

## Exalted Ruler's Message

Well, the Holidays have come and gone. I hope everyone had a great Christmas!

As we start into the New Year, there are many activities planned for the Lodge. Our fantastic Tuesday Steak Nights continue along with our delicious Burger Nights on Wednesdays. Thank you to all the volunteers that make these happen.

In January, we have Bingo and Trivia planned. Come out and join your fellow members for a great time. Also in January, plan to attend our Dueling Pianos event. This is one of our largest fund raisers for Major Project, so plan on attending.

Stop into the Lodge and have a drink with friends and to make new ones as well. Hope to see you all there.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please approach me.

Fraternally yours,  
ER Michael Cummings

## Secretary's Message:

As of the writing of this message, we have 1,293 members with 95 members delinquent. Online dues payment is available by going to:

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge> (Helpful tip on that site: when entering your membership ID, add the two zeros before your four digit member ID).

Current dues are \$99 regular membership and \$69 Life membership. Delinquent members, please try to get current as soon as you can so that you won't have to pay more than twice the amount when due in a few months. Can you imagine paying \$198 regular or \$138 Life Membership dues all at once? If dues are NOT paid, you will be dropped on March 31st.

Your continued membership and support help our Lodge to continue to do all the work that we for our community, something that should make you proud to be a member of.

### 2025-2026 Membership Dues

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

### Applications to be acted upon in January

**New Membership** application: **Father Matt Conger**—Watertown—Holy Family Church—proposed by State President Tania DeFrank; **Nichole Hineline**—Watertown—Float Teller @ KeyBank—proposed by Brenda Piche; **Richard S Kelsey**—Watertown—Retired Correction Lieutenant—proposed by Francis Andre; **Brandon Caldwell**—Watertown—Business Owner @ Countryside Motors LLC—proposed by Breanna Burgenstock; **Reinstatement** application: **Jeffrey Shannon**—Watertown—Self Employed @ KDM Kustoms—proposed by Anne Fleming; **Sandra Faylo**—Watertown—Retired—proposed by Timothy E Kelly; **Susan K O'Neill**—Watertown—Retired—proposed by Timothy E Kelly.

### Elks National Foundation / Major Project

Please consider making contributions to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and Major Project and help us meet our per capita goals. The per capita for ENF is \$5 per member and Major Project is \$8.50 per member. When our Lodge meets our per capita goals, it helps us to get grants in order to continue our service and charitable giving to the community. With ENF, please consider joining the Fidelity Club. Just sign up, consider automatic withdrawal of minimum \$5 per month and forget. It's so much easier to do and knowing you've made significant contributions to such a worthy cause.

### Upcoming Meetings

Lodge session resumes on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Our December 5th meeting last month got cancelled due to snowstorm. Then we have our 2nd meeting on January 16th, 2025. Thursday, February 6th is our Lodge Session and PER Night along with initiation AND nomination of Officers for 2025-2026 year. Thursday, February 20th is Election of Officers during our regular Lodge session.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

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Watertown NY 13601

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## January Events

**Friday, January 10th at 7:00 PM**  
**Trivia Night**

(Activity Committee Event)

**Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM**  
**Bingo at the Bar**

(Activity Committee Event)

All Lodge activities are open to members and sponsored guests

## New Year's Day

**Open Noon to 6:00 PM Bloody Mary—\$1.50**

**Happy Hour Prices All Day**

**Kitchen Closed**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



## Del Leween Funday Bowling League

League begins Sunday, January 5th at 1:00 PM. Be there around noonish to complete your USBC's!!

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **24th** of every month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Schaab**

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**BELL JAR REPORT**  
November 2024

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Total Income:   | \$9,390.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$1,851.92 |
| Worthy Causes:  | \$310.00   |
| Net Income:     | \$7,228.08 |

**PIZZA SALE**

**ORDER YOURS AND  
GET THEM IN TIME FOR  
SUPER BOWL LIV**

**PICK UP ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th  
4:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY FEBRUARY 1st  
ALL PIZZAS ARE UNCOOKED**

|                                               |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| Plain Cheese                                  | \$12 |
| Butter garlic                                 | \$12 |
| Cheese & pepperoni                            | \$13 |
| Cheese & sausage                              | \$13 |
| Deluxe                                        | \$15 |
| (cheese, sausage, pepperoni, peppers, onions) |      |
| Buffalo Chicken                               | \$15 |

**TOTAL TO BE PAID WHEN ORDERING**

**Order forms available at the bar and on the website.**

**DD/SVP Clinic**

Sunday, January 19th at 10 AM is the DD/SVP Clinic. Each Lodge's Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Trustee Chair are required to attend, along with District Chairs. Any other officers interested may attend.



