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Lodge Activities

Save the dates!

December

- 3rd Kids' Xmas
- Membership Bingo
- 9th MP Dinner
Ck Parm 5-7p
- 10th Lodge
Christmas Party
- 31st New Year's
Eve Party

January

- 13th MP Dinner
5-7
- 21st Vito's Italian
Night

Major Projects @ The 2157

We had a very good turnout for our Election Day dinner, and recently sent a \$3000 donation to State Major Projects. That brings us to \$8000 sent this year, so we are getting close to what we need for the entire year. We have our December 9 Chicken Parmigiana Dinner so please come out! We will have meatloaf on January 13.



THANK YOU

I would like to say a very special thank you to the following groups for their generous donations to the food basket program:

Monday Night Ladies Bocce League for a donation of \$125.

The Thursday Night Men's Bocce League, the LORE, and Boy Scout Troop 3357 for the many bags of non-perishable food items.

It is very much appreciated!

PER Jackie Oliveira

Food Basket Chairperson

To all #2157 Members, Please be respectful of Private Parties in the main room & in other rental rooms. Unless you received an invitation from the host, please restrict your entrance.

December 2022 Enjoy Your Membership, Enjoy Your Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Bocce LORE Xmas	2	3 Kids Christmas Party
4	5 Womens Bocce	6 Womens Bocce Shuffle Board	7 Memorial Service	8 Men's Bocce	9 MP Dinner 5-7	10 Lodge Christmas Party
11	12 Womens Bocce Pub Menu	13 Womens Bocce Shuffle Board	14 Lodge Meeting 7pm	15 Men's Bocce	16	17
18	19 Womens Bocce Pub Menu	20 Womens Bocce Shuffle Board	21	22 Men's Bocce	23	24
25	26 Womens Bocce Pub Menu	27 Womens Bocce Shuffle Board	28	29 Men's Bocce	30	31 New Years Party
Jan 1	2	3	4	5 Men's Bocce	6	7

Check out Facebook for up to date changes in scheduling.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@RotterdamElksLodge2157) & Instagram (Elks.2157)

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Exalted Ruler's Message

This message comes after Our Order provided much needed assistance to members of our community that may not have a Thanksgiving meal without our help. This brings me to what I'm thankful for this Thanksgiving. I'm Thankful for my Partner and best friend, my immediate family consisting of five children, and my grandson. Next, my extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins as well as the many grands and greats. And last, but furthest from least my Elk family full of officers, trustees, numerous volunteers, and members at large numbering 1200+ strong. I am blessed and thankful for you all.

Our Tuesday work party has hit it out of the park again this year with the festive decorations in the main room. Our Major Projects success has brought us near to meeting our required Grand Lodge donation in record time. Great job Jim for being such an awesome chair, to all the volunteers in the kitchen, and all our dedicated members who continue to support these delicious meals. The banquet staff continue to keep our Parties and events booked, and I understand the rooms are booked well into the 2023 event season.

We are now approaching the more hectic yet rewarding Christmas and New Year's portion of our calendar year. The Christmas Party and New Year's Eve party books are at the bar. Sign up as soon as you are able. The menu choices for both events are phenomenal. These are just the beginning of the events to kickstart the year 2023. Of course, we will have our usual Major Projects dinner to look forward to as well.

I find myself again with the difficulty of selecting an Elk of the Month. All the Lodge volunteers do so much for our Lodge I can't thank everyone enough for everything they accomplish behind the scenes, but not unnoticed. I do have to say that every time I'm at the Lodge, I see him emptying a trash can, removing recycling to the dumpster. He's always around to lend a hand whether asked or not. My Elk of the Month is Ronnie Cupoulo. Thank you for your solicited and unsolicited assistance. You are what all Elks should strive to be.

Fraternally Yours,
Michael DeHart
Exalted Ruler
"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"

Ask a Friend to Join Your Lodge!

Past Exalted Rulers

Henry Purzycki (d)
Malcolm Dawes (d)
Henry Liedkie (d)
Wilson Layman (d)
Arthur Shartrand, PSVP (d)
Edward Krusze (d)
Ernest Durant (d)
Peter Kilgus (d)
James Cromer, PDDGER (d)
Charles Burke (d)
Alexander DeMarco (d)
James Barkley (d)
Thomas Roberts (d)
John Bowers, PSVP (d)
Martin Kehoe, Jr.
James Whittaker, Jr. (d)
Alfonso DiNola (d)
William Strang (d)
Joseph Vullo
Raymond Slingerland, PDDGER, PSVP
John D. Ryan, Sr. (d)
Robert L. Pollard, PDDGER
John B. Shiely (d)
Leonard L. Pinkowski
Hon. Vito C. Caruso, PGFM, PDDGER
Daniel P. Keon (d)
Thomas Gardner (d)
Emmett Paige (d)
Dave Mincarelli (d)
Stanley J. Bandos (d)
James Walts (d)
Jacob Lederman
Dale Guldenzopf (d)
Henry Tews (d)
Joseph E. Fingerhutt (d)
Martin Leonard, PSVP (d)
Skip Kane (d)
David F. Peck, PDDGER (d)
Daniel A. Colose (d)
Jack Chandler (d)
Fred Davidson (d)
Gregory Goff
Jeffrey C. Lodge, PSVP
Gerald Casso, Jr.
Gerald T. Morris
Todd Hotaling
Pedro S. Rosa, PSVP
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Mel D. Oliveira Jr., PDDGER
Dennis Whittemore (d)
Stephen Luther
Charles A. Pemburn
John Gosch
Brian Speech
James Resila
Robert Gradoni
Peter Northup
Charles A. Pemburn
Josh Roy
Timothy Walsh
Jackie Oliveira

