

**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

October 2026

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings, fellow Elks. September has been a very bittersweet month. We lost one of our own, Jason Beck, on 9/11 at the tender age of 54. Our Elk family mourns his loss along with his family.

We were honored to Welcome home our second homeless veteran, Bernard. Thank you for your service. The Beck family was instrumental with his homing as they donated some of Jason's furniture. The remainder was donated and stored at the Southern Tier Vet Services warehouse. Thank you to the Becks for always thinking of others even in their time of grief. May God bless and comfort you. A special Thank You to George Light who made it possible to deliver the furniture to our veteran. The remainder of Jason's belongings are potentially being donated to Volunteers of America.

We will be having another Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser October 29th at Ocean States Job Lots. We were unable to trade for a Wednesday but will be able to do one hopefully soon for you clam lovers.

I just returned from our fall conference in Albany. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger, and his wife Sandy joined us for the weekend. We all had an awesome time and spending it with the Jaegers really made it special.

Look in the November newsletter for your holiday party invite. Please note that this year you must RSVP by the date on the invite, or you may not be able to be included.

Our Barnes and Noble fundraiser went well. We had our first breakfast this month and it was splendid. Please note the breakfast is the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9-12.

I am looking for volunteers this month to assist with work that needs to be done at the lodge. Please contact me if you are able to help. We will be putting up the solar spotlights and putting the fan and doors up in the bathroom.

We will be having Roadkill Bingo on Saturday, November 7th from 4-6 PM. Check Facebook or the lodge for details.

I hope to see new "old faces" at our lodge.
Until then, may God bless us all.

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge, ER

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$68,333. 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

Thomas Kulas proposed by Pat Griffiths
Rosemary Springsteen proposed by Terry Reagan

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
October 17th**

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	-1
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-2

Current Membership 148

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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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Mark Sacco
3 Charlotte Bell
5 Wendy Turner
7 Gail Imondi
8 Robert Belveg
10 Michael Reed
11 Val Kelley
11 Barbara Mihalko
17 Ralph Demario
21 Richard Palmer
22 Gary Singer
31 Michael Belveg



In Vain We Call:

Jason Beck, died September 11, 2026

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink
heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight
shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the
friendly message,
"To our absent members."*

Elk of the Month

September's Elk of the Month is
Dino Christopher

This Elk really stepped up to the plate when the chips were down. There were times when he did not even ask; he just stepped up and volunteered. Thank you to our resident Greek.

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

OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH

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. 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.
Russell Ryan, ENF Chairman

ENF Scholarships

The Legacy Scholarship kicks off September 1st. Offered are 400 \$6,000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of Elks who are college bound high school seniors. Details and the application at enf.elks.org/leg.
Russell Ryan, ENF Chairman

ENF GRANTS

Emergency Educational Grants provide college financial aid to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks with renewable one-year grants up to \$5000. This grant can help with room and board, books, tuition and fees. Please contact me for more information.

Russell Ryan, ENF Chairman

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger **Fall season means plenty of new goals for Lodges**

As we move toward the fall season and the halfway point of our Elks year, it is time to assess how our Lodges are performing based on our goals. If you are not meeting them, consider what adjustments you can make to get your Lodge moving forward in a positive fashion.

This time of year is also the start of the visits from your District Deputy. These visits will provide a look into your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan with your Lodge leadership for the visit by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist, and compiling all the other information that is needed by the DD. This planning and preparation will lay the foundation for a successful visit.

Lodge Secretaries, if you are not on the Grand Lodge billing system, I encourage you to consider looking into the system. If you are not on the system, it is time to begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. Reach out to a team to proactively contact the delinquent Members. Just ask Ready Elks and your team will respond Let's Go!

It is also time to begin getting information out to the school guidance counselors and providing them with information for the student applications for scholarships. Please follow the Elks website for application deadlines for these grants. Don't wait, act quickly.

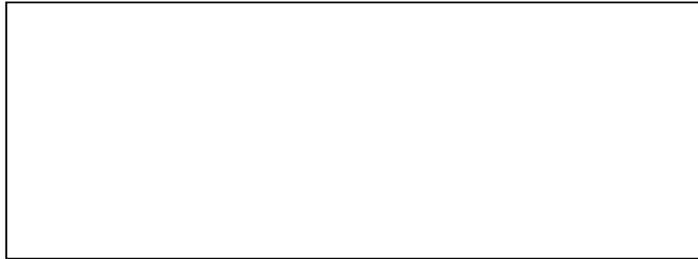
Do not forget to apply for the grants that your Lodge is eligible for. Those funds can expand your reach in the community.

Be sure and share the good work with your Members and the community. Let people know that when Elks see a need they send out the cry and respond. Ready Elks—Let's Go!
Consider holding a 9/11 remembrance celebration in your Lodge and include your community. This is the 25th anniversary of the tragedy. What an important time to remember those we lost and to share the Elks' patriotism within your communities.

Please visit elks.org for information on the various contests for Lodges and our youth. The site also contains awards you can request to honor Members and leaders in your community. Elks.org also has manuals, designed to help us manage our Lodges.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we grow and improve our Lodges and the great works you are doing for your communities. I know you will all be quick to respond when you hear the call: Ready Elks—Let's Go!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27(Sep)	28(Sep)	29(Sep)	30(Sep)	1 7pm T-Party	2 Gayle's Meatloaf	3
4	5	6 7pm Lodge Mtg	7 Pitch night	8 7pm T-Party	9 Barb's Chicken Marsala	10
11	12	13	14 Pitch night	15 7pm T-Party	16 Vet's Dinner Baked Ziti	17 Oxford Vet's Home Visit
18 Sunday Breakfast 9-12	19	20 7pm Lodge Mtg	21 Pitch night	22 7pm T-Party	23 Lisa's Ham & Scalloped Potatoes	24 Drug Take Back
25	26	27	28 Pitch night	29 Doug's Fish Fry – Ocean State Job Lot 11-6 7pm T-Party	30 Les' Goulash and Salad	31
<i>The Lodge is open Wednesday & Thursday 5.30-8pm, Friday 4-7pm</i>						