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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

MOVING AHEAD

Greetings! I hope all Members are enjoying their Summer. As we noted, we made the decision to dial back Lodge events during these few months as people travel, swim, and enjoy lakes and camps. This is also our busiest time for events, and we have plenty to focus on. Rest assured we have a lot more planned in the months ahead though and we will get back into the swing of things as the seasons shift and people are back in town.

We did have a karaoke night recently which was a lot of fun. Paul Muzio and his crew of Mary Muzio, Nancy Hunt, and Floyd Hunt cooked a delicious and successful turkey dinner. Job well done!

Cigar nights have been happening every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM. We have a small but good crew of 5-10 people attending these events and it is relaxing as well as enjoyable. Please consider stopping by to enjoy the camaraderie and conversation.

Wednesday nights have been a huge success with Corn Hole players stepping up en masse to enjoy the friendly competition. We have huge crowds enjoying the scene. Stop on by and see what all the buzz is about. Drive carefully through the parking lot though as we have a number of snazzy new Corn Hole boards added to the mix. Thank you to Paul Muzio for putting his skills to work to craft these for us. They look pretty awesome!

The big focus for the All-American Lodge contest now is Elks National Foundation (ENF) and membership recruitment. These are two areas where

unfortunately I cannot do it alone. We need all Members to step up. Right now, our participation in ENF is pretty low at just over 6%. My goal for this Lodge year is to hit 25%. Please consider helping out! You can see Larry Rowse for details or go to the secure web portal to donate directly. Please support the cause and help our Lodge move ahead. Right now, we are fifth in New York State for our Chairman's Challenge ENF competition score.

Membership continues to press ahead. I recently sent out over 200 letters to delinquent Members and those who were dropped for non-payment in the last five years. We are bringing some of those people back online which is great. If you know someone who stopped their membership, please consider asking them to re-join our Lodge. It doesn't hurt to ask. With Covid behind us we have the ability to do a lot more things. I will be in touch with those sponsors who have delinquent Members asking for your assistance in bringing them back. Many of them we don't have good contact information it appears. Bring a friend to Lodge events and let them see what's going on.

Thank you to all who donated, helped, or supported the VFW Post Chicken BBQ fundraiser. We raised a lot of money to help our Friends and Veterans in need. Hopefully, our assistance can be a bit of a boost for them. This event shows the power of our Lodge to mobilize in a time of need. It reflected so well on all of us in our community. I can't say enough good things about all of those Members who stepped up.

Our community events continue to be well attended and have gotten us some good news coverage. Our Summer Science Series at the East Greenbush Library has been a smashing success. We also continue to focus on activities for kids, family friendly events, and generally having fun. We are collecting board games and puzzles for van Rensselaer Heights. The Veterans Committee is making things happen. Thank you to each of you for all that you do to make out Lodge what it is. It is the finest in the district in my humble opinion. That doesn't mean we should rest though. There is a lot more work to be done and a great need for help. Please consider helping out in some way. We have a very dedicated House Committee who continues to do Herculean things to push our Lodge forward. Thank you to Bob and Paul for your leadership. I know everyone is busy but a few hours a month could really lighten the burden on these folks.

Finally, we have lost a few great Members of late. They will be sorely missed and remembered at the hour of recollection.

I am available to discuss any questions, concerns or ideas that you may have. Let's keep the great momentum going. Thank you for all that you do!

Best,

Greg Collins

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E-mail: gregcollins@gmail.com

HOUSE REPORT

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to all for everything that was one last month. We are in the midst of our busiest time of the year with events and rentals and all have stepped up in a big way. I cannot begin to thank you enough for this effort. It is appreciated.

Sign Up Genius is coming online as we speak. As we noted this is an online tool used by many schools and organizations to help organize and coordinate volunteers to match events, tasks and people. August links were sent out on July 26th. Please check your e-mail and participate. We really could use a lot more help outside of the same people in the Lodge. Hopefully this system will make it easier to know what is going on so that you can coordinate your schedule and get involved with a lot of advanced notice. We are still learning the product and while I am sure there will be some bumps along the way, we are hopeful it will help us and become more robust in the future. Please provide your feedback on the process in a constructive way to help us with a smoother roll out.

We are halfway through the Summer and so far, it has been a great one! On the horizon, we enter our next big push for the College football

and the NFL football season. This is a great time for our Lodge with a lot of fun and a packed house. It is a chance to enjoy the festivities and bring new people into the mix. Use it to recruit membership please. We will utilize Sign Up Genius for work schedules here too along with the traditional sign-up sheet on the Lodge cork board. We are looking for people and ideally teams to volunteer to help cook from 1:00 to 3:00 PM or while supplies last. Grab some friends and please step up in the kitchen to ease the burden. Again, we are happy to train people to use the kitchen equipment if you so desire. Just ask us! Reservations are suggested for large parties during this time too so please communicate and let us know your food and wing order ahead of time to properly coordinate and accommodate your group. Please also note that all catering orders MUST be placed by close of business on Thursdays to coordinate properly.

We will get things cranking again soon with Friday or Saturday night dinners once the Summer breaks and people are back in town. You, your family, and friends can help plan a dinner. Ideally, we have found that the best events have a lead time of four weeks to plan with me. That allows a good two weeks of sign-ups and adver-

tising. The cut off date is the Sunday before your dinner. A well-planned dinner gets people interested in attending. On the Monday before, you should then know how many people you are cooking for.

Please keep in mind that House Committee meetings occur on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM upstairs and that all Members in good standing are welcomed to attend. We would love to see Members get involved and help out when you can. Part of that process is to know what's going on. Sign Up Genius will ideally help with that. But being at the meeting you can get a sense for what other things are needed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the remainder of the Summer but please start planning on participating or running a Lodge event in the Fall and Winter.

