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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."

Greetings,

Our Lodge continues to push ahead with the help of our good Members. I appreciate all that you do to make our Lodge great. We really need some additional support though to help our core group of workers. The House Committee put together a very busy Summer of events and they really could use a break at this time. I am so grateful for all that they do, and I feel bad to see the same people, night in and night out, grinding away. With over 700 Members in our Lodge now, and an average age under 60 years old, we really should be able to divide the work and lighten the burden. Please consider lending your assistance.

I know I have thrown a lot of additional events and activities at the Lodge and that is obviously a double-edged sword. On one hand, I wanted to focus this year on our Members and their experience in the Lodge to provide, fun, new, interesting, diverse things to do. Some of those have worked and others have not. We are learning together what is of interest to our Members. Keep in mind that your attendance is the sign of whether or not we will continue to offer these events. I know everyone is busy and we all have other obligations, but if we don't see

## ER's Message

good support and attendance and events don't generate proceeds to the Club, then we regrettably won't be able to continue them in the future. Obviously, all of these events need to be staffed too.

We have had some good recognition from our efforts to promote the Lodge activities. As you know, this was a big area of focus this year. Our Summer Science Series, which was funded by an ENF grant, was featured on the main homepage of the Grand Lodge website at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). The Grand Lodge Elks National Magazine has also picked up a lot of our news items with a host of prominent stories. Please help us spread the word on what we are doing as a Lodge. Keep in mind, the Elks National magazine looks for the following:

- Elks Care, Elks Share (Community Support)
- Supporting Our Troops
- Supporting Our Veterans
- Drug Awareness

We also continue to attack the All-American Lodge Contest to gain valuable points. Right now, we are doing fairly well in most areas. In order to hit our targets though we will need to make a conscious effort to focus on some things. Time is ticking away. Specifically, we need to commit time and re-

## Eyes of the World

sources to address the following:

### Elks National Foundation (ENF) Donations

- a. \$7,000 in contributions to ENF
- b. 15% or greater Membership support of our Lodge
- c. Members donating \$50 or greater
- d. New donors
- e. Renewal of past donors
- f. Recurring donations

### Membership / Recruitment

- a. 10% increase in Membership

### Delinquencies

- a. We have 30 delinquent members at present. We need to get this number as low as possible.

### Antler's Program

- a. We just need to get this program off the ground somehow.

Please let me know how I can make your experience at our Lodge more enjoyable. We have a great Lodge, with much to offer, and I hope you find your niche.

Best wishes,  
Greg Collins  
Tel: (407) 495-7561  
E-mail: [gregcollins@gmail.com](mailto:gregcollins@gmail.com)

## HOUSE REPORT

Hello!

Life is better when we help. I and the House Committee cannot do it all. We are asking everyone to please do something periodically. Please consider doing something monthly; quarterly; semi-annually or annually. Do what you can, when you can. I am also currently looking to train, as many as people as possible, on the House Chair responsibilities. I would like a smooth transition for April 1<sup>st</sup>. As much as I like the position, I can not do it again next year. I will have different priorities next year that may take me out of the area. There are a lot of things that go on in this Lodge as you know. We need to support all of these functions as much as we possibly can, so we have some depth and don't burn people out. Here are some ideas to help build out the list:

Help wanted: (Part time) Training is provided for anyone at any skill level. Get involved!

- Bartenders
- Dish washers
- Breakfast service

\* Cashiers, Servers, Toasters, Grill station, Egg station, Food expeditors

- Building maintenance
- Yard technicians

- Bingo staff
- \* Card sellers, Callers, Cooks, Cashiers

- Sunday Football Food

\* Wing cooks, Mini hot dog cooks, Server

- Marketing and advertising specialists
- Event photographer
- Newsletter editors
- Rental chaperones
- Lodge food buyer
- House Chair
- House Committee members
- House Committee assistants
- New member ambassadors
- Member delinquency list callers
- Lodge construction project manager
- Demolition laborers

- Communication is key to be helpful. Many ways to find out how you can help:

- Obtain viewing privileges to the Lodges google calendar. Ask to view at [2073elks@gmail.com](mailto:2073elks@gmail.com). You will receive an email from Google to add this calendar to your mobile devices, tablets or computers.

