



**JOHNSON CITY ELKS LODGE # 2821
NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2012**

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

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**Lodge
Membership

231
And Growing!**

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Exalted Rulers Message

Members of Johnson City Lodge #2821

Our doors are open!!! And we are striving to get back to normal operations. Welcome back to our league card players! A big Elks Thank-You to the Russian Club who proved to be great hosts for our members, allowing them to socialize and play cards. Also thanks go out again to our Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom at the Endicott and Vestal Lodges for all their help and support in these trying times. Thank –You Everyone who has had a hand in getting our Lodge open and up and running!

Exalted Ruler John Gardner from Vestal Lodge and his son Jed tiled our kitchen floor. They both had worked very hard in opening their own Lodge that was flooded and then asked us if they could lend a hand in helping with our renovation. Our national slogan “Elks Care Elks Share” –John and Jed Gardner are certainly great examples! Thank You gentlemen on behalf of our Lodge members!

Our kitchen will be completed soon and we look forward to again serving our Friday night dinners. We are in need of kitchen supplies. Members with extra or no longer used kitchen gadgets might consider finding them a new home. Donations of anything from can openers to dishes, cooking utensils, pots and pans etc. would be greatly appreciated.

My E.R. “Christmas” Appreciation Party will be held Saturday March the 3rd. Dinner will be served; games and door prizes are on the agenda. I will also be naming the recipients of the Citizen/Elk/Officer of the Year and GER Awards as well as the GER Special Citations. Sign up sheet is at our Lodge. I’m asking for a **donation of \$5.00** to benefit our Lodge. I look forward to this evening, giving me the opportunity to thank you for the support I have received this year.

Please check our Lodge calendar this month for other upcoming events.

Fraternally,
Russell Ryan, E.R.

ELK OF THE MONTH

Scott Dow

Scott works very hard at our Lodge, always willing to lend a hand. From bartending on Wednesdays, playing Santa for our Christmas Parties, helping with our Lodge rebuilding and excelling as a Trustee, our present Officer Of The Year Scott is an outstanding Elk. Thanks Scott for all that you do!

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 too it! You can then use it on any Friday Night. (Not sure when dinners will be available again!)

ELKS OF THE MONTH

| | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| February | - | Jerry Smith |
| March | - | Kathy & Doug Neiss |
| April | - | Alicia Beck |
| May | - | Doug & Dave Gardner |
| June | - | Hope Woodcock |
| July | - | Deb Valenta |
| August | - | Jason Beck |
| September | - | John Oakes |
| October | - | Mike Kelley & Chris Albeck |
| November | - | Mark Prindle & Gary VanDriesen |
| December | - | Dave Shaw |
| January 2012 | - | Scott Dow |

*** OFFICER OF THE YEAR ***

| | | |
|---------|---|-----------------|
| 2001-02 | - | Ron Foster |
| 2002-03 | - | William Bayliff |
| 2003-04 | - | Dennis Gazda |
| 2004-05 | - | Alicia Beck |
| 2005-06 | - | Herb Flint |
| 2006-07 | - | Mark Prindle |
| 2007-08 | - | Kathy Neiss |
| 2008-09 | - | Russ Ryan |
| 2009-10 | - | Paul Reger |
| 2010-11 | - | Scott Dow |

*** ELK OF THE YEAR ***

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------------|
| 2001-02 | - | Doug Neiss |
| 2002-03 | - | Charlotte Maluchnik |
| 2003-04 | - | Jill Foster |
| 2004-05 | - | Tom Karpinko |
| 2005-06 | - | Linda Koliander |
| 2006-07 | - | Sharon Flint |
| 2007-08 | - | Elinor Gardner |
| 2008-09 | - | Jerry Smith |
| 2009-10 | - | Doug Gardner |
| 2010-11 | - | Deb Valenta |

*** CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ***

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------------|
| 2004-05 | - | Nancy Graver |
| 2005-06 | - | Glen Roberts |
| 2006-07 | - | Kim Reger |
| 2007-08 | - | Rosemary Lafreniere |
| 2008-09 | - | Audrey LoPresti |
| 2009-10 | - | Paul Burnett |
| 2010-11 | - | Wendy Turner |



**Lodge Pins
Only \$3**

BUILDING FUND TOTAL =

\$21,188.38

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Cash Acct ----- | \$4,809.99 |
| 085 CD ----- | \$4,134.90 |
| 089 CD ----- | \$4,143.08 |
| 092 CD ----- | \$4,143.80 |
| Vanguard Fund--- | \$3,956.61 |



"Mom's House Needs of the Month"

There will be a box / container for the lodge for donations to be collected in and a jar for change if someone doesn't like to shop.

