

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

October 2021

Brother and Sister Elks,  
September was a busy productive month! We hosted the State President and his lovely first lady. His party visited our Lodge on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The lasting impression of the visit is, all Elks are invested and committed to doing “good works” in their communities.

We are thankful for Hope Woodcock Ross our Head Trustee who spearheaded a school supplies collection. The Dollar Tree stores collected massive amounts of much needed school supplies for military children. These ranged from crayons, binders, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, pencil pouches, pencils, markers, pens, notebook paper, scissors, etc. etc. The items were sorted and transported to Fort Drum in upstate New York. So if you visited Dollar Tree and contributed to this project thank you! This is a great example of a small act reaping a major impact!

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

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I'm so happy to report that our room rental program is proving very successful. Numerous events have been scheduled. Thank you for considering the lodge for those memorable events in your lives!

I also want to share how our actions have impacted one of our dinner guests. Thanks to Dino Christopher championing the very successful “take out dinner” program, we have received a beautiful thank you note from one of our customers. She writes, “Please accept my thanks for your takeout dinners, they are delicious.” She continued to write that her husband suffered a stroke and our meals have been a blessing for them. She stated the friendliness of the gentlemen who waited on her and delivered the meals brightened her day! It never ceases to amaze me how a kind word can make someone’s day so much brighter. Thank you to our Wednesday and Friday dinner crews. **YOU have made a difference!** We have posted this beautiful note on the dining room bulletin board.

In conclusion, I want to thank Gayle Klein and Leona St Clair for their dedication. Putting our newsletter together is no easy task. We appreciate their efforts!

Fraternally,  
Alicia

### **Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$87,791. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

## Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

None

Applications in Process

Troy Haven, proposed by David Agron  
Henry Farthing, proposed by Jerry Smith

**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**

### October Birthdays

5 Wendy Turner  
6 Sharon Flint, PDDGER  
7 Gail Imondi  
7 Michael Senio  
8 Bob Belveg  
10 Michael Reed  
11 Val Kelly  
14 Jason Beck  
18 Jim Bridges,PER  
21 Richard Palmer  
22 Gary Singer  
31 Michael Belveg



### 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.*

### Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2021 **170**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Members Initiated  | <b>+7</b> |
| Members Affiliated | <b>+0</b> |
| Members Reinstated | <b>+1</b> |

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Member Transfer and Absolute Demits      | <b>-3</b> |
| Members Deceased                         | <b>-1</b> |
| Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment) | <b>-0</b> |

Current Membership **174**

### 2021 – 2022 Dues

Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 for the year 2021-2022. All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>ENF</b>            | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| <b>Major Projects</b> | <b>\$10.00</b> |
| 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  
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

Can/ Bottle drive collection made in the month of October will go towards our ENF fund.

For November and December, the collection will go towards our Major Project fund.

Please remember the Lodge and drop off your bottles and cans. Thank you!!!!



### What is the Elks National Foundation?

Established in 1928, the Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Their mission is to help Elks build stronger communities. The Foundation is supported through contributions from Elks, their families and friends, which are all deposited in a permanent endowment fund. Only the income earned by this fund is spent.

There are five strategic areas where the funds are used. College scholarships, youth substance abuse education, promoting healthy lifestyles for our youth, support of Veterans and community service projects.

Donations are needed to meet our per member giving per capita for this year, which will make us eligible for future Grants.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, E.N.F. Chair

### Elk of the Month

September's Elk of the Month is  
**Bruce DeLing**

Bruce bar tends for the Wednesday meals, is a Trustee, fills in everywhere and anywhere he is needed. I so appreciate hearing, "what can I do to help (or get in the way)!"

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!

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

To receive Life Membership a member must (1) be 65 (2) have 30 credited years (3) apply to the Lodge for Life Membership (4) voted in the affirmative on the Lodge floor by two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting. The Lodge members must be notified at least 10 days prior to the vote.

Russell Ryan, Secretary- rryan@stny.rr.com

### **From the Grand Exalted Ruler: Community projects give back – and lure new members**

By Paul Ryan

How are you doing with your Lodge Community Projects? Did you know that you can enter your Lodge into the Community Project Contest offered by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee? Visit the Grand Lodge Activities Committee on [elks.org](http://elks.org) to see what is needed to get your Lodge some additional recognition. If you have done some projects, fantastic. If not, it is not too late to begin now. This is a great way for your membership to get involved outside the Lodge. Who knows, it may interest new Members for your Lodge.

