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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."

As we hit the halfway point on the Lodge year, I wanted to take some time to reflect on the positives and consider the future. We have a lot of irons in the fire and a ton of great momentum going. The future looks pretty bright from where I sit...

Let's first reflect on our mission to always keep it at the forefront of our good works.

Focus

- Aid the less fortunate
- Promote scholarship and youth activities
- Support our troops and veterans
- Inspire patriotism, Americanism, and respect for the flag

What can you do as a Member to support the Lodge? As we have noted elsewhere in the newsletter for many months now, consider the following:

- Like / share our posts on Facebook @2073
- Invite a friend
- Volunteer your time
- Share your ideas
- Attend Lodge fundraisers
- Attend Lodge meetings
- Say no to Lodge drama
- Mind your own business

I set a goal for us to become an All-American Lodge this year and I continue to work tirelessly with a great group of talented people toward that objective. The reason I choose this is pretty simple in my mind. It provides a very clear

roadmap for our Lodge and our Members to do the things we are supposed to be doing. It sets targets and provides a framework to gauge progress and success. To me that is extremely helpful. It allows us to set a course and sail towards a clear-cut destination with little ambiguity. That way we won't get too lost along the way.

Will we ultimately reach our goal? I have no idea. Honestly, it really depends on the effort of our good Members. This is a Lodge effort. I will do everything in my power to press ahead in this endeavor. With that being said, I really do need your help. This is not about me ultimately at all. It is about getting our Lodge the recognition it rightfully deserves. So even if I am not your cup of tea, please put that aside, resist the temptation to be petty and spiteful, and support your Lodge. I know during my time as an Elk I have always tried to support the cause no matter who was involved or what the event was. My track record is very clear in that regard.

So, how can you specifically help us with the All-American Lodge Contest? Here are some ideas!

- Support an open house event
- Bring guests to Lodge events
- Bring in new Members to the Lodge
- Bring delinquent Members back on board
- Reinstate dropped Members
- Make multiple Elks National Foundation (ENF) Donations
- Encourage others to donate to ENF

ER's Message **Truckin'**

- Have your child apply online for the Elks National Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship
- Attend local Veterans events and fundraisers, donate and take photos
- Arrange an outing for a local Veteran or two
- Plan a youth activity
- Engage in activities that promote Americanism and patriotism
- Help us identify and recognize a local Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award winner
- Make a donation, with an original receipt, to help Veterans

Thank you to those who have recruited at least one new member or reinstated a Member this year. Thank you to all those who have donated to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). If you have done both, congratulations - you are doing the important work needed to push our Lodge forward.

Please let me know how I can assist you in the Lodge and make this long, strange trip a bit more enjoyable for all. We have a wide mix of people in the Lodge and finding balance isn't always easy. I would encourage all Members to relax, be cool to others and enjoy the journey.

Best wishes,

Greg Collins

Tel: (407) 495-7561

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HOUSE REPORT

Hello!

We have had a very busy but great summer so far. Thank you for all the help and participation. The Bingo Crew continues to do a wonderful job and I commend them for their efforts. They have a great team that has a lot of fun. Check out the Facebook page for their weekly food specials with service from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Not only do we serve Bingo guests, but they encourage the membership to turn out on Thursdays as well to enjoy their food in the lounge or for takeout. They have great food, interesting specials, and very reasonable prices. Great job!

I would like to thank the Wednesday night Cornhole League. We have great fun on Wednesday nights planned from May until November. This is a great chance to meet new people and have some fun. It has turned into one of the best nights of the week. Bring a friend for potential membership. It is also a family-

friendly event too! We have five boards; ten teams play at a time. Sign up by 6:15 PM with two-person blind draw teams created from 6:15 PM until 6:30 PM. Bags fly at 6:30 PM with a double elimination bracket tournament. Again, we have had outstanding weekly participation with the largest group consisting of 34 people! This is awesome and a nice shot in the arm for our Lodge. On Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 PM we are calling all Elks of the Capital District to convene for a Tournament (with another to be planned in Spring of 2023). This will be a fundraiser for our Lodge to try to build funds for an infrastructure WIFI upgrade. \$10 per person which will include food, music, and a blind draw, double elimination competition. More details to follow.

If you have a Google calendar and would like viewing privileges to the Lodge calendar of events, please email me at bobtoddm11@gmail.com to be added to the group. We are happy to keep Members informed so they can get involved in whatever way makes sense. I

know everyone is busy. Please do what you can, when you can.

We are looking forward to the Fall Season! The calendar should include some weddings, which are a great opportunity for the Lodge. We have jam-packed weekends of Rentals. Sunday football and food will be starting soon and that is a huge time for our Lodge and a great deal of fun. Finally, we have a big community event and some fun around Halloween this year. More details to follow soon.

I would like to offer a special shout out to Greg Collins and Paul Muzio. Thank you for your support and positivity for the future of this Lodge.

Best,

Bob Myron

House Chair

Tel: (518) 283-7784

E-mail: bobtoddm11@gmail.com

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Greg Collins
Leading Knight	Paul Muzio
Loyal Knight	Steve Frese
Lecturing Knight	Patrick Skelley
Esquire	Gerald Wendel
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Barry Betz Jr.
Tiler	Natalie Wagner
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER
House Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Newsletter Editors	Greg Collins / Alan Hedge
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

NEW LODGE WEBSITE

We are working on the next update of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 website. We built a nice foundation already and we are ready to put some meat on the bones. Our website address is www.2073elks.org

If you have ideas for the website, or would like to do some work to help build it out, please contact Greg Collins at gregecollins@gmail.com or (407) 495-7561.

Stay tuned in the months ahead!

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
- Mind Your Own Business

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Cheri Pierce Riggsbee
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman
All-American Lodge	Greg Collins
Americanism	Mary Jean Willis, PER
Antlers Program	Marylou Hedge
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	Jo Anne Netzer
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Community Awards	Chris Linck
Dart League	Charles Megyesi
Diversity	Natalie Wagner
Drug Awareness	Barry Betz Jr.
Elks National Foundation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Elk Training	Dave Hilker, PER
Entertainment	Dan Lang / Eileen Collins
Flag Day	Marylou Hedge
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce Riggsbee
Fundraising	Natalie Wagner
Government Relations	Tom Grant / Phil Danaher
Grants	Natalie Wagner
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galameau

House Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD
Internet / Electronic	Greg Collins
Justice	Joseph Slater
Kids Coaching Program	Jennifer Davis
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Liquor Steward	Pat Taney
Lodge Historian	Ronald Barner, PER
Lottery	Chris Adams
Major Projects	Paul Muzio
Marketing	Greg Collins
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese
Membership	Greg Collins
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne
National Veterans	Dirck Van Deusen
Newsletter Editors	Greg Collins / Alan Hedge
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
Photography	Greg Collins
Public Relations	Greg Collins
Recreation	Ronald Barner, PER
Ritual	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Scholarship	Lori Bishop
Sickness and Distress	James Walsh
Soccer Shoot	Patrick Skelley
Steak 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

LODGE INFORMATION

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Events:	housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com		
Mailing Address:	683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061		
Lodge Hours:	Monday through Sunday 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM		
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 Monday at 6:00 PM and 3 rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM		
Facebook:	@2073elks	Linked In:	2073elks
Twitter:	@2073elks	Tik Tok:	2073elks
Snap Chat:	2073elks	Pinterest:	@2073elks

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Lodge dues have increased this year to \$71.00 due to Grand Lodge and State assessments.

