

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2025 – 2026 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Josh Bell
Leading Knight – David Agron, PER
Loyal Knight – Ben Cabot II
Lecturing Knight – Jeff Dibble
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer – vacant
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain – Barb Robarge
Inner Guard – Charlotte Bell
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Al Jasinski
Dennis See
Dino Christopher

December 2025

Brothers and Sisters,

The Holidays are upon us. We kicked them off in style with our Holiday Dinner on November 15. We had a great turnout from our own Lodge and several representatives of the district. Everyone commented on the awesome food, and we all enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to Barb Robarge and the whole house committee for organizing the event and Marie (and Russ) Ryan for doing much of the cooking.

Now that we are all in the Holiday spirit, we have more Christmas events upcoming. We will be participating in the Johnson City Holiday parade Thursday December 4 at 7pm on Main St. We'll be there representing our lodge and the South Central District Drug Awareness Program. If you'd like to join in, please contact Charlotte or myself. Our Christmas party for the residents of Apple Cottage at the NYS Veterans Home at Oxford is December 20th at 2pm. Santa will be there and the more elves (or Elks) the merrier. Please contact Herb Flint if you are interested.

On a final note, I want to personally wish a Happy and Blessed Christmas to all our members and friends.

Josh Bell ER
bpobell@echoes.net

The lodge is in need of a Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Russ Ryan. Thank you.

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$71,978. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for fundraisers to Support Endorsed candidate for State President 26-27 Mike Sage

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
December 20th**

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2025 160

Members Initiated	+1
Members Affiliated	+1
Members Reinstated	+0

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

Current Membership 161

2025 – 2026 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2025 for the year 2025-2026. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st every year. Dues notices for the 2024 – 2025 year will be mailed. **The dues for 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 2025-2026 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
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.

Elk of the Month

November's Elk of the month is
Marie Ryan

Marie quietly contributes time and effort to the lodge every single month handling our food and kitchen supply ordering and cooking delicious meals. Much of what she does goes unnoticed, but we all certainly noticed this Month. The Holiday Dinner that she coordinated and cooked for was outstanding.

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

MEETING TO AMEND BY-LAWS

A vote to determine whether to eliminate the salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer will be held December 16th at 7:00pm. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

**A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Brian Klatt:****Be the Difference this holiday season**

Season's greetings and happy holidays!

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. Think of ways to serve your community by donating food or presents to less fortunate children and families, or giving veterans a gift or holiday card. What about hosting a breakfast with Santa? Keep in mind, giving is always better than receiving because 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. The ceremony is an occasion to honor all Elks who have passed away. It's a time to cherish the memory of those who recently left us, as well as rekindle the thoughts of those who left us long ago and remember how each served our Order.

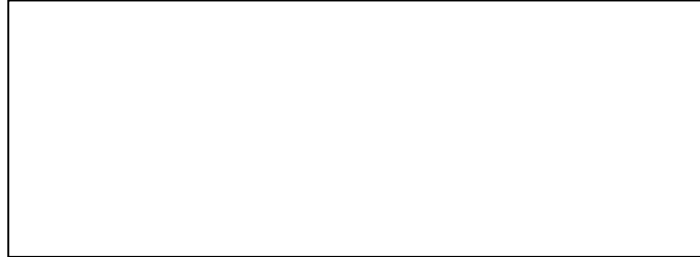
An integral part of the ceremony and assisting us in remembering those Members who have left us is our Eleven O'Clock Toast. The Toast symbolizes how we feel about our departed Elks. "To our absent Members." Does your Lodge do the Toast regularly?

Membership! Membership! Membership!

The current Lodge year has less than four months until it's over. Have you achieved the membership goals you set at the start of your year? The goal of every Lodge is simple: a plus-1 in membership. It's not too late to form a committee to contact delinquent Members and ask them to re-up. How about one or two last efforts to get those new applicants onto the membership rolls? Can you Be The Difference and show a membership gain this year?

In closing, Sue and I wish you and your family a very merry holiday season and a joyous new year, always keeping in mind that you can Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30(Nov)	1	2 7pm Lodge Mtg	3 Pitch night	4	5 Beef Stew	6
7	8	9	10 Pitch night	11 7pm T-Party	12 Hot Turkey Sandwich	13
14 Hanukkah Begins	15	16 7pm Lodge Mtg	17 Pitch night	18 7pm T-Party	19 Vet's Pasta Dinner	20 Oxford Vet's Home Visit
21	22 Hanukkah Ends	23	24 Pitch night	25 Merry Christmas! Lodge closed	26 Lodge Closed	27
28	29	30	31 Pitch night	1(Jan)	2(Jan)	3(Jan)

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