- Follow the instruction on the "Sign Up Genius" email being sent. Not receiving the Lodge emails nor Newsletter? Please let us know by sending an email to [renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com) in order to be placed on the Newsletter distribution list and receive important emails from us.

- View the information cork board in the lounge for information and sign up.
- Or send a text to Bob Myron 518-283-7784 as to when you can help and in what task

We accomplished 2 Celebrations of Life, 3 Lodge events; 1 wedding and an initiation of new members. Special Thank you to Rob Leddick, Tom Nardacci and Dana Murphy! Rob created a charcuterie table that was amazing. Tom and Dana cooked and trained with new people on the cooking pit and the chicken done on them. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Bob Myron  
House Chair  
Tel: (518) 283-7784  
E-mail: [bobtoddm1@gmail.com](mailto:bobtoddm1@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
<b>Trustees</b>	
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](http://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](mailto: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

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
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 Rigsbee
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	Jeff Grugan
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 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

## LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
Telephone:	(518) 477-9947		
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Lodge E-mail:	2073elks@gmail.com		
Newsletter:	renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com		
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 <sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:00 PM and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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



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 year long. They need a break!

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

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: OCTOBER 2022

### Let's Get Our Membership Current...

We currently have **30 delinquent members** who need to pay their dues for the 2022-2023 Lodge year. Please check the delinquent list and see if 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.

## AUGUST QUARTER POOL

01	2753	17	1625
02	3013	18	2729
03	2855	19	2231
04	2396	20	2187
05	2276	21	3387
06	3020	22	3130
07	2867	23	2029
08	3190	24	3231
09	1907	25	2575
10	2127	26	3316
11	1439	27	0740
12	3377	28	2791
13	2722	29	1714
14	3187	30	1248
15	3182	31	2797
16	3239		
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 in prizes.



### AUGUST REPORT

- Events: 4
- Players: 358
- Gross Receipts: \$13,547
- Prizes: \$7,785
- Net: \$5,766

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

None

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...

Bob Giddings

In vain we call. He has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadows of death; the places that have known him shall know him no more. His faults we write upon the sands but his virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

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



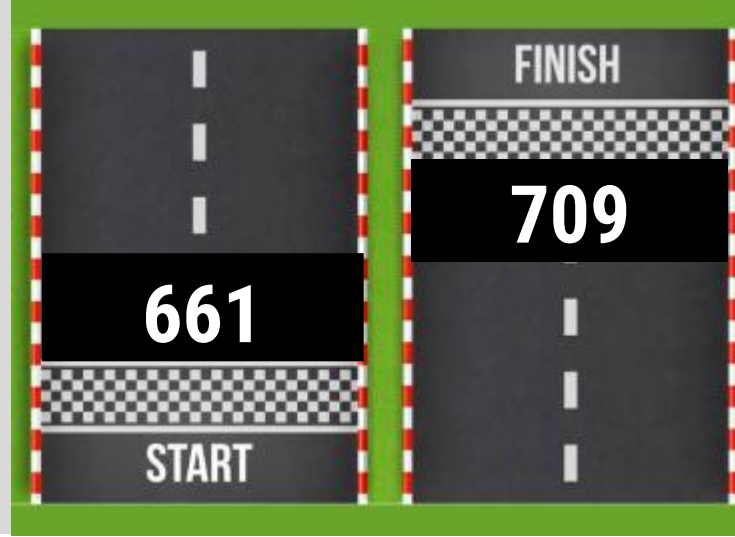
Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1:30 PM - 6:30 PM