- Dues for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 went out in the mail beginning in February so you should have received notice. If you did not, please make sure we have a current mailing address.
- **Pay Your Dues Now!** If you are delinquent, please pay your dues so you don't become inactive for payment.
- Please remember that only Members current on their dues may enter the building and you may not sign in delinquent members as guests.

There are now two ways to pay your dues:

- **Mail in a check:** Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073, Attn: Lodge Secretary, 683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061. Be sure to include your membership # in the "Memo" portion.
- **Stop In:** Come visit me at the Lodge or see the bartender with cash / check

Life Membership Request

I have received a letter from Member Mark Secor requesting Life Membership. Having met the requirements for Life Membership (At least 30 years as a member and obtained 65 years in age), Member Mark is eligible. The vote on this request will be taken at the first meeting in October 2022.



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 12 people for all tasks all Summer long. They need a break!

- Cook burgers and hot dogs
- Make salads
- Chaperone a party
- Clean up after an event
- Fill up care packs for Vets
- Volunteer for a youth activity

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: SEPTEMBER 2022

Let's Get Our Membership Current...

We currently have **41 delinquent members** who need to pay their dues for the 2022-2023 Lodge year. Please check the delinquent list and see if you may know someone on the list. We kindly ask all Members, especially Sponsors, to help us reduce the number of delinquent Members in our Lodge. The Grand Lodge sends out monthly delinquent statements, at a charge to the Lodge, and should be used to remit your dues. If I could process these dues payments, that part of my duties would be completed, and I could move on to other Lodge business.

Thank You, Tom

SUNDAY 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.

JULY QUARTER POOL

01	3065	17	2562
02	2939	18	3166
03	2132	19	3005
04	1556	20	3403
05	2813	21	2968
06	2570	22	3402
07	1828	23	1212
08	0760	24	2219
09	1556	25	3130
10	3103	26	3089
11	1989	27	3227
12	2512	28	3279
13	3405	29	3101
14	2991	30	1450
15	2579	31	1012
16	3250		
1 winner			

BINGO REPORT

Every Thursday night starting at 7:00 PM. Open to players age 18+. Doors open at 5:00 PM. \$1,300



JULY REPORT

- Events: 4
- Players: 361
- Gross Receipts: \$12,647
- Prizes: \$7,548
- Net: \$5,102

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Bob Gidding

Please contact the Lodge for any sickness and distress 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!



In Memory Of...

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadows of death; the places that have known them shall know them no more. Their faults we write upon the sands but their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Rest in peace. Until we meet again at the hour of 11...

AMERICAN RED CROSS

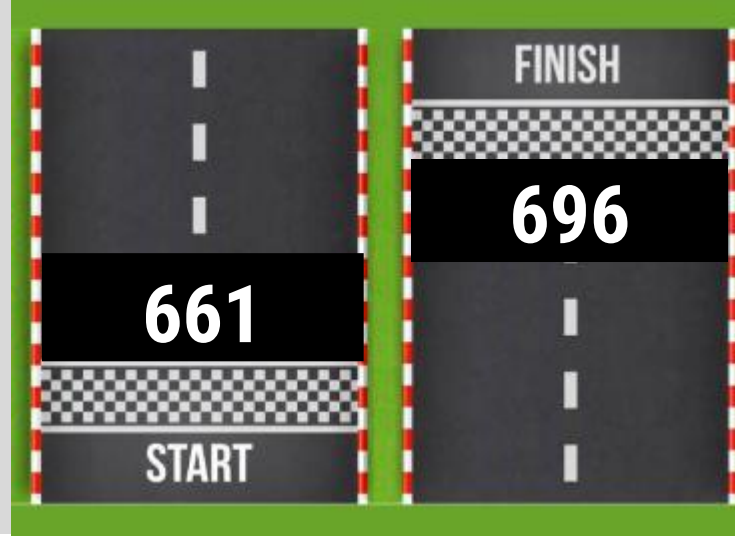


Tuesday, September 6th
1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP

Race to 800 Members!!!

Our goal for this year is to hit 800 active members in the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. That is a formidable goal as we are currently at around 696 members. We are on a mission, however. We need your help to grow our membership! Membership ensures the future of the Lodge and it is the responsibility of all good members. Any member who brings in 10 or more candidates through initiation into the Order will be rewarded with a private party thrown by the Exalted Ruler at year end. The top proposers in the Lodge will receive special recognition and prizes. Let's make it happen...



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Applications on Hand	
Waiting to Read	2
Investigation Committee	17
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	11
Ready for Initiation	0
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	0
Other	0
Total	30
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/22	661
Increases	
Initiated	33
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	9
Subtotal	43
Decreases	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	8
Expelled	0
Subtotal	8
Calculated Membership Total	696
Average Age	59.86
Gain / Loss	35
Delinquency	
Six Months	0
One Year	41
Over One year	0
Total	41
Lapsation Rate	6.20%

WELCOME ABOARD!



Welcome Aboard! Please welcome our four newest Members to the Lodge.

Picture in the photo are Peter Olson, Josh Laiacona, Karen Casey, Terri Romano, and ER Greg Collins.

