



RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073

Newsletter

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Hello my fellow Elk Brothers and Sisters:

Summer is in upon us, and I hope all are faring well during these hot days.

Once again, June proved to be a busy month here at the Lodge.

June 6 - Saw the house committee serve Wings and Buffalo shrimp during the NBA finals. A yummy time was had by all. Thank you house committee members.

June 14 - We held our annual Flag Day Flag Day Celebration. It was a very patriot service, and I wish to thank all my officers who played a role presenting the script to the members and guests attending.

Thanks also to our special speakers Rensselaer County Legislator Tom Grant and Judge Debra Young who once again hit it out of the park with their speeches commemorating this day.

Special thanks to Marylou Hedge for working diligently to prepare our Flag Day scripts and coordinate with the Boy Scouts. She did this even as she was preparing for a family vacation.

Also, thanks to Leading Knight Al Campisano for working with Marylou and keeping me appraise of the progress of preparations.

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 41 for their marvelous presentation of the history of our flags.

Thanks to Lori Bishop and Jennifer Davis for their work with and schools and providing scholarships to many thankful students.

Thanks to Sharon Wheeler, Jennifer Kilinski and Charlie Alonge for their patriotic songs.

Many, many, thanks to all that helped set up and cook.

June 16 – Saw our first Music Bingo Night. It was a huge success. All had a B.I.N.G.O blast Thank you Jeanette, and Becky.

June 20 Thank Terra and Dena for Karaoke night a good time was had by all.

June 22 – Our second Lodge Initiation was held. 5 new members were initiated. Welcome on board and thanks to all my officers for conducting the initiation and thanks to the sponsors of the new members.

Volunteers Angie Vroman, and Mary Muzio brought the first load of donations to Street Soldiers Thank you for making the lives of those in need a little bit brighter.

Thanks to Pat Skelley for assembling our monthly newsletter and sending out requested email blasts. That guy is good!

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Finally, thanks to those who help pull off our ongoing functions these include but are not limited to:

The Cornhole League

Thursday Bingo

Sunday Breakfasts

Coming in July:

July 13 Monthly Lodge Meeting

July 18 DD Homecoming Dinner

July 20 New Member Initiation

July 31 Rocky Prinzo 5th Annual Golf Tournament

As you can see, the Lodge is very busy with events. If you are available to help in any way, please don't hesitate to volunteer.

A Peep behind the curtain

Our annual Flag Day Ceremony came very close to being cancelled at the last minute if not for the super efforts by several of our members.

On July 14, it was discovered that the kitchen drains backed up. Filthy water ran amok in the kitchen area and seeped into the banquet room. The smell was putrid. Thanks to Bev Rauch, Chuck Adams, Chris Sikora, Al Campisano and Jim Walsh who collectively got the issue under control by clean up work, ventilation and coordinating with area plumbers, - who were hard to get on a holiday weekend. But by their hard work and persistent efforts, they got the problem under control and Flag Day went off seamlessly. Again, thanks to all the above folks that helped in this cleanup effort. Anyone I may have failed to mention, who also helped in this cleanup effort, my most humble apologies.

God Bless America, God Bless our Troops.

Exalted Ruler Jerry Wendel

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
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Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
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4-Year Trustee	Dana Murphy
3-Year Trustee	Robert Miller
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1-Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER

TIP OF THE ANTLERS



Gene Schultheis for Donating a 250th Flag of our
Countries Anniversary to The Lodge.

Tim "Moose" Optiz for Donating a 250th Anniversary
Banner for the Lounge Area.

Steve Van Auken for His devotion to maintaining the
Lodge Grounds

Jean Probst for Her constant care of the flowers at
the Lodge.

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The House Committee remains very busy this summer providing delicious food and beverages at reasonable cost.

We still have several weekend dates for your last minute events.

We are also booking for next year so lock in your upcoming events now. We will also be looking to provide Friday night dinners on a regular basis as we look to bring Family Fridays back to the lodge.

And as always, we encourage all interested members to contact us to offer your assistance in staffing our events and suggesting fun activities for Friday nights.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming Lodge announcements.

God Bless.

Fraternally,
Brian Kirch, PER
House Chairperson

MUSIC BINGO IS BACK!



STREET SOLDIERS - YOU GOTTA GIVE

RENSSELAER ELKS
STREET SOLDIERS
DONATIONS DRIVE

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- BRING IN A NON PERISHABLE ITEM**
- TAKE A TICKET AND ENTER THE RAFFLE!**

RAFFLE OPEN FROM NOW UNTIL JULY 17TH

CASH DONATIONS are also accepted!

Small donation. Big impact.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for your generosity AND SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT!



A festive poster for the 'Basket of Cheer' golf tournament. At the top, a circular logo features a reindeer. Below it, the title 'BASKET OF CHEER' is written in large, bold, green letters with a gold outline. A banner below the title reads 'Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament hosted by the Rensselaer Elks'. Another banner states 'TOURNAMENT DATE: JULY 31'. The central image shows a green wheelbarrow filled with straw, containing several bottles of liquor: Cachaça, Whiskey, Scotch, Vodka, Irish Whiskey, Reserve, Tequila, and Cognac. A white towel with a reindeer logo is draped over the side of the wheelbarrow. The background is a lush green golf course with a flag on a pole. At the bottom, there are two informational boxes. The left box, titled 'A LITTLE CHEER A BIG IMPACT', contains two icons: a bottle and a chair, with text explaining that bottle donations are accepted for a raffle prize and in the lounge. The right box, titled 'RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE', lists ticket prices: '1 for \$5' and '5 for \$20'. A final banner at the bottom encourages support by donating a bottle or purchasing raffle tickets.

BASKET OF CHEER

Annual Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament hosted by the Rensselaer Elks

TOURNAMENT DATE: JULY 31

A LITTLE CHEER
A BIG IMPACT

We are accepting bottle donations for the raffle prize.

Bottle donations are being accepted in the lounge.

RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE

1 for \$5
5 for \$20

Help support the tournament by donating a bottle or purchasing raffle tickets!

FUN PHOTOS!



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cornhole	2 Bingo 5pm	3	4
5 Breakfast 9am	6	7 Golf League	8 Cornhole	9 Bingo 5pm	10	11
12 Breakfast 9am	13 Lodge Meeting	14 Golf League	15 Cornhole	16 Bingo 5pm	17	18 DD Homecoming Dinner
19 Breakfast 9am	20 Initiation	21 Golf League	22 Cornhole	23 Bingo 5pm	24	25
26 Breakfast 9am	27	28 Golf League	29 Cornhole	30 Bingo 5pm	31 Rocky Prinzo Golf Tournament	

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