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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 Members,

Happy June. May was a busy month with my attending the Spring Convention at the Villa Roma. It was an opportunity for growth and learning as a new Exalted Ruler. I attended business sessions and multiple workshops to broaden my knowledge of Elkdom. We brought home many trophies and acknowledgments that proves again the amazing work that was put forth by PER Greg Collins, the officers and the members of our lodge. If you haven't seen them yet, they are on display in the lounge.

This month's message needs to keep on with my focus on member retention. Let's keep on reaching out to the members that we sponsored last year to keep them involved. We also have our 10/20 week club tickets available at the bar. This club helps us fund major projects for NYS and your ticket not only gives you a chance to win money but also gets you a seat at the auction and dinner.

I would also urge members to donate to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). ENF directly funds many of our charitable contributions throughout the year. Last year we received over \$40,000 from ENF which went directly back into our local community. It doesn't take a lot if we all

get involved. A \$10.00 donation is all it takes to get involved. Larry Rouse is our ENF chairperson and is happy to help you get started and get your member credit for your donation.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of our lodge for making our lodge one of the finest lodges in NYS. You should all be proud for the accomplishments of Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Flag Day celebration on June 17, 2023 from 1 pm to 6pm.

Fraternally yours,

Tim Davis

timfixer@gmail.com

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LODGE OFFICERS

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 Editor	Patrick Skelley
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	Greg Collins

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee	Chair
Accident Prevention	Chris Linck
Activities Committee	Open
Adopt-A-Highway	Brian Kirch, PER
Adopt-A-Family	Angie Vroman
Adopt-a-Neighborhood	Jason Terrence
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	Open
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Community Awards	Chris Linck
Dart League	Charles Megyesi
Drug Awareness	Barry Betz Jr.
Elks National Foundation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Elk Training	Dave Hilker, PER
Entertainment	Open
Flag Day	Marylou Hedge
Fraternal	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Fundraising	Open
Government Relations	Tom Grant / Phil Danaher
Grants	Greg Collins
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galarneau
Ladies Night	Patti Embree

House Chair	Marylou Hedge
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD
Internet / Electronic	Dominic Indelicato
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	Jerry Wendel
Marketing	Open
Meat Raffle	Steve Frese
Membership	Open
Memorial Sunday	Jack Coyne
National Veterans	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Newsletter Editor	Patrick Skelley
Pavilion Restoration	Paul Muzio
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
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

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

LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
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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
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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 with cash / check.

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.



THE 2ND ANNUAL ROCKY PRINZO GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration for the 2nd Annual Rocky Prinzo Scramble Golf Tournament is now open! The event will be held on August 11th at the Olde Post Road Golf Club. Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes both lunch and dinner back at the lodge. Visit the lodge for more information or contact Bryan Van Deusen, Dirck Van Deusen, or Patrick Skelley with questions.

MAY QUARTER POOL

01	2812	17	1803
02	2840	18	1443
03	2127	19	3155
04	3557	20	2717
05	1506	21	2711
06	3035	22	3134
07	3495	23	3525
08	3442	24	1449
09	3088	25	0902
10	3307	26	3375
11	2638	27	3571
12	3445	28	3024
13	2205	29	3382
14	3371	30	3317
15	3483	31	2932
16	2973		

No Winners

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!



MAY REPORT

- Chair: Mark Mann
- Events: 4
- Players: 408
- Gross Receipts: \$15,455
- Prizes: \$8,744
- Net: \$6,714

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

All is Well!

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 fellow Elks, please let us know. Elks Care!



In Memory Of...Jeff Reilly

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.

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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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



- June 3: DDGER Homecoming
- June 4: Ladies Night
- June 6: House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
- June 9: Friday Pizza Night
- June 12: Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM
- June 24: Lodge Initiation 2:00 PM



Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073
Presents
Pizza Night
Friday, June 9, 2023
5:30 pm to 7 pm

Price per pizza package is \$15.00.
It includes:
1 - 8 cut pizza
1 - small bag of cookies

Pizza's available:
Plain cheese
Cheese and Pepperoni
Cheese and sausage

Please sign up on cheddar up or in the lodge

May New Members

We welcomed 16 new members to our lodge in the month of May!



LADIES LATIN GETAWAY
SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Come and join us for a Sunday afternoon of fun with your fellow Lady Elks

Tip of the Antlers—June

- ✓ Thank you to any of our members who pitch in on short notice.
- ✓ Thank you to Charles Megyesi for all the little things he does around the Lodge that no one knows about
- ✓ Thanks to Jimmy Walsh and Tom Nardacci for donating the new flag on the flag pole
- ✓ Thank you to PER Greg Collins for bringing home some pretty impressive hardware (trophies) from the NYS Convention.
- ✓ Thank you to Tom Nardacci Jr. for hanging the dinner bell at the BBQ pit
- ✓ Thank you to Moose and Linda for donating the new bench outside
- ✓ Thank you to member Eric Albert for donating the new TV in the lounge

BIKE RODEO
COMMUNITY POLICING
EVENT

SUNDAY JULY 9 RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073
863 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE
3PM - 5PM

BIKE OBSTACLES HELMET FITTING SAFETY CHECKS
FREE COMMUNITY POLICING EVENT FOR ALL AGES
THERE WILL ALSO BE FOOD PROVIDED, A HANDOUT TABLE AND A K9 DEMONSTRATION

ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO OFFICER NICK SCHMIDT 518-479-0525 OR TIM GIBBS 518-477-8847

Honoring our Flag, remembering our fathers

The Esteemed Leading Knight's charge to our new Members opens with: "The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed." New Members listening to this charge may gain an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks.

Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as national Flag Day.

In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges. Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our

great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the "land that I love." Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans.

June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father's Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father's Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father's Day.

June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show "Elks Care — Elks Share." I encourage each of you to continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another.

God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. Most of all, God bless America.

House Committee Report

From The House Committee

If you are visiting the club you will notice we are busy busy busy.

A big thank you to the house committee and others that have volunteer on those busy weekends, where we have 5 events in one weekend. It takes community.

Remember all money raised from us renting and catering goes to our lodge. Why should you give up a weekend, well it is volunteering and we try to have fun. Sometimes you learn something from your fellow elks. If you are interested in helping out, send a note out to housechairmanelks2073@gmail.com.

Friday Night Dinners - 2nd Friday of the Month

June 9th - Pizza Pizza Pizza Night

July 14th Barbeque dinner and Family Candy Bar Bingo

Aug. 11 – Golf Tournament

Ladies Night. We have a new chairwomen Pat Embrey and It sounds like fun. Sunday June 4th 3-6pm

Bike Rodeo –Sunday July 9th 12pm-3pm If you have kids save the date and bring those bikes. If you have a family without young children, are you interested in hosting a booth, let us know.

Carnival – It's back... Date. Aug. 19th For those that missed it. It was an old-fashioned family Carnival. We are starting to plan. If you would like to be on the committee, please email housechairmanElks2073@gmail.com We only met twice last year, so I it's not a heavy commitment. You will have to be available that day. Basically the committee makes the decisions on the carnival. We will pick an organization to help, prizes, types of food. Remember grab your family of any size and come up with a carnival type game. We will have a real dunk tank this year. We will have basket raffles. If you have pop tents, please think of lending them to us for that day. Everyone had a lot of fun at this last year those that attended and those that worked it. So reserve the date and look for the signups.

"Pull up a chair. Take a taste. Come join us. Life is so endlessly delicious." — Ruth Reichl

House Chairperson– Marylou (ML)

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 renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com or place in mailbox by the bar.

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Elks Adopt-a-Highway

On Saturday May 20th, Jim Fenton, Ben Rauch, Joe Herbst, Kim Seebaum, Chris Vallee and his son Aidan joined me in cleaning up our two mile section of Route 9 in advance of the East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade on May 27th.

Thanks to all of you for representing the Elks with your community service. Much appreciated!

God Bless, PER Brian



Up Coming Sunday Buffets

683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061 - 518-477-994



Father's Day (Steak and Eggs) 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, Omelet station, Pancakes, Carving station, Fresh Fruit & French toast

Memorial Day Parade

On Saturday May 27th, several of our members along with ER Tim, DD Linda, PER Ron and PER Larry marched in the East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade.



The Antlers Program

The Antlers program is in full swing! Here are some photos from Veteran's Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Induction Ceremony.



Donate Old 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.

Chuck Adams



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BINGO 5:00	2	3 DD Homecoming Dinner
4 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM Ladies Latin Getaway 3:00	5	6 House Committee Meeting 6:30	7	8 BINGO 5:00	9 PIZZA NIGHT 5:30 – 7:00	10
11 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM	12 Lodge Meeting 7:30	13	14	15 BINGO 5:00	16	17 Flag Day Celebration
18 Father's Day Breakfast Buffet 9:00 – 11:30 AM	19	20	21	22 BINGO 5:00	23	24 Lodge Initiation
25 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 AM	26	27	28	29 BINGO 5:00	30	



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March 2023

Sue Polsinello
In Memory of PER Floyd M Smith

April 2022

Cindy Jeffries
Dave Jeffries

Carol McKay
Lester McKay

Sue Polsinello
Tom Grant

Rockefeller Funeral Home

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George Wagner
Marshall Wagner
Michael Wagner
Frank Heller
In Memory of Fred Hutchinson
Walt Myers

May 2022

JoAnne Netzer
In Memory of Francis A. Netzer and John Tiro

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Linda M. Rowse, DODGER

John J. Rowse
Barrett L. Rowse
Christine Rowse
Morgan P. Rowse
Kellynn Rowse Hickam

Emily Rowse Smith
Steven Smith
Sharon Malinoski
Brian P. Rowse
In Memory of

E. Kevin Rowse
Gertrude B. Rowse
Kevin B. Rowse
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 Staggs
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
Frank P. Lill, PSVP
Alexander Seney, PDDGER
Raymond Daley, PDDGER
Wray E. Tibbets, PDDGER
Veronica Adriance, PDDGER
Charter Member Hank Rivet

February 2022

David Kretschmar

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.

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