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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." Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 NEWSLETTER Charity | Justice | Brotherly Love | Fidelity April 2023 | VOLUME 265

ER's Message

A NEW YEAR

Hello members,

This is my first message from the ER. And I'm looking forward to what I hope to be a great year. I would like to thank PER and now Trustee Greg Collins along with the dedicated officers of the past year. They did an amazing job and our officers this year have a tough act to follow. On March 25 myself and the new officers of the Lodge were installed to our positions. I would like to thank Tom Nardacci, Linda Rowse, and MJ Robison for performing the installation ceremony. It was an honor to have them perform their duties as Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Chaplin and Grand Esquire. The officers this year are Al Campisano as Leading Knight, Patrick Skelly as Loyal Knight, and Jerry Wendel as Lecturing Knight. Our Chaplin this year is Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Lodge Esquire is Barry Betz Jr., at Inner Guard is Brian Hedge and Joel Rigsbee in the Tiler position. I'm very happy to have such a talented group of people to help this year run smoothly.

One of my first goals this year has already been achieved which was to have another platform of communication that is more real time. In this newsletter you will find a QR code and link to the text sign up page here you can sign up for direct information that pertains to you. There are also flyers around the lodge that also have the QR code on it for your ease of scanning. I urge you to get involved with this new tool of the lodge. We have many new members that have been asking how to get involved with the lodge. I believe this is the starting point.

Our next focus this year is member retention, the growth in membership last year was astounding!

Which means that our Sponsoring members are doing great things. I would like to ask one more thing of all that sponsored a new member this past year or plans on sponsoring a prospective member in the future. Please reach out and contact them give them invite to meet with you for a happy hour, Lodge event etc. I would like to call this the gateway to a mentoring program that allows new members to meet established members, and everyone can expand their Elks friendship circle. If we try to do this from now on within 30 days of the initiation of a new member, I believe this is a way to help our lodge grow stronger as we grow larger.

I look forward to working with you all.

Fraternally, Tim Davis Tel: (518) 229-3654 Timfixer@gmail.com

LODGE OFFICERS

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Exalted Ruler	Tim Davis		
Leading Knight	Al Campisano		
Loyal Knight	Patrick Skelley		
Lecturing Knight	Gerald Wendel		
Esquire	Barry Betz Jr.		
Chaplain	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee		
Inner Guard	Brian Hedge		
Tiler	Joel Rigsbee		
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER		
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER		
House Chair	Marylou Hedge		
Newsletter Editors	Alan Hedge		
Trustees			
5-Year Trustee	Chuck Adams, PER		
4-Year Trustee	Ronald Barner, PER		
3-Year Trustee	Dana Murphy		
2-Year Trustee	Jim Walsh		
1-Year Trustee	ear Trustee Greg Collins		

NEW LODGE WEBSITE

We are working on the next update of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 website. We built a nice foundation already and we are ready to put some meat on the bones. Our website address is www.2073elks.org

If you have ideas for the website, or would like to do some work to help build it out, please contact Greg Collins at <u>gregecollins@gmail.com</u> or (407) 495-7561.

Stay tuned in the months ahead!

Support Your Lodge!

- 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 Rigsbee		
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER		
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman		
All-American Lodge	Greg Collins		
Americanism	Mary Jean Willis, PER		
Antlers Program	Elaine Rudzinski		
Auditing	Mike Bobersky / Andy Koenig		
Bar Stewards	Tim Grugan / Tom Nardacci, PDDGER		
Bell Jar	Nick Vecchione, PER		
Bingo Chair	Mark Mann		
Charitable Reporting	Linda Rowse, DDGER		
Christmas Party	Nancy Hunt		
Cigar Tasting	Bryan Van Deusen		
Coats for Kids	Jo Anne Netzer		
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER		
Community Awards	Chris Linck		
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	Marylou Hedge		
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee		
Fundraising	Natalie Wagner		
Government Relations	Tom Grant / Phil Danaher		
Grants	Greg Collins / Natalie Wagner		
Grounds	James Walsh		
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galarneau		

House Chair	Bob Myron, PER		
Indoctrination	-		
	Linda Rowse, DDD		
Internet / Electronic	Greg Collins		
Justice	Joseph Slater		
Kids Coaching Program	Cheryl Higgins		
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER		
Liquor Steward	Jeff Grugan		
Lodge Historian	Ronald Barner, PER		
Lottery	Chris Adams		
Major Projects	Paul Muzio		
Marketing	Greg Collins		
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese		
Membership	Greg Collins		
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne		
National Veterans	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee		
Newsletter Editors	Alan Hedge		
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER		
Photography	Greg Collins		
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		
WELKcome	Chris Trumbull		
Youth Activities	Cathy Scoons		
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LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org				
Telephone:	(518) 477-9947				
ER Tim:	Timfixer@gmail.com				
Lodge E-mail:	2073elks@gmail.com	1			
Newsletter:	renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com				
Events:	housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com				
Mailing Address:	683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061				
Lodge Hours:	Sun through Wed 2 PM – 8 PM; Thurs 2 —10 PM; Fri and Sat 2 PM —12 AM				
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 Monday of each month at 6:30 PM				
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 \$78.00 due to increased Grand Lodge and State assessments.

