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**ELKS**

Lodge  
#2821

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

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Brothers and Sisters,

Do you remember your history lesson?

The Fourth of July is our country's birthday. It is the day our country's founders declared independence from Great Britain in 1776.

In many countries most residents have a shared culture or ethnicity. In the United States we have a belief of freedom to live the way we want, and to work and earn money the best way we can. These freedoms have inspired people from all over the world to come to our country to become "Americans".

When I look at our lodge of American Citizens I realize we have many things in common. First – our right to freedom to do what we want, when we want Second – our commitment to making our community a better place, and lastly – never forgetting the children, elderly or veterans of our community.

**Our Lodge needs you**, as a member to volunteer for at least one event a year. If you aren't sure what we have for events, read your monthly newsletter. If you aren't sure who to contact for an event contact myself or Leona St Clair, Leading Knight/Head of House Committee.

It takes all 230 plus members to do all that makes our lodge "the Little lodge that does big things!"

**ER Trivia** – every month I will be writing an elk trivia question in my monthly message. The answer can be found on the NYS Elks ([www.nyselks.org](http://www.nyselks.org)) or Grand Lodge ([www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)) site. Your answer can be submitted at lodge for entry into a drawing for \$20 worth of lottery tickets. June's winner was Emilie Klein. Congrats!

**July trivia question** – Answer these two questions about the Elk's NYS e-Zine:

- 1 – What PSP celebrated a birthday in February?
- 2 – What organization was donating 20% of your purchase to Major projects until June 15?

**Submit answer by** – July 10 to be entered in drawing.

Good luck!  
Fraternally,  
Hope Woodcock-ross, Exalted Ruler

ER Hope Woodcock-Ross  
Email: [hope-mw@hotmail.com](mailto:hope-mw@hotmail.com)  
cell: 607-222-8412

*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 to it! You can then use it on any Friday Night.*

## Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

None

### Applications in Process

David Balchikonis proposed by Tammi Seeley  
 Laurie Griffis proposed by Kimberly Gates  
 Ronald Speice proposed by Herb Flint  
 Clarence Morris proposed by Roxann Mancinelli  
 Nicole Martin proposed by Ben Cabot, II  
 Albert Nickerson proposed by Ben Cabot, II  
 Kara Bristow proposed by Suzanne Whalen

**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)  
607-849-7892

## Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2014 **232**

Members Initiated **+4**  
 Members Affiliated **+0**  
 Members Reinstated **+0**

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

Current Membership **236**

### 2015 – 2016 Dues

Dues are due for the year 2015-2016 dues. All of us must pay our dues by April 1 every year. Thirty-eight members have not paid their dues. Second notices were mailed to delinquent members during June. The dues for this year are:

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$50.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$16.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 2.00

Total Due	<u>\$68.00</u>
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### Optional Donations:

ENF	\$10.00
Major Projects	\$ 8.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00

If you do not have a pale tan/yellow membership card, your dues are overdue. Please send in your 2015-2016 dues, along with any optional donations that you wish. Your new membership card will be sent 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!

### Summer Movie Series

Join us for a movie under the stars!

The next installment of *The Hobbit, The Desolation of Smaug*, will be shown on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a chair, the festivities start at sunset!

## Oxford Veterans Home Visit July 19

### July Birthdays

01	Ben Cabot, III
01	Bill Fahrenbach, III
01	David Lafreniere
03	Richard Balles
06	Leanna Beck
06	Steve Litwin
10	Ken Burt
12	Chris Albeck
12	Mike Kelley
13	Bill Muska
14	Carol Dailey
15	Barbara Clark
16	Ben Cabot, II
16	Bruce Duerr
16	Dan Hoover
17	Linda Koliander
21	Alicia Beck
23	Barketa Motsko
24	Kevin Dougherty
27	Frank Berdine
28	John Drankoski
28	Art Magill
30	Connie Kovach
30	Asa Whalen

**Don't forget to stop in for your birthday drink and birthday celebration the first Friday of the month!**

### Sickness & Distress:

Steve Flint

*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*

### In Vain We Call:

None

### E.N.F.

The Can Man, a bottle and can redemption center, has agreed to collect contributions for our Lodge. Just drop off your returns and tell them you want the proceeds to go to the J.C. Elks, they will do the rest. We will use the money for our Lodges charitable works.

P.S. A big Elks Thank-You to Pat and Jerry Smith for making our posters!

Russ Ryan, E.N.F. Chair

### Major Projects

Thank you to all who donated to the Major Projects Garage sale. We made \$148 and have items left over to sell at our next garage sale. I want to thank James & Melissa, Dino, Chris, and Herbie for all your help setting up, selling, and taking down afterwards.  
~Gayle, Major Projects Chairman

### ENF

Our Lodge's per-capita is currently \$2.72. We need to reach \$4.60 to qualify for this year's Gratitude Grant, \$2500.00, which our Lodge will use for Charitable works in our community.