Regards,

Bob Myron, House Chair

Tel: (518) 283-7784

E-mail: bobtodd11@gmail.com

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Greg Collins
Leading Knight	Paul Muzio
Loyal Knight	Steve Frese
Lecturing Knight	Patrick Skelley
Esquire	Gerald Wendel
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Barry Betz Jr.
Tiler	Natalie Wagner
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER
House Committee Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Newsletter Editor	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	Tim Davis

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 gregecollins@gmail.com or (407) 495-7561.

Stay tuned in the months ahead!

Get Involved!

- 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	Marylou Hedge
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, DDD
Christmas Party	Nancy Hunt
Cigar Tasting	Bryan Van Deusen
Coats for Kids	Jo Anne Netzer
Community Activities	Bob Myron, PER
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	Natalie Wagner
Greenbush Award	Chris Linck
Grounds	James Walsh
Hoop Shoot	Scott Galameau
House Chair	Bob Myron, PER
Indoctrination	Linda Rowse, DDD

Internet / Electronic	Thom Job
Justice	Joseph Slater
Kids Coaching Program	Jennifer Davis
Lapsation	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Liquor Steward	Pat Taney
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 Service	Dirck Van Deusen
Newsletter Editor	Alan Hedge
PER Association	Brian Kirch, PER
Photography	Paul Muzio
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

LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
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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:	Monday through Sunday 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM		
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 at 6:00 PM and 3 rd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM		
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 \$71.00 due to Grand Lodge and State assessments.

- Dues for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 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 # in the "Memo" portion.
- **Stop In:** Come visit me at the Lodge or see the bartender with cash / check

Important Notice: In August, at the regular meeting on August 8th, there will be a general revision to the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073



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 12 people for all tasks all Summer long. They need a break!

- Cook burgers and hot dogs
- Make salads
- Chaperone a party
- Clean up after an event
- Fill up care packs for Vets
- Volunteer for a youth activity

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: JULY 2022

Let's Get Our Membership Current...

We currently have **53 delinquent members** who need to pay their dues for the 2022-2023 Lodge year. Please check the delinquent list and see if may know someone on the list. We kindly ask all Members, especially Sponsors, to help us reduce the number of delinquent Members in our Lodge. The Grand Lodge sends out monthly delinquent statements, at a charge to the Lodge, and should be used to remit your dues. If I could process these dues payments, that part of my duties would be completed, and I could move on to other Lodge business.

Thank You, Tom

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.

JUNE QUARTER POOL

01	2175	17	0826
02	2652	18	0903
03	2661	19	2520
04	3132	20	3281
05	2540	21	3362
06	3168	22	1256
07	2786	23	2940
08	2518	24	3266
09	3175	25	3208
10	2033	26	3192
11	2800	27	3349
12	3302	28	2812
13	1530	29	1955
14	2893	30	3296
15	2711		
16	2654		
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.



JUNE REPORT

- Events: 5
- Players: 456
- Gross Receipts: \$16,250
- Prizes: \$9,631
- Net: \$6,624

3 MONTH UPDATE

January 2022—June 2022

- Events: 25
- Players: 2,064
- Gross Receipts: \$74,613
- Prizes: \$46,555
- Net: \$26,031

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Bob Gidding

Please contact the Lodge for any sickness and distress 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...

Bob Parachini, Liz Roberts, Raymond Stammel, Chuck Van Buren, Ayra 'Ish' Tonkin

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadows of death; the places that have known them shall know them no more. Their faults we write upon the sands but their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS

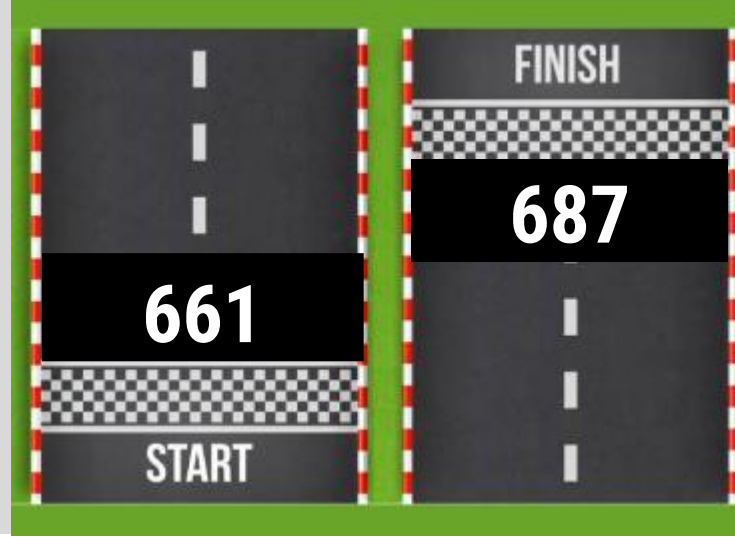


Monday, August 1st 1:30 - 6:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP

Race to 800 Members!!!

Our goal for this year is to hit 800 active members in the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073. That is a formidable goal as we are currently at around 650 members. We are on a mission, however. We need your help to grow our membership! Membership ensures the future of the Lodge and it is the responsibility of all good members. Any member who brings in 10 or more candidates through initiation into the Order will be rewarded with a private party thrown by the Exalted Ruler at year end. The top proposers in the Lodge will receive special recognition and prizes. Let's make it happen...



