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Lodge Activities

Plan on enjoying your lodge with some of these fun nights!

Featured Special Events

- Dec. 10th MP Dinner
- Dec 18th Lodge Xmas
- Dec 31st New Years Gala
- Jan 15th Vito's It. Night

Lodge Dinners

Check Facebook for Dinner Menus

12/3: TBA

12/17: TBA

1/7: TBA

Dinners may get canceled if no volunteers are available. Think about helping out, we will train.

Thursday Night Activities

Nov. 9th Bingo 7pm

Nov. 16th Holiday Trivia 7pm

Vito's Italian Night Returns
on January 15th!

Tickets On Sale In December!

Save the date now, tickets
may sell out!

LORE Message

I hope I am not too late. Happy Fall everyone. I would like to take the time to thank Kim Jackson from Bella's Blankets for coming to our November meeting and the work she does for the animals everywhere.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party 12/2/21. Remember ladies bring a female friend to share in the fun.

On behalf of the LORE I would like to hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Holidays,
President Kathy Drago



Holiday Trivia Night

December 16th @ 7pm

1-4 player teams. \$5 a team. Winner Takes All!

Join us for Holiday Trivia, Special Dolla Dogs and a night of fun at the lodge. Each player that wears a holiday color gets a point for their team! Wear an ugly sweater for 3pts!



Turkey Trivia on November 18th at 7pm

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the Monday Night Ladies Bocce League for a donation of \$120 towards the food baskets. It is very much appreciated!

Thank you to everyone that helped put together the baskets for our community!

Check out Channel 10 online, we made the news!

Be sure to follow/like us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram to get the latest lodge updates and announcements.

Facebook: @RotterdamElksLodge2157 Twitter: @RotterdamElks Instagram: Elks.2157

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ER's Message

Dear Members,

By the time you read this message, you have probably consumed the last of the turkey and stuffing and the only thing left over from Thanksgiving dinner are the memories of spending time with family and friends. Thanksgiving is a great time to look back at the year in a spirit of reflection, thankfulness, and giving. December is here and the holiday season is upon us. We have our Children's and Adult Christmas Parties to look forward to and a wonderful New Year's Eve event planned. Get your tickets soon before the parties sell out and the books are pulled.

Since November is Veterans Month, I reflected back on what Veteran's Day is all about. It is a day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. I would like to thank once again those that have given so much to protect our freedom. I pray that the freedom we enjoy will endure. I pray that those who make it possible will be respected. I thank God that our children came home while many of their friends did not. We hug them, we hold them, and we salute them, each and every one of them for the HERO's they are. Thank you to all men and women for your service and sacrifice as a Veteran of the United States of America. We owe you more than our thanks and we are forever in your debt. God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans.

The District Deputy visits have concluded. I am proud to report that Rotterdam Lodge came in first place as a lodge. Jackie Oliveira (Exalted Ruler), Michael Dehart (Esteemed Leading Knight), Brian McKim (Esteemed Loyal Knight), and Holly Pemburn (Inner Guard) earned first place and are District All Stars in their positions. They will be performing during the All-Star ritual performance at Rotterdam Lodge on January 26th at 7:00. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the team for their hard work and dedication in memorizing the words and movements. I would also like to thank First Place Coach Mel for your guidance and patience during practices. We all worked as a team, and it showed. We are Rotterdam Elks Strong!

As we approach the holiday season, please keep in mind the less fortunate in our community. We are collecting cans of food to assist in creating the food baskets again this year. I ask they you bring in any canned good and leave it in the main room. I will make sure it goes in the food baskets we will be handing out at Christmas.

For Elk of the Month, I would like to recognize a person who exemplifies the cardinal principles of our Order. I have chosen James Martin as the November Elk of the Month. Jim is a vital part of the work crew on Tuesday mornings. He helps with maintaining the buildings and grounds. He does a great job making the place look clean and beautiful. Congratulations Jim!

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
Jackie Oliveira, Exalted Ruler

Having a party? Know someone looking for a wedding location? Book a room for your next event or sponsor a friend here at your lodge. Membership has it's benefits and your lodge offers a great place for those special days in our lives.

Contact Lori or Jackie to book your next event!



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News Editor: Charles Pemburn, PER: 2157news@gmail.com — News for the bulletin must be submitted electronically to the Exalted Ruler and Editor by the 15th day of the month, for the next month's bulletin.

To update your address for the bulletin, send an email to the Secretary: bpoe2157.sec@nycap.rr.com

Lodge Activities Coming Up... Join Us!

Our members are the reason we are getting back to the levels of participation we've been used for years. Pat and I thank you all and we continue to do whatever we can to improve your visits to our Lodge. Please give us your opinions and help us to improve. If at all possible, come to a Lodge meeting and express your opinion where it is certain to make a difference, because Pat and I can only do so much on our own.

Entertainment for the Month:

Dec. 3rd L & M Entertainment

10th Brian Z.

17th The Hands of Time

24th Christmas Eve (no entertainment)

31st New Year's Eve Dan Marcil

Volunteers Needed For Friday Foods.

Without your support we can only do so much. With your support we can do almost anything!

Reach Out to Lori, Jackie or any office to help out. Think about doing burgers and dogs in the lounge or maybe you have something special you'd like to try.

Thank you!



