Johnson City ELKS Lodge #2821

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

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Seasons Greetings!

December is upon us and what better month to talk about the 4th and final cornerstone of Elkdom which is Brotherly Love (my favorite!). What does Brotherly Love mean to you? I often think about all of us and our commitment and obligation that we took to become Elks; the commitment to help those in need; the commitment to each other; as an Elks Family, to help our lodge grow so that we can do more. I think of many of you members who selflessly volunteer your valuable time to keep our lodge running smoothly and make it fun for our members and guests. Our members are quick to lend a helping hand to each other. I know that if I needed any help that someone would be able to step up and offer their advice and services.

We have much to do this month! Please check out the calendar of events and see if there is something happening that you would like to be a part of. We have the Hoop Shoot Competition right around the corner that Dino has a signup sheet for at the lodge for volunteers, we have HCA and Mom's house parties, we have our Christmas Party in Oxford for the Vets, we have Memorial Sunday to remember our absent members on Dec 3rd at the Methodist Homes Highlands Activity Club, plus much more! We have new members being initiated this month and many last month so be sure to welcome them if you see them at the lodge. In case you were wondering if I am going to have a Christmas party just for us, I decided to schedule it in January after all the craziness of December is over. Stay tuned; I do know how to throw a great party! Most of all as we go through the Holidays lets be sure that we remind each other that we appreciate and support each other. A kind gesture, a pat on the back, even a hug sure does go a long way.

Many hugs and good wishes to all of you this holiday season! Stay healthy and have fun!

Respectfully submitted,
Tammi Seeley ER
607 429-8958 (new phone number)

*Look throughout this newsletter for a membership number. It will look like this **999**. If it is your number, just come to the lodge bar and claim your 'Friday Night Dinner for One' prize certificate. The winner must come in person and show his or her membership card to the bartender. Your prize must be claimed before the month has ended. That's all there is to it! You can then use it on any Friday Night.*

Membership Corner
Please welcome our newest members:

Michael Meadows
SamanthaYost
Leroy Yost
Valarie Lee Foster

Applications in Process
Grace Andres proposed by Will Andres
Joseph Stojek Proposed by Charlotte Maluchnik
Cott Demaree Proposed by Charlotte Maluchnik
Jordan Egan Proposed by Adam Gardner
Jeffrey J Dibble Proposed by Adam Gardner

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2017	**214**
Members Initiated	**+10**
Members Affiliated	**+0**
Members Reinstated	**+0**
Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	**-2**
Members Deceased	**-1**
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	**-1**

Current Membership	**221**

2017 – 2018 Dues

Dues are due April 1st for the year 2017-2018. All of us must pay our dues by April 1 every year. Dues notices for the 2017-2018 year have been mailed. The dues for this year are:

Lodge #2821 Dues	$50.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	$16.00
NYSEA Assessments	$ 2.00
Total Due	$68.00
Optional Donations:	
ENF	$10.00
Major Projects	$ 8.00
Scholarship	$25.00
Building Fund	$25.00
General Fund	$25.00

If you do not have a light purple membership card, your dues are now overdue. Please send in your 2017-2018 dues, along with any optional donations that you wish. Your new membership card will be sent 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)

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
Ken Jennison, Lodge Chair (kennethajennison@gmail.com)
607-849-7892

Oxford Veterans Home Visit
December 16th

December Birthdays

1 Gail Smith
2 John Fitzgerald
6 Howard Heath
6 Roxann Mancinelli
9 John Chauncey
9 Adam Gardner
9 Florence Winters
14 Mark Prindle
16 Craig Maye
16 Mike Teeter
23 Karen Gazda
23 Michael Meadows
24 Gail Ghinger
25 Holly Belveg
26 Marlene Danielowicz
29 Jack Dilascia
29 Alfred Fendick
29 Ernest Troncelliti

Don't forget to stop in for your birthday drink and birthday celebration the first Friday of the month!

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.

