
6. Judging criteria:
 - Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points
 - Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points
 - Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 pointsThere are two divisions for judging essays:
 - Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)
 - Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

PROCEDURES FOR LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select from submitted entries the top three essays from each division and send the six essays to the District Americanism Chairman by Jan. 31, 2022, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the top three essays in each division from entries submitted by Local Lodges and send the six essays to the State Americanism Chairman by Feb. 28, 2022, or the date established by the State Association.

PROCEDURES FOR STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Select the first-, second- and third-place winners for the state from entries submitted by the District Chairman. In addition, State Chairman forwards the first-place winners from each division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March 31, 2022.)

SEND TO: Essay Contest Administrator David P. Cioe, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, 6 Francis Street, Barrington, RI 02806-2709.

Plaques for first-, second-, and third-place winning essays in Divisions I and II will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee's Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session on July 5, 2022.



“What does it mean to love your country?”

Essay Contest

*Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of
The United States of America*

RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) **by the entrant.**
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Atlanta, GA, July 3-6, 2022.

ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2021.

The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

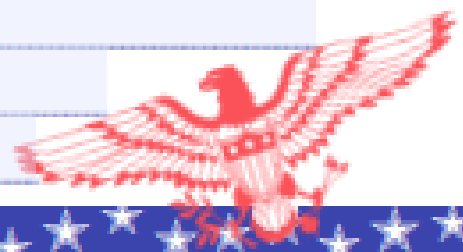
Sponsoring Elks Lodge: _____

No. _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone No. _____





2021-2022 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

(MUST be attached to each Essay)



“What does it mean to love your country?”

Section 1 — to be filled out by student

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade (Circle or Highlight One Grade) Division II: 7th or 8th Grade

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____

Student's Name _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Age _____ Grade _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

(used only to contact the winners)

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2021.

Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2022 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2022 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)

Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name _____ State _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chairman's Home Phone Number (_____) _____

Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, David P. Cioe, by March 31, 2022.

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Emergency: 518 755-0344
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2020 - 2021

518 area code unless noted

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Brotherly Love, and with Fidelity to perform
the duties of the office .

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