

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

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calendar of events! Follow us on
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September 2021

Members,

I was recently asked "Why did you join the Elks?" I replied, we became "empty nesters". We were looking for an organization who focused on good deeds. We found that with the ELKS.

During our initiation we are instructed that as Elks, we teach not alone the charity of alms but the higher and nobler charity of thought, word and deed. Our whole influence is determined by the good deeds we do rather than by the emotions we feel. A good deed honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever.

I have found Russ Ryan, our Lodge Secretary, has been instrumental in helping us achieve this goal. Russ, searches for grant opportunities to fulfill this obligation. Our members also contribute to causes by raising dollars during events and gatherings. During a recent meeting the members agreed to send to All Saints Episcopal Church on Main Street in Johnson City \$200 for their Soup and Sandwich program. We were able to raise these funds by \$1.00 donations from our members. The All Saints program has grown due to the pandemic and a greater need in our community. They join St Cyril's and St Patrick's in Binghamton who sponsor sandwich programs.

Thank you to members who have donated their books! Last month's sale raised \$ 62.00! Not a bad return on .50 book sale. Gail Ghinger and her friend joined in to help with this endeavor. During our few hours together, she explained her Cat Rescue organization to us. We are helping her by hosting an adoption event at our Lodge on September 11th. Please let your friends, family and neighbors know this is an opportunity if they've been looking for a cat or kitten to adopt!

We have welcomed several members during these past few months. They all have unique talents and skills. Several have started volunteering and we are so grateful for their energy and new ideas. Membership is our foundation. Please consider purposing another who will be a loyal Elk. Just a reminder that our calendar contains many opportunities for our members and guests. One is the Freddie Mendoza concert! Thanks to Jim, we are fortunate to have Freddie for a backyard concert! Bring a chair, food will be available!

Finally, please know we are proud of our members and their accomplishments. New ideas are always welcomed!

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:

Rosemarie Stevens

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

September Birthdays

3 Carol Nanni
6 Joanne Kretzmer
12 John A Ghinger
13 Lena Modlo
13 Steven Sager
15 Susan Washington
16 Stacy Cacialli
19 Ryan Gottlieb
19 Gerald Perreault
25 David Finney
26 Gayle Lovell
26 Marcene McGrath
26 Vincent McGrath
26 Carin Palmer
30 Joseph D'Alessio
30 Nancy Graver

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	+7
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+1

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

<u>Current Membership</u>	<u>174</u>
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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
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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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Freddy Mendoza will be performing on September 18, 2021, at our lodge outside from 5pm – 7pm.

Bring your family and friends!
Refreshments such as hotdogs and drinks will be available for purchase.
This is our final outdoor event for the season so please support us.
See you at the lodge!



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

August's Elk of the Month is
Karen Gazda

for always being there whenever she is needed!

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 Lodge: Elks named Help Heal Veterans' Partner of the Year

By Mary K. Morgan

Commission Director

For the past 20 years, Elks have been working closely with the nonprofit Help Heal Veterans, which helps veterans recover and thrive by providing free therapeutic arts and crafts kits to hospitalized and homebound veterans.

Every year, hard-working Elks collect and donate thousands of hides to the Elks Veterans Leather Program. These hides are used for three main purposes:

- Wheelchair gloves, many of which are distributed directly to veterans at annual VA Adaptive Sports Events.
- Donations directly to VA Recreation Therapists, for use in local projects.
- Donations to Help Heal Veterans, for use in therapeutic arts and crafts kits for recovering veterans.

Over the past 20 years, Elks leather has been used to make 600,000 craft kits, for a total estimated value of more than \$15 million.

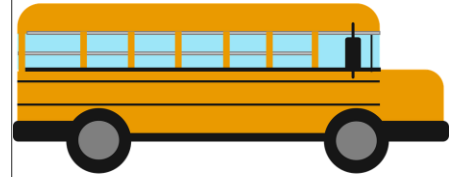
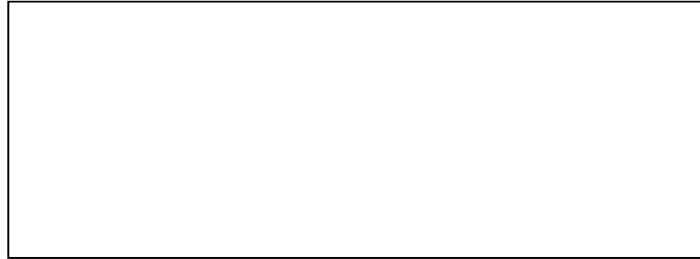
Help Heal Veterans, a non-profit dedicated to serving military veterans by supplying them with free therapeutic craft kits, has chosen the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as its 2021 Partner of the Year. As a partner for over 20 years, the Elks have donated more than 923,280 square feet of leather to Help Heal Veterans to create craft kits for veterans.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Elks, we have been able to provide much-needed therapy to so many more veterans," said Joe McClain, retired Navy captain and Help Heal Veterans CEO. "Through this partnership we are reducing our partner's overall environmental impact while fulfilling our mission to help veterans heal."

By supporting organizations like Help Heal Veterans that truly invest in their communities through programs that improve quality of life for today's veterans, we are able to further the Elks mission of promoting the welfare and enhancing the health of our nation's veterans.

Thanks to all the Elks Leather Program volunteers for their work supporting this unique and innovative program!

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 A Fraternal Organization



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29(Aug)	30(Aug)	31(Aug)	1	2	3	4
			Lodge Closed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lodge Closed		7pm Lodge Mtg	4.30 – 6 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	7pm T-Party	Sheamy's Shepard's Pie Wear red today!	Noon – BBQ Gail Ghinger's Cat Adoption Event 6pm T-Party
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
District Deputy Visit			4.30 – 6 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	7pm T-Party	Alicia's Burger Night Wear red today!	Food for Firefighters & Police 5-7 Music on the lawn with Freddy Mendoza
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	5.30pm – Trustee Mtg	6pm – House Cmtee Mtg 7pm Lodge Mtg	4.30 – 6 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	7pm T-Party	Holly's Lasagna Wear red today!	Noon – BBQ
26	27	28	29	30	1(Oct)	2(Oct)
			4.30 – 6 Rita & Alicia in the Kitchen 6.30 Pick-up Pitch	7pm T-Party		

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