# MEMBERSHIP

## Race to 800 Members!!!

Our goal is to hit 800 active Members of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 this year. That is a formidable goal as we are currently at around 700 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	4
Investigation Committee	4
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	12
Ready for Initiation	1
Ready for Affiliation	1
Ready for Reinstatement	0
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/22	661
Increases	
Initiated	46
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	9
Subtotal	56
Decreases	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	8
Expelled	0
Subtotal	8
Calculated Membership Total	709
(CLMS Active Members)	709
Average Age	59.82
Gain/Loss	48
Delinquency	
Six Months	0
One Year	33
Over One year	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>
Lapsation Rate	4.99%

## WELCOME ABOARD!



Our 14 newest members of Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. Please make them feel welcome!

Pictured in the photo are: Mark Foundas, Mark Carlson, Janice Foundas, Mickey Russell, Keith Boniface, Kim Seebaum, Mark Iorio, Tate Tibbitts, Jessica Iorio, ER Greg, George Lovely, John Flowers, David Wilbur, Ed Nestler, and Ronald Pastore.

## MEMBERSHIP PIPELINE

Alberto Ciafardo	Barry Betz Jr.
Shannon Ciafardo	Kailee Quinlivan
Dawn P Hogan	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Tyler John Lemieux	Patrick Skelley
Christina Link	Lawrence Zink
Sophia Mantzouris	Susan O'Malley
Sierra Morales	Kayla Grugan
Jillian Rigsbee	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Ryan Rigsbee	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Joan Robertson	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Jake Villeneuve	Brian Koreman
Carter Winter	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee

## TOP PROPOSERS

Greg Collins	9
Bob Myron, PER	4
Paul Muzio	3
Melissa Lurie	3
Tom Nardacci, PDDGER	2
Jim Walsh	2
John Christiansen, PER	2
Conrad Jones, PER	2



**November 5** : Rensselaer Elks Community Awards  
**November 7** : Red Cross Blood Drive  
**November 12** : Kids Turkey Shoot  
**November 14** : Lodge Meeting  
**November 15** : Ladies Night  
**November 18** : Karaoke Night  
**November 19** : 20-Week Club Dinner and Auction  
**November 24** : Turkey Bowl  
**November 28** : Lodge Initiation

## 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.

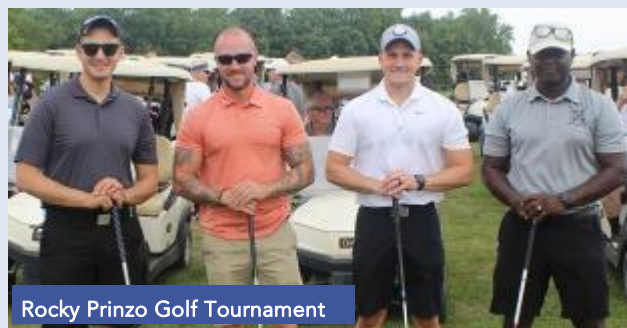
Best, Bob Myron House Chair

Tel: (518) 283-7784

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## RENSSELAER ELKS IN ACTION



Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament



Soccer Shoot



Blue Jean Ball



Vet Car Show



Patriotism Week



# GRAND LODGE NEWS



October brings to us many Elks activities and family fun. Let's start with the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation (ENF). As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have once again established the goal of \$4.80

per Member per capita.

When you do the calculation for this goal, that's just a little over \$.01 a day. For each Lodge dollar donated, ENF could potentially repay hefty dividends for the programs offered.

Your Lodge can and should apply for the various grants to assist your communities: Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. I encourage all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. Find some Members who would be willing to dedicate their time to apply for these worthy grants.

Other programs ENF funds include: Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans Service, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is to support the Great Heart of Elkdom. The Elks' mission is to build stronger communities and ENF provides the resources to fulfill this mission. I charge you to get out into your communities with

## ENF Grants, Programs Bolster Communities

great pride and show them what the Elks do for them. For more information about the Elks National Foundation, go to [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf).

Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually from October 23 to October 31. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in your communities. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring a Red Ribbon Week. Have your Members distribute red ribbons to our schools and encourage Members, friends and loved ones to wear red ribbons.

Today, Drug Awareness has become an even greater challenge as we continue to fight the horrors of drug abuse and addiction. The staggering number that comes to mind is that in the United States alone, there have been nearly 71,000 overdose deaths each year. The amount of deaths from drug overdoses is the reason why the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks takes such a hard stand to prevent and educate our youth and adults. The Elks will always be there to support hugs are better than drugs. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to work hard to stop these dreaded drug diseases.

October is also a time when most people enjoy a nice fall holiday with Columbus Day. Finally, October 31 is known as Halloween. A day and night when the ghosts and ghouls come out. Our children get to enjoy putting on their favorite costumes to go trick or treating. Please be safe when going door to door and stay in neighborhoods that you know well.

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

[www.elks.org](http://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.

[www.nyselks.org](http://www.nyselks.org)

# Rensselaer Elks Community Award

## Friends,

As you know, Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 has been a staple in our local community since 1958. Our focus centers on a few important things. First, we aid the less fortunate. Second, we promote youth activities and scholarship. Third, we support our troops and veterans. And finally, we inspire Americanism, patriotism, and respect for the Flag. Since our inception, we have donated over \$1.6 million back to those causes.

Today, we remain equally committed to service to our community. To that end, we would like to bring back the old "Greenbush Award". This award seeks to recognize local individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to our community. The area in question covers East Greenbush, North Greenbush, Rensselaer, Schodack, Castleton-on-Hudson, Nassau and West Sand Lake. Organizations including fire departments, police departments, civic organizations, fraternal organizations, veterans organizations and churches, among others, are eligible.

We are holding an event at our Lodge on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to honor the recipients. Only 20 tables of eight will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. The cost per table is \$200 and will include a roast beef dinner, live music and a cash bar will also be available.

If you have someone you want to honor for their exceptional work, please sign up for your table and let us know. Only full tables will be offered. RSVP by October 24, 2022 via e-mail at [2073elks@gmail.com](mailto:2073elks@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Best regards,

Chris Linck, Chair



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note that the portal for the Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship has opened as of 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](mailto: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](mailto:renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Turkey Shoot for Kids!

There will be a Kids Turkey shoot on Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 AM at the Lodge. Children ages 8 and 9, 10 and 11, and 12 and 13 will be eligible for a prize for excellent shooting. All shooters will be supervised by adults at all times. This is open to both boys and girls. It will be held rain or shine. It is open to all kids whether children of Elks or not. Should be fun, so come out to cheer the kids on.

See you there,

Lawrence E. Rowse,  
PDDGER



# VETERANS



We have kicked off our work with a number of great things so far and have more planned in the months ahead for the Veterans Committee.

Please see the note about Welcome Home Kits and Personal Care Packs as well in the newsletter as we plan to step up that initiative as well. Please make sure to keep your original receipts to submit with your items so we can track the value of the donations made.



Our Lodge is closing in on the halfway total of our goal of \$6,610 donated to the Elks National foundation. The latest figures show us donating \$2,814 as of 9/20. So, who should be thanked for supporting our Lodge effort to achieve the Lodge goals?

