

# NEWSLETTER

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## ER's Message

Hello Members,

Happy September! As we say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall I'd like to acknowledge some of the excellent work our members have done in the month of August.

Our 2nd Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament held on August 11th was a hole-in-one hit! We had fantastic weather and an impressive turnout of members and guests (31 teams!). Beyond golf, it was a day of friendship and teamwork, making it a great success. I certainly look forward to next years event!

Thanks to our gracious volunteers the Elks Carnival was another hit. I especially appreciated the many, many attendees who stepped up to dunk myself and other volunteers in the freezing cold dunk tank! Take a look at some of the event photos further along in the newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone of our upcoming All American Lodge Celebration to be held at the lodge on September 9th. There will be bands, a food truck, and good times to be had. Wrist bands are \$10 and available for purchase behind the bar.

Also a reminder that football season is upon us. Stop into the lodge on Sundays

to enjoy wings and hot dogs with your fellow Elks.

Lastly, a shout out to all of our members who graciously volunteer their time to make things happen. Without your efforts our lodge would not be the vibrant and energized community it is today.

Fraternally yours,

Tim Davis

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## LODGE OFFICERS

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Tim Davis
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Al Campisano
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	Patrick Skelley
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	Gerald Wendel
<b>Esquire</b>	Barry Betz Jr.
<b>Chaplain</b>	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
<b>Inner Guard</b>	Brian Hedge
<b>Tiler</b>	Joel Rigsbee
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Christiansen, PER
<b>House Chair</b>	Marylou Hedge
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Patrick Skelley
Trustees	
<b>5-Year Trustee</b>	Chuck Adams, PER
<b>4-Year Trustee</b>	Ronald Barner, PER
<b>3-Year Trustee</b>	Dana Murphy
<b>2-Year Trustee</b>	Jim Walsh
<b>1-Year Trustee</b>	Greg Collins

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

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

## Support Your Lodge!

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

## LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
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Lodge E-mail:	2073elks@gmail.com		
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Events:	housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com		
Mailing Address:	683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061		
Lodge Hours:	Sun through Wed 2 PM – 8 PM; Thurs 2 – 10 PM; Fri and Sat 2 PM – 12 AM		
Lodge Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM		
Trustee Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM		
House Committee Meetings:	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 PM		
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 \$78.00 due to increased Grand Lodge and State assessments.

- **Dues for fiscal year 2023 – 2024** 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 number in the "Memo" portion.
- **Stop In:** Come visit me at the Lodge or see the bartender with cash / check.

## 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.



## DART LEAGUE

As summer is ending the 2023-24 dart season is on the horizon. Any new and returning players must sign up in the lounge by 9/25. Please include your email and phone number when registering.

Any new shooter for the season must shoot 2 games of baseball and 2 games off cork in the lodge to establish an average prior to 9/25.

The captains will be drafting teams on Wednesday 9/27 and the first week of the season is Wednesday, 10/4.

If you have any questions please see Charles Megyesi or Dirck Van Deusen.

## AUGUST QUARTER POOL

01	2252	17	3026
02	3362	18	0653
03	3544	19	3237
04	3326	20	3487
05	3085	21	3275
06	3496	22	3404
07	3569	23	0932
08	1652	24	3541
09	2141	25	2584
10	3540	26	3587
11	1506	27	3494
12	3401	28	3370
13	3274	29	2797
14	3176	30	3297
15	2988	31	3172
16	2838		

**Three Winners!**

## BINGO REPORT – AUGUST

- Events: 5
- Players: 448
- Gross Receipts: \$16, 586
- Prizes: \$10,352
- Net: \$6,240



Bingo is held every Thursday night starting at 7:00 PM. Open to players age 18+. Doors open at 5:00 PM. \$1,300 in prizes. Food specials and the best Bingo Crew on the planet!

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

All is well!

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



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

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

September 8th: Friday Dinner/Karaoke

September 9th: All American Lodge Celebration



65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE 2073  
presents the

**RENSSELAER ELKS ALL-AMERICAN  
LODGE CELEBRATION**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm

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& SODA, CASH  
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BLUES

## 20 Week Club Update

The first 20 Week Club drawing will be happening soon. We plan to start the drawings on September 14th.

