

# Rotterdam Lodge Bulletin 2157

November 2025

“The Community Charitable Organization”

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– Charity – Justice – Brotherly Love – Fidelity –

## Lodge Activities

### Save the dates!

2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays @ 7pm

At a Glance...

### November 2025

- 1st Turkey Shoot
- 4th Election Dinner 5-7
- 5th DD Previsit
- 6th LORE Meeting
- 7th Music in the Lounge
- 11th Veterans Service 12p
- 12th DD Pedro's Visit 7pm
- 13th Membership Bingo 7p
- 15th Polish Night
- 16th Hometown Heros
- 19th Board Meeting 6:30p
- 21st Music in Lounge
- 23rd Last DD Visit
- Watervliet Lodge 11am
- 25th Lodge Meeting 7pm**

### December 2025

- 3rd Elks Memorial Service
- 4th LORE Meeting
- 5th Music in Lounge
- 6th Kids Xmas Party

We have more Apparel for Our Members

## 2025 NEW! APPAREL

<b>Ball Caps</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirts</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Men's and Women's Style</b> <b>Burgundy or Black</b>	
<b>Wind Jackets</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Men's and Women's Style</b>	

See the Bartender for assistance and to pay for apparel.  
If your size is missing, leave a note for the Lodge Secretary.

## REMINDER

**Second Lodge Meeting in November takes place on a Tuesday. This year it is on Tuesday the 25th at 7pm**

**POLISH FOOD!**  
**50/50 RAFFLE!**  
**SILENT AUCTION!**  
**LIVE MUSIC!**

**TONY'S POLKA BAND**

**ROTTERDAM ELKS #2157 PRESENTS Polish Night!**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

Join us for a delicious Polish buffet!  
**Doors Open** at 5:30 PM  
**Buffet-style** dinner served at 6:15 PM  
Tickets sold at the bar and must be purchased prior to the event.

Members & Guests!  
\$25 per person  
2 trips to the buffet

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@RotterdamElksLodge2157) & Instagram (Elks.2157)  
Membership has its benefits, enjoy them.

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## Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler - Mary Bonitatibus  
Leading Knight - Patrick Hickey  
Loyal Knight - Jessie Cameron  
Lecturing Knight - Darcy Brem  
Secretary - Mel Oliveira, PER, PDDGER  
Treasurer - Monica Isles  
Esquire - Robert Gradoni, PER  
Chaplain- Jeff Butler  
Inner Guard - Jeanne Walsh  
Tiler - Andrea Clemens

### Trustees

Hon. Vito Caruso, PGFM  
Patrick McDonald  
Donald Tefoe  
Lori Cilberti  
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### Board Chairman

Hon. Vito Caruso, PGFM

### Lodge Adviser

Mel Oliveira, PER, PDDGER

## History and Memories

Do you have some fun images from the years here at the 2157? If so please consider sharing them. Email them to:

[2157newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:2157newsletter@gmail.com)

NO ALCOHOL In printed images are permitted by Grand Lodge Protocols.



The men's bocce league recently held their summer league banquet. Pictured is the winning team for the 2025 summer season. Left to right Jeff Delefino, Tony Riccio, Alex Zogas and Mark Apollo.



Thank you Brien!  
See the Lounge  
Message for more info.

## 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. (d)  
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.  
Gerard T. Morris  
Todd Hotaling  
Pedro S. Rosa, PSVP  
John A. Califano  
Mel D. Oliveira Jr., PDDGER  
Dennis Whittemore (d)  
Stephen Luther  
Charles A. Pemburn, PSVP  
John Gosch  
Brian Speech  
James Resila  
Robert Gradoni  
Peter Northup  
Charles A. Pemburn, PSVP  
Josh Roy  
Timothy Walsh  
Jackie Oliveira, SVP  
Mike DeHart  
Brian McKim  
Tim Walsh, PER

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Lori

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[www.rotterdamelks.com](http://www.rotterdamelks.com)

The time to volunteer  
is now. The time to  
help your lodge is  
upon you...

## Dear Fellow Elks,

Fall has arrived with beautiful, crisp mornings. The past month at our Lodge has been buzzing with activity, and our indoor leagues kicked off with great excitement. It's wonderful to see the Lodge being enjoyed by so many of our members.