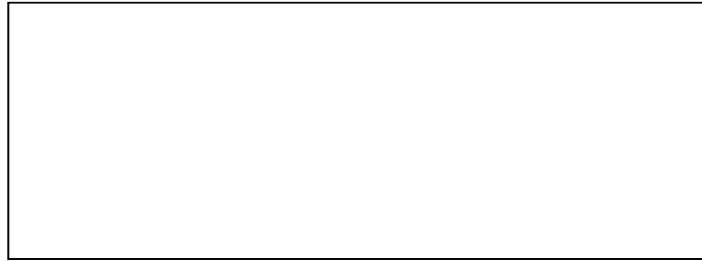
October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans every year. The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, and others plan activities throughout the month. Contact local law enforcement and community organizations to see if your Lodge can get involved. In addition, encourage your Members to wear red ribbons for the month during their daily routine. Pass out red ribbons to your schools, sponsor a red ribbon activity, submit public service announcements supporting your Red Ribbon program to local media. Also, during this time, most DEA agencies sponsor a prescription Drug Take Back Day. Ask a local law enforcement agency if your Lodge can volunteer to help in any way.

Now is the time for your six-month review of your Lodge operations. Lodge Secretaries need to give their bi-annual report on the activities of their office to the membership. Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, you need to submit to the Lodge floor your report on the Grand Lodge Session. Auditing and Accounting Committees also need to review the Lodge financials and report to the Lodge Members. Finally, make revisions (if necessary) to your annual budgets to get a clearer financial picture of your Lodge and to make decisions moving forward. Keeping your Lodge fiscally strong will ensure you continue "Meeting the Challenge."

In addition to other activities, get started on the American Essay contest at your local schools. The deadline for submission is in mid-December. Information for the essay contest is located in the Grand Lodge Americanism Manual found on the Elks website. Have your Americanism chairperson examine the manual—There are great programs for your Lodge and community, and it provides ways to interact with others outside the Lodge, promote our programs, and find prospective new Members.

Finally, let us not forget Halloween at the end of the month. Think about planning an event for kids or working with another entity to provide a safe and fun opportunity for our youth.

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| Sunday       | Monday                            | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday              | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| 26(Sep)      | 27(Sep)                           | 28(Sep)   | 29(Sep)  | 30(Sep)               | 1<br>The Farrell's<br>Chicken &<br>Biscuits<br><br>Wear red today           | 2<br><br>Lodge Rental  |
| 3            | 4                                 | 5<br><br>7pm Lodge Mtg                                  | 6<br><br>4.30 – 6 Rita &<br>Alicia in the<br>Kitchen<br><br>6.30 Pick-up<br>Pitch  | 7<br><br>7pm T-Party  | 8<br><br>Gayle's<br>Meatloaf<br><br>Wear red today!                         | 9<br><br>6pm T-Party   |
| 10           | 11                                | 12  | 13<br><br>4.30 – 6 Rita &<br>Alicia in the<br>Kitchen<br><br>6.30 Pick-up<br>Pitch | 14<br><br>7pm T-Party | 15<br><br>Marie & Russ's<br>Monterey Jack<br>Chicken<br><br>Wear red today! | 16<br><br>Dave Agron's<br>Food for<br>Firefighters and<br>Police |
| 17           | 18<br><br>5.30pm – Trustee<br>Mtg | 19<br><br>6pm – House<br>Cmtee Mtg<br><br>7pm Lodge Mtg | 20<br><br>4.30 – 6 Rita &<br>Alicia in the<br>Kitchen<br><br>6.30 Pick-up<br>Pitch | 21<br><br>7pm T-Party | 22<br><br>Rita's Chicken<br>Parm<br><br>Wear red today!                     | 23<br><br>Lodge Rental<br><br>T-Party, TBD                       |
| 24<br><br>31 | 25                                | 26  | 27<br><br>4.30 – 6 Rita &<br>Alicia in the<br>Kitchen<br><br>6.30 Pick-up<br>Pitch | 28<br><br>7pm T-Party | 29<br><br>Dave's Chili<br><br>Wear red today                                | 30   |

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