MEMBERSHIP PIPELINE

Alberto Ciafardo	By Barry Betz Jr
Shannon Ciafardo	By Kailee Quinlivan
Chad Farrell	By Jason Deyette
Jessica Iorio	By Chris Linck
Marc Iorio	By Chris Linck
Tyler Lemieux	By Patrick Skelley
Christina Link	By Lawrence Zink
Sophia Mantzouris	By Susan O'Malley
Robert Tritto	By Pat Taney
Jake Villeneuve	By Brian Koreman
Carter Winter	By Cheri Pierce Rigsbee

TOP PROPOSERS

Greg Collins	6
Robert Myron, PER	4
Melissa Lurie	3
Paul Muzio	3
Rob Leddick	2
Chris Trumbull	2
Kayla Grugan	2
Tim Davis	2
Tom Nardacci, PDDGER	2



- October 8** : DD Clinic / Maryland Night
- October 18** : Ladies Night
- October 24** : Lodge Initiation
- October 28** : Karaoke Night
- October 30** : Lodge Halloween Party
- October 30** : Trunk or Treat Community Event

Sign Up Genius

You may have received an email from Greg Collins and Bob Myron recently relating to the online volunteer coordination and scheduling tool called Sign Up Genius. This program allows the Lodge to enter events and activities along with a list of potential volunteer roles for each. This would allow our Members to go into the program and sign up to work different events based on their availability. It makes signing up easy and convenient. It reduces redundancy and confusion. And it helps keep roles and responsibilities clear. We should have put out an e-mail blast in advance to provide an overview. No one is forced to sign up for anything. When you enter the system, you will see a main menu listing the date, location, time and available slots (volunteer positions) needed. You may choose to sign up for what you wish. This program is created and operated solely by the House Committee under my oversight. We are working on getting things set up now. That may take a little bit of time and potentially have some bumps along the way. Please be patient. A number of schools, churches and other smaller organizations use this system, and it has helped them tremendously. Communication is critical and we hope this will be a step in the right direction to mobilize our wonderful volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact me directly to discuss further. Best, Bob Myron House Chair Tel: (518) 283-7784

E-mail: bobtoddm11@gmail.com



RENSSELAER ELKS IN ACTION



Family Carnival



U.S. Coast Guard Birthday



Chicken BBQ Event

GRAND LODGE NEWS



It's hard to believe that the summer months have come and gone and the beautiful fall season is now upon us. As our Lodge activities ramp up once again, let's take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks in "Promoting Elkdome With Enthusiasm!"

September marks the beginning of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/State Vice President

Lodge visitations. These visitations provide great opportunities to examine your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan with your Lodge board of directors well in advance of the visitation day by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist and all of the other information the DDGER/SVP travel teams will need. This will give you and your officers along with your committee chairs ample time to prepare your Lodge for successful visitation.

Since the end of September is the halfway point of the Lodge fiscal year, it is a good time to inspect where your Lodge stands with the Grand Lodge and State Association per capita. This is a perfect time to see what funds need to be raised during the balance of the Lodge year. By evaluating where you stand now, your Lodge will be prepared to meet per capita.

Fall also brings the reopening of schools in your communities and tremendous occasions for our Lodges to encourage our youth. Supporting local football, soccer, lacrosse and other sports programs and youth-related activities are wonderful ways to show your Lodge's support and personal community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation grants. These grants are available to assist financially in your community partnerships with our youth, veterans, and community members. When possible, invite your local media to help publicize and promote your valuable activities.

This is also a time to concentrate on our Elks scholarship programs. Seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the needed student applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much-needed financial support. These scholarship grants include the \$4,000 Legacy Awards, \$5,000 Emergency Educational Grants, Most Valuable Student Scholarship for up to \$50,000, or a

THE FALL SEASON AND WHAT IT MEANS TO US

Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship. Please follow the Elks website for deadlines to apply for these grants. Don't wait; act quickly.

Can you think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdome With Enthusiasm" than by helping the youth of today grow into the responsible leaders of tomorrow? Many of the youth who have been inspired and aided by Elks programs have joined our great fraternal Order to become active Lodge Members. Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. In honor of this national holiday, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you do for Elkdome. Your selfless time and dedication truly exemplifies that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Elks Patriotism Week in September is a respectful reminder of the tragic events that occurred twenty-one years ago on September 11, 2001.

Like so many of you, I remember that day. I was sitting at my desk at work when the radio broke the news that an airplane had flown into one of the towers of New York City's World Trade Center. This was quickly followed by an announcement that the plane crash was not an accident, but a deliberate attack on the building. Reports indicated that the attackers first flew intentionally into the North Tower, followed only minutes later by another intentional strike into the South Tower. Shortly after, there were broadcasts of a third plane that flew into the Pentagon building and a fourth plane that crashed in a Pennsylvania field. Many innocent lives were lost that day.

The Elks remember September 11 each year and honor all those who lost their lives during these horrific attacks, including the first responders and community members who sought to help the crash victims. In this regard, the Elks have developed a Patriotism Week Proclamation that I encourage all Lodges across our great country to embrace. The proclamation PDF is located on the Elks website under the Fraternal Committee's programs page. Please take the time to download this very important proclamation. Have your local government officials place it on their agenda to recognize our freedom and to honor our nation.

September is also a time when we wish a very happy birthday to the United States Air Force. The Elks honor you for all of your years of service to our country — thank you. On the last Sunday in September each year, we take time to recognize our Gold Star Mothers. This day is intended to recognize and honor these brave mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the United States Armed Forces. God bless each and every one of our Gold Star Mothers as they deserve this day of observance. What a great way of "Promoting Elkdome With Enthusiasm" during the month of September.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

www.elks.org



NYS Elks Association - Meet Cameron Ricci

Cameron Ricci - State President of the New York State Elks Association, 2022-2023

Our State President is from Herkimer Lodge #1439. He joined the Elks in the Spring of 1987, because he liked to play softball and bowl. His team won the Team Event at the NYS Bowling Tournament. He has also participated in multiple CP Softball Tournaments hosted by Herkimer Lodge.

In the Spring of 1997, Cameron (Cam as he is known by most) became an officer and began his ritual journey as the Lodge Esquire. The Herkimer team placed 1st at the Grand Lodge Convention that year. He was also a part of the Herkimer teams that went to Grand Lodge, during his Est. Lecturing Knight, Est. Loyal Knight, and Est. Leading Knight years, earning 1st All-American

Leading Knight. As Exalted Ruler in 2000-2001, his team went to Grand Lodge again, and the team placed 2nd nationally.

He has been on the House Committee, a Trustee of the Lodge, and Secretary of the Lodge for six years. At the District Level, he chaired the Accident Prevention and Risk Management Committee. Cam earned Elk of the Year in 2008-2009. In 2010, SP Cam became the State Accident Prevention and Risk Management Chairman, holding the position until 2022.

Cam led the Central District of New York State as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2018-2019.

Cam and Jo-Anne proudly represent our State Association as State President and First Lady. They will be visiting our district at the end of October 2022.

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Supporting Veterans During Suicide Prevention Month

By HANNAH GRABER / ENVSC Programs Coordinator

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide prevention is a particular concern for many friends and family members of veterans, and a top priority for VA. One way Elks can help prevent suicide is to be aware of and spread information about the Veterans Crisis Line.

When veterans and their loved ones contact the Crisis Line, a qualified responder will be available to listen, provide free support, and connect you with resources in your area.

In July, the Veterans Crisis Line began transitioning to a new number. Now, veterans and military members can **call 988, and press 1** to reach someone trained in crisis intervention and military culture. This new, shorter number was created to be easy to remember and share with veterans who need it.

