



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

June 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Elks,

As I sit down to write this message on Memorial Day evening, I am reminded of the solemn reason we observe this day. We pause to honor and remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice is never forgotten.

At the same time, it is hard not to feel a sense of renewal as the warm weather finally returns. With it comes the start of a very busy season at the lodge. Our pavilion is once again in full use, with rentals and events filling the calendar. These months will keep us all busy, but if we work together and everyone pitches in where they can, the workload becomes manageable. It has been especially encouraging to see newer members and long-term members working side by side at recent rentals. That kind of cooperation strengthens our lodge and builds a great sense of camaraderie.

June brings several exciting events for our lodge and our community. On Friday, June 5th, we will host both the DARE picnic and the Special Needs Luau. The following day, we will once again assist with parking for the OK 5K, continuing a tradition our lodge has proudly upheld for years. Later in the month, on June 20th, we have our 25-Week Club Picnic here at the lodge, as well as Kinderhook Community Day, where our volunteers will once again assist with parking.

Sunday, June 14th is Flag Day, and we are planning a special celebration this year. Weather permitting, we will hold the ceremony outside at the pavilion. In addition, we will welcome a guest speaker and enjoy music from well-known local musician Mike Pagnani. We will also be serving refreshments to the public, including burgers, hot dogs, and more. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our lodge and all that we stand for.

I would also like to recognize members of our leadership team who attended the State Conference at Villa Roma. Our lodge was honored with an award for our contributions to Major Projects, a testament to the generosity and dedication of our members. Additionally, Chris Akers was nominated and sworn in as State Trustee for our district. Congratulations to Chris on this well-deserved recognition.



As we move into a busy and exciting season, I want to remind everyone that this is your lodge to enjoy. Take a moment to stroll the grounds and appreciate the flowers our Garden Committee has planted. Spend an evening out back by the fire pit. Join us for dart night, or bring family and friends to dinner on a Friday night and enjoy the camaraderie that makes this place special.

We have even more to look forward to in the coming months, including our Car Show on July 18th, and our Yard Sale weekend on August 20th. These events continue to showcase the strength and involvement of our lodge within the community. I encourage everyone to stay involved, lend a hand when they can, and continue to support one another. It is this shared effort—and shared enjoyment—that truly defines our lodge.

Fraternally,

Kelly McGiffert,
Exalted Ruler

Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530



Volunteers Needed: Help Support Our Fundraisers

Volunteer Support Needed for Upcoming Fundraisers

To continue serving our community and funding our charitable work, we rely on member volunteers. Our primary revenue comes from hall and pavilion rentals (often needing catering support) and from managing parking for local events. Two of our most important fundraising commitments each year are the Columbia County (Chatham) Fair and Kinderhook Community Day.

Ways you can help:

Food preparation and catering support

Event setup and breakdown

Parking coordination and attendant shifts

Interested in helping? Please contact Kelly McGiffert or Chris Akers for schedules, shift times, or more information.

Thank you for your continued support—and for volunteering when you can.

—Kelly McGiffert, Exalted Ruler, Kinderhook Elks #2530



NYS Elks Scholarship News

The North Hudson District of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks received three (3) winners of NYS Elks Association's Academic Scholarships. They are:

Monsignor Francis White Memorial Scholarship

Meghan Daly Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530

NYS Elks Association

James Spano Red Hook/Rhinebeck Elks Lodge #2022

Mst Warda Mahamud Hudson Elks Lodge #787

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Rosemarie Neckles 845-902-8499

rneckles@gmail.com



Friday @ The Lodge

Friday, June 5th

Friday Dinner AT THE LODGE
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Bar Menu Also Available

Friday, June 19th

Friday Dinner AT THE LODGE
COOL SUMMERTIME SPECIALS
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Wedge Salad
B-BLT-B
Big Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato & Bacon!

Friday, June 26th

Meatball Subs

It's also a time to possibly catch the QUEEN.

Garden Committee

There have been signs of spring on the lodge grounds for a while now. The tulips and daffodils have been in bloom, and the allium planted last season is just about ready to pop up at the bottom of the ramp. The lilies John Deane planted years ago by the front will be bigger and better than ever. We've seeded Flanders red poppies in the bed by the flags, and we've started additional poppy plants. We're dedicating at least one bed of red, white, and blue flowers to honor our veterans. Last year, the veterans area got a makeover thanks to Tammy, Ginny, and Thom.

Right now, we're a small group. Our goal is to continue adding low-maintenance annuals, perennials, shrubs, and other plantings to the grounds. We're looking for new members to help grow the committee—share ideas, assist with planning, and pitch in with planting, watering, and deadheading—while learning alongside other seasoned gardeners. There will also be opportunities to share and exchange plants within the group.

John D. has been growing and planting marigolds (and more) for the beds around the lodge for years. The marigolds continue to reseed in several areas and will be blooming soon. Some will need to be transplanted to other beds. Last year, a small group of enthusiastic Girl Scouts helped with some of these tasks. Although that group has disbanded, we hope to recruit and include other youth groups that may want to help with various projects.

If you have a moment, take a walk around the property and see what's growing—and be sure to take a whiff of the Korean lilac out back.

Please consider joining the Garden Committee. Contact Maureen Mooney for more information or to let her know you're interested. Our first meeting will be at the lodge on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Maureen's cell phone number is 519-210-6079. Her email is:
moemooney1972@gmail.com

Your Newsletter Needs You!

The newsletter committee is looking for someone to edit the newsletter. If you have basic word-processing skills (MS Word or similar) and would like to manage the layout of submitted articles and images in the newsletter each month, please contact one of the newsletter committee members (see last page).



