

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2025 – 2026 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Josh Bell
Leading Knight – vacant
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

March 2026

Brothers and Sisters,

It's snowing as I type this, so it's hard to believe spring is coming, but the early signs are showing up. The goldfinches on my feeders are starting to lighten toward summer color, The squirrel (who is also on my feeders) has plucked out much of her tail hair to line her nest in anticipation of a new family, and the maple syrup producers have their collection equipment up and running. With the natural world coming out of hibernation, the Lodge is doing the same after a couple of quieter months. Lots of activities are coming up in March. March 7 is Binghamton Parade Day, we will be there with the Drug Awareness trailer and Elroy the Elk Drug Awareness Mascot, weather permitting, if interested in marching in the parade, please contact Charlotte Bell. March 14 will be our next "Roadkill Bingo", always a great day of fun and prizes. March 28 is tentatively scheduled as our annual awards dinner, watch postings at the Lodge and Facebook for details.

With the beginning of spring comes the beginning of a new Elks year. This is my last ER message as I step aside to serve in other capacities in the Lodge. At the February 17th meeting Barb Robarge was Elected to the Exalted Ruler role for the 2026-2027 lodge year commencing at the end of this month. Congratulations to Barb and her team, the Lodge is in great hands.

In closing, it's been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Exalted Ruler this year. I'm proud to be part of Lodge 2821, proud of what we've accomplished this year, and looking forward to the future.

Fraternally,
Josh Bell ER
bpoebell@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 \$70,905. 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

Richard Miller III proposed by Dino Christopher
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 March 21st

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Bernice Griffiths
9 Barbara Robarge
10 Dexter Gould
12 Pamela Hampton
12 Debra Prindle
12 Joseph Stojek
15 Ralph Azersky
16 Anita Miller
16 Jerry Smith
20 Laura DiRenzo
22 John Oakes
25 Lindsey Stevens
26 Harry Lewis
27 Kimberly Reger
30 Marie Ryan



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 04/01/2025 160

Members Initiated	+1
Members Affiliated	+2
Members Reinstated	+0

Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-3
Members Deceased	-0
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-2

Current Membership 158

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
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

Elk of the Month

February's Elk of the month is
Tim Turner

Tim has been a long-time contributor to the work of our lodge, most recently serving as Esquire. Tim has recently retired (Congratulations!) and is also stepping back from his duties at the lodge. His quiet humor will be greatly missed at our meetings. Thank you, Tim, for all you've done through the years and enjoy your professional and Elks retirement!

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

MAJOR PROJECTS

Please support NYSEA's major project in support of Cerebral Palsy. We have raised over \$200 dollars so far with our "Major Projects Challenge" There are envelopes at the bar or mail in your donation labeled for Major Project. Your contributions to this worthy cause are appreciated.
Thank you!

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Membership dues invoices have been mailed. Dues are \$91.00 which need to be paid by April 1st. Donations made along with your due's payment are most welcomed, two funds in particular, E.N.F. and Major Projects. There are 13 members who have not paid their dues for Lodge year 2025-26 and will be dropped on March 31, unless their dues are paid.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

E.N.F. GRANT

The Elks National Foundation has awarded our Lodge a \$6,000 Spotlight Grant. This grant was created to spotlight hunger issues in our Elk communities. We are using this grant money to donate to two local food programs, Saint James food pantry in Johnson City and CHOW of Broome County. Your donations to E.N.F. make these grants possible.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, ENF Chair.

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Brian R. Klatt:**Let's have a smooth transition as the Lodge year ends**

As the Lodge year is coming to a close, you still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and end strong.

At this time, review our programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members or get for the Lodge. One such program is the All American Lodge Contest "A". All Lodges should apply to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements for next year.

March is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I hope your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.15 per Member goal. The ENF provides funding to your State Association, as well as for your Lodge community activity programs. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

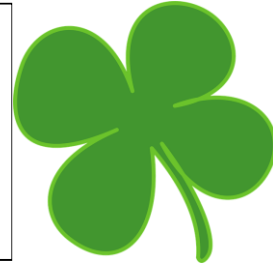
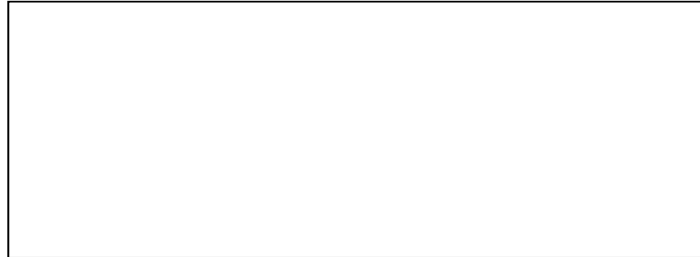
Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Exalted Rulers, as soon as possible, your selections for committee appointments should be given to your Secretary who will enter the information into CLMS2.

Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This important information needs to be entered into the Financial Reporting System.

Thank you for your dedication to the Order and Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7pm Lodge Mtg	4 Pitch night	5 7pm T-Party	6 Mac & Cheese, Candied Carrots, & Salad	7
8	9	10	11 Pitch night	12 7pm T-Party	13 Veggie Lasagna	14 Roadkill Bingo
15	16	17 7pm Lodge Mtg	18 Pitch night	19 7pm T-Party	20 Vet's Pasta Dinner	21 Oxford Vet's Home Visit
22	23	24	25 Pitch night	26 7pm T-Party	27 Stuffed Shells, Salad & Garlic Bread	28 Installation of Officers 3pm Awards Dinner 4:30pm
29	30	31	1(Apr)	2(Apr)	3(Apr)	4(Apr)

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