



RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073

Newsletter

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Elks Members –

Greetings and felicitations to all my fraternal friends,

I pray that the coming of summer finds all in good health and good spirits (and not the bar kind, unless in moderation of course).

The month of May is now in the rear-view mirror and has proven to be very eventful month.

Thanks to Becky Nardacci and Jeanette McLean for planning and hosting our Lodges Cinco de Mayo celebration. A good time was had by all.

Mother's Day breakfast saw Per Brian Kirch and Ed Serian manning the kitchen. Over 80 breakfasts were served. Thanks for a job well done.

Our annual Adopt a Highway Road Cleanup task was done on May 12, kudos to PERs Brain Kirch and Dave Hilker along with Dirck Van Deusen for making our stretch of highway most presentable for the Memory Day Parade.

Also on May 12, PER Jim Walsh and myself were awarded recognition by the Rensselaer County Legislature: Jim for serving as Exulted Ruler last year and myself for undertaking the assignment this year. Thanks to my Leading Knight Al Campisano attending this event with me and thanks to all the Rensselaer County Legislature for presenting PER Jim and myself with this prestigious award.

The New York State Elks held their Spring Convention on May 14 through May 17, at Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon NY. In attendance from our Lodge were Myself along with PER, SVP Tim Davis, PDDGER and PERs Larry and Linda Rowse and the DDGER PSVP, PER Ron Barner and his wife Karen

It was my honor to nominate our Lodge's very own PER Tim Davis for the Upper Hudson District State's Vice President.

I attended several clinics and workshops that made me a better informed Elk and will help as I navigate the job of Exulted Ruler. I also got the opportunity to meet several Elks from other lodges throughout the state and within our district.

I was also pleased to accept two awards presented to me on behalf of our Elks Lodge Rensselaer 2073. Both were Major Projects Per Capital Awards. One was for Achieving \$8,443.00 above our Per Capita and the other was for Achieving Over \$15.00 Per Capita.

Many thanks to PER Jim Walsh, as these achievements occurred on his watch as Exulted Ruler. Also, thanks to last year's Major Projects Chairperson Terra Niesen and her Major Projects Committee members.

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May 17th also saw the annual Team Tyler Coyne Walk to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation that helps fulfill the wishes of seriously ill children. After the walk the event continued under the pavilion and was well attended, all the tables were in full use and many donations were given. Thanks to Rob Leddick who worked the kitchen for this event. Many thanks to all that participated and donated to this worthy cause. Mark Coyne thanks you all for your support.

On Monday May 18th, I held my first new member Initiation Service. We initiated five new members into our Elk's family. Thanks to all my officers who conducted the Initiation Ritual. Also, thanks to the sponsors of the new members and the members who attended the ritual.

The annual Memorial Day Parade was held on Saturday May 23. Representing our Lodge and making the nearly 2-mile hike were PER Jim Walsh, Chris Sikora, Bob Bennett, Jakob Westman, and Wayne Ostrander. Thank you all for carrying our banner. A job well done.

Again, this year Linda Weber has given the lodge members an opportunity to buy Elk shirts. Thank you Linda.

Thank you bingo crew for your hard work, dedication and continued support of our Lodge.

Upcoming in June – Lots of cool stuff.

Street Soldiers Donations - Collection Deadline is June 19.

Flag Day 14th 1pm Flag Day Ceremony at Lodge. Thank you Marylou Hedge for setting this event up.

Tuesday June 16 at 6pm - Music Bingo.

See flyers in the Lodge and Email Blasts for more information on the above events.

The Cornhole league continues Wednesday's evening at 6:15p - weather permitting.

Bingo also continues Thursday's at 4pm.

Monday June 8 at 7:30pm, the monthly Lodge meeting will be held.

Monday June 22nd will be our next Initiation ritual.

Finally, a heartfelt round of applause to all the committee members and volunteers who worked so diligently throughout the month of May to make all the above Lodge events very successful and enjoyable.

Forgive me if I have missed any late breaking events. If so, I'll try to include them in next month's newsletter.

So, as they say in Hollywood, It's a wrap!

God bless our troops, our veterans, 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

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have a busy summer shaping up as many events have been booked.

Please contact me or the lodge to set up a meeting to book your event while dates are open. As always the house committee is looking to establish a list of members to assist as servers, cooks and chaperones for our events. Free training is provided. Looking forward to meeting many new members.

House Chair,
Brian Kirch
518-265-3141
God Bless

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 the honoree's name in a large, green, italicized font. The event details, including the date and time, are in yellow. The menu items are listed in yellow and red, with some items crossed out. The ticket cost and RSVP information 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~~ ~~Vegetable~~ ~~Dessert~~
~~or Haddock~~ ~~Potato~~ ~~• •~~
Ticket cost \$40 Available in the Lounge
RSVP by 7/11 via email to barnerr@yahoo.com

GIRL SCOUTS



CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY THE SCOUTING WAY

4TH OF JULY

JOIN GIRL SCOUTS OF EAST GREENBUSH AND SCOUTING OF AMERICA TROOP 41 AND ELKS 2073

- OPEN TO EVERYONE
- LEARN HOW TO BUILD A FIRE THE OLD FASHIONED WAY
- MAKE A 250 PIN
- JOIN US IN MAKING BLANKETS FOR VETERANS
- LEARN ABOUT GEOCACHING
- MAKE ICE CREAM
- HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT A LOW PRICE
- GET A FREE PATCH

JULY 4TH 11:00AM - 1:00PM

**RENSELAER ELKS PAVILLION
683 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE EAST
GREENBUSH**

STREET SOLDIERS - YOU GOTTA GIVE

RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
STREETSOLDIERS RENSSELAER




JUNE DONATION DRIVE

Help Feed Local Families! 