List for February: soft blocks (infant), trucks (2 to 4) and tape (scotch, masking, duct, packing)

Please call with any questions 607-222-8412 cell. I work from home normally, but have to travel periodically.
Elks Care - Elks Share, Hope Woodcock
Hope-mw@hotmail.com

Newsletter Advertisements

Our newsletter averages around \$80 per month for postage. To offset this cost, we will be accepting business card size sponsorship ads to be included as a separate insert in our monthly newsletter at a cost of \$84 per year. That's only \$7 per month. If you have a business or know of a business that would like to sponsor an ad, please fill out the information below.

Name _____

Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number _____

Please submit your business card with this form. Of course, personal ads are also welcome.

Amount enclosed \$_____ Business _ Personal _

Have checks made out to JC Elks 2821 and mail to Jerry Smith, 537 Reynolds Road, Johnson City, NY 13790. 798-0044.

Jerry will follow up with an official receipt to each sponsor acknowledging their ad and amount received and dates the ad will run. Copies will be filed with the JC Elks Treasurer and Jerry's Printing.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 02 Bob Dussor 02 Virginia Jones
- 02 Dave Shaw 04 Ed Horvath
- 05 Mary Ellen Jennison 07 John White
- 07 Hope Woodcock 09 Bob Gillette
- 12 Scott Dow 15 Joe Bobrowsky
- 22 Donna Wright

**Remember to stop in for your Birthday drink.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

USO Candy Bar Count – Goal 3,500
To Date: who knows?

Membership Corner

Applications in Process

Jessica Avery proposed by Sue Whalen
 Michael Belveg proposed by Bob & Holly Belveg
 Colleen Clarke proposed by James Guiton
 Jackie Kenefick proposed by Jim Guiton
 Lisa McKernan proposed by Terry Reagan
 Michael Quinn proposed by Bob Belveg
 Manda Wood proposed by Michael Teeter

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

Membership Status

| | |
|--|------------|
| Membership as of 04/01/2011 | 226 |
| Members Initiated | +8 |
| Members Affiliated | +1 |
| Members Reinstated | +0 |
| Member Transfer and Absolute Demits | -3 |
| Members Deceased | -1 |
| Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment) | -0 |

Current Membership **231**

Please Welcome Our Newest Member(s):

Dixie Dahl

Please notify your Lodge Secretary when any of your contact information changes. 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. Thanks.

Paul Reger, Lodge Secretary

2011-2012 Delinquencies

Seventeen members have not paid their dues which were payable April 1, 2011. Please remit your dues as soon as possible. Final notices have been mailed to these members reminding them that they will be dropped on March 1st. If you are dropped for non-payment of dues you are not permitted to visit any Elks lodge, even as a guest of a member. Don't let this happen to you. Contact me now.

2012-2013 Dues

It's that time of year. Dues notices for the 2012-2013 year will be mailed during February. Our dues remain the same as last year. Please remit your dues as soon as possible upon receipt of your dues notice. New cards will be available during March.



**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

Herb Flint, Chairperson hflint@stny.rr.com
 (723-7429 - 759-8985)

**3rd Sunday Every Month.
 Oxford Veterans Home Visit.**



New Dining Room!



New Bar!



Our new stove has arrived!

Did You Know?

This column is dedicated to keeping us connected! Let us know what is happening in your world! Contact Alicia wbeck@stny.rr.com or at 797-3537

One of our Lodge Members **OWNS** a piece of the Green Bay Packers! **Joe Maluchnik** was presented a framed preferred stock certificate for his Green Bay Packers. Joe's family bought the stock for a Christmas present. What an amazing gift to give a lifelong Packer Fan! (Now, just as a little side note, can you imagine the noise that filled the **Maluchnik** home during playoffs? **Charlotte** is a die hard Giant fan! You will often see the dueling flags flying from their front porch! Joe has stock, **Char** has a League Championship!)

Karen Thiel Honnick's grandson is a member of the championship UE Wrestling Team! Highlights of his matches have been shown on local TV news! Good Luck to the Tigers as they continue to advance to a State Title!

Alicia (that's me) won a beautiful Diamond Bow in the Port Crane Volunteer Fire Department raffle. I was a championship archer in 4H. (I know, I know, that was many, many years ago!) This is an example of how involved our members are in other organizations. Many thanks to **Dennis Gazda** for helping the Port Crane Fire Department

Dino and Rita Christopher were blessed with a new granddaughter! They are expecting another grandson's arrival in the very near future! They will then have **5** Grandsons and **2** Granddaughters! Many congratulations to this wonderful family!

