



NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

“To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care.” and Elks Share.”

ER's Message

Hello,

April is in the books, presided over my first 2 lodge meetings and 1 Initiation, 10 new members.

Attended a DD Clinic in Kinderhook and I'm in the process of learning a whole new experience. I am looking for a person to Chair the Camp Bristol committee as Larry Rowse has stepped down, thank you Larry for all you've done. Larry would be happy to guide you along the process.

A Ladies Night has been scheduled for May 14th featuring Chocolate Martinis and Sangria, I hope to see many in attendance for a great night of fun.

I got to see firsthand what our Antlers do for our community under the guidance of Chair Cheri Pierce-Rigsbee, 120 bags of goodies were filled and delivered to the Stratton VA Medical Center, thank you all!

I will be attending the NYS Spring conference at Villa Roma May 16th-19th.

SVP Ron Barner's Homecoming Reception is scheduled for May 4th, I hope to see many attend this wonderful gala.

I also heard rumors of a Chicken Wing Throwdown for early June, the 2nd I believe.

Our new cleaner has been doing an excellent job, the lodge has never looked better, thank you John.

As always, we welcome our members to get involved and volunteer your time, Sheri Smith, House Chairperson, is always seeking out help. Many hands make for light work.

God Bless and protect our members, our troops
God Bless America.

Fraternally,
Paul Muzio
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LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Paul Muzio
Leading Knight	Steve Frese
Loyal Knight	Gerald Wendel
Lecturing Knight	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Esquire	Barry Betz Jr.
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Joel Rigsbee
Tiler	Jude Kanaly
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
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House Chair	Sheri Smith
Newsletter Editor	Patrick Skelley
Trustees	
5-Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER
4-Year Trustee	Ronald Barner, PER
3-Year Trustee	Dana Murphy
2-Year Trustee	Jim Walsh
1-Year Trustee	Tim Davis

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Open
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman
Adopt-a-Neighborhood	Jason Terrence
Americanism	Mary Jean Willis, PER
Antlers Program	Elaine Rudzinski
Auditing	Mike Bobersky / Andy Koenig
Bar Stewards	Tim Grugan / Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Bell Jar	Nick Vecchione, PER
Bingo Chair	Mark Mann
Charitable Reporting	Linda Rowse, DDGER
Christmas Party	Nancy Hunt
Cigar Tasting	Bryan Van Deusen
Coats for Kids	Shelley Viola
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Community Awards	Chris Linck
Dart League	Conrad Jones
Drug Awareness	Barry Betz Jr.
Elks National Foundation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Elk Training	Dave Hilker, PER
Entertainment	Open
Flag Day	Marylou Hedge
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Fundraising	Open
Government Relations	Tom Grant / Phil Danaher
Grants	Greg Collins
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galarneau
Ladies Night	Patti Embree

House Chair	Sheri Smith
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD
Internet / Electronic	Dominic Indelicato
Justice	Joseph Slater
Kids Coaching Program	Cheryl Higgins
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Liquor Steward	Jeff Grugan
Lodge Historian	Ronald Barner, PER
Lottery	Chris Adams
Major Projects	Jerry Wendel
Marketing	Open
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese
Membership	Open
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne
National Veterans	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Newsletter Editor	Patrick Skelley
Pavilion Restoration	Paul Muzio
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
Public Relations	Greg Collins
Recreation	Ronald Barner, PER
Ritual	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Scholarship	Lori Bishop
Sickness and Distress	James Walsh
Soccer Shoot	Open
Steak and Lobster Bake	Steve Frese
Toys for Tots	Nancy Hunt
Trunk or Treat	Rose Herbst
Turkey Bowl	Joseph Slater / Steve Slater
Turkey Shoot	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
WELKcome	Chris Trumbull
Youth Activities	Cathy Scoons

Support Your Lodge!