They are: Trustee Jim Walsh, Robert and Shari Miller, Alex Chupa, Suzanne Polsinello, Eileen and Tom Grant, the Hedges (Alan, Mary Lou, Steven and Brian), PER Ron Barner, Inner Guard Barry Betz Jr., Chaplain Al Campisano, Treasurer John Christiansen, Tom Clinton, PER Bob Clow, ER Greg Collins, Trustee Tim Davis, Maria Fernandez, Loyal Knight Stephen Frese, Dennis Gaige, Jeff Grugan, Val Grugan, Kellynn Hickam, Earnie and Sheila Kern, Anne and PER Brian Kirch, Chris Linck, Sharon Malinoski, Mark Mann, Mike Morin Jr., Mary and Leading Knight Paul Muzio, Joanne Netzer, Dena Peckham, PER's of Rensselaer Lodge, Cheryl and Joel Rigsbee, Jason Rector, Barrett and Christine Rowse, John Rowse, Lawrence and Linda Rowse, Morgan Rowse, Gene Schultheis, Lecturing Knight Pat Skelley, Emily and Steve Smith, Paul Sweet, Dirck Van Deusen, Angie Vroman, Tiler Natalie Wagner, Esquire Gerry Wendel and PER June Williams.

Sure hope I did not miss anyone and if so, my apologies. Please see me to correct the error.

Currently, we have five Fidelity Club members. They have automatic donations made monthly. We also have

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several members who have made more than one donation for the fiscal year. So, I am asking for those members who have donated in the past, especially in the last two years, to PLEASE make a minimum donation of ten (\$10) for this year. We have several members who have donated for many consecutive years who still have not made a donation this year. Please, if you can, make a ten-dollar donation to keep your consecutive streak going.

Anyone wishing to become a Fidelity Club Member and would like my assistance; I would be happy to offer such help.

As of this date, our Lodge has received \$11,000 in Grants from the Elks National Foundation for Community Investments. That is more than two years of donations. Thanks go to our Grant Writers, Tiler Natalie Wagner and ER Greg Collins. Grant Writing is a specialized skill.

Our membership support now stands at about 8%. We certainly would like to double that amount. Our per-member-giving stands at \$4.29 which is not quite half of the ten dollar goal.

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT LISTED - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DONATE SOON. MAKE OUR LODGE PROUD!

One more thought: As we approach our golden years, think about making a bequest to the Elks National Foundation in your will so even after you are gone, you can still be making a contribution to the good works of the Elks National Foundation.

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



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER?

First	Last	Day
Robert	Cone Sr	01
Joseph	Marcy LM	02
Karen	Williams	02
Emmanuel	Everett	03
Leonard	Hiles Jr	03
Bryan	Van Deusen	04
Chris	Fournier	05
Jason	Terrence	06
Paul	Lyons	07
Francesca	Greaney	08
Shelley	Voila	08
Linda	Rowse DDGER	10
Zachary	Scott	10
Lorriane	Lorriane	11
Mark	Mc Donald LM	13
Joseph	Slater	13
Zachary	Myron	14
Rita	Saville	14
Laura	Dende	15
David	Kretschmar LM	15

Stephen	Bakerian	16
Karen	Barner	16
Matthew	Burns	16
James	Palmer	16
Peter	Partak LM	16
Kent	Robison	16
Nicholas	Vecchione PER	16
George	Beerle Jr	17
Mark	Carlson	17
Gerhard	Krey	17
Carley	Collins	18
Dena	Peckham	18
Lee	Lurie	19
Cheri	Pierce Rigsbee	19
Patrick	Skelley	19
Jeffrey	Tooker	19
Matthew	Coleman	20
Suzanne	Polsinello	10
Thomas	Grant	22
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Ronald	Lorette	22

Barbara	Pechtel	22
Robert	Yetman	22
Tina	Kanally	23
Jude	Kanally	24
Mary Ann	Matters	24
Paul	Muzio	25
Gregory	Proper	25
George	Sager	25
Bernard	Selkis LM	25
Valerie	Grugan	27
Linda	Weber	27
Fred	Hellmuth Jr	28
Andrew	Willis	29
Matthew	Justin	31





## 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](mailto:2073elks@gmail.com)

More to follow soon on this!