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Applications on Hand	
Waiting to Read	5
Investigation Committee	6
Ready for Balloting	0
Ready for Orientation	14
Ready for Initiation	0
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	2
Other	0
Total	27
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/22	661
Increases	
Initiated	29
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	6
Subtotal	36
Decreases	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	5
Expelled	0
Subtotal	5
Calculated Membership Total	692
Average Age	59.98
Gain / Loss	31
Delinquency	
Six Months	0
One Year	53
Over One year	0
Total	53
Lapsation Rate	8.02%

WELCOME ABOARD!



Welcome our six newest members of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073.

Pictured in the photo are Andrew Hirsch, Robert Stark III, Gerhard Krey, Lisa Fairchild, Jenna Hart, Robert Balderston and ER, Greg Collins.

MEMBERSHIP PIPELINE

Theresa Borges	By Marylou Hedge
Jessica Iorio	By Chris Linck
Marc Iorio	By Chris Linck
Joe Juliano	By Gary Wager
James Juliano Sr.	By Gary Wager
Tyler Lemieux	By Patrick Skelley
Sophia Mantzouris	By Susan O'Malley
Daniel Plumley	By Mark Mann
Robert Tritto	By Pat Taney
Jake Villeneuve	By Brian Koreman
Carter Winter	By Cheri Pierce Rigsbee

TOP PROPOSERS

Greg Collins	4
Melissa Lurie	3
Robert Myron, PER	3
Tom Nardacci, PDDGER	2
Rob Leddick	2
Chris Trumbull	2
Kayla Grugan	2
Paul Muzio	2



September 9	: Cigar & Bourbon
September 12	: Lodge Meeting
September 16	: Karaoke Night
September 24	: Steak Bake
September 26	: Lodge Initiation

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 Family Carnival



The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 family carnival is in the planning stages!! Please pass the word to your friends and family to come to it on Saturday, August 13th from

12:00 noon to 4:00 PM.

There will be a petting zoo, games, and a reverse dunk tank (yes you get to dunk Timmy the bartender and some PERs). Food will be offered for sale including hot dogs, corn dogs, hamburgers, big pretzels, fried dough, nachos, and popcorn.

This event is for all size and ages of families. We are charging for the activities \$20 for 25 coins. Get free coins by bringing school supplies (donated to the organization Street Soldiers). Details to follow on school supplies. We will also have raffle baskets. So, tell your friends and their families about a great fun afternoon on a hot August Day. If you aren't traveling come grab a friend and experience fun and laughter.

Sign Up Genius

You may have received an email from Greg Collins and Bob Myron recently relating to the online volunteer coordination and scheduling tool called Sign Up Genius. This program allows the Lodge to enter events and activities along with a list of potential volunteer roles for each. This would allow our Members to go into the program and sign up to work different events based on their availability. It makes signing up easy and convenient. It reduces redundancy and confusion. And it helps keep roles and responsibilities clear. We should have put out an e-mail blast in advance to provide an overview. No one is forced to sign up for anything. When you enter the system, you will see a main menu listing the date, location, time and available slots (volunteer positions) needed. You may choose to sign up for what you wish. This program is created and operated solely by the House Committee under my oversight. We are working on getting things set up now. That may take a little bit of time and potentially have some bumps along the way. Please be patient. A number of schools, churches and other smaller organizations use this system, and it has helped them tremendously. Communication is critical and we hope this will be a step in the right direction to mobilize our wonderful volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact me directly to discuss further. Best, Bob Myron House Chair Tel: (518) 283-7784 E-mail: bobtoddm11@gmail.com



RENSSELAER ELKS IN ACTION



Tri-City ValleyCats



Bicycle Rodeo



Reptiles



Birds of Prey

GRAND LODGE NEWS



After receiving the distinct honor of being elected as your Grand Exalted Ruler by the convention delegates in Atlanta, my wife Helen and I are extremely humbled and honored to represent our great Order of Elks this year.

Throughout my 42 year journey in the Elks, I have been blessed by the aid and support of many, many great people. Together, Helen and I owe a great debt of gratitude to our

family, friends, and to you, our fellow Elks. Each one of you has been there for us in one way or another, and Helen and I thank you very much for everything. To my lovely wife Helen, you are the most superb, supportive, and devoted wife anyone could ask for. Truly, thank you! I am forever grateful!

For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my theme is, **"Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm!"** This theme represents the commitment that Helen and I have made to travel wherever we can across our great nation, to work as hard as we can to support our Local Lodges, in promoting the programs of Elkdome with tremendous and overwhelming enthusiasm in their communities.

A fundamental funding source of **"Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm"** is the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Last year, the ENF budget totaled over \$39.8 million. Think of the impact that the \$39.8 million has had on your State Association and Local Lodges in funding the various Elks programs that stress healthy and active lifestyles for our youth, fulfilling the Elks' pledge to always remember our

Staying Focused, but Bringing Enthusiasm

veterans (past and present) who defended our freedoms that we enjoy, and providing millions of dollars in grants in the communities where we live and work. For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my goal is that the ENF personal donation will once again be \$4.80 per Member. Elks Members have proved over and over again their commitment to meeting this per-capita goal, and I'm sure that we will all look toward **"Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm"** to achieve that \$4.80 per Member goal. Please accept my sincere thank you to the entire membership, in advance, for your ongoing tireless efforts for ENF.

Since Lodge membership is absolutely vital to the success of our great Order of Elks, I strongly encourage you to focus on obtaining a +1 in membership. In addition to seeking new qualified Members, please also work with your Lodge Membership Retention Chairperson to get our stray Elks back into our Order. Membership is the life blood of our organization. By **"Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm"** within our communities, we will attract residents who will want to become proud Members.

Perhaps it was best said by the simple words of American automotive pioneer and founder and namesake of the Chrysler Corporation, Walter Chrysler, "The real secret of success is enthusiasm."

