

Exalted Ruler's Message:

As I start my tenure as your new Exalted Ruler, I would like to take this time to welcome you all.

After our initiation of six new members the other night, I was talking with another officer and she made a great point. We seem to be focusing on the needs of the lodge. Yes, we need volunteers. Yes, we need to raise funds. Yes, we have to control our spending. Yes, we have to follow new guidelines. Yes, we need to make changes, etc., etc., which we certainly need to do. But we are forgetting the most important thing of all. WE MUST HAVE FUN. Share a laugh or two. The lodge is a place to gather and see our friends and maybe make some new ones. We have been doing new fun events which I encourage you to come and enjoy. When you volunteer, make it fun. When you attend a meeting, make it enjoyable. Be considerate to all that you come in contact with. "Be just to your fellow man", "Ever practice Brotherly love", "Be charitable to all mankind".

Fraternally yours,
ER Philip K Nuffer

P.S. A quote I heard from the singer Jelly Roll, "The windshield is bigger than the rear view mirror for a reason, because what is in front of you is much more important than what is behind you".

Secretary's Message:

Thank yous go out to all those who have paid their dues early!! I am not feeling busy enough at this point. PLEASE try to get your dues paid and avoid seeing your name on the delinquent list to start the year off with.

To start the new Lodge year (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026), we have 1,222 members. 68 members have been dropped for non-payment of dues for 2024-2025 year. For the members that have been dropped, you have 60 days from April 1st to apply for reinstatement without having to pay a \$15 reinstatement fee. Get in touch with me directly if you wish to be reinstated with two years' worth of dues payment paid in full. **NOTICE** to delinquent members: this will be your LAST bulletin until your dues are paid in full. Your key fob or card will also be suspended.

2025-2026 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2025-2026 remains \$99 regular membership and \$69 Life membership.

Applications to be acted upon in April

New Membership application: **Dean Patterson**—Adams—Self Employed—proposed by Melissa VanBrocklin; **Reinstatement** Application: **Stephanie Shorkey**—Glen Park—Clinic Office Support @ Samaritan Dermatology—proposed by Ernest Mustizer; **Life Membership** Requests: **Arthur N Mahon # 6887** with 30 years membership and **Lawrence M Lafave # 6784** with 30 years membership.

Next orientation on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM and Initiation on Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 PM.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

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As of June 2025, Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 will discontinue receiving mail at the Post Office Box. From then on, all mails are to be sent to:

**728 Bradley St
Watertown, NY 13601**

Please make note of this change for any future communications with our Lodge.

PER Association

PER Association meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 PM. Election of officers will take place on that evening. Also, discussion will take place regarding PER Association dues.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 29th
1—6 PM Banquet Room



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!

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **21st** of this month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

William Schaab DDGER—North Central District # 6240

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Events Phone Number: (315) 586-5954 or
Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270
Email: elks496@centralny.twcabc.com

BELL JAR REPORT

February 2025

Total Income:	\$7,084.00
Total Expenses:	\$2,562.48
Worthy Causes:	\$285.00
Net Income:	\$4,236.52



There will be pizzas with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19th from 12 noon to 2 PM. RSVP needed by April 13th. Sign up sheet behind the bar so we know how many adults and children will be attending.

House Committee

Dinners will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Saturday, April 19th, Easter Bunny will be in the Lodge from noon to 2 PM. Pizza and soda/water will be provided. It's free to all members and sponsored guests children.

Please note the Friday and Saturday hours change. Closing time on those two nights will now be at 10:00 PM.

A lot of the members will be gone on the weekend of April 5th for the NYS Elks Bowling tournament.

May will start to see more activities at the Lodge, especially with possibly more entertainment.

As always, members are always welcomed to come and observe the house committee meetings.

House Committee Chair,
Anthony DeMiceli

April Events

Thursday, April 10th at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar

(Activity Committee Event)

Friday, April 11th at 7:00 PM
Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar

(Activity Committee Event)

Friday, April 25th at 7:00 PM
Karaoke with Scarlett Moon

Do you have a singing talent? Come show us!

All Lodge activities are open to members and sponsored guests

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; Jay Baytos.

Lodge of Sorrow

Bruce W Daugherty # 8999

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

April Meetings...

April 3rd—Lodge Session

April 3rd—Trustees 6:30 PM

April 9th—Elks Golf League 6:00 PM

April 9th—PER Association 6:30 PM

April 14th—House Committee 6:30 PM

???—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

April 16th—Veterans Committee 6:30 PM

April 17th—Lodge Session

Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...

May 11th—Mother's Day Brunch

May 17th—Armed Forces Day

May 26th—Memorial Day

June 5th—6th: Boys and Girls Lacrosse Fun Day



140 CLUB

140 Club for 2026-2027 Lodge year is restarting in April. 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!

There will be monthly drawing with winner getting \$25 and at the end of the Lodge year, there will be a dinner.

The 2024-2025 140 Club's dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th with cocktails starting at 5:30 PM and steak dinner being served at 6:00 PM. Member may bring a guest and cost of dinner for guest is \$15. Monthly drawing for March will take place during dinner as well as drawing for one whose membership dues will be paid for 2026-2027 Lodge year. Please reach out to Tim Kelly and let him know how you want your steak cooked.

2025 Elks Golf League

Wednesdays Elks Golf League is starting on May 28th. Preseason meeting will be on April 9th at 6 PM at the Lodge. Any questions, contact Sean Haley (315) 778-2471 or Tim Hodge (315) 408-3297. One member of the team must be an Elk or in the process of becoming an Elk. League runs from May 28th through August 27th.



Captain and mate at Highland Meadows.

Banquet to take place on August 27th.

Interested? Come to the meeting!

This is a FUN league.

What's Happening around North Central District?

Carthage Elks Lodge #1762 Ritual Team will be competing in the NYSEA Ritual Day in Poughkeepsie Lodge # 275 on April 12, 2025. Good luck, Carthage!

The North Central District # 6240 also has a ritual team. Three members of Watertown Lodge # 496 is also on the team. Lineup includes: Ron Rockwood (Carthage) as Exalted Ruler, Elizabeth Gamble (Carthage) as Leading Knight, Dillon Kelly (Lowville) as Loyal Knight, Zach Kierfen (Lowville) as Lecturing Knight, Dennis Brady (Watertown) as Esquire, Karen Miller (Watertown) as Chaplain, Jay Miller (Watertown) as Inner Guard and Brian Scott (Carthage) as coach. At the time of writing this up, we are still in search of a Candidate to be on the team.

There are two Lodge teams competing for state honor and to represent NYS in the Grand Lodge Ritual contest in Kansas City, MO in July.

There will be FIVE District teams competing for state honor. They are: North Central District, Hudson Valley District, East District, East Central District and Mohawk Valley District.

On the same day, there will be several participants in the Flag Charge Presentation and the 11 O'clock Toast contests. Watertown's Karen Miller won the North Central District's 11 O'clock Toast contest and will compete for state honor. Good luck, Karen! We're already proud of you!

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!

Our goal? 5% of our Lodge membership. SIGN UP NOW!

Helpful tip: You'd need to have Elks.org login to be able to sign up.

Lodge Bulletin Volunteers

May 2025 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on Tuesday evening, April 22nd starting at about 6:30 PM.



Veterans Committee

On Tuesday, March 18th, the Veterans Committee made a delivery of \$300 worth of food along with \$100 in gift cards to the Joseph P Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Outreach center on State Street in Watertown, NY. Another \$300 worth of groceries was purchased and delivered to the local Feed the Vets program.

The Veterans Committee at Elks Lodge # 496 continues to stand ready to aid local Veteran's programs and local Veterans that are displaced.

The Veterans Committee is looking for more members to join and one does NOT have to be a Veteran to be on a committee. Those interested, please reach out to Sheri Doroha. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 PM.