If you have tickets to turn in, please do so ASAP.

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 18th. We shall select:

one (1) \$500 winner

one (1) \$250 winner

two (2) \$100 winners

four (4) \$50 winners

eight (8) \$25 winners.

Coming soon, there will be a call for volunteers needed for the night of the auction, as well as a signup sheet in the lodge for the many different types of baskets to choose from, or create a basket of your liking.

Further information will be conveyed over the coming months via posters in the lodge room and in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Jerry Wendel, Lodge #2073, Major Projects Chairman

## Tip of the Antlers—August

√ *Thanks to Paul Muzio for his continued excellent work restoring the pavilion.*



# GRAND LODGE NEWS

## ENF grants allow Lodges to boost their benevolence

October is the birth month of the greatest program of our Order: The Elks National Foundation (ENF), known as the “Great Heart of Elkdom.” Established in 1928, the Foundation helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where Elks live and work. The best source for the most current information about the ENF is the Foundation’s website at [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf). Spend some time there. You’ll be amazed by what the Foundation is doing.

I especially want to call your attention to the Foundation’s Community Investments Program. The Foundation has allocated nearly \$16 million for Lodge community service grants. This grant program allows your Lodge to complete more for your communities. I urge all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. The Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight, Impact, and Freedom Grants could be very helpful to your community. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. Find that need in your community and get it done with one of these grants. This will ensure people in your community know that “We Are THE Elks.” Other programs that ENF funds include: Scholarships, youth activities, veterans service and remembrance, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does.

I challenge every Member of Elkdom to support the ENF. Be sure to tell new Members about all the incredible things the ENF makes possible on a local,

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler RANDY P. SHOOK

state, and national level. The charitable, educational, and benevolent causes supported by the ENF are the most important financial contributions made by our Order and deserve the continued support of every Member. Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23-31. There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation, have your Members distribute red ribbons to schools, and encourage Members and friends to wear red ribbons.

The struggle to educate our youth about drugs and assist them in making informed decisions must be advanced at the community level. Our national, state, and Local Lodge Drug Awareness Programs encourage volunteers to listen, educate, and mentor, thereby letting our communities know that “We Are THE Elks.”

Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. October has the fall holidays of Columbus Day and Halloween. Trick or Treat. Please be safe. Remember “Elks Care — Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

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# House Committee Report

## From The House Committee Chair

We had a busy summer. Things are quieting down in the fall which is typical . Thank you for everyone that has helped. Friday dinners are back. Every second Friday of the month.

Carnival – A big thank you for everyone that helped and had fun at our second year carnival. We donated \$368 in School Supplies.

Income	Expenses	Net Profit	Number of Parties
\$11,762.47	\$3,780.26	\$7,982.21	12

## 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.

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# ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

The Elks National Foundation is grateful to Alex Chupa for his generous donation to the ENF. We also would like to recognize first time Donors Chris Vallee, Lois Rowe and long time member Jack Coyne. Returning Donors to be thanked are Kim Seebaum, PER Chuck and Karen Adams, Dirck VanDeusen, Jimmy Walsh, Shelly and Tom Viola, Tom Rowe, Burke and Carol Adams and Ryan Murphy. Also, monthly contributors thru the Fidelity Club are PER Greg Collins, PER Brian Kirch and his bride Anne, John Rowse, Nancy Hunt and PDDGER's Lawrence and Linda Rowse. Our generous monthly and bi-monthly supporters are Chris Linck and Joanne Netzer.

I would encourage all members to join the Fidelity Club and become steady monthly donors. It is easy to join, and I would be happy to help anyone go thru the process to join. Please remember that the ENF is the "HEART OF ELKDOM" and that Charity is the Greatest of all the Virtues according to our oath that we took at our initiation.

To our newest 200 members, I have heard from very few of you as of yet. Please see me, Larry Rowse, to make a small contribution of \$10 or more to start you on your journey of support for the ENF.

If anyone has questions for me as to your support of the ENF, either see me or call me at 518-366-1487 and express your concerns. I will be happy to look up your records and answer your concerns.

Please keep in mind all the good that the Elks National Foundation supports which include Veterans Programs, Drug Awareness Program, Scholarships, Hoop and Soccer Shoot, Community Investment Grants and State major Projects. Last year our Lodge received \$21,000 in Grants.

