

**Johnson  
City**

**ELKS**

**Lodge  
#2821**

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

**2022 – 2023 Officers:**

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

**February 2023**

Brothers and sisters,

February is Valentine's Day and a month of love. When the cost of everything is going out of sight let's remember that it doesn't cost anything to spread love around. How many times a day, week or month do you take the time to tell someone that you love them. It doesn't have to be a close family member but a close someone who you share time with or a lunch or dinner. Someone who has helped you when you needed encouragement or emotional support in a time of need.

We all know someone who needs the emotional help that the words "I love you" could mean the world to them and make it the best day when they hear those words along with a big hug. We all know how we feel when those words are said to us along with a hug, so please pass it along to others and make their day. Don't forget the ones closest to you.

Irish Blessing  
May you always walk in sunshine  
May you never want for more  
May Irish angels rest their wings  
Right beside your door

If you see some work going on hopefully it will be the installation of our new long overdue roof.

We are always looking for new members. Do you have a friend who might like to join this benevolent organization. It doesn't cost anything to ask someone.

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

**Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$82,996. 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:

Margaret Watson

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

**Oxford Veterans Home Visit  
to be determined**

### February Birthdays

2 David Shaw  
7 John White  
7 Hope Woodcock Ross, PSVP  
10 Jeffrey Dibble  
10 John Sacco  
10 Donna Sicignano  
12 Scott Dow, PER  
21 Amanda Cardone  
21 Dolly Furman  
22 Rosemarie Stevens  
22 Donna Wright



### Sickness & Distress:

*Sharon Flint*

### 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 04/01/2022 176

Members Initiated	+7
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0

Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-1
Members Deceased	-3
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	0

Current Membership 179

### 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	\$ 3.00

**Total Due** **\$87.00**

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 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.

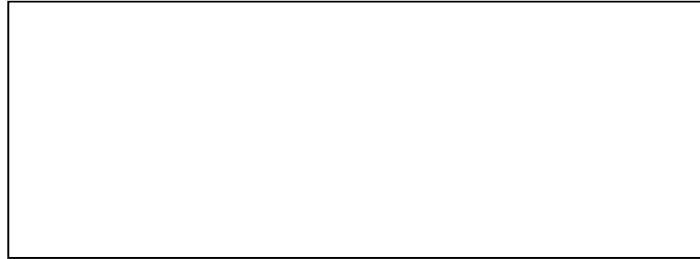
**Please notify your Lodge Secretary when any of your contact information has changed. This includes your mailing address, home phone, cell phone, and e-mail address.** If we don't have current contact information you will be missing out on communications from your lodge and your order. Also, once again, 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)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Elk of the Month</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">January's Elk of the month is <b>Lisa McKernan</b></p> <p>for taking over the position of House Committee chair. Lisa is always helping on Friday nights, whether it's in the kitchen or baking her delicious desserts.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ENF</u></b></p> <p><b>Our Lodge recently used a \$1500 grant from the Elks National Foundation to help support Moms House of Johnson City. Mom's house provides free child care for lower income single parents with young children, while the parent attends school. Thank you to Hope who purchased items for their facility.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>SECRETARY'S CORNER</u></b></p> <p>DUES—April 1st 2023-March 31st 2024 Lodge dues are now being accepted. Our dues including State and National assessments are \$87.00. Please make your checks payable to J.C. Elks. Reminder our dues need to be paid before the end of March. Thanks, Russ</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</u></b></p> <p>To receive Life Membership a member must (1) be 65 or older (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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Russell Ryan, Secretary- rryan@stny.rr.com</p>
<p><b>A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley</b> <b>Review your Lodge programs before the year ends</b></p> <p>It's hard to believe that on February 16, 2023, our great Order will celebrate its 155th year of existence. Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!</p> <p>February is an extremely busy month for us as Elks. There are only two months left in your Lodge year. I respectfully request that you review the progress of your Lodge programs. It's not too late to achieve the goals you haven't yet reached. Your Lodge certainly can get a lot done in the remaining two months. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to proudly tell all your Members you have successfully achieved your per capita for the Elks National Foundation, reached a +1 in membership, and accomplished the goals of the programs that are so important to the Elks and your community.</p> <p>The month of February is also a time when new officers are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year. I encourage all the Lodges in our great Order to elect someone who is going to be dedicated to the affairs of your Lodge and your community. The success of your Lodge programs will depend upon their leadership. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is for your Exalted Ruler to demonstrate dedicated leadership to all the Members of the Lodge. It truly shows your community that "Elks Care – Elks Share" when we have a great group of officers.</p> <p>Lodge Secretaries should note that February is the time when you must file the Statutory Lodge Committee Chairpersons report and the Local Lodge Directory information report in the respective CLMS2 online forms. This information is extremely important so that updates are done in a timely manner.</p> <p>February is also when our Past Exalted Rulers perform the ritual during your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Night. To our PERs: This is your time to shine by performing an excellent rendition of the initiatory ritual for the incoming Members.</p> <p>On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow on Groundhog Day. This day is important to me since I live in the Northeast. If Phil sees his shadow that day, it means six more weeks of cold and snow. Brrrrr.</p> <p>During February, we recognize American Heart Month. This is when we get our Local Lodges and communities together to raise awareness to prevent heart disease. Proudly wear red during this month to show Elks care about addressing heart disease.</p> <p>Let's not forget Valentine's Day on February 14. Cupid catches each of us so we express our love and affection for each other. To my wife, Helen: Happy Valentine's Day. You are the love of my life.</p> <p>God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.</p>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29(Jan)	30(Jan)	31(Jan)	1 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	2 7pm T-Party	3 BBQ Chicken and Mac& Cheese  Open mic karaoke night!	4 Dave Agron's Food for Firefighters and Police
5	6	7 7pm Lodge Mtg	8 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	9 7pm T-Party	10 Gayle's Meatloaf  Open mic karaoke night	11
12	13	14	15 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	16 7pm T-Party	17 Alicia's Rigatoni parmesean  Open mic karaoke night	18
19	20	21 7pm Lodge Mtg	22 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	23 7pm T-Party	24 TBD  Open mic karaoke night	25
26	27	28	1(Mar)	2(Mar)	3(Mar)	4(Mar)

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