

**Johnson  
City**

**ELKS**

**Lodge  
#2821**

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

### **2022 – 2023 Officers:**

**Exalted Ruler** – Meryl Deemie, PER  
**Leading Knight** – Ben Cabot II  
**Loyal Knight** – David Agron  
**Lecturing Knight** – Jeff Dibble  
**Secretary** – Russ Ryan, PSVP  
**Treasurer** – Gayle Klein, PER  
**Esquire** – Tim Turner  
**Chaplain** – Abigail Agron  
**Inner Guard** – Dino Christopher, PER  
**Tiler** – Herb Flint  
**Trustees** – Terry Reagan  
                  Al Jasinski  
                  Hope Woodcock-Ross, PSVP

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calendar of events! Follow us on  
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**October 2023**

Brothers and sisters,

Fall is just around the corner and it's time to get back into the swing after our summer hiatus.

I have a BIG request for all the Johnson City Elks at Lodge 2821.  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!**

Because you are part of our lodge, we are asking you to come on down and participate in our Friday night dinners. The food is all homemade and delicious. WE need the revenue to keep our lodge going forward. As you know we still have a mortgage to pay every month plus all our utilities, taxes, and other bills.

We just put a new roof on and installed a new water heater, new ice machine, and need a new driveway plus other costs to keep the lodge looking good and safe.

If you can't come every Friday at 4:30 – 6pm, could you at least come once a month? You get dinner and dessert for only \$12.00. Any place else you would be paying much more. We do have take-out. Just call the lodge at 798-0358 to reserve a dinner.

Our October meetings are 10/3 and 10/17. Come join us.

Irish Blessing  
May the sound of happy music  
And the lilt of Irish laughter  
Fill your heart with gladness  
That stays forever after

Fraternally,

Meryl Deemie, Exalter Ruler  
607 797 4050 – 607 237 6879

### **Mortgage Update:**

**Our mortgage balance stands at \$80,890. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!**

The lodge is currently looking for a new treasurer. No formal accounting background is necessary, but helpful. Any interested member can contact Gayle for more information at gklein801@gmail.com.

## Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

Linda Markoff

Applications in Process

Daryl D. Williams 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!**



**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  
October 14<sup>th</sup>**

### Membership Status

**Membership as of 04/01/2023 168**

Members Initiated	+4
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+1

Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-0
Members Deceased	-2
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	0

**Current Membership 171**

### 2023 – 2024 Dues

**Dues are due before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 for the year 2023-2024.** All of us must pay our dues before April 1<sup>st</sup> every year. Dues notices for the 2023 – 2024 year will be mailed. **The dues for new year are:**

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$29.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00

**Total Due \$89.00**

Optional Donations:

ENF	\$10.00
Major Projects	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Please send in your 2023-2024 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](mailto:rryan@stny.rr.com)  
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

### October Birthdays

5 Wendy Turner  
7 Gail Imondi  
7 Michael Senio  
8 Robert Belveg  
10 Michael Reed  
11 Val Kelly  
14 Jason Beck  
17 Ralph Demario  
18 Jim Bridges P.E.R.  
18 Douglas Linderberry  
21 Richard Palmer  
22 Steven Hotsko  
22 Gary Singer  
23 Caryn Holveck  
27 Matthew Oderkirk  
31 Michael Belveg



### Sickness & Distress:

None

### In Vain We Call:

**Bonnie Bayliff**

**Initiated 4/21/2021 Died 9/18/2023**

*Morning and noon may pass her by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,  
To our absent member*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Elk of the Month</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">September's Elk of the month is <b>Dino Christopher</b> For helping with Friday dinners, tending bar, serving as officers over the years, scheduling fundraisers, arranging Freddy Mendoza, and helping wherever he can. Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>IT'S PARTY TIME</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ELKS AND FRIENDS</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Turn In Your Bottles and Cans at Our Lodge! Just drop off your returns in the box bin out front, helping to support our Lodge. Turn those returns into cash for our Lodge. Thank you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays are Pitch Night at our Lodge. Come on down enjoy some good company and a friendly card game. Pick up partners, starts at 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER IS E.N.F. MONTH</b> 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. Lodge donations received this year total \$734.00; our goal is \$900. Monies are needed to meet our per member giving for this year, which will make us eligible for next year's grants. So far this year our Lodge has received grants of \$6,500.00. Thank-you, Russell Ryan, E.N.F. Chair</p>	
<p><b><i>A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley</i></b> <b>September: Start of fall, halfway point of Lodge year</b></p> <p>October is the birth month of the greatest program of our Order: The Elks National Foundation (ENF), known as the "Great Heart of Elkdom."</p> <p>Established in 1928, the Foundation helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where Elks live and work. The best source for the most current information about the ENF is the Foundation's website at <a href="http://elks.org/enf">elks.org/enf</a>. Spend some time there. You'll be amazed by what the Foundation is doing.</p> <p>I especially want to call your attention to the Foundation's Community Investments Program. The Foundation has allocated nearly \$16 million for Lodge community service grants. This grant program allows your Lodge to complete more for your communities.</p> <p>I urge all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. The Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight, Impact, and Freedom Grants could be very helpful to your community. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. Find that need in your community and get it done with one of these grants. This will ensure people in your community know that "We Are THE Elks." Other programs that ENF funds include: Scholarships, youth activities, veterans service and remembrance, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does.</p> <p>I challenge every Member of Elkdom to support the ENF. Be sure to tell new Members about all the incredible things the ENF makes possible on a local, state, and national level. The charitable, educational, and benevolent causes supported by the ENF are the most important financial contributions made by our Order and deserve the continued support of every Member.</p> <p>Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated from October 23-31. There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation, have your Members distribute red ribbons to schools, and encourage Members and friends to wear red ribbons.</p> <p>The struggle to educate our youth about drugs and assist them in making informed decisions must be advanced at the community level. Our national, state, and Local Lodge Drug Awareness Programs encourage volunteers to listen, educate, and mentor, thereby letting our communities know that "We Are THE Elks."</p> <p>Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. October has the fall holidays of Columbus Day and Halloween. Trick or Treat. Please be safe. Remember "Elks Care — Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks." God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.program. Remember "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks." God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America</p>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7pm Lodge Mtg	4 Pitch night	5 7pm T-Party	6 Chicken Alfredo	7
8	9	10	11 Pitch night	12 7pm T-Party	13 Pork Steak	14 Oxford Veterans Home Visit 2pm
15	16	17 7pm Lodge Mtg	18 Pitch night	19 7pm T-Party	20 Shepherd's Pie	21
22	23	24	25 Pitch night	26 7pm T-Party	27 Chicken	28 National Drug Take Back
29	30	31	1(Nov)	2(Nov)	3(Nov)	4(Nov)

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