BPOE Watertown Lodge # 496 March 2026

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Exalted **R**uler's Message:

This is my final message as your Exalted Ruler. It has been an honor and pleasure serving the members of Watertown Lodge 496. I have met so many fellow elks across our district and throughout the state. There are so many dedicated people working to help out our communities and those in need. Watertown Lodge is just a piece of Elkdom across the country.

We will need to continue looking at ways to improve and move ahead. Change is never easy, we all get stuck in what we are used to but without change, we will fail. We must embrace new ideas and welcome new members to our Lodge. We need to go out of our way to make new members and visitors welcome when they enter our Lodge. It has been observed by many that our "cliques" are not very friendly. Our staff and our officers need to be welcoming to all. We need major changes to our bar which will cost us money. We can't be afraid to spend.

Once again, I make a plea for members to become more active and volunteer to help out. Right now, those that have been volunteering are getting burned out. So few of our members are doing the brunt of the volunteer work. We are not getting the participation from 90 percent of members. Dues are only a part of what you need to help out. You need to attend functions. Stop by and have a refreshment or two. Support our many fundraisers. We are going to have to have more functions that invite the public to attend. Just like your cost for electric, gas, taxes, repairs, etc. continue to rise. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Without it, we are just treading water. I welcome the incoming officers and want to remind them that they are the face of this Lodge and should act accordingly no matter where they are.

Again, I thank you and believe I have represented Watertown Lodge 496 in a positive, respectful and honorable way.

Fraternally yours,
ER Philip K Nuffer

Secretary's Message:

March is here and spring is just around the corner! I'd like to share with everyone that it's been such a pleasure having Phil Nuffer as our Exalted Ruler for the past year and I've got to say he's done an outstanding job performing the tasks that were handed to him. Phil, it's been an honor and a pleasure working with you!

I am really looking forward to working with Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli for our fraternal year 2026-2027. Demo has done exemplary work as head of the House Committee for the past two years and I promise you, he is up and ready to lead us through another successful year as our new Exalted Ruler. Come and join us for the Installation of Officers ceremony taking place on March 28th, starting with cocktail at 5:00 PM!

Here's the Nomination/Election of Officers result:

Exalted Ruler—Anthony DeMiceli; **Esteemed Leading Knight**—Karen Miller; **Esteemed Loyal Knight**—Thomas Lynch; **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**—Derrick Kehoe; **Treasurer**—Beth Bennett; **Secretary**—PER Dennis J Brady; **5-Year Trustee**—soon-to-be PER Philip K Nuffer; **Alternate Rep to the Grand Lodge**—Philip K Nuffer. The appointed officers are: **Esquire**—Suzie Renzi-Falge; **Chaplain**—Margaret Bootie; **Inner Guard**—David Clement; **Tiler**—Sheri Doroha.

Meeting minutes from Lodge sessions, Trustees meetings and House Committee meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Lodge Room (meeting room) next to the Secretary's Office door. If you wish to review past minutes, see the February.

Applications to be acted upon in March

New Membership: Anthony Reid—Watertown—Contractor—proposed by Brandon Wilson # 8450; Curtis Williams—Antwerp—US Army—proposed by JoAnn Hodge # 7760; Karrie Madlin—Adams—TTS Office Manager—proposed by Darcia LaValley # 9060; Anthony Stockman—Adams—self-employed—proposed by Darcia LaValley # 9060. Life Membership Requests: Lloyd J Hurlbut # 6902—30 years; Tom Lawton # 5803—34 years; Seferino Alvarado # 6915—37 years; Robert G Woodward # 6943—30 years; Tim Glover # 6938—30 years; Lawrence J Coburn # 6915—31 years; James D Strader # 4405—37 years; Joseph J Converse # 6826—32 years; Edward M Brown # 5246—31 years; Robert Hedger # 6412—38 years; Jack P McIlroy # 6863—30 years.

