BPOE Watertown Lodge # 496 April 2026

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Exalted **R**uler's Message:

As I start the year as Exalted Ruler, I would like to welcome each and every one of you.

This year, with the help of our officers, employees, committees and volunteers, I plan on continuing to make sure our Lodge is a friendly, safe and most importantly, fun place for you all to visit. We will be continuing to have more and more dinners, activity nights and live entertainments to make your Lodge be the place to be.

The one thing I ask to start the year is to help our Lodge grow in membership. We ended the last Lodge year with some of our biggest new membership classes and I would love to see this continue. Invite your friends and family members to our Lodge as a sponsored guest to enjoy a night at the Lodge. As members can tell people about the Lodge but bringing them in and letting them "experience the sizzle" will hopefully make them fall in love with the Lodge like we all did at one time.

I look forward to seeing you all over the course of this year. I will always be approachable and available to talk to if you have any questions or concerns.

Fraternally yours,
Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli

Secretary's Message:

April is here and this month is considered the beginning of Elks' new year. Our new Exalted Ruler, Anthony DeMiceli (or affectionally known as "Demo") is more than ready to lead our Lodge this year after having been House Committee chairman for two years. He hopes to help members and sponsored guests to "experience the sizzle", so let's help him and your Lodge to **NOT** let it fizzle.

SIXTY-NINE members have been dropped from our membership roll for non-payment of dues. 60-day reinstatement notices have gone out and hopefully many of those members dropped will pay their two years' dues to bring them to a member in good standing. There are several that have had a change in mailing addresses and have not informed the Lodge secretary on a change of address.

Volunteers are always needed. Don't be afraid to step up and let officers or committee chairs know you're interested in helping. We are a charitable organization and must remain as such. We need help holding more fundraisers to not only meet our charitable per capita's (ENF $5.15/member & Major Project $8/member), but to help maintain our HOME Lodge. There are many repairs needed, equipment's getting outdated, keeping up with the times, etc. Be a part of a team of volunteers and have fun and experience the camaraderie's.

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 secretary.

If your dues weren't paid by March 31st, your door access card or fob are locked and you will not be allowed in any Elks Lodge, including ours and may not be signed in even 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. If you wish to pay by credit card, you can do so at the bar or online at: www.elks.org/payonline.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary
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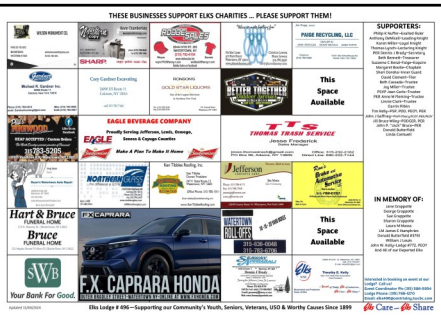

Placemat Ads

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 and $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. Our Lodge, with the help of placemat ad fundraiser, has achieved our ENF per capita for the few past year. Thank you! Big thank you to our deceased member, PSP LM Timothy E Kelly, for his hard work in helping us achieve this. I have a big shoe to fill.

Annual renewal of placemat ads for fiscal year April 1 2026 to March 31 2027 have gone out. ENF Chair, PER Dennis J Brady

LODGE EVENTS FOR APRIL

GOT GAME???

Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM

Featuring: Pass Your Trash–

An exciting card game that lets you practice your poker face, screw your neighbor, and laugh with friends! Are you lucky enough to be King of the round?

(each month we will pick a new game)

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar

Friday, April 17th 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, April 6th, 2026 at 6:30 PM with House Committee Meeting

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.

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, April 10th 5:30–7:30 PM

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

Items on the menu:

Fried Perch Dinner ~ $21.95
w/ fries & cup of clam chowder

Steak Dinner ~ $18.95
w/ salad and choice of side

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
With Jake Desmormo
7:30–10:30 PM

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.

Open to those who have RSVP'd before March 28th.

NEW YORK YANKEES Bus Trip

On August 22, the NYS Elks is sponsoring a NY Yankees Vs Toronto Blue Jays Game. The Watertown Lodge #496 has put together a bus trip to Yankees Stadium for this game. The cost, per person is, $109.38 for the game ticket, and, $110.00 to cover the bus cost for a total of $219.30 each. This is a one-day bus trip leaving Hale Bus Garage, Marble St., Watertown, at 6:15am and returning at 11:30pm. Only 52 seats are available and are going fast! Contact David Clement at 315-783-5012 or email dwcwatn@aol.com for more information. You need not be an Elk to go. The first 52 paid are the 1st going! Should be a great time!

