

**Johnson
City**

ELKS

**Lodge
#2821**

The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2023 – 2024 Officers:

Exalted Ruler – Meryl Deemie, PER
Leading Knight – Ben Cabot II
Loyal Knight – David Agron
Lecturing Knight – Jeff Dibble
Secretary – Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer – Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire – Tim Turner
Chaplain – Abigail Agron
Inner Guard – Dino Christopher, PER
Tiler – Herb Flint
Trustees – Terry Reagan
 Al Jasinski
 Hope Woodcock-Ross, PSVP

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January 2024

Brothers and sisters,

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!



Fraternally yours,

Meryl Deemie, Exalter Ruler
607 797 4050 – 607 237 6879

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$79,650. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

None

Applications in Process

Dennis A. See 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
TBD**

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2023	168
Members Initiated	+6
Members Affiliated	+1
Members Reinstated	+2
Member Transfer and Absolute Demits	-2
Members Deceased	-3
Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)	-2
Current Membership	170

2024 – 2025 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2024 for the year 2024-2025. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st every year. Dues notices for the 2023 – 2024 year will be mailed. **The dues for new year are:**

Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00
Grand Lodge Assessments	\$34.00
NYSEA Assessments	\$ 5.00
Total Due	\$94.00

Optional Donations:

ENF	\$10.00
Major Projects	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Please send in your 2024-2025 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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January Birthdays

2 William E Beck
2 Dolene Riley
3 Daniel Griffith
7 Joseph Palmassani
8 Dale Stevens
9 Johannes Potgieter
9 Howard Struble
10 Lisa McKernan
12 Margaret Cox
17 Lori A Wahila
19 Dino Christopher
21 Margaret Graham
21 Richard Topa
24 Joseph P Ruspantini
25 Catherine M Massie
28 David Nowetner



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.

Elk of the Month

December's Elk of the month is
Bruce Wood

For help at Barnes & Noble fundraisers and attending meetings.

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

Turn In Your Bottles and Cans at Our Lodge!
Just drop off your returns in the box bin out front, helping to support our Lodge. Turn those returns into cash for our Lodge.

Thank you!

Wednesdays are Pitch Night at our Lodge. Come on down enjoy some good company and a friendly card game. Pick up partners, starts at 6:30pm.

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 Alicia at 607 221 4496 and make your reservation.

Thank you!

A message from Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley**Final stretch of Lodge year starts in January**

Wanda and I want to wish each of you a very happy new year as we welcome in 2024. New Year's Day is a time when we reflect upon the events of the past year and plan for the upcoming year. New resolutions are made to improve health, diet, and other ambitions. For us as Elks, it should be our resolution to improve our Lodge and our Order.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Get your membership retention and arrears program into full stride. Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring that Member back into our folds. Remind them of why they joined and how much they mean to the Lodge. It would be great for your Lodge to have a +1 membership gain in 2024.

You and your Lodge Officers should be reviewing how and where you stand with your Local Lodge goals for the year. Should you see you are falling short, make January, February, and March your last big push to meet those goals. Your Lodge has all the assets needed to meet those goals with the right plans. Use your Past Exalted Rulers Association, Board of Directors, and Lodge committees to analyze what is needed to declare victory.

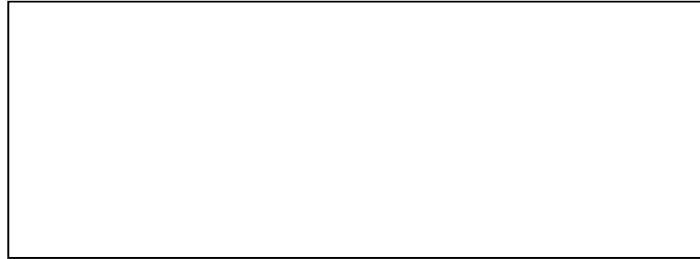
This is also a great time to review your hard-working Members and decide who deserves an award for the great work done for your Lodge. Some of the awards you can present to a Member and Officer who has done so much to promote the Order are Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. There is no better way to say thank you for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated. You may involve other Members to promote the good work that your Lodge does in your community.

Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month.

Remember "Elks Care — Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31(Dec)	1	2 7pm Lodge Mtg	3 Pitch night	4 7pm T-Party	5 Chicken Stroganoff	6
7	8	9	10 Pitch night	11 7pm T-Party	12 Chicken Parmesan	13
14	15	16 7pm Lodge Mtg	17 Pitch night	18 7pm T-Party	19 Meatloaf	20
21	22	23	24 Pitch night	25 7pm T-Party	26 Pork Dinner	27
28	29	30	31 Pitch night	1(Feb)	2(Feb)	3(Feb)

The Lodge is open 5-7pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays