

Johnson  
City

# ELKS

Lodge  
#2821

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

### 2021 – 2022 Officers:

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

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calendar of events! Follow us on  
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Members,

The Lodge is "roaring back". A huge thank you to Mike Demboski for his donation of Golf Clubs and a Meat Slicer! Jim, our House Committee Chair, placed these items on Facebook Marketplace and sold them for over \$300! Book donations are pouring into the Lodge! So sorry I don't know everyone who contributed. Your donated books have raised over \$190 to help pay for Park sign! . Next sale is August 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who donated!

Leagues have started back up. Wednesday and Thursday have become great game nights!

We had another "Backyard Concert"! Daphne Braden entertained the "lawn chair" guests! Thank you to Jim for championing these events. Moving forward, please contact Jim if you need to rent our Lodge for any personal events. It is the perfect size for birthday, anniversary, etc. Many of our members rent the Lodge in November. Please contact him early to ensure your date is available.

Rita and I would like to advise our Wednesday customers that we will need to increase the price of the Wednesday dinners to \$6.00 starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. Price of meat has skyrocketed. It's still a great price for an entrée, sides, and dessert. We appreciate your loyalty. On a lighter note! Thank you to Jason and Casey Beck. They moved back to Richmond, Va. where there is no plastic bag ban. They stockpiled hundreds of bags for us to use with our take-outs! The price continues to increase on this item, however with their help, we will reduce our dependency on purchased plastic bags!

We continue to support many of the area food banks. Most of these are church related. We added Main Street Episcopal church in Johnson City to this list. They serve a Soup and Sandwich Saturday. The line gets longer and longer for this event. At the Daphne Braden concert we passed a basket and the guests contributed \$ 116.00 to this effort. In helping others, we also help ourselves. Many thanks to those who contributed.

Another project underway is showing our support of the Johnson City Fire and Police Departments. Dave Agron, Lodge Chaplin, is championing this project. He prepared a delicious meal that was delivered to the Fire and Police Departments with the help of Gayle Klein and Herb Flint! This is a monthly event. We have lodge sponsors for the next few months. If you are interested in contributing, please let Dave know.

Fraternally,  
Alicia

### **Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$88,059. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

**Membership Corner**  
**Please welcome our newest members:**

*None*

Applications in Process

Troy Haven, proposed by David Agron  
 Rosemarie Stevens, proposed by Dale Stevens

**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**

**August Birthdays**

5 Michael Washington  
 7 Jeff Smith  
 8 Gary VanDriesen  
 9 Christine Flint  
 12 Tim Turner  
 16 Michael Quinn  
 16 Jason Sylvester  
 17 Bruce Deling  
 17 Paul Reger  
 18 Marie Drankoski  
 20 Ron Speice  
 21 Barry Graver  
 24 Meryl Deemie  
 27 Dixie Dahl  
 27 Gerri Jurkiw  
 27 Terry Reagan

**Sickness & Distress:**

*None*

**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 04/01/2021** **170**

**Members Initiated** **+6**  
**Members Affiliated** **+0**  
**Members Reinstated** **+1**

**Member Transfer and Absolute Demits** **-2**  
**Members Deceased** **-1**  
**Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)** **-0**

**Current Membership** **174**

**2021 – 2022 Dues**

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 for the year 2021-2022.** All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> every year. Dues notices for the 2021 – 2022 year will be mailed. The dues for new year are:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Lodge #2821 Dues        | \$55.00 |
| Grand Lodge Assessments | \$19.00 |
| NYSEA Assessments       | \$ 3.00 |

**Total Due** **\$77.00**

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 2021-2022 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)

**SECRETARY'S CORNER****Delinquent Members**

Membership cards for our new Elk year, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021-22, are now available. Dues are \$77.00 which need to be received by the last week in March 2021. Currently we have 27 members who have yet to pay this year's dues. Please remit your dues money soon. We are reopening our Lodge now and you do not want to miss out of any of the many activities and events planned for this year.