TWO INITIATIONS COMING UP FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Tuesday, March 3rd—New Members Orientation **Thursday, March 5th—Lodge Session/Initiation**

Tuesday, March 17th—New Members Orientation **Thursday, March 19th—Lodge Session/Initiation**

If your dues aren't paid by March 31st, you will not be allowed in any Elks Lodge, including ours and may not be signed in as a guest. You can still pay your dues by check payable to Watertown Elks # 496 either in person or by mailing to the Lodge with the address shown below.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary
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Watertown NY 13601 Email: dj0057@me.com

LODGE EVENTS FOR MARCH

Friday, March 6th at 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar

Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM
Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

All Lodge activities are open to members in good standing and sponsored guests.

Pub Menu will be available during the above activities.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, February 9th, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Pub Menu

On the nights of activity committee events such as Trivia Night, Bingo at the Bar night, or other events, pub menus will be available. They include: Chicken Fingers for $8, Pizza Log $8, Mozzarella Sticks $7, Jalapeño Poppers $7, Basket of Fries $4. Extra dipping sauce—$.50.

Watertown Elks # 496 Goes GREEN

March 14th, our Lodge goes Green!

Entertainment for the night:

Gabe Shepherd will be playing live music from 7:30 PM until 10:30 PM. At 6:00 PM, the Irish Step Dancers will be performing for us. They were quite entertaining last year and we are more than pleased to have them back again this year.

Pub menu available from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Irish or not, come and have some fun!!!

140 Club Dinner

Friday, April 3rd, 2026

Cocktails at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM

Dinner will be Baked Ziti, Sausage, Meatballs, Salad and rolls.

Open to 140 Club members and $12 for guests.

Monthly drawing for March will take place during the dinner and a drawing for one whose membership dues will be paid for 2027-2028 Lodge year.

140 Club registration will open on April 1st for the new year to pay for 2027-2028 dues. Registration $20, $10 per month to help pay for your next year's dues. How much easier can it get? Also, get in on the monthly drawing plus the dinner at the end of the year.

Friday Night Dinner

Friday, March 20th 5:30–7:30 PM

Cooking will be done by our own Joseph Fiorentino & crew.

Items on the menu:

Chicken Broccoli Alfredo ~ $13.95
w/ salad and garlic bread

Fish Fry ~ $13.95
w/ mac & cheese or fries

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Installation of Officers Ceremony Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Exalted Ruler Phil Nuffer is extending invitation to all those who have volunteered at our Lodge in the past year to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner with cocktail hour from 5 to 6 PM and dinner to follow the Installation of Officers ceremony. The awards will be given out towards the end of dinner. It's the Exalted Ruler's way of saying Thank You for job well done!

Exalted Ruler Elect Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli cordially invites you to attend the Installation of Officers ceremony to take place at 6:00 PM in the Lodge room, then dinner and karaoke!

Dinner will be Italian Buffet and will be $15 for guests. Dinner is free to all those who have volunteered at the Lodge and events throughout the past year. Come and be a part of the special night!

Pizza Party with the Easter Bunny!

Saturday, April 4th

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Members and Sponsored Guests:

Bring your children and grandchildren to meet the Easter Bunny

And enjoy some delicious pizza in our Lodge room.

Please RSVP with a bartender by March 28th.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, August 22nd, 2026

Bus Trip to NY Elks Day at Yankee Stadium for the NY Yankees vs Toronto Blue Jays game!!! Keep an eye out for flyers and sign up sheet!

Delinquent Members…

WE NEED YOU

After reviewing our Lodge membership roll, we noticed that you were listed as a delinquent member of this Lodge. If your decision not to pay your membership dues is based on your lack of time to attend meetings or social functions, or otherwise utilize your club facilities, I ask that you reconsider. Hopefully you will be able to find the time to enjoy your Lodge in the coming year, but even if this is not the year that you can become more active in the Lodge, your continued membership helps support our many charitable and community programs and helps truly make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

In New York State alone, we have given $124,000 to Scholarships. Our state contributed nearly $450,000 to Cerebral Palsy (Major Project - more than $30 million in the past 60 years), $50,000 to Special Olympics and our Lodge had received $10,500 in grants that help continue our Lodge community programs and services. Part of your Lodge dues also help us to maintain our facility, the Home of Lodge # 496.

