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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

Hello,

That was fast, the Saratoga Racing season is over, Schools are back in session, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

On August 17th members of the lodge handed out food to needy families for the Street Soldiers of Rensselaer. A special thank you to Mary Muzio, Angie Vroman and Becky Geisel, also thanks to Tim Grugan and Tom Viola for delivering food items for table setup.

On August 24th we held our Annual Carnival, there were plenty of activities for the children of our community. The day was very successful in raising over \$2,400 to purchase needed supplies for our East Greenbush Schools. The lodge's highest praise goes out to Chairperson Alex Hilker for a resounding success in putting it all together with the help of Mary Ann Hilker. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who assisted that day. The Dunk Tank seemed quite busy, dunking yours truly many times along with Tom Grant, DDGER Bill Mellan, SVP Christine Grossman. Thank you to our cooks, Brian Kirch and Joe Herbst.

Looking forward to our End of Summer Bash this Saturday, September 7th. All members are encouraged to attend, a \$10 donation is requested to help raise funds for Kellynn Hickham, daughter of Linda and Larry Rowse. A Food Truck will be available to purchase food. Live music will also be on hand featuring the sounds of "3 by Noon". There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Hope to see you all there.

The NFL Football season begins September 5th. The lodge will be open on Sundays at 12 noon. We will be serving Chicken Wings and Mini Hot Dogs again, there is a signup sheet at the lodge for Cooks/ Servers. Please get your teams together and sign up today.

The Lodge would like to get Friday Night dinners back in action, please contact Sheri Smith if interested (see number below).

As always, we welcome our members to get involved and volunteer your time, Sheri Smith, House Chairperson, is always seeking out help. Please contact Sheri at 518-755-2437 to volunteer. Many hands make for light work.

God Bless and protect our members, our troops
God Bless America.

Fraternally,
Paul Muzio
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LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Paul Muzio
Leading Knight	Steve Frese
Loyal Knight	Gerald Wendel
Lecturing Knight	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
Esquire	Conrad Jones
Chaplain	Al Campisano
Inner Guard	Joel Rigsbee
Tiler	Jude Kanaly
Secretary	Tom Nardacci, PDDGER
Treasurer	John Christiansen, PER
House Chair	Sheri Smith
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	Tim Davis

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	Cheri Pierce Rigsbee
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	Open
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	Sheri Smith
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	Terra Neisen
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	Open
Steak and Lobster Bake	Steve Frese
Toys for Tots	Nancy Hunt
Trunk or Treat	Rose Herbst
Turkey Bowl	Joseph Slater / Steve Slater
Turkey Shoot	Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
WELKcome	Chris Trumbull
Youth Activities	Cathy Scoons

Support Your Lodge!

- Like / Share on Facebook
- Invite a Friend
- Volunteer Your Time
- Share Your Ideas
- Attend Lodge Fundraisers
- Attend Lodge Meetings
- Say No To Lodge Drama

LODGE INFORMATION

Website:	www.2073elks.org		
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Mailing Address:	683 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061		
Lodge Hours:	Sun through Wed 2 PM – 8 PM; Thurs 2 – 10 PM; Fri and Sat 2 PM – 12 AM		
Lodge Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM		
Trustee Meetings:	2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM		
House Committee Meetings:	1 st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM		
Facebook:	@2073elks	Linked In:	2073elks
Twitter:	@2073elks	Tik Tok:	2073elks
Snap Chat:	2073elks	Pinterest:	@2073elks



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

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.

AUGUST QUARTER POOL

01	2575	17	2559
02	3680	18	2743
03	3323	19	2578
04	3190	20	2847
05	2695	21	No Draw
06	3316	22	3395
07	2323	23	2813
08	3305	24	1911
09	3342	25	3214
10	2528	26	2427
11	1349	27	2586
12	1553	28	3190
13	3686	29	2995
14	3140	30	2763
15	1810	31	2754
16	2695		

Three Winners!

BINGO REPORT— AUGUST

August Update

- Events: 5
- Players: 441
- Gross Receipts: \$17,253
- Prizes: \$10,853
- Net: \$6,405
- Kitchen Gross: \$2590



Note: Bingo doors open at 5:00pm and starts at 7:00pm

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!

ENF Report

MEMBERS:

We are almost at the halfway point of the Lodge year and we have only achieved 20% of our goal. NOT GOOD!

If you gave last year, it is time to do it again. We need to fulfill our Lodge responsibilities. Also, if you gave \$10 last year, please consider upping your contribution to at least \$15 or \$20 dollars for this year. That is a tip at the bar for many.

I have been lax in collecting your contributions for several reasons but will be around to collect them now. If you wish to know where you stand, just ask me and I will let you know. Please remember that CHARITY is the GREATEST of all the virtues. Please do not let the Lodge down.

If anyone has questions about the Elks National Foundation, I am always ready to answer any questions you might have.

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER

Chairman, ENF

2024-2025 Snowplow Bid

The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073(the Lodge), 683 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY, is requesting bids for the 2024-2025 winter season for snow removal/plowing, sidewalk clearing and salt spreading. Storms of two inches or more require services and priorities will be specified. BID DUE DATE: September 30, 2024

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

Hours of Operations:

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

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

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

The main hall canopy entrance and member entrances should allow entry from the street and back entrance from the rear.

All parking spots must be cleared for a vehicle to park appropriately. Snow must not be plowed against building or back garage.