Steven Flint has accepted the honor of **Regional Coordinator for DAV Transport**. Steve spends countless hours ensuring our disabled vets have the needed transport for care. Steve is a Vietnam Veteran. Thank you for your continued service to your brothers in arms.

Did you know what an amazing reputation our lodge has? This past week I was placed in situations where I met several of our regular Friday night dinner guests! They stated Friday nights are not the same without a visit to their lodge! I was so happy to reveal we will be starting **Fabulous Pot Luck Fridays** on February 3rd. It's rewarding to know we make our guests welcomed!

*Submitted by your "roving reporter" Alicia, **Lois Lane, Beck***

(My daughter Joan gave birth at a little after 3AM this morning to Cameron Christopher Farrell 6lbs 4 ozs .She went to the hospital at 2AM and a little after 3AM BABY. No time for real drugs or anything,She was a trooper. I know this is it for Joan,we are extremely happy. Two grandchildren within a week. We now have 5 boys and 2 girls. –Dino)

Thanks to all that supported the **Doug's Fish Fry Fundraisers** we had this year, to all the bakers, dessert sellers, car wavers, and folks that placed orders. Thank you! This was a very successful fundraiser for our lodge and the Humane Society and we have dates booked already for later in the year of 2012 and 2013! Stay tuned.

LAST CALL:

Wendy Turner is coordinating fleece jacket orders for the lodge.

There are different types of jackets that will have the JC Elks Logo on the pocket:

Columbia Polar Fleece (heavier), \$40

Lighter Fleece (Harriton) \$23 full-zip or (¾ zip available in mens only)

(Wendy has pictures that I could not fit in the Newsletter.)

Money due when order is placed-cash only

Orders will be taken until Feb 1.

Please contact Wendy or stop by the lodge.

Greeting JC Elks!

This is from my friend Sharon that sponsors a troop from Fort Drum. She is sending a bunch of clothing and books overseas. If you have any kids clothes or even adult type clothes etc please drop them off at the lodge for Wendy Turner and she will get them to Sharon. The clothing should be plain and not have Disney or anything American on it. Kids have been killed for wearing mickey mouse shirts—because that's American... All kids no matter where they are from should have shoes and clothes etc. If you have any questions or comments for Sharon her contact information is below.

Thanks for your efforts! -Wendy

From: Sharon Lea Harrilchak



Good Morning

As the House Committee prepares for the reopening of the lodge kitchen we would like to ask anyone who has been storing items to bring them back to lodge next week for inventory. The attached list is items that we need to replace. If you have any of these items to donate please drop off at lodge by January 30th. This will give the HC committee time to shop for any items that aren't donated.

The House Committee has many fun lodge events planned. Please keep your eyes out for the newsletter and the flyers at the lodge!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Hope
cell 607-222-8412

(I could not fit the very long list in the newsletter. Perhaps they can post a copy at the lodge.)

Above are two of the Afghan children that have been helped in the past through the efforts of American soldiers humanitarian distributing of clothing, footwear, toys, and bringing healthcare to their remote Afghanistan villages. This picture was taken about 4 years ago. The Army Intelligence Warrant Officer that helped them (and I am sending items to now) has returned on deployment to Afghanistan on a new tour and recently located these boys again. He said they are doing well, are pretty healthy, seem happy and are turning out to be fine citizens in the villages where they live. He recently gave them warm clothing for the winter and boots and they were as grateful now as they were the day this picture was taken. When this picture was taken both received a pair of American boys jeans and sneakers. Unlike most American kids they don't care if the pants and shirts are hand-me-downs, too short, what color, don't match or fit all that well...they are just happy to have "new" clothes to wear.

If you have or know anyone with children of any age that would be willing to donate warm clothing or footwear for this humanitarian appeal, please let me know. Warm jackets, footwear, hats, gloves for men and girls/women (to wear under traditional garb) is also appreciated. I will be collecting items until Feb. 15. Donations for postage to cover the shipments are also very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Sharon
Work 255-0194
Cell 280-4181



FEBRUARY 2012– CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Lodge Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thu – Lodge opens at 5:30pm

Friday – Lodge Opens at 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday Openings will be determined by Events

