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June 2016

### **Brothers and Sisters,**

May was a wonderful month. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of presiding over the annual Mother's Day ceremony at the Highlands. As always, it was a lovely ceremony. Thank you so much to Gayle for organizing this beautiful service once again, and to Scott and Ken and all the cooks at the lodge for making such a wonderful brunch for us all.

I just returned from the Annual Spring Convention. I sat in many meetings about membership and public relations, but what sticks with me the most are the stories of the people we help. One of the National Hoop Shoot winners was from New York State, and he spoke during the convention about how the Elks has helped him to realize his goals. That is a lesson that will remain with him for life. Or hearing about those affected by cerebral palsy and how the Elks has helped to support them. I burst with pride at what we as a group can accomplish, and that one person, no matter how small, can make a difference.

On Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Flag Day at the Binghamton Mets stadium, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and two softball teams. I won't be singing the National Anthem this time – I must admit to breathing a sigh of relief at that – but I will be there to celebrate with the lodge. I invite all our members, their families and friends, to join us.

Fraternally yours,

*~ Leona*

Leona St. Clair  
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*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 member:

**Joe Libous**

### Applications in Process

James Coletta Proposed By Alicia Beck  
Willard J Awdres Jr. proposed by Hope Woodcock-Ross  
Jeff Smith proposed by John Vasilchik  
David Balchikonis proposed by Tammi Seeley  
Kathleen Ruspantini proposed by Herb Flint  
Joseph Ruspantini proposed by Herb Flint

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



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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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## Membership Status

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<b>Membership as of <u>04/01/2016</u></b>	<b><u>222</u></b>
<b>Members Initiated</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>Members Affiliated</b>	<b>+0</b>
<b>Members Reinstated</b>	<b>+0</b>
<b>Member Transfer and Absolute Dimits</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Members Deceased</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)</b>	<b>-0</b>
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<b><u>Current Membership</u></b>	<b><u>224</u></b>

### 2016 – 2017 Dues

Dues are due April 1<sup>st</sup> for the year 2016-2017. All of us must pay our dues by April 1 every year. Dues notices for the 2016-2017 year have been mailed. The dues for this year are:

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$50.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$16.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 2.00
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<b>Total Due</b>	<b>\$68.00</b>

### 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!

## **Oxford Veterans Home Visit June 18<sup>th</sup>**

### June Birthdays

02	Constance Legos
04	John P. Ghinger
05	George Henson
06	Cee Garcia
06	Ken Jennison
06	Anthony Pagano
07	Stephen Jennison
08	Sissy Slick
13	John Robilotto
18	Clarence Morris
19	John Sicignano
22	Lucie Sculley
24	Nancy Iwen
24	Gayle Pado
26	Ron Cornell
27	Richard Bazewick
27	Phillip Furman
27	Betty -Ann Juraska
28	Steve Flint
29	Leona St Clair

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

### Sickness & Distress:

*None*

### In Vain We Call:

*Rosemary Lafreniere*

Regardless of the paths their lives may have taken,  
They are never forgotten, never forsaken.  
Morning and noon may pass them by,  
The light of day fades from the sky,  
But ere the shadow of midnight shall fall,  
The chimes of memory shall summon us all.  
To speed them a message above all others,  
God grant you peace,  
**TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS**

# Flag Day at B-Mets Stadium

## Johnson City Lodge #2821 Flag Day Ceremony



Show the community  
that Elks Care about  
home team success!!

Bonus: For every ticket sold through  
the lodge, the Elks receives a \$3 do-  
nation from the B-Mets!

**For additional information and  
to sign up call the JC Elks  
Lodge at 798-0358, or call Paul  
at 765-2161 or Kimberly at 725-  
5105**

**Date: Sunday June 12, 2016**

**Time: 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Binghamton Mets Stadium**

Join the Johnson City Elks Lodge as  
we pay tribute to the Flag of our Coun-  
try. Help us to honor the flag and learn  
a bit about its history. Demonstrate  
with pride our support of patriotism.

**Elks Flag Day ceremony and pro-  
cession of historic flags takes place  
before the game**

Cost: \$6 per ticket. Regular price \$12

Sign up now!

Bonus: All-You-Can-Eat picnic from  
1:30 'til 3:00 for only \$16 more.