Following the clinic District Bowling Ogdensburg Bowl. nine pin, no-tap fee: \$100 per team. Ogdensburg Lodge after bowling.

Just sharing for those who aren't bowling on Sunday afternoon league. Interested: call Stu (315) 323-2202 or Scott (315) 804-3512 for entries.

is the North Central Tournament at Og-Four person teams; handicap. Entry Prizes and food at

**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**

**Wilson F Clark**

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

**VOLUNTEERISM**

We have had a lot of volunteers for several events during the fall season. A big Thank You go out to all that helped. It's always fun to volunteer and new volunteers are always welcomed. Interested in volunteering? Just ask the bartenders or tell the Lodge Secretary you're interested. Like to cook? Like to clean? Like to help out with events? Let us know!

**January Meetings...**

January 2nd —Lodge Session 7:30 PM  
January 2nd—Trustees 6:30 PM  
January 7th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM  
January 13th—House Committee 6:30 PM  
January 16th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM  
January 29th—Veteran's Committee 6:30 PM

**Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...**



February—Fun Winter Bash  
March—Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon or Dinner  
March—Installation of Officers  
April—Breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
May—Mother's Day Brunch



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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!

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

There is still time to apply for the nationwide Elks Legacy Scholarship. These are the particulars:

**Elks Legacy Awards** - College-bound high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues paying Elks are encouraged to apply for an Elks Legacy Award. They could receive \$1,000 per year for four years. Application deadline is February 3, 2025. Apply at [elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm](http://elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm).

For further information or questions contact Lodge #496 Scholarship Chair Peg Bootie at 315-788-0298 or [abigail1893@verizon.net](mailto:abigail1893@verizon.net)

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

# January 2025

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

| <b>Sunday</b><br>11:00am—7:00pm                                                   | <b>Monday</b><br>2:00pm—9:00pm                                                                                                  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>2:00pm—9:00pm                                                               | <b>Wednesday</b><br>2:00pm—9:00pm                                                | <b>Thursday</b><br>2:00pm—9:00pm               | <b>Friday</b><br>2:00pm—11:00pm | <b>Saturday</b><br>11:00am—11:00pm                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steak Night Tuesday<br>Steak & side, salad<br>\$15.95                             | Wed. Burger Night:<br>Burger with lettuce,<br>tomato, cheese and<br>onions w/ fries \$12.95<br>w/ bacon—\$1 extra<br>BLT—\$7.95 |                                                                                               | 1<br>Happy New Year!!<br>\$1 Bloody Mary Special<br>Happy Hour Prices All<br>Day | 2<br>Lodge Session 7:30 PM<br>Trustees 6:30 PM | 3                               | 4                                                                                                   |
| 5<br>Del Leween Funday<br>Bowling League 1 PM                                     | 6<br>LCR Party 6:30 PM                                                                                                          | 7<br>Steak Night Tuesday<br>5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95<br>Queen of Hearts 7PM<br>MSPE 4—8 PM Bnq Rm | 8<br>Burger Night<br>5:30 PM—7:30 PM<br>Veterans Committee<br>6:30 PM            | 9                                              | 10<br>Trivia Night              | 11                                                                                                  |
| 12<br>Del Leween Funday<br>Bowling League 1 PM<br>MSPE 1—4 PM Mtg Rm              | 13<br>House Committee Mtg<br>6:30 PM<br>MSPE 6—8 PM Mtg Rm                                                                      | 14<br>Steak Night Tuesday<br>5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95<br>Queen of Hearts 7PM                      | 15<br>Burger Night<br>5:30 PM—7:30 PM                                            | 16<br>Lodge Session 7:30 PM                    | 17                              | 18<br>Duelling Piano's by<br>Flying Ivories<br>\$40 presale / \$50 at<br>Door<br>MSPE 4—8 PM Mtg Rm |
| 19<br>Del Leween Funday<br>Bowling League 1 PM<br>DD Clinic @<br>Ogdensburg 10 AM | 20<br>LCR Party 6:30 PM                                                                                                         | 21<br>Steak Night Tuesday<br>5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95<br>Queen of Hearts 7PM                      | 22<br>Burger Night<br>5:30 PM—7:30 PM                                            | 23<br>Bingo at the Bar                         | 24                              | 25                                                                                                  |
| 26<br>Del Leween Funday<br>Bowling League 1 PM                                    | 27                                                                                                                              | 28<br>Steak Night Tuesday<br>5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95<br>Queen of Hearts 7PM                      | 29<br>Burger Night<br>5:30 PM—7:30 PM                                            | 30                                             | 31                              |                                                                                                     |