Our Oktoberfest was a tremendous success! I am deeply grateful to all the volunteers who helped make it happen. We are now preparing for our next big event: **Polish Night on November 15, 2025**. Please see the flyer at the Lodge and in this newsletter for details. If you'd like to volunteer, let me know. Tickets will be available at the bar—gather your friends for another fun evening! We hope to see you all there.

This month, I am proud to recognize **Tom Fonda** as our **Elk of the Month**. For over 40 years, Tom has quietly contributed to the Lodge in countless ways—through the work crew, organizing the poker and bocce leagues, and more—often while facing his own personal challenges. His positive attitude and friendly demeanor embody the true brotherhood of Elks. If you see Tom, please thank him for his dedication to Rotterdam Lodge #2157.

Finally, please mark your calendars for **November 12**, the date of our **District Deputy Visit** with our own DDGER, Pedro Rosa. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Your officers have been working diligently to perform their ritual, and I would love to see you there to show your support.

As always, I close with this reminder: please do your part to exemplify *Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity*.

Yours in love and kindness,

Mary Bonitatibus, Exalted Ruler



A Message From Our ER





## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6, 2025

Mr. Twisty Show at 9:30AM

Santa Arrives

SIGN UP BOOK WILL BE AT THE BAR TILL NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>!

## In The World of Major Projects

As the holiday season approaches, so do exciting events at our

Rotterdam Lodge.

On Election Day November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7, Major Projects will be


hosting a delicious roast beef dinner with all the fixings for only

\$15 per person. You can eat in or take out.

We hope to see everyone there.


All my best,

Pat Hickey, MP Chair



## ENF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A few great opportunities for our local students. Different qualifications and deadlines please read the following ...



Here is a list of the scholarships ENF offers:

1. MVS: ENF awards four-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. 500 semi-finalists are chosen. The top 20 will receive \$30,000 each and the rest will receive \$4,000 each. The MVS application opens August 1, 2025, and the deadline is November 12, 2025.
2. Legacy Awards: ENF awards 350 four-year scholarships totaling \$4,000 per student. Applicants must be a child/grandchild/step-child/step-grandchild, or legal ward of a living Elk. The applications will open on September 2, 2025, and the deadline is February 2, 2025.
3. The NYS Elks Association Scholarship: NYS awards about 50 new \$1,000 scholarships annually. Applicants must be a son/stepson or daughter/stepdaughter of an Elk member in good standing. The student must complete the MVS application online or on paper by December 15, 2025, AND must include the NYSEA cover letter. The deadline for this scholarship application goes from early August till early December.
4. Rotterdam Lodge Scholarships: Contact PSVP Jackie Oliveira for the application.



### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS

For more information on the ENF scholarships

[enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS) or [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg)

Contact Lodge Chair PSVP Jackie for more information: 518-522-5766

# Save the date January 31 2026 Charity Ball



## Food Basket Drive

The lodge is collecting non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy families. Please donate to this worthy cause. You can leave your items in the main room at any time.



## Rotterdam Elks #2157

Election Day Dinner

November 4, 2025

5 to 7pm

## Tonight's Menu

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Salad & Roll  
Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Vegetable  
Cake & Coffee

\$15 per person

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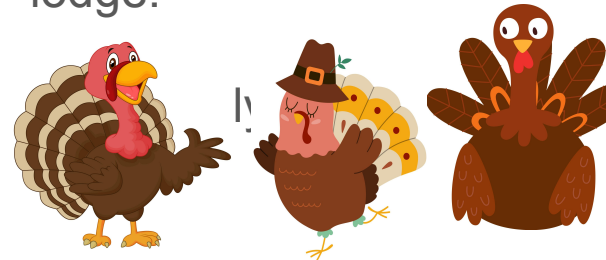
All proceeds benefit the Major Projects Fund.  
This is your Lodge, Thank you for Supporting it!!



## Turkey Shoot November 1st

Join us for a night of Pies, Turkeys & Prizes.

Come enjoy a night of fun & fellowship at your lodge.



**WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?  
CONSIDER ATTENDING THESE EVENTS:**

**PLEASE  
JOIN  
US!**

## **DDGER PEDRO ROSA DISTRICT DEPUTY SCHEDULE**

### **DDGER CLINIC SCHEDULE**

*Clinics start at 6:00 pm, at Rotterdam Lodge #2157*

~~August 19, 2025~~  
January 20, 2026  
April 21, 2026



### **DDGER VISITATION SCHEDULE**

*Visits start at 7:00 pm, with the exception of Sunday visits which start at 11:00 am.*

~~September 24, 2025 Albany Lodge #49~~  
~~September 25, 2025 Mechanicville Stillwater Lodge #1403~~  
~~October 20, 2025 Guilderland Lodge #2480~~  
~~October 27, 2025 Cohoes Waterford Lodge #1317~~  
November 12, 2025 - Rotterdam Lodge #2157  
November 23, 2025 (Sunday) - Watervliet-Colonie Lodge #1500

## **HOMECOMING SCHEDULE**

DDGER Pedro Rosa's Homecoming - June 13, 2026, Rotterdam Lodge #2157  
SVP Bill Rosenberger's Homecoming - May 2, 2026, Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317  
NY State President John Lawless Homecoming - April 17-19, 2026 (Details TBD)

## **11 O'CLOCK TOAST**

Calling all members in good standing interested in performing the 11 O'Clock Toast at the Ritual Competition, February 28, 2026! Please contact Exalted Ruler Mary if interested.

CONTACT MARY AT 973-715-6389 FOR MORE DETAILS

## **SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!!!**

Plan to support your lodge by attending the DD Visit here at your lodge on the 12th of November. DD Pedro is from our lodge and we want to have a good showing that night to support him. AND our ritual team will be competing for All-Star status in the district. AND there is a dinner after... It will be a good night at our lodge so be there.

# L.O.R.E. Message

WOW! November already!

Make sure you're at our November 6th meeting to hear about, and sign up for this year's Christmas party being held on December 4th. For questions, or to sign up, contact Monica Isles, chairperson. Remember that all female guests are welcome to attend. I'm looking forward to a fun night!

Busy November:

11/1- Turkey shoot

11/4- Major Projects roast beef dinner

11/13- Bingo in the lounge

11/15- Polish Night ( tickets sold at the bar)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sharon Nicklaw  
LORE President



News from the lounge-

Nov-7 Hands of Time

Nov- 26 thanks giving eve Gimme 5

Also looking for members that would be interested in bartending . No prior experience required. See Pat McDonald ( bar Trustee )

Also would like to give a shout out to our Retiring bartender Brien Burke for all that he has done for the bar and the club. Brien has over 20 years of service at the bar and was a valuable team player. Brien was our Saturday guy for many years for us and Tuesday nights also. Brien was always willing to work alot of our extra events when he could. Brien said it's time for him to become a snowbird with his girlfriend Nancy Masick and enjoy his time. Also plans on making a special trip this spring to Italy to see his son get married over there. I along with the rest of my staff and Board members wish him the very best for him on his adventures. When you see Brien take a moment and thank him, wish him well, and buy him a drink. Enjoy it my Friend, Thank you Again 🍷 cheers

## ENF HONOR ROLL



### Gold

Mr. Paul A. Harasimowicz

### Bronze

PDDGER Mel D. Oliveira Jr.

PSVP Pedro S. Rosa

PER James A. Resila

PER Timothy A. Walsh

### Permanent Benefactors

PDDGER, PSVP Raymond D.

Slingerland

PER Jocelyn J. Roy

PER Jacqueline A. Oliveira

Mr. Jonathan P. Nocera

### Honorary Founders

PSVP Martin V. Leonard Jr.

PER Morse V. Kane

PER Charles A. Pemburn PSVP

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

Ms. Lorraine Cilberti

Mr. Wells M. Farr

Edward Girardot

Robert P. Gradoni

## Sickness & Distress

Contact Thomas Salli with names you know who need an Elky Smile while they heal.

Frank DeSerbo

Dick Durant

William Frank

Robert Pandori

James Resila

Call Tom: 518-355-8955



# Secretary/House Corner

We will be voting on membership for the below listed candidates, at our November 25, 2025 Lodge Meeting. Please note that this is the second meeting in November and is on a Tuesday.