Bridal Show

Sunday, April 19th

Noon—4:00 PM in our Banquet Room

Open to the Public!

Building Maintenance Fundraiser

Saturday, May 9th

Cocktail hour 5—6 PM, LIVE Entertainment 6—10 PM

Featuring Hot Kogan Band!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

$15 Pre-sale tickets, $20 at door

50/50, raffles, auctions, games!

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!

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 11th 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Adults - $15 Children (6-12 yrs. Old) $10 5 and under—Free

All you can eat breakfast buffet including: scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy, home fries, English muffins, fruit, cereal, milk, juice, coffee and tea.

Veteran's Committee

Your time and compassion can be a lifeline—help us honor and empower the heroes who served our country.

April is upon us, and with that comes new beginnings and a new Elks year! I am honored to be the chairperson of the Veterans Committee for this Elks Year. I am committed to honoring our veterans and providing assistance to those in our communities. It is my opinion that the words "veteran, in need, or homeless" should never need to be uttered in the same sentence.

On March 21st, committee members assisted with the Feed Our Vets Program. Feed Our Vets is a monthly program that serves veterans who may need a little help putting food on the table for themselves and their families. This program is on the third Saturday of every month. Help is always welcome.

All are welcome to attend our meeting on Wednesday, April 1st, at 6:30 pm. I have been busy populating the agenda with ideas and initiatives. Please consider joining us for this meeting. If a Wednesday night does not work for you, we will be testing a different day of the week in May. Our May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th, at 5:00 pm.

The Veterans Committee is open to anyone interested in giving back to those who have courageously served our country. If you have any questions about the committee or our vision for supporting veterans. I would love to speak with you about membership on the committee. You can speak with me at the lodge or send a message on the Elks 496 Facebook page.

Fraternally,
Karen Miller
Esteemed Leading Knight

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

House Committee

House Committee Message:

I am honored to be named House Committee chair for the 2026-2027 year. I have been a member and secretary committee for the last two years and I am ready to assume the position of Chair.

All House Committee meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month and all members are welcome and urged to attend. This is the one meeting where members can give ideas, ask questions, and be a part of scheduling Lodge events. Our meetings now include the Activity Committee as a joint meeting and together we are charged with setting up entertainment and other events to keep members engaged and raise funds for the Lodge.

Friday night dinners will continue once or twice a month with some live entertainment to follow as long as members support them.

A building maintenance fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, with the band Hot Kogan playing from 6-10. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, Demos card game and other events are planned. Raffle items are needed so anyone that can please donate. The building is in need of many repairs so please plan to help out and attend, if you can.

We have a bus trip set up to go to the Yankee game on August 22. This is part of the "NYS Elks Day at the Yankees" event. 52 seats are available and this will be a first paid 1st going event. Contact me at the email address or phone number shown on the previous page for more information.

I would love to see more members involved in events, meetings, and fundraisers. This is your Lodge and the more help we get, the better we can make our Lodge!

David Clement
House Committee Chairman

BELL JAR REPORT

January 2026

Total Income:	$18,435.00
Total Expenses:	$3,098.45
Worthy Causes:	$0.00
Net Income:	$15,336.55

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; PER Patrick G O'Connor; Beth A Bennett; Louis Dunnigan

Lodge of Sorrow

LM Larry L Beerman # 4737

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

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.

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 sandwiches are for $12.95.

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

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 are available at your fingertip!

April Meetings…

Wednesday, April 1st—Veteran's Committee 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 2th—Lodge Session 7:00 PM
Monday, April 6th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM
Monday, April 6th—House Committee 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 7th—Trustees 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 16th—Lodge Session 7 PM

2026 Legacy Scholarship

From May 1st through June 1st scholarship applications will be available for children, step children, grandchildren and step grandchildren of a Watertown Elks Lodge #496 member in good standing. Scholarships are open to high school seniors as well as students already attending college. Applicants will need to submit an official transcript from their high school or college with their application. The items reviewed for this award are academic achievement, financial need and the applicant's essay. The application deadline is Monday, June 1, 2026. A total of two scholarships will be awarded with a value of $500 each. The recipients will be announced in June 2026. Applications will be available at the Lodge, on the Lodge website, by email and by regular mail. If you have questions, would like an email application or to receive an application by mail, please contact Peg Bootie at abigail1893@verizon.net or 315-788-0298.