**Watertown**  
**B.P.O.E. #496**  
**www.elks496.org**

**January 2025**

**LODGE HOURS**

**Monday** 2:00PM—9:00PM  
**Tuesday-Wednesday** 2:00AM—9:00PM \*  
**Thursday** 2:00AM—11:00PM  
\*Except on Meeting Nights  
**Friday** 11:00AM—11:00PM  
**Saturday** 11:00AM— 7:00PM  
**Sunday** 2:00PM—9:00PM  
Home of PSP Francis Hart, PSP Nelson Navarra & PSP Timothy E. Kelly

**Officers 2024—2025**

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Exalted Ruler         | Michael Cummings      |
| Est. Leading Knight   | Philip K Nuffer       |
| Est. Loyal Knight     | PER Edward C Massa    |
| Est. Lecturing Knight | Anthony DeMiceli      |
| Secretary             | PER Dennis J Brady    |
| Treasurer             | Beth A. Bennett       |
| Esquire               | Karen Miller          |
| Tiler                 | Sheri Doroha          |
| Chaplain              | Linda A Lepper        |
| Inner Guard           | Margaret "Peg" Bootie |

**Trustees:**

Linnie Clark  
Mary Hughes-Hoiston—Chair  
Jay Miller  
PSVP Joan Carlo  
PER Anne M Fleming  
PER Anne M Fleming

Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny  
Mediator: Vic James  
House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli  
Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw  
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon



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**Watertown, NY 13601**

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**728 Bradley Street**  
**Watertown, New York 13601-6008**

## Warm Hands



## Warm Feet

On Wednesday afternoon, December 4th, 2024, the Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 presented a check for \$1,808.17 to CAPC of Jefferson County at Davidson Street, Watertown, NY for the Warm Hands, Warm Feet project. The Community Action Planning Council purchased several boots and mittens for the Head Start children at CAPC. The money was raised by members of Lodge # 496 with such giving hearts.

Each year, members of Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 send monetary donations towards Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens, Warm Hands Warm Feet project and Children's Christmas Party as part of the Lodge's Magical Holiday giving (November through December).

PSP Tim Kelly, PSVP Joan Carlo and Lodge Secretary PER Dennis Brady was on hand to present the check to Caroline Feasler, Family Center Director of Community Action Planning Council.

### ***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](https://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**

February 2025 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on Saturday morning, January 25th starting at about 9 AM.

## **New York State Elks**

### **76th Annual Bowling Tournament**

The upcoming NYS Elks bowling tournament will be hosted by Watervliet-Colonie #1500 Lodge.

Dates of Tournament:

March 29th—March 3th

April 5th—April 6th

April 12th—April 13th

April 26th—April 27th

May 3rd—May 4th

Bowlers from the Del Leween Sunday Funday is set to bowl on April 5th—6th.

Host:

### **Watervliet-Colonie Lodge # 1500**

501 4th Avenue

Watervliet, NY 12189

(315) 273-8016

### **Team Event**

Green Island Lanes

4 Lafayette St

Green Island, NY 12183

(518) 273-2322

### **Doubles and Singles**

Uncle Sam Lanes

600 Fulton St

Troy, NY 12180

(518) 271-7800

Reservation close 12/30/2024—Entries close 03/01/2025

## ***New York State Elks Association***

### ***Annual Spring Convention***

The annual spring conference will be held at Villa Roma (356 Villa Roma Road, Callicoon, NY 12723) on May 15th—18th, 2025. Cut-off date for the Spring Convention reservation is on April 4, 2025. There are three-night and four-night packaged rates. Thursday to Sunday (4 days/3 nights) Traditional Room (main building or non-connecting) \$787.78 per person single occupancy or \$540.29 per person double occupancy. One Bedroom Suite (two beds and Living Room) - \$824.18 per person Single Occupancy or \$562.89 per person Double Occupancy. Wednesday to Sunday (5 days / 4 nights) is also available (from \$696.38 per person to \$1,053.36 per person). Anyone interested in reservation form may contact the Lodge Secretary.



## Major Project

Thank you to all of the volunteers and made donations to help make the Annual Craft and Vendor Show a success!! We appreciate each and every one of you that donated time, lottery tickets and other donations.

Mark your calendars for January 18th! We have Dueling Piano's coming! It is going to be our BEST fundraiser ever for Major Project. There will be a limit of 160 tickets at \$40 each advanced and \$50 each at the door. Only 5 corporate tables will be available for sponsorship of \$500 each. Tickets will be available at the Lodge. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Also coming up in February is the Fun Winter Bash!!! Keep an eye out for this event!

