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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."



Hello Members, Happy October, September was a pretty amazing month with our all American Lodge celebration along with our 65 year anniversary as a lodge. Many thanks go out to all that showed up to make this day a great success.

Our lodge had District visitation which went off with out a hitch and we received nice comments from the audit team and DDGER John Piddock. We also had lots of fun at the fall conference. State Vice President Ron Barner along with lots of help from his wife Karen put out quite the hospitality suite for the Great North Hudson District. Special thanks go out to all the guest bartenders that worked the bar .

A couple things to look forward to 10/27 is "scaryokee" and starting on 10/ 9 is Sunday bloody Sunday season with bloody Mary's served with breakfast in the lounge for the 930 am games. Trunk or treat sign up sheet is in the bar for the event on 10/28.

ER's Message

Please remember that we still need volunteers for chicken wing cooks for the success of football season at the lounge. Hope to see everyone soon.

Fraternally yours,

Tim Davis

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LODGE OFFICERS

Tim Davis		
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Patrick Skelley		
Gerald Wendel		
Barry Betz Jr.		
Cheri Pierce Rigsbee		
Brian Hedge		
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Tom Nardacci, PDDGER		
John Christiansen, PER		
Paul Muzio		
Patrick Skelley		
Trustees		
Chuck Adams, PER		
Ronald Barner, PER		
Dana Murphy		
Jim Walsh		
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
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WELKcome	Chris Trumbull

LODGE INFORMATION

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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				

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

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.



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 VetsVolunteer for a youth activity
- Be a server

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.

SEPTEMBER QUARTER POOL

No Winners			
16	2647		
15	2951		
14	2840	30	1245
13	3336	29	3002
12	3602	28	2530
11	2296	27	3404
10	3524	26	3510
09	3429	25	2220
08	3151	24	2699
07	2682	23	3594
06	2498	22	2789
05	2860	21	3191
04	2994	20	2331
03	3044	19	1540
02	2274	18	3505
01	3273	17 1	1588

BINGO REPORT – SEPTEMBER

- Events: 4
- Players: 380
- Gross Receipts: \$13,524
- Prizes: \$8276
- **Net:** \$5252



Bingo is held 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!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

All is well!

Bless our Elks Lodge Lord, and change hatred into love, animosity into friendship, vengeance into forgiveness, gossip into appreciation, and competition into cooperation. Amen.

Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chaplain

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!

October 29th: Trunk or Treat November 18th: 20 week club dinner/auction December 10th: Children's Christmas Party

20 Week Club Update

Drawings for the 20 Week Club started September 14th.

There will be a total of Eighty (80) \$25.00 winners leading up to the Auction/Dinner. The final drawings, to be held the night of the Dinner/Auction, November 18th, we shall select one (1) \$500 winner, one (1) \$250 winner, two (2) \$100winners, four (4) \$50 winners and eight (8) \$25 winners.

Mary Ann & Dave Hilker, PER and Linda Rowse PER DDhave begun contacting local businesses for donations. Anyone who has a contact to a local business who may want to donate please contact me.

Please help us spread the word and get our efforts on track. We need you! Volunteers needed for the night of the Dinner/Auction:

- Room setup
- Cooks
 Servers
- Prep
- Ticket Sales
- Runner1
- Money Manager

NEEDED, BASKETS FOR RAFFLE DRAWINGS/AUCTION

Signup sheet in Lodge for the many different types of baskets or choose something of your liking.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Jerry Wendel, Lodge #2073, Major Projects Chairman

Tip of the Antlers—September

- $\sqrt{-}$ ER Timmy for procuring asphalt for the parking lot repairs
- \checkmark The entire crew of people for helping out with the refinishing of the exterior wall along Greenwood Drive
- $\,\,\,
 angle\,\,$ Brian Kirkland for being a guy you can count on to pitch in







Sponsored by Elks Lodge 2073 Rensselaer Elks Lodge 683 Columbia Tpk. East Greenbush Open to community Sunday Oct. 29, 2023 1:00pm-3:30pm

Park Car and participate in a family parade of your trick or treaters from car to car.





Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler RANDY P. SHOOK

GRAND LODGE NEWS

Elks remain committed to serving veterans in need

November brings to mind a couple of very special days. On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our veterans, past and present. There are so many ways to say thank you to our nation's veterans. Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at Veterans Administration hospitals are just a few ways.

The Elks are committed to their mission "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on those in need. The EN-VSC empowers local communities by giving them the resources to directly serve veterans, military members, and their families.

