

Johnson
City

ELKS

Lodge
#2821

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2021 – 2022 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Alicia Beck, PER
Leading Knight – Dino Christopher, PER
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

May 2021

Members! May promises to be a marvelous month. **Scotty and Jim** are working feverishly to get our outdoor seating ready for YOU! Our picnic tables now have umbrellas! Thanks to **Jerry and Pat Smith** for donating another picnic table!

The Lodge is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday! The last couple of weeks have been so enjoyable. Queen of Hearts drawing is every Friday. We are doing pickup Pitch on Wednesdays! Many thanks to **Carol Nanni** for helping our card leagues to re-establish!

Thank you to **Meryl** for hosting a book sale this past month! She is hosting the sale during the BBQ's! Books are only .50. Monies raised will be used to install the new sign designating the Harry L Dr People's Park. Thank you to **Dave Hillis** for all his hard work spring cleaning the flower beds. We are looking for volunteers to help with sprucing up the park. The "rotted" flower boxes, around the trees, need to go! Trees need some trimming. Cleanup day is May 15th. Please email Alicia at aeb834robinson@gmail.com to sign up!

Many thanks to **Hope Woodcock Ross** for making the Dictionary Project a success. We teamed with the Rotary to hand out a dictionary to every 3rd and 4th grader at the JC Elementary School!

Special thanks to **Holly and Bob Belveg!** We had some issues with the roof leaking and damaging the ceiling! They installed new ceiling tiles and light fixtures in the bar. (Holly is amazing! She is very comfortable with carpentry tools!) As we continue the journey to a new normal, we appreciate the support our members have shown! Buying a Wed or Friday dinner, paying your dues, supporting the BBQ's all have been instrumental in keeping us afloat! I want to hear your ideas for moving forward! My phone is 607-221-4496 email aeb834robinson@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
Alicia Beck, Exalted Ruler

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 \$88,857. 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

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

**Oxford Veterans Home Visit
to be determined**

May Birthdays

2 Mike Rivera
3 Daniel Clune
3 Al Jasinski
7 Dave Gardner
7 Gary Wilcox
11 Gayle Klein
13 Richard Seitz
14 Faye Munson
18 Barbara Wilcox
19 William Matolka
20 Joan Farrell



Sickness & Distress:

Daniel Juraska

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.

- Pick-up Pitch will start Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30pm, and run every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Players will draw for partners. Pitch League may start again in the Fall.

- The Lodge is open again for rentals. Please call the Lodge for more information and in regard to necessary Covid precautions.

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2021 167

Members Initiated	+0
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+1

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

Current Membership 168

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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Elk of the Month

We recognize a member each month. This month I would like to break with tradition and nominate **EVERY ELK** who has paid their dues, cooked a dinner, worked on a lodge project, bought a Wed or Friday dinner or purchased a BBQ, we have survived this year by standing together and supporting one another. **You** all deserve this recognition! Thank YOU.

Alicia Beck, Exalted Ruler

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 34 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.

From the Grand Lodge

Start the fiscal year with veteran outreach

By Nadezh Mulholland, Programs Associate

Looking for a new way to get involved in serving veterans? Now is the perfect time to jump in with the Welcome Home Kit program. And it's even growing!

Starting on April 1, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission will make more funding available for beds for veterans. We will reimburse up to \$500 for kits with beds, up from \$400 in previous years. (Note that the reimbursement level for kits without beds will remain at \$300.)

For many veterans, a bed is the most pressing need—and it can be a big expense. We want to make it easier for Lodges to provide a bed for every veteran who needs one. We chatted with one committed volunteer about what Welcome Home Kits mean to veterans and how the bed reimbursement increase will help.

Marga Coupl is the Veterans Chair at Portsmouth, NH Lodge No. 97. Alongside Exalted Ruler Susan Talhouk and Veterans Committee member Brenna Cavanaugh, Marga donates her time to fulfill Welcome Home Kits for New Hampshire veterans. Together, the volunteers are a "three-legged stool," Coupl said, working together and sharing the load to meet the needs of every formerly homeless veteran referred to the Lodge.

Over the years, the Lodge has built a strong partnership with a local company that supplies beds and mattresses to hotels. The vendor shares their mission of serving veterans in need and provides a special flat-rate deal on beds for Welcome Home Kits, including linens and pillows. He even delivers the beds to the veterans' homes and sets them up for free.

"The bed is number one importance," Coupl said. Especially for veterans with physical disabilities, beds are essential.

Coupl told us about a veteran who has significant health issues and uses a walker to get around. He was excited to move into his own apartment after a period of homelessness but was worried about where he would sleep. "I can't sleep on the floor," he told her. "I won't be able to get up." The veteran was thrilled to get a new bed through the Welcome Home Kit program.

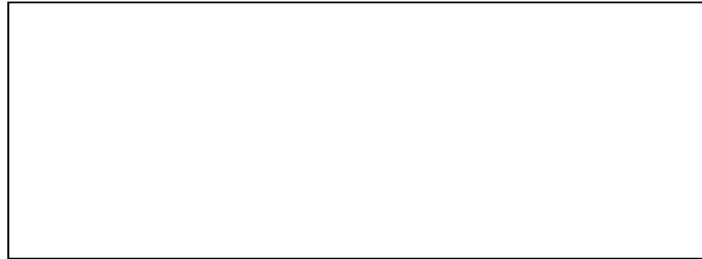
Soon after delivering the bed, volunteers realized the veteran was still missing many items he needed for his new home. The Welcome Home Kit team rallied Lodge Members, who worked together and used their own funds to meet the veteran's needs.

Most veterans who receive Welcome Home Kits have very few belongings. While beds are priority number one, they are far from the only need. Coupl said she is excited for the additional \$100 to spend on kits with beds. The Lodge will use the funds to provide veterans with more small household essentials such as dishes, silverware, and towels, while continuing to buy beds for all who need them.

Before purchasing supplies, Coupl calls each veteran and talks through what they have at home, room by room, to learn about their needs. The Lodge recently purchased a kit that included a baby bottle warmer and crib sheets for a veteran who will soon be having her first baby.

Every veteran has a different story. Greater reimbursement amounts for kits with beds means more funds available to meet veterans' unique needs, whatever those might be!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25(Apr)	26(Apr)	27(Apr)	28(Apr)	29(Apr)	30(Apr)	1
2	3	4 7pm Lodge Mtg	5 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	6	7 Marie's Monterey Jack Chicken Wear red today!	8 BBQ – Noon
9	10	11	12 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	13	14 Dave's Spaghetti & Meatballs Wear red today!	15
16	17	18 6pm HC Mtg 7pm Lodge Mtg	19 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	20	21 Jim's Meatloaf Wear red today!	22 BBQ – Noon
23	24 Memorial Day! Lodge Closed	25	26 5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen	27	28 Holly's Chicken Parm Wear red today!	29
30	31					

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