Your donations make a real difference in our community.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT! 

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

 FOOD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Rice • Soup • Canned Tuna • Canned Chicken • Canned Fruit • Peanut Butter • Jelly • Shelf-Stable Milk 	 BREAKFAST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cereal • Granola Bars • Oatmeal Packets 	 HYGIENE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deodorant • Shampoo • Conditioner • Soap 	 <p>MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME! See Bartender for details.</p>
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COLLECTION DEADLINE
JUNE 19

DISTRIBUTION
3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
RIVERFRONT PARK (UNDER THE BRIDGE)
RENSSELAER

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
ANGIE VROMAN
OR MARY MUZIO

♥ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED! *Together, we are stronger.* ♥



ELKS SHIRTS

Have you been jealous of other members in the lodge flaunting their slick Elks gear? Here is your chance...

ELK SHIRTS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE UNTIL JUNE 12TH.



Anyone interested in purchasing ELK 2073 shirts can go to the following website and place an order. You can choose what type, color, size, and quantity. You will also pay via the website. When the shirts are done a notification will be sent out and you can pick them up at the Lodge.

<https://elks2073.deco-apparel.com>

AFTER checking out the website if you have further questions, you can contact me, Linda Weber, via the info below.

lindaelks2073@gmail.com

Or text me at 518-419-1437

Thank You. Linda

MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

Music and Bingo!?!?!



Lets get craazzzyyyy!



MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

The excitement is guaranteed! Join our Bingo Night and have an incredible evening filled with laughter and prizes.

June 16th 2026
6:00PM

Rensselaer Elks
Members and invited guests

REQUEST FOR BID

REQUEST FOR BIDS CLEANING SERVICES CONTRACT

Elks Lodge 2073 is accepting sealed bids for cleaning services for the contract period of July 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027.

A detailed description of duties and service requirements is attached to this notice.

[Cleaning Duties](#)

All bids must be submitted no later than May 31, 2026, and directed to:

Attention: Brian Kirch, House Committee Chair

The contract will be awarded on July 1, 2026.

For additional information, please contact:

Beverly Rauch
518-669-3283

Please note the following schedule:

Bid submission deadline: May 31, 2026

Contract award date: July 1, 2026

Contract term: July 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027

ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Get your foursome signed up today for the 5th rendition of the Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament! Our Lodge golfers are so bad I'm confident 5 over par will take the top prize!

Please let us know if you, your family, or your business is interested in sponsoring a hole for this signature lodge event.

Contact the tournament committee with any questions.

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073

**The 5th Annual Rocky Prinzo
Charity Golf Tournament**

Friday, July 31st

at

Olde Post Road Golf Club

11am Registration, 12pm Shotgun Start, 6pm Dinner

\$125 per person, payment due by July 17th

**Includes lunch at the course and a steak dinner
back at the Elks Lodge**

Dinner only for \$40

Scan the QR Code below to access the registration form



**Contact Bryan Van Deusen, Dirck Van Deusen or Patrick Skelley
with any questions**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Special thanks to Dirck Van Deusen and PER Dave Hilker for joining me in cleaning up route 9 on May 12th.

Fraternally,
Brian Kirch
Chair



JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Red Cross Blood Drive House Committee Meeting	2	3 Cornhole	4 Bingo 5pm	5	6
7 Breakfast 9am	8 Lodge Meeting	9	10 Cornhole	11 Bingo 5pm	12 Last day to order Elks shirts	13
14 Breakfast 9am	15	16 MUSIC BINGO	17 Cornhole	18 Bingo 5pm	19	20
21 Breakfast 9am	22	23 Newsletter Reader Surprise Day* (6pm)	24 Cornhole	25 Bingo 5pm	26	27
28 Breakfast 9am	29	30				

* Show up on the Newsletter Reader Surprise Day to meet the Newsletter editor and help shape the next issue!

EDITORS NOTE

Dear Readers-

First and foremost, thank you for subscribing to the Elks Newsletter. I fully understand that this is an important communication on the state of our Rensselaer Lodge. It is a responsibility I take seriously.

Be aware, this is not my fully time gig. Also, my full-time job has very little to do with publishing legible manuscripts. I occasionally do make mistakes and I apologize in advance for those. As most of you are aware, my command of the English language is limited. The product of phonics being removed from schools perhaps...

Regardless, If you have feedback I would ask that you please reach out to me directly. I would also ask that you join me on June 23rd to discuss how we can make our Lodge newsletter the best it can be.

Warm wishes from your friendly neighborhood newsletter editor,

Patrick Skelley
skellep193@gmail.com

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