The previous number, 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, will still connect you to the Veterans Crisis Line. The line is also available by chat at veteranscrisisline.net/chat and by text at 838255.

What else can Elks do to support veterans' mental health? Make yourself available as a friend and start a conversation. Resist offering judgment or asking invasive questions. Instead, let veterans know that you are there for them and

educate yourself about the warning signs that a veteran may need help. Be prepared with knowledge about local resources so you can share phone numbers for support groups or services.

Consult with VA or other professionals for tips about how to address suicide prevention and mental health support in your community.

VA's Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) provides training for programs like Compassionate Contact Corps, which allows volunteers to connect directly with veterans. The CDCE office may also have other opportunities for Elks to get involved.

For tips and information about Suicide Prevention Month, please visit [bethe1to.com](https://www.bethe1to.com). To learn more about what VA is doing to prevent veteran suicide, please visit mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention

Veterans Crisis Line
Dial 988, then Press 1

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note that the portal for the Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship has opened as of today, August 1st, 2022. There are other scholarships available as well. Please take a look online:

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

LODGE NEWS

Want to include something in the Newsletter? Please submit by the 20th of the month. Please sign up to receive your newsletter by e-mail. Please e-mail submissions to renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com or place in mailbox by the bar.

E-mail Address Capture

Please help us to build better communication by providing your e-mail address. Whether you have given it to us before, please send a new message with your current e-mail so that we can update our system to renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com

RENSSELAER ELKS COMMUNITY AWARD

Under the direction of the ER, we have decided to revive the old Greenbush Award under the new name, Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 Community Awards.

We have set a date for Saturday, November 5th for this event in the back banquet hall and will offer 20 tables of eight guests to be honored and recognized for their work in our local community. Details to follow.

Chris Linck



VETERANS



The Veterans Committee pulled off a very successful event with our first annual Rocky

Prinzo Golf Tournament. They are compiling the final numbers and we will post details on the success of the event soon. Thank you to all who helped to make this a success. As you know, this event aimed to benefit veterans at the local Albany Stratton VA Medical Center.

We have secured funds to do more programs to help veterans and we could use your help. Our plan is to put together Welcome Home Kits and Personal Care Packs to benefit local veterans organizations. A box is still in the lounge for this purpose, so please donate items as outlined with the original receipt. The Lodge also has a Veterans Stand Down event in the planning phases too. Please get involved and help out if you can!



As of this report, we have donated \$3,024 to the Elks National Foundation. That puts us at almost halfway to our goal of \$6,610 for our Lodge. So far, we have 49 members who have made a donation. That puts us at 7.41% of membership making a donation. ARE YOU AMONG THE 7%? Our per capita is now at \$4.57 per member. The GER goal of \$4.80 per member should be reached within the next month. And we still only have 5 FIDELITY CLUB MEMBERS.

As this month (August) is when I am writing this report, August is FIDELITY CLUB MONTH. Please consider joining as this is an easy and effective way to donate to the foundation. The minimum amount to donate monthly is only \$5.00. Surely, most of our members can afford such a small monthly charge to their credit card or their checking account. Any questions about joining can be directed to myself or the ER Greg Collins. We will be happy to help you join.

Also, another way to donate is to leave an amount of money or a life insurance policy payable to the Elks National Foundation.

DD Linda and I were supposed to take a Canadian Rockies Tour earlier this month, but our flight was canceled, and we would have missed a significant portion of the trip, so we canceled.

But it allowed us to attend the Carnival

ENF & OBSERVATIONS

with four of our Grandchildren and I must admit that I was happily surprised by the attendance and how well the event was put together. My kudos to Marylou Hedge and her crew for putting on such a wonderful and successful event. GREAT JOB MARYLOU AND CREW! The next day was the Chicken BBQ which was also a great success, and I might add, delicious. Lots of GREAT EVENTS are happening at the Lodge these days. Don't miss them! Before you read this, we will have the "Rocky Golf Tournament" with profits to aid Veterans and should be a ball. Looking forward to this event. And more great events to come.

Now, as a senior member of the Lodge, I am hearing some negative comments about the Exalted Ruler and the Lodge. As a three-time Exalted Ruler myself and two higher offices, I think that Greg Collins is the best prepared Exalted Ruler of all that we have ever had. Is he perfect? No, but he is trying new things, increasing membership and overall moving our Lodge in a positive direction. So please, let's all be a part of the positive progress and cease the negative. That is not to say that if you see a problem, bring it to the Exalted Ruler's attention and discuss with him and not be negative around the bar.



Fraternally,
Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Chairman, Elks National Foundation

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER?

First	Last	Day
Frank	Bauer LM	01
Rita	Bernardo	01
Victoria	DeJulio	01
Michael	Herron	02
Roland	Gendron LM	03
Terra	Niesen	03
Emily	Smith	03
Walter	Koch	05
Donald	Smith	05
Peter	Muth	07
Lauri	Famiglietti	09
Joseph	Wilbur	09
Gary	Connolly LM	10
Frank	Graziano	10
Hans	Janke	11
Michael	Kingston	11
Timothy	Grugan	13
John	Coyne LM	14
Amy	Donnelly	14
Nicole	Gregg	14

Adam	Hulett	14
John	Ochs III	14
Eric	Albert	17
Patrick	Maney LM	17
Thomas	Marquit	17
John	Christiansen PER	18
Kenneth	Downes LM	18
Amber	Coyle	19
Burke	Adams	20
John	Coyne	20
Cynthia	Jeffries	20
James	Malone Jr	20
David	O'Brien	20
Patrica	Dillan	21
Patrick	Cancilla PER HLM	22
Mark	Coyne	22
Kristen	Grasso Coyne	22
Shari	Miller	24
Lori	Bishop	25
Cheryl	Benoit	26
Virginia	Costisick PER	26

Susan	Herrmann	27
Gene	Schultheis LM	27
Joseph	Liotta	28
John	McDonald	28
Walter	Killough LM	29
Daniel	Lill	29
Stephen	Rector	29
Robert	Rex LM	29
Frank	Beckwith	30
Danny	Nickels	30
Henry	Skarzynski LM	30

Wednesday

Night Fun Continues

Please join us for some serious games of Corn Hole on Wednesday Nights from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the pavilion. Let's keep the parking lot party rolling all Summer long! One of the best nights of the week!!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Thank you to the Activities Committee for all of the work they do behind the scenes to pull off events, plan and organize them and dress them up with all the little details. Your work does not go unnoticed and is definitely appreciated by our Members!

STOVE / GRIDDLE

As part of our continuing upgrade of the commercial kitchen equipment we recently installed a new stovetop. Special thank you to all who helped including: Jim Walsh, Tim Grugan and Paul Muzio who unpackaged and moved it into the Lodge.