Fraternally,

Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

**What is the Elks National Foundation?**

Established in 1928, the Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Their mission is to help Elks build stronger communities. The Foundation is supported through contributions from Elks, their families and friends, which are all deposited in a permanent endowment fund. Only the income earned by this fund is spent.

There are five strategic areas where the funds are used. College scholarships, youth substance abuse education, promoting healthy lifestyles for our youth, support of Veterans and community service projects.

Donations are needed to meet our per member giving per capita for this year, which will make us eligible for future Grants.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, E.N.F. Chair

**Elk of the Month**

July's Elk of the Month is  
**Terry Reagan**

for always being willing to step up and help at a moment's notice!

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

**IT'S PARTY TIME**

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!

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

To receive Life Membership a member must (1) be 65 (2) have 30 credited years (3) apply to the Lodge for Life Membership (4) voted in the affirmative on the Lodge floor by two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting. The Lodge members must be notified at least 10 days prior to the vote.

Russell Ryan, Secretary- rryan@stny.rr.com

Hello my fellow Elks,

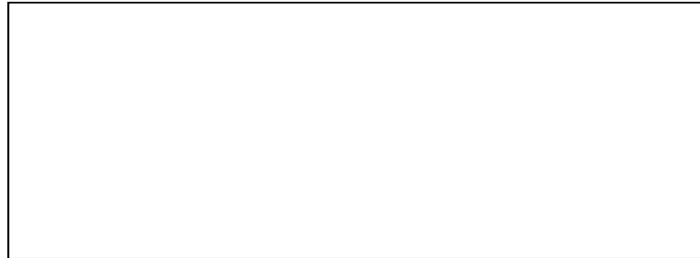
I want to send a special thanks to Herbie Flint, Gayle Klein, and Alicia Beck for helping me put together our first monthly *Feed the Fire, Feed the Police*. This program I was told started years ago and had struggled due to lack of volunteers and donations. I feel this program needs to have some life put back into it due to the fact of the underappreciation of these wonderful people. My plan is to prepare meals for them once a month to show them that we care and would like to invite them into our lodge as guests or to become members. I plan on doing this every third Saturday of the month. The one in July went so well that I am asking all my fellow Elks to help me keep this alive and to show our continual support for everything these departments do.

If you would like to help me in this cause, please reach out to me for information at (607) 238-7441. If I don't answer, please leave a message and a number to reach you at.

Thank you,

David Agron, Chaplain

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***A Fraternal Organization***



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| Sunday | Monday                          | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday      | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------|--|---|
| 1      | 2<br><b>6pm HC Mtg</b>          | 3  | 4<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen<br>6.30 Pick-up Pitch  | 5<br>T-Party  | 6<br><b>Alicia's Burgers &amp; Dogs with Sides</b><br><br><b>Wear red today!</b> | 7   |
| 8      | 9<br><b>6pm Ritual Practice</b> | 10   | 11<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen<br>6.30 Pick-up Pitch | 12<br>T-Party | 13<br><b>Marie's Monterey Jack Chicken</b><br><br><b>Wear red today!</b>         | 14<br><b>Chicken BBQ – Noon</b><br><br><b>T-Party 5pm</b> |
| 15     | 16<br><b>5.30pm Trustee Mtg</b> | 17<br><b>7pm Lodge Mtg with Initiation/PER mtg to follow</b> | 18<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen<br>6.30 Pick-up Pitch | 19<br>T-Party | 20<br><b>Jim's Meatloaf</b><br><br><b>Wear red today!</b>                        | 21<br><b>Dave's Fire/Police Meal</b>                      |
| 22     | 23                              | 24   | 25<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen<br>6.30 Pick-up Pitch | 26<br>T-Party | 27<br><b>Rita's Turkey dinner</b><br><br><b>Wear red today!</b>                  | 28<br><b>Chicken BBQ – Noon</b><br><br><b>T-Party 5pm</b> |
| 29     | 30                              | 31   | 1(Sep)  | 2(Sep)        | 3(Sep)   | 4(Sep)  |

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