



RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073

Newsletter

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Welcome to the New Elks Year.

I would like to thank the Lodge Membership for providing me with the honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year.

Thanks to PER Jim Walsh for the great year that he has served for the Elks and our Lodge. Thanks to all the committees, volunteers and lodge members who have supported the Lodge this past year and contributed to our success. With their continued help I believe that this upcoming year will also be successful. Thanks in advance to all those who will serve the Lodge this year.

I told PER Jim that I was going to be “stealing” his Spoke on the Wheel analogy. I truly do believe that this analogy is a very apt way to describe what makes for success. That with just one spoke or even a few spokes the wheel will not hold up and break down under pressure. But with many spokes in place that wheel will see success and accomplish the mission.

In April there are several events planned starting off with the Kids Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th.

On April the 5th the Lodge will hold an Easter breakfast buffet from 9 to 11am. The Lodge will close after the breakfast buffet to allow the membership to enjoy their families on this special holiday.

Later in April we will be kicking off our annual Lodge raffle for our Major Projects fundraiser.

On April 25th the Lodge will be hosting District Deputy Ron Barner's clinic which begins at 9:00 am.

Keep an eye out for email blasts announcing other events such as Friday night dinners, Ladies Night, Karaoke nights and Trivia nights.

God Bless America, our Troops, our Veterans and our First Responders.

Fraternally,
Jerry Wendel
Exalted Ruler

Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jerry Wendel
Leading Knight	Al Campisano
Loyal Knight	Jude Kanaly
Lecturing Knight	Janet Budd
Esquire	Richard Seeley III
Chaplain	Jakob Westman
Inner Guard	Steve Frese
Tiler	Bob Bennet Jr
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER

Trustees

5-Year Trustee	Beverly Rauch
4-Year Trustee	Dana Murphy
3-Year Trustee	Robert Miller
2-Year Trustee	Tim Davis, PER
1-Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER

March Quarter Pool - Two Winners!

1	2478	9	3419	17	2877	25	3824
2	3105	10	1387	18	2868	26	2892
3	2638	11	3432	19	3551	27	1756
4	3408	12	3537	20	3800	28	2595
5	2405	13	3412	21	2564	29	3765
6	916	14	3319	22	3321	30	2540
7	2939	15	2736	23	3455	31	3670
8	2722	16	2063	24	3826		

MARCH BINGO REPORT

4 Events Held

380 players

\$14,535 Gross

\$8933 Payouts

\$5636 Net

Kitchen Gross: \$2139

Fantastic job as always Bingo Crew!

FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

I have received requests for Life Membership from members Steve Agans, Paul Erkinen, Tom Marquit and Richard Williams. Having met the requirements for Life Membership (At least 30 years as a member and obtained 65 years in age), These members have met these requirements. The vote on these requests will be taken at the first meeting in May2026.

Just a reminder that dues for the 2026-2027 were due on April 1st.

Fraternally,

Tom Nardacci
Lodge Secretary

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE IX: CLUB OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1 CURRENTLY READS:

Section 1. The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by: A House Committee consisting of 13 Members to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

The supervising or managing body of the Home, Club or other facility provided for herein, shall be subject to the control and direction of the Lodge, except those actions and decisions pertaining to an employment relationship and the fixing of prices for goods and services.

Amended to:

Section 1. Section 1. The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by: **The Board of Directors of a Lodge corporation formed pursuant to Section 16.020.**

The supervising or managing body of the Home, Club or other facility provided for herein, shall be subject to the control and direction of the Lodge, except those actions and decisions pertaining to an employment relationship and the fixing of prices for goods and services.

The Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer are considered members of the Board of Directors.

This will change the House Rules:

From: 3. The operation, management, and control of the Home, occupied by this Lodge, shall be supervised and conducted by a House Committee of thirteen Members to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

To: 3. The operation, management, and control of the Home, occupied by this Lodge, shall be supervised and conducted by the Board of Directors.

From: 4. The House Committee shall have the responsibility of the management of the Club to engage or dismiss any person employed by the Club; and to regulate prices of articles sold in the Club.

