

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2024 – 2025 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – David Agron
Leading Knight – Dino Christopher, PER
Loyal Knight – Alicia Beck, PER
Lecturing Knight – Josh Bell
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer – Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain – Abigail Agron
Inner Guard – Charlotte Bell
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Al Jasinski
Terry Reagan
Dennis See

December 2024

Hello my Elk Family and Friends,

The holiday season is already upon us and the new year is only weeks away with Christmas right around the corner. The Veterans dinner had a huge turnout on the 8th with standing room only and a complete sell out of food. Thank you to all who helped with setting up, serving, or attending to make this event successful.

Our DD visit on the 19th was excellent as well. Thank you to all of my officers and guests for attending. This shows our continued commitment to the good works of our order.

The Holiday Party on the 24th was wonderful. It was nice to see all of my fellow Elk brothers and sisters. We did our first 50/50 raffle in a while and our winner Russ Ryan donated his winnings to Major Projects bringing it to a total of \$120. Way to go. Thank you, Lisa and your team, for helping make it all happen.

Friday nights are continuing to be successful with your support. In December our kitchen will be closed on the 20th but the bar will be open. The Lodge will be closed from December 23rd until January 2nd for Christmas and New Years. Our Oxford Veterans Christmas party will be on December 21st at 2pm.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday
David Agron
Exalted Ruler

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$76,099. 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:

Barbara Ann Mihalko

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 December 21st

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2024 **166**

Members Initiated	+7
Members Affiliated	+0
Members Reinstated	+0

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

Current Membership **172**

2024 – 2025 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2024 for the year 2024-2025. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st 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	\$34.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00

Total Due **\$94.00**

Optional Donations:

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

Please send in your 2024-2025 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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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gail Smith
4 Jennifer Farrell
6 Howard Heath
6 Roxann Mancinelli
9 John Chauncey
14 Mark Prindle
23 Karen Gazda
24 Gail Ghinger
25 Holly Belveg
29 Jack Dilascia



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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Elk of the Month</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">November's Elk of the month is Charlotte Bell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">for becoming our Inner Guard, for Friday dinners, and helping wherever needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ELKS AND FRIENDS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Breakfast with Santa. December 8th starting at 8am till noon. Enjoy food, fun, and crafts while visiting with Santa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children 12 & under are free. Children 13+ and adults, cost is \$7</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUILDING FUND</p> <p>Contributions to this fund go to the purchase of our building as well as maintenance and improvements. These contributions stay right here in our Lodge. Recent improvements we have made include a new roof, furnace and air conditioning unit. Thanks to all for your support.</p>	<p>Wednesdays are Pitch Night at our Lodge. Come on down enjoy some good company, a friendly card game and some snacks. Pick for partners, starts at 6:30pm.</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.</p>

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook

Share charity and compassion this holiday season

Merry Christmas! Let's focus on the reason for the season: Remember to be kind and compassionate to one another as you attend social events at your Lodges. It must be a time when we can be the best of who we are. At the end of the day, it's truly about putting our hearts toward enjoying family, friends, and service to others.

The Elks Memorial Service is to be held on the first Sunday of December. It is an occasion to honor those Elks who have passed away. It's a time to remember the honorable way these Elks have served our Order. The great heart of Elkdom in our Eleven O'Clock Toast symbolizes how we feel about our departed Members.

Think of ways to serve your community by donating presents to underprivileged children and families and giving veterans a gift or holiday card. Giving is always better than receiving. Be sure to spread the word of your charitable works through your membership. I'm confident you'll receive a positive response and many helping hands.

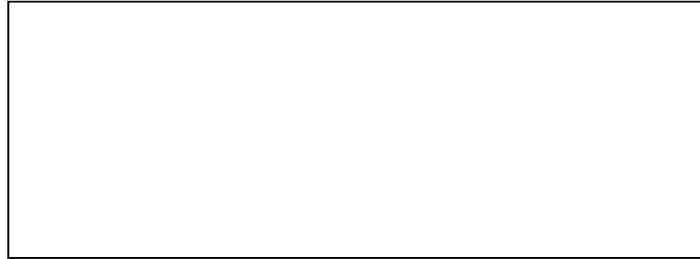
In 2019 GER Michael T. Luhr issued a challenge to Elks Members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. There is no better way to honor the service and dedication of Americans, whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifice of the "Greatest Generation."

Julia and I want to wish you a happy, joyous Christmas season. We wish your loved ones a heartfelt safe and enjoyable holiday season as you demonstrate "Elks Care—Elks Share" and show "Elkdom's Heart For America."

God bless our great Order and our troops, and God bless America!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Memorial Sunday – 12:30pm	2 7-9pm Amateur T-Party	3 7pm Lodge Mtg	4 Pitch night	5 7pm T-Party	6 Meatloaf	7
8 Breakfast with Santa – 8am	9 7-9pm Amateur T-Party	10	11 Pitch night	12 7pm T-Party	13 Halupki Casserole	14 3.30pm HC Mtg
15	16 7-9pm Amateur T-Party	17 7pm Lodge Mtg	18 Pitch night	19 7pm T-Party	20 No Dinner Lodge Open	21 Vet's Home Christmas Party – 2pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Merry Christmas! Lodge Closed						
29	30	31	1(Jan)	2(Jan)	3(Jan)	4(Jan)
Happy New Year! Lodge Closed						
<i>The Lodge is open Wednesday & Thursday 5.30-8pm, Friday 4-7pm</i>						