



JOHNSON CITY ELKS LODGE # 2821 NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2011



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

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**Lodge
Membership

226

And Growing!**

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Brothers and Sisters,

The Lodge has been super busy this month.

We had a great auction to benefit the Christmas parties that we put on. Thanks to those who donated and special thanks to Santa's helpers who put it on. Russ next year's challenge is bigger is better.

The Lodges Er's party went great and special thanks to MaryEllen and her kitchen staff who cooked a wonderful meal. Special thanks to our decorators and servers.

The Mom's House Party was a great hit and I received special thanks from all theses that we helped. The food was great and to see the families with Santa brought a special glow to the Lodge. Special thanks to those who put this great party together.

Alicia and her crew put on a great dinner for our HCA home. Our Guest received a visit from our very own Santa who also gave out gifts. I would like to thank the Tracy Creek singers who helped make the evening so special.

The attendance at the Oxford Vets Home was sparse. Special thanks to Herb Flint, DD Dan Broker and SVP John Edinger for taking the time and coming over. All the Vets appreciated the presents from the lodge.

I am so pleased to congratulate Kathy Neiss who is now our South Central District's new certified Word Accuracy judge! Kathy attended the November Ritual judging clinic held in the Albany area, received training and took the difficult judging tests. This is an honor for the Johnson City Lodge.

Last I wish the Johnson City Lodge # 2821 members a safe and happy holiday. May you have PEACE and JOY threw out the New Year.

Kenneth A. Jennison, Exalted Ruler

Elks National Foundation

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. They fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. They provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. Your contributions help to make these programs possible.

Thank-you!

Russell Ryan,
E.N.F. Chairperson

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.

ELKS OF THE MONTH

January	2010	-	Kathy & Doug Neiss
February		-	Dave Gardner
March		-	Tim & Wendy Turner
April		-	Steve & Sharon Flint
May		-	Deb Valenta
June		-	Bill & Alicia Beck
July		-	Holly Belveg
August		-	Sue Whalen
September		-	Russ Ryan
October		-	John Tokos
November		-	Dennis Gazda
December		-	XXX

*** 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

*** 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

*** 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



**Lodge Pins
Only \$3**

BUILDING FUND TOTAL =
\$17,745.47

Cash Acct -----	\$1,642.81
085 CD -----	\$4,078.21
089 CD -----	\$4,088.87
092 CD -----	\$4,088.11
Vanguard Fund---	\$3,847.47



Want a Free Friday Night Dinner!

Are you a senior 60 yrs old or older?

- When you purchase a Friday Night Dinner ticket you will receive a raffle ticket!
- Each week we draw for a free dinner. It could be you!

Membership Corner

Awaiting Indoctrination

Elizabeth Laughlin proposed by Sue Whalen
 Bernice St. Clair proposed by Scott Dow
 Colleen Clarke proposed by James Guiton
 Betty-Ann Juraska proposed by Leona Stevens
 Daniel Juraska proposed by Leona Stevens
 Janine Lamphere proposed by James Guiton
 Jackie Kenefick proposed by Jim Guiton
 Fred Ryan proposed by Paul Reger

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

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

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

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2010	216
Members Initiated	+11
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0
Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	- 1
Members Deceased	- 0
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	- 0
Current Membership	226

**Please Welcome Our Newest Member(s):
 Tom Saitta**

Delinquencies – 16 remain unpaid.

**Please be sure to send any address changes, should you move. It is very important that I keep our lodge and Grand Lodge records current.
 Paul Reger, Lodge Secretary**

Special Recognition to **Jerry and Pat Smith!**

Thank you **Pat** for designing placemats and posters to advertise the Lodge's Charity Auction! Thank you for designing placemats wishing our Friday evening dinner guests a Very Merry Christmas from our Lodge. **Jerry, thank you** for the notepads, pins, etc! You generously supply this items to our Lodge! **Jerry** thank you for all your support with the HCA/Achieve event. You stayed late to clean-up, fix-up and prepare the lodge for the next day! You both make such a difference!

Special Recognition to **Bill and Bonnie Bayliff!**

Even though they are in South Carolina, they keep their lodge family close. Bill walked into the lodge with much needed wrapping paper, ribbon and bows! They certainly were needed to complete the task of wrapping for Mom's House!

