



**JOHNSON CITY ELKS LODGE # 2821
NEWSLETTER- JULY 2013**



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

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**Lodge
Membership

219

And Growing!**

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

All I can say is "wow" and express my extreme gratitude at having the opportunity to represent the unbelievable group of people that call themselves the Johnson City Elks. We started the month with The "Show off your Doggie Show", and made the local news. Our Flag Day Ceremony at the BMets stadium was moving and our partnership with the scouts and the veterans was prominently on display. Saturday was the first annual Johnson City Elks "Alive with Autism" golf tournament. The greens of Belden Hill were filled with Elks, policemen, and Alive with Autism friends. Hard work and dedication made this new community partnership a huge success. We helped with the JC Dare Program picnic and were at the JCHS After Prom Party. There were Johnson City Elks all over town doing the great things that we do.

After a stellar month like June, it may seem like there's not a lot going on in July. We cut back to one meeting in the summer, and I will travel to Reno, NV for the Grand Lodge Convention. To do the amazing things we do takes a lot of prep and planning. House Committee, Drug Awareness, Veteran's affairs are all working with our ENF chairman Russ Ryan to gain grant funding for our upcoming events. Our Friday night cooks are busy coordinating dinner schedules with Marie Ryan, our kitchen manager. Kathy Neiss is calling all bakers. Charlotte is cleaning and decorating the Lodge for Friday nights. Bruce DeLing is busy booking bartenders to cover the month. Deb Valenta is scheduling private parties and Lodge rentals. Hope and Scottie are packing Drug Awareness materials to take to camp, and Kim Reger is getting supplies ready to teach sewing skills. Kenny, Scottie, Ron, Mike and the guys are BBQing. Steve Flint is planning the Triple City Choppers Poker Run stop at our Lodge, and Deb is working out the details for JC Carousel Days. Paula, Sharon and I are working on the Gance's fundraiser to raise money for our Police and Firemen's picnic in September. Nancy Graver is busily putting together her American Cancer Society wine and beer tasting dinner. Leona's working on the sound system for Drive-in Movie Night. Oh, and don't forget the first ever South Central District Lodge Crawl on September 7th sponsored by the JC Elks. Our second annual car show is on the books, and we're hoping to start a Junior Elks program. We also are looking to do a 5K in spring of 2014.

Do you have a new idea or project, or some great ideas for the ones we're working on? We'd love some of your Grandma's secret recipe cookies for dessert on a Friday night, or a new idea for a different Friday Night dinner. How about your potato salad for the BBQ? Do you want to start a volleyball league, dart league, or plan a bon-fire. There's always a lot going on at your Lodge, and there could be a great deal more with your input! Stop down, join in, and have fun.

-Suz

*Look throughout this newsletter for a membership number. It will look like this ****999****. If it is your number, just come to the lodge bar and claim your 'Friday Night Dinner For One' prize certificate. The winner must come in person and show his or her membership card to the bartender. Your prize must be claimed before the month has ended. That's all there is too it! You can then use it on any Friday Night.*

ELK OF THE MONTH

Phil Furman

Phil took on the enormous chore of planning the Alive with Autism Golf Tournament. Thanks to his hard work, we raised \$3200.

Way to go Phil! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!

*** OFFICER OF THE YEAR ***

Gayle Klein

*** ELK OF THE YEAR ***

Hope Woodcock

*** CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ***

Alicia Beck



Thank you to all the hard working Johnson City Elks that made our new sign a reality!

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2013 – 2014 Lodge Officers:

- Exalted Ruler - Sue Whalen
- Leading Knight - Gayle Klein
- Loyal Knight - Hope Woodcock
- Lecturing Knight - Leona St. Clair
- Esquire - Deb Valenta, PER
- Chaplain - Alicia Beck, PER
- Inner Guard - Liz Laughlin
- Tiler - Bruce DeLing
- Secretary - Paul Reger
- Treasurer - Dennis Gazda

Trustees:

Ken Jennison, Steve Flint, Gary VanDriesen, Kim Reger, Scott Dow

House Committee:

Gayle Klein, Hope Woodcock, Deb Valenta & Various Others

Upcoming Events:

Tickets for Gance's catering for August 1st are available. This fundraiser supports our local police/fireman's picnic. Sandwiches are \$8, and a full dinner is \$12.

