



Johnson City Lodge #2821 held it's first "Java for Joes - Cruisin for Classic Cars and Bikes". Participants admission fee was one can of coffee. Elroy was on hand to help collect the coffee that will be delivered to the USO in Watertown, NY for troops at Fort Drum.

On June 9th the Johnson City lodge held their first "Show off Your Doggie Show". Over \$1,000.00 was raised for the Broome County Humane Society. Our own Joy Turner took home the "Most Calm" Doggie Award.

The Lodge took part in Carousel Days on July 21. Many lodge members ran a fishing game for kids, cooked & sold food, and Elroy was caught jammin with one of the bands entertaining the crowd that day. Funds raised help the JC Partners to encourage growth of our hometown.



PORT JEFFERSON LODGE # 2138 HOSTS WOUNDED WARRIORS BIKE RIDE

Port Jefferson Lodge # 2138 was proud to host a rest stop for a Wounded Warriors fund raising bike tour. The group are veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and ride the bikes as part of their therapy routine. They had left Massachusetts early in the morning and crossed through Connecticut when they took a ferry to Orient Point. They took the North Shore roads and follow them to the Port Jefferson Lodge located on Route 112, just South of Route 347. The USO was in attendance to feed them and give them fluids to help keep them hydrated. Port Jefferson volunteered to be the designated rest area. The Lodge was open from 10 am until 7 pm when the last of the riders and crowd left. Pictured in the photograph are two of the organizers of the ride. On the left is John Wordin, President of Ride 2 Recovery, presenting a Challenge Coin to Suffolk Legislator Steve Engelbright. Third from the left is State Senator Ken LaValle who was already presented with a challenge coin from Forrest Bruke, CEO of United Healthcare's Public Sector, Government, Labor & Education Markets Division. On the right side is Lodge Exalted Ruler Anthony Florio.

Herkimer Lodge #1439 – When Est. Loyal Knight Joe Burdick was walking to the lodge, he noticed a lightening rod at the Herkimer Library, which should have be a flag pole. He Decided that the lodge whould adopt the flag. He arranged for the village to cut tree limbs around the pole and paint the pole. The lodge purchased a flag as well as a solar powered light. Now the library has a flag that can be seen day and night.

Liverpool Lodge #2348 recently hosted a clambake to honor the Korean War Veterans. Ambassador Kim, who is the Korean Ambassador to United States and his associates attend the CNY Korean War Vet annual clambake. At the conclusion of the Clambake he honored these veterans even

further by covering the entire cost of the function.



On Sunday, August 12, 2012 Colin Claus, the 15-yr. old who won the bike give-a-way at the June 2, 2012 North East District Veterans Service Military Family Fun Day event, & in turn donated it to a young boy from Afghanistan who has cancer & resides at the Ronald McDonald House in Albany, was invited to the pre-DD Clinic breakfast (along with his parents) at **Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317** & presented with some special gifts . He was given a \$100 Visa Gift Card from the North East District Veterans Service Chairpersons, along with a Certificate of Appreciation for his act of kindness & for exemplifying the Elks motto Charity. Clifton Park member, John Olsen, also presented Colin with a \$100 check from Shen LaCrosse, the organization that donated the bike to our 6/2 District Military event. Pictured in photo from left are Joyce Dominic-Schafer, Saratoga-Wilton Lodge; John Olsen, Clifton Park Lodge; Karen Hale, Scotia-Glenville Lodge; DD Paul C. Galarneau, Cohoes-Waterford Lodge; Colin; District Veterans Service Chair PER Regina Hogan, Cohoes-Waterford Lodge; Colin's mother Sheri & father Army Master Sgt. Leonard Claus, who was home for two weeks leave from Afghanistan.



On September 11th. **Staten Island Lodge #841** celebrated Patriots Day with a Candlelight Ceremony to remember 271 people, with each name being read and honored with the ringing of the bell and the Colors dipped, all from Staten Island. Over 80 men, women and children attended the ceremony, each taking from it peace and comfort. This simple ceremony continues to let our community know we never forget.

