

Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens

Sunday, November 24th

Annual Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens continues this year. This will be a drive-thru event once again, starting at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Deliveries will be made to the area seniors apartments. Dinner includes turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, etc. Free for Seniors age 55 and up. *Volunteers are always appreciated!*

Lodge Bulletin Volunteers

December 2024 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on November 25th starting at about 6 PM.

JOIN THE ENF FIDELITY CLUB!!

What is the ENF Fidelity Club? Fidelity Club is part of the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Since its inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Visit elks.org and read more about the Elks National Foundation.

By joining the Fidelity Club, you can sign up for automatic monthly withdrawals of a minimum \$5 per month and forget about it. Your contributions will support the many programs that the ENF provides and help build stronger communities.

Once you join, and the longer you remain a club member, you will receive stickers for your membership card, pins, recognitions for your faithful membership, and more!

HOOP SHOOT Contest

Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 9 AM—2 PM

Contest to take place at JCC—McVean Center Gymnasium

Open to area boys and girls aged 8 to 13 (as of April 1, 2024).

Age groups: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13

Wear gym clothes & sneakers.

Contact Hoop Shoot chairman Dennis J Brady

Phone: (315) 836-4794 (no texting to this number) or Email: dj0057@me.com

Watertown Lodge's Pledge to Our Veterans

November begins the season of caring and sharing.

The Order of the Elks has designated November as Veterans Remembrance Month, the month of Veterans Day. Every Elk should know our solemn pledge of "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Veterans are our heroes!

Our Veteran's Committee members have been busy -->



(Pictured above: Veterans Committee chairman PER Ed Massa made a delivery of \$500 worth of donations that were collected by Jay and Karen Miller to the Veteran's Peer-To-Peer Outreach Center and another \$500 worth to the local Salvation Army)

--> with their fund raising events, making donations to area Veteran's Programs, directly assisting local vets and participating in other local Veteran's Programs. Donations includes a \$120 to Suds for Vets and a \$300 donation to Feed Our Vets



(Pictured above—Veterans Committee members assisted with the Feed Our Vets program)

Additionally, last month, the committee made a \$200 donation to Camp Bristol's Veteran's Program. Coming up on November 9th at our Lodge's Veteran's Dinner, another donation will be presented to the Peer-To-Peer Outreach Center.



(Pictured above—Lodge Chaplain/Grant Writer Linda Lepper assisted with the Welcome Home Kit)

On October 24th, our 4th Welcome Home Kit was delivered to a local Vet moving into a home. Watertown Lodge continues to pledge to fulfill our motto, "Elks Care ~ Elks Share"!

1899



2024

Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 Celebrates 125 Years of Elkdom!!!

The Watertown Lodge was founded on June 22, 1899 with Syracuse Lodge # 31 as our sponsor. The first meetings of our Lodge were held in the Herald Building. On December 9, 1988, the Lodge purchased the former Margaritaville Restaurant at our current location and have made it our home ever since.

Come Help Us Celebrate!

This celebration is to coincide with the NYSEA State President Tania DeFrank's visit to our North Central District # 6240. Members, please come help us celebrate this milestone! Come and represent our Lodge well. Cocktail starts at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Come purchase your tickets at the Lodge today! Dinner will be Italian Style buffet at \$20 per plate.

Officers will be wearing their business attire. Members, this isn't a Black Tie affair, but please dress appropriately for this special occasion.

Small Business Saturday Craft Fair

On November 30th there will be a craft fair in the Banquet Room. The times will be 10am-3pm. We will have snacks for sale along with a variety of items from some amazing vendors to help you check off all of the people on your Christmas list!

There are still vendor spots available. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please see Lisa Green or Diane Armstrong for an application!



Dictionary Project / Backpack Program

Our Watertown Elks Dictionary Project and Backpack Program are underway for the month of November. More about that coming in December's Bulletin.



Elks Memorial Sunday Service Sunday, December 1, 2024



Our order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed. The ceremony will take place in our Lodge starting at 2:00 PM. Luncheon will follow the ceremony. As of writing of this bulletin, the following are the names of the deceased in the past year:

Darwin Danks # 8153, LM James L Coullier # 6099, James P Distefano # 6942, LM Joseph A Sylvester # 5586, George A Grappotte # 8307, William P Coty # 6907, LM George J Eassa # 6405, LM William E Berkman # 5150, LM Kenneth W Lanning # 5288, David G Coleman # 6432, LM Renald R Martini # 6813, Scott B Lavere # 7874, Darrel Fitzgerald # 9070, LM Stephen A Casion # 6741, Eddie Davis # 7697, LM Thomas D Arvan # 6362, Allen Drake # 7091, William J Lewis # 7604, Mark D Craig # 7485, David L Kay # 8901, Ronald E Spicer # 6604, Thomas E Bartelson # 5623, LM John A Wager # 4876.

Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear esteemed members, November is now upon us and this is the month to remember our Veterans. Our Lodge strives to fulfill our motto, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". Our Veterans Committee had been hard at work to be sure our local Veterans are well cared for. My hat's off to them.

We have another busy month this month. We have our DD/SVP Visit at our Lodge on the 7th, Trivia Night on the 8th, Veterans Dinner on the 9th, NYSEA State President's Visit along with our 125th Anniversary Celebration on the 16th. We also have our Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens coming up on the 24th. We also have our Elks Hoop Shoot for area youth on November 30th. Volunteers for all events will be very much appreciated.

I want to thank all our volunteers that helped move things along very well at our Lodge. Without you, this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you!

Fraternally yours,
ER Michael Cummings

Secretary's Message:

As of the writing of this message, we have 1,295 members with 125 members delinquent. Online dues payment is available by going to: <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge> (Helpful tip on that site: when entering your membership ID, add the two zeros before your four digit member ID).

Current dues are \$99 regular membership and \$69 Life membership. Delinquent members, please try to get current as soon as you can so that you won't have to pay more than twice the amount when due in a few months. If dues are NOT paid, you will be dropped on March 31st.

Your continued membership and support help our Lodge to continue to do all the work that we for our community.

Applications to be acted upon in October

New Membership application: **Kathleen Aschmann**—Watertown—Child Care Worker @ YMCASACC—proposed by Renee Cook; **Donald T Butler**—Dexter—Retired—proposed by Peter Hovey; **John Falge**—Watertown—Technical Support Engineer @ Salesforce.com—proposed by Joan E Carlo; **Suzane C Renzi-Falge**—Watertown—Executive Library Director @ Flower Memorial Library—proposed by Joan E Carlo; **Vicki R Kuan**—Watertown—Retired—proposed by Darlene Kay Yuhasz

By-Laws Revision

Finalizing the revisions to the By-Laws will again be reviewed and voted on during the 2nd Lodge Meeting in November (21st). Copy of the revisions to the By-Laws is posted up on the bulletin board in the lodge room and the bar room. Please review it and make an effort to attend.

Thank you to all those that have made monetary donations to our Holidays Appeal (Warm Feet, Warm Hands; Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens; Children's Christmas Party). Your continued contributions helped our Lodge's Holiday Traditions to continue. We are so blessed by such giving Elks.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

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November Events

Sunday, November 3rd, 12 noon-???

**Cornhole Tournament w/
Black River Baggers**

(Activity Committee Event)

Friday, November 8th at 7:00 PM

Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM

Bingo at the Bar

(Activity Committee Event)

All Lodge activities are open to members and sponsored guests

Veteran's Dinner

Saturday, November 9th from 5 to 8 PM

Cocktail hours 5 to 6 PM, dinner to follow. Dinner includes turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffings, etc. Dinner is free for Veteran's and \$10 for guests. Honored guest for the night will be Eric B. Soluri, Retired United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant.

DD/SVP Visitation @ Watertown Lodge

Thursday, November 7th

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William Schaab and State Vice President Jody Henry will be visiting our Lodge along with visitors from other Lodges in our district. Cocktail 5 to 6 PM, Dinner at 6 PM. This is also the night of our new members' initiation. Dinner is free for new members. Menu will be Roast Pork at \$15 per person. Members, please come dine with us, support and represent us well.

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **25th** of every month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Schaab

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BELL JAR REPORT

September 2024

Total Income:	\$9,919.00
Total Expenses:	\$2,929.92
Worthy Causes:	\$700.00
Net Income:	\$6,289.08

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elks are again offering a number of scholarship and grant opportunities. Please encourage the high school students you know to apply for Elks National Foundation and New York State Elks Association scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year. Also Elks Emergency Educational Grants are available to those who qualify.

Elks Most Valuable Student Awards - These awards are open to any high school senior planning to attend college next fall. Applicants do not need to be related to an Elks member. Awards range from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. They must be applied for online at elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm The application deadline is November 12, 2024.

Elks Legacy Awards - College-bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues paying Elks are encouraged to apply for an Elks Legacy Award. They could receive \$1,000 per year for four years. Application deadline is February 3, 2025. Apply at elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm.

New York State Elks Association Scholarships - These scholarships are available to children and stepchildren of NYS Elks Members in good standing. High school seniors and current college students are eligible. Applications must be filed with the Secretary of the sponsoring Lodge by December 13, 2024. For application information visit https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships.

New York State Association Vocational Scholarships- The NYS Elks Association is offering scholarships in the amount of \$500 to students who plan to attend a trade or vocational program to pursue a certificate or credential. Scholarships are available to graduating high school students or individuals who are within four years of earning their high school diploma or GED. Applicants must be a child or stepchild of a NYS Elk in good standing, a resident of New York and a U.S. Citizen. Application deadline is December 13, 2024. For application information, visit https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships

Elks Emergency Educational Grants- The grants provide college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one year grants of up to \$5,000. Applications due December 1, 2024. For additional information contact https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships or the NYS Emergency Grants Chairperson, Colleen Quakenbush (nursecq@hotmail.com). For further information or questions contact Lodge #496 Scholarship Chair Peg Bootie at 315-788-0298 or abigail1893@verizon.net.