The plans are underway for the South Central District Lodge Crawl. Join us September 7th and tour the ten lodges in our district. Tickets are \$40, and we leave at 8am.

Drive-In movie night will be on Saturday, August 3rd. Join us at 7.30pm for popcorn and bonfire (weather permitting). "Oz, the Great and Powerful) will start at dusk.



Please join us on July 8th at 7pm at the lodge as we present Alive with Autism the proceeds from the golf tournament!

Membership Corner

Applications in Process

Mike Purtell proposed by Bob Purtell

Proposing candidates helps us to share our values with the community. Our numbers are growing! Next Month is Up to YOU!

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2013	217
Members Initiated	+4
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0
Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-0
Members Deceased	-2
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-0

Current Membership	219

Please Welcome Our Newest Member(s):

David Lindsey
Tammi Seeley
Maria Mills

2013-2014 Dues notices have been mailed to all members during the month of February. One hundred ninety-three of our members have paid their 2013-2014 dues, leaving 24 that have not paid their dues. Please send in your 2013-2014 dues, along with any optional donations. Your new membership card will be sent 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!



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Them!”**

THE VETERANS CORNER

Ken Jennison, Lodge Chair (kennethajennison@gmail.com)
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**3rd Sunday Every Month.
Oxford Veterans Home Visit.**

July Birthdays

01	Ben Cabot, III
01	Bill Fahrenbach, III
03	Richard Balles
03	Jodi Dribnak
06	Leanna Beck
06	Steve Litwin
10	George Thiel
12	Chris Albeck
12	Mike Kelley
13	Bill Muska
14	Carol Dailey
14	Pat Devault
16	Ben Cabot, II
16	Bruce Duerr
16	Dan Hoover
17	Linda Koliander
21	Alicia Beck
23	Barketa Motsko
28	John Drankoski
30	Connie Kovach

**Don't Forget to Stop in for Your
Birthday Drink!**

ELKS NEEDED!

We are partnering with Catholic Charities for their Summer Reading program and are in need of readers! Can you spend an hour to go read to youngsters? The program runs June 24th to August 2nd. Please contact Michelle Dow at 723-4563.

DID YOU KNOW?

A column dedicated to keeping us connected!

Did you know? Tammi Seeley, one of our new members, is the mother of three and Manager of Coldwater Creek in Vestal. She also is restoring, mostly through her own, an early 20th century home. She could be on an episode of "Flip this House!" She raises chickens, has cats and dogs! Her basset hound, Mabel, attended her first doggie show at the Lodge! She is a great cook and loves anything Mexican! **Welcome Tammi!**

Did you know? Tara McGrath, daughter of Marcene and Vince McGrath, has accomplished an amazing goal. She is now a licensed **Certified Public Accountant**. Tara lives in Baltimore. She is a 2010 graduate from Loyola University and is working for the Baltimore accounting firm of McGlagry. **Congrats to Tara!**

Did you know? Flo Winters daughter, Pat, is on her way to the Oklahoma tornado zone. The tragic tornados in Oklahoma have affected so many people and their pets. **Pat** is associated with the American Humane Association. This group is often confused with the American Humane Society. The American Humane Association helps at a local and state level. They respond to disasters with qualified and credentialed personnel. Their focus is search and rescue, sheltering, reuniting, and re-homing animals and supporting local animal shelters in recovery efforts. Thank you **Pat** for taking on this challenge.

Did you know? Micah Neiss was chosen to sing the National Anthem at the Johnson City High School graduation ceremony. **Kathy**, we know you will need a box of tissues!

Did you know? Phil Furman, along with Gayle Klein and Hope Woodcock put together a **Golf Fore Autism** event! **The event raised an amazing \$3,200! Great Job "fore"man Phil!**

Did you know? Asa Whalen, Sue Whalen's son, adopted a beautiful pit bull mix puppy from the Pibbles and More rescue organization. The doggie is enjoying his wonderful forever home on the farm! Thank you **Asa** for rescuing this little one!

Did you know? Leanna Beck, adopted a "ChiWeenie" from the NYC's Stray from the Heart organization. Her name is "Greta" and she is a love. She is already acting like a Princess on her Central Park walks! Thank you Leanna for providing Greta a forever home.

Did you know? Leona St Clair, Paige, and Reagan welcome their new puppy! Ginger is a 6-year-old Yorkie mix. Thank you for giving this lucky puppy a forever home!