Helen and I are excited and proud to travel to each state to see and commend the great work you are doing in your State Associations and Local Lodges. We look forward to meeting as many Elks as we can and making new, lifetime friends as we travel.

WWW.ELKS.ORG

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

A playbook for adding new Members

By RICK GATHEN Membership Marketing Manager

1. Ask every Member to submit three prospects to the membership chair and receive the GER Award Pin.
2. Assign every Chair Officer to a five-person recruitment team, and each team brings in at least five new Members.
3. Pass out M&M candy to remind Members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members."
4. Distribute extra copies of The Elks Magazine to waiting rooms, etc.
5. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective Members.
6. Build a Lodge website and social media page.
7. Create more fun at your Lodge.
8. Lead by example. How many Members have you recruited?
9. Hold recruiting events with the entire district.
10. Place an invitation card in the hand of every Member to remind them to bring a guest.
11. Produce Lodge flyers and have available in the Lodge. Hand to non-members during community events.
12. In your Exalted Ruler message, encourage Members to bring guests every month.
13. Ask your Lodge Secretary to run a list of all former Members dropped for non-payment over the past five years.
14. Give guests Lodge pins and make them feel welcome.
15. Approach corporations and businesses. Some businesses look for community involvement opportunities.
16. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
17. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the Lodge.
18. Have a special guest day. Free food always works!
19. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your Lodge is working on.
20. Honor outstanding community members with awards.
21. Wear your Lodge's pin in public, and people will ask you questions.
22. Send your Lodge newsletter to guests.
23. Contact your chamber of commerce to help you advertise your events.
24. Rent out your Lodge to civic, benevolent and fraternal groups such as Rotary International, Lions Club, and Knights of Columbus.
25. Open your Lodge to community organizations that need a place to meet.
26. Encourage your Members to "just ask" friends, family, neighbors, business associates, etc. to join the Order.
27. Sponsor a community work day.
28. Ask to be invited into a local school. Parents and teachers are the prospects. Sponsor a presentation.
29. Arrange to speak at homeowners association meetings and give a presentation about the Elks.
30. Use the reinstatement letter from the Membership Manual.

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/membership>

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note that the portal for the Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship has opened as of August 1st, 2022. There are other scholarships available as well. Please take a look online:

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

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.

E-mail Address Capture

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

VETERAN REMEMBRANCE

Honoring a Veteran – Jay Stagg Sr.



Joseph "Jay" Stagg, Sr. of East Greenbush, NY passed peacefully May 23, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with Myelodysplastic blood disorder (MDS). Jay was the beloved husband of 57 years to Jeanne Orr Stagg; and is also survived by sons Joseph J. Stagg Jr. and his wife Christina; son Scott Stagg

and his daughter Lisa Savoia and her husband Luciano. Grandpa Jay was proud of his grandchildren, Jessica Dolphin and her husband Stefan, Amanda and Alyssa Morin, and Samantha O'Dell along with his great grandchildren Charlee and Carsten Dolphin, Luna Rivera and Giavanna Morone. Jay is also survived by his brothers George (Jeannie) and Thomas (Nancy) Stagg; two sisters Carol Whitbeck and Earl (deceased) and Pamela Gould and Bob (deceased). He was predeceased by his brothers Uberto, Benjamin and Arthur Stagg. Jay is also survived by many nieces and nephews and leaves behind many cherished close friends who were his family.

Born in Mt. Vernon, New York, the son of Uberto Keenon Stagg, Sr. and Doris Finer Stagg, Jay grew up in Castleton. After High School, he Proudly served his Country in the United States Navy

aboard the USS Bennington where he was a Naval Airman working on flight deck operations and responsible for catapulting aircraft into the air. He then worked for Red Star trucking and Morris Body Shop. His love of auto mechanics led him to own and operate Jay Stagg Auto Repair and Body Shop in Schodack for over 20 years. Jay was an active member of his community. He served as President of the Schodack Business Association and was an honored member of the Rensselaer Elks Club where he was the Dart League president. For many years he could be seen in his Arctic Cat snowmobile suit as part of the Cordial Greens Sledgers Club where he met and made many wonderful friends. A man who had many projects, Jay could fix anything. He worked hard and he played hard but most of all his family was his priority. His children and his grandchildren were the apple of his eye and he loved them with his "Big Jay" heart along with many of their childhood friends that considered him a second Dad. One of his favorite things to do was to go camping and boating in the Adirondacks with his family. He loved trips to the casino, watching NASCAR and traveling in his RV to Florida with his sweetheart Jeanne and his beloved dogs Tasha and Angel. The family would like to thank Dr. Hussain and staff at NYOH especially Ashley and Amy for their care and compassion. Thank you, Jay, for your service to this Country and to our Lodge. We salute you!

Changes to the Virtual Home Page

Effective in June, changes were made to the LODGE'S Virtual Home Page. These changes were made to enhance compatibility to mobile devices. Most of these changes will be transparent if you use a PC to view the VHP. On the VHP, you will continue to find links to the monthly newsletter, a description of our facilities, general contact information for the LODGE and LODGE rental information provided by the House Committee.

The biggest changes to the VHP was to restrict information to members only. Any Elks member can register for a userid. This userid will give you access to the members only area on the LODGE VHP and also the members only areas on the National VHP, the NYS VHP and the North Hudson District VHP.

On the LODGE VHP, members can view the LODGE officer list, training manuals and LODGE specific ENF information.

LODGE VHPs are an important resource if you want to visit another Elks LODGE. Most VHPs give you LODGE addresses and hours of operation. Some VHPs also have additional contact information or special event information that may be taking place at that LODGE.



