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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

Greetings! It is my honor to serve as the Exalted Ruler for the upcoming Lodge year. This is a responsibility that I take very seriously, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the membership in this capacity. As you may know, I have spent the last decade getting involved in the Lodge serving in a number of different roles as a member, officer, grant writer, liquor steward and bartender. I've also served as the district auditor and district membership chair. If you recall, I also spent a great deal of time studying our Lodge as a college level organizational case study with hundreds of MBA students across the region during my time as an adjunct professor. So, I would submit that I have a very keen perspective to add to this role. I am excited to put my full effort into it and with your help I am confident we will accomplish great things together.

I want to start by sincerely thanking Brian Kirch for his tireless work and steadfast leadership during some very uncertain times. He really did manage the ship very well in choppy waters and he should be commended for his two years of service not only as ER but also in the kitchen. Brian is a capable, loyal, service-oriented person and he set the bar at a very high level. To have the growth in membership during a pandemic over his tenure is truly impressive. Well done! I should also thank Paul Erkinen, Larry and Linda Rowse, Ron Barner and Tom Nardacci for educating me about our organization and our Lodge. Their mentorship, and more importantly their friendship, mean a lot. We have one of the strongest Lodges in the New York state and it is because of the leadership of these folks, and those who came before them. With their guidance, and with a healthy respect for the past, I will do my best to continue

our good work.

With that being said, I do plan to charge ahead with a vision for the Lodge this year. I've spent a lot of time listening to members. There is a lot to do and only a short time to do so. That's why I have made every effort to hit the ground running as PER Bob Myron sagely advised me. I know many people don't like change. It can be uncomfortable and sometimes even difficult. But whether we like it or not, change is inevitable. It is necessary for growth and success. Our Lodge is changing as we speak. We have already made a great deal of progress just in my time as a member. I want to build on that evolution.

So, I would ask you to do a few things in the interest of the Lodge. First, keep an open mind. We are going to try some ideas this year that I think will help us. They won't all work perfectly though or be suited for everyone. It is impossible to make 650 people happy at the same time. Give it a chance to play out. Second, get involved! I don't pretend to have all the answers by any means, and I can't do it alone. The Lodge is only successful due to the efforts and support of our good members. We need your help. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, I would ask you to resist drama and negativity. When someone sits at the bar engages in this behavior, I hope that you will help stamp it out immediately. If you have an issue, I encourage you to speak with me directly in private about your concerns to address them productively.

So, what do I plan to do exactly this Lodge year you may be wondering? It really only boils down to four main things:

CHARGING AHEAD!

1. Focus on the Lodge and Our Members

- * Initiate a General Lodge Fundraiser
- * Offer Regular Entertainment / Events
- * Expand Food Service / Selection
- * Upgrade the Club Amenities

2. Do the Work

- * Receive All ENF Grants
- * Support Our Veterans
- * Enhance Youth Activities
- * Aid the Less Fortunate

3. Tell Our Story

- * Implement a Coordinated Marketing Effort
- * Better Communication
- * Grow Membership

4. Get Recognized

- * Obtain the All-American Lodge Designation

That sounds simple enough. If you dig beneath the surface, it is quite ambitious though. That is why I recruited good help. We have a very strong team of officers and committee chairs who are ready to lead. I would ask you to support them. In the meantime, I will do whatever I can to push for the best interests of our Lodge and our members. More to follow in the days ahead...

Best wishes,
Greg Collins

Tel: (407) 495-7561

E-mail: gregecollins@gmail.com

HOUSE REPORT

Hello All,
I have been asked by Greg Collins to be the Chairman of the House Committee. I am excited for this challenge and opportunity. I have been a member of the House Committee since I joined the Elks in 2013. I have identified 12 people to assist the House Committee. Every other Elk is welcome and encouraged to participate in any way possible to the success of our lodge.

