

**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

September 2026

WOW!! What a busy July and August we have had. Between the National Convention, Doug's Fish Fry, the yard sale and all else in between. We did well on sales in both events and will have another Doug's Fish Fry Fundraiser in October. We are hoping to have it on a Wednesday so we can fill out the request for fried clams. We hear You!!

Unfortunately, accidents and illnesses have sidetracked our goal of getting the solar spotlights up and bathroom improvements. We hope to have it finished before the snow flies. Any and all volunteers are welcome. If you can help, please contact me at 607-608-0903.

We did our first Welcome Home Kit for a homeless vet who was housed. Antonio was very appreciative. These Kits are not limited. Let us hope we can do many for our vets in the future. I am currently looking into service animal grants for PTSD veterans.

We have left a message with Smokey Legends BBQ to have an event at the lodge for all other lodges to attend. We are hoping this can be done.

Les will be starting Sunday breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month. French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon. He also hopes to do a special breakfast for hunters when the season opens!

We will be having our Christmas party on December 12th. Hope to see you all there! Watch your mail in November for those invites.

The leaves will be soon falling and before we know it so will be winter. We have openings to book your holiday events. Catering menus available.

Again, a plea to all Elks whose faces we are starting to have difficulty remembering as we have not seen you in a while. Please come on down, sit for a spell, and enjoy your fellow Elks. We miss you!

Fraternally,

Barb Robarge, ER

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$69,077. 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 September 19th

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)	-2

Current Membership **149**

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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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Carol Nanni
13 Lena Modlo
13 Steven Sager
15 Derek Johnson
15 Susan Washington
16 Stacy Cacialli
19 Ryan Gottlieb
19 Gerald Perreault
25 David Finney
25 Joe Laskaris
25 Douglas Neiss
26 Gayle Lovell
26 Marcene McGrath
26 Carin Palmer
28 Leslie Arsenault
30 Joseph D'Alessio
30 Nancy Graver



Sickness & Distress:

Please keep our members and families in your prayers. There are many members and their families with illness and accidents. Names are not mentioned to respect their privacy. Thank you for all your prayers.

In Vain We Call:

None

Elk of the Month

August's Elk of the Month is
Lisa McNernan

Lisa is one of a kind...We think we will keep her.

Always available to help with dinners, always making desserts, coordinating Roadkill bingo, the list goes on. Last minute stand-ins for dinners as well.

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

Secretary's Corner

Lodge BY LAWS proposed amendment.

A change in the number of meetings in December: One meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, a change from the current two meetings being held. Vote to be held at our September 15th meeting, 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Russell Ryan, Lodge Secretary

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

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser on September 12th from 10am to 6pm. Vouchers are available at the Lodge or pick one up at our table in the center of the store. Sign up list to volunteer to man the table at the Lodge. Come support our Lodge by buying books for school or getting a jump on holiday shopping with all the unique gifts and games offered by Barnes and Noble. Tell all your friends and family too. Hope to see you there.

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, Tim Jaeger

New rally cry reminds us to give back to community

Sandy and I are honored and humbled to represent the Order as First Lady and Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. My first thank you is to my wife Sandy, for her ongoing support and for always keeping me grounded as we embark on this journey together.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our friends, family, and fellow Elks—thank you for everything. The tremendous support we received from so many individuals throughout the years has given us the confidence and drive to perform our roles.

My theme for this year is READY ELKS—LET'S GO! You will be hearing more about this theme throughout the year as you attend District Deputy clinics. We also shared some of the reasons behind the theme during our discussions at the Grand Lodge Convention and in the Program Manual.

The Elks have always been among the first to respond when we see others in need. This ready-to-share attitude is the basis of my theme. When Elks hear about an issue, the rally cry Ready Elks? rings out, and we respond Let's Go!

This Let's Go! attitude carries through to our desire to give back to our local communities. A primary source of funding for many of these programs is the Elks National Foundation, which is known as the Great Heart of Elkdom. The ENF helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in the areas where we live and work.

The funding for scholarships has been set at almost \$6 million for 2026-2027. Youth programs have been set at almost \$3 million, and veterans programs have been set at over \$7 million.

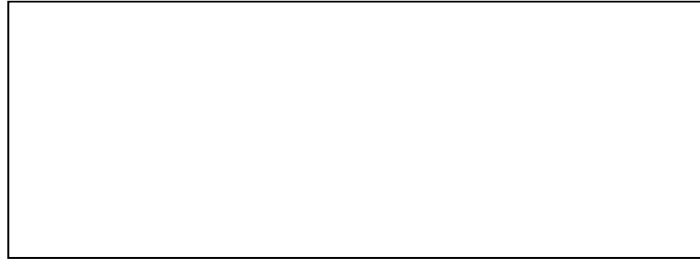
The Community Investments Program, a series of grants that have been meeting specific local needs, turns 21 years old in 2026-2027. The CIP grant allocation total has been boosted to \$18.8 million.

The funding for state grants, which help our State Major Projects, is set at almost \$12 million. This level of funding allows the Elks to be a major difference in our communities. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

The goal we have established for the 2026–2027 fraternal year is \$5.25 per Member. When you consider the outstanding achievements of this program, I think you will agree this is a small price. I know I feel good doing my part for these programs.

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
30(Aug)	31(Aug)	1 7pm Lodge Mtg	2 Pitch night	3 7pm T-Party	4 Kitchen closed, bar open	5
6	7 Labor Day Lodge Closed	8	9 Pitch night	10 7pm T-Party	11 Chicken & Biscuits 6pm – HC Meeting	12 Barnes & Noble Fundraiser 10-6
13	14	15 7pm Lodge Mtg	16 Pitch night	17 7pm T-Party	18 Vet's Dinner Lasagna	19 Oxford Vet's Home Visit
20 Breakfast \$10- French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage	21	22	23 Pitch night	24 7pm T-Party	25 Spiedies & Macaroni Salad	26
27	28	29	30 Pitch night	1(Oct)	2(Oct)	3(Oct)
<i>The Lodge is open Wednesday & Thursday 5.30-8pm, Friday 4-7pm</i>						