Exalted Ruler's Message:

Hello to all! Hope you are well and enjoying everything life has to offer. Each session, we announce those who are sick and unfortunately, those that have passed. We honor those members. "The places that have known them shall know them no more, but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory". "Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken". To our absent members.

We have a very busy fall schedule and of course, we need volunteers to help out.

I continue to travel to the District Deputy meetings throughout our North Central District, which is the largest in the state, proudly representing our Watertown Lodge. These meetings give me a chance to learn from other Lodges as to what they do to help out their communities.

May peace, love and blessings bring happiness to you and your families during the upcoming Holiday season.

Fraternally yours, ER Philip K Nuffer

Secretary's Message:

Activities with fun things to do for fall and winter season at our Lodge is ramping up! Come on into our Lodge for fun and comraderies!

The NYSEA President John Lawless will be visiting the North Central District #6240 and will be making his stop here in Watertown on November 14th. This will be your opportunity to meet him.

Thanks to our Grant Writer, Suzanne Renzi-Falge, our Lodge has managed to obtain \$1,000 Freedom Grant for Veterans program, \$3,500 Gratitude Grant for Dictionary project and \$6,000 Beacon Grant for Backpack program for a grand total of \$10,500 in grants! All this was made possible by our Lodge meeting the Elks National Foundation per capita. Special thanks go out to all those who donated towards ENF, especially to the 11 members of the Fidelity Club. To learn more about the Fidelity Club, visit www.elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub.cfm.

Our Lodge membership has been dwindling and we need to shift our focus into trying to bring in more American Citizens into becoming Elks. Several members have transferred to other Lodges, several asked to be dropped and several have gone through the pearly gates of Heaven. We need more new members with fresh ideas in continuing our charitable work and contributing to our community. They could also be beneficial to expanding our teams of volunteers.

Applications to be acted upon in November

Greg Hill—Watertown—Floor Installer @ G&H Flooring—proposed by Melissa VanBrocklin
Heidi Hill—Watertown—proposed by Melissa VanBrocklin
And MORE!!!

Remaining DD Visits schedule: Oct. 28 @ Gouverneur # 2035; Nov. 13 @ Potsdam # 2074; Nov. 18 @ Ogdensburg # 772. Any members in good standing may attend any of the DD visits. Just let ER Phil Nuffer know. We do carpool!

Delinquent members, please use the link to pay your dues online: https://secure.directbiller.com/search/elks-lodge/ Coming soon, we will be able to start accepting ACH/eCheck payment! This is another option and should be much cheaper than paying by credit or debit card. If you have not paid your dues yet, 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

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

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DELINQUENT MEMBER NUMBER

4086	4713	4738	4891	5413	5811	5921	5982	5985	6075	6124	6172	6289	6416	6474	6546	6802	6874	6911	6912	6940	7104	7179
7182	7209	7276	7299	7377	7511	7579	7596	7658	7714	7733	7869	7890	7935	7942	8039	8091	8154	8199	8200	8252	8387	8452
8468	8480	8481	8482	8514	8518	8535	8580	8606	8623	8665	8666	8673	8703	8711	8721	8766	8771	8778	8780	8786	8809	8819
8820	8853	8874	8897	8900	8907	8933	8942	8943	8957	8964	8972	8981	8985	9004	9005	9007	9013	9014	9019	9022	9026	9041
9043	9053	9057	9062	9087	9102																	

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

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 BELL JAR REPORT September 2025

Total Income: \$11,842.00

Total Expenses: \$1,487.00

Worthy Causes: \$100.00

Net Income: \$10,255.00

House Committee

House Committee Message:

Hello everyone, I hope you have enjoyed your fall so far. The temperatures are beginning to cool but the activities, events and dinners at the lodge are heating up. Please make sure to like and follow our Facebook page for up to the minute updates of what is going on at the lodge.

As always, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our activities and dinners. If you are looking to help in any way, please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the officers and we can help you get started.

We are having a Halloween bash to kick the month off on November 1st from 6:00-10:00. We have cash prizes for best individual costume, best couple costume and best group (3 or more) costume. We also have Karaoke that night. This should be a super spooky fun night. Hope to see you all at the Lodge that night all dressed up.

The next house committee meeting is Monday, November 10th at 6:30. It is open to all members in good standing. I hope you all have an amazing month.

Anthony DeMiceli House Committee Chairman

140 CLUB

We are about halfway through with 140 Club for 2026-2027 Lodge year. Interested members should sign up and pay a \$20 registration fee and then pay \$10 per month. This will pay for your 2026-2027 Lodge dues. Once you've signed up, this will be NON-REFUNDABLE! It's not too late to sign up!! There will be monthly drawings with winner getting \$25 and at the end of the Lodge year, there will be a dinner.

November Meetings...