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

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

Lodge Updates

Dart League

Dart Season will officially begin on Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 6:30 PM. There will be a kickoff meeting on Wednesday Sept. 18 2024 at 7 PM. All persons interested in playing are encouraged, but not required, to attend. New players of all skill levels are most welcome! Look for the sign-up sheet posted at the bar. Email me at ahedge@nycap.rr.com with any questions or just to let me know you wish to shoot.

Thanks,

Alan Hedge, Dart League Secretary

Scholarship Opportunities

The 2025 Legacy Awards contest opens Sept 1, 2024. This is a \$4000 scholarship opportunity for a high school senior graduating in June 2025. This offer is only for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Applications are being accepted until Feb 3, 2025 Students should apply at enf.elks.org/Leg

2025 MVS (Most Valuable Student) applications are being accepted online until 11/12/24. 500 scholarships will be awarded. All high school seniors who are US citizens are encouraged to apply. Judging is based on leadership, service, academics, and financial need. You do not need to be related to an Elk to apply. The top 20 students will receive a \$30,000 scholarship (\$7500 per year) The 480 runner-ups will receive \$4000 scholarships (\$1000 per year). You must graduate high school in June of 2025 and attend a four-year college in fall of 2025. Students should apply at enf.elks.org/MVS

Lori Bishop, Scholarship Committee Chair

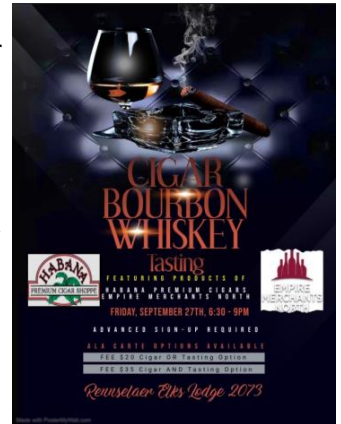
Cigar and Bourbon Whiskey Tasting on September 27th

Please join us for an always enjoyable evening of smokes and libations. Once again a cigar roller from Havana Cigars will be present along with a knowledgeable and enjoyable pourer of whiskey tastings- bourbon, scotch and/or ryes.

If you want to just enjoy cigars or just whiskies we will have options available for either. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lodge for reservations. We will send an email out early in September with further details on the whiskies plus pricing.

We hope to see you there- guests of Lodge members are welcome. Friday September 27 6:30-9:00.

Please contact Bryan Van Deusen, Event Chair, with any questions.



Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids will be collecting both new and gently used coats beginning September 1st through October 25th. There will be a collection box in the lodge, along with donation tags to be attached to your coat donations. Please feel free to contact Shelley Viola with any questions - sviola108@gmail.com

Thank you, Shelley Viola

Event Photos



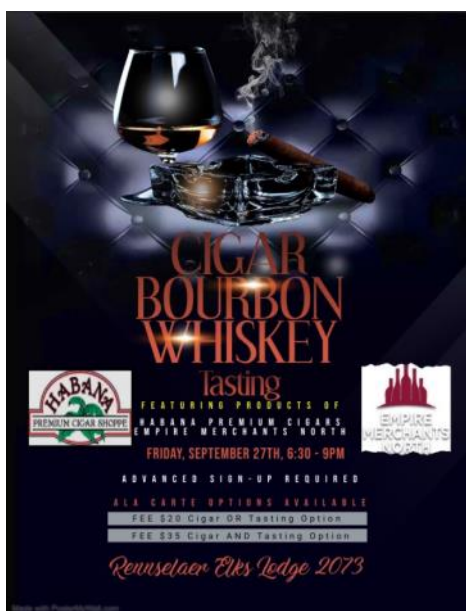
Street Soldiers Donations



Family Carnival

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 9-11am	2	3 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	4	5 Bingo 5pm	6	7 End of Summer Bash
8 Breakfast 9-11am	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	10	11	12 Bingo 5pm	13 Friends Feud Game Night (Cancelled)	14
15 Breakfast 9-11am	16	17	18	19 Bingo 5pm	20	21
22 Breakfast 9-11am	23 Lodge Initiation (Tentative)	24	25	26 Bingo 5pm	27 Bourbon Cigar Night	28
29 Breakfast 9-11am	30 Red Cross Blood Drive					



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	2	3 Bingo 5pm EGPD Drug Takeback	4	5
6 Breakfast 9-11am Catskill Visitation	7	8	9	10 Bingo 5pm	11	12 Nassau Library Fund-raiser Breakfast
13 Breakfast 9-11am Red Hook Visitation	14 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	15	16	17 Bingo 5pm	18	19
20 Breakfast 9-11am Kinderhook Visitation	21	22	23	25 Bingo 5pm	25	26
27 Breakfast 9-11am Trunk or Treat	28 Lodge Initiation (Tentative)	29	30	31		



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January 2024
Shawna Lambert
in Memory of David L. Riffley

March 2023
Sue Poinello
in Memory of PER Floyd M Smith

April 2022
Cindy Jeffries
Dave Jeffries
Carol McKay
Lester McKay
Sue Poinello
Tom Grant
Rockefeller Funeral Home

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

May 2022
JoAnne Netzer
*in Memory of Francis A. Netzer and
John Tiro*

Lawrence E. Rowse, PDDGER
Linda M. Rowse, 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. Lill, PSVP
Alexander Senej, PDDGER
Raymond Daley, PDDGER
Wray E. Tibbets, PDDGER
Veronica Adrianne, 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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