Book your next event here at the lodge for a an amazing price! Membership has its benefits and this is one of them!

- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Retirements
- You Special Events!

Cheers To The End of 2022

K Z C S H T S T N E S E R P X N E W Y E A R J
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W B L A I I N S E K A C N A P A F O H S P P I
H B A T E C D N R E G H S X D W G P Y D M Z B
R S P I F Q K E U O W L O P I H S W O L L E F
E P A W R Q I E R Q T N C L E Y V V O Z A H E
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W Z O G Q K Y V I G L Q N E W Z T L J Y P F Z

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

BINGO
CHICKEN PARM
CHRISTMAS
COMMUNITY
FELLOWSHIP
FRIENDSHIP
HIPPO

HOLIDAY
KITCHEN
NEW YEAR
PANCAKES
PARTY
PRESENTS
RESPECT

ROTTERDAM
SANTA
SPELLED RONG
SPIDERMAN
TREE
VOLUNTEERS

Did you know the 2157 Kitchen is open on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Mondays of each month?
Here is a sample of their Pub Grub Menu!

***THE GARY** - a "thick-cut" Livervurst & Swiss Cheese w/Onion Sandwich on Rye Bread & Spicy Brown Mustard -- \$ 8.00

***Southern Fried Chicken Burger** - An all white Chicken Breast on a roll with lettuce, tomato, & "special sauce".
***Comes with FF or Chips** ----- \$ 8.00

YUMMY!

Chicken Wings -(12 Wings) - \$13.00
*BBQ *Mild Buffalo *Med *Hot *Hot-Hot
*Carolina Gold *Ken's Honey Mustard *Kentucky Bourbon, *"Franks" Sweet Chili *Jamaican Jerk, *Sting'n Honey Garlic *Garlic Parmesan, *Boom Boom, *Mango Habanero

Burger Plate (Fresh Handmade ½ pound Beef Hamburger) ----- \$10.00
*comes with French Fries

Cheeseburger Plate (Fresh Handmade ½ pound Beef Hamburger) ----- \$10.00
*comes with French Fries or Potato Chips

Hot Dog Plate (1) ----- \$ 4.00
*comes with French Fries
*Add Meatsauce ----- \$ 5.00

***DOUBLE DOG PLATE (2) & FF** ---- \$ 7.00

***1 Hotdog with Meatsauce, onions & Mustard & Nothing else** ----- \$3.00

Secretary's Corner

The following candidates will be voted on for membership during the Lodge Meeting of December 14, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

Name	Sponsor
Marcella Palmieri	Santo Palmieri
Cheryl L Michelfelder	Don Tefoe
Paul Savini	Don Tefoe
Abigail Kitchner	George Gullotta
Christopher Kissane	George Gullotta

If you have not paid your dues, please pay them as soon as possible. To make it easier to pay your dues, we accept Credit Card payment at the Bar, and PayPal (bpoe2157.sec@nycap.rr.com). Please ensure to indicate your Member Number when making payments. When paying via PayPal, please identify the Lodge as a "friend" to avoid service fees to yourself or the Lodge.

Mel Oliveira, PDDGER
Rotterdam Elks #2157, Lodge Secretary

Sickness & Distress

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers for everyone this Thanksgiving season.

Family Matters...



It has come to the attention of the members that some people have been tossing cigarette butts in the mulch behind the Elk.

- 1) This is a fire hazard.
- 2) It is gross
- 3) It looks trashy

This is our lodge, your lodge and the lodge for our Rotterdam community. Use the butt tower to dispose of your butts like many kind & respectful Elks do. Your Elk family cleans it up and it is not fair to them. Is that what you want? Keep your lodge clean and respect your Elk Home.

Rotterdam Elks Lodge

Think about your next event... here.



ENF HONOR ROLL



Gold

Mr. Paul A. Harasimowicz

Bronze

PDDGER Mel D. Oliveira Jr.
PSVP Pedro S. Rosa
PER James A. Resila

Permanent Benefactors

PDDGER, PSVP Raymond D. Slingerland
PER Jocelyn J. Roy
PER Timothy A. Walsh
PER Jacqueline A. Oliveira
Mr. Jonathan P. Nocera

Honorary Founders

PSVP Martin V. Leonard Jr.
PER Morse V. Kane
PER Charles A. Pemburn
Mr. Robert R. Creatura
Mr. Richard H. Ferro
Mr. Edward Girardot
Mr. John D. Kowalczyk
Mr. Charles E. Newman
Mr. Lewis A. Ross
Mr. Craig R. Thorsland
Mr. Frank R. Zadlo

Seeking Help

Officer Positions: Loyal Knight. & Lecturing Knight. See Michael DeHart to help out!