Memorial Sunday

Please join us as we honor the memory of

"Our Absent Members"

Sunday, December 3rd, 12:30pm

At the Hilltop Campus,
Highlands Community Center
Carpathian Hill, Johnson City

Light luncheon to follow the ceremony

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Members Lost since our last Memorial Sunday:

Albert Clough
Initiated 1-26-1998, Died 7-31-2017

In Vain We Call

Anita Wlostowski, Died 7-30-2003

Richard Miller, Sr., Died 12-31-2003

Darlene Powell, Died 3-24-2005

Floyd Lafreniere, Died 7-27-2005

John Hruseck, Died 10-18-2006

Jane Hebler, Died 12-12-2006

Don Hathaway, Died 5-22-2007

In Vain We Call

Joseph Cox, Died 11-10-2007

Dana Platt, Died 3-10-2008

Betty Clough, Died 4-18-2008

Dewitt Cox, PDD, Died 4-2-2009

Stephan Modlo, Died 6-26-2009

Thomas Karpinko, PDD, Died 12-17-2009

Arlene Williams, Died 6-23-2011

James Gable, Died 11-10-12

Helen Sicignano, Died 3-31-13

Jack Carle, Died 4-6-13

Doug Gardner, Died 4-26-13

Faye Anderson, Died 11-10-13

Marie Murray, Died 3-29-14

Joseph Maluchnik, PSVP, Died 7-15-14

Patricia Chura, Died 7-27-14

Lynn Hackett, Died 6-27-15

Dru Cavanaugh, Died 8-24-15

William Maney, Died 8-31-2015

Freda M. Pezutti, Died 2-3-2016

Rosemary Lafreniere, Died 5-26-2016

Kimberly Gates, Died 5-26-2016

Suzanne Whalen, PER, Died 9-30-2016

Ron G. Lewis, Died 10-16-2016

Dennis Gazda, Died 10-17-2016

Lawrence Witteman, Died 10-26-2016

The hour of eleven has tolled again;
We pause, in our human endeavor
To renew our faith in the friendship of those
Whose virtues stay with us forever.
With hearts full of hope and voices of cheer
For an Elk is never forsaken,
We think kindly thoughts and speak tender words
Of those whose place we have taken.
The hours speed by and the days turn to months.
We cherish this brief retrospection;
The pages of time tell of memories dear
In the book of fond recollection.
Whatever the task, be it large or small
To lighten the burden of others;
Together we'll work and together we'll give
A toast —"To our absent members."
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Do you know what sounds like a couple of fun hours spent with your Elks Family? After our Memorial Service on Sunday 12/3 we are meeting back at the lodge around 2pm to wrap all the gifts for our Christmas Parties with Mom's House and the HCA Families. We will provide snacks and I might even be convinced to make my special Holiday Sangria as a special from the bar. Alicia said that she will even let us help her decorate the tree in the lodge.

Hope to see you there even if it's just for a few minutes!
Respectfully Submitted,
Tammi Seeley ER

Elk of the Month

November's Elk of the month is Alicia Beck for her work in organizing and running the show off your doggy show to raise money for the local K9 units that need training vests. She also cooks dinner every Wednesday and she donates the food so that we have 100% profit.
Thank you for all you do and for a being great Elk!
You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT

This year's Hoop shoot will be held on December 8th at the Johnson City YMCA, and volunteers are needed.

Please contact Dino at 607-798-8178 for more information or to help.

Proposed changes to Lodge #2821's
House Rules & By-Laws

House Rules (Changes proposed)
#1--- If a check for insufficient funds is written to the Lodge a $35 fine will be assessed against the writer of said check. (Previous amount was $20)
#2---The Lodge shall remain smoke free at all times including electronic cigarettes.