VETERANS



We have kicked off our work with a number of great things so far and have

more planned in the months ahead for the Veterans Committee. Our big focus now is on the golf tournament to benefit local Vets. We are excited to have a team of Vets and active service military on board for this event. Please see the note about Welcome Home Kits and Personal Care Packs as well in the newsletter as we plan to step up that initiative as well. Please make sure to keep your original receipts to submit with your items so we can track the value of the donations made.



ENF Report Since my last report, there have been very few gifts to ENF. But, Paul Muzio has made two separate gifts along with Mary Muzio making one. Also, Jeff Grugan and Paul Sweet have made a donation to ENF directly. We thank them! We also get monthly gifts from ER Greg, DD Linda, PER Brian and PDD Larry and a very generous supporter Chris Linck. We need more members to step up and make a minimum donation of \$10 to help us reach our goal of \$10 per capita. As of this report, our Lodge has donated \$1,694 with 6.35 membership participation. A total of 52 gifts have been given to ENF. We are at \$2.56 per capita so we are a quarter way home to our goal. We now have 5 Fidelity Club members. We need more!!!! Our Lodge has received \$11,000 in Community Grant Funds. We also receive I believe another \$5,000 for an Emergency Scholarship for a child of a late member. In addition, some of our local students could be awarded a Scholarship later this year. If we reach our goal of \$6,610, we will be far short of monies

ENF

returned to our Lodge so we can fulfill our charitable donations. Time for all to step up. You can donate several ways. The easiest way is to merely hand ENF Chairman Larry Rowse a ten dollar bill and he will see to it that your gift to ENF reaches ENF headquarters and you will get credit for it. Or send your gift directly to the Elks National Foundation at 2750 North Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256. DO NOT SEND CASH!!!!!! And the easiest way to send a gift is to join the Fidelity Club. If you need help with that, ER Greg or myself would be happy to help you set it up. If you ever have any questions about the Elks National Foundation, I will be happy to answer them if I can, and find out the answer if I cannot. Some Observations: I see our Lodge getting younger every Initiation that occurs. That is GREAT!!!! Greg has set a goal for new members, so please get out there and Promote Elkdom with Enthusiasm!!!! I believe our Lodge is the best in our District in just about all areas. Let us keep it rolling. Great events in the future! Steak bake, Carnival just a couple. Make it your business to attend!! HAVE FUN! Fraternally, Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER Chairman, Elks National Foundation



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We need to organize and plan more youth activities, if we want to hit our goals for the year. If you have kids, get them involved and bring them to the Lodge. Check our Facebook page for movie tickets, baseball tickets, and other youth / family activities and events. We also want to start an Antlers Program this year but need interested youth to participate in this effort. Talk to Marylou Hedge or Cheri Pierce Rigsbee to discuss any ideas that you may have!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST?

First	Last	Day
Lorraine	Cancilla	02
Stephanie	Deyette	03
Daniel	Fiacco	03
Mary	Streeter	03
Deborah	Deerfield	04
Jay	Martyn	05
Virginia	Cleary	06
Gregory	Collins	06
Dr. Kevin	Collins	06
Errol	Fitzgerald	06
Cristy	Daley	07
Shannon	Wesoloski	07
Thomas	Gries	09
Joseph	Hart	10
Lance	Kramer	10
Joseph	Marchesi	11
Joseph	Bennink	12
Sarah	Cozzolino	12
Kevin	Fairchild	15
Patrick	Taney	15

Merrill	Boniface PER LM	17
Scott	Ciabattari	17
Christie	Tooker	17
Julie	Cone	18
Stacy	Jones	18
Paul	Dumas	19
Joseph	Lill	19
Michael	Glasser	20
Austin	Lawrence	20
Anthony	Lento	20
Alison	Turner	20
Diana	Murphy	22
Torrina	Adams	23
Angelina	Fiato	24
James	Uram	24
Richard	Van Vorst	24
Edward	Wheeler	24
Philip	Beals LM	25
Richard	Hoffman	25
Robert	Keller	25
Richard	Laporta LM	25

Antonette	Murphy	25
Stanley	Paddock	25
Carl	Bonacquisti	26
Jack	Campbell	26
Anthony	Miller	26
Robert	Muller	26
Stephen	O'Malley	26
Mark D	Secor	26
Monroe	Van Valkenburgh	26
James	Palmer	27
Harry	Hovey LM	28
William	Teliska	28
Kevin	Engel	29
Eric	Hart	29
Bryan	Kirkland	29
Dana	Murphy	29
Richard	Benko LM	30
Susan	Miller	30
Edward	Kowalczyk	31

Wednesday Night Fun Continues

Please join us for some serious games of Corn Hole on Wednesday Nights from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the pavilion. Let's keep the parking lot party rolling all Summer long! This is quickly becoming one of the best nights of the week!!

ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the Activities Committee for all of the work they do behind the scenes to pull off events, plan and organize them and dress them up with all the little details. Your work does not go unnoticed and is definitely appreciated by our Members! Watch for more upcoming activities and events on our Facebook page...

Linda Rowse Sworn in as DDGER

More to come from an exciting Elks Grand Lodge Convention but first and foremost, congratulations are in order to our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the North Hudson District #6260, Linda Rowse. This is a well deserved honor for all of the work she quietly but capably does behind the scenes. We wish her great success this year and will support her in any way that we can.



