

Johnson  
City

# ELKS

Lodge  
#2821

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

### 2020 – 2021 Officers:

**Exalted Ruler** – Jim Sicignano, PSVP  
**Leading Knight** – Alicia Beck, PER  
**Loyal Knight** – Jeffrey Dibble  
**Lecturing Knight** – Dino Christopher, PER  
**Secretary** – Russ Ryan, PER, PSVP  
**Treasurer** – Gayle Klein, PER  
**Esquire** – Tim Turner  
**Chaplain** – William Beck  
**Inner Guard** Merle Deemie  
**Tiler** – Herb Flint  
Trustees – Scott Dow, PER  
Terry Reagan  
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PER  
Bruce DeLing  
Debbie Prindle

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calendar of events! Follow us on  
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Members,

Thanks to Sheamy Reid (spouse of member Judy Reid) for painting the exterior of the lodge, it looks terrific! Sheamy had the paint donated and volunteered to do the job himself!

Thanks to PSVP and Elks National Foundation Chair Russ Ryan for securing our \$2500 Gratitude Grant. The grant money will go to supporting a lunch program at Saint Patrick's church and to Christmas gifts for the Handicapped Children's Association.

Well, flexibility is the name of the game in this environment. In September we resumed lodge meetings in the lodge only to return to zoom meetings in October. Alicia's breakfast club is suspended and the lodge is presently running as a takeout business only. All this is in the interest of safety.

On a positive note the lodge is doing fine financially. It is important that our members support our takeout dinners on Wednesday and Friday nights especially when the colder weather is upon us. Also please continue to bring down donations to our bottle and can drive.

We did well with our District Deputy audit, a few things came up which we are in the process of handling. Normally it would have been our pleasure to have District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler John Gardner and New York State Elks Association Vice President Hope Woodcock-Ross address our meeting and to enjoy their good company. This regrettably will not happen this year while we are in remote meeting mode.

As always, check with facebook for more timely information than the newsletter can provide.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving.  
Respectfully,  
Jim Sicignano

*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 \$90,413. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

## 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

Ken Jennison, Lodge Chair (kennethajennison@gmail.com)  
607-849-7892

### Membership Status

**Membership as of 04/01/2020 182**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Members Initiated  | +0 |
| Members Affiliated | +0 |
| Members Reinstated | +1 |

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Member Transfer and Absolute Demits      | -1 |
| Members Deceased                         | -1 |
| Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment) | -0 |

**Current Membership 181**

#### 2020 – 2021 Dues

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 for the year 2020-2021.** All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> every year. Dues notices for the 2020 – 2021 year have been 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 | \$ 8.00 |
| Scholarship    | \$25.00 |
| Building Fund  | \$25.00 |
| General Fund   | \$25.00 |

Please send in your 2020-2021 dues along with any optional donations that your 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  
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

## Oxford Veterans Home Visit to be determined

### November Birthdays

2 Paula Kilgour  
2 Russ Ryan  
8 Matt Palmer  
9 John Tokos  
12 Charlotte Maluchnik  
12 Manda Stewart  
14 Michael Dennis  
16 Patricia Griffiths  
18 Rita Christopher  
18 Robert Farrell  
20 Robert Stevens  
22 Audrey Lo Presti  
29 Will Andres  
30 Shaun Fedoris  
30 Eric Koliander



### Sickness & Distress:

None

### 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.*

**NEWSLETTER NOTICE**

Due to the high cost of mailing, we would like to distribute our newsletter by e-mail.  
 If that is possible for you, please contact  
 Russ at rryan@stny.rr.com  
 or Gayle at gklein801@gmail.com  
 and provide your e-mail address. Also, if your e-mail address has changed from what we have on file, please let us know.  
 Thank you.

For the month of November, the lodge will be hosting a  
 No-Bake Bake Sale.

As everyone is busy these days, we would like to have a no-bake bake sale where members can send in \$10 instead of baking a pie or dessert. Small fundraising events such as this will help support our lodge maintain our building and cover our monthly bills.

Please mail your checks with memo of No-Bake to the Elks Lodge #2821, 4212 Watson Blvd, Johnson City, NY 13790 or drop it off on Wednesdays/Fridays between 4 and 6pm during our Take-out dinners.