- Dues for fiscal year 2023 2024 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 number in the "Memo" portion.
- Stop In: Come visit me at the Lodge or see the bartender



We have a critical need for help! Please contact the House Committee Chair or ER to find out ways you may get involved. The Lodge only functions because of the hard work of our Members. It isn't fair to tax the same people for all tasks all year long. They need a break!

- Cook chicken wings or hot dogs
- Chaperone a party
- Clean up after an event
- Fill up care packs for Vets
- Volunteer for a youth activity
- Be a server

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: APRIL 2023

Wow,

What a great time we had to finish off the Lodge year.

Our new ER Tim Davis and crew did a fantastic job cooking and serving dinner Dena Peckham was our DJ for the last karaoke night for the year. Our members had a great time expressing their voice talents

I hope we can bring her back to host some more great music

Jason Rector did a great job keeping our thirsty members drinks filled.

And to top off the night, we had a surprise visit from our own Member Ed Kilgallon who was up from Nashville to attend his induction to Columbia High School alumni, Thank you District Deputy Linda for getting Ed to the Lodge.

Bob Myron and crew brought out some late night snacks which were greatly appreciated.

If this was the way to finish off the year for our now PER Greg, I can surely look forward to another fantastic year under the guidance and leadership of our new ER Tim.

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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.

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.

Food specials and the best Bingo Crew on the planet! FEBRUARY REPORT

Please contact the Lodge for any sickness and distress notices 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



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

fellow Elks, please let us know. Elks Care!

April 3, 2023 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM



All is Well!

In Memory Of...All Our Departed Members

In vain we call. He has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadows of death; the places that have known him shall know him no more. His faults we write upon the sands but his virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Chair: Mark Mann

Gross Receipts: \$13,274

Events: 4 Players: 360

Prizes: \$7,786

Net: \$5,493

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

FEBRUARY QUARTER POOL

01	2085	17	3082	
02	3429	18	3054	
03	2987	19	3478	
04	3032	20	2520	
05	2427	21	3266	
06	2598	22	3267	
07	2187	23	3128	
08	08 3488		2576	
09	1944	25	2863	
10	2067	26	3208	
11	3199	27	2940	
12	3161	28	3338	
13	1248			
14	3153			
15 3233				
16	3302			
3 Winners				



	April 3:	Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30 PM
	April 4:	House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
	April 7:	Good Friday Dinner 5:30—7:30 PM
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Vie Po	April 10:	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM
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$\sim \cup$	April 22:	Poughkeepsie Visit 10:30—12:30 PM
	April 22:	Ladies Night 7:00 PM
	April 23:	Antlers Meeting 11:00 AM
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NYS President Visit

On March 19, Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 had the pleasure of having our New York State President, Cameron Ricci and his wife Jo-Anne for breakfast along with a group of other special Elk dignitaries. Great job by the breakfast crew to accommodate them. Thank you for all that you do...



2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Congratulations and best wishes to the 2023 -2024 Lodge Officers of Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073!

Exalted Ruler: Tim Davis Esteemed Leading Knight: Al Campisano Esteemed Loyal Knight: Patrick Skelley Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Gerald Wendel

Esquire: Barry Betz Jr. Chaplain: Cheri Pierce Rigsbee Inner Guard: Brian Hedge Tiler: Joel Rigsbee Secretary: Tom Nardacci, PDDGER Treasurer: John Christiansen, PER

Trustee: Dana Murphy Trustee: Jim Walsh Trustee: Charles Adams, PER Trustee: Ron Barner, PER Trustee: Greg Collins, PER









GRAND LODGE NEWS



April begins with the changing of the guard. It is extremely important that the new Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees work hand in hand to accomplish the important programs in each of your Lodges.

It is crucial to develop a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. You must develop a budget that will keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Pick out a night and invite all the Officers, Board of Directors, and your committee members and take this opportunity to review your Lodge budget. Discuss ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Discuss your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your state's Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Listen to what your Members have to say. Always consider their input and be open and flexible to new ideas. Perhaps say, "OK, let's try it."

Another area of critical focus at the onset of a new Elks year is membership. Work with your appointed Membership/Membership Retention Chair as a team. All of your Lodge Members are

New leadership pushing forward with positivity

a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members in order to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with the delinquent Member, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again.

Your Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her rights to reaffiliate within 60 days.

