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## LODGE MEETINGS

June 01, 2026

June 15, 2026

All members are invited.

## KETCH Tour

Pictured Below is the Grand Exalted Ruler Hon. Bryan R. Klatt making a filter.



120<sup>th</sup> KANSAS ELKS ASSOCIATION SPRING CONVENTION, APRIL 30 - MAY 3, 2026

By *Sean Cutsinger*

We started the convention on Thursday April 30. "Like Sunflowers We Are Growing Together In Grace And Knowledge". KEA State President Kathy Clark and members met the Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. Bryan R. Klatt and his lady Susan, at the Eisenhower Airport. Then at 1:00 we gathered at KETCH for lunch and to take a tour. This was the first time that I had been there. It was great to see the facility and to meet some of the workers. I enjoyed watching the Grand Exalted Ruler Hon. Bryan R Klatt make a filter. The filter was auctioned off on Saturday night. On Friday I arrived at the Holiday Inn and was pleasantly surprised by a welcome basket in my room. I was the State Chaplain this past year and it has been such a pleasure to serve. After I got registered and received my credentials we went and got dressed up for the Grand Lodge Dinner. We met at 5:00 in the hospitality room and were served cocktails and snacks. At 6:00 we headed down to the Pecan Room for dinner. We had a good meal and conversation. Later that evening were the games that the lodges prepared. It was a fun evening all decorated with sunflowers. I had the pleasure of visiting with the Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R Klatt and his lady Susan and learn of their travels and experiences. I called it a night as it was a long day. Saturday May 2, we started the day with the KEA business meeting. It was a long meeting but a productive one. After the meeting the officers and special guests met in the hotel restaurant for lunch. After lunch I went back to my room to write my prayer for the evening banquet. From 2:30 to 3:00 the officers and committee chairs met in the KEA State President's room, where Kathy and Past State President Tom hosted a thank you meeting. We received thank you gifts and Kathy gave a speech. After, I retired to my room to get ready for the evening banquet. At 5:00 we met in the hallway for cocktails, then we all got lined up for the procession. I gave the Invocation and KEA President Kathy Clark lead the Pledge of Allegiance and dinner was served. Introductions of the head table were made, Then the SDGER Hon. Frank Springer gave his remarks, followed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. James McQuillan gave his remarks. The Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. Bryan R. Klatt gave his speech. Presentation of Special gifts were given. The Committee Chairpeople was introduced. The committee award presentations

of the Hoop Shoot, Veterans Volunteer of the Year, ENF Awards, Kansas Elk of the Year, Ritual Tribute to the Flag, Ritual 11 O'clock Toast and the KETCH major project awards were given. The live auction of items was done. Then, we proceeded with the Installation of the new officers, followed by the Presentation of the "Big Knocker" was presented to President- Elect Mick Allen. KEA President Mick Allen gave his remarks, followed by KEA President Kathy Clark gave her final remarks and announcements. I gave the Benediction and we closed the banquet. After the banquet was the reception for our new KEA State President Mick Allen. On Sunday, May 3, we concluded the convention with the Scholarship breakfast, The Awards meeting and the memorial, where I gave my final prayers. It was a busy weekend but a fun one. Again, I was so pleased that Kathy Clark asked me to be her Chaplain. It was a learning experience, and I am pleased that I made you all proud. It was quite the honor to be a part of this great organization. Thank you Past KEA President Kathy Clark for all your hard work and believing in me.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPLAIN AND EDITOR AND WRITER

By *Sean Cutsinger*

***Hello, my fellow members, I hope this finds you all well. "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:" (Genesis 1:14). The moon is a timekeeper (it defines the month) that is intermediate between the day and the year, so the moon's phases are useful to keep time with the changing seasons. This month the full moon (The Strawberry Moon) takes place on Monday June 29, 2026. Have you ever noticed that the full moon names often coincide with harvests and seasons? The Strawberry moon has nothing to do with its color, but the time of year. The name derives from the Northeastern Native American tribes of the Algonquian, Ojibwe, Dakota and Lakota tribes. This moon marks the traditional harvest of wild strawberries. This year the moon (a micromoon) will hang lower in the sky than any other full moon this year and will appear about 10-14% smaller and dimmer than most full moons. This year if we are lucky, if you look to the Southeast in the evening as the moon rises it might appear as soft gold or reddish-orange color as the atmospheric light refraction will give it a color. This doesn't normally happen on this moon.***

***If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter email me at [SeanCutsinger@gmail.com](mailto:SeanCutsinger@gmail.com). God Bless Each and Every One of Us. I pray that you all have a healthy and safe month.***

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Abram Elam
- 03 Donald Adlesperger
- 03 Debra Kendall
- 06 Missy Storrer
- 08 Thomas Veazey
- 08 Kyle Willhite
- 15 Judy Lowmaster
- 24 Angie Adlesperger
- 25 Kathy Clark
- 26 Sheila Hoyt

## PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

- 05-01-26 \$30.00**  
**Molly Burkouski**
- 05-18-26 \$40.00**  
**Lisa Jack**
- 06-01-26 \$10.00**



### EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

### DOORS OPEN

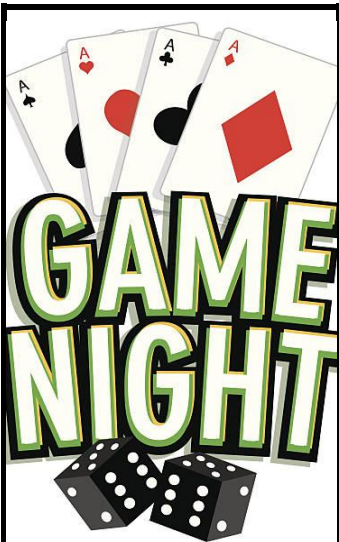
at 5:00 p.m.

