



THE LEGEND

Newsletter of the Kinderhook Elks

May 2024



Exalted Ruler's Message

Good Morning members, family and friends,

Wow! Did you see the update! OMG lots going on. Hope we can get some new blood on-board to help with some of these events.

Spring is here and we are in the process of getting a crew together for May 4th at 9am to do some grounds cleanup, and we are working with some people on getting together to spruce up the place, plant new flowers, maybe some trees or ornamental grass? Who knows but we are gonna try.

There are 29 members that are still delinquent. Please, the time and effort this takes of members to call, email or text to get these resolved is consuming. If you lost your slip reach out, we can find out what you owe and let you know. We have access to a Venmo account if that helps, believe me we will come up with a solution. If you wish to drop your membership please write a letter to our secretary and request a complete demit, you will however have to pay your dues for the year to make this happen. If you complete demit you can rejoin at anytime, if not here then at another Lodge. If you are not a member *in good standing* you will not be allowed in the tap room, even if your spouse is a member. Presumably, you saw something in Elkdom that made you want to join. If that has changed due to reasons behind the scenes we do not know about please reach out and let us know. We can't help correct issues if we don't know about them.

The past few weeks has been uplifting, some new members and some not so new members are stepping up. We have a crew for every Friday but the 5th. We can work on that or maybe we'll just not have a meal that night and let members, oh I don't know have a donation basket and we order in pizzas no fuss. Just a night to enjoy each others company and relax. Please let an officer know if you have an opinion.... don't we all have one?



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There are many events coming up and the officers are trying to figure a date for an initiation. If you have proposed someone for membership, please reassure them we are working on it. If we can't get it done on a weekend maybe a weeknight? Or maybe another district initiation to get people in and off the waiting list? We can also reach out to other Lodges and see when they are having an initiation and request that some of our proposed go there. They would still be a member of our Lodge. We all can think outside the box to make things happen. Let work together for the better.

I know you think its early, but it's spring and people like to clean out their houses and garages. If you have things that are gently used, are clean and salable, bring them to the Lodge for our annual lodge yard sale. We don't have a date yet but we might even be able to pull off a chicken BBQ on the Friday or Saturday of the sale.

Thank you for all you do for the Lodge and the community we support in all of our endeavors. Brighten someone's day with a simple gesture, a smile, a laugh, buy them a coffee or a flower. You never know what one small act of kindness can mean.

Anne

Wednesday Night Dinners

Are you interested in cooking and working on a kitchen crew?

We have seen the positive impact of our Wednesday night meals, with two consecutive weeks of success. This simple idea has brought people together, creating a positive experience for all involved. Your contribution to this initiative can make a significant difference.

Together, we can make a difference. We are seeking volunteers willing to step up and organize a Wednesday night meal. You can help us make this a reality and provide a warm and welcoming meal by answering a couple of simple questions.

- 1) Which Wednesday are you available to work? 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Wednesday?
- 2) Would you like to be a crew leader?

We appreciate your support! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy 704-1866 or Annie 758-2196.

Easter Bunny at Kinderhook Square

Thanks to those who donated for the Easter candy: Chris Akers, Ben Lasher, Ray and Wendy, Steve Race, John Deane Annie Leiser, Gordie Engel, Rick Lacrosse, Richard Fisher, Eric Geiger, Joe, Kenny W., Jim Yager, Sharon Deck, Mike, George Proniske, Chuck C., Bob Hymes, John Piddock, Frank Masten and Jack Smith. If I missed anyone – please accept my apology. Larry



2024-2025 Award Recipients



LeeAnn Alessi



David and Gail Smith



Nina Kahn



Chris Bellingham

Chris Bellingham is Elk of the year. Outstanding service went to LeeAnn Alessi. ER awards went to Gail Smith, Dave Smith and Nina Kahn. Officer of the year is Sharon Deck, Bartender of the year is Rosemarie Neckles and Citizen of the year is Sandy LaCrosse.