**Friday,
December
31st**

Festivities begin
with hors d'oeuvres
at 7 p.m.

Surf & Turf

Coffee and Pastries
to cap off the evening

**\$150.00 per
couple**

Christmas Party



**Saturday
December
18th**

**Roast Beef Dinner
and music by
Grand Central Station
\$25.00 per person**

**Come out and Celebrate the
Season
It all starts at 6 p.m.**



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 11TH AT 9:00AM**

**SIGN UP BOOK WILL BE AT THE
BAR ON NOVEMBER 1ST**

Secretary's Corner of the 2157

No report for November.



Volunteers helped build this lodge, literally. Members have been enjoying this lodge for over 60 Years. Our community grows as we support the veterans, youth and local services in Rotterdam, the Capital Region and New York. Our membership only grows when we invite others to join. Be proud to be a Rotterdam Elk. Be proud of our works, history and community. Invite someone to join our family.



Sickness & Distress

To all our Elks not at 100%

Gerald P. Berry / Russell R Brown
Michael DeHart / Alfred Falcone / Mark Krajewski /
Jocelyn Roy / Casey Sottosanti

Get Well Soon!

If you know anyone who is sick or hospitalized, please call Tom Salli at 355-8955.



Lodge 2157 ENF Honor Roll

Gold

Paul Harasimowicz

Bronze

PDD Mel D. Oliveira and PSVP Pedro S. Rosa, PER James Resila

Permanent Benefactor

PDD, PSVP Raymond Slingerland, , Jonathan P. Norcera, Elks Riders of Rotterdam Lodge and PER Josh Roy

Honorary Founders

PSVP Martin V. Leonard Jr., PER Morse V. Kane, Edward Girardot, John D Kowalezyk

Lewis A Ross and craig R. Thorsland



Elks Memorial Sunday: Sunday, December 5, 2021, Rotterdam Elks Lodge 2157 will be celebrating the life of those members who have passed during the last two years. This is a time when we remember our fellow brothers who are now wandering afar, not to return, but who are never forgotten. They are always a part of us. Unfortunately, due to COVID19, we could not have our Service last year. Thus, this year we will celebrate the memory of the past two years. The Officers of Rotterdam Lodge 2157 will conduct the "Elks Memorial Sunday Service" at 7:00pm. We invite each family who has lost a member this year to join with us in this solemn, reverent service.

ELK'S MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Robert L Bailey
William H Barner Sr
Adolph Barone
Ronald Bellrose
Richard C Bennett
David M Bielecki
Phillip E Blackstone
Thomas J Butch
Daniel Calacone
Frank A Campolieto
John J Carao
Charles M Carroll
James R Colose Sr
David Connell III
Joseph De Gasperis
Peter J De Paulo Jr
Walter J Delmonaco
George Devernoe
Gabriel DiCerber
Dominic P Dicocco
Joseph J DiMauro Jr.

Anthony J Fusco
Paul E Gienza
Norman D Hart
Karl Hernas
Michael C Hewitt
Marshall E Horn
John Kwak
Gary Lawrence
Savatore J Longo
Louis R Lupi
John F Macejka Jr
Ernest Marczewski
Gerald E Marshall
Arthur Martiniano
Salvatore Mastroianni
Pasquale Matarazzo
Henry F Mattice
Herman Mau
Kenneth P McKenna
Jerold A Melius
William Monty
William A Muscanell

Timothy J Oleksiak
Stanley Ordon
Salvatore Pizzo Jr
Thomas Polito
Eugene Quattrociocchi
Ernie Rau
Matthew Rozycki
Donald P Russo
Edward Ryan
David A Saxby Sr
William Sebesta
John E Shinnors
Clifford J Stuart
Roger M Swem
Daniel P VanDerwerken
Rudolph F Vojnar
Harold D Wallimann
Roland Witmer
William E Witts
George Wright
Gerald Zimolka

Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to remind you that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour tolls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To our absent members."

DECEMBER 2021 (WITH A BIT OF JAN.22)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PER Meeting 6:30pm	2 LORE Meeting Men's Bocce	3	4
5 Elks Memorial Service Sunday Pub Grub	6 Woman's Bocce	7 Board Meeting 6:30pm Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	8 Lodge Meeting 7pm	9 Member's Bingo 7pm Men's Bocce	10 MP Dinner 5-7 Chicken Parm	11 Children's Christmas Party
12 Sunday Pub Grub	13 Woman's Bocce	14 Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	15 Indoc.	16 Holiday Trivia 7pm Men's Bocce	17	18 Lodge Christmas Party
19 Sunday Pub Grub	20 Woman's Bocce	21 Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	22 Lodge Meeting 7pm	23 Men's Bocce	24	25
26 Sunday Pub Grub	27 Woman's Bocce	28 Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	29	30 Men's Bocce	31 New Year's Eve Holiday Gala	Jan. 1 2022
2 Sunday Pub Grub	3 Woman's Bocce	4 Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	5	6 Lore Meeting Men's Bocce	7	8
9 Sunday Pub Grub	10 Woman's Bocce	11 Board Meeting 6:30pm Woman's Bocce Woman's Shuffleboard	12 Lodge Meeting 7pm	13 Member's Bingo Men's Bocce	14	15

Check out what's happening online at www.rotterdamelks.com or on our Facebook page.

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