ER Volunteer Appreciation

ER's Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held on March 22nd with Roast beef dinner served. Award winners were given out. Congrats to the winners! They were:

Elk of the Year—Barbara Yerdon

Officer of the Year—Anthony DeMiceli

Citizen of the Year—PSVP Joan Carlo

Volunteer of the Year—David Clement

Two committees were also recognized and awarded:

Veteran's Committee

Activity Committee

PER Mike Cummings would also like to extend his most sincere gratitude to ALL of the volunteers that have given up their time to be a part of committees, help clean our Lodge, and help cook .

Tuesday Steak Nights / Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. Steak dinner is \$15.95 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.

Interested in cooking for either of those nights? Let us know! It's always fun having a team together to cook and serving our members and sponsored guests dining with us!

2025 Legacy Scholarship

From April 1st through May 19th, 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, May 19, 2025. A total of two scholarships will be awarded with a value of \$500 each. The recipients will be announced in June 2025. 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 email, please contact Peg Bootie at abigail1893@verizon.net or (315) 788-0298.



News For The Bulletin

Got any news or special events to share in the monthly bulletin? Birthdays, anniversaries, milestones? Send it to us and we'll put it in the bulletin if spaces are available!

I am also looking for people to be on a bulletin committee. It takes more than one person to create a good bulletin. This is becoming time consuming for me and I need all the help I can get.

Thanks,

PER Dennis J Brady, Bulletin Editor

Mother's Day Breakfast

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

Adults - \$13 Children (5-7 yrs. Old) \$8 Under 5—
Free

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



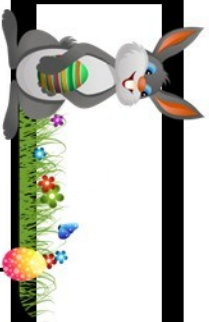
Volunteers Needed

We have opening for team of volunteers for our Tuesday Steak Nights. Interested in cooking and cleaning? Come and join us! Anyone interested, please contact our House Committee chair Anthony DeMiceli.

There are also several committees that need volunteers. Interested in helping with our monthly bulletin? Being on Activity committee? Veterans Committee? Americanism? Cook breakfast once a month? Lapsation? Soccer shoot? Youth Activity? Be our photographer? Let us know! Starting this month of April under the direction of our new Exalted Ruler Phil Nuffer, he may need YOU!

April 2025 Birthday

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



April 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
Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$15.95	Wed. Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 w/ bacon—\$1 extra BLT—\$7.95	1 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	2 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	3 Trustees 6:30 PM Lodge Session 7:30 PM	4	5 NYS Elks Bowling Tournament
6 NYS Elks Bowling Tournament MSPE in Lodge Room 1-4 PM	7 LCR Party 6:30 PM	8 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM MSPE in Banquet Rm	9 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM PER Association 6:30PM	10 Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM 140 Club Steak Dinner (see inside)	11 Trivia Night 7:00 PM	12 MSPE in Banquet Rm, Game Rm & Lodge Rm NYSEA Ritual Day @ Poughkeepsie Lodge
13 DD Clinic @ Lowville Lodge	14 House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	15 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	16 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Lodge Session 7:30 PM	18 Good Friday	19 Pizza w/ Easter Bunny (see inside)
20 	21 LCR Party 6:30 PM	22 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Bulletin Folding	23 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Board of Directors 6:30 PM	24 Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM May 1 Lodge Session/Initiation 7:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM	25 Karaoke with Scarlett Moon 7:00 PM	26
27	28 Deadline for Bulletin	29 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Orientation 7:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 1—6 PM Banquet Room	30 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM		May 2	May 3



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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	12:00PM— 7:00PM

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



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April 2025

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	Vacant
Chaplain	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Inner Guard	Sheri Doroha

Trustees:

Beth Cassada	Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Jay Miller	Mediator: Vic James
PSVP Joan Carlo	House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
PER Anne M Fleming	Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
Linnie Clark	Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon

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