Did you know? One of our newest members is **Maria Mills**. She is a great friend of Leona St Clair's! Maria has two boys! She has already volunteered to help out Bar Manager Bruce DeLing with bartending! **Welcome Maria!**

This year's Flag Day ceremony was held on June 14th at the B-Mets Stadium. With the help of Heath from B-Mets marketing, ER Sue and PSP Phil were recorded and shown on the big screen at the beginning of the game to introduce the program. The Boy Scouts were accompanied onto the field with the flags by lodge members. In between innings, prerecorded readings of the flags' histories were played. The big finale with fireworks was set off by Dino's grandchildren. Elroy threw out the first pitch and was seen around the stadium with the other mascots, Buddy and Ballwinkle.



THE TOP 10 REASONS YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE LODGE IN JUNE:

10. Best chicken barbecue in Broome County
9. Can't beat Bunco and Clam night!
8. Friday night desserts – sweet!
7. We "bow-wowed" the Humane Society at the Dog Show!
6. Pulling an all-nighter at the JCHS after prom party
5. Hot men and hot women at Belden Hill
4. Golfing "FORE" Autism
3. Check our new sign!
2. Take a "peep" at the new Chicken Coop!
1. Flag Day at the B-Mets Stadium! ER Sue had her big screen debut!

Johnson City High School After Prom Party **-Another HUGE Success**

The JC Elks stayed “Up All Night” with the JCHS graduating Class of 2013. The JC after Prom party was not only fun for the Seniors and their guests but the members that attended to work the Casino area had a great time also. What a wonderful group of young people and it was a pleasure to be with them through this new chapter in their lives. Our Lodge also donated several raffle prizes for the event, including a Laptop Computer and a Kindle Fire. A Huge Thank you to: (Pictured left to right) Bruce DeLing, Kathy Neiss, Scott Dow and Connie Carle for representing the JC Elks at the JC APP.



Show Off Your Doggie Show Thank Yous!

- No event like this could happen without the support and assistance of many volunteers.
- Many thanks to the Johnson City Elks Lodge members, friends, and family.

Your efforts resulted in \$1,097.00 being donated to the Humane Society.

Russ and Marie Ryan	Gayle Klein, Leading Knight
Bob Dussor	Emilie Klein
Joe and Nancy Wlostowski	Hope Woodcock, Loyal Knight
Alisa and Leanna Beck	Kathy Neiss
Jerry and Pat Smith (Our Printers)	Sue Whalen, Lodge ER, Judge
Karen Gazda (Auditor)	Dennis Gazda, Lodge Treasurer
Michelle Dow	Wendy and Tim Turner
Deb Valenta, Lodge Esquire	Scott Dow, Lodge Trustee
Dale and Rosemarie Stevens	Bruce DeLing, Bar Manager
Asa Whalen	Terry Reagan
Charlotte Maluchnik	Sandra Short
Tammi Seeley	GaryVanDriesen, Lodge Trustee
Elizabeth Broderick	Greg Deemie, JC Mayor, Judge
Ptl Brian Berdine, Judge, JC K9	Christopher Whalen of YNN, Judge
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Humane Society Support:

- John Shea, Animal Cruelty Investigator and Show Judge
- Laura Melville, Fundraising Coordinator Broome County Humane Society.

And last but not least!

Many thanks to **Julie Blenco** who coordinated our Bake Sale and **Gail Ghinger** who presented items badly needed by the Humane Society!

Our lodge helped sponsor the Alive with Autism golf tournament on June 15th. The weather was hot, but beautiful, and good time was had by the 26 teams that took to the course.

Thanks to the hard work of Phil Furman, the 104 golfers that participated, and all the volunteers, we raised over \$3000!



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Thomas Karpinko Memorial Scholarship

The recipients of the 2013-2014 Thomas Karpinko Memorial Scholarship are:

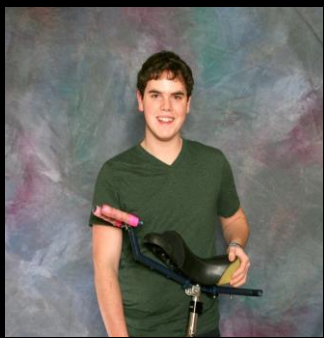
Jodie Wlostowski, a 2003 graduate of Johnson City, has chosen to further her education by attending Broome Community College to pursue a Medical Assistant degree. Jodie is the daughter of Joe and Nancy Wlostowski.