Greg and I are working on creating Lodge and community events as early as possible

so that people can sign up to participate or volunteer. I am going to recycle a phrase that you heard me use many times as the Exalted Ruler in 2019-20, "many hands make light work!". It is my wish for the members of the House Committee to identify and mentor two people to be a part of the 13-person committee in the future. Then those 26 people are to mentor other Elks. All interested Elks are part of the House Committee Staff. Another goal that I have is meeting with all the incoming new Elk members, show them what events we need help within their 1st

90 days and ask them to volunteer. So, between the GREAT Elks that do volunteer currently, the House Committee and new member participation, Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 will prosper in 2022-23. I encourage everyone to identify four or more events that you can help with this year!

I am available after 5:00 PM weekdays and weekends to discuss your wishes or concerns. You can reach me at (518) 283-7784 or bobtoddm11@gmail.com

Bob

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Greg Collins
Leading Knight	Paul Muzio
Loyal Knight	Steve Frese
Lecturing Knight	Patrick Skelley
Esquire	Gerald Wendel
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Barry Betz Jr.
Tiler	Natalie Wagner
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER
House Committee Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Newsletter Editor	Alan Hedge
Trustees	
5 Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER
4 Year Trustee	Ronald Barner, PER
3 Year Trustee	Dana Murphy
2 Year Trustee	Charles Van Buren
1 Year Trustee	Tim Davis

NEW LODGE WEBSITE

The Lodge has just re-launched our new website virtually at www.2073elks.org. Please check it out as it contains great information and useful tools to assist our members.

Communication has always been a huge challenge. This is a step to assist that. It is also a way to market our good works in the community.

If you have ideas for the website, or would like to do some work to help build it out, please contact Greg Collins at gregecollins@gmail.com or (407) 495-7561. A HUGE thank you goes out to Thom Job for building the website.

Get Involved!

- Like / Share on Facebook
- Invite a Friend
- Volunteer Your Time
- Share Your Ideas
- Attend Lodge Fundraisers
- Attend Lodge Meetings
- Say No To Lodge Drama

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Cheri Pierce
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman
All-American Lodge	Greg Collins
Americanism	Mary Jean Willis, PER
Antlers Program	Mary Lou Hedge
Auditing	Mike Bobersky / Andy Koenig
Bar Steward	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Bell Jar	Nick Vecchione
Bingo Chair	Mark Mann
Charitable Reporting	Linda Rowse, DDD
Christmas Party	Nancy Hunt
Cigar Tasting	Dirck Van Deusen
Coats for Kids	Jo Anne Netzer
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Dart League	Charles Megyesi
Diversity	Natalie Wagner
Drug Awareness	Barry Betz Jr.
Elks National Foundation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Elk Training	Dave Hilker, PER
Entertainment	Dan Lang / Eileen Collins
Flag Day	Mary Lou Hedge
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce
Fundraising	Natalie Wagner
Government Relations	Tom Grant
Grants	Natalie Wagner
Greenbush Award	Chris Linck
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galameau

House Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD
Internet / Electronic Media	Thom Job
Justice	Joseph Slater
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Liquor Steward	Pat Taney
Lodge Historian	Ronald Barner, PER
Lottery	Chris Adams
Major Projects	Paul Muzio
Marketing	TBD
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese
Membership	Greg Collins
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne
National Veterans Service	Dirck Van Deusen
Newsletter Editor	Alan Hedge
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
Photography	Paul Muzio
Public Relations	Greg Collins
Recreation	Ronald Barner, PER
Ritual	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Scholarship	Lori Bishop
Sickness and Distress	James Walsh
Soccer Shoot	Patrick Skelley
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
Welcome	Chris Trumbull
Youth Activities	Cathy Scoons

LODGE INFORMATION

Web:	www.2073elks.org		
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Lodge E-mail:	2073elks@gmail.com		
Newsletter:	renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com		
Events:	housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com		
Mailing Address:	683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061		
Lodge Hours:	Monday through Friday 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM		
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 and 3 rd Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM		
Facebook:	@2073elks	Linked In:	2073elks
Twitter:	@2073elks	Tik Tok:	2073elks
Snap Chat:	2073elks	Pinterest:	@2073elks

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Lodge dues have increased this year to \$71.00 due to Grand Lodge and State assessments.