New

Wednesday night menus for the month of May

May 1st

\$15

Pasta/ meatballs or

Garlic chicken over pasta

Garlic Bread

Dessert – pineapple upside down cake

May 8th

\$15

Ham/ scalloped potatoes

Vegetable

Dessert – French Blueberry or Raspberry Pie

May 15th

\$15

Liver, bacon and onions

Baked Potato

Or Chicken and biscuits

Dessert

May 22nd

\$15

Cornbread stuffed Pork Loin

Baked Potato

Vegetable

Dessert – brownie Sundays

May 29th

\$15

May madness Mac N Cheese

Dessert



Donate Blood In Honor of **Kyle Stickles**

Kyle Stickles was a very active 11-year-old boy when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in his left tibia on September 23, 2020. He loved playing football and baseball and was a 6th grade student at Ichabod Crane Middle School. Kyle needed several blood transfusions during the 8.5 months he was receiving chemo. The blood and platelets he received were critical for his treatment and recovery.

“I want everyone to know how easy it is to donate and how critical it is for those in need. Donors are saving lives by simply giving their blood and an hour or so of their time.” Jamie Stickles, Kyle’s mother.



Northern Columbia County Community **BLOOD DRIVE**

Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

2750 Route 9H, Kinderhook, NY 12106

Dining Room

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or, download the free Blood Donor App.

Use sponsor code: **northerncolumbiacounty**

Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. rcblood.org/win 2024-SP-0880



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Announcements



Mothers Day Bazaar

Save the date for a Mother's Day weekend Bazaar on Saturday May 11th and will coincide with the Boy Scout breakfast. Times and a form will be forthcoming.

Car Show

Sponsor sheets and registration forms are available in the Lodge. This year we're also allowing vendors to come. Vendor registration forms are also available.

Yard Sale

If you have items for the yard sale, you are welcome to drop them off at the Lodge. Please put them downstairs in the cage.

KINDERHOOK ELKS HOST

BIKE NIGHTS 2024

COLUMBIA
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ALL RIDERS WELCOME
MC / RC - WEAR YOUR
COLORS

NO ATTITUDES

- MAY 23, 2024
- JUNE 27, 2024
- JULY 25, 2024
- AUG. 22, 2024
- SEPT. 26, 2024
- OCT. 24, 2024

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MAY - OCTOBER

5-8pm
cash bar
food

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Food Pantry Donation



The Kinderhook Elks, using the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon Grant, presented the Church of St. Joseph Food Pantry with \$4,000 of food items and hygiene products for our local community.

Kindenhook Elks

Trivia Night

SATURDAY
May 18th

Bar Food
Menu
Available

DOORS OPEN AT : 4PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 5PM

**Homecoming Reception Honoring
District Deputy John R. Piddock**



Saturday, June 1st, 2024

Appetizers/Open Bar 5-6pm

Dinner at 6pm

**Choice of Roast Beef
or Stuffed Chicken Breast**

**Kinderhook Elks Lodge #2530
2750 Route 9H, Kinderhook, NY**

Tickets = \$35

Contact: Your ER or (518) 281-2842

Jim Yager will be doing the invocation and benediction.

The Kinderhook Elks is pleased to announce !!!

Our annual...



~~for individuals with special needs~~



~~*NEW DAY***NEW TIME***~~**

To better accommodate those busy June weekends !!!

Friday night June 7th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm!!!

There is no cost to attendee and guest or caregiver.

Buffet picnic dinner & DJ!!!

Photo booth available for those candid shots with friends and to show off those awesome Hawaiian shirts!!!

