



RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073

Newsletter

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Elks Members –

Good tidings to all. April has once again proven to be very busy month.

We held our Easter Egg hunt which was a big success, and we had many happy children. Thanks to Cathy Scoons and Shelly Broderick and their helpers for tending to this event and making it a smash hit.

I would like to thank the Rensselaer Elks members and their guests for attending the installation dinner. I'd also like to thank all the volunteers, kitchen crew, that delivered an awesome spread. A good time was had by all.

We held our annual Easter Brunch, and it was most appreciated. Thanks to the volunteers: Marylou Hedge, Chris Sikora, Brian Kirch, Tim Davis, Pat Campbell and John Christiansen. You all had many happy diners that day.

A shout out for all our officers and members who attended the Homecoming of SVP Mike Pendegast' held at Brunswick lodge. Thank you all for representing our lodge.

The lodge held a SpringFeverOke night. Thanks to Dena Peckham and Terra Niesen for making this a fun night for those who attended.

Our Cornhole League has begun and is held on Wednesday nights. Thank you Bob Myron for running this league.

I would like to thank our officers and members who attended the DD clinic held at our lodge. It was very Informative and we were well represented with 19 totals members the most of any lodge. I'd like to thank our Lodge Chaplin Jakob Westman who delivered the Invocation and Benediction for this event.

Also like to thank Brian Kirch and his team of Ed Serian, Nancy Hunt and Gary Wager, who put on a sumptuous breakfast.

Forgive me if I have missed any late breaking events. If so, I'll include them in next month's newsletter. Coming up in May:

May 5th – Cinco de Mayo

May 10th – Mother's Day

May 17th - Tyler Coyne Fundraiser

Memorial Day Parade Date TBD

Stay alert for email blasts for more information on these events.

God bless our troops. God bless our veterans. God bless our First Responders and God bless America.

Fraternally,

Jerry Wendel ER

Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jerry Wendel
Leading Knight	Al Campisano
Loyal Knight	Jude Kanaly
Lecturing Knight	Janet Budd
Esquire	Richard Seeley III
Chaplain	Jakob Westman
Inner Guard	Steve Frese
Tiler	Bob Bennett Jr
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER

Trustees

5-Year Trustee	Beverly Rauch
4-Year Trustee	Dana Murphy
3-Year Trustee	Robert Miller
2-Year Trustee	Tim Davis, PER
1-Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER

FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

Just a Reminder that Lodge Dues for 2026-2027 were due April 1st. Currently we have 176 delinquents. Please remit your dues.

Special Thanks to Rensselaer County Veterans Chairman Chris Albert and Assemblyman Scott Benett for hosting the Veterans Dinner and Cigar Night on Saturday March 14th .

Fraternally,

Tom Nardacci
Lodge Secretary

HOMECOMING RECEPTION



The flyer features a dark blue background with a pattern of white, red, and blue stars. At the top, there is a decorative border of American flags. The text is arranged in a central column, with some elements highlighted in red or yellow. The name 'Ron Barner DDGER' is written in a large, green, cursive font. The date and time are in yellow, and the menu items are in white and yellow.

North Hudson District #6260
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
Homecoming Reception Honoring
Ron Barner DDGER
at Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073
683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061
July 18, 2026 at 4pm
Cocktail Hour and Appetizers: 4 PM
Dinner Service: 5 PM
Menu:
Strip Steak Baked
or Haddock Potato • • Vegetable Dessert
Ticket cost \$40
RSVP by 7/11 via email to barnerr@yahoo.com

MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH



SAVE THE DATE - GOLF TOURNAMENT!

The Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament will be held on July 31st at the Olde Post Road Golf Club.

Sign up details to follow. Stay tuned



We sent Rory an invite, waiting to hear back! Fingers crossed.

EDITORS NOTE: A MEA CULPA

Dear Readers,

It is with profound regret that I must address a serious error in last month's issue. I debated whether to say anything at all, but the matter has already spread beyond my control, and I believe you deserve to hear the truth from me directly.

A mistake was made.

I want to be transparent about what happened. I reviewed the original copy. I checked my notes. I did what I believed, at the time, to be due diligence. And yet, the error made it to print. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of copies. I take full responsibility.

I misspelled my friend's name.

Specifically, I misspelled Bob Bennett's name. More specifically, I gave the man one T when he has, and has apparently always had, two. I have known Bob as an Elk and neighbor, for years now. This does not reflect my feelings toward Bob or his second T.

All jokes aside — Bob, I'm sorry. You deserved both your T's and you'll get them from here on out.

Pat Skelley

The "Editor"

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Breakfast 9am	4 Red Cross Blood Drive House Committee Meeting	5	6 Cornhole	7 Bingo 5pm	8	9
10 Mothers Day Brunch	11 Lodge Meeting	12 PER Meeting	13 Cornhole	14 Bingo 5pm	15	16
17 Breakfast 9am	18	19	20 Cornhole	21 Bingo 5pm	22	23
24 Breakfast 9am	25	26	27 Cornhole	28 Bingo 5pm	29	30
31 Breakfast 9am						

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