

Exalted Ruler's Message:

Hello to all, I hope your start to summer has treated you all well. At the lodge last month we kicked off summer with two fun events. June 4th and 5th we fed the local school's lacrosse players for the end of the season awards ceremony. This is something every year that I'm proud of our lodge for being involved. We were also this year's host Lodge for Flag Day. Unfortunately due to lightning we had to cancel the parade we put so much work into organizing. We did still have our Flag Day ceremony inside our Lodge. I thought the ceremony went incredibly well. I was very happy with the attendance of our membership for the celebration of this very important day. Special thanks to Mel Busler and city councilman Doug Osborne for helping with the ceremony.

As for the month of July, PER Phil Nuffer, PER Dennis Brady and myself will be traveling to Chicago July 3rd-8th for the Elks National Convention. I am very excited to attend this years convention and attend the many seminars to learn useful information to bring back and help our lodge. I also look forward to visiting the Elks National Memorial and attending its 100 year anniversary celebration on July 4th.

At the lodge in July, we have our Elks Family picnic on Sunday July 19th. Tickets are on sale at the bar for \$5.00. This year's theme is "The 80's". Johnny Spezzano will be in the house spinning all your favorite music hits from the 1980's so bring your dancing shoes. We will have all of your favorite picnic food and raffles, games and 50/50's throughout the day. The family picnic is one of the many events we love to put on for the members as it is a thank you for belonging to our wonderful lodge. Get your best 80's outfit ready and I look forward to seeing you all there.

I hope everyone has a safe, fun and eventful July 4th weekend. Cheers to 250!! I look forward to seeing you all at our many dinners and events all next month.

Fraternally yours,
Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli

Secretary's Message:

At the time of writing this July 2026 bulletin, the membership dropped from 1,141 to 1,139 and with two new members, we're back to 1,141 with 134 still delinquent. Our membership numbers have been dropping the last few years due to many deaths of our members and each year, we've had a large number of delinquents that had to be dropped. Let's try to bring back some of the dropped members as well as recruiting new members. Keep reminding members of the many good things our Lodge does for the community. If you're currently delinquent, PLEASE pay your dues as soon as you can.

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.

Volunteers are still needed. If you're interested in volunteering for anything, please let the bartender know or reach out to any of the officers or committee chairpersons. We have several members volunteering quite a bit and we don't want to burn them out.

Members, please make an attempt to attend some of the meetings, be it the House Committee meeting or regular Lodge sessions.

Have a good summer! Golfers, keep practicing your golf swings and join us for our annual Golf Tournament on September 12th!

Applications to be acted upon for the month of July:

New Members: William McElroy—Engineer with AKRF—proposed by Chris Misericola.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

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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 make individual lives in the community better. Our Lodge, with the help of placemat ad fundraiser, has achieved our ENF per capita for the past few years. Thank you! Big thank you to our deceased member, PSP LM Timothy E Kelly,

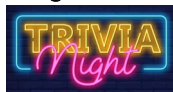
for his hard work in helping us achieve this. I have big shoes to fill.

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 MAY

Lodge Activity Events
Friday, July 17th at 7:00 PM



Friday, June 19th at 7:00 PM
Trivia Night with Susie Hodge
Pub Menu Available



Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar
Pub Menu Available

Game Night Friday, July 31st
Pass Your Trash 6:30 PM
No Pub Menu

(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, June 1st, 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

140 Club registration opened 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.



Thursday Night Cruise-In

At Watertown Lodge's parking lot.

5 PM to 8 PM on those following dates:

July 16th and 30th, August 13th and 27th,

September 10th and 24th

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be available outside.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LODGE VETERAN PROGRAMS

July Meetings...

Tuesday, July 7th—Trustees 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 9th—Lodge Meeting 7 PM



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!

Brian Dezell—DDGER—North Central District # 6240

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Ted McDonald—State Vice President

White Hill Rd, Box 572, Parishville, NY 13672 (315) 600-7376

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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!

House Committee:

Hello, I'd like to start off by introducing myself to all that may have not met me in the past few months at the lodge. My name is Derrick Kehoe and I am your new House Committee Chairman at the lodge. I am also the lodges Esteemed Lecturing Knight. I look forward to building on the success of our social parlor and working alongside the house committee and employees to make our lodge a fun and enjoyable place to visit.

