

**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

**May 2026**

Greetings fellow Elks.

Spring has finally sprung with trees, flowers bursting forth in a renewal, a fresh start for our earth. This brings me to thinking of what I envision for our lodge. I would like to see a renewal of enthusiasm and participation in our lodge. We literally cannot do it without ALL of you. Bring friends with you who could possibly even become one of us.

Please come around and have a drink and some fellowship on Friday nights. If you like pitch, please join us on Wednesdays. It would be so amazing if the turnout was so great we could possibly open Saturday evenings with simple foods. Enclosed, you will find lodge rental information and catering list. Please share with friends and family.

We are looking for a public relations contact person, if this is your forte, please contact me. Getting our events out to the public could make a world of difference.

June 27th is a premium bourbon tasting to be held outside; you can bring your cigars if you are so inclined. Tickets are \$40, and the ticket will be used for a raffle. More details are to follow. Chicken BBQ also that day; tickets must be purchased prior to the event, \$13 for a meal.

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge, ER

Stay up to date on the lodge's  
calendar of events! Follow us on  
FaceBook!

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**Mortgage Update:**

Our mortgage balance stands at \$70,180. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

## Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

Suzan Arsenault

Applications in Process

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 May 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Michael Rivera  
3 Al Jasinski  
7 Dave Gardner  
7 Fred Holley  
7 Gary Wilcox  
11 Gayle Klein PER  
13 Richard Seitz  
16 John Vasilchik  
25 Mario Cosentino  
29 Joan Farrel



#### 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	+0
Members Affiliated	+1
Members Reinstated	+0

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

**Current Membership 147**

#### 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](mailto:rryan@stny.rr.com)  
607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

**Elk of the Month**

April's Elk of the month is  
**Josh Bell**

Josh was our last ER and has stepped up to become our treasurer, in addition to his new duties as state VP. He is a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to assist with lodge functions.

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

**IT'S PARTY TIME**

Looking to hold a get together with family and friends? We proudly offer our dining room which accommodates up to 50 persons for your special events. Contact the Lodge at 798-0358 and make your reservation

Thank you!

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

To receive Life Membership a member must (1) have 30 credited years (2) apply to the Lodge for Life Membership (3) voted in the affirmative on the Lodge floor by two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting. The Lodge members must be notified at least 10 days prior to the vote.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

**E.N.F.**

Established in 1928, the Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Their mission is to help Elks build stronger communities. The Foundation is supported through contributions from Elks, their families and friends, which are all deposited in a permanent endowment fund. Only the income earned by this fund is spent. There are five strategic areas where the funds are used. College scholarships, youth substance abuse education, promoting healthy lifestyles for our youth, support of Veterans and community service projects. Donations are needed to meet our per member giving per capita for this year, which will make us eligible for future Grants.

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**There is much to commemorate in May**

In May, we have numerous programs to Be The Difference: National Youth Week, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

The first week of the month, May 1-7, is Elks National Youth Week. Honor the youth in your community at the end of their school year.

A variety of certificates are available online, including ones for Student/Teenager of the Year/Month and the Elks JROTC Awards Program.

Happy Mother's Day to the important ladies in our lives. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. We need to extend our heartfelt thanks to all mothers. If possible, find a way to honor the mothers in your life and plan a Lodge activity to let them know how much they mean to us.

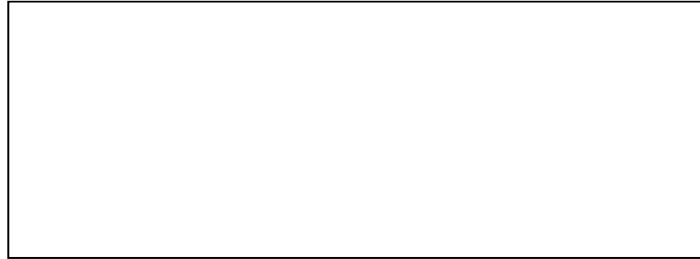
Many of us may not automatically think of Armed Forces Day, which honors those currently serving in the U.S. military, held this year on Saturday, May 16. It was designated as a day for the unification of the armed forces to be celebrated together instead of celebrating each branch individually. God bless our troops who served throughout the history of our country.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. It is a wonderful time when we can recognize and commemorate the men and women of all services for their sacrifices and hard work that kept our country safe and prosperous.

Elks have a heart for remembering our departed service members by attending or participating in a Memorial Day parade, working at a cemetery ceremony, assisting in putting flags at service members' graves, or planning a memorial ceremony at your Lodge.

Always remember to Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26(Apr)	27(Apr)	28(Apr)	29(Apr)	30(Apr)	1 <b>Chicken &amp; Biscuits</b>	2
3	4	5 <b>7pm Lodge Mtg</b>	6 <b>Pitch night</b>	7 <b>7pm T-Party</b>	8 <b>Chicken Spiedies</b>	9
10	11	12	13 <b>Pitch night</b>	14 <b>7pm T-Party</b>	15 <b>Vet's Pasta Dinner</b>	16 <b>Oxford Vet's Home Visit</b>
17	18	19 <b>7pm Lodge Mtg</b>	20 <b>Pitch night</b>	21 <b>7pm T-Party</b>	22 <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	23
24 31	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>	26	27 <b>Pitch night</b>	28 <b>7pm T-Party</b>	29 <b>Burgers, Beans, &amp; Potato Salad</b>	30

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