## 1ST ANNUAL ROCKY PRINZO GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August 26th the First Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament was held at the Olde Kinderhook Golf Club in Valatie, NY. The event, held in honor of our absent member Rocky Prinzo, aimed to raise money for the Stratton Veterans Affairs Hospital in Albany. In total we had a whopping 21 teams participate in the event and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and tournament participants we raised \$6800 dollars for the VA! The event concluded with a wonderful BBQ well attended by our players as well as the Prinzo family. Fun was had by all.

A special thanks to Rita Prinzo, Dirck Van Deusen and the Veterans Committee, the Golf Tournament Committee Members, our day of event volunteers, and Greg Collins for his tremendous support. It was amazing to see our members step up to support the event and make it a stunning success. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 2nd Annual!

Sincerely,

Pat Skelley

Tournament Committee Chair



## In Focus: Elks National Foundation (ENF)



### Rensselaer Lodge #2073

District: North Hudson, NY #6260	New Donors: 19
Members: 661	Second Year Donors: 6
Individual Donors: 53	Third Year Donors: 2
Amount Donated by Individuals: \$2,789	Renewed Donors: 19
Per Member Giving: \$4.29	Renewal Rate: 60%
Lodge Support: 8.02%	Reactivated Donors: 8
District Support: 4.91%	Total Donors: 54
State Support: 10.50%	Fidelity Club Goal: 3
National Support: 8.47%	Fidelity Club Donors: 5

# Tip of the Antlers...Job Well Done!

Congratulations and thank you to Rensselaer City Police Department Detective Scott Earing on his retirement from the department after two decades of service. Scott was honored with a walk-out ceremony that includes colleagues from his department and other area departments.

Scott grew up in East Greenbush and is the son of Paul and Diane Earing. He started a career in law enforcement as a young adult and is looking forward to new challenges.

County Executive Steve McLaughlin joined Legislator Brian Stall, Mayor Mike Stammel, County Court Judge Debra Young, Cohoes Judge Tom Marcelle and Assemblyman Jake Ashby at the walking out ceremony for Scott at the Rensselaer Police Department.

Thanks to Scott Earing for his service and work protecting residents.



## DID YOU KNOW?



With our recent push with ENF, our Lodge is now above the halfway point in terms of Membership support goals at 8.06%. In the All-

American Lodge Contest, a Lodge earns 70 additional points when it has 15% of more ENF membership support.

## 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 Elkdome 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...

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## 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...

## DART LEAGUE KICKOFF

Dart Season will officially begin on Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 6:30 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](mailto:grwager@yahoo.com) with any questions or just to let me know you wish to shoot.

Gary Wager  
Secretary, Dart League



## 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	age	Tension Rod	Toilet Bowl Brush
Hangers	Kitchen Towels	Bath Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Plates	Kitchen Wash Cloths	Toilet Paper	Microwave Oven
Bowls	Oven Mitt	Trash Can	Floor Lamp
Flatware	Paper Napkins	Kitchen Trash Bags	Light Bulbs
Coffee Cups	Tin Foil	Broom	Clock Radio
Glasses	Plastic Wrap	Mop	Stackable Chairs
Cook Set	Large Ziploc Bags	Bucket	
Knife Set	Small Ziplock Bags	Dustpan	
Measuring Cups	Paper Towels	Sponges	
Can Opener	Cutting Board	Dish Soap	
Pizza Cutter		All Purpose Cleaner	
Slotted Spatula			



# 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...



# COATS AND PJ'S FOR KIDS

After consulting Concern's U, this year we have decided to switch the emphasis to collecting NEW WINTER COATS for children from birth thru teen years, all sizes and for both boys and girls. We still will be collecting warm pajamas for the children as well. We will also collect GOOD USED WINTER COATS which will be sent to Dry Cleaners and delivered to another agency. If you wish to contribute money \$\$\$ so DD Linda can shop for you, please do so. Last year our Lodge contributed approximately 150 pair of Pajamas.