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

April 2026 Birthday

1	David W Campbell	5	George Mathar	11	Cynthia Lynn Derouin	15	Barbara F Reed	21	Douglas H Latray	26	Betty H Reff
1	Gordon H Hall	7	Sarah Clement	11	Gary M Dragon	15	Steven S Schweitzer	21	Franklin C Massa Jr.	27	Kelvin R Berghorn
1	Albert C Woodard	7	Renee M Cook	11	Richard J Grassmann	16	Jay Baytos	21	Randy Parker	27	Kevin R Berghorn
2	Dean Heath	7	Connor Eagle	11	Scott Green	16	Carol A Cerow	21	Robert Walts	27	Alfred N Davis III
2	Daniel Patterson	7	William A Lawyer	11	Joy Lee Kriesick	16	Dale R Duffy	23	Gerald B Larose	27	Patrick Shortsleeve
2	Kristan A Peck	7	Ryan Lyng	11	Lisa Renzi	16	James E Narrow	23	Cameron Rapant	28	Paul Geremy Alberry
2	Christopher Robert	7	Rusty K VanTassel	11	Corey Wood	16	Kevin E Robinson	24	Timothy M Castilleja	28	Wendy L Barnett
2	Aaron P Ryor	8	George A Decker	12	Constance C Colling	16	Stephen Rutigliano	24	John C Damon Sr.	28	Frankie Caprara
3	Carmen Carbone	8	Richard J Steria	12	Charles P Donoghue	18	Sylvia J Buduson	24	John W Fiorentino	28	John R Clark
3	Franklin M Fuhrman	9	Samantha Gardner	12	Anthony M Sparacino	18	Christopher S Damon	24	Thomas L Hodge Jr.	28	Christopher Huni
3	Diane Kilburn	9	Gregory Henry	14	Dennis J Brady	18	Gary J Hockey	24	Michael A McCarthy	28	Jennifer LaClair
3	Stephen Loonan	9	Michael A Parks	14	Michael Deline	18	Russell Kellar	24	Thomas H Misercola	28	John M Manfred
4	Craig C Bartholomew	9	Michael J Stofka	14	Christopher Pitkin	18	William J Niewieroski Jr.	25	Gary E Pilon	29	Nancy Fey
4	Sheri Doroha	9	Linda Thomas	14	Edward J Southwell	18	David Richardson	26	Francis H Bazinet	29	John J Gaffney
4	Francis Jareo	10	Paul J Green	15	Benjamin A Carroll	18	Anthony J Verne	26	Brian J LaLone	29	Frank A Gorri
4	Brian P Martin	10	John J Rae	15	Joseph J Converse	19	Terri Gaylor	26	Robert H Lefevre Sr.	29	Jill B Wheeler
4	Gary H Zehr	11	Ryan Amato	15	Linda Furchak	19	Gary R Tubolino	26	F Toby Morrow	30	Edmond J Coseo
5	Francis Devine	11	Ernest J Clemons Jr.	15	James V Lettiere Jr.	20	Tammy Eassa	26	Tony Netto	30	Jane Jenkins

April 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
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	March 31st No Steak Dinner Tonight KITCHEN CLOSED	1 No Burgers Tonight KITCHEN CLOSED Veteran's Committee Meeting—6:30 PM	2 Lodge Session 7 PM	3 GOT GAME??? 7 PM Pub Menu Available 140 Club Dinner 6:00 PM	4 Pizza Party w/ Easter Bunny 11 am—1 pm
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 House Committee/ Activity Committee 6:30 PM	7 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Trustees—6:30 PM	8 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	9 Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	10 Friday Night Dinner Fried Perch $21.95 Steak Dinner $18.95 See Inside Live Entertainment!	11
12	13	14 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	15 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	16 Lodge Session 7 PM	17 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available MSPE—Banquet Room	18
19 Bridal Show Banquet Room Noon—4 PM	20 5:30 PM until GONE	21 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	22 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	23	24	25 NYSEA Ritual Day @ Middletown Lodge
26	27	28 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM $18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 PM	29 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	30		**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

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April 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 2026—2027

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

Trustees:
Jay Miller—Chairman
PSVP Joan Carlo
PER Anne M Fleming
Beth Cassada
PER Philip K Nuffer

Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mediator: Vic James
Activity Committee: Sandi LaVere
House Committee: David Clement
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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