Our Lodge recently helped sponsor the J.C.H.S. AFTER PROM PARTY. We received \$700.00 in grant money from E.N.F., which we used to provide door prizes for the attendees. This event provided students a safe and fun environment after their Prom. Thanks to Kathy Neiss, Scott Dow and Bruce DeLing for their time and effort in making this a successful event.

This month our Lodge will again partner with Catholic Charities in the SUMMER BACKPACK and READING PROGRAM. This is a six week program, Monday through Friday, beginning when the school year ends. It provides underprivileged youth in our area a lunch each weekday and also backpacks on Fridays, which contain fruit and vegetables for the weekend. In addition our Lodge members attend the lunches and provide help with the students reading skills. We received a \$2000.00 Grant from E.N.F. to help make this program possible.

Congratulations to members GAYLE KLEIN and DAVID FINNEY who recently received a pin and personalized certificate from E.N.F. for reaching the Participating Member Status goal of \$100.00 in donations.

~Russ Ryan, P.E.R., E.N.F. Chair  
rryan@stny.rr.com

### Flag Day

Our lodge Flag Day Ceremony was held in conjunction with the Binghamton Mets as part of the pre-game activity on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Our program was introduced on the field by ER Hope Woodcock-Ross followed by a pre-recorded video of PSP Phil Holowacz and PER Sue Whalen paying tribute to the history and evolution of our country's flag. The historical flags were then introduced and paraded onto the field. Each flag was carried by a member from Boy Scout Troop 110 and accompanied by an honor guard of Elks, other scouts, members of the VietNam Veterans of America, and members of the Knights of Columbus pee wee girls softball team. The flags were honored by the Pledge of Allegiance, a rendition of Taps played by members of the Johnson City High School Band, and the National Anthem sung by Esteemed Leading Knight Leona St.Clair. The historical flags were then paraded off the field to the accompaniment of Lee Greenwood singing "Proud to be an American".

Members of the Binghamton Mets have said that this was our most impressive ceremony yet. Lodge members should be proud that we are able to make our ceremony a joint community activity. A very special thanks goes out to Hope and Jim Ross, Leona St.Clair, Liz and Mary Laughlin, Tim and Wendy Turner, Gayle Klein and her sons, Herb and Chris Flint, Sierra Merrick, Cheyenne Flint, Bobbie Flint, Dino and Rita Christopher, Vern and Marcia Turner, Phil Holowacz, Suzanne Whalen, Tammi Seeley, Bruce Deling, Scott Dow, Dev Valenta, and Dave Hillis for attending the ball game and participating in any aspect of our ceremony. Your participation helped make this ceremony as impressive as it was. Of course our thanks also go out to Boy Scout Troop #110, VietNam Veterans of America, Jeremy Burdick and Brian Hebbard of the JCHS Band, and members of the Knights of Columbus girls pee wee softball team.

Paul Reger  
Flag Day Chairman

### Elk of the Month June's Elk of the month is **Karen Gazda**

A call was placed to Karen to make a quilt to raffle for our lodge Veteran's Fund. Karen said yes without a problem! Thank you Karen for giving your time to make a quilt that raised funds for those who defended us!

Thank you Karen for all you do and for being a great Elk!  
You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks.



### ART CLASS & FUNDRAISER FOR JOHNSON CITY ELKS

6 pm Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>  
205 State Street 2nd floor  
Binghamton, NY 13901

The Johnson City Elks lodge has a fundraising art event at Uncorked Creations in Binghamton. A talented artist guides participants step by step during a 3 hour class to complete a painting that you keep. All supplies are provided. Canvases are prepared in advance by the studio with outlines of the subject. The party style event welcomes participants to bring wine, beverages, and snacks. Aprons protect your clothes. We will all be doing the same painting. The paintings are easy to complete, no special talent is needed. Elks will benefit with 25% of the collected fees. There is a 15 person minimum, and up to 60 people can participate in 2 rooms.

- Cost \$35.00
- All materials supplied
- You keep your finished art piece
- Expect a 3 hour class
- Bring your own beverages and snacks

If 15 people sign up Elks will make \$131.25  
... 30 people will make \$262.50  
... 60 people will make \$525.00  
\*\*\* Please sign up and invite family and friends\*\*\*

#### **To arrange payment by July 26th contact:**

Ben Cabot II 607-348-6239  
bcabot@stny.rr.com  
Lori Cabot 607-723-1746  
lorrlorr@yahoo.com

#### **The Secret is OUT!!**

One of the great appeals to our Friday dinners is the delicious homemade desserts. A huge thank you to the following people who have donated their time, talents and many of their top secret family recipes to our Friday dinner menus.

