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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

Dear Esteemed Members of the Elks Lodge,

As my term as Exalted Ruler comes to a close, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the privilege of serving you. Together, we've accomplished remarkable feats, strengthened our bonds, and made a positive impact on our community.

I am humbled by your dedication, support, and unwavering commitment to the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. The memories we've created and the lives we've touched will forever be etched in the rich tapestry of our lodge's history.

As I pass the torch to the incoming leadership, I am confident that our Lodge will continue to thrive and uphold the noble values that define us as Elks. It has been an honor to lead such an exceptional group of individuals, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success and growth of our beloved Elks Lodge.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Exalted Ruler. May our Lodge flourish and our collective efforts continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Fraternally yours,

Tim Davis

Exalted Ruler

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	Paul Muzio
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, PER

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	Shelley Viola
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
Community Awards	Chris Linck
Dart League	Conrad Jones
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		
Telephone:	(518) 477-9947		
ER Tim:	Timfixer@gmail.com		
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:	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

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.



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

SECRETARY'S CORNER

From the Secretary's Desk: March 2024

Members all, Lodge dues for the 2024-2025 fraternal year are due by April 1, 2024.

Currently there are 58 unpaid members on the delinquent list.

Please check the delinquent list and see if may know someone on the list and encourage them to retain their membership.

Statements were **sent** out by the Grand Lodge on January 12 2024 and should be used to remit your dues.

The Grand Lodge will send out monthly statements to non paid members.

If you did not receive a statement please contact the Secretary at dac-ci@aol.com and I will send one out to you or you can stop by the lodge and pay in person.

As of this writing I have processed 426 members payments and I would like to thank the early birds for sending dues in which leaves 475 more to process.

Dues for the 2024-2025 Lodge year are: Life Members \$39.00

Regular Members \$83.00

Tom Nardacci

Lodge Secretary

FEBRUARY QUARTER POOL

01	2826	17	N/A
02	0580	18	3562
03	2740	19	2999
04	3655	20	3502
05	3561	21	2874
06	3530	22	1742
07	3402	23	2273
08	3318	24	3629
09	0949	25	3581
10	1405	26	3543
11	3214	27	3310
12	3131	28	1275
13	2714	29	No Draw
14	3534		
15	3390		
16	2743		
Two Winners!			

BINGO REPORT – FEBRUARY

- Events: 5
- Players: 417
- Gross Receipts: \$14,627
- Prizes: \$9881
- Net: \$4746
- Kitchen Gross: \$2273



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!



March 16: St. Patrick's Dinner

March 23: Chili Cook-Off

March 30: Easter Egg Hunt

Who Makes the Best Chili ?

CHILI COOK-OFF



Do you make the best Chili? Here's your chance to win bragging rights! See Angie Vroman to enter the cook-off!

**Saturday
March 23
2:30-4:00 p.m.**

**To Benefit:
A Food Pantry**

Join Us!!!

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RENSSELAER ELK'S LODGE #2073 PRESENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024 AT 11AM

Crafts Snacks Refreshments Easter Bunny

Rensselaer Elks #2073
683 COLUMBIA TURNPIKE
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WEATHER CONDITIONS**

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**THE ANTLERS OF THE
RENSSELAER ELKS
LODGE 2073 ARE
COLLECTING EASTER
BASKET ITEMS TOO BE
DONATED TO THE LESS
FORTUNATE THROUGH
THE RENSSELAER
STREET SOLDIERS**

**DONATIONS ARE BEING COLLECTED NOW THROUGH
THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH**

LIST OF POSSIBLE DONATION ITEMS:
CANDY
TOYS (sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kites, matchbox cars)
STUFFING
BASKETS (EMPTY OR FILLED)
CELLOPHANE

If you have any questions please reach out to

Anyone wishing
To make a monetary
Donation can give it
To the bartender on duty

Sue Miller
Antlers Advisory
Council

Teamwork relies on communication, cooperation

Officers, you are now part of the team. Strengthen it by building relationships with one another. This is an opportunity to make new friends and learn from experience during your service to your Lodge.

The Exalted Ruler cannot do everything alone; you should be proactive by seeking opportunities to contribute to the advancement and success of your Lodge. Those opportunities will allow you to develop your own leadership and management skills. Approach all your activities with a positive frame of mind. Goodwill towards others will be extremely invaluable in the coming years when you may be relying on them to help. The diverse skills demonstrated by you and your fellow Officers will enable your Lodge to succeed and prosper.

As you lead and support Lodge activities, please remember that your actions create a perception of who we are. As Officers, we must be exemplars of Brotherly Love.

Embrace these concepts when working alongside other Officers and Members, and you will advance the interests of your Lodge within your community. Use the resources provided by Grand Lodge, your state association, and your district. April begins with change. New Officers must get to work at once. It is time to plan and pass a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work

with. This budget must keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Get all the Officers, Board of Directors, and committee members together to review your Lodge budget. Discuss any ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Plan your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your State Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Brainstorm with your Members and listen to suggestions.