- Like / Share on Facebook
- Invite a Friend
- Volunteer Your Time
- Share Your Ideas
- Attend Lodge Fundraisers
- Attend Lodge Meetings
- Say No To Lodge Drama

LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
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Lodge Hours:	Sun through Wed 2 PM – 8 PM; Thurs 2 – 10 PM; Fri and Sat 2 PM – 12 AM		
Lodge Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM		
Trustee Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM		
House Committee Meetings:	1 st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM		
Facebook:	@2073elks	Linked In:	2073elks
Twitter:	@2073elks	Tik Tok:	2073elks
Snap Chat:	2073elks	Pinterest:	@2073elks

BREAKFAST



The Lodge hosts breakfast every Sunday morning from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM and members, their guests and the general public are welcome to attend. Our full service menu offers the most reasonable prices in town and a wide variety of food options with generous portions certain to please each guest. Help us to build our breakfast crowd by inviting a friend to join you. Groups are welcome, but please call ahead for reservations.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: MAY 2024

I have received a request for Barry Betz Sr. to become a Life Member. Having met the requirements for Life Membership (At least 30 years as a member and obtained 65 years in age), Members Barry has met these requirements.

The vote on this request will be taken at the first meeting in May 2024.

Tom Nardacci, PDDGER, Secretary

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

- √ Thanks to our Antlers (Jr. Elks) Nolan Kvinlaug, Aidan Vallee, Holden Ashby, Rowen Griffin, and Ayvah D'Ambrosi for assembling 120 Veterans Cabin Fever Goodie Bags.
- √ Thanks to Linda Weber and Mary Muzio for helping set up and decorate the Lounge for Patti Embree's Farewell Party. Thanks to all who attended and brought a dish to share. Patti is loving her new home in Georgia!

APRIL QUARTER POOL

01	2498	17	2685
02	3409	18	3146
03	3508	19	3120
04	1588	20	3203
05	3631	21	3665
06	3497	22	3393
07	3616	23	1860
08	3560	24	3096
09	3353	25	3316
10	3024	26	3057
11	3397	27	2063
12	3192	28	2903
13	3150	29	2929
14	3318	30	3131
15	2498		
16	No draw		
Two Winners!			



We have a critical need for help! Please contact the House Committee Chair or ER to find out ways you may get involved. The Lodge only functions because of the hard work of our Members. It isn't fair to tax the same people for all tasks all year long. They need a break!

- Cook chicken wings or hot dogs
- Chaperone a party
- Clean up after an event
- Fill up care packs for Vets
- Volunteer for a youth activity
- Be a server

BINGO REPORT— APRIL

- Events: 4
- Players: 364
- Gross Receipts: \$13,402
- Prizes: \$8,581
- Net: \$4,825
- Kitchen Gross: \$1896.50



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

All is well!

Please contact the Lodge for any sickness and distress notices at (518) 477-9947. If you know of someone who has lost a friend or family member, or someone who could use a cheery word or assistance from fellow Elks, please let us know. Elks Care!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR END REPORT

I'm baaack! Last fiscal year that ended March 31, our final total donated to the ENF was \$9,519.50. That gave us a \$11.199 per capita total. The GER goal was \$4.80 for the year. We had 23.88% membership support. We had 7 Fidelity Club members. And we received \$9,000.00 in Grants from ENF to help our community. Overall, a very good year.

This year, Exalted Ruler Paul has asked me to again be the Lodge ENF Chairman. I have accepted that role. We discussed the goals for our Lodge ENF fundraising and have agreed that last year was fantastic but wish to do even better this year. So, our goal this year is to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 total and at least a \$12.00 per member giving total. To accomplish this our Lodge needs to do two things. More members have to participate with giving and all members have to dig a little deeper into their pockets and give a couple bucks more.

The Lodge is off to a good start. Exalted Ruler Paul was the first to give and signed up for the Fidelity Club with a generous monthly donation. Those along with the other 7 Fidelity Club members with the usual donations from other monthly donators give us a good start. So, a big ENF thank you for ER Paul Muzio, PER Greg Collins, Good Member Nancy Hunt, Good Member Anne Kirch and PER Brian Kirch, Good Member John Rowse and PDDGER's Linda and Lawrence Rowse. Our usual monthly donations from Good Members Chris Linck and Joanne Netzer. The Lodge also received cash donations from many Good Members who include: Brother Jay Coonrad, ELK Gerald Wendel, PER Tim Davis, Chaplain Al Campisano, Brother Steve Smith, Sister Emily Smith, Sister Kellynn Hickam, Sister Sharon Malinoski, Brother Barrett Rowse, Brother John Rowse, PDDGER's Linda and Lawrence Rowse and Good Members Earnie and Sheila Kern.