- Dues for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 went out in the mail beginning in February so you should have received notice. If you did not, please make sure we have a current mailing address.

- Pay Your Dues Now! If you are delinquent, please pay your dues so you don't become inactive for payment.

- Please remember that only members current on their dues may enter the building and you may not sign in delinquent members as guests.

There are now two ways to pay your dues:

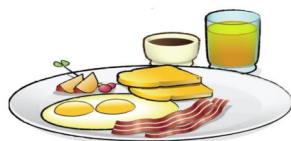
- Mail in a check: Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073, Attn: Lodge Secretary, 683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061. Be sure to include your membership # in the "Memo" portion.

- Stop In: Come visit me at the Lodge or see the bartender with cash / check

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

We currently have 31 of our members who have not paid their dues and are at risk of being dropped. Our Lodge relies on the financial support of our members and our programs are impacted by things like lapsation. We respectfully ask that you pay your dues as soon as you are able to do so. Please contact the Secretary directly if you are in need of assistance. If you know of any changes to the addresses or phone numbers of these members, please let us know so that we may follow up. The Lodge delinquent list is posted on the bulletin board for review. We kindly ask all members, especially sponsors, to please help us to reduce the number of delinquent members in our Lodge. In an effort to better understand any issues to address, please ask any of these members why they are not renewing their membership.

SUNDAY 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.

QUARTER POOL

01	3159	15	2825
02	2323	16	3181
03	2540	17	2530
04	3292	18	3020
05	2595	19	3143
06	3301	20	3361
07	1733	21	2323
08	3160	22	3371
09	3252	23	3070
10	3124	24	2388
11	0617	25	Closed
12	3013	26	2793
13	1158	27	3135
14	3302	28	3012

1 Winner

BINGO REPORT



Every Thursday night starting at 7:00 PM. Open to players age 18+. Doors open at 5:00 PM. \$1,300 in prizes. 3-events (Feb. 3rd bingo canceled due to weather)

Chair: Mark Mann

- 245 Players
- Gross Receipts: \$8,516.00
- Prizes: \$5,518.00
- Net: \$2,998.00

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

BOB GIDDINGS & RICK BUTTERFIELD

Please contact the Lodge for any sickness and distress 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!



In Memory Of... Our Departed Member(s): None

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadows of death; the places that have known them shall know them no more. Their faults we write upon the sands but their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Rest in peace. Until we meet again at the hour of 11...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you would like to get more involved in the lodge for the upcoming Elks year, we would love to connect with you! We need help to divide the work at hand and put less strain on the same group of tireless volunteers. We also want your ideas and energy to help shape the future. Contact the appropriate Chairperson directly to discuss further or e-mail 2073elks@gmail.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

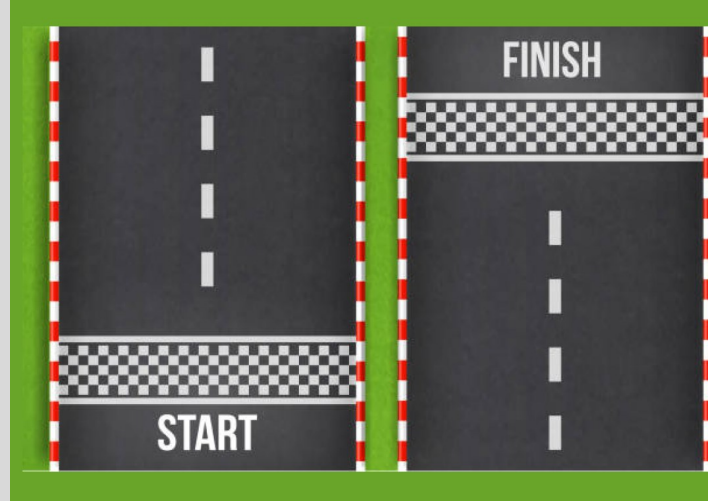
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday April 4, 2022 | 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP

Race to 800 Members!!!

