

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2022 – 2023 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Meryl Deemie, PER
Leading Knight – Ben Cabot II
Loyal Knight – David Agron
Lecturing Knight – Jeff Dibble
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer – Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain –
Inner Guard – Dino Christopher, PER
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Terry Reagan
Bruce DeLing
Scott Dow, PER
Al Jasinski
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PSVP

April 2023

Brothers and sisters,

As I sit here on a cloudy day and the temperature is 20 degrees and windy I think of warm weather and sunshine. "When April showers come our way they bring the flowers that bloom in May"----That's a much better thing to think about - cheery and fun. Easter will be here in a few weeks and we look forward to the sunshine and flowers that will be peeking up out of the ground or maybe the azaleas will be out. Just think the beautiful bushes, flowers and sunshine we can look forward to. This is what life is all about – looking forward to the sunshine and beautiful flowers to cheer us – not gloomy thoughts like today. Also remember all our friendships we have made as Elks and how beautiful they are. We know anyone will help us in time of need and cheer our lives like the beautiful flowers we look forward to seeing again.

Happy Easter to Everyone.

Easter blessing:

May love and laughter light your day
And warm your heart and home
May good and faithful friends be yours
Wherever you may roam
May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures
May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours

Fraternally yours,

Meryl Deemie, Exalter Ruler
607 797 4050 – 607 237 6879

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$82,402. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

Officers: DD Clinic April 2 11:00 Oneonta Elks Lodge

First Chicken BBQ of the season and Drug Take Back Day will be April 22 at noon at the lodge

Stay up to date on the lodge's
calendar of events! Follow us on
FaceBook!

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Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

None

Applications in Process

Beverly Tittle, Bruce Wood, and Howard Struble
Proposed by Dave Agron

Proposing candidates helps us to share our values with the community. Our numbers are growing! Next month is up to YOU!



**LODGE #2821
HONORS OUR VETERANS**

**“So Long As There Are
Veterans, The
Benevolent And
Protective Order of Elks
Will Never Forget Them!”**

THE VETERANS CORNER

**Oxford Veterans Home Visit
to be determined**

April Birthdays

2 Paul Hauptfleisch
4 Steve Knickerbocker
5 Peter Garypie
8 Greg Kisacky
9 Ryan Dodge
11 Marsha Karpinko
14 David Lindsey
17 Richard Mastrocova
18 Judy Reid
20 Richard Miller
20 Thomas Saitta
21 Bonnie Bayliff
23 Andrea Dow
25 Herbert J Flint Jr.
28 Brian Wood
30 David Hillis



Sickness & Distress:

Sharon Flint

In Vain We Call:

None

If you know of someone who is sick or in distress of any kind, please contact the Lodge. We care about the well-being of all of those connected with our lodge.

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2023 168

Members Initiated	+0
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0

Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-0
Members Deceased	-0
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	0

Current Membership 168

2023 – 2024 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2023 for the year 2023-2024. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st every year. Dues notices for the 2023 – 2024 year will be mailed. **The dues for new year are:**

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$29.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00

Total Due \$89.00

Optional Donations:

ENF	\$10.00
Major Projects	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Please send in your 2023-2024 dues along with any optional donations that you wish. Your new membership card will be mailed to you as soon as your dues payment is processed.

Please notify your Lodge Secretary when any of your contact information has changed. This includes your mailing address, home phone, cell phone, and e-mail address. If we don't have current contact information you will be missing out on communications from your lodge and your order. Also, once again, please let me know whether you prefer to **receive the newsletter via e-mail or hardcopy.** Thanks!!

- Russell Ryan, P.E.R., Lodge Secretary rryan@stny.rr.com
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elk of the Month</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March's Elk of the month is Herb Flint</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for all his work at the Oxford Veteran's Home and all local veterans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IT'S PARTY TIME</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Looking to hold a get together with family and friends? We proudly offer our dining room which accommodates up to 50 persons for your special events. Contact the Lodge at 798-0358 and make your reservation. Thank you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PITCH TOURNAMENT</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday April 16th at 1:30. 50-50's. Please bring a snack to pass. Sign up at the Lodge.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Turn In Your Bottles and Cans at Our Lodge!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Just drop off your returns in the box bin out front, helping to support our Lodge. Turn those returns into cash for our Lodge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank-you!</p>

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley

New leadership pushing forward with positivity

April begins with the changing of the guard. It is extremely important that the new Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees work hand in hand to accomplish the important programs in each of your Lodges.

It is crucial to develop a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. You must develop a budget that will keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Pick out a night and invite all the Officers, Board of Directors, and your committee members and take this opportunity to review your Lodge budget. Discuss ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Discuss your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your state's Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Listen to what your Members have to say. Always consider their input and be open and flexible to new ideas. Perhaps say, "OK, let's try it."

Another area of critical focus at the onset of a new Elks year is membership. Work with your appointed Membership/Membership Retention Chair as a team. All of your Lodge Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members in order to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with the delinquent Member, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again.

Your Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her rights to reaffiliate within 60 days.

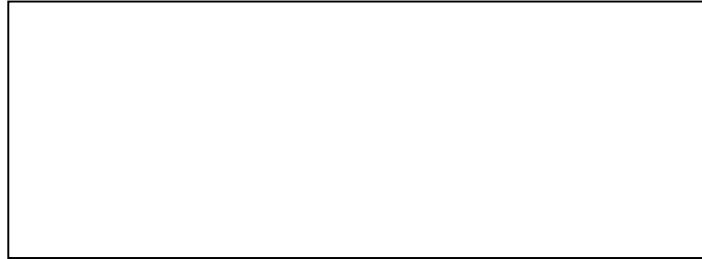
Make +1 in membership a priority during your term. I know our Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Manager Rick Gathen would be very proud to say your Lodge achieved a +1 in membership. With the leadership team you have put together, I know how hard you will be working on "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm."

April also is the month when families get together for Passover and Easter. Helen and I want to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday celebration.

In closing, thank you for your continued leadership this year by working hard within your communities to show that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

God bless each of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26(Mar)	27(Mar)	28(Mar)	29(Mar)	30(Mar)	31(Mar)	1 Dave Agron's Food for Firefighters and Police
2 DD Clinic, Oneonta Lodge 11am	3	4 7pm Lodge Mtg	5	6 7pm T-Party	7 LODGE CLOSED	8
9	10	11	12	13 7pm T-Party	14 Chicken Alfredo	15
16 Pitch Tournament 1.30pm	17	18 7pm Lodge Mtg	19	20 7pm T-Party	21 Meatloaf	22 Chicken BBQ – Noon Drug Take Back Day
23	24	25	26	27 7pm T-Party	28 Beef Stew	29
30	Save the dates: May 13th Doug's Fish Fry May 19th Major Projects Fundraiser June 24th Barnes and Nobles Fundraiser event August 26th Doug's Fish Fry					

The Lodge is open 5-7pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays