



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

August 2026



Exalted Ruler's Message

Fellow Elks,

"Ready Elks? Let's Go!"

When the Grand Lodge Convention began in Chicago on July 4th, our Grand Exalted Ruler introduced this year's theme: **"Ready Elks? Let's Go!"** It is a challenge to every Elk to get involved, support our Lodge, and continue the work that makes our organization such an important part of the community. Looking back on the past month, I am proud to say our members have already shown exactly what that spirit looks like.

Despite less-than-ideal weather, our annual Car Show was a success thanks to the dedication of our members, volunteers, and sponsors. Our Elks showed up, worked hard, and demonstrated what can be accomplished when we come together. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy, and to our sponsors whose support helped make the event possible.

Throughout the month, our Lodge remained busy with a variety of activities, including our Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfasts. These events not only provide important support for our Lodge but also create opportunities for fellowship and friendship among our members and guests. Thank you to everyone who helps make these gatherings possible.

As we move into August, I am looking forward to several upcoming events, including the Daly Graduation and our Tag Sale. We are also preparing for our most important fundraising event of the year, **Columbia County Fair Parking**. The success of this effort depends on our volunteers, and I encourage every member who can help to sign up for a shift. The funds raised allow us to continue supporting our charitable programs, serving our community, and maintaining the strong traditions of our Lodge.

Thank you for all you do for Kinderhook Elks. Together, let's continue answering the call of this year's theme:

Ready Elks? Let's Go!

Faternally,

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





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Annual Kinderhook Elks

YARD SALE

Yard Sale Dates:
August 21, 22, 23rd 2026
Open 9AM – 3PM

Location:
Kinderhook Elks Lodge
2570 Route 9H
Kinderhook, NY 12106-0514

Sunday 8/23 Only: Bag and Box Sale
Fill one of our bags for just \$5
or fill one of our boxes for \$10

Coming August 21st through August 23rd

Big Selection **Unique Finds** **Great Deals**

Questions: Contact Rose – 845-902-8499



Annual Yard Sale Returns August 21-23

The Kinderhook Elks Lodge's Annual Yard Sale will be held **August 21, 22, and 23** under the leadership of our **Esteemed Loyal Knight, Rose**, and supported by a faithful and tireless team of volunteers. This popular event has become a community favorite, offering shoppers great finds while helping support the lodge's charitable and community programs.

We are currently accepting donations of clean, usable items and are always grateful for volunteers willing to lend a hand before, during, or after the sale. Whether you have items to contribute or time to donate, your support helps make this event a success.

If you have items to donate or would like to volunteer your time, please contact **Rose at 845-902-8499**.

Thank you to Rose and the dedicated team of volunteers whose hard work and commitment make this annual tradition possible. Your efforts help ensure the continued success of this important fundraiser and strengthen the lodge's ability to serve our community.

Greetings from Chicago!

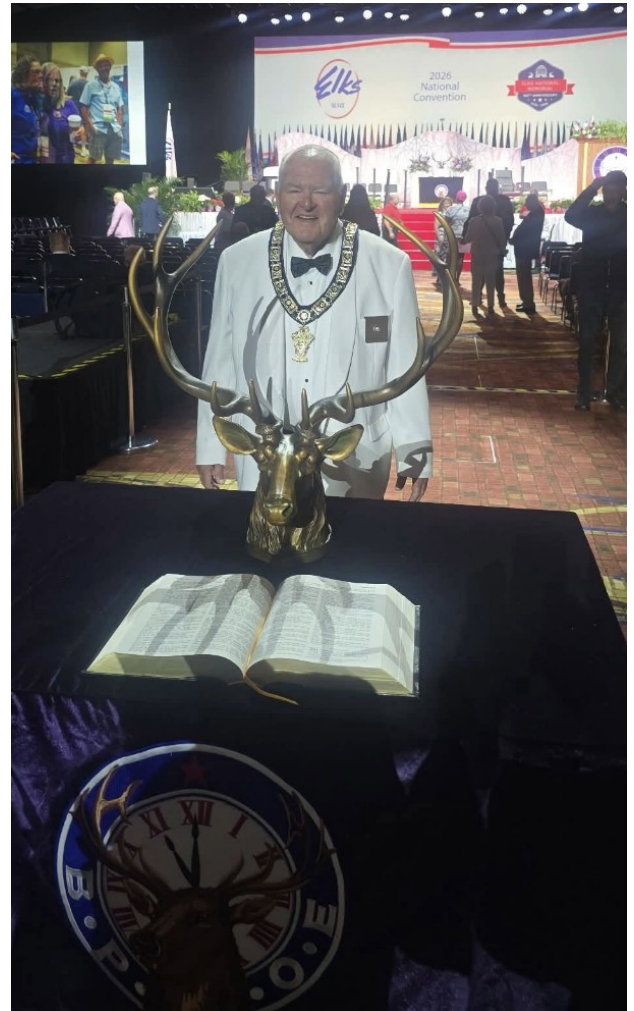
We were honored to be representing Kinderhook Lodge #2530 at the **161st Grand Lodge Convention**, which has been an inspiring celebration of Elksdom and fellowship from across the country.