Our goal for this year is to hit 800 active members in the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. That is a formidable goal as we are currently at around 650 members. However, we are on a mission. We need your help to grow our membership! Membership ensures the future of the Lodge and it is the responsibility of all good members. Any member who brings in 10 or more candidates through initiation into the Order will be rewarded with a private party thrown by the Exalted Ruler at year end. The top proposers in the Lodge will receive special recognition and prizes. Let's make it happen...



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Applications on Hand	
Waiting to Read	7
Investigation Committee	5
Ready for Balloting	1
Ready for Orientation	14
Ready for Initiation	0
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	1
Other	0
Total	28
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/21	630
Increases	
Initiated	50
Affiliated	12
Reinstated	8
Subtotal	70
Decreases	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	11
Expelled	0
Subtotal	13
Calculated Membership Total	687
CLMS Active Members	687
Average Age	60.09
Gain/Loss	57
Delinquency	
Six Months	0
One Year	31
Over One year	0
Total	31
Lapsation Rate	4.92%

WELCOME ABOARD!



Initiation of our newest 12 Lodge members, welcome to Elkdom!
Pictured in the photo: Joseph Rullo, Lisa Rullo, Joseph Scandurra, Vernard Mathis, Kevin Schwebke, Logan Haller, Matthew Walsh, Patricia Dillon, Fred Nardacci, Jaime Nusbaum, Susan O'Malley, Kathy Nicholson

MEMBERSHIP PIPELINE

Theresa Borges	By Mary Lou Hedge
John County	By Dirck Van Deusen
Ernest Daoust	by Tim Davis
Chad M Farrell	by Jason Deyette
Jessica Iorio	by Chris Linck
Marc Iorio	by Chris Linck
Joe Juliano	by Gary Wager
James Juliano Sr.	by Gary Wager
Matthew Justin – Reinstatement	by Dan Colvin
Ann Marie Mancuso	by Paul Muzio
Shane McCabe	by Pat Skelley
Daniel E. Plumley	by Mark Mann
Larry Senior Jr.	by Pat Skelley
Lawrence Senior Sr.	by Pat Skelley
Robert Tritto	by Pat Taney

Welcome aboard and we are most glad you are here! Please join us in making them feel at home. The newly formed "welcome" committee will be in contact soon to discuss hosting you for your first event. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

TOP PROPOSERS

Tom Nardacci	6
Lawrence Rowse	4
Mark Coyne	4
Ed Miano	3
Christopher Linck	3
Scott Galarneau	3

Club 683 Presents

JAZZ *Night*

Pete Sweeney Trio
Pete Sweeney - Drums
Mike Lawrence - Bass
Wayne Hawkins - Piano

Hosted By
Rensselaer Elks
683 Columbia Turnpike
East Greenbush, NY 12061

30 April 2022
Show Starts at 7 PM



Dinner served at 6 PM | 3 hours of live jazz music | Cost \$30 includes first drink
Open to Elks and their invited guests only | Must register in advance for tickets

www.2073elks.org/jazz | Tel: (518) 477-9947



May 6th : Karaoke Night 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
May 8th : Mother's Day Buffet 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
May 13th-14th : NYSEA Spring Convention
May 20th : Music Night - Dealt the Blues 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

EG TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE...

