

**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

July 2026

Greetings fellow Elks,

Happy 250th birthday to our nation!!! In observance of the holiday the lodge will be closed Friday the 3rd.

Our flag day and retirement ceremony was a huge success. Many compliments from the residents of Good Shepherd Village. Just a few minor glitches with sound that Josh vows will be corrected next year. We did a great acapella version of God Bless America. Our girl scout cadette troop joined us at the Village and a boy scout troop at the lodge. Les and Sue Arsenault's son, Christian, dressed as a revolutionary soldier and played taps for the ceremony. Thank you Christian! Les also had the scouts do the 13 folds which was well received.

On a more serious note, we have had some thefts and attempted thefts at the lodge recently, we will be installing solar spotlights and additional cameras to protect our assets.

The bourbon tasting and chicken BBQ is behind us now. Sales on the dinner are good at the time of this writing. Hopefully we reached our goal for Major Projects.

Josh, Charlotte, and I will be heading to Chicago on July 4th for the national convention. We will return on the 8th. Looking forward to new information and experiences to share.

Special thanks to the Dibble Family for donating the materials needed to fix the chicken coup and to Jeff Dibble for doing the repairs. You are the BEST!

July 18th is Oxford for the vets; we could use all the volunteers available.

July 23rd from 11-7pm we are having a Doug's Fish Fry event at Ocean State Job Lots to raise money for building improvements. Please join us. If anyone is interested in making or donating baked goods for this event please contact me at 607-608-0903.

I want to wish all a happy and blessed fourth of July. We will see you all when we return!

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge, ER

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$69,447. 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 July 18th

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Benedict Cabot III
1 William Fahrenbach III
1 David Lafreniere
3 Richard Balles
8 Tom Sullivan
12 Mike Kelly
14 Carol Dalessio
16 Benedict Cabot II
17 Linda Koliander
20 Cott Demaree
21 Alicia Beck PER
30 Tom Sledzianowski
30 Asa Whalen



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)	-1

Current Membership 150

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

May's Elks of the month are
Les and Suzy Arsenault

Another power couple this month. Les and Suzy Arsenault have brought so much energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge to our lodge. From cooking dinners, Chicken BBQs, and Suzy as Elroy, they have been a blessing. Les is a wealth of knowledge regarding our flag and they all helped to make flag day a success.

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

Christian Arsenault did a fine job dressed as a Revolutionary soldier displaying each flag as its history was read.

He also played taps for both the flag day and retirement ceremonies. We need more young people like Christian. We were very proud how you represented yourself.

Thank you Christian!

Rummage Sale

We will be hosting a garage sale Saturday, 8/1/26 from 4-8pm 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, Bryan R. Klatt

Thanks to the Elks for everything they do

Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. Happy America 250!
We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth.

We as proud Elks uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation and organization.

Did the last twelve months fly by for you as they did for me and First Lady Sue? My, weren't we in Kansas City last week?

The old adage "time flies when having fun" is fitting.

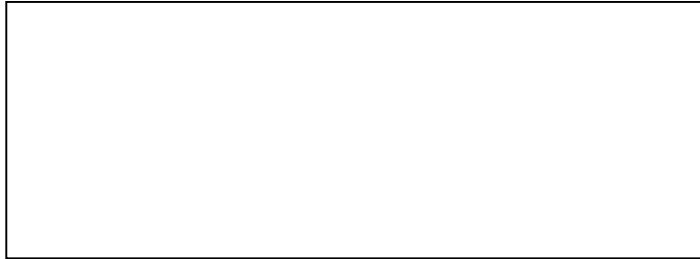
The easy part of staying enthused week after week was visiting each state and the Members thereof.

Sue and I want to thank each and every one of you for your assistance, hospitality, and support during our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady.

Each of you are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong with more than 1,780 Local Lodges who form the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America.

We are strong and mighty, and we are blessed to be citizens in our great country. God bless each and every one of you. God bless the BPOE, and God bless the United States of America. Always remember my motto, Be The Difference, as we are 158 years young!

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 A Fraternal Organization



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28(Jun)	29(Jun)	30(Jun)	1	2	3 Lodge Closed	4 Happy 250!
5	6	7	8 Pitch night	9 7pm T-Party	10 Chicken & Biscuits	11
12	13	14	15 Pitch night	16 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 Doug's Fish Fry at Ocean State Job Lots, 11-7	24 Pulled Pork BBQ and Pasta Salad	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Barb's Goulash, Garlic Bread, and Salad	1(Aug)

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