Jim Walsh, Steve Frese-Nardacci, Dana Murphy, Mark Coyne, Paul Muzio and Tom Nardacci who got her installed.

Meals should be on point now that we have well-functioning kitchen equipment. Remember to turn off the equipment as specified and keep it clean. That will ensure we will have them working in tip top shape for some time to come. If you don't know how to use something, ask someone. Training is available for all who wish to learn. These upgrades allow us to offer very high-quality meals for events cooked by some of our very talented Members.

Elks Care - Elks Share

VAN RENSSELAER HEIGHTS DONATIONS

We are still collecting new board games, puzzles and activities for the low-income seniors at Van Rensselaer Heights. A box has been placed in the lounge to collect them. So far, we only have a few items in there. Please consider donating a new, fun, interesting game that you might play with your family and friends. Many of these folks are isolated or disabled and could really use our help. Let's add some fun and cheer to their world and show them that Elks Care and Elks Share!

All American Lodge Update

We have made a lot of progress in working towards our goal of becoming an All American Lodge. With that being said, we will need to pick up the pace if we want to have any chance of hitting our target. In particular, we need much more activity on the following fronts:

- * Veterans Events = 20 events for maximum points
- * Youth Activities = 30 events for maximum points
- * Americanism = 20 events for maximum points

This is something that will require an effort from our entire Lodge to attain. While I will continue to press forward with my respective committees, we could use some assistance from the Trustees, PERs, Officers, Bartenders, Bingo Committee and the General Membership. Attend a Veterans breakfast. Arrange a Veterans golfing. Plan an easy kid's event, like an ice cream party. Hand out American Flags. It all counts! If you want to get involved, please talk to the ER. Thank you for all of your help in advance.

GOLF SHIRT ORDER

Many of you have asked so please see the sign up sheet in the lounge to order your Rensselaer Elks golf shirt. Make sure to include your name, phone number, shirt size and desired color.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Any singers or musicians in the Lodge looking to play some music with others? We want to hear from you to plan a good old fashioned jam session / open mic night one Saturday evening. Low pressure, no cost and a lot of fun. E-mail us at 2073elks@gmail.com to work out a set list or to do some pre-planning.



LODGE HISTORY PROJECT



Ron Barner, PER has been working on collecting some details about the history of our fine Lodge. We would love to help him fill in some details and tell the story. If you have old photos of the Elks Lodge and the prominent players in our Lodge, or any historical information related to the Lodge, we would love to hear from you! Send clear, digitally scanned, usable photos to 2073elks@gmail.com

More to follow soon on this!

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

We are in the planning phases of a Firefighter Appreciation Day at the Lodge. These brave men and women do so much for our communities to help, serve and keep us all safe. On the agenda would be food, drinks and live music provided in honor of these everyday heroes.

We plan to include in the invitations the following local departments in our region:

- Rensselaer Fire Department
- Best Luther Fire Department
- Clinton Heights Fire Department
- East Greenbush Fire Department
- Schodack Valley Fire Department
- Castleton Fire Department
- Schodack Landing Fire Department
- South Schodack Fire Department
- Nassau Fire Department
- East Schodack Fire Department
- Defreestville Fire Department
- Wynantskill Fire Department



If you would like to be involved in this initiative, please contact the ER for more information. We would love to have a great event and build a relationship with these departments for the future.

KIWANIS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

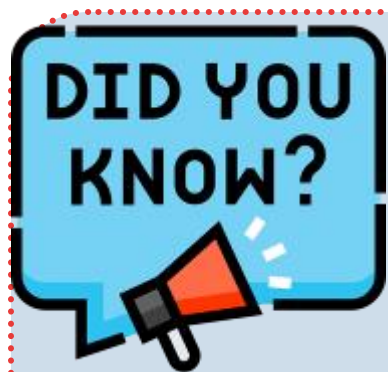
We recently met with Lynne Catelotti, LT Governor of the Van Rensselaer Division of the Kiwanis to put our heads together on ways we could team up for the community. This year has been a concerted effort to build relationships with likeminded organizations. They want to do some things with us, and we are excited about the possibilities. On our list of items for consideration?

- Big Truck Event at Becker's Farm
- Breakfast with Santa
- Ice Skate Park – with the Town of East Greenbush
- Field of Honor
- Van Rensselaer Manor – board games, clean up and community garden



Tip of the Antlers...Job Well Done!

- Patrick Skelley, Dirck Van Deusen and all of those who helped did a wonderful job with the first annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament. We had a lot of fun. We raised some money to help veterans. And we honored our dear friend Rocky. Superb job!
- Cheri Pierce Rigsbee continues to coordinate fun, interesting, and exciting family and kid-friendly events. It is great to have children as part of our regular Elks programs. Thank you!
- The Bingo Crew has a good thing going. They work hard, have fun, and enjoy the time together. They also offer good food specials and make money for this Lodge. Nice-



tleship looks like...

With all the recent additions to our Lodge, particularly of new, young Members, the average age of the Lodge has now dipped under 60 years old for the first time in recent memory. This is what turning a bat-

Cigar Night and Bourbon Tasting

Friday, September 9th is the date of our annual Cigar / Whiskey Tasting in the pavilion. We will be featuring hand rolled cigars from Habana Cigars and assorted bourbons and whiskeys provided by our liquor distributors.

While tasting and relaxing, we will have snacks to nibble on and games of corn hole, horseshoes and darts.

The event is open to Lodge members and their guests. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future. Signup sheets will be posted in the Lodge.



ly done!

- Lisa Canfield goes above and beyond to handle many things behind the scenes. Your help is appreciated.
- The House Committee is cranking through our busy season. Meanwhile, the breakfast crews continue to put together a quality meal every Sunday at a reasonable price.
- The Corn Holers have added another dimension to the Lodge with a great group having fun, enjoying their time together and creating a nice vibe.
- Marylou and her team did an amazing job with the Elks Family Carnival. It was a great day for kids and families!

ANNUAL STEAK BAKE

- Come join us at the Lodge Annual Steak Bake on Saturday September 24, 2022.
- Activities will start at 1:00 PM.
- Lunch bake price (hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers and salads) 1:00 to 4:00 PM
- Steak Dinner ticket which includes: Steak dinner, baked potato, corn and a dozen steamed clams. (Day bake included with this ticket.)
- Chicken Dinner ticket which includes: Chicken dinner, baked potato, corn and a dozen steam clams. (Day bake ticket included with this ticket.)
- Beer and soda included. Cash bar available.
- Pre-buy tickets by September 17th. Sign up in the lounge, with the bartenders or on cheddar up.
- Day tickets will be available at the door.
- Prices: Steak Bake \$32.00 – Chicken Bake \$28.00 – Lunch Only \$16.00

Please come out and enjoy us for a day of fun and live music.