Alicia Beck, Holly Belveg, Connie Carle, Rita Christopher, Marie Drankoski, Sharon Flint, Dennis Gazda, Karen Gazda, Paula Hoover, Val Kelley, Audrey LoPresti, Charlotte Maluchnik, Lena Modlo, Marie Ryan, Russ Ryan, Tammi Seeley, Pat Smith, Flo Winters, Donna Wright

If you would like to join the ranks of these amazing bakers, contact me and I will get you on the schedule. You would be scheduled to bake about every 5 to 6 weeks. Thank you.  
Kathy Neiss [kneiss@stny.rr.com](mailto:kneiss@stny.rr.com) (607) 760-0814.

Lodge hours – Monday thru Thursday open at 5.30pm; Friday open at 4.30pm; Saturday and Sunday contingent upon events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28(June)	29(June)	30(June)	1 <b>League Night</b> <b>Scotty in the kitchen</b>	2 <b>Pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	3 <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b> <b>Wear red today!</b>	4 <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</b> <b>Lodge closed</b>
5	6 <b>Bar Menu/pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	7	8 <b>League Night</b> <b>Scotty in the kitchen</b>	9 <b>Pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	10 <b>Hope's Chicken &amp; Biscuits</b> <b>Wear red today!</b>	11 <b>BBQ</b> T-Party, 6pm
12	13 <b>Bar Menu/pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	14	15 <b>League Night</b> <b>Scotty in the kitchen</b>	16 <b>Pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	17 <b>Tokos' BBQ Pork</b> <b>Wear red today!</b>	18 <b>Sharon's Homecoming</b> 2pm
19 <b>Vets Home Visit</b>	20 <b>Bar Menu/pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	21 <b>House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm</b> <b>7pm Lodge Mtg</b>	22 <b>League Night</b> <b>Scotty in the kitchen</b>	23 <b>Pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	24 <b>Ryan's &amp; Flint's Monterey Jack Chicken</b> <b>Wear red today!</b>	25 <b>Carousel Days</b> <b>TCC Poker Run 2pm</b> <b>Movie Night</b>
26	27 <b>Bar Menu/pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	28 <b>Lion's Club Meeting 7pm</b>	29 <b>League Night</b> <b>Scotty in the kitchen</b>	30 <b>Pizza</b> Dave's T-Party 7pm	31 <b>Barketa's Stuffed Shells</b> <b>Wear red today!</b>	1(Aug)

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<p>If you would like to be a bulletin booster member, just forward a check for \$10 made out to the JC Elks 2821 to Jerry Smith, 537 Reynolds Rd., JC., NY 13790. Your name(s) will appear for one year as a Bulletin Booster Club Supporter.</p> <p><b>March</b> In loving memory of our Parents, <i>Joe &amp; Sophie Cox and Ed &amp; Veronica Kilgour</i> from Ed &amp; Paula (Cox) Kilgour. In loving memory of our Dad, <i>Joe Cox</i> from Paula (Cox) Kilgour &amp; Margaret Cox. In loving memory of our Parents, <i>Joe &amp; Sophie Cox</i> from Paula (Cox) Kilgour and Margaret Cox. In loving memory of my husband, <i>Joseph Maluchnik, Jr.</i> from Charlotte. In loving memory of our Dad &amp; Grandpa, <i>Joseph Maluchnik, Sr.</i>, from Pat, Sharon, Tom, Danielle, Jennifer, Trent, Angie, Danny &amp; Ariana</p> <p><b>April</b> The Beck Family remembers the wit and wisdom of <i>Anne Eileen O'Malley Beck and Joseph L Beck</i>. "May you never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten." The Beck Family remembers <i>Annie Safemf deBoer</i>. "Throughout our lives we are given precious people. Some we enjoy for a lifetime, others only briefly. Every person has the power to change us, enrich us and make us better people." Annie 1918 -1952 Pat &amp; Jerry Smith and Betty Ann &amp; Dan Juraska in memory of the <i>Smith &amp; Juraska</i> deceased family members. In memory of <i>my sister, Nellie Fleeger</i>. Will always remember the good times we had. Florence (Flo) Winters</p> <p><b>August</b> In memory of my beloved husband, who I love immensely and miss so very, very much, <i>Stefan</i>. With all my love forever. Gerri Jurkiw In memory of my wonderful and loving parents, <i>Edward &amp; Bertha Okoniewski</i> whom I also miss so very, very much. I will love you forever. Gerri Jurkiw</p> <p><b>December</b> In memory of <i>Gail Troncelliti and Family</i> from Ernie Troncelliti In memory of <i>Richard Miller Sr.</i> Never does a day go by that we do not miss you. Anita, Rick &amp; Julie, Rick &amp; Tammy Balles In memory of <i>Ron Montanari, PDDGER</i>. Lorraine Montanari</p>	