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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,

The Lodge held a Pizza luncheon Wednesday, June 12th for 18 Columbia High School Jobs Skills Students, they did a tremendous job for our lodge during the school year 2023-2024, Thank You!

The Lodge fundraiser for the Street Soldiers of Rensselaer event held on Saturday, June 15th was a complete success. Thank you to all who donated items to help the less fortunate of our nearby communities. Way to go First Lady Mary, you completely knocked this one out of the park, also a special thank you to Mary Ann Hilker, Joel Rigsbee and Cheri Pierce-Rigsbee.

The Lodge held a Military Veterans Appreciation BBQ on Sunday, June 23rd. 69 veterans were treated to good food, music and appreciation for the sacrifices they and their families made to our country. Many volunteers, over 20, showed up to support Chairperson, Cheri Pierce-Rigsbee. Cheri did a fantastic job putting it all together. There were many dignitaries in attendance and a proclamation for NYS Senator Jake Ashby was given by the Lodge and the Lodge was recognized by Guest Speaker Tom Grant and the Rensselaer County Legislature as well.

First Lady Mary and I had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge National Convention held in Austin, Texas, June 30-July 3 representing our Lodge. The Flag presentations at the Opening Ceremony was a thing of beauty, we learned of the past year's successes by the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, and the Elks National Foundation. Monday's business session, we elected Douglas A. Schiefer, of Bucyrus, OH Lodge No. 156, as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2024-2025-year, other Grand Lodge Officers were elected and a reading of the 22 resolutions up for adoption. Tuesday's business session, delegates passed 18 and rejected three resolutions (2024-5,6,7) to amend the Statutes and Constitution of the Order during the legislative session, resolution 2024-22 was sent back to committee. Wednesday's session was for the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and the Installation of all District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. Committee reports were read and accepted in all 3 sessions. The hospitality of Austin and members from around the country was awesome. Job well done! Austin, Texas.

If you want to know how the BPO Elks make a difference, attend a Grand National Convention.

Congratulations to our NEW District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler North Hudson District #6260:
Bill Mellen, Hudson Lodge #787

As always, we welcome our members to get involved and volunteer your time, Sheri Smith, House Chairperson, is always seeking out help. Please contact Sheri at 518-755-2437 to volunteer. Many hands make for light work.

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

Fraternally,
Paul Muzio
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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	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
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	Open
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	Terra Neisen
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

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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: JUNE 2024

I have received a request for Lou Polsinello Jr. 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 Lou has met these requirements.

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

Tom Nardacci
PDDGER, Secretary

JUNE QUARTER POOL

01	3505	17	3029
02	2210	18	2871
03	3505	19	0949
04	3197	20	3633
05	1523	21	3291
06	3302	22	2613
07	3310	23	3195
08	3087	24	2743
09	2528	25	2090
10	0624	26	3465
11	2532	27	3295
12	3379	28	3307
13	1056	29	2575
14	2290	30	3020
15	3510		
16	2834		
No Winners			

BINGO REPORT— JUNE



June Update

- Events: 4
- Players: 368
- Gross Receipts: \$13,389
- Prizes: \$8,618
- Net: \$4,775
- Kitchen Gross: \$2,210

6-Month Update

- Events: 26
- Players: 1950
- Gross Receipts: \$82,127
- Prizes: \$55,409
- Net: \$29,039
- Kitchen Gross: \$13,261

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

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

All is well!



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

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!

ENF News

Led by our Lodge fitness guru, Mrs. Opitz little lad Timmy, aka Moose and his lovely lady Linda Weber, we have made some progress towards our Lodge goals for total dollars and per capita giving.

This along with our usual bunch of monthly givers, Chris Linck and Joanne Netzer, plus our Fidelity group consisting of Exalted Ruler Paul Muzio, Nancy Hunt, PER Greg Collins, PER Brian Kirch and his bride Anne Kirch, John Rowse and PDDGER's Linda and Larry Rowse.

Also joining in with donations are Harry Hovey, Gene Schultheis, Mr. Everything Jim Walsh, Moneyman John Christiansen, Jay Coonrad and Jude Kanaly, Chaplain and V.A. Chair Cheryl Pierce and hubby Tiler Joel Rigsbee and lastly but not least bartender Stephanie Deyette. Rensselaer Lodge thanks all of you for your generosity.

What does the Elks National Foundation do with your donations? Helps Elks build stronger communities by investing in places where Elks live and work.

Helps youth develop lifelong skills; sends students to college; meets the needs of today's veterans; supports the charitable work of state Elks associations; and funds projects in local Elks communities.

Strives to give back more money to each state than it received from the state in donations.

So, I encourage all Elks to donate either by designating gifts to a favorite program to make an immediate impact or better yet, a monthly donation to the ENF through the Fidelity Club: it's the easiest and safest way to donate. I will be happy to walk you thru the steps to join the Fidelity club.

If you decide to send in your donation directly, include your full name, membership number and lodge name and number. NEVER SEND CASH.

I am heading to the Elks National Convention and will stop at the ENF booth and get fresh ideas for raising money for the ENF. Please remember that we are in a new Lodge year so if you gave \$\$\$ before April 1, 2024, it is time to donate again. If you have any questions about when or how much you last donated or the total amount you have donated, please do not hesitate to ask me. I will be happy to answer any and all questions.

Now, on a personal level, as many of you are aware, my daughter Kellynn Hickam has cancer. this week we received some good news as the tumors have shrunk a little. I attribute this to all the prayers and good wishes everyone has offered to us and our daughter. she still has a long way to go so I ask you to continue your prayers for not only Kellynn, but also Rose Herbst, Tammy Parker and Christine Coyne Dushensky. And if there is anyone else who is in need of prayers. I am truly amazed by our Lodge when someone is in need of help how we come together like a big family. God bless all of you!

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER

ENF Chairman

Lodge Updates

Cigar Night

Cigar Night is back! We'll be meeting outside at CJ's bar or around the fire ring every Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

-Gary Wager

Tip of the Antlers

A shout out to Steve Van Auken for all the great work he does to up keep the Elks Lodge grounds. Great job Steve!

Family and Friends Carnival

Save the date! The Annual Lodge carnival is scheduled to be held on Saturday August 24th. More details to come!



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Red Cross Blood Drive	2	3	4 Independence Day (No Bingo)	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			

August 2024

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




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January 2024
Shawna Lambert
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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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
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. Tibbets, PDDGER
Veronica Adrianca, PDDGER
Charter Member Hank Rivet

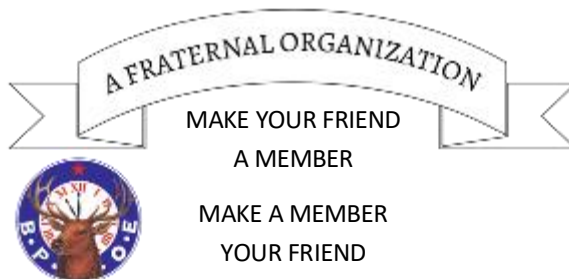
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