The ENVSC supports a vast network of Voluntary Service Representatives, providing local outreach support to our veterans in need all over the country. This network is only successful because of the hard work performed by individual Lodge Members. In 1946, the Commission formalized a commitment that was evident since the earliest days of Elkdom to serving veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA Clinics, veterans' homes, USOs, homeless shelters, and elsewhere, thousands of Elks volunteers generously give their time, energy, and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, who are reminding our communities, "We Are THE Elks." November 23 is Thanksgiving, a day for us to thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on each of us, our family, our friends, our Order, and our great country. It is also a day we ask for the blessings of God to guide us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Happy Thanksgiving. Remember: "We Are THE Elks." God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

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House Committee Report

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hours

The Lodge hours are as follows: Mon, Tue, Wed from 2:00pm–8:00pm Monday Lodge Meeting night (2nd Monday of the month) and Friday and Saturday nights, the hours will be 2:00pm–10:00pm Thursday BINGO nights 2:00pm-10:00pm Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm during NFL Sundays

Friday Dinners

Friday dinners are always welcome, asking for Volunteers, anyone looking to host, contact Myself or Tim Davis for assistance/planning.

Bookings

We had 3 event bookings in September. Many thanks to ALL our House Committee members and others for all you do for our lodge.

SEPTEMBER:

Revenue	\$2,347.00
Expenses	\$631.71
Net Profit	\$1,715.29

RESERVE your HOLIDAY event now before it's too late.

House Committee

Fall is upon us; the House is ready to handle bookings for the coming months. Booking dates are plenty, now is the time to reserve the Pavilion or Hall for your Fall or Holiday event. The House Committee stands ready to assist all our members with any type of event. The Committee needs NEW members to join, if you like to cook/prep/serve, your help would be greatly appreciated, contact me for further information.

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed, step up and say I'd like to help or at least learn!

Hope to hear or see you soon.

Fraternally, Paul Muzio House Committee

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.

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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 renss.elksnewsletter@gmail.com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

Our Lodge has collected \$3,481 in donations to the ENF so far this Lodge year. That is 41% of the amount of our goal of \$8,500. We have our regular 7 Fidelity Club members plus our usual monthly donators in Chris Linck and JoAnne Netzer. Our Fidelity Club members ae John Rowse, PER Greg Collins, Nancy Hunt, PER Brian and Anne Kirch and PDDGER's Linda and Larry Rowse.

Joining them this month are Kathy and Rick Scoons, Cynthia Jenkins, William Lyons, Nick Vecchione, June Williams, Bob Clow, Rich Carpinello, Darin Shears, Joe and Sue Miller, Ed Serian, Stephanie Deyette, Fred Harting Jr. and the PER Assn. of Rensselaer Lodge. Thank you all. If I have missed someone, please let me know.

To all NEW MEMBERS, please do your Fraternal Duty and join the Elks National Foundation (ENF) with a minimum \$10 or more if you can afford it donation.

The ENF supports many of the

Charitable endeavors of the Lodge.

To donaate, see larry Rowse, Lodge ENF chairman. If you wish, you can send donations directly to the ENF in Chicago. DO NOT SEND CASH!!!

We are not doing bad, but we could be doing much better.

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER ENF Chairman

Lodge Updates

Coats for Kids

From Shelley Viola

We will be collecting both gently used and new coats beginning September 1st through November 3rd. There will be a collection box in the lodge, along with donation tags to be attached to your coat donations. Please feel free to contact Shelley Viola with any questions - sviola108@gmail.com

Thank you,

Shelley

Kids Turkey Shoot

From Larry Rowse

Saturday, November 11 at 11am, the Lodge will host its annual Kids Turkey Shoot for ages 8 thru 13 for both boys and girls. Bring your kids and grandkids and any kids you know to the Lodge for marksmanship and fun. Prizes for the winners and possibly others. See Larry Rowse if you have questions. This happens rain or shine.

Fraternally,

Larry Rowse

Anchor Pantry Food Drive

From PER Brian

Thank you to all members who donated food and toiletries for the Sept 1 food drive. The pantry was very appreciative of the donations as was the community.

Another great example of Elkdom serving the community.

God Bless, PER Brian

Donate Old Sneakers

From Chuck Adams

The sneaker box has moved. You can find it in the coat closet in the hallway. So far we have collected 3 bags of sneakers this year for reuse or to be recycled.

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.

Seeking Used Gold Balls & Clubs

From Cheri Pierce Rigsbee, Chair Veterans Services

Bunkers in Baghdad is a not-for-profit charity that collects and sends new and used golf balls, clubs, and equipment to our Troops around the World, especially those serving in combat zones.

During the Elks Fall Convention, our Elks Representative stressed the importance of this initiative, reported out on donations-to-date, and requested more. If you have items to donate, please email me at <u>Cheri2073@yahoo.com</u>; thanks!

Winter 23/24 Snow Plowing

From Chuck Adams

The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073(the Lodge), 683 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY, is requesting bids for the 2023-2024 winter season for snow removal/plowing, sidewalk clearing and salt spreading. Storms of two inches or more require services and priorities will be specified. BID DUE DATE: November 11, 2023

Member and guest safety is paramount to this agreement regarding the treatment of our parking lot, rear and front/back sidewalk entrances.

