

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2020 – 2021 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Scott Dow, PER
Leading Knight – Alicia Beck, PER
Loyal Knight – Jeffrey Dibble
Lecturing Knight – Dino Christopher, PER
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PER, PSVP
Treasurer – Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain – William Beck
Inner Guard Merle Deemie
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Terry Reagan
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PER
Bruce DeLing
Debbie Prindle

February 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

Hi folks.

It's been an interesting year with a lot of new improvements at the lodge. We are selling out Friday night dinners, which it's a good thing, and I want to say thank you to all the volunteers. We are also selling out on Wednesday night dinners and we plan to continue having dinner both nights. I can't wait to see what the new year brings us.

I want to thank Gayle and Russ for keeping the lodge running this year. Alicia I can't thank you enough as well. Jeffrey Dibble is Elk of the month for continuing the bottle returns and helping shovel off the roof. He is doing a very, very outstanding job. I hope all my members stay safe. Hope to see our members on Friday and Wednesday nights.

Your Exalted Ruler,

Scott

Some upcoming projects/ fundraisers the Lodge is planning for the year:

*Book sales with BBQs
BBQs twice a month
Bake sale with Doug's Fish Fry in May
Placing two Little Free Libraries at the Lodge and our Park
Fix the roof
Repair parking lot
Finish outdoor seating area*

If you would like to help with any of these projects and fundraisers, please talk to any of the officers or House Committee.

The current situation regarding the novel coronavirus is constantly evolving. As of the printing of the newsletter, all information is up to date, but subject to change. Please check the lodge Facebook page, as well as email, to stay up to date with all the news.

*Thank you,
Leona and Gayle, newsletter editors*

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$89,641. 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:

None

Applications in Process

None

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

Ken Jennison, Lodge Chair (kennethajennison@gmail.com)
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Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2020 182

Members Initiated	+2
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+1

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

Current Membership 183

2021 – 2022 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2021 for the year 2021-2022. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st 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:

ENF	\$10.00
Major Projects	\$10.00
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
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Oxford Veterans Home Visit to be determined

February Birthdays

2 David Shaw
4 Edward Horvath
5 Mary Ellen Jennison
7 John White
7 Hope Woodcock- Ross
10 Jeffrey Dibble
10 Donna Sicignano
12 Scott Dow
21 Amanda Cardone
21 Dolly Furman
22 Donna Wright



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.

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 our Veterans, and community service projects.

This Elk year Johnson City Lodge #2821 was awarded \$8,000.00 in Grant money from the foundation that was used for Charitable works in our community. Donations to the E.N.F. made this possible. Please consider including a donation along with your dues payment this year. Thank-you for your support.

~Russell Ryan, E.N.F. Chairperson

Congratulations to member **Bernice (St. Clair) Griffiths** on her Christmas Eve marriage!

Here's wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness!



Elk of the Month

January's Elk of the Month is
Jeff Dibble

For all his help during the latest snow storm – it's hard work getting 40 inches of snow off the roof! – and his awesome bottle return collections.

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

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Membership cards for our new Elks year, April 1st, are now available. Dues are \$77.00 which need to be received by the last week in March. Donations made along with your dues payment are most welcomed, two funds in particular, E.N.F. and Major Projects.

Currently our delinquents number 14.

Fraternally,

Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

From the Grand Lodge

Finish your year strong by creating momentum

Paul R Ryan, GER

Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. This is my motto going into my year, but this can be your thoughts going out of your year. Finish the year strong—don't think to yourself that you only have two more months until you are done. Instead, think that you have two more months to make a difference.

Start bringing your Leading Knight or whoever will be your ER to all the events and all the meetings to help train them going into April. Don't forget, April 1 is a Thursday, and for the next week the Lodges throughout the country will be voting in the new leadership. Hopefully that doesn't mean you are stepping away. PERs are essential to the future of the Lodges.

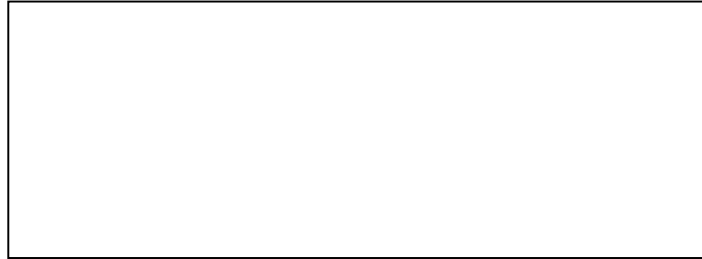
Have a celebration for the Birthday of the Elks. The date of our origin is February 16th. It may be a Tuesday, but you can make it a profitable day! Celebrate our birthday and create an avenue for a fundraiser.

This is the time of year both current and future leaders of your Lodge need to come together to set the goals for the next year. Engage Members in this process. Getting them involved can Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom, and this is what we all want.

Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due in March, so get prepared to participate in this. Even if you don't think you qualify, it is worth the efforts to work toward it. I know the parameters are different this year, but the efforts are still worth it!

Stacey and I have had minimal travel throughout the country. However, in our travels we are meeting some great people who are Creating Momentum. We feel change is coming and we look forward to meeting even more people and seeing how this Momentum is helping keep Elkdom strong.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31(Jan)	1	2 7pm Lodge Mtg	3 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	4	5 Cott's Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Wear red today!	6
7	8	9	10 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	11	12 Dave's Chili Wear red today!	13
14	15	16 6pm HC Mtg 7pm Lodge Mtg	17 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	18	19 Marie's Baked Ziti & Sausage Wear red today!	20
21	22	23	24 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	25	26 Holly's Turkey Dinner Wear red today!	27
28	1(Mar)	2(Mar)	3(Mar)	4(Mar)	5(Mar)	6(Mar)