Tuesday, November 4th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 4th—Trustees 6:30 PM

Thursday, November 6th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

Monday, November 10th—House Committee 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 12th—Del Leween Sunday Funday Bowling League Meeting

Thursday, November 20th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

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

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; Francis Devine; Larry L Beerman; Franklin Roberts, PER Patrick G O'Connor; Thomas Greene.

Lodge of Sorrow

Mary Ann Larney # 8292, Julie Verne # 8635

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

November Events



Friday, November 14th at 7:00 PM Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)



Monday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 21st Bingo at the Bar at 6:30 PM

(Activity Committee Event)

Saturday, November 1st 7 PM—10 PM Halloween Bash!! W/ Karaoke!! Volunteers are welcomed!

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

Pub Menu will be available during the above activities.

Next Activity Committee meeting: November 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Sandi La Vere—Activity Committee Chairperson

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, Personal Pizzas \$5, Mozzarella Sticks \$7, Jalapeño Poppers \$7, Basket of Fries \$4. Extra dipping sauce—\$.50.

Activity committee chairperson is inviting the members to bring in sponsored guests to come and volunteer in Lodge events/activities! Get them to meet your fellow Elks and get interested in becoming members of our Lodge. They can help in the kitchen, set up/clean up at events, help with raffles. Creativity encouraged, laughter and smiles guaranteed, hardworking appreciated. Any persons interested may contact the Activity Committee Chairperson Sandi LaVere.

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 goes to support the Elks National Foundation, which supports the many Elks programs that makes individual lives in the community better.

Tuesday Steak Nights / Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. Steak dinner is \$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. Regular delicious half pound burger and fries \$10.95. Make it a deluxe with lettuce, tomato and onions for \$12.95. Add bacon for additional \$1.00. BLT's and fries also available at \$7.95. Chicken sandwich also available for \$12.95.

WING NIGHT

Monday, November 17th—5:30 PM until Gone! \$10 for 10 wings—dine in only price





Dictionary Project

PSVP Joan Carlo, Dictionary Project Chair, has been going to schools to hand out dictionaries to third graders. The back 1/3 of the dictionary is filled with lots of interesting facts. The students' excitement when they get the dictionaries is wonderful to see. Teachers are always appreciative also. There are 22 classrooms that will be visited. We are able to do this through Gratitude grant from the Grand Lodge. This is a picture of Mrs. Brennen's third graders from Lyme Central School.

Veteran's Committee Afghan Raffle



Veteran's Committee Afghan Raffle still underway. Large Afghan comes with two matching pillows. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Drawing to take place at the Veteran's Dinner on November 8th, 2025 at Watertown Elks Lodge # 496, 728 Bradley St, Watertown, NY.

50% of the funds raised will go towards

Veteran's Outreach Center on Franklin Street and the
other 50% will go towards purchasing food for the
Feed Our Vets Program.

Veterans' Dinner

Saturday, November 8th is the Veterans' Dinner at 6 PM with cocktail hour from 5 to 6 PM. Veterans are cordially invited to attend. The dinner is free for Veterans and \$10 for guests. Dinner will be turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, etc. There will be an honored guest speaking that night.

Apply for Elks Scholarships!

Do you have a child or grandchild who is a graduating high school senior and is planning to attend college in Fall 2026? Encourage them to apply for Elks Scholarships. Scholarships are available from Elks National Foundation for up to \$7,500 per year and from the New York State Elks Foundation for up to \$1,000 per year. A flyer describing all of the available awards, eligibility, application criteria, and deadlines is available here: https://bit.ly/elks scholarship info.



HOOP SHOOT Contest

Saturday, November 22, 2025 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, 2025).

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

Wear gym clothes & sneakers.



Contact Hoop Shoot chairman Michael Branski

Phone: (315) 783-5717

MAJOR PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Dueling Pianos

On Saturday, October 18th, we had our biggest fundraising event of the year! It was a hit and fun was had by all! Special thanks to our Major Project chair Lisa Green and her crew for putting on yet another successful event!! Also, special thanks go out to our three major Corporate Sponsors...



F.X. Caprara Family Car Companies, Thomas Trash Services, and Watertown Savings Bank!

Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens

Sunday, November 23rd

Annual Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens continues this year. This will be a drive-thru event 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!

Craft and Vendors Show

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 for an application!

Elks Memorial Sunday Service Sunday, December 7, 2025



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:

Wilson F Clark # 5642; LM Nelson F Eddy # 6233; LM John R Rae # 6613; LM William J Grill # 7066; LM Lawrence E Lavere Jr # 4455; LM Robert B Maur # 4582; Daniel L Blackketter # 8561; Bruce W Daugherty # 8999; LM Robert M Kowalick # 5794; LM Eugene J Dolce # 5745; Peter J Ligamarri Jr # 7547; Theodore E Leeson Sr # 7172; John E Ramus # 7187; Michael D Saunders # 7121; LM Bruce D Thomas # 5452; LM Russell I Wilcox # 4735; LM John F O'Connor # 4543; Peter L Clough # 5810; John F Cook # 6970; ! Ernest E Waite # 5855; Howard E Sprague # 6824; LM William P Doyle # 6127; Mary Ann Larney # 8292; Julie Verne # 8635

Coming Up In December

More Bingos and Trivia Nights

Sunday, December 7th- Elks Memorial Sunday Service Sunday, December 21st—Tom & Jerry Sunday Wednesday, December 31st—New Year's Eve Party!!