Please RSVP by June 3rd to Rick or Sandy!!!

rocket12173@yahoo.com

brattybrat12173@yahoo.com

or call Sandy @ 518-610-2888

Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

Gun Raffle

Only 200 Tickets Will Be Sold



The image displays three overlapping raffle tickets for the Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 Gun Raffle. Each ticket features a large graphic of a gun on the left and right sides. The tickets are arranged in a slightly overlapping manner, with the frontmost ticket being the most prominent. The tickets contain the following information:

- Header:** Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 Gun Raffle
- Quantity:** ONLY 200 TICKETS
- Prizes:** 4 GUNS!
 - 1st: Ruger American
 - 2nd: Charles Daly
 - 3rd: MAC 12 Gauge Shotgun
 - 4th: Savage Mark II 22LR
- Prize Count:** 4 CHANCES TO WIN!
- Drawing Details:** Drawing will be held Saturday June 15th, 2024. Winner must be able to pass Background Check. Background Check Fee Winner's Responsibility. - Tickets \$20.00 Each -
- Financier:** BEATTOLANCE, 1131 NY-9H, Great NY 12075
- Form:** Name, Telephone, Seller fields.
- Footer:** > TICKET 000 of 200 <

Drawing Saturday June 15th, 2024
Ask Cashier or Bartender How To Buy Your Ticket
Tickets \$20 Each

Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530

Summer Country Blast

**TICKETS
\$10**

FOOD AND DRINK
SPECIALS ALSO AVAILABLE

Saturday June 15th, 3:00-7:00PM



Tickets On Sale Now

Live Country Music By:



Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530
2750 Rt 9H, Kinderhook, NY 12106-0514

Kinderhook Elks Lodge

Pantry Food Drive

The Columbia County Dwyer Food Pantry needs help with these items:

- Tuna
- Beef Stew
- Salad Dressing
- Mayo / Ketchup / Mustard
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cereal
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Plastic Wrap / Foil / Plastic Baggies
- Pet Foods

You can drop items off at the lodge in the foyer during these times:

Monday thru Saturday 4pm to 7pm
Sundays 8am to 11am & 4pm to 7pm



**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE
CHANGES FOR THE BETTER**

Questions?

**Contact Veterans Chair John Sundwall at 518-610-5630
or co-chair Tammy McDermott at 518-704-1866**

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Veteran Needs

Clothing *ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW

Men's Sneakers (sizes 9-12)
Sweatpants(sizes Medium and 2XLarge)
Sweatshirts (sizes XLarge and 3XLarge)
Men's Boxers and Briefs (Med/Large/ XL
Belts
Chap Stick
Boots (Winter) sz's 13-14

Food

Snack items (cookies, chips, pretzels, gummies, etc.) in single serve packaging
Ramen, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken/Tuna & Canned Beans
Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal,
Spaghetti/Macaroni Noodles

Toiletries

Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Nail Clippers
Men's/Women's disposable razors(3 blades), thermal top/bottoms, shaving
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Widows Support Group

Any widow whose spouse was a veteran can join the Joseph P. Dwyer widows connection. It's held at 10:00 am on the second Thursday of every month at:

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 and Tuesdays from 9:00a - 12:00p.

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.

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- Friday Evening** Menu 5pm – 7pm. Reservations required call Anne at 518-758-2196
Queen of Hearts at 7pm. Purchase tickets in the lounge from Larry Knott or Robin Butcher or ask a bartender.
- Sunday Breakfast** Dining room seating with menu options. 8am – 11am.
- Lodge meetings** Please join us!
Members: Monday 13th and 27th at 7:30pm
Board of Directors: Monday 20th at 7:30pm

May Menus – served Fridays from 5pm to 7pm

- 3rd Philly Cheese Steak, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$13 – Bar menu available
10th Fish Fry, served with coleslaw, French Fries or Onion Rings - \$12 – Bar menu available
17th Deluxe Hamburger with French Fries or Onion Rings, coleslaw - \$15
24th Poutine (French Fries, Cheese and brown gravy) - \$8 – Bar Menu
31st To be announced

May Events

- 4th Lodge cleanup day 9am
5th Cinco de Mayo
8th Kyle Stickles Blood Drive 12pm to 6pm
15th Liver and bacon or Chicken and biscuits - \$15 – call 518 758-2196 to reserve a meal
18th Trivia night
23rd Abate Bike Night 5pm to 8pm
27th Memorial day Parade 9am

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