This year's Convention also marked the **100th Anniversary of the Elks Memorial**, a fitting reminder of the rich history and enduring values of our Order. One of the highlights of the Convention was the installation of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, **Timothy Jaeger**, who energized the membership with his theme and rallying cry:

"Ready Elks? Let's Go!"

Closer to home, we are proud to congratulate **Michael Pendergast** on his installation as our **District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North Hudson District**. We wish him a successful and rewarding year of service.

For those interested in learning more about this year's Convention, a **Convention program and other materials are on display at the Lodge**. Be sure to take a look the next time you're in the building.



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Community Baby Shower

On August 1st, the Kinderhook Elks Lodge will host a Community Baby Shower for residents of Northern Columbia County from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** This special event is designed to support expectant parents and families with young children by providing essential baby items, resources, and a welcoming opportunity to connect with others in the community.

The event is being coordinated by **Committee Chair Lee Ann Alessi**, whose dedication and hard work have helped make this community outreach effort possible. The lodge is proud to support local families and celebrate the newest members of our community.

We thank our volunteers, donors, and community partners for their generosity and support. Together, we continue to make a positive difference for families throughout Northern Columbia County.



Kinderhook Elks
PLEASE JOIN US
Community Baby Shower

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

Raffle tickets at no charge with prizes that include a car seat, or baby monitor or stroller

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The following is a proposal for replacing the dumpster pad area. It was read on the floor during the July, 27th meeting. This proposal will be voted on at this month's members meeting on Monday, August 24th. If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact either Chris Akers or John Piddock.

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Board of Trustees – Director
Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

July 27, 2026

To move the Paving -Blacktopping Capital Improvement Project forward.

WE Propose having JT's Contracting & Precast. do the First two Phases.

First Phase

Remove and replace the retaining walls to be in contact with the new concrete Pad. New wall will be constructed with new 6x6 Pressure Treated Timber as originally installed.

Removal and disposal of the existing walls.

Wall to the right side, 42' long continued to the building totaling 105 Sq.Ft.

Planter walls to the left side Totaling 55 Sq.Ft.

\$7,720.00

Second Phase

Prep, Form, Pour and Strip new concrete – approx. 1000 Sq.Ft. of broomed finish concrete in the rear of the Elks Lodge, Area from the building, across to the corner of the building, on the right side, down to the end of the Planter on the Left.

Asphalt and Dumpster Pad to be removed prior to digging out and installing 12" of angular base gravel. Prep, place #4 rebar reinforcement 2' by 2'o.c. grid, Form concrete to be 6" thick, 5000 psi w/microfiber. The downhill edge to be thicken.

Clean up, Removal and disposal of all the debris.

\$30,400.00

Third Phase

Black topping – Paving the rest of back hill along with all rest of the Parking lot.

The trustees-director are finalizing the paving pricing this month. We will be presenting the Third Phase at our monthly meeting on August 24th,2026.

Friday @ The Lodge

Friday, August 7th



Friday, August 14th



Friday, August 21st



Friday, August 28th



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

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.



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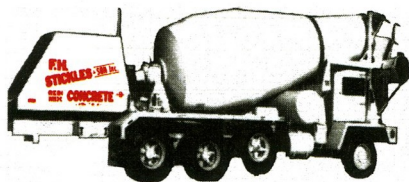
The newsletter committee is looking for someone to edit the newsletter. If you have basic word-processing skills (MS Word or similar) and would like to manage the layout of submitted articles and images in the newsletter each month, please contact one of the newsletter committee members (see last page).

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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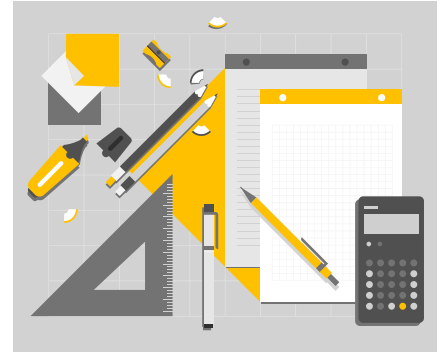
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Emergency Educational Grants (EEG) provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one -year grants of up to \$5,000. EEG's aren't meant to cover a student's complete education, 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 nurseccq@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
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Veterans Benefits Administration 800-827-1000
VBA New York Regional Office 212-807-3152
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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.

Calendar

- Friday Evenings
- 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!
- Board of Directors: Monday 17th at 7:30pm
 - Members: Monday 21st at 7:30pm

August Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 7th Philly Cheesesteak Sub, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu
- 14th Fish Fry, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available
- 21st BBQ Chicken – \$13 (See page 6 for details)
- 28th Hot Pepperoni Subs, choice of french fries or onion rings - \$13 – bar Menu available

August Events

- 2nd NYSEA Youth Golf Tournament
- 9th Rental 2-6
- 6th, 13th, 20th and 28th Darts
- 15th Rental
- 17th thru 20th Yard Sale Setup
- 21st thru 23rd Yard Sale
- 17th Board of Director's Meeting
- 24th Lodge Meeting
- 29th Pavilion Rental

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