



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,

Started off May with a Friday Night Dinner, Pizza Night. A big Thank you to Nancy Hunt and her team of volunteers for a very successful dinner.

We held a Breakfast Fundraiser at our lodge for the Nassau Free Library, a big shout out to volunteer cooks Brian Kirch and Joe Herbst for their efforts.

Ladies Night on May 14th was a big hit as 30+ ladies celebrated a night out with some awesome food, and I hear the Chocolate Martini's were a big hit as well. Thank you to Mary Muzio and Linda Weber for their planning and execution of this event, another to follow very soon.

The Homecoming Dinner for PSVP Ron Barner was a blast, as he was roasted by many in attendance for his efforts over the past year. The laughs were many, the dinner superb and a genuinely good time was had by all.

The Pet Food Drive to support Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society was well supported and an abundance of donations were collected. Thank you to Cheri Pierce-Rigsbee for spearheading another successful fundraiser.

The Tyler Coyne Fundraiser to support the Make-A-Wish foundation was well attended and the donations were fantastic. Mark Coyne would like to say thank you to all for your support.

I, along with First Lady Mary, attended the NYS Elks Spring Convention at Villa Roma Resort May 16th through the 19th. You see, hear and learn quite a bit at these events. The NYS Elks Elected their first female President, Tania DeFrank, I truly hope she has a great year.

Rensselaer Elks were part of the Town of East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade, a total of 7 members participated, truly disappointing that our members don't think to participate in this remarkable event celebrating those that gave all so we may enjoy the freedoms we have. For those that did attend we had a lot of fun and afterwards the VFW was gracious in inviting all who participated to some food and refreshments afterwards.

The Lodge's Major Projects Fundraiser is under way, Chairperson Terra Neisen has 20-week club tickets available at \$20 each and are available at the bar. This year's event is going to be a huge success.

First Lady Mary and I will be attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas from June 29th through July 3rd.

As always, we welcome our members to get involved and volunteer your time, Sheri Smith, House Chairperson, is always seeking out help. Many hands make for light work.

God Bless and protect our members, our troops
God Bless America.

Fraternally,
Paul Muzio

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Paul Muzio
Leading Knight	Steve Frese
Loyal Knight	Gerald Wendel
Lecturing Knight	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Esquire	Barry Betz Jr.
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Joel Rigsbee
Tiler	Jude Kanaly
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER
House Chair	Sheri Smith
Newsletter Editor	Patrick Skelley
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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Open
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman
Adopt-a-Neighborhood	Jason Terrence
Americanism	Mary Jean Willis, PER
Antlers Program	Elaine Rudzinski
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	Shelley Viola
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Community Awards	Chris Linck
Dart League	Conrad Jones
Drug Awareness	Barry Betz Jr.
Elks National Foundation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Elk Training	Dave Hilker, PER
Entertainment	Open
Flag Day	Marylou Hedge
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Fundraising	Open
Government Relations	Tom Grant / Phil Danaher
Grants	Greg Collins
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galarneau
Ladies Night	Patti Embree

House Chair	Sheri Smith
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD
Internet / Electronic	Dominic Indelicato
Justice	Joseph Slater
Kids Coaching Program	Cheryl Higgins
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Liquor Steward	Jeff Grugan
Lodge Historian	Ronald Barner, PER
Lottery	Chris Adams
Major Projects	Jerry Wendel
Marketing	Open
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese
Membership	Open
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne
National Veterans	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Newsletter Editor	Patrick Skelley
Pavilion Restoration	Paul Muzio
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
Public Relations	Greg Collins
Recreation	Ronald Barner, PER
Ritual	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Scholarship	Lori Bishop
Sickness and Distress	James Walsh
Soccer Shoot	Open
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

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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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 st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM		
Facebook:	@2073elks	Linked In:	2073elks
Twitter:	@2073elks	Tik Tok:	2073elks
Snap Chat:	2073elks	Pinterest:	@2073elks

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.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: MAY 2024

Just a Reminder that dues for the 2024-2025 Lodge year are due. Currently there are 149 unpaid members on the delinquent list.