All American Lodge Update

We have made a lot of progress in working towards our goal of becoming an All American Lodge. With that being said, we will need to pick up the pace if we want to have any chance of hitting our target. In particular, we need much more activity on the following fronts:

- * Veterans Events = 20 events for maximum points
- * Youth Activities = 30 events for maximum points
- * Americanism = 20 events for maximum points

This is something that will require an effort from our entire Lodge to attain. While I will continue to press forward with my respective committees, we could use some assistance from the Trustees, PERs, Officers, Bartenders, Bingo Committee and the General Membership. Attend a Veterans breakfast. Arrange a Veterans breakfast at the Lodge. Take some Veterans golfing. Plan an easy kid's event, like an ice cream party. Hand out American Flags or pins or coloring books. It all counts! If you want to get involved, please talk to the ER. Thank you for all of your help in advance.

GOLF SHIRT ORDER

Many of you have asked, so please see the sign up sheet in the lounge to order your Rensselaer Elks golf shirt. Make sure to include your name, phone number, shirt size and desired color.

Garbage Bread and Football

Want to learn how to make garbage bread? If so, come to the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 on August 28, 2022 at 12:30 PM. What do I need to bring? Your family and friends so they can relax and watch football: a preseason game between the NY Giants and NY Jets on the NFL station. Game starts at 1:00 PM. So come and have fun. We cook. Our families watch football and then we all eat

together. Sign up sheet is in the Lodge. Cost is \$5.00 for food. Proceeds going to **Stitches of Hope** which provides knitted hats, scarves and blankets to cancer patients in the Hudson Valley Hospital Center, Cortlandt Manor, NY. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Hunt.



Donate Old (or New) Sneakers

The sneaker collection box is in the lounge. Remember to donate your old pair at the Elks. 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 be used in playgrounds, running tracks or other surfaces. Chuck Adams



Community Wide Call to Fly the U.S. Flag

Following up on a wonderful Flag Day Ceremony at our Lodge, I want to ask for your help. Please join with us in honoring the American Flag by displaying it proudly and prominently at your home and office location. As I have traveled across our town, I have noticed that many businesses sadly do not have a U.S. Flag flying. My hope is for us, as Rensselaer Elks, to remind local businesses and residents of the importance of the Flag and ask them to join in our mission to have as many Flags flying in town as possible. Recently, we have been giving out certificates, produced by the Grand Lodge, to businesses that properly fly the Flag. This is a start, but more needs to be done!



If you do end up participating in this effort, please send us a note at: 2073elks@gmail.com so we can try to keep up on the impact.

Donate Life



Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 hosted an informational event to raise awareness about the critical need for organ and tissue donation. Local resident, David Gray, shared his experience about receiving a heart transplant in August 2016. During his ordeal, which was caused by a virus, he spent 177 days in total in the hospital, 77 days on life support and was on a ventilator 6 times. 500 New Yorkers die each year because the organ they need is not donated in time. 8,500 New Yorkers are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. 1,500 people have been waiting 5+ years for a transplant. One organ donor can save up to 8 lives! Please consider it...

Pictured in the photo are David Gray and Laura Fisette from the Center for Donation and Transplant of New York.

Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Please join us for a Rensselaer Elks Lodge fundraiser as we are selling as many half chickens as we possibly can on Sunday, August 14th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Meal

- * ½ BBQ Chicken
- * Baked Potato
- * Baked Beans
- * Cole Slaw
- * Corn Bread or Dinner Roll

Price = \$15.00 per dinner

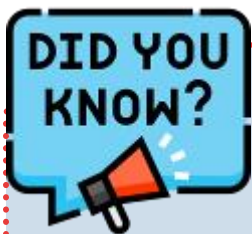
Please spread the word in the Lodge and the general community at large. Eat in or take out. All orders must be pre-ordered either via cheddar up link online, by calling the Lodge at (518) 477-9947 or via the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Online: <https://chicken-bbq-dinner.cheddarup.com/>



Tip of the Antlers...Job Well Done!

- The Bingo crew continues to do an amazing job each and every week. They consistently have near capacity crowds, offer delicious food specials, and rake in much needed funds. They should be applauded for all of their effort. They seem to have a good time doing it too!
- John Christiansen prints a ton of things for the Lodge usually given to him at the last possible moment.
- Cheri Pierce Rigsbee continues to go above and beyond to help make fun, interesting and worthwhile things happen at our Lodge.
- Jean Probst remains the unsung hero for making our



Our Facebook page for the last 30 days is humming along nicely. We reached 15,648 people (up 96%) post engagements of 5,556 (up 57%) and add in page likes up 20%.

Please like our page, follow the news to stay informed, and share our posts with your virtual friends. We are building a community and thank you very much to all who help out. We see you! Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/2073elks>

Cigar Night and Bourbon Tasting

Friday September 9th is the date of our annual Cigar / Whiskey Tasting in the pavilion. We will be featuring hand rolled cigars from Habana Cigars and assorted bourbons and whiskeys provided by our liquor distributors.

While tasting and relaxing, we will have snacks to nibble on and games of corn hole, horseshoes and darts. The event is open to Lodge members and their invited guests. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future. Signup sheets will be posted in the Lodge. Keep in mind too that Cigar Night happens every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM at the BBQ pit. Join us...



grounds look fantastic during these Summer months.

- Gene Schultheis donated 20 bags of mulch to the Lodge to amp up the outside appearance even further.
- Tom Viola and Zappala Block Co donated the beautiful fire pit. Now if we only knew where the key was to turn it on, we could use it more frequently.
- Patrick Skelley and Dirck Van Deusen are working on a wonderful golf event in honor of our friend Rocky and to benefit Vets.
- Chaplain Al Campisano and Esquire Gerald Wendel for performing the initiation ritual without the aid of a book.
- Our Secretary made some blenders appear and thanks to Mark Coyne for the install.