Steve Nardacci Frese
Loyal Knight

11 O'Clock Toast

Please help to ensure that the 11 O'Clock Toast is performed at the Lodge every night before closing time. Request that the ranking officer on hand do the toast or simply have the bartender ring the chimes and say, "To Our Absent Members". The spirit of all those good Members who have come before us should be respectfully honored in this way. This is one of the areas of Elkdom that is meaningful and important. During our travels to Elk events, the toast is done religiously and with great reverence. Please help us make this happen at our Lodge...

Clean It Up!

Please help us keep the parking lot, BBQ pit, front sidewalk and outside grounds looking good by refraining from throwing cigarette butts on the ground. We have a ton of them all over the outdoor areas. If you see someone chuck a lung dart on the ground, call them out. If you smoke, please do your part to help us out in this regard. It is somewhat unclear why we have 17 ashtrays outside that just collect butts in them. Maybe we should invest in a proper outdoor receptacle for this purpose to encourage smokers to clean up after themselves. If you agree, by all means come to a meeting, raise a motion and vote with the sign of an Elk...

Maryland Night - October 8th

The Lodge is planning a "Maryland Night" in the back banquet hall on Saturday, October 8th with a seafood buffet dinner and soothing live Chesapeake inspired acoustic music. Tickets will be sold in advance for this event.



Details on the final menu and cost to follow soon...

Veterans Remembrance

Want to recognize a Veteran with ties to Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 or our local community? Send us a photo, preferably in military uniform, with the branch of service, dates of service, and any deployment locations of note. Let us

know about any honors or awards received too. We will try to publish a story each month to keep the memory of these heroes alive and well.



Help Us Help Vets!

Care Packs

Please help us to provide "Care Packs" for our local veterans in need by donating any of the following personal items with your original receipt:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shaving Cream
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Cotton Swabs
- Sanitary Napkin
- Tampons
- Face Towel
- Body Cream
- Tissues
- Nail Clip Sets
- Mouthwash
- \$25 or Less Gift Cards

Welcome Home Kits

Please also help us with compiling "Welcome Home Kits" for local veterans in transitional housing by donating any of the following items with your original receipt:

Queen Sheet Set	Silicone Spatula	Scissors	Glass Cleaner
Blanket	Mixing Spoon	Shower Curtain	Laundry Basket
Pillows	Plastic Food Storage	Shower Curtain	Laundry Detergent
Comforter	Kitchen Towels	Tension Rod	Toilet Bowl Brush
Hangers	Kitchen Wash Cloths	Bath Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Plates	Oven Mitt	Toilet Paper	Microwave Oven
Bowls	Paper Napkins	Trash Can	Floor Lamp
Flatware	Tin Foil	Kitchen Trash	Light Bulbs
Coffee Cups	Plastic Wrap	Bags	Clock Radio
Glasses	Large Ziploc Bags	Broom	Stackable Chairs
Cook Set	Small Ziplock Bags	Mop	
Knife Set	Paper Towels	Bucket	
Measuring Cups	Cutting Board	Dustpan	
Can Opener		Sponges	
Pizza Cutter		Dish Soap	
Slotted Spatula		All Purpose Cleaner	

CIGAR CLUB

Join us on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM at the BBQ pit for an evening of good cigars while the weather is nice. We will sip some drinks, listen to some tunes and solve the world's problems one glorious puff at a time. Bonus: The first round of cigars is on the house...



Fly the Flag Certificates

As part of our push to encourage local residents and business owners to proudly and prominently fly the American Flag, we have been delivering Grand Lodge Fly the Flag Certificates. This is a small gesture but an important one. If you know of a business that properly flies Old Glory, please let us know so we can honor them appropriately.

Pictured are staff members from Gettysburg Flag Works.



Chase to 100 – Current ENF Donors

Our goal is to get to 100 Members donating to Elks National Foundation this year. Here is where we currently stand. We have some work to do. Please consider supporting the cause...

#	Name
1	Albert J Campisano
2	Andrea Vroman
3	Anne Kirch
4	Barrett L Rowse
5	Barry T Betz Jr.
6	Brian Kirch
7	Cheryl Pierce
8	Christine Rowse
9	Christopher A Linck
10	Dena Peckham
11	Dennis Gage
12	Dirck VanDeusen
13	Emily Kate Smith
14	Ernest L Kern
15	Gene R Schultheis

16	Gerald J Wendel
17	Gregory E Collins
18	Jason Rector
19	Jeffrey Grugan
20	Joanne G Netzer
21	Joel T Rigsbee
22	John J Rowse
23	John M Christiansen
24	Kellynn S Hickam
25	Lawrence E Rowse
26	Linda M Rowse
27	Maria Fernandez
28	Mark Mann
29	Mary Muzio
30	Michael Morin Jr.
31	Morgan P Rowse

32	Natalie Wagner
33	Patrick J Skelley
34	Paul Muzio
35	Paul W Sweet
36	Robert D Clow
37	Roberta June Williams
38	Ronald J Barner
39	Sharon Malinoski
40	Sheila M Kern
41	Stephen Frese
42	Steven Smith
43	Thomas G Clinton
44	Thomas P Grant
45	Tim Davis
46	Valerie Grugan

Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Elks Legacy Scholarship Eligibility:

1. For the 2023 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2020, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2020, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2023. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only. The 2023 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 6, 2023.
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2022 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

There is a lot of money out there to potentially secure for students in this regard. What most people don't know is that New York State has additional scholarship funds available on top of the national scholarships. These funds are somewhat easier to obtain since they are less competitive. It is critical to note that you can't obtain New York State scholarship funds unless you first apply through the Elks National Most Valuable Student scholarship portal.

Please take advantage of this opportunity! Let's get some much needed monies back to our Lodge families. You cannot obtain it if you don't try.

Questions, please direct to 2073elks@gmail.com and let us know how we can help. Please spread the word to anyone who could use the help.

Good luck!!!

20-Week Club

The first 20 Week Club drawing will be coming up as soon as more tickets have been sold. We plan to start the drawings by September 15th. If you have tickets to turn in, please do so ASAP. If you wish to obtain more tickets, please see Paul Muzio or the bartender. If you need further information, you may call the lodge directly at (518) 477-9947 or e-mail me at pmuzio5@gmail.com.

Eight (8) \$25.00 winners will be drawn every week for 10 weeks. The final drawings, to be held the night of the Dinner/Auction, November 19th, we shall select one (1) \$500 winner, one (1) \$250 winner, two (2) \$100 winners, four (4) \$50 winners and eight (8) \$25 winners.

The cost per ticket is a \$20 a donation and will go to support major projects and the Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS. Winning tickets will be returned to the pool to potentially win again and again. \$20 bucks for a chance to win money and do something good...sounds like a total no-brainer.