Please check the delinquent list and see if may know someone on the list. Statements are being sent out by the Grand Lodge on a monthly basis and should be used to remit your dues.

Additionally, I have received a request for Tim (Moose) Opitz to become a Life Member. Having met the requirements for Life Membership (At least 30 years as a member and obtained 65 years in age), Member Tim has met these requirements.

The vote on this request will be taken at the first meeting in June 2024.

Tom Nardacci, PDDGER, Secretary

MAY QUARTER POOL

01	3276	17	0932
02	2504	18	3056
03	2063	19	No Draw
04	3634	20	3094
05	2952	21	3673
06	3600	22	2030
07	3129	23	3310
08	3616	24	2805
09	1669	25	3212
10	3445	26	3495
11	3368	27	3007
12	0787	28	3611
13	3159	29	3626
14	3549	30	3128
15	2354	31	3351
16	1577		

No Winners

BINGO REPORT— MAY

- Events: 5
- Players: 462
- Gross Receipts: \$17,152
- Prizes: \$10,801
- Net: \$6,355
- Kitchen Gross: \$2,602



Note: Bingo doors open at 5:00pm and starts at 7:00pm

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

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

- √ A belated Congratulations to Dirck VanDeusen for being selected 2023-2024 Elk of the Year. His great work from the Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament produced 2 exceptional scholarships.
- √ Thanks to members of Veterans Services for taking a group of Veterans to the Firebirds opening game. Albany County sponsored the Veterans Night Out which included a block party and pre-game buffet. A great time was had by all!
- √ Thanks to Mary Muzio and Linda Weber for making a pan of macaroni salad, that was delivered along with other dinner items, for the Veterans residing at the Sergeant Dominick Pitaniello Veterans Transitional Housing Center in Troy. Cheri Pierce and Linda delivered the dinner and toured the facility.
- √ Thanks to all who donated pet food for our Pet Food Drive. Even though Yappy Hour was rained out, we received a nice amount of food and supplies for Rescues. Committee Members Cheri & Joel Rigsbee and Erika Beardsley delivered the donations to Homeward Bound. Thanks to additional Committee Members Linda Weber, Stephanie Deyette, and Brian Kirch for planning Yappy Hour and the Pet Food Drive!
- √ Thanks to Cheri Pierce Rigsbee for raising \$265 for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 38 Troy during their Forget Me Not Fundraiser.

Lodge Updates

Mother's Day Brunch 2024

2024 Mother's Day Brunch. A Big thank you to all who made the day a special one. 2nd week Breakfast crew and friends did a fantastic job in serving 150 folks for breakfast.

Missing in picture: Gary Wager, Tim Davis, Paul Muzzio.



Big Thank You to Girl Scouts SU136

It takes a village. A big thank you for Girl Scouts Su136 for turning around the hall, in 45 minutes from their event to another big event (a wedding). The girls love giving back and helping others.



Elks Adopt-a-Highway

On Saturday May 18th, we conducted a clean up of our portion of Route 9 in advance of the Memorial Day Parade. Many thanks to Dirk Van Deusen, Beverly Rausch, Stephanie and Austin Deyette, and a new member Joe Piperato (no pictured).

Great job by all!

PER Brian



Lodge Updates

Notes from the Veterans Chairperson

Retiring U.S. Flags:

Do you have any U.S. Flags that are tattered, torn, or worn and need to be retired? Please bring them into the Lodge for an upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony. It's important for U.S. Flags to be disposed of properly.

Veterans Stand Down Day:

On Thursday, June 27, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, the Melvin Roads American Legion is hosting a Veterans Stand Down Day. Our Veterans Services Committee will staff a booth along with other vendors.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chairperson
Rensselaer Antlers Lodge #2073

Volunteer Training

The House Committee will be hosting a training/overview of responsibilities and requirements for volunteering on events. This will be held on June 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM. No need to sign up, just show up. Bob Myron will be hosting this event.