## CANDIDATE

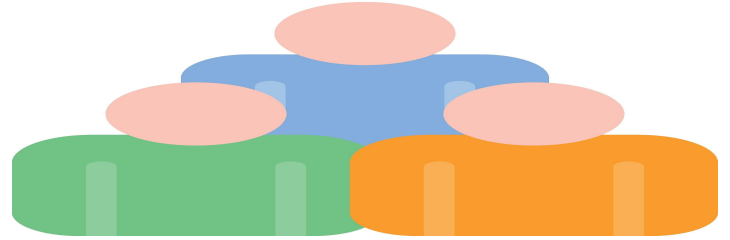
Linda McDonald  
Bradley R. White  
Andrew S. Barry

## PROPOSER

Patrick McDonald  
Steven Fusco  
Jeaninne Mannarino

## REINSTATEMENTS

Richard Whiting  
Michael Dufek  
Charles White



We will have initiation on November 12, 2025, during the DDGER Visitation to our Lodge. Indoctrination for those coming in on November 12, will be on November 11.

We have 84 members who have not paid their dues thus far. Please take a look at the list herein and reach out to help those on the delinquent list to good standing. Last year we ended with +4 members. Let's hit higher this year. We are doing great thus far.

Mbr Nr	Name	Residence	Sponsor	Mbr Nr	Name	Residence	Sponsor
3967	Vincent Barbalace	1222 Hodgson St	James F Ferraioli	5057	Donald N MacHerone Jr.	3833 Carman Rd	Michael Munroe
4204	Robert E Becker Jr.	39 Swaggertown Rd	John D Ryan	1781	Joseph Mallozzi	1420 Rotterdam IP	Vito C Caruso
4152	Raymond Bonesteel	1857 Cassella Rd		5828	Michele Marchese	1142 Garner Ave	Douglas Peek
1169	Carleton L Borst	63 S Westcott Rd	G Noxon	4432	Joseph C Mastroianni	1976 Curry Rd Apt 136E	Jeffrey C Lodge
5762	Steven Brantigan	9 Ashcroft St	Tim Burke	5797	Walter McAuliffe	717 Draper Ave	Christopher Picardi
5763	Thomas Buzzi II	1460 Congress St	Raymond D Slingerland	4665	David C Milliman Sr.	2009 Cardiff Rd	
5613	Robert Carlson	3 Miles Standish Rd	Thomas P Osborne	1084	Vernon P Nordstrom	18 Eltinge Pl	James Murry
5660	Robert F Carlson	3 Miles Standish Rd	Thomas P Osborne	3678	Philip Notto	922 Randall Rd	Raymond Dutcher
5284	David N Case Jr.	2728 Plunkett Ave	Josh Roy	4395	Craig Ostrander	2900 Granville Ave	Timothy A Walsh
4982	James Clough	1410 Curry Rd	Pedro S Rosa	2547	Phil Pacifico	113 George Endries Dr	William Gizzi
636	Robert C Conahan	1121 Jerry Ave	Martin J Kehoe Jr	5790	James Pallutti	1393 Fern Ave	Patrick A Hickey
4720	William J Creamer III	1 Janet Ln	Timothy A Walsh	5792	Kathleen Patterson	1410 Curry Rd	Jacqueline A Oliveira
5572	Gary L Cuomo	2490 Duaneburg Rd	Patrick S McDonald	5713	Christopher Picardi	639 Poutre Ave	Carl Strang
5788	Richard DeMassio	1021 Theodore Rd	Mary Bonitatibus	5619	Michelle Plumadore	1426 Creek Rd	Joseph J DiMauro Jr
4805	Daniel Demyer	105 Christopher Ln	David Samborin	1178	Clark A Rhinehart	173 Garden St	J Doherty
3044	Richard F Dickershaid Sr.	3868 Western Tpke	Frank Dickershaid	4713	Vincent Rusch	1090 4th St	Terry Hoyt
4974	James C Doyle	1042 Lucy Rd	Mel D Oliveira Jr	4845	John S Santa Barbara	2175 Oakland Ave	Tony Casso
5784	Michael Dunster	1841 Van Cortland St	Sherri Kruman	1962	John L Sawyer	2009 Cardiff Rd	Richard Moore
5750	Nicholas J Esposito	16 Lois Ct	Ed Kuhl	4249	Donald Scavia	1209B Fort Hunter Rd	Dominick Russo