ANNUAL STEAK BAKE

- Come join us at the Lodge Annual Steak Bake on Saturday September 24, 2022.
- Activities will start at 1:00 PM.
- Lunch bake price (hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers and salads) 1:00 to 4:00 PM
- Steak Dinner ticket which includes: Steak dinner, baked potato, corn and a dozen steamed clams. (Day bake included with this ticket.)
- Chicken Dinner ticket which includes: Chicken dinner, baked potato, corn and a dozen steam clams. (Day bake ticket included with this ticket.)
- Beer and Soda included. Cash bar available.
- Pre-buy tickets by September 17th. Sign up in the lounge, with the bartenders or on cheddar up.
- Day tickets will be available at the door.
- Prices: Steak Bake \$32.00 – Chicken Bake \$28.00 – Lunch Only \$16.00

Please come out and enjoy us for a day of fun and live music.

Steve Nardacci Frese
Loyal Knight

11 O'Clock Toast

Please help to ensure that the 11 O'Clock Toast is performed at the Lodge every night before closing time. Request that the ranking officer on hand do the toast or simply have the bartender ring the chimes and say, "To Our Absent Members". The spirit of all those good Members who have come before us should be respectfully honored in this way. This is one of the areas of Elkdom that is meaningful and important. During our travels to Elk events, the toast is done religiously and with great reverence. Please help us make this happen at our Lodge...

ENF Donation Jar Guidelines

(a.k.a. "Swear Jar")

From: The Office of the Chaplain, BPOE #2073

Note: Please do not crucify the Chaplain for publishing this document.

The ER asked him to put together some written guidelines for consideration."

In an effort to reduce or hopefully eliminate the use of offensive language, gestures and innuendos in the bar and lounge area, the following guidelines have been created.

No F-Bombs, of "F" gestures, or similar words that can be perceived as akin to the root "F" word (***)

1.No use of the "C" word (which is crudely used to indicate a certain part of the female anatomy) (***)

2.No taking the Lord's name (JC) in vain.

3.Each violation will result in the request of a \$1 donation to the Jar, payable at the time of infraction.

4.There will be no paying for possible future violations in advance of them occurring (i.e., no "credits")

These guidelines will be subject to enforcement by adhering to the honor system.

And yes, there are probably in excess of 1,000 "what-ifs" and "buts" with these guidelines, but let's use common sense instead of turning this into a 20+ page (6 font, wide margins) War and Peace document.

Also note: Even though the donations will go to a good cause, please don't feel obligated to take it upon yourself to fill the Jar on your own.

Respectfully,

Chappy

(***) If someone is in need of an explanation of these terms, please contact of IDY, honorary Chaplaincy staff members: Jim Walsh or Mark Coyne. They will be happy to take you outside and respectfully explain the meanings. No \$1 donation will be asked for in these incidences.

LODGE HISTORY PROJECT



Ron Barner, PER has been working on collecting some details about the history of our fine Lodge. We would love to help him fill in some details and tell the story. If you have old photos of the Elks Lodge and the prominent players in our Lodge, or any historical information related to the Lodge, we would love to hear from you! Send clear, digitally scanned, usable photos to 2073elks@gmail.com

More to follow soon on this!

1ST ANNUAL ROCKY PRINZO GOLF TOURNAMENT

Notice to all of our Lodge golfers! This year the Lodge will be hosting the First Annual Rocky Prinzo Memorial Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Friday, August 26th at the Old Kinderhook Golf Course and all proceeds will go to support our local veterans. A boxed lunch will be served prior to tee time, drinks will be served on the course, and afterwards a hamburger and hotdog cookout will be provided. The event is open to members and their invited guests. For those not looking to golf but would rather attend the cookout a reduced price will be offered. Items donated by members and the local community will be both raffled and offered up for silent auction. Come join us to celebrate the legacy of a distinguished Elk while supporting our veteran community and enjoying a fantastic day of golf!

More details to be provided soon so keep your eyes on the lodge event board.

Regards,
Patrick Skelley
Lecturing Knight



Clean It Up!

Please help us keep the parking lot, BBQ pit, front sidewalk and outside grounds looking good by refraining from throwing cigarette butts on the ground. We have a ton of them all over the outdoor areas. If you see someone chuck a lung dart on the ground, call them out. If you smoke, please do your part to help us out in this regard. It is somewhat unclear why we have 17 ashtrays outside that just collect butts in them. Maybe we should invest in a proper outdoor receptacle for this purpose to encourage smokers to clean up after themselves. If you agree, by all means come to a meeting, raise a motion and vote with the sign of an Elk...

Update: Service Dog "Dan"

Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 checked in for an update with service dog K-9 Dan and his veteran owner, Elias Ramos (U.S. Army). As you recall, our members raised \$15,000 to purchase and care for the animal and actually trained the dog back in 2017. The great news is that both are doing exceptionally well. According to Elias, Dan is doing amazing! He is such a good boy. He has become such an amazing guard dog at home and a supportive dog in vest. With Dan along every step of the way, Elias is now finishing up a master's degree.

Here is a throwback photo of Dan when we first gave him away. So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.



Veterans Remembrance

Want to recognize a Veteran with ties to Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 or our local community? Send us a photo, preferably in military uniform, with the branch of service, dates of service, and any deployment locations of note. Let us know about any honors or awards received too. We will try to publish a story each month to keep the memory of these heroes alive and well.



Help Us Help Vets!

