

**Johnson  
City**

**ELKS**

**Lodge  
#2821**

## ***The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!***

### **2024 – 2025 Officers:**

**Exalted Ruler** – David Agron  
**Leading Knight** – Dino Christopher, PER  
**Loyal Knight** – Alicia Beck, PER  
**Lecturing Knight** – Jeff Dibble  
**Secretary** – Russ Ryan, PSVP  
**Treasurer** – Gayle Klein, PER  
**Esquire** – Tim Turner  
**Chaplain** – Abigail Agron  
**Inner Guard** – Bruce Wood  
**Tiler** – Herb Flint  
**Trustees** – Al Jasinski  
Terry Reagan  
Meryl Deemie, PER

**April 2024**

Brothers and sisters,

First, I want to thank all of you for your confidence in choosing me to become your Exalted Ruler for the next year. I first joined the Elks back in December 2019. When I joined, I saw that the Elks are a form of comradery and brotherhood, I then learned about the different programs the Elks are involved in with the community. This got me wanting to be involved in some of those programs along with championing my own programs as well.

Now that you have elected me as your Exalted Ruler, I would like to take it back to the basics Get more involvement from our current members and bring in new members to help grow our little Lodge. I would like to see us do more within our community and bring more family activities to our Lodge. As you may know by now, I am married and have kids, with my first grandson on the way. This is something near and dear to me to get more families involved.

I would like to see this Lodge continue to be a beacon of light and hope for the community. I would like the officers this year to try and get a least one local business involved in what we do. Because the more we show them what we do, the better the chances are of bringing in new members to grow our Lodge.

Thank you, Meryl, for the charities and wisdom that you have brought for the last couple of years. I only hope for more of the same this year. I understand I have big shoes to fill with this position not just as your Exalted Ruler but as an upstanding Elk. I would like to share this year's motto: Elkdom Is Family and Family Is Community.

Fraternally yours,

David Agron, Exalter Ruler

### **Mortgage Update:**

**Our mortgage balance stands at \$78,700. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!**

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:

Dennis A. See  
Joshua Bell  
Charlotte Bell

Applications in Process

Gregory Lewis proposed by Russell Ryan

**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 TBD**

#### April Birthdays

1 Daryl Williams  
2 Paul Hauptfleisch  
4 Steven 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  
23 Andrea Dow  
25 Herbert Flint  
28 Brian Wood  
30 David Hillis



#### Sickness & Distress:

*Elizabeth Dibble*

#### 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 04/01/2024 166**

<b>Members Initiated</b>	<b>+0</b>
<b>Members Affiliated</b>	<b>+0</b>
<b>Members Reinstated</b>	<b>+0</b>

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

**Current Membership 166**

#### 2024 – 2025 Dues

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 for the year 2024-2025.** All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> 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	\$34.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00

**Total Due \$94.00**

Optional Donations:

<b>ENF</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Major Projects</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Scholarship	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Please send in your 2024-2025 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](mailto:rryan@stny.rr.com)  
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**Elk of the Month**

March's Elk of the month is  
**Jerry Smith**

For handling all the Lodge's printing needs, from raffle tickets to our monthly newsletter.

Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!

**It's BBQ season!**

That's right! The return of the nice weather means the Chicken Barbaques are back at the Lodge!  
We have two scheduled this month:

Saturday, April 13  
Saturday, April 27

Starts at noon and ends when we're out of chicken – and that is never long enough!

We will also be hosting a drug take back on the 27<sup>th</sup>, so get rid of those old prescriptions and that bottle of Tylenol that's been in your cupboard for three years. Bring them down to the Lodge where they will be disposed of safely and securely.

**SECRETARY'S CORNER****DUES**

April 1st 2024 --March 30th 2025 If you have yet to remit your dues you are now overdue. Our dues including State and National assessments are \$94.00. Please make your checks payable to the J.C. Elks. Reminder our dues needed to be paid by the end of March. Thanks again for your continued support of our Lodge.  
Thanks, Russ

**A message from GER Randy P. Shook**  
**Teamwork relies on communication, cooperation**

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

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

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

Embrace these concepts when working alongside other Officers and Members, and you will advance the interests of your Lodge within your community. Use the resources provided by Grand Lodge, your state association, and your district.

April begins with change. New Officers must get to work at once. It is time to plan and pass a budget for your Lodge that each committee can work with. This budget must keep your Lodge financially sound throughout the new Lodge year. Get all the Officers, Board of Directors, and committee members together to review your Lodge budget. Discuss any ideas to make your Lodge programs even better. Plan your goals for the Elks National Foundation, your State Major Project, and any other community activities that your Lodge may be involved with. Brainstorm with your Members and listen to suggestions.

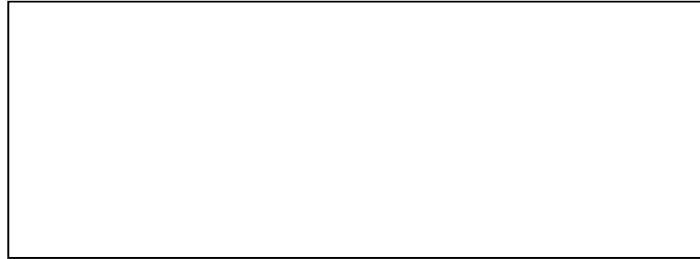
Membership is the life blood of our Order. Work with your appointed Membership Retention Chair as a team. All Members are a part of your membership committee. It is important to reach out to delinquent Members to bring them back into your Lodge. It may only take one phone call. There is a chance that by speaking with that person, you may get them to renew their dues and become an active Member again. The Lodge Secretary plays a very important role for Members who were dropped for non-payment of dues. I encourage you to review Statute 14.180. This Statute is very clear that your Lodge Secretary shall advise the unaffiliated of his/her right to re-affiliate within 60 days. Make +1 in membership a priority during your term.

Finally, appoint statutory committees. Budget to be posted by second meeting of the month.

Remember, "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31(Mar)	1	2 7pm Lodge Mtg	3 Pitch night	4 7pm T-Party	5 Marie's Salisbury Steak	6
7	8	9	10 Pitch night	11 7pm T-Party	12 Gayle's Meatloaf	13 BBQ - Noon
14	15	16 7pm Lodge Mtg	17 Pitch night	18 7pm T-Party	19 Lisa's Chicken Alfredo	20
21	22	23	24 Pitch night	25 7pm T-Party	26 Meryl & Lisa's Roast Pork	27 BBQ - Noon Drug Take Back
28	29	30	1(May)	2(May)	3(May)	4(May)

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