America's pastime:

Baseball game, the picnic, and the  
pride of Elks Flag Day Ceremony all  
for only \$22

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Tee It Up  
For Autism



**4th. Annual  
Autism Awareness & Children's Charities  
Golf Tournament  
Captain and Crew  
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**Johnson City Lodge 2821**  
"The Little Lodge That Does Big Things"  
**June 18th, 2016 (1:00pm)**  
**Belden Hill Golf Course**  
Proprietor : Dave and Tonia Warpus

**Events and Agenda**

- 1 Sign In and Registration At 12:30pm
- 2 Purchase Tickets For Prize Raffle 3 for \$5.00
- 3 Sign Up For The Skins Game \$5.00 per man (Optional)
- 4 Tickets For The 50 - 25 / 25 Raffle (Optional)
- 5 Shotgun Start At 1:00 pm
- 6 Longest and Most Accurate Drive Hole #
- 7 Putting For Autism hole # 9 (Sponsored By Belden Hill Golf)
- 8 4 - Par 3 Betting Challenge Hole
- 9 Hot Dog At The Club House On the Turn
- 10 Chicken Buffet Dinner at Golf Course

**Start of Awards**

- 1 Speaker Thanks Player and Volunteers
- 2 Speaker Thanks and Talks About Major Sponsors
- 3 Drawing For The 50 - 50 Raffle
- 4 Winner of The Skins Game
- 5 Winner of Putting For Autism Winner
- 6 Winning Score Gets ( 4 ) Prizes All Men & Mixed 2 and 2
- 7 \$5.00 Raffle Tickets Winners Pulled From A Box.
- 8 \$100.00 Drawing For Golfers Early Entry Fee.
- 9 Drawings For Baskets and Prizes

**Captain and Crew**

**Tournament Registration**

- |   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | Captain | Phone: |
| 2 | Crew    | Email: |
| 3 | Crew    |        |
| 4 | Crew    |        |

Fee: \$65.00 per Player \$260.00 per Team

Includes : Green Fee, Cart, Buffet Dinner


**\$100.00 Drawing For Golfers Fees Paid Before June 15th. (Wednesday)**

**Please Make Check Out To: J.C. Elk's Lodge 2821**

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	Lyn Kumar	Phone:	725-3635
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Mailing Address:	1902 Newell Road		
	Endicott, NY 13760		





<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOHNSON CITY ELKS PRESENTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROAD KILL BINGO JUNE 15TH, 2016</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STARTS @ 6:30 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRIZES WILL BE ALL THE FOOD FOR A MEAL FOR TWO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TWENTY GAMES PLAYED / DOOR PRIZES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOSER'S GAME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$10.00 FOR 2 CARDS / \$20.00 FOR 5 CARDS PER PERSON</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elk of the Month</b> April's Elk of the month is</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scott Dow</b></p> <p>Scott is an instrumental member of the barbecue team, and is always there to prepare the Mother's Day meal so the ladies of the lodge can have the day off. He is always willing to lend a hand</p> <p>Thank you for all you do and for being a great Elk! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notice</b></p> <p>For the duration of the summer, the lodge will be closed on Tuesday when there are no meetings planned in the lodge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you.</p>

### Volunteerism!

- How many of you have heard the phrase "Stop me before I Volunteer again!" I started to research why we do "Volunteer Again"
- Here's what I found – Volunteerism is so pervasive it's invisible.
- We take for granted all the things that have been accomplished by concerned and active volunteers!
- In every community there is work to be done. In every heart there is the power to do it. Volunteerism has been the glue which has held communities together for centuries!
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- In the 1800's Sojourner Truth wrote in the History of Suffrage Let individuals make the most of what God has given them, have their neighbors do the same and then do all they can to serve each other. Miss Truth was an amazing Volunteer Coordinator!
- Thomas Paine in his papers wrote..My country is my world and my religion is to do good!
- I was amazed when I read the autobiography of George Bernard Shaw! He stated I am of the opinion that my life belongs to my community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up for the harder I work the more I live.
- In 1952 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Albert Schweitzer stated in his acceptance speech, It is not to merely exist, but to seek always, to do some good. Even if it is a little thing, do something for those who have need of help. This was such a simple statement from a great man!
- My research taught me Volunteerism pervades every culture! The Maasi Tribes teach their children from a young age the spirit of sharing and caring. They are taught we are what we are because of those around us. Parents first lesson for their little ones is One hand cannot clap alone it always needs another to make a joyous sound.
- Even in literature Volunteerism is praised...Dr. Seuss says , Unless someone like you cares a whole LOT, Things are not going to get better they are NOT! I want to thank Dr Suess for making us feel better when we volunteer AGAIN.

As I wrapped up my studying of why I love to Volunteer (and frankly what is wrong with me because I love to Volunteer...) I read this quote...I have never been specially impressed by the heroics of people convinced they are about to change the world, I am more awed by those who make one small difference after another.

- Finally, there is a wonderful quote from Anne Frank's Diary she writes "How wonderful that no one need to wait a single moment to make a difference" Miss Anne Frank would be very proud of the work done by our Lodge Volunteers!