The Town of East Greenbush will host the annual Town Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 AM - Dusk. The Rensselaer Elks Lodge will be participating in this event and will host tables for those interested in selling their items for \$20 per table for Elks members and \$30 for non-members. Tables will be provided indoors and / or outdoors depending on interest and the weather. We will be selling breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs and water with the proceeds for our annual children's Christmas party. RSVP to ritanrich@verizon.net



ELKS IN ACTION

Rensselaer, NY Lodge donated \$5,500 in total from an ENF Beacon Grant combined with the ENF Spotlight Grant. \$3,000 was given to the Nassau Resource Center - a food pantry in Nassau, NY to provide much welcomed food, clothing, blankets, medical supplies and personal care items for low-income families, children, and the elderly in need. Thank you to Diana Murphy for her leadership!



Pictured are Diana Murphy of the Nassau Resource Center and Exalted Ruler Brian Kirch.

The remaining \$2,500 was donated to Consens-U, a program of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services, for the less fortunate in Rensselaer, NY. The Lodge also collected and delivered 180 sets of pajamas, with the help of 27 lodge



members, as part of an effort to keep children and families warm. Linda and Larry Rowse have partnered with Consens-U in the past on other Lodge supported charitable events and again led the charge here with this great initiative. Nice work!

Pictured are Lawrence E. Rowse, from Consens-U, Jennifer Goyette, Program Coordinator, and Michelle Abel, Associate Executive Director, and Linda Rowse.

Our Lodge donated 85 coats to needy children as part of their annual Coats for Kids program in combatting the cold upstate New York temperatures. Special thanks to JoAnne Netzer for organizing the effort and for all of her hard work.

We also donated \$2,500 from an ENF Gratitude Grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Rensselaer County in Rensselaer, NY to provide much needed sporting equipment and athletic supplies in support of their programs which annually serve roughly 1,500 youth.



Pictured in the photo are Cian Strunk – 8, Justin Reuter, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Capital Area, William Aung – 10, Wayne Gyi – 11, Jennifer Buckley – 8, Denver Williams – 6, Rensselaer Elks Exalted Ruler, Brian Kirch and Joshua Johnson – 8

GRAND LODGE NEWS



First, congratulations to all newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers. Thank you for making the commitment and accepting the duties and responsibilities of the office for which you have been chosen. You are about to take part in—I hope—one of the greatest experiences in your Lodge career, becoming a Lodge officer. Do not take this experience and responsibility lightly. By accepting your office, you will guide the direction your Lodge

will pursue for the next Lodge year and continue “Meeting the Challenge.”

Newly elected Exalted Rulers need to reach out to committee appointees to ensure they are prepared to perform their assignments. Show them how to get the information for their committee on elks.org. It is your job to help remove obstacles they may encounter along the way to better perform their duties. Make sure they report all charitable hours and mileage to the Lodge Secretary so they may be entered into CLMS.

One suggestion is to assign important committees to different chair officers to oversee and ensure committees are working to the best of their ability. Then, during your monthly officer meeting or Lodge meeting, have committee chairs or chair officers give updates on that committee.

NEXT CHAPTER FOR YOUR LODGE STARTS THIS MONTH

In relation to finances, the budget(s) for your Lodge should be ready to be presented to the membership for approval before the last regular Lodge meeting in April. The Annual Report for the previous year is also due May 1. Make sure that your Financial Reporting System (FRS) is up to date and be sure to submit your end of year financials to your accounting personnel so they may prepare your 990s and 990Ts for your Lodge shortly after April 1. Once completed, you will need to upload them to elks.org and file them with the Internal Revenue Service.

I know that all Lodges are actively involved in their communities. You are encouraged to establish at least one community project that emphasizes the charitable work of our Order. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee also has a Community Projects Contest. The Committee will award first, second, and third place within the six membership categories. This award will give your Lodge national recognition to show your Lodge is actively supporting your community. You have done the work, now fill out the form and submit before the May 1 deadline.

By this time, your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler should have informed you of the place and time for their Spring District Deputy Clinic. This is a great learning opportunity to gather with other officers within your district. It is also the time that your District Deputy will help you and your officers get the year off to a good start.