Make +1 in membership a priority during your term. I know our Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Manager Rick Gathen would be very proud to say your Lodge achieved a +1 in membership. With the leadership team you have put together, I know how hard you will be working on "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm."

April also is the month when families get together for Passover and Easter. Helen and I want to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday celebration.

In closing, thank you for your continued leadership this year by working hard within your communities to show that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

God bless each of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

Bruce Hidley, GER

Watervliet / Colonie Lodge #1500

www.elks.org

House Committee Report

Let me introduce myself. I am Marylou (ML) Hedge and have been asked to be the next house committee chair. With soo many new faces I reflect back to when I became a new member. Many of you don't know I was house chair the first year I was a member. I was eager to volunteer and there was a job that needed to be done. I had no idea how important the job was to the club and how huge it was. So now 12 plus years later I was asked once again to be the House Chair. In having soo many new members I wanted to let you know what the house committee does and how you can volunteer to make our club even better.

The House Committee basically runs the house. There can be up to 13 members they make decisions reflecting the club when it comes to food, drink, and venues and volunteer for the events at the lodge. We are in need of house committee members that like to cook. House committee meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. (meeting should be about 1 hour) One of the ways we make money to give away to other organizations is to rent our house out and catering services. Other members can also volunteer and help out so it doesn't all rest on the house committee. Sign up for our text system.

So, I want to develop teams to assist us. What I have noticed is friends want to work with friends. If are new to this, those with experience will show you the tricks we have learned along the way. Learning the kitchen and certain tips really help. I will also put together procedures so those that like instructions and lists will feel comfortable. We have an event google calendar that everyone can have view access to so you can figure out what event you would like to help with. If there are folks already working that event, it will be in the description. I know everyone is busy with their families and friends. We have events on the calendar about 3—4 months ahead of time, so it really easy to say I can help.

Another opportunity – We have two positions that are paid in the lodge. Bartender (don't need any additional at this point) and Dishwasher. We try to leave the dishwashers to children or grandchildren of members. You need to be at least 14 years old with working papers. We could use some adults as well to fill in for late parties or Elk events. The pay is based on the size of the event. Communication for Dishwasher is usually done by text. If you are interested or have a young person (over 14 with working papers) who is interested please text – Brian H. at 518-813-1833.

You can reach me at <u>housecommitteechairman@gmail.com</u> also 518-221-9000. I would be happy to meet with you and see where your interests falls.

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 e-mail. Please e-mail submissions to <u>renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com</u> or place in mailbox by the bar.

E-mail Address Capture

Please help us to build better communication by providing your email 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 <u>renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com</u>

Cleaning Contract Bids Requested

The House committee is looking for cleaning bids to start April 1 and ending April 30th. Contract will start on June 16th when this years contract ends. We will let the winner know in the month of May. There is a link to the responsibilities of the lodge's cleaner. Please submit your bid in writing and leave at bar in an envelope addressed to house committee chair. Or send via email to housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com

Click to see responsibilities: <u>Cleaning Contract Exhibit Revised</u> March 2023

Thank you House committee Chairperson – ML.

NEW TEXT MESSAGING OPTION

Scan the QR Code below with your smart phone or click the link to sign up for Rensselaer Elks text message updates!



https://forms.gle/gVxxiwXtdMPYTFtc6

You decide what topics you would like to receive updates on -- from events, dinners, lodge closures, to volunteer opportunities!

Once subscribed you can un-subscribe at any time. If you have any questions contact ER Tim Davis or Patrick Skelley

Up Coming Sunday Buffets 683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061 - 518-477-9947





Easter Sunday, Mother's Day and Father's Day (Steak and Eggs) Easter April 9th, Mother's Day May 14th and Father's Day June 18th

Time: 9:00am – 11:-30am Cost : \$14 a person , Children 5- 10 will be \$7 and children under 5 are free Father's Day Add a Steak for \$5.00

All you can eat: Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon and Sausage, Waffle station, Omelet station, Pancakes, Carving station, Fresh Fruit & French toast

Welcome to the new Members of Rensselaer Elks Lodge 2073!





Elks National Foundation and Observations

First, I wish to thank ALL who made a contribution to the ENF last Lodge year. We received \$8,585.50 in contributions. While not the most money ewe have ever received. but it was the most donations. A total of 25.11% of our membership donated to the ENF for a per capita of \$12.73, We did outstanding this past year. On behalf of the Elks National Foundation I thank you ALL.

Since CHARITY is the greatest of all the virtues, I ask all who donated this past Elk year to donate this year, A donation of \$10 for each member is not asking too much for how well we have being a member of this Lodge.

I ask that the 180 new members who were initiated this past Lodge year to also join the ENF. I also encourage all members to join the Fidelity Club for ENF.