-Alicia

January Birthdays

02 Bill Beck 02 Dolene Riley 07 Joe Palmasani
 08 Dale Stevens 12 Margaret Cox
 14 Lou Pittarelli 15 Al Clough 17 Lori Wahila
 19 Dino Christopher 22 Connie Carle
 22 Gordie Knorr 22 Freda Pezzuti 25 Bob Corey
 25 Cathy Massie 26 Brian Deno
 28 Dav Nowetner 29 Lenore Healey

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

ROOM RENTALS If you are looking for a great room, great food, and great prices consider your lodge for your next event

We can Setup, Cook, & Serve

Our lodge can comfortably hold up to 55 people. The House Committee has several dining packages available.

Please contact Russ Ryan at rryan@stny.rr.com if you are interested in booking our lodge.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

The House Committee would like to extend its appreciation to all those involved during a very busy December. The Charity Auction, Memorial Sunday, Lodge Christmas Party, Moms House Christmas Party, H.C.A. Christmas Party, and the Friday Night Dinner crews. Many lodge members took time out of their busy schedules to make these events not only possible but very successful. Their dedication was not only demonstrative of the Christmas spirit but also of the great heart of Elkdom. THANK-YOU Members for all that you did in 2010!
Russell Ryan, H.C. Chairperson

Did You Know?

A column dedicated to keeping our members connected!

Milestones:

- **Gary Van Driesen's** and our member **Holly**, is as of this minute **12/23/2010**, is in labor! Soon a new lodge baby and grandbaby. Our lodge family keeps growing!

Did you know what the Little Lodge that does Big Things has been up to?

- **December 4th was our Christmas Charity Auction to raise funds for our Christmas Parties.** The lodge members banded together to provide merchandise, cookies and fundraising. They were the foundation to an enjoyable event. Many thanks to Hi-Tek owners **David and Doug Gardner**. With the assistance of **Kim Reger**, they worked tirelessly to offer this fundraising opportunity to their suppliers. These compassionate companies accepted that challenge. They offered sizeable cash donations. Our lodge bakers **Marcene McGrath, Char Maluchnik, and Gail Ghinger's Mom, Terri Beano** baked for days to provide cookies for the auction. The cookie raffle brought in an amazing **\$94.00!!!** **Joe D'Alessio, Bill Maney, Gerri Jurkiw, Joyce Fitzgerald, Elinor and David Gardner, Joan and Doug Gardner, Mark and Deb Prindle, Deb Valenta, Alicia, Bill and Jason Beck, Kim and Paul Reger** provided unique items for auction. The employees of **Coldwater Creek**, donated a "Compassionate Creeker" Basket for auction! Our behind the scenes support! **Adam Gardner, Jason Beck, Mark Prindle, Bill Beck** gathered everything the night before the auction, packed a truck and delivered to the Lodge. Thank you guys it was a bitter cold night! **Gerri Jurkiw helped Alicia** design and produce **50 bidding paddles!** Our guests were treated to dinner. Thank you to **George Thiel** who donated 4 delicious homemade Apple Pies! Finally, thank you to **Tami and Jay Fortenbaugh**. They provided their brand new product Wine Ice Cream! They donated the proceeds to the auction! So after all this work **Doug and David, with Mark Prindle and Kim Reger's help**, went to work to auction off all this "great stuff"! The result after the accounting firm of **Deb Prindle, Kim and Paul Reger** compared totals netted our charities over....drum roll please.....**\$3,000.....** **** I will include the name of the companies who provided cash donations in our next newsletter! So this year's Charity auction is **going, going, gone** (bet you can't wait for next year's event!)

Lodge Members Accomplishments:

- **Micah Neiss, son of Kathy and Doug Neiss, grandson of Connie and Jack Carle**, is bowling for the Johnson City High School team. He bowled a game of 279 with a series of 762. His accomplishment appeared in the Press!
- **Kathy Neiss** attended the November Ritual judging clinic held in the Albany area, received training and took the difficult judging tests. Please congratulate **Kathy** who is now our South Central District's new certified Word Accuracy judge! This is an honor for the Johnson City Lodge.