Any questions, please let me know. I'm not sure of how to word this, I know it's been done in the past.

Thank you. Fraternaly,

Sheri Smith, House Chairman

Cell (518) 755-2437

Friendly Feud Game Night

A notice that the Friends Game Night, planned for June 14th, will be rescheduled for a to-be-determined date this upcoming Fall.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to sign-up a team!

Thanks,

The Gameshow Committee

Event Posters



Save the Date:
Sunday
June 23
1 - 4:00 p.m.
Elks Lodge Pavilion



Honoring Our Heroes!

Free BBQ, Entertainment, Games & Fun!

Registration will be announced soon!

Thank you for your service!
 Rensselaer Elks Lodge
 #2073

Questions? Cheriz073@yahoo.com



RENSSELAER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

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JUNE 5, 2024 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM
 99 TROY RD.
 EAST GREENBUSH, NY
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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER OR VISIT: WWW.ALBANYCOUNTY.COM/VETERANS
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Daniel P. McCoy
 Albany County Executive

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED!



VETERANS NIGHT

Thursday, June 13, 2024
 vs. Evansville Otters
 First Pitch 6:30pm
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Rensselaer Elks Lodge Outing

Saturday, June 22nd

6:30pm Game vs. **MINERS**

Premium tickets are available for \$10 Each
 For more information contact
Bob Myron - Rensselaer Elks 2073
bobtoddm11@gmail.com or 518-283-7784

To order tickets visit - bit.ly/GroupPortal24
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VETERAN'S DAY OUT



ALBANY COUNTY INVITE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ENJOY A FREE BBQ AT LAWSON LAKE COUNTY PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024
 12:00PM - 4:00PM
 LAWSON LAKE COUNTY PARK
 293 LAWSON LAKE ROAD, FEURA BUSH, NY 12067

LIVE MUSIC BY: TAME THE BOOSTER • FOOD CATERING BY: MISSION BBQ IN COLONIE
 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: AX THROWING TRAILER, ICE CREAM TRUCK, CORNHOLE, HORSESHOES & CAN JAM, KAYAKING, TRAILS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY WALKS IN THE WOODS AND MORE!

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 Albany County Executive



RENSSELAER COUNTY Family Day

4TH ANNUAL
 June 23, 2024

FIRST 2,000 KIDS RECEIVE A FREE VALLEY CATS JERSEY

JOE BRUNO STADIUM
 80 VANDENBURGH AVE, TROY, NY
 GATES OPEN AT 3:30 P.M.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	3 Red Cross Blood Drive	4 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5	6 Bingo 5pm	7	8
9 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	11	12	13 Bingo 5pm	14	15
16 Father's Day Breakfast 9:00-11:00am Flag Day Ceremony 1-6pm	17 New Member Initiation	18	19	20 Bingo 5pm	21	22
23 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am Veterans Appreciation Picnic 12-4pm	24	25	26	27 Bingo 5pm	28	29
30 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am Grand Lodge Convention						

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Red Cross Blood Drive	2	3	4 Bingo 5pm	5	6
7 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	8 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	9 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	10	11 Bingo 5pm	12	13
14 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	15	16	17	18 Bingo 5pm	19	20
21 Breakfast 9:00-11:00am Mac-n-Cheese Cook-off	22	23	24	25 Bingo 5pm	26	27 Lodge Garage Sale
28 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am	29 Red Cross Blood Drive	30	31			



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in Memory of David L. Riffley

March 2023
Sue Poinello
in Memory of PER Floyd M Smith

April 2022
Cindy Jeffries
Dave Jeffries
Carol McKay
Lester McKay
Sue Poinello
Tom Grant
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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
Marylou 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. Tibbetts, PDDGER
Veronica Adrianca, PDDGER
Charter Member Hank Rivet

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