November 2025 Birthday

1 Kristine Sullivan 2 Seferino Alvarado 2 Wenda March 2 Lindsey R Pound Kristi S Bice 3 Kevin J Kelly Linda Knight Philip K Nuffer Phillip J Bajjaly 4 Mark D Barcomb John Brooker James W Fraser

Ian P Ward

5 David L Weaver

6 Frederick A Pellerin William P Wilcox Jody G Denner **Donald Edgar Brian DeCilles** Ronald J Parker 8 Richard F Porter

6 Colleen Hurley

6 Cindy L Parker

Ronald T Tepfenhart 8 Christopher Ramie 8 Mark Streiff 8 Sidney E Wheeler

9 Jeffrey Ambrose

- 9 Kari Bartlett 9 Mark F Burnham 9 Larry A Rogers 10 Linda L Eveleigh 10 David J Phillips 11 Patrick Hickey 11 Clairon Lehman 11 Charles S Ransear 12 Thomas H Martilotta Jr. 12 Stanley Tibbles 13 Timothy P Maloney 13 Eugene F Mancini 13 Robert Weldon 14 Cheryl Hayes
- 19 David S Bombard 19 Jennifer A Hildebranski
 - 14 Celeste House 14 Solomon Jantzi 14 Clifford M Lashway 15 William W Johnson 16 Michael S Stratton 16 Christopher S Weiss 17 Christine L Snyder 17 Eddie J Wilson 18 Steven A Fults 18 John R Isham 18 Frank Pettey

19 Darcia M LaVallev

21 William Scott O'Brien 22 Janet F Duffy 22 Patricia R Mattraw 23 Timothy F Brady 23 Bryan R Myers Sr. 23 Kyle Zimmerman 24 Kevin M Kampnich 24 David P Liddle

24 Ronald L Netto Sr.

25 George D Colesante Jr.

19 Timothy Robinson

20 Dean P Gillan

20 Jerry D MacKey

20 Mark W Sutton

25 Amy Fitzsimmons 26 Jennifer L Brett 26 Francis Richard Serow 27 Michael J Bova 27 William F Ramseier 27 Philip Reed 28 Louis P Briant 28 Steven P Duffany Sr. 28 Caleb Gardner 28 Corv Gardner 28 Richard C Hayes 29 Terry Richard Williams 30 Ian J Hill

30 Christopher J Petrie



November 2025 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 2:00pm—9:00pm	Friday 2:00pm—10:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—10:00pm
Wed. Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 Chicken Sandwich \$12.95 W/ bacon—\$1 extra BLT—\$7.95	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$18.95	Pub Menu See inside for what's on the pub menu	To book parties and/or Events, contact our Lodge Steward at (315) 586-5954			1 Halloween Party w/ Karaoke!! 6-9 PM Pub Menu Available
2 MSPE Banquet Room 1-5 PM	3 (DUNGO) Pup wienu Availabie	4 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Activity Committee Mtg 6:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM	5 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	6 Lodge Session 7:30 PM	7	8 MSPE—Banquet Room 12—4 PM Veteran's Dinner (See Inside)
9	10 House Committee Mtg 6:30 PM	11 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	12 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Del Leween Sunday Funday Bowling League Meeting 6:30 PM	13 DD Visit @ Potsdam	NYSEA President John Lawless's Visit Fub Menu Available	15 MSPE Game Rm 6-9PM
16	WING WINCHT 5:30 PM until GONE	18 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM DD Visit @ Ogdensburg	19 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	20 Lodge Session 7:30 PM	21 (3)()(3)()(3)()()()()()()()()()()()()(22 Youth Hoop Shoot @ JCC
Harvest Dinner for Area Senior Citizens 30 Craft Fair—Banquet Rm	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Lodge Closed!	28 Come in for a drink or two after your Black Friday Shopping!!	29



Watertown B.P.O.E. #496

Officers 2025-2026

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Tiler Chaplain Inner Guard

Esquire

Philip K Nuffer Anthony DeMiceli Karen Miller Thomas M Lynch PER Dennis J Brady Beth A Bennett Suzanne Renzi-Falge **David Clement** Margaret "Peg" Bootie Sheri Doroha

November 2025

2:00PM-9:00PM Monday **Tuesday-Wednesday** 2:00PM-9:00PM **Thursday** 2:00PM-9:00PM *

LODGE HOURS

*Except on Meeting Nights

Friday 2:00PM-10:00PM Saturday 11:00AM-10:00PM Sunday 12:00PM - 7:00PM

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

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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