Did you know on a Saturday evening in the lodge...a conversation started by **Holly Belveg**, ended in donations of over \$200.00 for the Achieve/HCA party! **Holly and Bob Belveg and Gerri Jurkiw**, started the donations with \$100.00 each. Our members **Gary and Linda Koliander, Jason Beck, Ken and Mary Ellen Jennison, Gary VanDriesen, Bill and Alicia Beck** all chipped in to ensure our HCA family would be provided a memorable Christmas. (Used to purchase new coats and boots.)

- **Did you know we held our annual Achieve/HCA event on Tuesday December 14th!** This event is a lodge tradition. Our guests have limited family support and our lodge is grateful for the opportunity to act as their family at Christmas. They were treated to a Roast Beef dinner prepared by **The Beck Bunch and Deb Valenta**, cookies by **Charlotte**, cupcakes by **Paula Hoover**. This year we had a great treat! **The Tracy Creek Memorial Church's Praise Team**, came and performed traditional songs of the seasons. The crowd favorite was the performance of "Jingle Bell Rock"! Then to the strains of "Here Comes Santa Claus" in walks the best Santa ever....**Santa Scotty!** This year they did not want to leave, every year they get more and more comfortable with our Lodge! At the end of the night they left with (what they called precious) gifts. Many thanks to **Ken and Mary Jennison, Russ Ryan and Jodi Dribnak for their support!**

Did you know the New Year is fast approaching? April starts a new Lodge Year! The committees are already working on some very special events. **Dino Christopher has assembled a team to start planning a unique, member event!** It is our Lodge's **10th Anniversary Party!** Tentative date is **05/14**. Some ideas being considered.....huge tent, great food, entertainment, **in the evening two types of card tournaments**.....want to know more? Next meeting is **01/25/2010!** Look for fundraising opportunities.....we want this to a very memorable event for **YOU**.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayer.

- Our member, **Ron Foster**, he is experiencing severe postoperative complications from knee replacement surgery.
- Our Past Exalted Ruler, **Barry Klipsch**. Barry is recovering from recent surgery and is receiving on going treatments.
- Our member, **Lori Cabot**, is facing a challenge after a diagnosis of breast cancer.
- Our member, **Mike Kelley**, recently lost his sister due to a chronic lung condition.
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- **Did you know? I wish all you the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years! Thank you for your input. We are a unique, diverse, interesting "FAMILY".**
- **We are truly blessed!**

Your "Reporter".....Alicia Beck

Memorial Sunday

I would like to thank the families, guests and members who attended the Memorial Service on December 5th. It was a very moving and heartfelt ceremony. The Officers performed their duties with respect and dignity. Our guest speaker, Bill Maney, spoke of our departed members with such love and fondness. Katie Kriedler and Micah Neiss, accompanied by Richard Wurth on guitar and our own member Leona Stevens shared their musical talents with us.

A special thank you to John Edinger, SVP for sharing the "Jolly Corks Toast" with us and Dan Broker DD for delivering the "11 O'clock Toast". Our members are the very heart of our existence and when one is lost we each lose a piece of ourselves, a link in the chain that we call "Elkdom".

***It is a reminder to all of us that
"Elks Are Never Forgotten"***

Fraternally, Kathleen Neiss, PER - Memorial Service Coordinator

This was the biggest Mom's House Christmas party that we have done so far. We shopped for 21 children, gave 19 Parents a little something to open on Christmas from Santa and gave them some grocery's to take home. We feed them lunch made by Paula & Dan Hoover. Hannah Merrick, Danny Hoover, Sierra Merrick, Russ Ryan & Ken Jennison served everyone lunch. Deb Valenta was helping make the parents feel comfortable while waiting for the party to start. Wendy took pictures and helped the children decorate cookies after lunch. Paula Hoover & Seirra Merrick help the children put their hand prints on tote bags that Sierra Merrick decorated for them to give their parents. Hannah Merrick an Danny Hoover help entertain the older children by playing Simon says. Barketa Motsko came down and took pictures of the children with Santa and had the pictures printed out and gave them to us so we could put them in frames and give them to the parents. Santa was our very own Scott Dow who always comes down to surprise the children which is always a big hit. Jerry Smith gave us Christmas note pads that we put in the children's Christmas bags. They always enjoy having that to write and draw on. Over all it was a busy day. I want to especially thank the Gardner Team for the great Christmas Auction they did us. You would not believe all of the people that supported that. Just amazing. I also want to thank our membership for all donations of money and help with wrapping gifts. To Kim & Paul Reger who always loan out their store and themselves to sort and store and deliver the gifts for the party. And to my daughter and my three grand children who went without sleep for 24 hrs to help shop for this. I know I am probably missing someone else. If so I apologize. Over all Thank You Johnson City Elk's for making a great Christmas for Mom's House!!!! Sharon Flint PER



Mom's House Christmas Party



JANUARY 2011– 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 NEW YEAR!

Share your favorite family recipe and time with your fellow members!

Volunteer your team to cook on a Friday Night! (See Sharon Flint to schedule your Friday.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 (Dec)	27 (Dec)	28 (Dec)	29 (Dec)	30 (Dec)	31 (Dec)	1
	6pm- TSQ Sign In		6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	6pm- New Year's Eve Dinner Party	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Lodge Closed
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lodge Closed	6pm- TSQ Sign In 6pm- Trustees	7pm Lodge Meeting to be followed by Elk's Training. Mandatory for all officers.	6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	Marie's beef Pot Roast Dinner 5 – 7pm <u>\$8</u>	11:30 House Mtg 6pm Gardner's Cards
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	6pm- TSQ Sign In		6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	Deb V's Baked Cheesy Chicken 5 – 7pm <u>\$8</u>	BUNCO!
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Oxford Veterans Home Visit	6pm- TSQ Sign In 6pm- Trustees	7pm Lodge Meeting Newsletter Articles Due	6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	Sharon's Chicken & Biscuit Dinner 5 – 7pm <u>\$6.50</u>	Game Night!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	6pm- TSQ Sign In	7pm- PER Mtg.	6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	John's "All you can eat" Split Pea & Ham or Chicken Noodle Soup w/Salad & Bread 5 – 7pm <u>\$6.50</u>	
30	31	1 (Feb)	2 (Feb)	3 (Feb)	4 (Feb)	5 (Feb)
	6pm- TSQ Sign In 6pm- Trustees	7pm Lodge Meeting	6:30pm- Carle's Cards	Gardner's Cards	Dinner 5 – 7pm	

<u>2010-2011 Lodge Officers</u>	<u>2010-2011 LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u>		
<p>Exalted Ruler – Ken Jennison Leading Knight – Russ Ryan Loyal Knight – Dino Christopher Lecturing Knight – Kathy Neiss, PER Esquire – Bill Maney, PER Chaplain – Sue Whalen Inner Guard – Leona Stevens Tiler – Bruce DeLing Secretary – Paul Reger Treasurer – Dennis Gazda</p> <p><u>Trustees:</u> (1yr) Gary Van Driesen, Chairman (2yr) Scott Dow, (3yr) Jerry Smith, (4yr) Kimberly Reger and (5yr) Helen Sicignano</p>	<p><u>Accident Prevention & Insurance.</u> Helen Sicignano <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> Russ Ryan <u>Flag Day Service</u> Wendy Turner</p>	<p><u>Government Relations</u> Doug Neiss <u>Hoop&Soccer Shoots</u> Cristina Jennison <u>Indoctrination (M'ship)</u> Ken Jennison <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> Christina Jennison</p>
<p><u>House Committee:</u> Russ Ryan-Chairman, Holly Belveg, Steve Flint, Sharon Flint And Deb Valenta,</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 Joe Maluchnik, PSVP Bill Maney, PER Doug Neiss, PSVP Kathy Neiss, PER ----- (JC PER Secretary) Deb Valenta, PER -----(JC PER President)</p>		
<p><u>South Central (6360) District Chairmen</u></p> <p>Kathy Neiss, Drug Awareness</p> <p>Herb Flint, Veterans Service</p> <p>Doug Neiss, Gov. Relations & Protocol</p> <p>Steve Flint, Major Project</p> <p>Paul Reger, Public Relations & Empire State Elk</p> <p>Sharon Flint, Scholarship</p> <p>Alicia Beck, Business Practices</p>			

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