Dish Washers (paid): See Lori or Jackie

Cooks: We need help in the kitchen Cooking meals.



Northeast Avian Rescue

A 501(c)(3) Parrot and Exotic Bird Shelter
Rescue * Rehabilitate * Rehome

NEAR

Please support the LORE.
The shelter for NEAR has outgrown their current home. NEAR is trying to raise money for their new shelter for these rescued parrots.

You can help by coming to the LORE's Ziti dinner here at your lodge!

Friday, January 6th 5-7pm

\$15 Per Person
All proceeds go to NEAR

Thank you,
Lorraine
LORE President



Remember Rotterdam 2157

A collection box has been placed in the foyer. We are collecting hygiene products. These products will go to the Veterans Community Housing Coalition to be given to homeless veterans. Please support this endeavor and drop off any hygiene product at any time at the lodge. For more information, contact Chairperson Jean Kirschenheiter.



Membership Benefits 101

- Elk Prices: Yeah you get things cheaper at your lodge.
- Elk Ownership: When you get a dinner at your lodge the money goes to your lodge or a local charity.
- Elk Home: Your lodge is your space. Enjoy it. Hang out, watch TV, play games with friends.
- Elk Charities: Your membership supports your community.

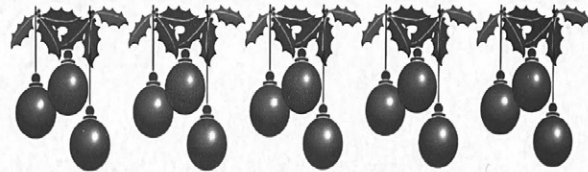
Lodge Activities

Holiday Festivities

The holiday calendar is upon us. Check your bulletin for dates of parties that are coming up. We have the Lodge Christmas Party on December 10. Tickets are at the bar, and the Heaters will be playing for us. You will have three choices for your meal, so make sure you identify this in the party book. The New Year's Eve Party will be on December 31. Is everyone ready for 2023? Tickets for this event are at the bar as well. Also, Italian Night is on January 21, 2023. Tickets for the party will be on sale on December 9th, at the Bar. Watch for the flyers for more information on each party.

NEW YEARS PARTY

Keep the fun alive and enjoy a night of fine food, open spirits and a safe environment where one price gets you a great night in your lodge.



You Are Cordially invited to
The Rotterdam Elks #2157
Christmas Dinner & Dance
With Live Music By... THE HEATERS
Saturday, December 10, 2022

Doors Open @ 5pm
Appetizers @ 5:30
Dinner @ 6:15

Your Menu Selections

Roast Beef with Gravy
Mashed Potato & Vegetable
Salad & Rolls

Stuffed Chicken Breast
Baked Potato & Vegetable
Salad & Rolls

Salmon with Lemon Butter
Baked Potato & Vegetable
Salad & Rolls
\$25 per person





Rotterdam Elks #2157
Major Projects Holiday Dinner
December 9, 2022



Tonight's Menu

Salad & Roll
Chicken Parmesan with Ziti
Green Beans
Cake & Coffee
\$15 per person

All proceeds benefit the Major Projects Fund. This is your Lodge. Thank you for Supporting it!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 3rd AT 11:00AM

Enjoy the show and a visit from Santa.



Elks Memorial Day

We Remember. This year we will call the names of 31 members who have departed our ranks. They will always be in our memories. This year, the Elks Memorial Day Service will be held on December 7, 2022, at 7:00pm. Please join us in this solemn ceremony of remembrance.



"To Our Absent Members"

PER Frederick J Davidson



Russell R Brown
Vincent L Budka
Joseph Cerasuolo
Domenico Cusano Sr
Walter D Deay
Anthony Difulvio
Thomas W Dragon
Allen G Dunn
Steven P Durant
Richard H Ferro
Joseph V Galea
Paul A Harasimowicz
Douglas Haseck
Alan David Haskell
George Hotaling

Frank T Jeffes
Clifford Mango
Frederick W Miller
James M Nicklaw
William Z Olochnowicz
James Polito
Richard J Pulver
Charles J Renuis
Richard A Roth
Philip Spiak
Thomas Tegiacchi
Irving R Tenney
Richard Vincent
Rocco A Visconti
Donald J Womer



Congratulations to our officers for doing an amazing job with Ritual. We have some district All-Stars to watch out for in this lodge. Great Job!



Letter from the Editor

Greetings Members of the 2157,

Seeking to get your information into the bulletin?

Email me.

Wondering about things happening at the lodge?

Check the calendar and our Facebook Page.

Interested in asking a friend to join?

Do it and give them an application.

Your membership has benefits, enjoy them. Share them with your friends. Grow our lodge together.

Thank you,
Charles Pemburn, SVP
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