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ELKS

Lodge
#2821

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2021 – 2022 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Alicia Beck, PER
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Loyal Knight – Jim Sicignano, PER
Lecturing Knight – Meryl Deemie
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PER, PSVP
Treasurer – Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain – David Agron
Inner Guard – Jeff Dibble
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Scott Dow, PER
Terry Reagan
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PER
Bruce DeLing
Al Jasinski

July 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

Members! Things are beginning to OPEN up! It's been a joy to see members INSIDE on Wednesday nights. We have seen George and Karen Henson, Dave Hillis, Patricia Griffith, Ed Horvath and Jack! Mark and Deb Prindle dropped in for a visit! They have great news; they will be moving closer to their family in Massachusetts. They will be sorely missed. They contributed so much to our lodge's success. Both have been exceptional examples of Elkdom.

We welcomed 7 new members to the Lodge. We were blessed to have many distinguished guests including the New York State President present at the Installation ceremony. His brother has joined into our lodge! Bud Ash performed in our new backyard! We saw many of our Elk friends from different lodges. Jim, our House Committee chair, has scheduled other "backyard" concerts. Bring a chair, the music is wonderful! Hot dogs and sides will be available. Jeff and his father delivered new picnic tables. This will allow our Friday night guests to stay and eat!

Stay up to date on the lodge's calendar of events! Follow us on FaceBook!

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Every BBQ Saturday we will hold a 'used book sale' to help pay for the beautiful sign that will state this park was adopted by the Johnson City Elks Lodge. The park, known as Peoples Park, is located across from McDonald's in front of Friendly's. Many thanks to Dave Hillis, Bill Beck, Jim, and Donna for their tireless efforts. The park is beautiful. We do have a blank concrete area available. It is in excellent condition. We are looking for a talented artist to paint a mural. I will be happy to supply needed artist supplies to make this happen. If anyone knows of anyone, please contact me.

Finally, I was reading Marianne Williamson's writings. One sentence leaped off the page. "in every community there is work to be done.... In every heart there is the power to do it." I am so proud of our Lodge; we see what needs to be done and we are eager to do it!

Fraternally,
Alicia

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 \$88,327. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

*Daniel Griffith, Dianna Lynn Bement, Ryan Gottlieb,
Johannes J. Potgieter, Gabriel Martin, Jennifer
Farrell*

Applications in Process

Troy Haven, proposed by David Agron
Rosemarie Stevens, proposed by Dale Stevens

**Proposing candidates helps us to share our values with
the community. Our numbers are growing! Next month
is up to YOU!**

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2021	170
Members Initiated	+6
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+1
Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-2
Members Deceased	-1
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-0

Current Membership	127

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	\$10.00
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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**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

July Birthdays

1 Ben Cabot III
1 Bill Fahrenbach III
1 David Lafreniere
3 Rick Balles
6 Leanna Beck
8 Tom Sullivan
10 Kenneth Burt
11 Kara Ann Bristow
12 Mike Kelly
14 Carol Dailey
16 Dan Hoover
16 Ben Cabot II
17 Linda Koliander
20 Cott Demaree
21 Alicia Beck
23 Barketa Kerns
24 Holly Angel
27 Jim Sicignano
28 John Drankoski
30 Tom Sledzianowski
30 Asa Whalen

Sickness & Distress:

Judy Reid

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.

SECRETARY'S CORNER**Delinquent Members**

Membership cards for our new Elk year, April 1st 2021-22, are now available. Dues are \$77.00 which need to be received by the last week in March 2021. Currently we have 27 members who have yet to pay this year's dues. Please remit your dues money soon. We are reopening our Lodge now and you do not want to miss out of any of the many activities and events planned for this year.

Fraternally,

Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

E.N.F.

Our Lodge recently received the BEACON GRANT from the Elks National Foundation. We will use this grant money, \$3,500.00, to again this year help support the Catholic Charities Reading and Backpack Program. This program provides nutritional food to the families of school children who receive reduced priced or free lunches during the school year. Summer recess from school presents a particular hardship on these family's dealing with food insecurity. Thanks to our Lodge volunteers who have helped with this program, and to our members who donate to the foundation, making this grant and others like it possible.