I'd like to personally invite you to attend our house committee meetings as we are always looking for fresh ideas and volunteers to help with our many events. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email at Kehoedj@hotmail.com. Always feel free to approach me if you'd like to chat as I always like to hear from our members.

I hope to see a great turnout Sunday July 19th for our 80's themed family picnic. The house committee along with Leading Knight Karen Miller and ER Anthony DeMiceli are putting a lot of effort into making this a special event for you our members.

We are working on booking more live music through the fall season and Friday night dinners for you to enjoy. I hope you all have a safe and fun July 4th. See you soon at the lodge!

Fraternally yours,
 Derrick Kehoe
 House Committee Chairman



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Veteran's Committee

"Service doesn't have to be big and grandiose to be meaningful and make a difference."

Cheryl Esplin

Summer has arrived! With that, we marked the arrival of our summer car show series! In the month of June, two car shows took place. Car shows are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month through the end of September. Join us on one or all of the nights, check out some great cars, and have dinner! Please note that the car show may be canceled due to rain the day of the event, and the car show club makes that decision. We will post cancellations to the lodge Facebook page when we know of them.

The Elks Flag Day Ceremony and Parade was held at our lodge on Sunday, June 14th. A parade was scheduled, however Mother Nature had other plans for us. Thank you to our membership and the community for understanding that the safety of our participants was the highest priority when we had to cancel the parade during the line up.

The ceremony and luncheon were still held to honor Flag Day, and our lodge officers and guest speakers did a phenomenal job! A shout-out to the Sandy Creek Central School Choir and their director, Jackie Hobbs, who did an amazing job singing the National Anthem and God Bless America for us.

A final thing to note: we participate in Feed Our Vets every month. We are always looking for extra hands to help our Veterans.

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, please contact me. I would love to speak with you about the committee. You can send a message on the Elks 496 Facebook page or chat with me at the lodge.

Fraternally,
Karen Miller
Esteemed Leading Knight

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 19th—Family Picnic. Lodge Closed.

Saturday, August 22nd—BUS TRIP to the Yankees Stadium—Elks Day!

Saturday, August 22nd—Youth Soccer Shoot!!! More details to follow.

Annual Watertown Elks Lodge Golf Tournament **Saturday, September 12th**! Details coming soon.

Major Project Fundraisers with Dueling Pianos **October 17th**! More details to follow.

Veterans Dinner—**November 7th**

Major Project Bowling Tournament **November 8th**! More details also to follow.

November 22nd—Harvest Dinner for Area Senior Citizens

Sunday, December 6th—Elks Memorial Service

Lodge will be **CLOSED** on Nationally Observed Holidays—4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you're interested in volunteering for anything, please let the bartender know or reach out to any of the officers or committee chairpersons. We have several members volunteering quite a bit and we don't want to burn them out.

Youth Soccer Shoot!!

Coming up on August 22nd, 2026, Watertown Lodge # 496 will host area's Soccer Shoot at JCC! More details to follow. This is FREE for area youths and you do not need to be a member. Please consider volunteering for this!

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. Hoffman hotdogs now added to the menu!!! ONE Hoffman hotdog with a side for \$7.95 or TWO Hoffman hotdogs with a side for \$10.95.

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

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Your Caterer- Your Menu!

Your lodge is available for your functions!

FOR MORE DETAILS:

315-586-5954

or

315-788-1270

All caterers need to be licensed by New York State

BELL JAR REPORT

May 2026

Total Income:	\$18,480.00
Total Expenses:	\$2,110.17
Worthy Causes:	\$1,050.00
Net Income:	\$15,319.83

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 Eugene Mancini.

Lodge of Sorrow

Wayne E Truesdell # 7406; PER HLM Patrick G O'Connor # 4697

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

TOTALLY RAD 80s PICNIC!

Grab your leg warmers, neon colors, and join all of the dikes and dudettes from the 496 for an afternoon of retro fun!

July 19, 2026 12:00 PM \$5.00/person

Watertown Lodge 496

Raffles and Prizes

Music from the 80s DJ Johnny Spezzano

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Sausage sandwiches and other surprises

Costume encouraged: Neon, denim, leg warmers & big hair!