As anyone can see, our Lodge is off to a Great Start. So please help and see Larry Rowse with your donation. We also ask for you to consider making a small (\$10.00) monthly donation by joining the Fidelity Club. If you need help with that, please see ER Paul or myself for help setting it up. Also, I will leave some envelopes at the lodge pre-addressed to ENF for people who wish to send in their own donations.

GREAT JOB RENSSELAER LODGE, LETS DO IT AGAIN!!!!

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER

Lodge chairman ENF

Lodge Updates

Rensselaer Antlers Lodge #2073

I Four of our eleven Antlers (Jr. Elks) members hand delivered Cabin Fever Goodie Bags throughout the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center on April 14. We began on the 10th floor and worked our way down to the Emergency Room.

The Veterans were so grateful, and some were very engaging. We met a Vietnam Vet who told us he came “home” in 1968 but was afraid to wear his Vietnam hat. It wasn’t until 2009 that he was “thanked for his service” then again that day! We were escorted through part of the hospital by a three-time Purple Heart recipient. We also met a Green Beret among so many other Heroes.

This was an incredibly special service day for us, as well as a learning opportunity. Special thanks to Erwin Dominguez, Miss Lourdes at the Reception Desk, Ralph Mianti, as well as all the awesome Nurses and Aides who take care of our Vets daily!

Please, please, please, thank every Veteran you meet for his or her service to our Country.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson

Rensselaer Antlers Lodge #2073



Photo Left to right: Nolan Kvinlaug, Ayvah D’Ambrosi, Rowen Griffin, and Holden Ashby

NY State Capital District (NY SCD) Elks Riders

I recently learned of this Elks Riders group.

Their next meeting will be at the Albany Elks Lodge, Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. beginning with pizza; the business meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Any Riders wishing to join can apply and pay dues of \$15 at that time. Please email me (Cheri2073@yahoo.com) if you’d like an application. Applicants must be a member of the B.P.O.E. in good standing and abide by the By-Laws and Code of Conduct of the Elks Riders.

Please see flyer for the NY SCD Elks Riders Vermont Covered Bridge Ride to benefit Veterans. All vehicles are welcome for this 123-mile ride.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee

Lecturing Knight

Memorial Day

Please remember Memorial Day is not just a Federal day off from work with BBQs and parades, nor is it a joyful day. Memorial Day is to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military. Please remember, it’s not appropriate to wish Veterans nor anyone else a “Happy Memorial Day” – it’s a sad day we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our Country.



Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson, Veterans Services

Lodge Updates

Junior Antlers Group Welcomes Applicants!

Our Lodge is forming a Junior Antlers (ages 9-11) group in conjunction with our Antlers Lodge!

Like our Antlers, their mission statement is: "An Organization for young people to promote the family unit, patriotism, and service to mankind, while helping the less fortunate through Charity."



Membership Requirements:

- US Citizen
- Believe in God/higher being
- Ages 9-11
- Be of good character
- Parents/Grandparents must be a member of the Elks, or, have an Antler sibling

Junior Antlers focus:

- Patriotism; Americanism; Respect for Flag
- Respect of Parents/Grandparents; love of home
- Good citizenship
- Aiding a worthy cause

Junior Antlers will not have monthly meetings but are welcome to observe monthly Antlers meetings. They will not have Officers nor other positions but will be included in most Antlers activities and fun!

Please email Antlers2073@yahoo.com for more information or an Application.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson
Rensselaer Antlers Lodge #2073

Veterans Night at the Firebirds

The Veterans Services Committee obtained tickets for Veterans Night at the Firebirds opening game on April 27.

Cheri and Joel Rigsbee escorted five Veterans to see the Firebirds game; Veterans Night included a buffet dinner (after the block party) and swag.

Thanks to Albany County for sponsoring this special night! A great time was had by all.