The hours are flexible and compensation is second to none! Work can be done from the comfort of your own home using LibreOffice, which is free, open-source software that runs on MS Windows, Mac OS and Linux. One-on-one training is available.

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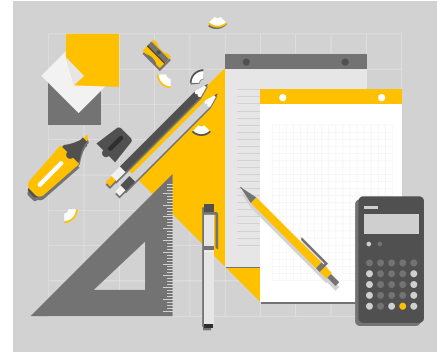
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EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Emergency Educational Grants (EEG) provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one -year grants of up to \$5,000. EEG's aren't meant to cover a student's complete education, but they can help cover room and board, textbooks and tuition and fees.

For the 2025-2026, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) has allocated \$131,090 to fund this program. If you know any Elks children who may be eligible to receive an EEG, encourage them to contact me at nursecq@hotmail.com or they can go to enf.elks.org/EEG



Thanks
Colleen Quackenbush
NYS Emergency Grant Chairperson



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Suite 7
389 Fairview Ave
Hudson, NY

Food and refreshments are served. Please come and join the group and share your thoughts and stories.

The Albany Stratton VA

Please note that Veteran Service offices are no longer in the VAMC facility. Please contact the organization directly using the following phone numbers:

Disabled American Veterans 888-604-0234
NY State Dept. of Veterans Services 888-838-7697
Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152
Veterans of Foreign Wars 518-626-5687



Veterans Food Pantry

The Veterans Food Pantry at the Joseph P. Dwyer room at 388 Fairview Ave. Hudson, NY, is open. Veterans who need help can come to the new pantry for supplies. They are open Mondays to Friday from 9:30a - 1:30p

Used Clothing Drop-off Shed

Donate your gently-used, clean clothing, shoes, belts, blankets, drapes, purses, and bedding.

No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, or household goods. These items are expensive to dispose of.

Donations are tax-deductible.

Recycle and help others in need. Please leave items in closed bags to keep them clean and dry.

Kinderhook Elks and Guests

FIRE CHATS at the Lodge

May 1st • 7:00 PM

★ Kick off the end of spring and welcome summer ★

Snacks provided

Bartenders Needed at the Lodge.

We need friendly volunteers to help behind the bar at our lodge. Whether you have experience or not, we'd love to have you join us! It's a fun way to meet new people and support the lodge. No experience? No problem—we'll teach you! Just bring your enthusiasm and a smile. Your help will keep the lodge running smoothly and ensure our members and guests have a great time.

Contact Sharon Deck at 518-929-7524

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- No rags, fabric scraps, pillows, or household goods. These items are expensive to dispose of.
- Donations are tax deductible.
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Kinderhook Elks Support Northern Columbia Little League

Loyal Knight Rosemarie Neckles presents a check to Christine Quickenton, President of the Northern Columbia Little League.

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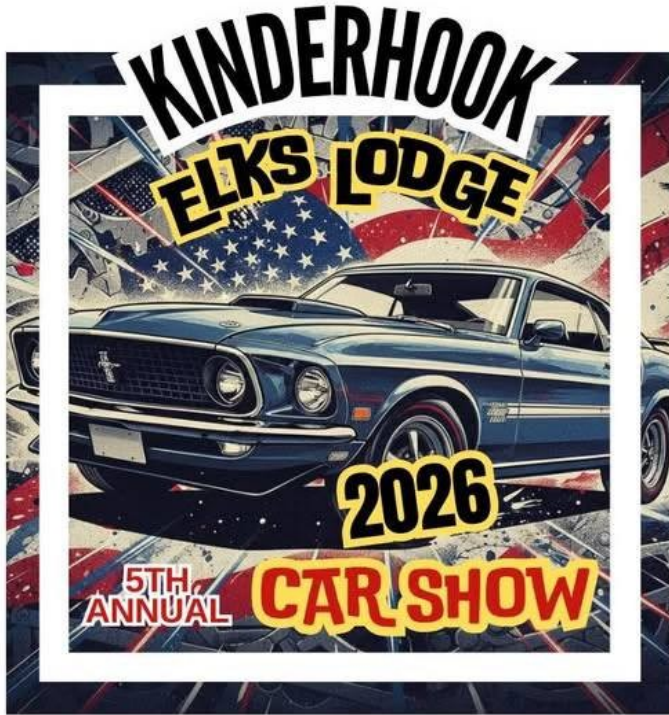
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- Dinner Menu. 5pm – 7pm
 - Queen of Hearts at 7pm – purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or ask bartender
- Sunday Breakfast Dining room seating with menu options. 8am - 11am
- Lodge Meetings Open to all members – please join us!
- Members: Monday 22nd at 7:30pm
 - Board of Directors: Monday 15^h at 7:30pm

June Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 1st Philly Cheesesteak Sub, coleslaw, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu
- 8th Fish fry, coleslaw, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available
- 15th Carolina BBQ Chicken Sandwich – \$13 (*See page 6 for details*)
- 22th Meatball Subs, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available

June Events

- 5th D.A.R.E. picnic 11a - 1p
- 5th Special Needs Luau
- 6th Parking Cars for Kinderhook Runners Club 7a – 11:30a
- 6th & 7th Parking Cars for Town of Kinderhook's Carnival and Community Day 11a - 8pm
- 14th Flag Day Ceremony 3pm
- 20nd 25 Week Club Celebration 1-4pm
- 21st Father's Day Breakfast
- 27th Pavilion Rental; 12n to 7pm



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