So please, if you gave last year and have not yet renewed your contribution to the ENF, please do so. If you have not yet started to donate to the ENF, PLEASE DO SO! Your support is needed,

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER  
ENF Chairman

# Lodge Updates

## Coats for Kids

From Shelley Viola

We will be collecting both gently used and new coats beginning September 1st through November 3rd. There will be a collection box in the lodge, along with donation tags to be attached to your coat donations. Please feel free to contact Shelley Viola with any questions - sviola108@gmail.com

Thank you,  
Shelley

## All American Lodge Ceremony

From Leading Knight Al Campisano

Hey folks - this is HUGE. PER Greg Collins poured his heart and soul into putting Rensselaer Lodge 2073 on the Elks maps. All-American is a major, major accomplishment that every one of our lodge members and associates should be proud of. Come celebrate this lodge milestone with our Elks sisters, brothers, and community.



## Upgrades to our Lodge Pavilion in 2023

From Linda Weber

Since the Michael Costisick Memorial Pavilion was originally built in 1996-97 it has been upgraded and cared for by our members throughout the years. In 2023 it received some more attention. The pavilion itself was freshly painted. The picnic tables were repaired as needed and all were painstakingly painted. The wiring, lighting, and Wi-Fi were revamped. New fans were installed to enhance our members' and guests' comfort. A new awning was erected. Gutters were repaired and/or replaced to improve drainage.

This work was done thanks to a herculean effort led by Paul Muzio who dedicated many hours and much sweat to the benefit of our lodge. Paul was assisted with these tasks by Jay Coonrad, Mark Coyne, Jimmy Walsh, Tom Nardacci Jr., and John Coyne.

Thanks to Paul and the others the lodges pavilion will be here for current and future members to enjoy for years to come. Be sure to look through the Pavilion photo album located at the lodge. Also take the time to check out the changes for yourself and be sure to thank these fellow members for their hard work and dedication to our Elks Lodge.



## Elks Carnival



## Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament

Congrats to Chris Olsen and his team for winning the 2nd Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament with an impressive 13 under par!



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	4	5 House Committee Meeting 6:30pm	6	7 Bingo 5pm	8 Friday Dinner 5pm Karaoke	9 All American Lodge Celebration 3pm
19 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	11 Lodge Meeting 7pm	12	13	14 Bingo 5pm	15	16
17 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	18	19	20	21 Bingo 5pm	22	23
24 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	25	26	27	28 Bingo 5pm	29	30 Breakfast crew lodge hop



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**March 2023**

Sue Polsinello  
*In Memory of PER Floyd M Smith*

**April 2022**

Cindy Jeffries

Dave Jeffries

Carol McKay

Lester McKay

Sue Polsinello

Tom Grant

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George Wagner

Marshall Wagner

Michael Wagner

Frank Heller

*In Memory of Fred Hutchinson*

Walt Myers

**May 2022**

JoAnne Netzer

*In Memory of Francis A. Netzer and*

*John Tiro*

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER

Linda M. Rowse, DDGER

John J. Rowse

Barrett L. Rowse

Christine Rowse

Morgan P. Rowse

Kellynn Rowse Hickam

Emily Rowse Smith

Steven Smith

Sharon Malinoski

Brian P. Rowse

*In Memory of*

*E. Kevin Rowse*

*Gertrude B. Rowse*

*Kevin B. Rowse*

*M/Sgt. Thomas C. Rowse, USMC*

*William C. Rowse*

**June 2022**

Richard C. Carpinello (2022)

*In Memory of Albert W. Carpinello*

**September 2022**

Alan Hedge

Mariyou Hedge

Steven Hedge

Brian Hedge

**October 2022**

Jay Staggs

*for Rich Bedell and Frank Harper*

Patricia McCall

*In Memory of Leon Celler, PER*

Charles Van Buren

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

Jay Amodeo, PSP

George D'Ambrose, PSVP

Frank P. Lill, PSVP

Alexander Senej, PDDGER

Raymond Daley, PDDGER

Wray E. Tibbets, PDDGER

Veronica Adriance, PDDGER

Charter Member Hank Rivet

**February 2022**

David Kretschmar

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

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