The Elks National Foundation supports the national Scholarship program, Elks Drug Awareness, National Veterans Service, the National Hoop Shoot and State major Projects. Also the Community Improvement projects.

So, please see me, Larry Rowse, and make your donation.

Fraternally, Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER Chairman, Elks National Foundation

Request For Life Membership

I have received a letter from Member Tom Grant requesting Life Membership.

Having met the requirements for Life Membership (At least 30 years as a member and obtained 65 years in age), Member Tom has met these requirements. The vote on this request will be taken at the first meeting in May 2023.

Donate old Sneakers (or new Sneakers)

The sneaker donation box is returning. The box will be back in the lounge around the middle of April. As in the past, 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 programs that can use the materials used in sneakers.

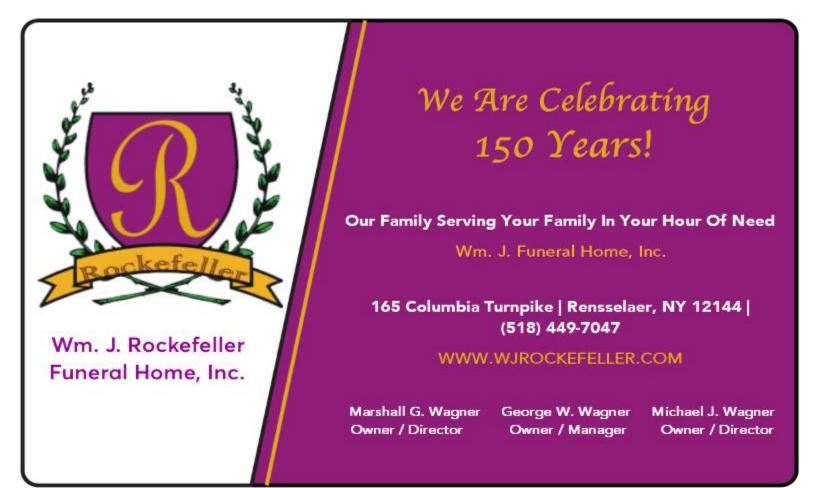
Thank You, Tom

Chuck Adams

	April 2023					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1
2 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM	3 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30	4 House Committee Meeting 6:30	5	6 BINGO 5:00	7 Good Friday Dinner 5:30 – 7:30	8
9 Easter Breakfast Buffet 9:00 – 11:30 AM	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30	11	12	13 BINGO 5:00	14	DD Clinic 9:00 AM
16 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM	17	18	19	20 BINGO 5:00	21	22 Poughkeepsie Visit 10:30-12:30 Ladies Night 7:00 PM
23 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM Antlers Meeting 11:00 AM	24 Lodge Meeting 7:30	25	26	27 BINGO 5:00	28	29
30 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM		-	<u> </u>		-	







NEWSLETTER SUPPORTERS CLUB

March 2023 Sue Polsinello

Dave Jeffries Carol McKay Lester McKay Sue Polsinello Tom Grant

Rockefeller Funeral Home George Wagner Marshall Wagner Michael Wagne Frank Heller in Memory of Fred Hutchinso Walt Myers

JoAnne Netze

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER Linda M. Rowse, DDGER John J. Rowse Barrett L. Rowse Christine Rowse Morgan P. Rowse Kellvnn Rowse Hickam Emily Rowse Smith Steven Smith Sharon Malinosk

In Memory of E. Kevin Rowse Gertrude B. Rowse M/Sgt. Thomas C. Rowse, USMC William C. Rowse

September 2022 Alan Hedge Marylou Hedge Steven Hedge Brian Hedge

October 2022

Charles Van Buren

in Memory of Leon Cellery, PER

The Past Exalted Rulers of Rensselaer Lodge remember their Past State and National Leaders: Jay Amodeo PSP George D'Ambrose, PSVP Frank P. Lill, PSVP Alexander Seney, PDDGER Raymond Daley, PDDGER Wray E. Tibbetts, PDDGER Veronica Adriance, PDDGER Charter Member Hank Rivet

February 2022

David Kretzschmar

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B.P.O.E Lodge No. 2073 **683 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE** EAST GREENBUSH, NY 12061

in Memory of PER Floyd M Smith April 2022 Cindy Jeffries

Rockefeller Funeral Home

May 2022

in Memory of Francis A. Netzer and John Tire

For only \$5 a year! Your name will appear that month you sign up until the Year 2023! You can also put it "in memory of" a loved one! When the month approaches where your name is listed is when you owe \$5 to renew and be a Supporter for another year. (To those that have already renewed—you are paid through "your month" in 2023). To join – send \$5 to the Lodge.

Brian P. Rowse

Kevin B. Rowse June 2022

Richard C. Carpinello (2022) In Memory of Albert W. Carpinello

Jay Stagg

for Rich Bedell and Frank Harper Patricia McCall