By-Laws (Changed proposed)
#1--- Article 6: Appointive Positions and Duties
Delete Sec. 6 Organist
Delete Sec. 7 Vocalist
Delete Sec. 8 The Degree Team
#2---Article 9: Club Operations
Sec.1- A House Committee shall consist of 5 members to be appointed by the E.R. (was 9)
#3---Article 10 Fees and Dues
Sec. 2- The Regular Lodge Dues shall be $55 per year not to include our assessments. (Was $50)
#4---- Article 3-Life Membership
Sec. 1 The Lodge may elect a member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment of $1375.00 (was $1250)
These proposed changes will be voted upon at our regular Lodge meeting on January 16th. All members in good standing are eligible to vote at this meeting.

Welcome to Friday Night Dinners
See this newsletter for upcoming dinner specials. Please consider attending a dinner on Friday evenings. They are served from 5-7pm. Cost is $9.00
Dinner suggestions? New dinner ideas are always welcome.
Please remember, all kitchen and wait staff are volunteers, if you would like to join in working a dinner let your server know.
You can also contact the Lodge at 798-0358, ask for Deb Valenta. Thank-you

Lodge hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday open at 5.30pm; Wednesday open at 5pm; Friday open at 4.30pm; Saturday and Sunday contingent upon event

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A Fraternal Organization

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26(Nov) ****430****	27(Nov)	28(Nov)	29(Nov) Pitch League	30(Nov) Dave's T-Party 7pm	1 Shamie's Shepherd's Pie Wear red today!	2
3 Memorial Sunday – The Highlands 12:30pm	4 Dave's T-Party 7pm	5 House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm 7pm Lodge Mtg	6 Pitch League Mom's House Christmas Party 10am @ Mom's House	7 Dave's T-Party 7pm	8 John's Roast Pork Hoop Shoot – JC YMCA	9
10	11 Dave's T-Party 7pm	12 Hanukkah begins HCA Christmas Party 5pm	13 Pitch League	14 Dave's T-Party 7pm	15 Hope's Chicken & Biscuits Wear red today!	16 Vet's Home VIsit
17	18 Dave's T-Party 7pm	19 House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm 7pm Lodge Mtg	20	21 Dave's T-Party 7pm	22 Monterrey Jack Chicken Wear red today!	23
24 31	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Lodge Closed	26	27	29 Dave's T-Party 7pm	29 Pot Luck dinner – bring a dish to pass Wear red today!	30

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MAY

The Beck Family remembers the wit and wisdom of ***Anne Eileen O'Malley Beck and Joseph L Beck.*** "May you never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten."

The Beck Family remembers ***Annie Safemf deBoer.*** "Throughout our lives we are given precious people. Some we enjoy for a lifetime, others only briefly. Every person has the power to change us, enrich us and make us better people." Annie 1918 -1952

Pat & Jerry Smith and Betty Ann & Dan Juraska in memory of the ***Smith, Juraska & Oakley*** deceased family members.

In loving memory of our Parents, ***Joe & Sophie Cox and Ed & Veronica Kilgour*** from Ed & Paula (Cox) Kilgour.

In loving memory of our Dad, ***Joe Cox*** from Paula (Cox) Kilgour & Margaret Cox.

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In loving memory of our Dad, Joseph Maluchnik, Jr., & Grandpa, ***Joseph Maluchnik, Sr.,*** from Pat, Sharon, Tom, Danielle, Jennifer, Trent, Angie, Danny, Ariana and Harper. In loving remembrance of my husband Joe from Charlotte Maluchnik.

In memory of ***Gail Troncelliti and the Troncelliti Family*** Members from Ernie Troncelliti
In memory of ***Richard Miller Sr.*** Never does a day go by that we do not miss you. Anita, Rick & Julie, Rick & Tammy Balles

OCTOBER

In memory of my beloved husband, who I love immensely and miss so very, very much, ***Stefan.*** With all my love forever. Gerri Jurkiw

In memory of my wonderful and loving parents, ***Edward & Bertha Okoniewski*** whom I also miss so very, very much. I will love you forever. Gerri Jurkiw