If you or your loved one is facing financial or other hardship, please remember the Elks care deeply about our members and are here for you. You are not alone, and we encourage you to share this information with me, your Lodge secretary. As our Eleven O'clock Toast declares "An Elk is never forgotten…never forsaken."

I ask that you please renew your membership in the Lodge, and that you remain a true and faithful member of the premier Charitable and Fraternal Organization in the United States. Even if you cannot be as active as you would like this year, you are still an important part of our B.P.O.E. team – the "Best People On Earth," and I look forward to seeing your name returned to the rolls of this Lodge as a member in Good Standing.

Sincerely yours,
PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

House Committee

House Committee Message:

Hello members! Spring is in the air! Can you feel it? I'm excited for the end of winter and spring to begin as it is a sign of new beginnings. This is my last House Committee message for this Elks calendar year as next year, I transition to Exalted Ruler. It is my proud honor to announce next year's House Committee chairman will be David Clement. David has been on the house committee for over 3 years and will do an amazing job continuing the momentum of the past couple of years at the Lodge.

My last ask to you as members is to please continue to support our Lodge. The best way you can do this is by volunteering and attending the many events we have at our Lodge. As you know, every dinner and events are run by fellow members just like you. The truth is, we need your help! Please reach out to any officer or committee chairman if you are interested in helping out your Lodge. Please, if you haven't already done so, follow us on our Watertown Elks 496 Facebook page. This is the best place to get updated information regarding dinner and events at the Lodge.

Saturday, March 28th is our Volunteer Appreciation dinner and Installation of Officers. It is an Italian buffet and free if you have volunteered this past year. It is $15 if you didn't volunteer but would still like to eat and enjoy the festivities. Installation of Officers follows dinner and then we party the night away with some karaoke.

The next house committee meeting is Monday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. This is open to all members in good standing. I'd like to thank all members of the house committee over my past two years. Together, we made a true difference in the future of the Lodge and I am proud of what we accomplished. Cheers to next year…

Anthony DeMiceli
House Committee Chairman

DELINQUENT MEMBER NUMBER

4713	4738	4891	5413	5811	5982	6075	6124	6172	6289	6416	6546	6874	6912	7179	7209	7276	7299	7377	7511	7596	7658	7714	7733	7869	7890
7935	7942	8039	8091	8199	8200	8252	8387	8452	8468	8480	8482	8514	8518	8606	8623	8665	8666	8673	8703	8711	8721	8766	8771	8780	8819
8853	8874	8897	8900	8933	8942	8943	8957	8964	8972	8985	9004	9005	9007	9013	9014	9022	9026	9041	9043	9053	9057	9087	9102		

To pay your dues online, go to: www.elks.org/payonline

Enter Lodge Number: 496 then click Watertown, NY No. 496. Click "Go to" and then on bottom left, click on "Make A Quick Payment" tab. Enter 00 and then your four digit membership number.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN ELKS.ORG ACCOUNT???

If not, sign up for yours now! It's free and a great resource should you ever have any questions about anything to do with Elks. A ton of resources available at your fingertip!

To book an event at the lodge, call:
Events Phone Number: (315) 586-5954 or
Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270
Email: elks496@centralny.twcbc.com

Brian Dezell—DDGER—North Central District # 6240
800 Pray Rd, Lisbon, NY 13658 (315) 322-1074
Dan Shannon—State Vice President
5501 Jackson St, Lowville, NY 13367 (315) 717-5134

BELL JAR REPORT

January 2026

Total Income:	$7,667.00
Total Expenses:	$2,433.72
Worthy Causes:	$0.00
Net Income:	$5,233.28

Placemat Ads

Interested in advertising your business on the Lodge's placemat? Want to put your name on the list or put a name "in memory of" on our placemat? It is $25 to place a name on the placemat but $125 to advertise your business—business card size. It is $125 for one space, $250 for two spaces and $500 for a bigger ad (four spaces). Monies raised go to support the Elks National Foundation, which supports the many Elks programs that makes individual lives in the community better.