Signature drinks

Open to members and sponsored guests

"Don't Stop Believin'... the best picnic of the summer is almost here!"

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



July 2026 Birthday

1 Cynthia Cerow	6 Patrick M Gaines	10 Erik Thomas Flynn	17 Richard L Conley	22 Paul Gaffney	27 James LaDuke
2 David E Bajjaly	6 Sally Kleiboer	10 Keith T Lawrence	17 Joel A Jamieson	22 Stephen LaFontaine	27 Sheri J Madlin
2 Gary Cook	6 John S Romig	10 Thomas E Oddi	18 John J Condino	22 Dominic Morgia	28 David Bearup
2 Alekzandra Huttemann-Kall	7 Diane L Armstrong	10 Joseph L Rich	18 Nieko Crescenzi	22 Scotty A Sweeney	28 Michelle T Castor
2 Muriel C Pierce	7 Thomas J Bruno	11 Jeffrey J Cook	18 Michael C May	23 Michael Clement	28 Matthew Fazio
2 Joanna Reed	7 Donald S Butterfield	12 George J Bearup Jr.	18 Michael J Parker	23 Richard S Kelsey	29 William A Petrus
2 Michael R Sears	7 Rocco Canale	12 Dale Blanding	18 Mark A Raleigh	23 Raymond G Weston	29 Ronald D Tabolt
2 James T Smith	7 Amber Oliver	12 John C Doe	18 Cynthia Werner	24 John T Converse	30 James C Andiorio Jr
3 Ramona Alfaro	8 Lee Ellsworth	12 Richard McDonald	18 James Zehr	24 Lynn J MacNay	30 Peter J Loftus Jr.
3 Frederick C Monaco II	8 Carolyn Gaebel	12 Frederick C Netto	19 Lee LaFave	24 John J Vallero	30 Steven G Munson
3 Douglas Charles Partridge Jr.	8 Frederick W Gerloff	12 Paul J Pecori III	19 Martha LaMay	25 Jeanette Ann Lettiere	30 Edward J O'Brien
3 David Schofield	8 Shane Wisner	12 Robert J Piatt	19 Richard C Warner Jr.	25 Suzanne Raso	30 Theodore P Ward
3 Walter D Young	9 Sarah Carpenter	14 Kimberly A Donegan	20 Charles R Carr	25 Thomas Tehonica	31 Brandon M Bauman
3 Pamela L Knight	9 Robert C Lytle II	14 Amanda Nason	20 Michael Cummings	26 James L Whitehouse	31 Roy Randall
4 Robert L Saiff	10 Phyllis J Burns	15 Tom LaRochele	21 Myron C Kehoe	27 Richard G Cohen	31 Robin Riley
5 Brandon Caldwell	10 Patrick Eassa	16 Matt Doheny	21 Carol M Lawrence	27 Donald J Corp	31 James A Todd
5 Angela Danielsen	10 John Falge III	16 Kendall Miller	21 Larry R Thompson		



July 2026

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event



Sunday 12:00pm—7:00pm	Monday 1:00pm—9:00pm	Tuesday 1:00pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 1:00pm—9:00pm	Thursday 1:00pm—9:00pm	Friday 12:00pm—11:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—11:00pm
Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$18.95	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 / HOTDOGS	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	1 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	2	3	4 4th of July!!! Lodge Closed 
5		7 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Trustees—7:00 PM	8 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	9 Lodge Session 7:00 PM	10	11 MSPE—Banquet Room
12 MSPE—Banquet Room	13	14 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Orientation 7:00 PM	15 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	16 Thursday Night Cruise-In Lodge Parking Lot Food Available Outside	17  Trivia Night with Susie Hodges!! 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available	18 MSPE—Lodge Room
19 Elks Family Picnic 80's Theme See Inside!! Lodge will be closed	20 	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  Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	24	25 MSPE—Lodge Room
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LODGE HOURS

Monday	1:00PM—9:00PM
Tuesday-Wednesday	1:00PM—9:00PM
Thursday	1:00PM—9:00PM *
*Except on Meeting Nights	
Friday	12:00PM—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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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	PER Anthony J Verne
Chaplain	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Inner Guard	David Clement

Trustees:

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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: Derrick Kehoe
Bar Manager: Geoff Mattraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon