

Johnson
City

ELKS

Lodge
#2821

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2020 – 2021 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Jim Sicignano, PSVP
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 – Scott Dow, PER
Terry Reagan
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PER
Bruce DeLing
Debbie Prindle

January 2021

Members,

Well, it's the time of year where many of us retired folks head south. December was my last month serving the lodge as Exalted Ruler. It has been an honor to work with the dedicated, caring members of the Johnson City Elks. Anyone who has ever served as Exalted Ruler has to appreciate the generous hearts and the efforts of our lodge members. My thanks to the officers and volunteers that have done so much. PER Scott Dow will complete this Elks year as our Exalted Ruler and plans to serve the lodge as Exalted Ruler in the 2021-2022 lodge year. We'll be in good hands.

The Elks Memorial Day observance went very well. Thanks to PER Gayle Klein for organizing that event and to the officers and attendees who braved the cold to remember those who no longer answer when their names are called.

Welcome to new members Joan Farrell and Thomas Sullivan! Thanks to our friends at the Vestal Elks for initiating them into our order as indoor initiations in our lodge are not possible with social distancing requirements.

This year please consider a donation to the New York State Elks Association Major Project - the Home Service Program. Thanks for making the Major Project Fundraiser BBQ a sellout.

I look forward to returning in the spring to continue work towards improving our lodge.

God Bless You, the good we do, and our lodge,

Sincerely,
Jim Sicignano

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 \$89,899. 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:

Thomas Sullivan
Joan Farrell

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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Oxford Veterans Home Visit to be determined

January Birthdays

2 William Beck
2 Dolene Riley
7 Joseph Palmasani
8 Dale Stevens
10 Lisa McKernan
12 Margaret Cox
14 Louis Pittarelli
17 Luisa Duerr
17 Lori Wahila
19 Dino Christopher
21 Richard Topa
24 Joseph Ruspantini
25 Catherine Massie
28 David Nowetner



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.

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	\$ 8.00
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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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SECRETARY'S CORNER</u></p> <p>Welcome to our new members Thomas Sullivan and Joan Farrell, daughter of Dino and Rita Christopher.</p> <p>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 to Lodge Funds are most welcomed, two funds in particular, E.N.F. and Major Projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Currently our delinquents number 15.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fraternally, Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elk of the Month</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">December's Elk of the Month is Rita Christopher</p> <p>Rita did it all this year. Wednesday night dinners with Alicia, Friday dinners, and chicken BBQ's. Rita helped run a major fundraiser for her church this year. Rita's hard work, good humor and friendship make our lodge a better place.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you Rita for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>E.N.F. NEWS</u></p> <p>Our E.R. Jim Sicignano and Leading Knight Alicia Beck recently presented a check for \$3,500.00 to the Handicapped Children's Association of the Southern Tier. This was a Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation. H.C.A. will use this donation for Covid Relief in the facilities that they operate which include 19 Group Homes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you to all our members who donate to the foundation which make this grant and others like it possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Major Projects update:</p> <p>As of December 2020, we have donated \$421 to the NYS fund. In past years we have tried to reach a \$10 per member goal. We are \$1400 short of this goal. I am looking to do some safe fundraising activities in the spring, but donations are accepted anytime. Remember that your donations to our Major Projects fund helps our local HCA with purchasing much needed equipment and vehicles to assist the young children and older residents with disabilities Help Celebrate Abilities.</p>

From the Grand Lodge

Charity Continues No Matter What

By Robert L. Bohnsack, Committee Member

This past year has truly been unbelievable. A year most of us would like to forget. It presented extraordinary and challenging times for all of us, especially as Elks.

Our new Lodge year began in quarantine. Who would have thought that would ever happen, not to mention the cancelling of conferences and conventions? Even Grand Lodge was not exempt from the effects of the virus. And yet the new officers in our Lodges have risen to the occasion and shown their resilience and their ability to think outside the box. They carried on with charitable projects in spite of quarantines and government lockdowns. Now with Lodges reopening in whatever manner permissible in their respective states, it becomes imperative to continue charitable giving.

We have just celebrated the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, two of the most charitable times of the year. Many Lodges celebrated by helping the less fortunate in their communities through their clothing drives, Adopt a Family, Christmas basket, and food pantry programs. As Elks, the daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches. The help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength. The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved.

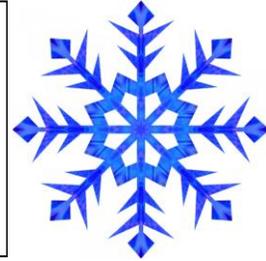
In addition, meaningful Memorial Services were held following CDC guidelines. This is an important part of our service to Members and their families. "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."

Even in these challenging times we have been increasing our volunteer hours—not only in actuality, also in our reporting. We continue to work closely with our Lodges and State Associations to ensure accurate reporting. We continue to monitor the agendas of state and federal governments to collect information important to the Order. Our mission as the Government Relations Committee is to guide the Grand Lodge, State Associations, and Lodges in preserving the right to exist as a private, non-profit, charitable organization. Reporting charitable hours is greatly important in assisting Grand Lodge with maintaining our federal tax status. Far too often we forget about all the activities with which we are involved on a community level. Not to mention the hosting of events as mentioned previously.

Report these hours to your Lodge Secretary to enable him/her to complete the reporting in CLMS. This information is passed on to the federal government, making them aware of our charitable works across the nation. All this helps to improve our non-profit status.

One last important item: Please take the time to individually thank all the volunteers in your Lodge who participate in charity events. This simple act will make them feel appreciated and will remind them that they are part of a great organization.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27(Dec)	28(Dec)	29(Dec)	30(Dec)	31(Dec)	1 Happy New Year! Lodge Closed	2
3	4	5 7pm Lodge Mtg	6 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	7	8 Holly's Chicken Parm Wear red today!	9
10	11	12	13 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	14	15 Hope's Chicken & Biscuits Wear red today!	16
17	18	19 6pm HC Mtg 7pm Lodge Mtg	20 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	21	22 Dave's Pot Roast Wear red today!	23
24 31	25	26	27 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	28	29 Gayle's Meatloaf Wear red today!	30