Finally, good luck to you during this Elks year. Being a Lodge leader has some work involved. However, it can be lots of fun and a truly rewarding experience for you and your Lodge. If you need anything, your Past Exalted Rulers, local District Deputy, state leaders, and other Grand Lodge committee members are there to help and guide you. You just need to ask.

WWW.ELKS.ORG



NYS ELKS ASSOCIATION NEWS

PGER David C. Carr and PGER Michael F. Zellen proudly announce the Area 1 Selection of Board of Grand Trustee Bruce A. Hidley as the Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler for the year 2022-2023.

In order to raise the funds necessary to cover the many costs associated with the endorsement to this high office, Elks members

throughout Area 1 can support Bruce's nomination and installation during the July 3 – 6 Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia by making a personal donation and / or by purchasing our fundraising pins / pendants.

Members planning to attend the 2022 GL Convention and who have purchased a \$100.00 pin or pendant, or \$150.00 combination of 2 pins or 1 pin and 1 pendant will receive a written invitation to attend a special nomination reception to be held on Monday evening, July 4 at the

Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Reminder to bring and wear your pin or pendant to the reception if you are attending the GL Convention.

To contribute or order pins, please see the person(s) designated by your Area PGER Sponsor or the PGER Sponsor to make payment and fill out a slip.

Please make checks payable to NYS Elks GER Fund.

Area Sponsors or their designee(s) will mail slips and checks to:

Timothy Kelly, PSP, NYSEA Elks Association
23900 NYS Rte 12, Watertown, NY 13601

Tim's contact info: Phone (315) 788-5461 and elkpddtim@aol.com

WWW.NYSELKS.ORG

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have a child that is currently a high school senior at Columbia, Averill Park, Maple Hill, or Rensselaer high school and like free money for college, we want to hear from you asap! Please send a message with your child's full legal name, school, and age to 2073elks@gmail.com. Applications begin on paper for Lodge scholarships (\$500 each) and online for national Most Value Student (\$1,000 - \$12,000 per year) and Legacy (\$4,000) scholarships on April 1st and close quite quickly. We would love to help guide you through the process and get some of that Elk money for your family...

LODGE NEWS

Want to include something in the Newsletter? Please submit by the 20th of the month. Please sign up to receive your newsletter by email. Please email submissions to rensse.elksnewsletter@gmail.com or place in mailbox by the bar.

E-mail Address Capture

Please help us to build better communication by providing your e-mail address. Whether you have given it to us before, please send a new message with your current e-mail so that we can update our system to 2073elks@gmail.com

AROUND THE LODGE

Corn Hole League!

- ◆ Starts April 6th at 6:00 PM in Banquet Hall
- ◆ Open play—pick up games. Two person teams.
- ◆ Best of three games. Play to 21 must win by 2.
- ◆ Cost = \$5 per week with winnings split going to charity and cost of new boards.

Member + Guest Events

A big focus for the upcoming year, as a way to drive new membership, will be to hold regular Member + Guest events to coincide with fun activities at the Lodge. If you are excited to attend an event, your friends, neighbors, and co-workers will likely enjoy it too. Let's be frank – there isn't that much to do in East Greenbush. Let's change that. Invite a friend and share the wealth of Elkdom!

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073

Easter BRUNCH

**SUNDAY
APRIL 17TH**
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Appearance by the Easter Bunny

Menu
* Ham Carving Station
* Omelette Station
* Buffet with Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Potatoes, Bagels, Danish, Juice and Coffee

\$15.00 per Adult
\$8.00 per Child

Open to the Public - Bring a Friend!

683 Columbia Turnpike
East Greenbush, NY 12061
(518) 477-9947

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Groups of 8+ please call ahead

RSVP by April 10th

Sign up in the lounge or call the lodge

Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
Bring your team

**FRIDAY
APRIL
22ND**

RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073
DINNER AT 5:30 PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00 PM
DRINK SPECIALS

OPEN TO ELKS AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS

Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Please bring any of your old prescription medications to drop off at the Lodge with the



East Greenbush Police Department for disposal on Saturday, April 23rd from 11:00 - 1:30 PM. Please bring all prescription drugs in either a pill bottle or a clear plastic bag. No needles or sharps will be accepted.