5610	James J Fuller	480 Bradford Rd	David Bonitatibus	5617	Bryan Benjamin Scofield	3311 Guilderland Ave	Harry James Merriman III
4904	James Gabree	246 Central Ave	Lee Gabree	5228	Mark Sheehan	308 Masullo Pkwy	Jack Smith
5457	Paul F Gallo	27 Sussex Way	John L Sawyer	5624	Grace P Shriver	1207 Fernwood Dr	Carolyn A Meyer
3296	Andrew R Gefre Sr.	429 Delaware Ave	Richard D Bloomer	3799	Charles A Slatterick	2 Santa Ln	Bruce E D McQueen
3586	Paul A Gentiluomo	514 Tony Dr	Mel D Oliveira Jr	5576	Casey Sottosanti	377 Northern Pines Rd	Bernadette Roy
1164	Matthew F George Jr.	92 Annabelle Pl		5778	April Strickland	229 Giffords Church Rd	Brian McKim
898	Glenn H Gerber	PO Box 2108	Jack Shiely	5777	Christopher Strickland	229 Giffords Church Rd	Brian McKim
5221	William F Gorman Jr.	445 Shagbark Ct		5719	Todd A Summers	2141 Central Pkwy	Pedro S Rosa
4727	Kevin Grant	18 Rigi Ct	Mel D Oliveira Jr	5578	Matthew J Sypniewski	1687 Rugby Rd	Richard Bradt
5783	Denise Gravell	28 Ingersoll Ave	Jean Kirschenheiter	3987	William F Tanner Jr.	289 Middle Rd	
4532	Irving Greenwood	1176 Glenwood Blvd	Jacqueline A Oliveira	4530	Angelo J Tarantino	2044 Debutante Mnr	John B DeCarlo Sr
5663	Darrin Hart	2055 Greenpoint Ave	Mary Bonitatibus-Garrity	3031	Thomas W Tearno	2232 Balltown Rd	Lyle Clark
3609	Marc F Hathaway	410 Streamside Ct	Michael F Field	5544	Jonathan B Tingley	120 Lake Dr	John A Denny III
4378	Duane Hayden	2805 Plunkett Ave	Mel D Oliveira Jr	1245	Alfred J Turpin Jr.	1025 Day Rd	G E Noxon Jr
5557	Todd A Horneck	17 Onderdonk Rd	Gerard T Morris	5767	Jason Van Vranken	1068 Fort Hunter Rd	Timothy S Bradt
1848	Camillo J Jacobs	6053 Otter Creek Path	Albert D'Amico	2903	Joseph S Verrigni	744 County Line Rd	Raymond D Slingerland
809	Richard L Jones	2305 Greens Farm Rd	John Radigan	5044	Frederick J Waller	62 Paradowski Rd	Frank W Pidgeon
2923	Patrick E Kill	2166 Robinwood Ave	Robert Reynolds	4621	Nicholas F Walsh	838 Main Ave	John Desieno Sr
2109	John R Klonowski	1008 Schuyler Ave	Thomas Gardner	2067	Ernest Weeks	20071 Sweetbay Dr	Ray Kopps
1703	Karl M Krosky	2779 Curry Rd	A Friello	4560	Kurt A Williams	2660 Curry Rd	Jacob Lederman
5773	Sherri Kruman	1841 Van Cortland St	Brian McKim	5018	Michael J Williams	606 Arbor Ave	Raymond D Slingerland
4752	Mark Lenhardt	574 Ontario St	Paul Bode	3441	Stephen C Wozniak	1355 Mudge Rd	Daniel Barone
3318	Maylon M Luft	3597 Guilderland Ave	William Foltman	4622	William Wright	200 Aaron Ln	Irving Greenwood



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## **November Events At Rotterdam** **2157**

Mondays: Womens' Bocce & Darts

Tuesdays: Womens' Bocce  
Womans' Shuffle Board

Thursdays: Mens' Bocce

1st Turkey Shoot

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**November 1st TURKEY  
SHOOT!!!!**



**Elks Memorial  
Service  
December 3rd  
7pm**