Russell Ryan, ENF Chairman

Elk of the Month

June's Elk of the Month is
Donna Sicignano

for beautifying Peoples Park and the Lodge with her amazing gardening skills.

Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!

IT'S PARTY TIME

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. Thank you!

On Saturday July 24, Daphne will be performing from 6:30-8:30 in our lodge's backyard. Daphne plays a mix of music that you will recognize and enjoy.

Bring lawn chairs. The lodge will be selling hotdogs with sides, beer, wine and soft drinks. This event is open to the public.

**A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler****See you during the Momentum of the next many years – Paul R Ryan, GER**

A year ago, Stacey and I were just beginning this crazy time of representing all of you as the Grand Exalted Ruler. I can honestly say that this was something I would have never envisioned, but I am so glad to have been given this opportunity.

Why did I use Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom for our year? This organization is over 150 years old. It began with a group of actors who got together and decided to help the spouse of one of their friends who had passed and left her with nothing. That was in a different time, but benevolence is still a main focus of our organization. But our organization is not the only thing that is aging—it is our membership. I want the Members to continue to recruit Members of the younger persuasion and get that benevolence into our younger generations.

I would love to continue to tell you what you should be doing during this time of year, but I think instead I want to delve into what this year has meant to Stacey and me.

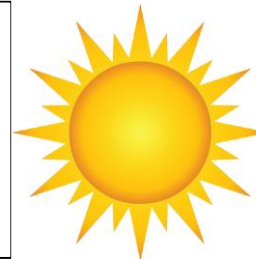
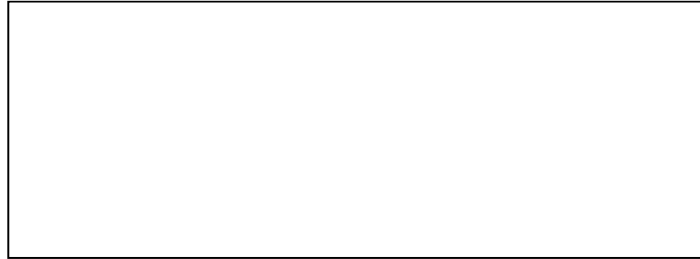
I joined this organization because my wife and her entire family were members. If you are 21 or over, believe in God and a part of my wife's family, you are an Elk! My in-laws then asked me to get on the board because of my experience in the hospitality industry and because of my business background. I had no idea it would lead to this position. Even a couple of years into my membership, I had no clue what a Grand Exalted Ruler was.

This year I will admit was difficult, the main reason is the COVID situation and the fact that Lodges were closed, Conventions were cancelled, and States could not have people in and together. But it also has been very rewarding. However, once we were able to start to travel it was the time away from our family that was difficult. To be able to spend time with other people who love what this organization is all about. The warmth we received and the Elks we have had the chance to meet has been absolutely fulfilling. Nothing replaces our family, but the Elks Family sure helped remind us that we have a huge family. The COVID situation only showed me that it can get us down, but COVID cannot knock us out.

Stacey and I promise to continue to serve you as we move forward in our lives. We absolutely look forward to serving this organization and the people who we love and enjoy. You, the Elks!

We look forward to joining you in Tampa. It will be a fun and exciting convention. Thank you for allowing Stacey and I to represent you this last year and into the future.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27(Jun)	28(Jun)	29(Jun)	30(Jun) 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	1 T-Party	2 Alicia's Burgers & Dogs with Sides Wear red today!	3
4	5	6	7 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	8 T-Party	9 Jim's Kielbasa Wear red today!	10 BBQ and Book Sale – Noon
11	12	13	14 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	15 T-Party	16 Gayle's Chicken Pasta Primavera Wear red today!	17
18	19 5.30pm Trustee Mtg	20 6pm HC Mtg 7pm Lodge Mtg	21 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	22 T-Party	23 Holly's Chicken Broccoli Casserole Wear red today!	24 BBQ and Book Sale– Noon Music with Daphne Braden – 6.30-8.30
25	26	27	28 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	29	30 Dave's Spaghetti & Meatballs Wear red today	31

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