

**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** – Abigail Agron  
**Inner Guard** – Dino Christopher, PER  
**Tiler** – Herb Flint  
**Trustees** – Terry Reagan  
                  Al Jasinski  
                  Hope Woodcock-Ross, PSVP

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calendar of events! Follow us on  
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**August 2023**

Brothers and sisters,

I hope you are all having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Please take care in all that you do and travel safely. Remember our meeting this month is August 15th at 7:00. Doug's Fish Fry is Saturday August 26th 11-6 We will be selling cold drinks so if you can help call Dave Agron. Barnes & Noble book fair is September 9th 10-6. We resume regular meetings in September: September 5th and 19th

Irish Blessing

May hope fill your heart  
Each night and day  
May Faith in God's angels  
Help guide the way  
May you have luck and health  
And friendships too  
These are the blessings I wish for you.

Fraternally,

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

**Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$77,789. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

\*\*\*NEED LAWNMOWERS\*\*\* The Lodge owns a lawnmower, but we are in need of people to mow and do general lawn maintenance. Please contact Dino at 607-768-3777 for access to the key and any questions. Thank you for keeping our Lodge beautiful.

## Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

None

Applications in Process

Linda Markoff proposed by Alicia Bocek, PER

**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 August 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### August Birthdays

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



#### Sickness & Distress:

None

#### In Vain We Call:

Sharon Flint, PDDGER

*Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.  
Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink  
heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight  
shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the  
friendly message,  
"To our absent members."*

### Membership Status

**Membership as of 04/01/2023** **168**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Members Initiated  | +4 |
| Members Affiliated | +0 |
| Members Reinstated | +1 |

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

**Current Membership** **172**

#### 2023 – 2024 Dues

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 for the year 2023-2024.** 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 | \$29.00 |
| NYSEA Assessments       | \$ 5.00 |

**Total Due** **\$89.00**

Optional Donations:

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| ENF            | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| Major Projects | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| 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](mailto:rryan@stny.rr.com)  
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Elk of the Month</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July's Elk of the month is<br/><b>Russ Ryan</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For all he does as secretary and ENF chair and for<br/>keeping us on the straight and narrow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be<br/>Johnson City Elks!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>IT'S PARTY TIME</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Looking to hold a get together with family and<br/>friends? We proudly offer our dining room which<br/>accommodates up to 50 persons for your special<br/>events. Contact the Lodge at 798-0358 and make<br/>your reservation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you.</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CHICKEN BBQ</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 12TH 11:30AM<br/>HALF CHICKEN, 2 SIDES<br/>\$12 798-0358</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Major Projects Fundraiser</u></b></p> <p>Last month we held our FIRST annual gun raffle,<br/>and I am happy to report it was a HUGE SUCCESS.<br/>The Lodge raised over \$1800 and exceeded our<br/>goal. Congratulations to our three winners: Mike S,<br/>Kelly E, and Paul N. THANK YOU to everyone who<br/>bought and sold tickets and to Lynn B who sold the<br/>most! A big shout out to Herb and Gayle for<br/>organizing this event. We look forward to next year's<br/>raffle!</p> |

***A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley***

**September: Start of fall, halfway point of Lodge year**

Labor Day, the “unofficial end of summer,” is observed on the first Monday in September. In addition to marking the beginning of fall activities and sports, the holiday pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. In honor of this national holiday, please accept my thanks for all you do for Elkdom. Your dedication truly exemplifies that “Elks Care — Elks Share.”

Our Lodge activities will once again move at a very fast pace. It is time to take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks. September is the beginning of the District Deputy Lodge visits. These visits will provide a look into your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan for the visit with your Lodge board of directors by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist and all the other information needed by the DD. This will give you ample time to prepare your Lodge for a successful visit.

The end of this month will bring an end to the first half of this Lodge year. This is an excellent time to see how you stand with your goals for the year. Are you on track to meet those goals or are adjustments needed? By evaluating where you are now, you will be better prepared to make those decisions.

The reopening of schools in your communities presents us excellent opportunities to encourage our youth. Supporting local sports programs and any youth-related activities are great ways to show your Lodge support and community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation program grants. These grants are available to financially assist in your community partnerships with our youth. Remember, “We Are THE Elks” and we take pride in helping the youth of today grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

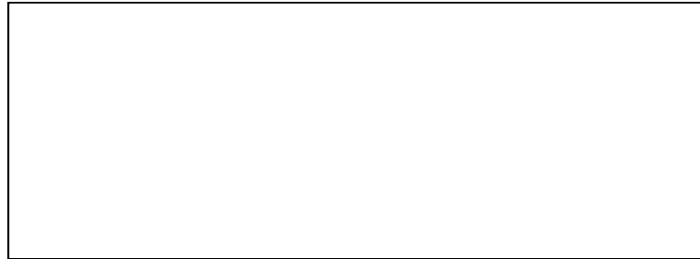
It is also a time to seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much needed financial support. Please follow the Elks website for deadlines to apply for these grants. Don't wait; act quickly.

The Elks support Patriot Day on September 11 each year in memory and honor of all those who lost their lives during those horrific attacks, including the first responders and community members who sought to help the crash victims. The Elks have developed a Patriotism Week Proclamation that I encourage all Lodges across our great country to embrace. The proclamation is located in the Fraternal Committee section of [elks.org](http://elks.org) in a pdf format: [elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/patriotismWeekProclamation.pdf](http://elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/patriotismWeekProclamation.pdf).

Please take the time to download this very important proclamation. Have your local government officials place it on their agenda to recognize our freedom and to honor our nation. 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  |
|---------|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| 30(Jul) | 31(Jul) | 1                      | 2                 | 3                 | 4<br>Sausage with<br>peppers &<br>onions | 5   |
| 6       | 7       | 8                      | 9<br>Pitch night  | 10<br>7pm T-Party | 11<br>Tacos                              | 12<br>Noon – BBQ  |
| 13      | 14      | 15<br>7pm Lodge<br>Mtg | 16<br>Pitch night | 17<br>7pm T-Party | 18<br>Chicken Pasta<br>Salad             | 19<br>DD Clinic 10am<br>Oxford Veterans<br>Home Visit 2pm |
| 20      | 21      | 22                     | 23<br>Pitch night | 24<br>7pm T-Party | 25<br>Halupki<br>Casserole               | 26  |
| 27      | 28      | 29                     | 30<br>Pitch night | 31<br>7pm T-Party | 1(Sep)                                   | 2(Sep)  |

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