Care Packs

Please help us to provide "Care Packs" for our local veterans in need by donating any of the following personal items with your original receipt:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shaving Cream
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Deodorant
- Cotton Swabs
- Sanitary Napkin
- Tampons
- Face Towel
- Body Cream
- Tissues
- Nail Clip Sets
- Mouthwash
- \$25 or Less Gift Cards

Welcome Home Kits

Please also help us with compiling "Welcome Home Kits" for local veterans in transitional housing by donating any of the following items with your original receipt:

Queen Sheet Set	Silicone Spatula	Scissors	Glass Cleaner
Blanket	Mixing Spoon	Shower Curtain	Laundry Basket
Pillows	Plastic Food Storage	Shower Curtain	Laundry Detergent
Comforter	age	Tension Rod	Toilet Bowl Brush
Hangers	Kitchen Towels	Bath Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Plates	Kitchen Wash Cloths	Toilet Paper	Microwave Oven
Bowls	Oven Mitt	Trash Can	Floor Lamp
Flatware	Paper Napkins	Kitchen Trash	Light Bulbs
Coffee Cups	Tin Foil	Bags	Clock Radio
Glasses	Plastic Wrap	Broom	Stackable Chairs
Cook Set	Large Ziploc Bags	Mop	
Knife Set	Small Ziplock Bags	Bucket	
Measuring Cups	Paper Towels	Dustpan	
Can Opener	Cutting Board	Sponges	
Pizza Cutter		Dish Soap	
Slotted Spatula		All Purpose Cleaner	

"Mayor" Jimmy Walsh Installed as Lodge Trustee



We lost a great friend, a loyal Elk and a hard-working Trustee with the passing of

Chuck Van Buren. He will be sorely missed, and his contributions not forgotten. With Chuck's passing Jimmy Walsh has been installed as a new Trustee. Based on his love of the Lodge and his tireless work ethic, we are confident Jimmy will continue Chuck's great legacy of getting things done.



Grand Lodge Convention 2022—Atlanta, GA



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Linda Rowse, new Grand Chaplain Stephen McNally, and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence E. Rowse

Fly the Flag Certificates

As part of our push to encourage local residents and business owners to proudly and prominently fly the American Flag, we have been delivering Grand Lodge Fly the Flag Certificates. This is a small gesture but an important one. If you know of a business that properly flies Old Glory, please let us know so we can honor them appropriately.

Pictured are staff members from Gettysburg Flag Works.



Grand Lodge Convention



Secretary Tom Nardacci, PDDGER and Past New York State President (1997) Frank Melino



Past New York State President Jaime Peace (2004) and Lodge Secretary Tom Nardacci, PDDGER



Lodge Secretary Tom Nardacci, PDDGER with our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley (2022)



ER Greg Collins with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen (2016)



Outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills (2021) with ER Greg Collins

Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Elks Legacy Scholarship Eligibility:

1. For the 2023 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2020, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2020, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2023. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. The applicant must apply online only. The 2023 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 6, 2023.
4. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
5. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2022 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
6. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.

Helping the East Greenbush VFW

Members of Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 stepped up to help their friends at the East Greenbush Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #7338 by raising funds and helping to cook and serve chicken BBQ din-



ners for 200 people for a much-needed fundraising event. The Lodge donated \$500 while Members donated \$750 for a total of \$1,250. The proceeds of this event netted \$3,800 for the VFW Post.

Elk related support included: Rensselaer Elks Bingo Crew and players, Val and Tim Grugan, Tom and Shelly Viola, Zappala Block, Terra and Roddy Neisen, Neisen Painting and Contracting, Carolyn and Mike Felock, Jen and Carlo Scott, Vicky and Craig DeJulio, Mark and Nina Walsh, Mark Mann and his wife Tina Mann, Ed and Elaine Miano, Tim Davis, Al Campisano, Greg Collins, John Christiansen, and Genina and Tim Sheehan. A number of Elks also came by to purchase dinners. Pictured in the photo are Chief Master Sergeant, Mark Mann who has put in 31 years with the Air National Guard and Ed Nestler, a 15 year veteran of the United States Army and Commander of East Greenbush VFW Post #7338.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

There is a lot of money out there to potentially secure for students in this regard. What most people don't know is that New York State has additional scholarship funds available on top of the national scholarships. These funds are somewhat easier to obtain since they are less competitive. It is critical to note that you can't obtain New York State scholarship funds unless you first apply through the Elks National Most Valuable Student scholarship portal.

Please take advantage of this opportunity! Let's get some much needed monies back to our Lodge families. You cannot obtain it if you don't try.

Questions, please direct to 2073elks@gmail.com and let us know how we can help. Please spread the word to anyone who could use the help.

Good luck!!!

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	Bingo 5:00 PM 4	5	6
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 7 Purple Heart Day	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM 8	9	10	Bingo 5:00 PM 11	12	Family Carnival 12:00 PM 13
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 14 Chicken BBQ 4:00 PM	15	16	17	Bingo 5:00 PM 18	Karaoke Night 7:30 PM 19	EGPD Car Seat Safety Check 10:00 AM 20
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 21	22	Ladies Night 6:00 PM 23	24	Bingo 5:00 PM 25	26	27
Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM 28	Lodge Initiation 6:30 PM 29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Bingo 5:00 PM 1	2	3
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October 2022

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for Rich Bedell and Frank Harper

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Charles Van Buren

The Past Exalted Rulers of
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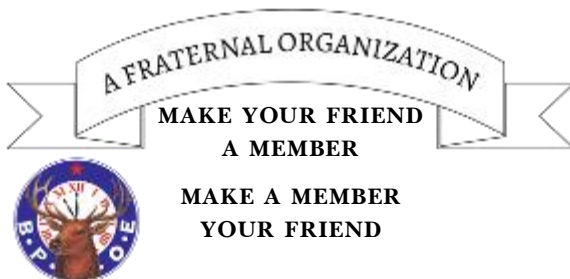
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