Should we have an abundance of donations, we will divide them up and give some to the Nassau Resource Center. We want to start collecting now to have them in the hands of the children before the real cold weather sets in. Please be Charitable and support the Lodge in this endeavor. This is an extension to what Joanne Netzer did last year.

Fraternally, Linda M. Rowse, DDGER

## Stay Up to Date

Want to keep informed about all the things going on with our Lodge? Use these many resources to help you...

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



## 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.

## 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.

## Firefighter Appreciation Day



We are still working on an event to invite Members of all of the local fire departments to come join us for a day of fun and recognition. These brave men and women do so much for our communities to help, serve and keep us all safe. Food, drinks and live music will be provided in honor of these everyday heroes. Please ask how you can help out! Included in the invitations are the following departments:

- 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

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](mailto:2073elks@gmail.com) and let us know how we can help. Please spread the word to anyone who could use the help.

Good luck!!!

# 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.

## 20 Week Club – Major Projects Fundraiser

Drawings for the 20 Week Club started September 29th. 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](mailto:pmuzio5@gmail.com).

There will be a total of Eighty (80) \$25.00 winners leading up to the Auction/Dinner. The final drawings, to be held the night of the Dinner/Auction, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Mary Ann & Dave Hilker, PER have begun contacting local businesses for donations. Anyone who has a contact to a local business who may want to donate please contact me.

Please help us spread the word and get our efforts on track. We need you!

Volunteers needed for the night of the Dinner/Auction:

- Room setup - 3
- Cooks – 2
- Servers – 3
- Prep -2
- Ticket Sales – 4
- Runner – 1
- Money Manager - 1

### NEEDED, BASKETS FOR RAFFLE DRAWINGS/AUCTION

Signup sheet in Lodge for the many different types of baskets or choose something of your liking.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Paul Muzio, Lodge #2073, Major Projects Chairman





# Youth Soccer Shoot

On September 17th the Elks Youth Soccer Shoot for the Rensselaer lodge was held at the Greenbush Soccer Complex here in East Greenbush. In total we had seven local youth participate. A shout out to our group winners Lucas Teator, Blake Eads, Declan Forcier, and Eva and Sydney Silva! Each of our 1st place participants will be given the option to participate in the regional competition in October.

This was the first time I had organized the event and honestly it would not have come together if not for the support of Dirck and Bryan Van Deusen, Chuck Adams, John Christianson, Ryan Silva, Greg Collins, and Dave Hilker (even if he did just come for the snacks). With this year's shoot out of the way we are looking towards next year to make the Rensselaer Lodge event bigger and better than ever!

Sincerely,

Pat Skelley

Soccer Shoot Chair / Lecturing Knight



## Delinquents / Sponsors List

Please help us to bring our Delinquent List down to zero. The countdown currently stands at 30 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 help especially in this regard.

First	Last	Proposer
Frederick	Bastian	Gary P Carlson
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	*
Amy	Donnelly	Gregory E Collins
Conor	Donnelly	Carl M Goertz
Randy	Donnelly	Gregory E Collins
Glen	Eggelhofer	

Barbara	Fonda	John M Christiansen PER
Hans	Janke	Tim Davis
Darcy	Kadanczuk	Thomas Nardacci PDD HLM
Kevin	Kelly	Gregory Proper
Rebecca	Kinnicutt	John M Christiansen PER
D Gregory	Mack	Lawrence E Rowse PER HLM
Tim	Miano	Gene R Schultheis
Thomas	Nastars	Michael Paluba LM
Edward	Parady	*
Steven	Putney	Linda M Rowse DDGER
Kenneth	Schanz LM	
Alice	Smith	Kathleen A Donovan
Mary	Streeter	Gregory E Collins
Robert	Teliska LM	*
Edward	Wheeler	Gene R Schultheis

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Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 9	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 10	11	Darts 6:30 PM 12	Bingo 5:00 PM 13	MVP Health Care Medicare Seminar 9:30 AM 14	15
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# NOVEMBER 2022

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