Barry Betz Jr.

Drug Awareness

Donate Old Sneakers

The collection box is back in the lounge. We are collecting all kinds of sneakers – new, old, tennis, basketball, soccer sneakers with rubber cleats, baseball sneakers with rubber cleats. Wearable sneakers are worth more than unwearable, but, we also collect unwearable sneakers. The only exception is the sneakers must be a matching pair. All proceeds will be donated to the lodge. This program is supported by Got Sneakers. Wearable sneakers are donated to people in need. Unwearable sneakers are recycled to be used in playgrounds, tracks or other surfaces.

AID FOR UKRAINE

In an effort for the Rensselaer Lodge of Elks 2073 to help with the Ukraine Humanitarian Refugee Aid crisis, Mary Muzio and Rose Herbst have taken upon themselves to set up a collection jar located in the bar/lounge area. Collections were counted daily and receipts kept locked away overnight in the safe located in the bar. Collections ended on March 25th with a final tally of \$1,000 collected. A special thank you to Mary and Paul Muzio, Rose and Joe Herbst, Rita and Rich Saville, Paul Sweet and MaryAnn and Dave Hilker for their generous donations for this worthy cause. The Collections were handed over to Reverend Mikhail Myshchuk of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church of Watervliet, NY on Saturday, March 26th. The monies will be diverted to an account handled by the Bank of America to securely transfer to an account in Ukraine, also held by the Bank of America to be dispersed to refugees where needed. This was an extraordinary effort on behalf of Mary, Rose and all the generous folks at the Rensselaer Lodge.

ELKS CARE God Bless and have a wonderful day. - Paul Muzio



VETERANS



So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

A major focus for this Lodge year is to fulfill our mission to support veterans in need. These brave heroes, and their families, have given so much in the way of sacrifice and service to this great Country. To spearhead our efforts in this realm, I have tasked Dirck Van Deusen to lead the Veterans committee. Under his watch, we plan to explore the following programs this year. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Dirck via e-mail at dirckvd@gmail.com.

- Monthly Adopt-A-Veteran Program
- Monthly VA Ice Cream Visits
- Veterans Stand Down Event
- Support of Local Veterans Organizations
- Celebration of Key Military Calendar Dates
- Recognizing Our Veterans



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Our Lodge has donated a total of \$4,448.00 to the Elks National Foundation so far with some donations not shown yet on the website. We recently received donations from Diana and Dana Murphy, and I overlooked a donation from Mark Secor (my apologies Mark), and we get monthly donations from Chris Linck and Linda and Larry Rowse which have not yet been recorded. As of this reporting, we have achieved a per capita of \$7.06, with membership support from 6.83% of membership, we have two Fidelity Club members.

ENF

The state as a whole had so far donated \$2.079 per capita. In return, our Lodge has received \$8,000.00 in Lodge Grants. Next Lodge year I would like to see us do much better. If you made a donation to ENF in 21-22, it is time for you to do it again. We have a new Exalted Ruler taking over with new ideas, and as I have observed, he has been diligent in putting a program together. Please allow him to put his ideas forward and give him an opportunity to get his ideas in motion before complaining. I believe the Lodge will benefit greatly from his leadership.

Fraternally,
Lawrence E. Rowse
ENF Chair

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our plan is to really boost the number and frequency of youth activities this Lodge year. We have some really interesting ideas and events planned! To do that, Mary Lou Hedge, Carol Adams, Sue Miller, Maria Fernandez, Cathy Scoons, Melissa Lurie, and Jen Trumbull have been recruited to assist, so far. For example, we plan to initiate the Antler's Program at the Lodge. This junior Elks program is open to kids and young adults from the ages of 12 - 20.