Please help us spread the word and get our efforts on track. We need you! More details to follow soon but it all hinges on selling tickets...

Thank you in advance for your support.

Paul Muzio, Lodge #2073, Major Projects Chairman

Membership Drive / Open House

As we get into the Lodge year, I want to challenge all members to invite a guest to attend the various Lodge events we are having. Part of our membership initiative revolves around these Member + Guest events. Not only are they a fun time for our Members, but they are an opportunity to show new people what we are all about. It is a much easier ask to fill out an application after an enjoyable evening. If every one of our members tried to recruit one new Member, we would be hitting on all cylinders.

A big part of the All-American Lodge Contest revolves around Membership. Please get active and help us recruit. We have a lot of great things going on at the moment, a good vibe in the Club, and a lot of rejuvenated Members. Let's crank it up even more!

To help you brainstorm, who do you know that may wish to join from the following groups?

- Friends and Family
- Neighbors
- Co-workers / Former Co-workers
- Fellow Church Parishioners
- Recent Retirees
- Young Families
- Recent Widowers
- Veterans / Active Military
- Former Lodge Members

Important Lodge Policy Update: Membership Cards



After a few incidents in recent years, and in order to clarify the issue for all, please note that the only people that should be verifying that someone is a Member in good standing in our Lodge is the bartender on duty. They have been instructed to verify this information, to check cards (especially for people they aren't familiar with) and to frequently review the delinquent list. Members absolutely have a right to know who is in the bar and to help ensure that only Members in good standing are among us. With that being said, at no time should a Member take it upon themselves to challenge or confront anyone entering the building. If you have a concern, kindly raise it with the bartender immediately and let them handle it. That is their job, and they get paid to enforce the rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

Youth Activities – Antler's Program



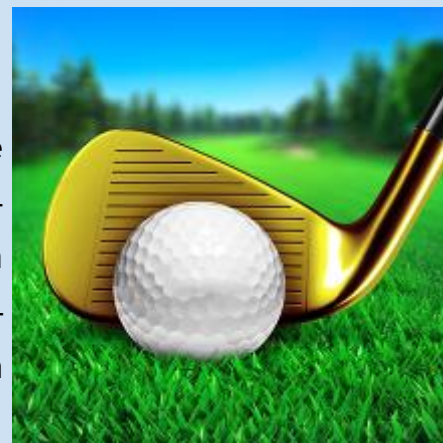
As we have noted, we are looking to start an Antlers Program at our Lodge this year. This is essentially a junior Elks initiative for children ages 12 to 20. So far, we haven't had much traction just yet. We could use your help! What we basically need is at least 15 service-oriented youth who want to make a difference in their community.

The major objectives of the program are:

- To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism;
- To teach respect for parents and love of home;
- To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship;
- To aid in a worthy cause;
- To establish foundation of character;
- To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members;
- And to respect the convictions of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism.

Golf Game

We are still exploring an upgrade to our simulator golf game to the just-launched 2022 PGA Tour. The new game will feature all officially licensed PGA courses, with a 55" screen with edge lighting and everything high resolution 4K monitor. Also, you can pay with dollar bills or built in "tap to pay" with credit card



This is a significant investment. While we are happy to do this for our Members, it does carry with it some revenue requirements to hit. Basically, we would need to double the amount of business we are doing on a monthly basis. The easiest way to ensure this is to create weekly golf league on the simulator. First, who would be interested in obtaining this game? And second, who would be willing to organize a regular league?

We have yet to hear any feedback on this and won't proceed unless there is the adequate support and interest of our Members.

Dart League Awards Picnic



On July 9th, the dart league held our annual awards picnic. The weather was awesome, and we couldn't have picked a better day. Also, there was a very good turnout with approximately 50 people.

For a small donation, there were games of cards, darts, and cornhole for people to win cash prizes. Time didn't allow for horseshoe games. Maybe next year...

The league hands out numerous individual awards. Most importantly, were the 1st and 2nd place team awards. 1st place went to Team Rob Miller and 2nd place was Team Ron Adriance. Congratulations to both teams.

Usually, we have one 50 / 50 raffle but this year we held two drawings. The second for the Elks Veterans Committee. Ron Adriance won the dart league raffle while Sue Miller won the Veterans raffle.

This year's menu was much different from year's past. That falls on my shoulders...I meant knees. Next year will be a lot better.

On the brighter side, the shrimp and grilled clams were a big hit!

Draft night is September 28th. The league begins the following Wednesday, October 5th @ 6:30 pm. Remember to bring two weeks of dues the 1st night. We have business to handle that night with the election of officers, rule changes, and the amount for this year's dues, among other things.

In closing, I want to thank Gary, Bob, Paul, and Chrissy for keeping things going while I was away.

Special thanks to the following people especially for making the day successful:

- Sue Miller – for coordinating the games
- C Jones – as my grilling partner
- Rob Miller – for all the work behind the scenes and the 50 / 50 raffle
- Lisa C - my partner in crime who always has my best interests in mind

To anyone I may have omitted, Thank You very much!

Charles

Delinquents / Sponsors List

Please help us to bring our Delinquent List down to zero. The countdown currently stands at 41 Members. Many of these folks we have lost good contact information. Please help us get in touch and get them back in good standing. I am calling on all Sponsors to please help especially in this regard.

First	Last	Proposer
Frederick	Bastian	Gary P Carlson
Thomas	Bridges Jr	Thomas Bridges Sr.
Matthew	Burns	Gene R Schultheis
William	Chenot	Michael Bobersky
Geraldine	Colliton	Carolyn S Felock
Jason	Colliton	Dean Schermerhorn
Kevin	Colwell	Michael Colwell
Barbara	Craft	Tedd Stalker
Judith	Craft	Tedd Stalker
Shawn	Curley	Jason Colliton
Amber	Curran	Diana L Murphy
Dennis	Davis	*
Laura	Dende	Christina M Teator
Amy	Donnelly	Gregory E Collins
Conor	Donnelly	Carl M Goertz
Randy	Donnelly	Gregory E Collins
Scott	Earing	Scott Galarneau
Glen	Eggelhoefer	*
James	Endres	Robert Beckwith
Emmanuel	Everett	Scott Galarneau

Barbara	Fonda	John M Christiansen PER
Chris	Fournier	Gregory E Collins
Roland	Gendron LM	*
Kristen	Grasso Coyne	Lisa M Cleary
James	Hines	*
Hans	Janke	Tim Davis
Robert	Jucha	Tim Davis
Darcy	Kadanczuk	Thomas Nardacci PDD HLM
Kevin	Kelly	Gregory Proper
Edward	Kilgallon	*
Rebecca	Kinnicutt	John M Christiansen PER
Frank	Lewandusky	James Garrett
D Gregory	Mack	Lawrence E Rowse PER HLM
Michael	Matteo	William J DeGraff
Tim	Miano	Gene R Schultheis
Thomas	Nastars	Michael Paluba LM

Brandon	Oot	David Deluca
Gregory	Paluba	Michael Paluba LM
Edward	Parady	*
Raymond	Peck LM	*
Steven	Putney	Linda M Rowse PER
Stephen	Rector	Jason Rector
Kenneth	Schanz LM	
Alice	Smith	Kathleen A Donovan
Mary	Streeter	Gregory E Collins
Robert	Teliska LM	*
Edward	Warburton	*
Edward	Wheeler	Gene R Schultheis
June	Williams Per HLM	Ed Siebert

WORKERS NEEDED!

