

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2026 – 2027 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Barb Robarge
Leading Knight – Les Arsenault
Loyal Knight – Jeff Dibble
Lecturing Knight – Alicia Beck, PER
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer – Josh Bell, PER
Esquire – Lisa McKernan
Chaplain – Sue Arsenault
Inner Guard – Charlotte Bell
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Al Jasinski
Dennis See
Dino Christopher

April 2026

To my fellow Elks,

As I reflect on my time here in this Lodge, I am grateful for your fellowship and trust. Looking forward to this year to be exciting as well as challenging.

The prayer of Jabez keeps popping up in my mind. I am going to alter it a bit to reflect our goal.

"Oh, that You would bless us indeed, and enlarge our territory, that Your hand would be with us, and keep us from evil, that we may not cause pain."

Bar Bingo did well this past month and will help us meet our Major Projects Goal, Thanks to Lisa and all who contributed.

We will be starting to cater soon and hope to have our lodge be a place that members and the public will wish to gather for special occasions. We are also planning some special events for the summer.

Spring is coming and cannot get here soon enough! Time for new beginnings and renewal. Let's make this year one to remember and expand on what our outgoing ER has accomplished. Thank you Josh for helping with this transition and let us all congratulate Josh on his new position as the VP for the South-Central District. We look forward to Mike Sage's leadership as well.

Lastly, thank you to my incoming team of officers and committee members, I look forward to your input and help. You all are the best!

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$70,543. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

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

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Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

Richard Miller III

Applications in Process

Roger Warren proposed by Ben Cabot
Joseph Sacco proposed by Dino Christopher

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 April 18th

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Daryl Williams
4 Steven Knickerbocker
5 Peter Garypie
8 Greg Kisacky
11 Marsha Karpinko
11 Lori Williams
14 David Lindsey
17 Richard Mastrocova
18 Judy Reid
20 Richard Miller II
20 Thomas Saitta
23 Andrea Dow
25 Herbert Flint
28 Brian Wood
30 David Hillis



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 04/01/2026 146

Members Initiated	+0
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0

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

Current Membership 146

2026 – 2027 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st, 2026, for the year 2026-2027. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st every year. Dues notices for the 2026-2027 have been mailed.

The dues for the new year are:

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$31.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00

Total Due \$91.00

Optional Donations:

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

Please send in your 2026-2027 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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Elk of the Month

March's Elk of the month is
Terry Regan

Terry is always willing to lend a hand, always gracious, and helpful in any way he can. He is a true asset to this lodge, and we are thankful for all his contributions.

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!

SECRETARY'S CORNER

To receive Life Membership a member must (1) have 30 credited years (2) apply to the Lodge for Life Membership (3) 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.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

MAJOR PROJECTS

Thanks to the efforts of the Little Lodge that Does Big Things we reached and exceeded our annual NYSEA Major project goal in just 6 weeks. There were several individual donations, and the funds raised at Roadkill Bingo pushed us over the top. There are already plans in the works for Major Project fundraising for the 26-27 lodge year so we can do even more to support those with Cerebral Palsy here in NY.

Thanks Again,
Josh Bell PER

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Brian R. Klatt:**Set yourself up for success as Lodge year begins**

April is here and hopefully spring has arrived. It always feels like a new beginning in April as the new Lodge year takes over.

As the new fraternal year begins, I want to congratulate the Officers for accepting their office and taking on the challenge of providing leadership within your Lodge.

Be sure to review and implement the programs of the 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Program booklet so you can continue to Be The Difference during the upcoming year. Strive to make sure you have all your committees prepared and they know their responsibilities. Stressing communication is the key.

Your Lodge must be ready to present a sound budget for the membership to adopt no later than the last regular meeting in April or the following regular meeting. The annual report for the previous year is also due May 1 so make sure that your financial reporting system is up to date.

The Lodge, at this time, should review the by-laws, house rules, and regulations to verify if any need updating.

It's for the good of the Lodge to make everything orderly and to always prioritize the integrity and safety of the Lodge.

Many Lodges make a calendar of social events for the Lodge's upcoming year. Try creating a reasonable and achievable monthly list of events that will excite and attract membership.

Outside of your Lodge you are encouraged to establish a community project that emphasizes charitable work. Your Lodge life should always have a balance of what you do inside your Lodge and outside in the community you serve.

Don't forget to set aside May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of our country.

Always remember to Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29(Mar)	30(Mar)	31(Mar)	1 Pitch night	2 7pm T-Party	3 LODGE CLOSED	4
5	6	7 7pm Lodge Mtg	8 Pitch night	9 7pm T-Party	10 Chicken Alfredo	11 Barnes & Noble Fundraiser 10-6
12	13	14	15 Pitch night	19 7pm T-Party	17 Vet's Pasta Dinner	18 Oxford Vet's Home Visit
19	20	21 7pm Lodge Mtg	22 Pitch night	23 7pm T-Party	24 Dinner TBA	25 Drug Take Back Noon
26	27	28	29 Pitch night	30 7pm T-Party	1(May)	2(May)

The Lodge is open Wednesday & Thursday 5.30-8pm, Friday 4-7pm