Annual renewal of placemat ads for fiscal year April 1 2026 to March 31 2027 have gone out.

March Meetings…

Tuesday, March 3rd—Trustees 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 4th—Veteran's Committee 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 5th—Lodge Session/Initiation 7:00 PM
Monday, March 9th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM
Monday, March 9th—House Committee 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 19th—Lodge Session/Initiation 7 PM
Wednesday, March 23rd—Board of Directors 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 25th—PER Association 6:30 PM (election of association officers)

Follow us on Watertown Elks 496 Facebook page for up to the minute updates/events/ dinners. See videos and pictures from Lodge events and more!

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; Francis Devine; Larry L Beerman; PER Patrick G O'Connor; Beth A Bennett;

Lodge of Sorrow

LM William C Stage # 5256; PSP Timothy E Kelly # 5436

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

Tuesday Steak Nights

Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. The steak dinners are $18.95 and comes with choice of fries or baked potato, salad and dinner roll. Dinner is 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Wednesday nights are our burger nights. The regular delicious half-pound burger comes fries for $10.95. Make it a deluxe with lettuce, tomato and onions for $12.95. Add bacon for additional $1.00. BLT with fries are available for $7.95. Additionally, fish sandwich are for $12.95.

Kitchen will be closed from Tuesday, March 31st until Thursday, April 2nd for our deep Kitchen cleaning period.

Major Project—Cerebral Palsy

What an amazing ***WINTER BASH*** fundraising event we've had! Thank you to all those that attended and support our big fundraiser to help our state Major Project, which is Cerebral Palsy!

Special thanks to all our supporters and volunteers in making this event a success and to the band Full Circle for getting our Lodge rocking through the night! Over 75 people danced the night away!

Next up for Major Project is the 4th annual Dexter Duck Derby on June 13, 2026 sponsored by Sons of the American Legion # 583. Check out www.dexterduckderby.com!

Thanks ~ Lisa Green

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **16th** of this month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

March 2026 Birthday

1 Michael E Carpenter
1 Joseph G Peters
2 Timothy Ames
2 Robert J Casper
2 Andy Fredenburg
2 Deborah A Frickman
2 Kenneth R Scott
3 Joan E Carlo
3 Patricia Dasno
3 Napoleon Dobbins
3 Gordon E Mattraw Jr
3 Claudia Pickett
3 Ronald T Quartulli
4 Steven G Knight
4 Darrin Prance
5 Laurie Bickel
5 Christin Filippelli
5 Darcie J Lepper
5 Stephen J Rae
5 Joseph A Tarzia
6 Kimberly Burnard
6 Lisa A Cooley
6 Patrick D Hanlon
6 John H Hulbert
6 Edward J Scharf
6 Michael Sholette
6 Kevin James Vine
6 Shannon Wilson
7 Karen E Gerken
7 Vickie L Staie
8 Geoffery Duvall
8 Jason Stowell
8 Dennis J VanCamp
9 David D Corey
9 Keith M Rose
9 Sally Lyn Van Tassel
10 Brian T Whalen
12 Charles N Hosmer
12 John Morris-Smith
12 Robert G Woodward
14 William 'Bill' Kamalsky
14 Eric T Martin
14 George D Toper
15 Michael Jon Grandjean
15 Jason Hutchinson
15 Lance L Peterson
15 Mark A Robert
16 Lisa A Barre
16 Philip Clement
16 Angela M Gault
16 Michael Perkins
16 Julie A Sparacino
16 Miles J West
17 Larry L Beerman
17 Sean P Brett
17 Dale S Porter
17 Thomas C Powlin
18 Jerry Hunneyman
18 Shawn Smith
18 Jeffrey St Croix
19 Martha Jones
19 Robin A Partridge
19 Daniel J Reff
20 Kevin L Saber
22 Gilbert A Hurlburt
22 Jacob Navarra
22 Benjamin M Wiley
23 Ronald P Laduke
23 Matthew J Strader
23 Elijah Karriem Tezeno
24 John W Allen
24 Kim Marie Anderson
24 William J Coppola
24 Aileen Dawley
24 Sean Haley
24 Robert L Seeber
25 Michael K Christie
25 Robert N Hedger
25 Donald B Shaw
25 Heather L Sullivan
26 Carrie Bernhard
26 Robin Killenbeck
26 Rebecca Mabry
26 Elizabeth Slack-Joles
27 Gary Grill
27 Kimberly Roberts
28 Donald L Calarco
28 Daniel A Davis
28 Timothy Drake
29 James Alberry
29 Kyle Delaney
30 Kelly Biedekapp
30 Stephan A Hermann
30 David S Missert
30 Laurie M Nohle
30 Bernard Tufo Jr.
31 Daniel Fuller
31 Taylor LaVere
31 Terry A Thompson

March 2026

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday 11:00am—7:00pm	Monday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Tuesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Thursday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Friday 2:00pm—10:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—10:00pm
1 Sunday Funday Bowling League	2 	3 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Trustees—6:30 PM	4 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Veteran's Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	5 Lodge Session 7 PM	6 Game Night 7 PM Pub Menu Available	7 12—3 PM MSPE Lodge Room
8 Sunday Funday Bowling League	9 House Committee/ Activity Committee 6:30 PM	10 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	11 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	12 Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	13	14 Irish Step Dancers Performing at the Lodge 6:00 PM Gabe Shepherd LIVE Music 7:30 PM
15 Sunday Funday Bowling League	16 	17 New Members Orientation Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	18 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	19 Lodge Session 7 PM Initiation Night	20 *Friday Night Dinner w/ Joseph Fiorentino & Crew (see inside)*	21 12—3 PM MSPE Banquet Room
22 Sunday Funday Bowling League	23 Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 PM	24 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	25 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM PER Association Mtg 6:30 PM	26 First Responder Night Banquet Room	27 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available	28 Installation of Officers/ Volunteer Appreciation See Inside! Karaoke w/ Scarlett Moon 8-11 PM
29	30 5:30 PM until GONE	31 No Steak Dinner Tonight KITCHEN CLOSED	April 1 No Burgers Tonight KITCHEN CLOSED	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad $18.95	Wed. Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries $12.95 Fish Sandwich $12.95 W/ bacon—$1 extra BLT—$7.95	**Pub Menu** See inside for what's on the pub menu To book parties and/or Events, contact our Booking Line at (315) 586-5954

Watertown B.P.O.E. #496

March 2026

LODGE HOURS

Monday	**2:00PM—9:00PM**
Tuesday-Wednesday	**2:00PM—9:00PM**
Thursday	**2:00PM—9:00PM ***
***Except on Meeting Nights**	
Friday	**2:00PM—10:00PM**
Saturday	**11:00AM—10:00PM**
Sunday	**11:00AM— 7:00PM**

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

Officers 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler	Philip K Nuffer
Est. Leading Knight	Anthony DeMiceli
Est. Loyal Knight	Karen Miller
Est. Lecturing Knight	Thomas M Lynch
Secretary	PER Dennis J Brady
Treasurer	Beth A Bennett
Esquire	Suzanne Renzi-Falge
Tiler	David Clement
Chaplain	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Inner Guard	Sheri Doroha

Trustees:
PER Edward C Massa
Jay Miller—Chairman
PSVP Joan Carlo
PER Anne M Fleming
Beth Cassada

Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mediator: Vic James
Activity Committee: Sandi LaVere
House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
Bar Manager: Geoff Mattraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon

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<<- QR Code for Facebook for up to the minute changes and added events. (Watertown Elks 496)

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