We have a lot of work that remains to be done at the Lodge and we could use your help. We will be looking to set a work party day, hopefully in September, to accomplish this. An e-mail blast will be sent out and a sign up sheet placed in the lounge. Please support the Lodge and get involved! Potential projects?

- Organizing the kitchen supply areas and garages
- Staining the outdoor pavilion
- Taking down and replacing the wood exterior on Greenwood Drive
- Resurfacing the dings in the sides of the building
- Repainting the front curb
- Refinishing the front security door
- General outdoor clean up

Rensselaer Elks Lodge Partners with MVP Health Care



We recently secured a corporate donation from MVP Health Care in the amount of \$2,500 to help fund some of the community work our Lodge is doing. The funds will be potentially used for a community baby shower, Veterans events, children's activities as well as programs for Van Rensselaer Heights. Special thank you to Member, Jeff Collins for taking the initiative on this. This is the first of hopefully many strategic relationships to help build on our work. When you do good things in the community, people and organizations take notice. Kudos to MVP for being a leader in our community in this regard! More to come...

DART LEAGUE KICKOFF

Dart Season will officially begin on Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM. There will be a kickoff meeting on Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM. All persons interested in playing are encouraged, but not required, to attend. New players of all skill levels are most welcome! Look for the sign-up sheet posted at the bar. Email me at grwager@yahoo.com with any questions or just to let me know you wish to shoot.

Gary Wager
Secretary, Dart League

BOAT DRINKS!

Join us at the bar for some delicious frozen boat drinks that would make Jimmy Buffett jealous! The blenders are fired up with fresh Pina Coladas, Strawberry Daiquiris, and Margaritas. It is the perfect way to beat the heat and stay cool.



Stop by and try them out...

FAMILY CARNIVAL RECAP

So, where were you on August 13th? We had a blast at our first Elk Family Carnival. It was great to see smiles and hear laughter and shouts of "you won", shouts of "you can't get me wet". Folks say it takes a village. It took a village to have Elks families come together and truly have a fun day. We gave away \$350 of school products to the Rensselaer Street soldiers. The representative Madeline Mazocchi was in tears. Everyone had a fantastic time, animals were petted, gold fish were won, ducks were flipped, a stuffed monkey was kissed, baskets were raffled, fake horses were rode, things were flipped in a toilet, and folks got wet. Did you know two of our members made that reverse dunk tank (Alex Hilker and Brian Hedge). Paul saw that the tank wasn't safe, and he put up a fence and lent us a ball net. Our cooks sweated in a hot kitchen and didn't stop at the grill (Brian Kirch and Joe Herbst). Prizes, Val Grugan and Cathy Scoons we couldn't have done it without your donations. I am missing a lot of folks that pitched in and helped with our booths, prizes, food, balloons, and much more. It truly took a village. The best part many folks said, was to hear true laughter again. We have missed this in the past few years. It's been hard on all of us and it was good to have a day of good old fashion fun. Let me end by thanking my committee, Nancy Hunt, Cheri Pierce-Rigsbee, Rose Herbst, Rita Saville, Alex Hilker and Beverly Rauch. Thank you everyone! Sincerely, Marylou



VETERANS REMEMBRANCE – ROCKY PRINZO

Rocco A. "Rocky" Prinzo, 82 of Castleton, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, October 4, 2021.

Rocky was born in 1939, in Jersey Shore, Pa., the son of the late Joseph A. and Anna Regina (Tenenini) Prinzo. His family soon moved to Albany where Rocky graduated from Philip Schuyler High School, class of 1957,

where he was a lineman on the football team. Rocky served in the Coast Guard from 1958 to 1960 in the North Atlantic and was extremely proud of his service. He worked at Williams Press, Prinzo's Bakery, and later as a bar manager for Cordial Greens Country Club and Rensselaer Elks, where he was a life member. He enjoyed playing golf, crossword puzzles, history, the St. Louis Cardinals, family dinners with his grandchildren, and a good martini in the afternoon. Rocky was also a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6027.

His family will remember him fondly for his quick wit, legendary jokes, and stories that he would often grace us with as he sat at the head of the table for family dinners or in "his chair" in Rita's living room. He was a good man, with a great heart, and loved by all who knew him. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 59 years, Rita (Krug) Prinzo; daughter Cheryl Prinzo Rosenberger; son Michael R.(Denise) Prinzo; sister Joanna (Joseph) Landers; sister-in-law Rosalie Prinzo; and beloved grandchildren, Kyle (Lizzy) Rosenberger, Vincent (Kara) Prinzo, Kacy (Kenny) Wood, Dominic (Jessica) Prinzo, Philip Prinzo and Dante Prinzo. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brother Carmen Prinzo.

Thank you Rocky for your friendship and inspiration to our Lodge. We also salute your service to our Country. We raise a martini in your honor!

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- Facebook Page @2073 elks
- Lodge Monthly Newsletter
- Cork Board in Lounge
- Lodge Website / Calendar www.2073elks.org
- Monthly Lodge Meetings
- Ask the ER, an Officer or a Bartender
- E-mail Questions to 2073elks@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Bingo 5:00 PM 1	2	3
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 4	National Patriotism Week 5	National Patriotism Week 6	National Patriotism Week 7	Bingo 5:00 PM 8 National Patriotism Week	Cigar / Bourbon Night 6:00 PM 9 National Patriotism Week	National Patriotism Week 10
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 11 National Patriotism Week	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 12	13	14	Bingo 5:00 PM 15	POW / MIA Recognition Day 16	17
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 18 Air Force Birthday	19	Ladies Night 6:00PM 20	21	Bingo 5:00 PM 22 NYSEA Fall Conference	Karaoke Night 7:30 PM 23 NYSEA Fall Conference	Steak Bake 1:00 PM 24 NYSEA Fall Conference
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 25 NYSEA Fall Conference	Lodge Initiation 6:30 PM 26	27	28	Bingo 5:00 PM 29 VFW Day	30	

OCTOBER 2022

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In Memory of

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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 Cellerly, PER

Charles Van Buren

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

Jay Amodeo, PSP

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Frank P. Lill, PSVP

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