The Elks, and our Lodge in particular, have a program long tradition of supporting the local youth in our community. Let's see what we can accomplish on this. More ideas to come soon! If you would like to get involved contact Mary Lou hedge at (518) 229-9000 for more details.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

First	Last	Day	Brandon	Oot	18
Carmen	Lanci LM	01	Raymond	Peck LM	18
Cynthia	Jenkins	02	Kenneth	Harting	19
Douglas	Canfield	03	Ryan	Silva	19
Shaun	Alderman	04	Mark D	Popp	20
Paul	Bombard	04	Christopher	Lucarelli	21
Mark	Caropreso	04	Ronnie	Adriance Fb3 LM	22
Michael	Lansing II	04	Ryan	Crist	23
Carolyn	Marnell	05	Richard	Septer LM	23
Dr. James	Leyhane	07	Lawrence	Zink	23
John	Gill	08	William	Chenot	24
Donald	Panton	08	Charles	Megyesi	24
Stephen	Shannon	09	Kenneth	Morris II	24
Francis	Blair LM	10	Richard	Butterfield LM	25
John	Christopher	10	Chester	Sharpe LM	25
Scott	Earing	10	Nicholas	Zuba	25
Ray	Larmon II	10	Bruce	Casey	26
Robert	Seward III	11	Mark	Grochan LM	27
James	Endres	12	Michael	Tierney	27
Thomas	Rowe	13	Richard	Williams	27
Alexander	Seney Jr	13	Dale	Darrah LM	28
David	Hilker PER	14	Adam	Greaney	28
Timothy S	Opitz	14	Nancy	Hunt	28
Elaine	Rudzinski-Miano	15	D Gregory	Mack	28
Anne	Chiarenza	16	Colleen	Reilly	28
Jeffrey	Collins	16	Daniel	Daley	29
Lester	McKay Jr	16	Philip	Danaher	30
Jeff	Reilly	16	Deborah	Ganance	30
Scott	Armando	17	Terrence	Tyler	30

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073

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APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Dinner 5:30—7:00 PM Greg Collins Trio 1	Triskele 6:00—8:00 PM 2
Sunday Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 3	4	5	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 6	Bingo 7:00 PM 7	Dinner 5:30—7:00 PM 8	Installation of Officers from 4:00—6:00 PM 9
Sunday Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 10	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 11	12	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 13	Bingo 7:00 PM 14	Dinner 5:30—7:00 PM 15	Children's Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM 16
Easter Buffet 9:00 – 11:30 AM 17	18	19	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 20	Bingo 7:00 PM 21	Dinner & Trivia Night 5:30—9:00 PM 22	EG Town Garage Sale 8:00—Dusk Prescription Drug Take Back 11:30—1:00 PM 23
Sunday Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 24	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 25	26	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 27	Bingo 7:00 PM 28	Dinner 5:30—7:00 PM 29	Jazz Night featuring the Pete Sweeney Trio 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM 30

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday Breakfast 9:00 —11:00 AM Mothers Day Craft 1:00 PM 1	2	3	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 4	Bingo 7:00 PM 5	Karaoke Night 8:00 PM 6	7
Mother's Day Buffet 9:00 – 11:30 AM 8	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 9	10	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 11	Bingo 7:00 PM 12	May 13 th – 14 th NYSEA Spring Convention 13	May 13 th – 14 th NYSEA Spring Convention 14
Sunday Breakfast 9:00 —11:00 AM 15	16	17	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 18	Bingo 7:00 PM 19	Blues, Brews & BBQ Music Night - Dealt the Blues 5:30 – 10:00 PM 20	21
Sunday Breakfast 9:00 —11:00 AM 22	23	24	Corn Hole 6:00 PM 25	Bingo 7:00 PM 26	27	28
Sunday Breakfast 9:00 —11:00 AM 29	30	31				

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Gertrude B. Rowse

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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 Stagg

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

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