Membership is the life blood of our Order. Work with your appointed Membership Retention Chair as a team. All Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with that person, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again. The Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for non-payment 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 right to re-affiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term. Finally, appoint statutory committees. Budget to be posted by second meeting of the month. Remember, "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks." God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

(Grand Lodge Newsletter Volume 59, No. 9)

Elks National Foundation Report

My brothers and sisters of Rensselaer Lodge can be very proud of our response to the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge of Elks. The Grand Exalted Ruler set the goal of \$4.80 per member for this Lodge year. You all can be proud that our Lodge has surpassed that goal by more than double. We have raised \$8,909.50 so far this Lodge year. As our per capita is based on our Lodge membership at the start of the Lodge year of 850 members, we now stand at \$10.482 per member. Our renewal rate is 81.28% and our membership support is 23.76%. We still only have 7 Fidelity Club members, which I hope will improve. New York state stands at \$1.77 per member. So, as you can see, your Lodge is again one of the leaders of New York for ENF as well as Membership recruitment. As such, we have received \$30,500 in Community Investment Program Grants to help our local community. We have received more back from ENF than we have donated.

A big thanks goes to PER Greg Collins and Natalie Wagner for the Grant presentations to Grand Lodge. It takes quite a while to understand what Grand Lodge is looking for in the presentations before they grant the awards. Thank you, Greg and Natalie.

I as chairman of this committee did not do this alone. We have far too many members who have donated to name them all, so please do not feel insulted if you are not mentioned. I and Exalted Ruler Tim appreciate all the members who have made a donation. However, I could not have done this without the support and enthusiasm of ER Tim who when called upon so to do, lent his voice and leadership to help raise funds at the Dart League and around the bar to bring our totals to where they stand. Also, Lodge Trustee Jim Walsh for making many donations to a certain jar at the bar. And to all those who also donated to the jar who see it for what it is. The Rocky Golf tournament brought in quite a few dollars to the cause which I took the liberty to attribute to many of our long-time members and others. A big thank you to PDDGER Tom Nardacci, PER John Christiansen, Loyal Knight Patrick Skelley and all those who played in the tournament.

To the seven Fidelity Club members, PER Greg Collins, PER Brian Kirch and his bride Anne Kirch, Nancy Hunt, John Rowse and PDDGER's Linda and Lawrence Rowse.

Also, we have received generous monthly donations from members Chris Linck and Joanne Netzer.

We still have a month to go, so if you have not made your donation yet, there is still time. Donations must be at ENF headquarters by March 28 to count for this fiscal year.

So, again I thank you all for your generous support for the Elks National Foundation and all that it supports including Veterans programs, Boys and Girls Hoop Shoot, Scholarships which are second only to the Federal Government, Drug Awareness Programs and Soccer Shoot.

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER

ENF Chairman

Lodge Updates

Antlers Easter Basket Donations

The Antlers of the Rensselaer Elks are collecting Easter basket items to be donated to the less fortunate through the Rensselaer Street Soldiers.

Donations are being collected now through March 14th. If you have any questions reach out to Sue Miller.



Meatball Cook-Off Results

Congrats to Joel Rigsbee for winning the Meatball Cook-Off!



Note from the Newsletter Editor

Moving forward, in addition to the newsletter being sent out via email, each new issue will be published to the website below. Both new and past newsletters will be available.

<https://rensselaer-elks-bpoe-2073.mailchimpsites.com>

Also, we have instituted a new electronic e-mail sign-up form for those who are not receiving e-mails or who's e-mail address has changed.

<https://mailchi.mp/9c911101c566/signup>

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fish Fry Dinner	2
3 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	4 Red Cross Blood Drive	5 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	6 Dart League	7 Bingo 5pm	8 Fish Fry Dinner	9
10 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	12	13 Dart League	14 Bingo 5pm	15 Fish Fry Dinner	16 St Patrick's Cele- bration
17 Breakfast 9:00- 11:00am	18	19	20 Dart League	21 Bingo 5pm	22 Fish Fry Dinner	23 Chili Cook-Off
24 Breakfast 9:00— 11:00am	25	26	27 Dart League	28	29 Fish Fry Dinner	30 Easter Egg Hunt Installation Dinner
31 Easter Sunday						





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January 2024
Shawna Lambert
In Memory of David L. Riffey

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 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, DDGER

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. Lili, PSVP
Alexander Seney, PDDGER
Raymond Daley, PDDGER
Wray E. Tibbets, PDDGER
Veronica Adriance, PDDGER
Charter Member Hank Rivet

For only \$5 a year! Your name will appear that month you sign up until the Year 2025! 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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