Amanda Cluck, Johnson City High School Class of 2013. Amanda is the granddaughter of Connie Carle. She will be attending Roberts Wesleyan College on a Lacrosse Scholarship and she will study Nursing.



Aidan Klein, Chenango Forks Class of 2013, is the son of Gayle Klein and the grandson of Emilie Klein. Aidan will be attending Broome Community College to study Electrical Engineering.

Douglas Klein is a 2013 graduate of Chenango Forks High School. He is the son of Gayle Klein and the grandson of Emilie Klein. Douglas will be attending Broome Community College in the Electrical Engineering Tech Program.



Micah Neiss, Johnson City High School Class of 2013. He is the son of Doug and Kathy Neiss and the Grandson of Connie Carle. Micah will attend Broome Community College in the fall to study Music Education.



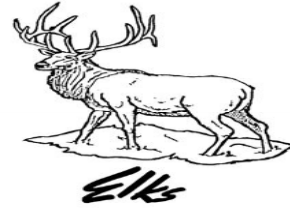
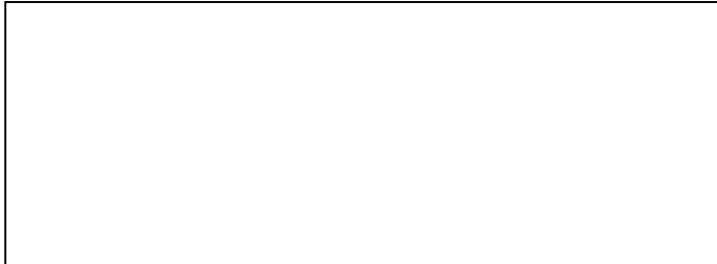
Sierra Merrick is a 2013 graduate of Susquehanna Valley High School. She is the daughter of Paula and Dan Hoover and granddaughter of Steve and Sharon Flint. Sierra will be attending Broome Community College in the fall to study Nursing.

It was a great honor to present the 2013 Johnson City Elks Scholarship Awards at the various schools Senior Awards Presentations.

It certainly made us feel very proud to be Elks.

Steve and Sharon Flint
Kathy Neiss

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30(June)	1 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	2 JC Elks night at the B-Mets	3 Connie's League 6.30pm	4 July 4th – Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Closed	6
7	8 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	9 6pm PER Mtg Dancing to the Oldies.	10 Connie's League 6.30pm	11 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	12 Hope's Chicken & Biscuits Dinner	13 BBQ Private Party 5-8
14	15 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	16 House Cmtee Mtg 5.30pm 7pm Lodge Mtg	17 Connie's League 6.30pm	18 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	19 Marie's Baked Ziti & Sausage Dinner	20 Bunco/Texas Hold-em for ENF/MP
21 Oxford Vets Visit	22 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	23	24 Connie's League 6.30pm	25 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	26 Kathy's Chicken Cutlet	27 Carousel Days TCCC Poker Run
28	29 Bar Menu Dave's T-Party 7pm	30	31 Connie's League 6.30pm	1 (August) Bar Menu Gance's Dave's T-Party 7pm	2 (August)	3 (August) Drive-In Movie night

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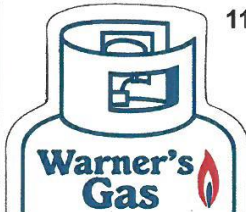
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April 2013

The Beck Family remembers the wit and wisdom of **Anne Eileen O'Malley Beck and Joseph L Beck**. "May you never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten."

The Beck Family remembers **Annie Safemf deBoer**. "Throughout our lives we are given precious people. Some we enjoy for a lifetime, others only briefly. Every person has the power to change us, enrich us and make us better people." Annie 1918 -1952

Pat & Jerry Smith and Betty Ann & Dan Juraska in memory of the **Smith & Juraska** deceased family members.

May 2013

In memory of **Joe Cox** from Barry and Liz Klipsch.

July 2012

In memory of **my husband, Stefan Jurkiw**, with all my love always. Gerri Jurkiw

In memory of **my parents, Edward & Bertha Okoniewski** will all my love always. Gerri Jurkiw

November 2012

In memory of **my sister, Nellie Fleeger**. Will always remember the good times we had. Florence (Flo) Winters