Hours of Operations:

Monday	2:00pm - Close
Tuesday	2:00pm - Close
Wednesday	2:00pm - Close
Thursday	2:00pm – Close (Bingo night)
Friday	2:00pm – Close
Saturday	2:00pm - Close
Sunday	7:00am – Close (Breakfast)

In the event the Lodge closes due to inclement weather, a contact name and phone# from the contractor shall be provided to the Lodge. A Lodge representative will contact contractor to inform them of the situation.

Bid #1 – Scope of Work Provide snow plowing/removal pursuant to this proposal Entire parking lot plowed and treated with calcium chloride Unique storms of icy conditions when requested Front and Rear sidewalks completely cleared and treated with calcium chloride Calcium chloride to be provided by contractor

The main hall canopy entrance and member entrances should allow entry from the street and back entrance from the rear. All parking spots must be cleared for a vehicle to park appropriately. Snow must not be plowed against building or back garage.

Because of prior damage to Lodge property, \$500 will be withheld until winter ends. Marking stakes are encouraged.

The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid documents, to waive technicalities or abnormalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interest of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. Certificates of Insurance naming Rensselaer Elks #2073 as additional insured must be provided by the awarded contractor.

Rensselaer Elks at the NYS Elsk Fall Conference 2023

I want to extend a big shout out and appreciation to Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 for a great showing at the NYS Elks Fall Conference at the Desmond the weekend of September 21-24th. We had many people show up to help with our North Hudson District Hospitality Suite which couldn't have been so successful without the help of the many members in our midst. The All American Lodge showed up in force to support us in front of the many NYS Elks.

We were complimented many times throughout the weekend about how professional the hospitality suite and bar were run and how many of our Rensselaer Lodge members showed up to work.



A huge thank you to PER Greg Collins for helping us to set up, tear down, get supplies and tend

bar all 3 days. PER Bob Myron and House Chair Paul Muzio cooked and served a delicious breakfast and lunch on Saturday and helped with refreshing supplies. We had a great turnout of bar tenders; Rob and Shari Miller, Torrina, Karen and PER Chuck Adams, Tim Grugan and ER Tim Davis.



A big thank you to our "Lodge confectioner", Maryanne and PER Dave Hilker, for all the cookies and treats she made for the room.

Val Grugan and her sister, Terra Niesen, and Beth Mellan oversaw and sold raffle tickets for our fundraisers each of the days. We had a lottery tree, basket of cheer and two daily 50/50s that raised a substantial amount of money for ENF and the CP Major Project.

Thanks to PDDGER Linda Rowse for purchasing and assembling the lottery tree. Thanks to those lodges in our district who donated the liquor for the basket of cheer.

Thanks to PSVP Bill Mellan and Beth, from Hudson #787, for all of their support and advice for navigating the details for managing the Hos-

pitality Suite.

The North Hudson District donated a microwave to the USO Chinese auction in which Cheri Pierce and Joel Rigsbee worked and represented us.

We need to give a special mention to Esteemed Loyal Knight Patrick Skelley for making a generous donation to PGER Bruce and Helen Hidley's Elks charity and so earned the privilege of dumping fruit loops on Helen's head.

Of course, as with thanking all who worked and supported, I probably forgot some people who are no less appreciated and deserve recognition. Sorry about me.

Finally, I need to give so much appreciation to Karen Barner, who didn't sleep for a week, owning this project and putting so much time and effort into making the Hospitality Suite as good as it could be.

Thank You is just not sufficient to express our gratitude to all of you who participated and supported us.

Ron Barner, PER Rensselaer Lodge #2073 NYS Vice President, North Hudson District #6260





Toys for Tots Donation

The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073, donated 2 raffle baskets to Toys for Tots for their annual Golf tournament. The tournament was held on August 18, 2023.



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am			Dart League			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Breakfast 9:00– 11:00am	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	House Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Dart League	Bingo 5pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	Antlers 6:30pm		Dart League	Bingo 5pm		Lodge PER Fund- raiser 1pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	Lodge Initiation 7pm		Dart League	Bingo 5pm		
29	30	31				
Trunk or Treat 1-3:30 Breakfast 9:00–11:00am						





NEWSLETTER SUPPORTERS CLUB

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

Rockefeller Funeral Home George Wagner Marshall Wagne Michael Wagner Frank Heller in Memory of Fred Hutch Walt Myer: May 2022

JoAnne Netze in Memory of Francis A. Netzer and John Tirr

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.

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER Linda M. Rowse, DDGER John J. Rowse Barrett L. Rowse Christine Rowse Morgan P. Rowse Kellynn Rowse Hicka 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. Carpir

September 2022 Alan Hedge Marylou Hedge Steven Hedge Brian Hedge

October 2022 Jay Stagg for Rich Bedell and Frank Harpe

Charles Van Buren

Patricia McCall in Memory of Leon Cellery, PEF The Past Exalted Rulers of Rensselaer Lodge remember their Past State and National Leaders:

Jav Amodeo, PSP George D'Ambrose, PSVF Frank P. Lill, PSVP Alexander Seney, PDDGER Raymond Daley, PDDGER Wray E. Tibbetts, PDDGER eronica Adriance, PDDGEF Charter Member Hank River February 2022

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