Thanks—Lisa Green

## Hoop Shoot / Children's Christmas Party

The Hoop Shoot was a minor success due to the postponement from a snowstorm we had. A handful of kids participated and the winners are advancing to the District Hoop Shoot being held in Carthage on January 26th.

The Children's Christmas Party held on December 8th was a big success. There were 31 children that participated and were greeted by Santa Claus. Pizzas were served and all of the kids went home happy. Special Thanks to PER Anne Fleming for putting this together at moment's notice and to Janet and Kasey Gardner for lending Anne a helping hand. Thank you to Geoff Matraw and PER Dennis Brady for making quality pizzas.

## 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? Americanism? Cook breakfast once a month? Lapsation? Soccer shoot? Youth Activity? Be our photographer? Let us know! Coming up in April under the direction of our new Exalted Ruler, he or she may need YOU!

There's a volunteer sign up sheet at the Lodge. Please fill them out and give to the bartender to put in the secretary's mail.

## Dictionary Project

There are 5 schools left to deliver to. That will be done in the first part of January after the holiday break. Students are so excited when they get the dictionaries. The back part has a great deal of information such as the continents, the states, the solar system, sign language, all the presidents including a brief bio of each, the Declaration of Independence and much more. Always a big hit is the longest word in the English language...1909 letters long. It's a scientific term. Project funded by Gratitude Grant of \$2,500.

- PSVP Joan E Carlo

## January 2025 Birthday

|                       |                        |                         |                        |                           |                           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Mark Decilles       | 8 Chuck Capone         | 13 Timothy D Tallmadge  | 17 Bonnie M Peck       | 22 Melissa Kampnich       | 28 Cynthia Woolf Mason    |
| 2 Thomas G Compo      | 8 William J Dowdle     | 14 Elwyn J Bodley       | 18 John J Morgia Sr.   | 22 Amanda Jo Mayne        | 28 Leo S McNulty          |
| 2 Brenna Ginger       | 8 Paul E Heckmann      | 14 Nicholas A D'Argenio | 18 Victor Natali       | 24 Lloyd Damon            | 28 James Scordo           |
| 2 Damita J Smith      | 8 Scott W Kolb         | 14 Bonnie M Herman      | 18 John Parks          | 24 Linda Harter           | 29 Griffin DeForest       |
| 3 Charles G Caprara   | 9 Bruce MacKenzie      | 14 Lawrence M Lafave    | 18 Danny Roberts Jr.   | 25 Donald E Godfrey       | 29 Scott Scee             |
| 3 Patrick E Hayes     | 9 Robin Scordo         | 15 Leo R Coleman Jr.    | 18 Gary Stinson        | 25 Jody Hewitt            | 30 John J Clement         |
| 3 Patrick F Merritt   | 10 David A Gebo        | 15 Donna Oakes          | 19 Gordon E Greene     | 25 Judy Motter            | 30 Gregory Day            |
| 3 Darren W Smith      | 10 James Miller        | 16 Christopher S Boulio | 19 Todd Knight         | 25 Raymond Shelmidine     | 30 Michael J Fortunato    |
| 4 Michael Barker      | 10 Alexander F Ritz Jr | 16 Suzanne Davis        | 20 Douglas S Clement   | 26 Kathleen M Long        | 30 George H Lafex II      |
| 4 Joelle Decillis     | 11 Mark A Capone       | 16 Nicolas Kammeyer     | 20 Kristine Frederick  | 26 George Morley Jr.      | 30 Deborah J Patchen      |
| 4 Thomas E Gee        | 11 Ronald E Chisamore  | 16 Jack P McIlroy       | 20 Eric Hoistion       | 26 Patrick J Side Jr.     | 30 Michael A Pierce       |
| 5 Sandra L Bruno      | 11 Timothy M Esposito  | 16 Connie Riordan       | 20 Arthur H Parker     | 26 C William Stoodley Jr. | 30 Joan C Roach           |
| 5 Scott E Clark       | 11 Frank J Schepis     | 16 Leo K Thompson       | 20 Peter J Phillips    | 26 Loren W Walts          | 31 Joseph H Gravelle      |
| 5 Nicholas O'Brien    | 12 Frank Marzano V     | 17 Steven N Adams       | 21 Patrick E O'Donnell | 27 Cindy L Eiss           | 31 Charles L Schweinsberg |
| 6 Joseph A Fiorentino | 13 Paul M Bouchard     | 17 Craig Frederick      | 21 Steven C Wood       | 27 Joseph A LaJoie Jr.    | 31 Steve Smith            |
| 6 Ronald D Horning    | 13 Dina L Kelly        | 17 Walter M Gallo       | 22 Cindy Fitzpatrick   | 27 Jeffrey L Wiley        |                           |