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ELKS

Lodge
#2821

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

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Members,

Hat's off to Alicia Beck who started the JC Elks Breakfast club! The idea is a few Saturdays a month several Elks and friends visit local diners. In September we visited both the Red Robin Diner and the Village Diner. We have a great time and do a little good for community businesses dealing with the pandemic.

Wednesdays the lodge is open for Rita and Alicia's famous \$5 meals. They have already had hotdog and philly cheesesteak nights. Whatever they come up with is always delicious. As usual for Wednesdays Bruce and Scotty will be behind the bar. Please come out to support this.

Lodge meetings have resumed inside the lodge, so the lodge will be open on the first and third Tuesday every month. Thankfully the backyard and zoom meetings are done with as things slowly return to normal.

September saw the passing of Past State Vice President Douglas Neiss Sr., our lodge's second Exalted Ruler. Doug's vast knowledge of Elkdom, the statutes, programs and traditions, was invaluable to our lodge in its early stages of development. Along with his late wife Kathy, our fourth Exalted Ruler, and Kathy's late mother Connie Carle, the Neiss family hosted Friday night dinners, ran the Wednesday pitch league and provided leadership and hard work for our lodge. On behalf of our lodge thank you to Doug and family for all you have done for Elkdom and our lodge.

Finally with October coming we plan to continue our takeout mode of operation for Friday night dinners. We are considering other ways to expand our operation. Please follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

Yours in Elkdom,
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 \$90,920. 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)
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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	-
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-0

Current Membership 181

2020 – 2021 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2020 for the year 2020-2021. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st 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 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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Oxford Veterans Home Visit to be determined

October Birthdays

1 Tom Baudendistel
5 Wendy Turner
6 Sharon Flint
7 Gail Imondi
7 Mike Senio
8 Bob Belveg
10 Mike Reed
11 Val Kelley
14 Jason Beck
17 Ralph Demario
18 Jim Bridges
21 Richard Palmer
22 Steve Hotsko
22 Darby Schmitt
22 Gary Singer
31 Michael Belveg



Sickness & Distress:

Lori Cabot

In Vain We Call:

Douglas Neiss, Sr., PER, PSVP

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.



Bonfire nights will be held every Saturday evening, weather permitting.

Bring a lawn chair, snacks, and beverages, and sit out under the stars with our members.

Elk of the Month

September's Elk of the Month is
Holly Belveg

Along with maintaining the lodge schedule, Holly cooks Friday night dinners and helps with others. She also handles the kitchen work for the chicken BBQ's. Holly schedules workers for all these dinners and keeps the kitchen and lodge shining clean.

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.

Volunteers Step Up When Stand Downs Are Nixed

Hannah Graber, ENVSC Programs Coordinator

Elks are always ready to serve veterans in their communities. For Elks volunteers who are used to being involved in veteran activities regularly, it has been difficult to stay home while facilities are closed to visitors and events have been canceled.

Stand Downs, often one of the year's main events where veterans gather to access resources, have been cancelled or postponed all over the country. But just because large gatherings can't be held doesn't mean Elks can't help. As an alternative way to distribute much-needed items that veterans would access at a Stand Down, some Lodges are putting together kits of survival items, clothing, or packages of food to distribute to veterans in their community.

Your Lodge can start a similar project by contacting the VA or other organizations that were involved in organizing a cancelled Stand Down to come up with ways to reach the veterans who need these supplies. You may be able to distribute through a central pickup location like a food bank or a clinic where veterans will visit for medical appointments. Or, find places near veteran residences where Elks could drop off items for distribution.

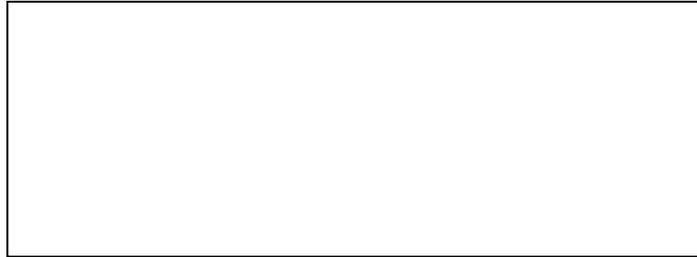
Some activities may still be possible if they can be done outdoors. Voluntary Service Reps for ENVSC have reported holding brief meetings with their facility's Volunteer Coordinators in the parking lot. Some volunteers have created vegetable and flower gardens or improved recreation equipment for veterans at residential facilities. Others have provided bird feeders and seed for veterans to enjoy nature from indoors.

Letter writing isn't always popular these days when we have faster ways to communicate. Now could be a great time to slow down and give more traditional forms of communication a try again. Many veterans in hospitals or nursing homes appreciate receiving mail when they can't receive visitors.

If you'd rather stick with newer technology, you may consider providing iPads, laptops, or phones for veterans who can only see their friends and family through video communication. Enabling electronic communication can also give veterans a way to stay in touch with their healthcare provider when an in-person visit is not necessary. Video calls can also be a great way for Elks volunteers to stay in touch with the veterans they're used to visiting.

With a little bit of planning you may come up with even better ways to serve your community's veterans. Who knows, maybe you'll discover something that your Lodge will continue even after things get back to normal.

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