

**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

August 2026

READY ELKS? LET'S GO!!

On July 4th, 2026, 7095 Elks descended onto the South Loop of Chicago. What an experience. Above is the motto of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger. He is very energetic and has quite the resume. I had an opportunity to attend a marketing seminar and observed one ritual finalist. Elijah Borjon, the MVS scholarship winner's speech was amazing. This young man is going to go far. If you have not already watched his speech, I highly recommend it. We need more young people like this man. We toured the Elks Veterans Memorial, quite the grand building. It was the 100th anniversary of the Memorial. Networking with other ER's find that most lodges experience the same challenges. There is usually a core group who does all the planning and execution of lodge duties. We need to be more involved as a whole, and I urge all of you to come by, have a meal, or a beverage, play cards or just to visit. We need each and every one of you to be successful.

The female ERs of our district will be meeting to exchange ideas and troubleshooting. This should benefit all lodges involved.

Brett Dubois was sworn in as our District Deputy. I am sure we will be in good hands with Mike, Brett, and the Southern District team. Congratulations to all!

Doug's fish fry was a great success. We did well on charitable donations and the bake sale. We will be having another in October. Our rummage sale will also be concluded on 8/1/26, followed by the Golf Tournament on 8/2/26.

I reached out to the homeless coordinator for the Binghamton VA Clinic. She is responsible for finding housing for our homeless vets. We hope to be able to provide Welcome Home Kits to newly housed vets. Items such as bedding, towels, kitchenware, etc. are provided. The Welcome Home Grants from the Grand Lodge are \$400 to \$600. The grants are not limited in how many we can do. Hopefully we can help our homeless vets.

We hope to have our cameras and solar spotlights up by the time you read this; there has been a lot of two-legged creature activity on our property and they are not Elks.

Talks are ongoing about a possible celebration at our lodge in the fall, inviting all the lodges in our district. More details will follow.

We made our goal for Major Projects with the bourbon tasting and chicken BBQ. This puts us ahead of ourselves for this year!

I want to end this with a quote. I am not sure who's it is, but it is befitting. "Knowing is not enough, you must apply. Willing is not enough, you must do."

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge, ER

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$69,077. 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:

None

Applications in Process

None

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 August 15th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5 Michael Washington
7 Jeff Smith
8 Gary VanDriesen
9 Christine Flint
12 Tim Turner
16 Jason Sylvester
17 Bruce Deling
17 Paul Reger
21 Barry Graver
23 Dennis See
25 Linda Markoff
27 Gerri Jurkiw
27 Terry Reagan



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 +4
Members Affiliated +0
Members Reinstated +1

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

Current Membership 149

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

July's Elk of the Month is
Beth Dibble

Beth is always willing to help us with our issues. She gives selflessly and we are immensely grateful for her support.

Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!

Scholarships

If you have children, stepchildren, or grandchildren, the Elks have a scholarship available!

Please inquire at the lodge.

**Citizen of the Month**

Jeff Dibble (SR) Jeff is Beth's husband and he, along with her, support this lodge.

Thank you for all you do. We couldn't do many things without you.

Rummage Sale

We will be hosting a garage sale Saturday, 8/1/26 from 8-4pm at the lodge. It is \$20 a spot and we do not supply the tables. Call the lodge or Charlotte at 607-206-9411

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger

Thanks to the Elks for everything they do

What a great celebration in Chicago over the 4th of July weekend.

As a nation we celebrated our 250th anniversary, the BPOE Veteran's memorial building celebrated a 100-year anniversary and was rededicated. I have been to many Grand Lodge conventions, but this may have been my favorite convention so far.

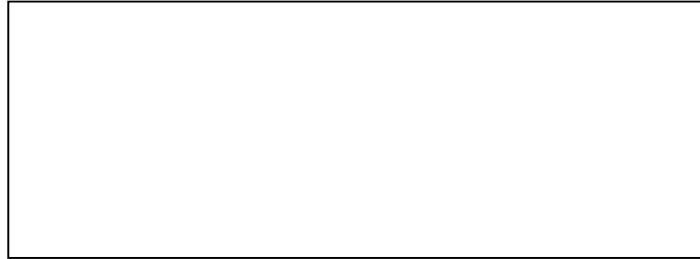
My enjoyment was likely impacted by the honor of my and Sandy's installation as 2026-2027 Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand First Lady. We are honored beyond words and so excited to begin the adventure of traveling to all the great states and meeting more of the Best People on Earth.

We have been preparing for this adventure since being notified that we were the Endorsed Candidate and First Lady almost a year ago. We believe we were prepared for almost everything, but were still overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support and general goodwill that we felt and heard in Chicago.

We are about to begin our travels and are excited to visit your States, learn about all your major projects and the great work your Lodges are providing to those in need.

My motto is READY ELKS – LET'S GO! I know you will all respond when you hear the call. God bless the Elks, God bless the members of our armed services, and first responders and God bless the United States of America.

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A Fraternal Organization



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26(Jul)	27(Jul)	28(Jul)	29(Jul)	30(Jul)	31(Jul)	1
						Yard Sale 8-4 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Kids' Golf Tournament			Pitch night	7pm T-Party	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Pitch night	7pm T-Party	Crustless Chicken Pot Pie	Oxford Vet's Home Visit
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		7pm Lodge Mtg	Pitch night	7pm T-Party	Vet's Dinner Spaghetti & Meatballs	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Pitch night		Smoked Pork, Salt Potatoes, Beans	
30	31					

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