### EVENT BOOKINGS

If you are planning a special event, like a Wedding, anniversary birthday party, or class reunions, please let a member know or call

**316-321-9393**

# Happy Father's Day!!!



## Game Night

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Monday May 11, 2026.  
Loren Anthony hosted the Yahtzee tournament to help support KETCH.



## 4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 4  
Parade starts at 9 a.m.  
Downtown El Dorado



Elks  
National  
Foundation



## Kentucky Derby Party

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Saturday, May 02, 2026, the lodge hosted a Kentucky Derby Party. From what I heard everyone had a great time. I was at the State Convention so couldn't attend; The ones that were in attendance said this was a fun event and they hoped we do this again in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out and thank you to everyone who worked the event.



## Soccer Shoot Contest Presentation!

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Monday, May 18, 2026, Loren Anthony presented Exalted Ruler John Britt with the 2025, Certificate of Appreciation Certificate for holding a Local Soccer Shoot Contest.





- June 13 - State Flag Day in Russell, KS 9:00 am**
- June 13 - KETCH Burger Battle, Car Show in Andover, KS 5:00 pm**
- June 14 - Flag Day at Gordy Park 5:00 pm**
- July 03- City 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration at East Park 5:15 pm**
- July 04 - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade 9:00 am**
- July 04- War Dogs and Walnuts lunch @ lodge 12:00 pm**
- July 04 - Veterans Ceremony, Baseball game and Fireworks 5:15 pm**
- August 04 - National Night Out**
- September 24-26 - Gold Fest**
- September - Local Soccer Shoot**
- October - District and State Soccer Shoot**
- October -30 Trick-or-Treat Down Main Street 4:00 pm**
- November 7-8 - Mid-America Soccer Shoot**
- December 05 - Old Fashioned Christmas Parade 5:30 pm**

## Per Member Standings in the State

|                               |                             |                              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| # 01 Overland Park at \$77.22 | # 07 Atchison at \$17.78    | # 13 Goodland at \$5.86      |
| # 02 El Dorado at \$46.06     | # 08 Parsons at \$16.36     | # 14 Fort Scott at \$5.63    |
| # 03 Garden City at \$24.00   | # 09 Clay Center at \$10.89 | # 15 Junction City at \$5.57 |
| # 04 Ottawa at \$21.83        | # 10 Hoxie at \$8.01        | # 16 Chanute at \$5.53       |
| # 05 Pratt at \$21.05         | # 11 Abilene at \$7.85      | # 17 Osawatomie at \$5.49    |
| # 06 Russell at \$20.87       | # 12 Iola at \$7.02         |                              |

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of **03-31-2026** the State of Kansas donated \$64,315.46 to finish the year. That is \$16.32 per member of the 3,940 members in the state. The ENF goal was \$5.15 per member for the 2025-2026 year. ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Club Member. This is a monthly recurring donation that comes out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. I am pleased to announce that we met the four goals on the Chair challenge. Thank you to all my members who helped me in achieving this milestone. Please remember that April started our new year, so let's do this again! Please donate. *Sean*

# JUNE 2026

| S   | M                                      | T  | W  | T   | F   | S  |
|---|--|----|----|---|---|--|
| 31  | 01<br><b>Lodge Meeting<br/>7:00 PM</b> | 02 | 03 | 04<br><b>Lodge Bingo<br/>6:00 PM<br/>Kitchen: Lisa</b>    | 05  | 06   |
| 07  | 08<br><b>Game Night<br/>6:00 PM</b>    | 09 | 10 | 11<br><b>Lodge Bingo<br/>6:00 PM<br/>Kitchen: Deb</b>     | 12  | 13<br><b>State Flag Day<br/>in Russell<br/>KETCH Burger<br/>Battle Andover</b> |
| 14<br><b>Flag Day at<br/>Forest Park<br/>5:00 pm</b>  | 15<br><b>Lodge Meeting<br/>7:00 PM</b> | 16 | 17 | 18<br><b>Lodge Bingo<br/>6:00 PM<br/>Kitchen: Barbara</b> | 19<br> | 20   |
| 21 Summer<br>Solstice<br> | 22                                     | 23 | 24 | 25<br><b>Lodge Bingo<br/>6:00 PM<br/>Kitchen: Yvonne</b>  | 26  | 27   |
| 28  | 29<br><b>Strawberry<br/>Moon</b>       | 30 | 01 | 02<br><b>Lodge Bingo<br/>6:00 PM<br/>Kitchen: Lisa</b>    | 03<br><b>4th<br/>celebration<br/>E Park 5:15<br/>pm</b>                                   | 04<br><b>Parade 9 am<br/>Wardogs<br/>lunch noon</b>                            |

## LODGE OFFICERS



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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Exalted Ruler: John Britt</b><br>jbritt2929@gmail.com      | <b>Leading Knight: Deb Kirkpatrick</b><br>debkirkbritt@gmail.com | <b>Loyal Knight: Tony Allison</b><br>tony.allison@intrustbank.com | <b>Lecturing Knight: Curtis Zieman</b><br>czieman750@gmail.com  | <b>Tiler: Vacant</b>                             |
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