To: 4. The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of the management of the Club to engage or dismiss any person employed by the Club; and to regulate prices of articles sold in the Club.

From 5. The House Chairman and Committee shall have the right to set hours of the Club operation and determine what days to close the Lodge.

To: 5. The Board of Directors shall have the right to set hours of the Club operation and determine what days to close the Lodge.

From: 12. No Member shall take from thêe building any article(s) belonging to the Lodge without written itemization and approval signed by a member of the Board of Trustees. Kitchen items may not be removed without written itemization and permission of the House Committee Chairman.

To: 12. No Member shall take from the building any article(s) belonging to the Lodge without written itemization and approval signed by a member of the Board.

From: 17. The House Committee in charge of the Home shall enforce these Rules at all times. Anyone alleged to be guilty of acts unbecoming an Elk or violating these Rules shall be reported to the House Committee for further action.

To: 17. The Board of Directors shall enforce these Rules at all times. Anyone alleged to be guilty of acts unbecoming an Elk or violating these Rules shall be reported to the Board for further action.

From: 18. The House Committee requests that Friday night of each week be regarded as 'Family Night' when a general attendance of Members and their families may be expected. All Members must supervise their children's conduct and shall be held responsible for their close supervision, manners, and decorum. No children will be allowed in the Lodge without their parent or guardian; and shall not be allowed to run about the building or disturb other individuals. Any responsible person may notify the parent or guardian to control their children's behavior.

To: 18. The Board requests that Friday night of each week be regarded as 'Family Night' when a general attendance of Members and their families may be expected. All Members must supervise their children's conduct and shall be held responsible for their close supervision, manners, and decorum. No children will be allowed in the Lodge without their parent or guardian; and shall not be allowed to run about the building or disturb other individuals. Any responsible person may notify the parent or guardian to control their children's behavior.

The By Laws amendment was held by a motion for a town hall meeting in April.

This by laws change will be voted on at the first meeting in May 2026.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hours

The Lodge hours are as follows:

Mon, Tue, Wed from 2:00pm–8:00pm

Monday Lodge Meeting night (2nd Monday of the month) and Friday and Saturday nights, the hours will be 2:00pm–10:00pm

Wednesday Dart League 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Thursday BINGO nights 2:00pm-10:00pm

Sunday 2:00pm – 8:00pm except during NFL Sundays, Open 12:00 noon

Friday Dinners

Friday dinners are always welcome, asking for Volunteers, anyone looking to host, contact Bob Myron or Paul Muzio for assistance/planning.

Bookings

We had 5 event bookings in March. Many thanks to ALL our House Committee members who worked and other members for your exceptional work during the month of March, let's keep it going.

Remember, **ONLY MEMBERS** may book events.

Lodge Year 2025-2026: MARCH

Revenue \$4,469.25

Expenses \$2,192.20

Net Profit \$2,277.05

House Committee

Spring is here, time to lose those winter jackets and gear up for Spring! A NEW ELK YEAR has begun.

email House Chairman at: housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com

The Committee is ready to handle bookings for the coming months, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Baby Showers. Booking dates are open, now is the time to reserve the Hall for your future upcoming event. The House Committee stands ready to assist all our members with any type of event.

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed, step up and say I'd like to help or at least learn!

Hope to hear or see you soon.

Fraternally,
Paul Muzio, PER
House Committee
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THANK YOU FROM THE BOY SCOUTS



The Elks club recently sponsored a pizza award event for three local Scout Groups and our own sponsored Girl Scout group #1450 for Inter-troop team building games. Thank you from Boy scout troop 41.

OFFICER INSTALLATION



What a good looking bunch.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Bingo 5pm	3	4 Easter Egg Hunt
5 East Brunch	6 Red Cross Blood Drive House Committee Meeting	7	8	9 Bingo 5pm	10	11
12 Breakfast 9am	13 Lodge Meeting	14	15	16 Bingo 5pm	17 SpringFeverOke	18
19 Breakfast 9am	20	21	22	23 Bingo 5pm	24	25 District Deputy Clinic
26 Breakfast 9am	27	28	29	30 Bingo 5pm		

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