City of Rensselaer's Heroes Banner Program

Would you like to honor and memorialize your respect for a Rensselaer Veteran?

The Rensselaer Heroes Banner Program was established several years ago to proudly display and recognize Veterans from the City of Rensselaer.

To qualify, honorees must meet the following requirements:

- Born in Rensselaer was or is a resident when enlisted.
- Served or is serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard.
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As an ongoing program, applications are continually accepted for those who wish to sponsor a banner. Banners may be sponsored by individuals or organizations who are responsible for the full cost of the banner.

Banners are displayed every year, from mid-May until mid-November, for a three-year period. At the end of the third year, banners may be picked up and new banners ordered.

The Mayor's Office runs the Heroes Banner Program. Applications are available at Mayor Michael Stammel's Office located at 62 Washington Street in Rensselaer.

Banner applications can also be found in our Lodge near the Fallen Comrades Table.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson
Veterans Services

East Greenbush Hometown Heroes Banner Project

East Greenbush Hometown Heroes Banner Project

Would you like to honor and memorialize the respect of an East Greenbush Veteran?

The Hometown Heroes Banner Project began last year and continually accepts applications. The effort is called East Greenbush HERO – Hometown Earned Recognition Operation. This Veteran Banner Program recognizes residents who have protected and served our nation with the military.

HERO was proposed by Ed Nestler, who is a combat veteran who served with the Army. Ed is also a member of our Lodge and the Commander of VFW Post #7338 in East Greenbush.

The first banner that was displayed in June honored Melvin Rhodes, an East Greenbush resident who was killed in action just hours before World War I ended.

The HERO program intends to show East Greenbush will never forget the service of our Veterans and their families. Veterans banners are on display throughout the town Memorial Day through Veterans Day each year.

Under the program, Veterans who called East Greenbush their home (or their family members) can sponsor a banner that includes a picture of the Veteran along with the Veteran's name and branch of service. Veterans, or their families, can choose the roads where the banner will be displayed, based on availability of locations.

Qualifications for a banner are:

- The veteran must have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces or died in the line of duty.
- The veteran must have personal ties to the Town of East Greenbush, such as born in East Greenbush, or resided in East Greenbush at some time in life.
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To view the Gallery of Banners or to download a Banner Application, visit:

<https://egmilitarybanners.com/>

Banner Applications (hard copy) can also be found in our Lodge near the Fallen Comrades Table.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson
Veterans Services

Event Posters

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073
Presents:



Pizza Night

May 3, 2024 from 5 pm - 7 pm

Choices

- Cheese Pizza - \$10
- Pepperoni Pizza - \$12
- Sausage Pizza - \$15

Please sign up in the lounge or on cheddar up

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Pet Food Drive!

Made in USA Only Please!

Proceeds to Benefit Homeward Bound & Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

Now Thru Sunday May 5

Dry Food
Wet Food
Treats (no rawhide!)

Look for our Yappy Hour Fundraiser on May 5!

Questions? Cheriz2073@yahoo.com
Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073



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Sunday May 5 **Yappy Hour!** 1:00-4:00

Bring Your Pup(s)!

Entrance Fee: Pet Food Donation!

All fur babies must be on leash; up-to-date on Rabies; and, poop scooped!

Contests & Prizes

Food!

Fundraiser! Proceeds to benefit Homeward Bound & Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

Vendors! Fun! Raffles 50/50 Community Event!



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Questions? Cheriz2073@yahoo.com

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Ladies Night

14th May 2024

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. *Music Fun!*

Drink Specials:
Chocolate Martini
Sangria

Please Bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED!