Here is some of the volunteering that goes on in our Lodge:

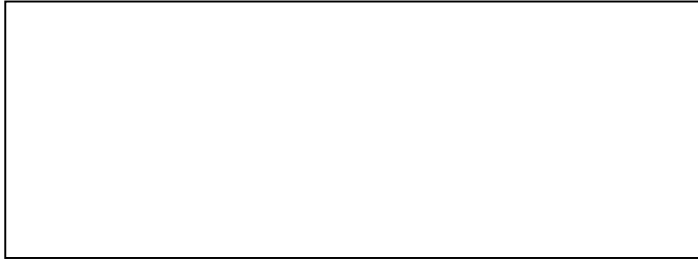
- Every Thursday night a group of players ensures the Lodge is set for Friday dinner! (I know the some of the participants, Gail, Dolene, Carol Nanni, Scott Dow - Please let me know if I missed someone so they can be recognized!
- One of our members takes our bottles and cans for recycling several times a month!
- Karen Gazda sewed a beautiful quilt which is raising funds for our scholarship fund!
- Kim Reger, Pat and Jerry Smith, Deb Valenta, Kathy Tokos, Bill and Alicia, Tammi Seeley, Deb and Mark Prindle, Joan Wilcox and hubby, helped make our Charity Auction a great success, \$461.00was raised!
- Darby Schmitt with Michelle Dow (Scotty's wonderful wife) planned a wonderful bus trip to Mohegan Sun and raised \$500.00!!!

These members along with all of our volunteer bartenders, cooks, bakers and our Lodge Officers exemplify the spirit of volunteerism! Please consider jumping in with us! Volunteerism is definitely a noble calling!

~Submitted by Alicia Beck, PER

**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
29(May)	30(May)	31(May)	1	2 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	3 Barketa's Brats & Salt Potatoes  Wear red today!	4
5	6 Bar Menu/ pizza  Dave's T-Party 7pm	7 House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm  7pm Lodge Mtg	8	9 Bar Menu  Dave's T-Party 7pm	10 Hope's Chicken & Biscuits  Wear red today!	11 BBQ – Noon  Sharon's Homecoming @ Binghamton Lodge
12 Flag Day ceremony at the B-Mets Stadium	13 Bar Menu/ pizza  Dave's T-Party 7pm	14 Flag Day  Lodge Closed	15 Roadkill Bingo 6.30pm	16 Bar Menu  Dave's T-Party 7pm	17 Tokos' Pulled Pork  Wear red today!	18 Vets Home Visit  Autism Awareness Golf Tournament 1pm
19	20 Bar Menu/ pizza  Dave's T-Party 7pm	21 House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm  7pm Lodge Mtg	22	23 Bar Menu  Dave's T-Party 7pm	24 Jimmy's Meatloaf  Wear red today!	25
26	27 Bar Menu/ pizza  Dave's T-Party 7pm	28 Lion's Club Meeting 7pm	29	30 Bar Menu  Dave's T-Party 7pm	1(Jul)	2(Jul)  <u>***16***</u>

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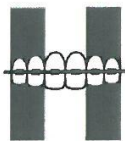
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### March

In loving memory of our Parents, *Joe & Sophie Cox and Ed & Veronica Kilgour* from Ed & Paula (Cox) Kilgour.

In loving memory of our Dad, *Joe Cox* from Paula (Cox) Kilgour & Margaret Cox.

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In loving memory of our Dad, Joseph Maluchnik, Jr., & Grandpa, *Joseph Maluchnik, Sr.*, from Pat, Sharon, Tom, Danielle, Jennifer, Trent, Angie, Danny, Ariana and Harper. In loving remembrance of my husband Joe from Charlotte Maluchnik.

### April

The Beck Family remembers the wit and wisdom of *Anne Eileen O'Malley Beck and Joseph L Beck*. "May you never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten."

The Beck Family remembers *Annie Safemf deBoer*. "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 & Jerry Smith and Betty Ann & Dan Juraska in memory of the *Smith, Juraska & Oakley* deceased family members.

In memory of *my sister, Nellie Fleeger*. Will always remember the good times we had. Florence (Flo) Winters

### August

In memory of my beloved husband, who I love immensely and miss so very, very much, *Stefan*. With all my love forever. Gerri Jurkiw

In memory of my wonderful and loving parents, *Edward & Bertha Okoniewski* whom I also miss so very, very much. I will love you forever. Gerri Jurkiw

### December

In memory of *Gail Troncelliti and the Troncelliti Family* Members from Ernie Troncelliti

In memory of *Richard Miller Sr.* Never does a day go by that we do not miss you. Anita, Rick & Julie, Rick & Tammy Balles