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Elk of the Month**

October's Elk of the Month is  
**David Argon**

David has stepped up to help with both chicken barbecues and Friday night dinners. Dave put together a backyard movie which I hope we reprise in the spring once the weather permits. Dave brings new ideas and enthusiasm to the lodge.

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

**Friday Night Dinners**

Our Lodge is currently serving our Friday Dinners as Take Out only. They are served from 5-7pm. Cost is \$10.00. It would be very nice to see more of our members purchasing these dinners. Come on down to your Lodge, pick up a great meal, and show your support for our volunteers. You can call the Lodge at 798-0358 to reserve your dinner.

Dinner suggestions? New dinner ideas are always welcome.

Please remember, all kitchen and wait staff are volunteers, if you would like to join in working a dinner, please let your Lodge know. Thank you.

**Veterans Day recognizes military families, too**

*Robert L. Duitsman, PGER*

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long committed itself to honoring and supporting our country's military service members and veterans, and in these times that commitment has never been more important.

It was perhaps in the wake of the Second World War that the practice of honoring those who served in our nation's military was most intense. Parades and a variety of other events were staged to recognize those who offered themselves in the defense of our nation and its interests. While that fervor may have diminished for some over the years, the Elks have stood firm in continuing to recognize the men and women who serve this nation.

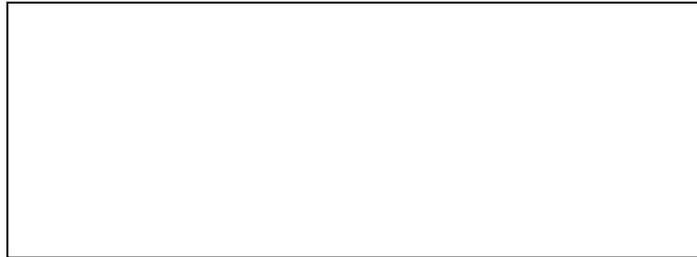
But, while as Elks we are familiar with the importance of November 11 as Veterans Day, when special attention is paid to honor our nation's veterans, some may not know that since 2016 November has been recognized as National Veterans and Military Families Month. Indeed, it is important we be mindful of not only the men and women who volunteer to serve in defending our nation, but also of their families who must endure hardship, emotional turmoil and deprivation while supporting them.

As Elks, while concern for our military is a year-round commitment, it is fitting we look for ways to support their families as well. Consider planning an event: Invite the family of service members to an event at your Lodge as circumstances allow, even if their service spouse or family member is unavailable. A little special attention, support and recognition for their special contributions to our nation's defense may go a long way, and heighten awareness in your community of what Elks stand for.

The Elks Veterans Service Commission stands ready to do everything we can to support the Elks' motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Please also remember the ongoing campaign to support the Pearl Harbor Memorial renovation. Important work is being done, and the Elks are being recognized for their commitment to restoring and improving this national monument that provides all Americans with a focus for remembrance and reflection of a very dark but inspiring time in our nation's history. Please help as you are able. Donations must be received by November 11.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                           | Wednesday  | Thursday                                  | Friday   | Saturday              |
|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------|
| 1      | 2      | 3<br>7pm Lodge Mtg                | 4<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen                       | 5   | 6<br>Sheamy's Shepherd's Pie<br><br>Wear red today!                | 7<br>Chicken BBQ Noon |
| 8      | 9      | 10                                | 11<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen<br><br>Veteran's Day | 12  | 13<br>Veteran's Dinner \$5<br>Free for Vets<br><br>Wear red today! | 14                    |
| 15     | 16     | 17<br>6pm HC Mtg<br>7pm Lodge Mtg | 18<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen                      | 19  | 20<br>Dave's Beef Stew<br><br>Wear red today!                      | 21                    |
| 22     | 23     | 24                                | 25<br>5-7.30 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen                      | 26<br>Happy Thanksgiving!<br>Lodge Closed | 27<br>Pot Luck Dinner<br>Wear red today!                           | 28                    |
| 29     | 30     | 1(Dec)                            | 2(Dec)   | 3(Dec)                                    | 4(Dec)   | 5(Dec)                |