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Lucky Number this month is ****111****. Save your newsletter. Friday dinners to resume in March.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|---|-----------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 29 (Jan) | 30 (Jan) | 31 (Jan) | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 Pot Luck! \$5 Donation | 4 Lodge Housewarming Party 1pm – 'til |
| 5 | 6 | 7 7pm Lodge Meeting PER Night & Nominations | 8 | 9 | 10 Pot Luck! \$5 Donation | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Valentines Day | 15 | 16 | 17 Pot Luck! \$5 Donation | 18 <u>Trivia</u> <u>7 to 9pm</u> |
| 19 Oxford Veterans Home Visit | 20 President's Day Holiday | 21 7pm Lodge Meeting & Elections Newsletter Articles Due | 22 | 23 | 24 Pot Luck! \$5 Donation | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 7pm- PER Mtg | 29 | 1 (Mar) | 2 (Mar) Regular Friday Night Dinners to resume! 5 to 7pm | 3 (Mar) ER's Appreciation Party \$5 donation |
| 4 (Mar) Paddle Party @ Vestal Lodge | 5 (Mar) | 6 (Mar) 7pm Lodge Meeting | 7 (Mar) | 8 (Mar) | 9 (Mar) Dinner 5 to 7pm | 10 (Mar) |

Mar 11th – DST begins

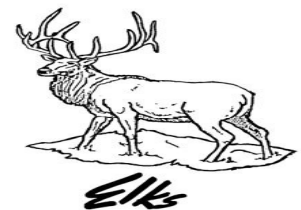
Mar 17th – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 17 – 7 to 9pm TRIVIA

Apr 28 - 7 to 9pm TRIVIA

| <u>2011 – 2012 Lodge Officers</u> | <u>2011- 2012 LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u> | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Exalted Ruler – Russ Ryan Leading Knight – Dino Christopher Loyal Knight – Sue Whalen Lecturing Knight – Leona Stevens Esquire – Deb Valenta, PER Chaplain – Tim Turner Inner Guard – Alicia Beck, PER Tiler – Bruce DeLing Secretary – Paul Reger Treasurer – Dennis Gazda</p> <p><u>Trustees:</u> (1yr) Scott Dow, Chairman (2yr) Jerry Smith, (3yr) Mike Kelly, (4yr) Steve Flint and (5yr) Gary Van Driesen</p> | <p><u>Accident Prevention & Insurance.</u> Mike Kelly <u>Americanism Programs</u> Tim Turner <u>Auditing&Accounting</u> Kathy Neiss <u>Bell Jar / Gaming</u> Paul Reger <u>Business Practices</u> Dennis Gazda <u>Community Activities</u> Deb Valenta <u>Drug Awareness</u> Kathy Neiss <u>Elks National Foundation</u> Sue Whalen <u>Flag Day Service</u> Wendy Turner</p> | <p><u>Government Relations</u> Sharon Flint <u>Hoop&Soccer Shoots</u> Ken Jennison <u>Indoctrination (M'ship)</u> Russ Ryan <u>Internet / Webmaster</u> John Oakes <u>Investigation (M'ship)</u> Herb Flint <u>Lapsation (M'ship)</u> Paul Reger <u>Lodge Activities</u> Deb Valenta <u>Mediator</u> tba <u>Membership</u> Steve Flint <u>Mother's Day</u> Lori Wahila</p> | <p><u>Memorial Sunday</u> Kathy Neiss <u>National Service/Vets</u> Herb Flint <u>NYSEA Major Project</u> Steve Flint <u>Presiding Justice</u> Bill Maney <u>Public Relations</u> Deb Valenta <u>Scholarship & Grants</u> Sharon Flint <u>Standing Relief</u> ER, Knights, Sec., & Treas. <u>Visiting Committee</u> Bill Maney <u>Youth Activities</u> Ken Jennison</p> |
| <p><u>House Committee:</u> - Dino Christopher- Chairman, Scott Dow, Gary Van Driesen, Jason Beck, Alicia Beck, Bruce DeLing and Deb Valenta, Gail Klein, Hope Woodcock, Audrey LoPresti, Sue Whalen, Marie Ryan</p> | | | |
| <p><u>South Central (6360) District Chairmen</u></p> <p>Kathy Neiss, Drug Awareness Herb Flint, Veterans Service Doug Neiss, Gov. Relations & Protocol Steve Flint, Major Project Paul Reger, Public Relations & Empire State Elk Sharon Flint, Scholarship Alicia Beck, Business Practices Ken Jennison, Memorial Sunday</p> <p><u>NYSEA Chairmen</u> Kathy Neiss, Drug Awareness</p> | <p><u>Past Exalted Rulers Association</u></p> <p>Bill Bayliff, PSVP / PDDGER Alicia Beck, PER Jim Bridges, PER Sharon Flint, PER Steve Flint, PSVP / PDDGER Ron Foster, PER Ken Jennison, PER----- (JC PER President) Joe Maluchnik, PSVP Bill Maney, PER Doug Neiss, PSVP Kathy Neiss, PER ----- (JC PER Secretary) Deb Valenta, PER</p> | | |

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