MEMBERS ON THE SICK BOARD

We have a few members on the sick board. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

Terry Scee Jr; Ron Netto Sr; Randy Yott; Paul Montondo Sr; Francis Devine; Jon Buote; Peter L Clough

Lodge of Sorrow

"May light perpetual shine upon them, until the morning breaks and the shadows flee away".

VOLUNTEERISM

TUESDAY Steak Night has 5 amazing volunteer teams on a rotating basis. Steak is \$15.95 and comes with a side, salad and dinner rolls.

Wednesday Burger Night with 4 crews on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays as well! Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions with fries for \$12.95 with bacon for additional \$1.00. Come join us on those nights.

To all the volunteers... THANK YOU!!!!

Activity Committee

The Activity Committee will be having their meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM. New members are needed to continue some events. Please be a part of the exciting team!

November Meetings...

November 6th—PER Association 6:30 PM

November 6th—Veteran's Committee 7:00 PM

November 7th—Lodge Session following dinner (DD/SVP Visit)

November 12th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

November 18th—House Committee 6:30 PM

November 20th—Del Leween Sunday Funday Bowling meeting 6:00 PM

November 21st—Trustees 6:30 PM

November 21st—Lodge Session

Ritual Practice

November 3rd at 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...



Sunday, December 1st—Memorial Sunday Service starting at 2 PM

Sunday, December 8th—Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22nd—Tom & Jerry's

Tuesday, December 31st—New Year's Eve Party!! Dancing to Dave Scanlin!!

140 CLUB

The 140 Club has been started SINCE April 1st. This will pay for your dues for the year 2025-2026 (next year's dues). It is \$20 to sign up and pay \$10 per month throughout the year. One monthly drawing of \$25 with a dinner and drawings at the end of the Lodge year.

Download My Elks App!!!

Watertown Elks # 496 is now available on My Elks App! Updated events, calendar, meeting dates & times, etc. Receive notifications, alerts, make dues payment, etc. So convenient! Download it now!



To book an event at the lodge, call:

Events Phone Number: (315) 586-5954 or

Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270

Email: elks496@centralny.twcba.com

November 2024

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday 12:00pm—7:00pm	Monday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Tuesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Thursday 11:00am—9:00pm	Friday 11:00am—11:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—11:00pm
		Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$15.95	Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 W/ bacon—\$1 extra BLT—\$7.95		1	2 MSPE—Banquet Room 1-5PM
3 Cornhole Tournament w/ Black River Baggers 12 noon start—???	4 MSPE—Banquet Room 6 PM	5 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Activity Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Orientation—7 PM	6 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM PER Meeting 6 PM	7 DD/SVP Visit @ our Lodge Cocktail 5pm, Dinner 6pm	8 Trivia Night 7 PM	9 Veteran's Dinner Cocktail 5pm, Dinner to follow Veterans FREE, guests \$10—see inside!!
10	11 MSPE—Banquet Room 6 PM	12 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	13 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	14 Bingo at the Bar 6:30P DD/SVP Visit @ Lowville	15	16 125th Anniversary Dinner!! See inside!!
17	18 House Committee 6:30P	19 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	20 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Bowling Meeting 6:00P	21	22	23
24 Harvest Dinner for Seniors!! See inside!!	25	26 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95	27 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	28 Happy Thanksgiving! 	29 Music by Adam Netto Game Room 6—9 PM	30 Hoop Shoot Holiday Craft Fair @ The Lodge



Watertown

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LODGE HOURS

Monday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Tuesday-Wednesday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Thursday	2:00AM—9:00PM *
*Except on Meeting Nights	
Friday	2:00AM—11:00PM
Saturday	11:00AM—11:00PM
Sunday	12:00PM— 7:00PM

Home of PSP Francis Hart, PSP Nelson Navarra & PSP Timothy E. Kelly



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November 2024

Officers 2024—2025

Exalted Ruler	Michael Cummings
Est. Leading Knight	Philip K Nuffer
Est. Loyal Knight	PER Edward C Massa
Est. Lecturing Knight	Anthony DeMiceli
Secretary	PER Dennis J Brady
Treasurer	Beth A. Bennett
Esquire	Karen Miller
Tiler	Jonathan M Pitts
Chaplain	Linda A Lepper
Inner Guard	Margaret "Peg" Bootie

Trustees:

Linnie Clark	Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mary Hughes-Hoiston—Chair	Mediator: Vic James
Jay Miller	House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
PSVP Joan Carlo	Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
PER Anne M Fleming	Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon

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