ValleyCats

VETERANS NIGHT

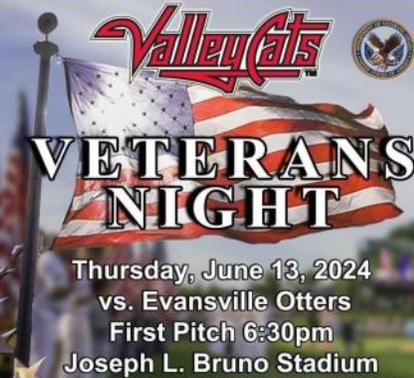
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First Pitch 6:30pm
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Rensselaer Elks Lodge Outing

Saturday, June 22nd

6:30pm Game vs. **MINERS**

Premium tickets are available for \$10 Each

For more information contact
Bob Myron - Rensselaer Elks 2073
bobtoddm11@gmail.com or 518-283-7784

To order tickets visit - bit.ly/GroupPortal24
Enter Password - elks24



RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073

Homecoming RECEPTION

HONORING
NEW YORK NORTH HUDSON DISTRICT #6260
RON BARNER
STATE VICE PRESIDENT

**SATURDAY
MAY 4TH, 2024**

- MUSIC: LIVE JAZZ
- COCKTAIL HOUR AND APPETIZERS: 4:30 PM
- DINNER SERVICE: 5:30 PM

MENU

Strip Steak or Baked Haddock	Baked Potato	Fresh Vegetable	Dessert Table
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TICKET COST: \$40.00

683 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE
EAST GREENBUSH, NY 12061

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LODGE. Questions please see your EventHub. RSVP via e-mail only to diaocoll@aol.com

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bingo 5pm	3 Pizza Night	4 Charity Breakfast Nassau Library SVP Homecoming
5 Breakfast 9:00– 11:00am	6 Red Cross Blood Drive	7 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	8 Lifeline Screening	9 Bingo 5pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day Break- fast 9:00–11:30am	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	14	15	16 Bingo 5pm NYS Spring Convention	17 NYS Spring Convention	18 Tyler Coyne Fundraiser NYS Spring Convention
19 Breakfast 9:00- 11:00am	20	21	22	23 Bingo 5pm	24	25
26 Breakfast 9:00– 11:00am	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 Bingo 5pm	31	

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am Chicken Wing Throwdown	3	4 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5	6 Bingo 5pm	7	8
9 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13 Bingo 5pm	14 Friends Game Night	15
16 Breakfast 9:00-11:00am Flag Day Ceremony	17	18	19	20 Bingo 5pm	21	22
23 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am Veterans Appreciation Picnic	24	25	26	27 Bingo 5pm	28	29
30 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am						



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March 2023

Sue Polsinello
In Memory of PER Floyd M Smith

April 2022

Cindy Jeffries
Dave Jeffries

May 2022

Carol McKay
Lester McKay
Sue Polsinello
Tom Grant
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George Wagner
Marshall Wagner
Michael Wagner

Frank Heller
In Memory of Fred Hutchinson
Walt Myers

May 2022

JoAnne Netzer
*In Memory of Francis A. Netzer and
John Tiro*

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Linda M. Rowse, DDGER

John J. Rowse
Barrett L. Rowse
Christine Rowse
Morgan P. Rowse
Kellynn Rowse Hickam

Emily Rowse Smith
Steven Smith
Sharon Malinoski
Brian P. Rowse
In Memory of E. Kevin Rowse

Gertrude B. Rowse

Kevin B. Rowse
M/Sgt. Thomas C. Rowse, USMC
William C. Rowse

June 2022

Richard C. Carpinello (2022)
In Memory of Albert W. Carpinello

September 2022

Alan Hedge
Marylou Hedge
Steven Hedge
Brian Hedge

October 2022

Jay Staggs
for Rich Bedell and Frank Harper
Patricia McCall
In Memory of Leon Celler, PER
Charles Van Buren

The Past Exalted Rulers of Rensselaer Lodge remember their Past State and National Leaders:

Jay Amodeo, PSP
George D'Ambrose, PSVP
Frank P. Lill, PSVP
Alexander Senej, PDDGER
Raymond Daley, PDDGER
Wray E. Tibbets, PDDGER
Veronica Adriance, PDDGER
Charter Member Hank Rivet

For only \$5 a year! Your name will appear that month you sign up until the Year 2025! You can also put it "in memory of" a loved one! When the month approaches where your name is listed is when you owe \$5 to renew and be a Supporter for another year. (To those that have already renewed—you are paid through "your month" in 2023). To join – send \$5 to the Lodge.

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