

*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

January 2023

Brothers and sisters,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

A new year has started so let's let "A new broom sweep clean" as the saying goes.

This is the time to reflect on what we accomplished last year and what we can do to accomplish more this year. Let's rack our brains a bit and see if we can come up with more ways to help the community. There are ways we can help that don't cost anything. Only our time is needed. If anyone hears of someone or a group that needs help you only have to ask. The Johnson City Elks are a great group giving of their time and talent.

I want to thank everyone who gave of their time or talent this past year to help us accomplish our goals of helping others.

### **A New Year's Blessing**

May God give you  
For every storm, a rainbow  
For every tear, a smile  
For every care, a promise  
And a blessing in each trial  
For every sigh a sweet song  
And an answer for each prayer

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

### **Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$83,290. 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

Margaret Watson proposed by Barketa Kerns

**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**

### Membership Status

**Membership as of 04/01/2022 176**

<b>Members Initiated</b>	<b>+6</b>
<b>Members Affiliated</b>	<b>+0</b>
<b>Members Reinstated</b>	<b>+0</b>

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

**Current Membership 178**

### 2022 – 2023 Dues

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 for the year 2022-2023.** All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> every year. Dues notices for the 2022 – 2023 year will be mailed. **The dues for new year are:**

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$24.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 3.00

**Total Due \$82.00**

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 2022-2023 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)  
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### January Birthdays

2 Bill Beck  
2 Dolene Riley  
3 Daniel Griffith  
7 Joseph Palmasani  
8 Dale Stevens  
9 Johannes J Potgieter  
10 Lisa McKernan  
12 Margaret Cox  
17 Lori Wahila  
19 Dino Christopher  
21 Richard Topa  
24 Joseph Ruspantini  
25 Catherine Massie  
28 David Nowetner



### 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.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Elk of the Month</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">December's Elk of the month is <b>Herb Flint</b></p> <p>for helping every Friday night, often bringing dessert for our dinners., and for faithfully visiting Oxford Veterans Home every month to provide games and entertainment for the resident</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ELKS AND FRIENDS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Turn In Your Bottles and Cans at Our Lodge! Just drop off your returns in the box bin out front, helping to support our Lodge. Turn those returns into cash for our Lodge.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you!</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mark Your Calendar!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doug's Fish Fry Fund Raiser May 13<sup>th</sup></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Save the Date!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IT'S PARTY TIME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Looking to hold a get together with family and friends? We proudly offer our dining room which accommodates up to 50 persons for your special events. Contact the Lodge at 798-0358 and make your reservation.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you!</b></p>

**A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley**  
**January means a greater commitment to Elkdom**

Helen and I want to wish each of you and your families a very Happy New Year as we welcome in 2023. New Year's Eve is a time when we reflect upon the events of 2022 with our family and friends. It's a time when new resolutions are made regarding yourself, your family, your friends, and Elkdom. The most common resolutions made include exercising more, improving diet habits, saving money, and pursuing career ambitions.

For us, as Elks, I'm hoping that "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" is also added to the list. Why not add becoming more active in your Lodge by working on a committee that will assist with your community image and charitable endeavors? Get your membership retention and arrears program into full stride.

Have your membership retention committee reach out to delinquent Members and speak with them personally. There is a chance this personal touch will bring those Members back into our folds. These Members must not be forgotten. They joined our great Order for a reason. Bring that burning spirit back into their thoughts by reminding them why they joined and how much they mean to your Lodge operations.

Wouldn't it be great for your Lodge to boast a +1 membership gain in 2023? With these thoughts in mind, I hope each of you will have a very prosperous new year in Elkdom in 2023.

Let's now take a moment to reflect upon what January means to us in the Elks. January means a greater commitment to your Grand Lodge, state association, and Lodge programs. It's a time when you and your Lodge Officers should be reviewing how you stand with your Lodge per capita. If you see that your Lodge is falling short with the per capita goal, make January, February, and March your one last push over the goal line and score that touchdown. Use your Past Exalted Rulers Association and Board of Directors meetings to focus on how your Lodge is doing with all of the Lodge committees' programs.

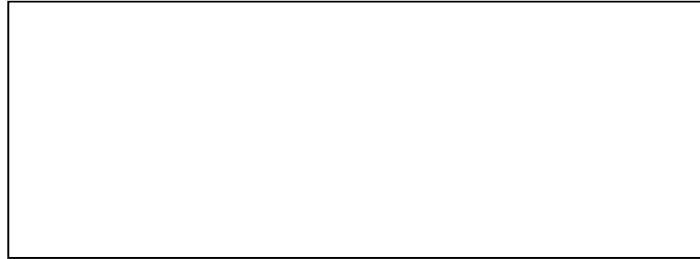
By reviewing your Lodge programs, you may also begin to decide on who would deserve an award for the great work they have done for your Lodge. Some of the awards you can proudly present to Members and officers who have done so much to promote the cardinal principles of our Order are: Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year.

There is no better way to say thank you for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated. Maybe you might just get another Member of your Lodge to get involved and promote the good work your Lodge does in your community.

Another way that the Elks can be "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" is by participating in National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed since January 1970. Organizations such as the American Red Cross and the America's Blood Centers work together during the month to encourage people to donate blood. Perhaps your Lodge can be used as a location. You can save a life by donating blood. This is just another way we as Elks can prove that "Elks Care – Elks Share."

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2	3 7pm Lodge Mtg	4 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	5 7pm T-Party	6 Deb's Halupki Casserole Wear red today!	7 Dave Agron's Food for Firefighters and Police
8	9	10	11 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	12 7pm T-Party	13 Gayle's Meatloaf Wear red today!	14
15	16	17 7pm Lodge Mtg	18 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	19 7pm T-Party	20 TBD Wear red today!	21
22	23	24	25 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	26 7pm T-Party	27 Hope's Chicken & Biscuits Wear red today!	28
29	30	31	1(Feb)	2(Feb)	3(Feb)	4(Feb)

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