

Exalted Ruler's Message

We are halfway through the winter. I hope everybody is staying safe and warm. Please continue to volunteer, paying your dues and help bring in new members. I look forward to seeing everyone in the lodge.

During the month of January, we've had opening meetings for the new Antlers program, a small but successful Family Night Dinner to benefit Major Projects, initiation of some new members, and a PER Association meeting. All the Lodge activities in the past few months have given us some sense of normalcy after two years of uncertainties due to the pandemic.

This month, we have our PER Night along with Lodge Session and nomination of officers, and then the election of officers during our second Lodge session of the month. Two very important nights for your lodge.

To all the volunteers, Thank You for what you do for our Lodge!

Stay Safe and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,

February Events

Two important nights in the month of February for our Lodge. Nomination & Election of Officers for 2023-2024.

February 2, 2023

PER Night / Nomination of Officer / Lodge Session 7:30 PM

February 16, 2023

Election of Officers / Lodge Session 7:30 PM

ER's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

March 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Each year, the Exalted Ruler takes the time to give thanks and hosts the Volunteer Appreciation dinner for all the members that have given their time to help out with various Lodge events, community programs, or contributed in the ongoing maintenance of the Lodge. The Exalted Ruler will also be awarding Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Employee of the Year, Citizen of the Year, along with several other well deserving recognitions. Invitations will be mailed within a few weeks.

Dinner menu will be announced in the letter and will be posted on the website and next month's bulletin.

Installation of Officers

March 25, 2023

Installation of officers for year 2023-2024

Installation ceremony, followed by cocktail hour

And Dinner. More info in next month's bulletin.

Watertown Lodge Hosts District Ritual Contest

For the second year in a row, the Watertown Lodge # 496 is hosting the NYS North Central District # 6240 Ritual contest. And for the second year in a row, our Lodge is participating! The contest will be held on February 4th, from 9 AM until about 2 PM. It will begin with team ritual contest, then ER/PER 11th Hour contest and finally the ER/PER Flag Charge Presentation contest.

Any ER and PER can participate in the 11th Hour contest and the Flag Charge Presentation contest. Watertown Lodge # 496 PER's, please consider participating. Contact PER Dennis J Brady.



Antlers Join Elks #496

Coming to Watertown Elks #496, a new junior program called the Antlers for kids ages 12-21st birthday, when they can become actual Elks. Interested Elks' members and their children and grandchildren are invited to our meetings on **Tuesday, February 7 and 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM**, at the lodge. All application for membership submitted by February 7, 2023, will be considered for our inaugural Antlers Initiation. Applications will continue to be accepted as we grow our Antlers #496 Lodge.

The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has the following major objectives which are in line with all we do as Elks.

- To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism
- To teach respect for parents and love of home
- To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship
- To aid in a worthy cause
- To establish foundation of character
- To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members

- And to respect the conviction of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism

We hope to see many kids sign up as well as hope to encourage many parents to join us to support the activities for the Elks Junior Program. Any questions can be sent to Linda Lepper, Tiler and Antlers Advisor at iwantmorerhinos@yahoo.com.

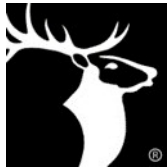
PIZZA SALE

Pick up your PIZZA in time for the Super Bowl!! Pick up date is Saturday, February 11th between Noon—4 PM.

BELL JAR REPORT

December 2022

Total Income:	\$10,584
Total Expenses:	\$2,123
Worthy Causes:	\$250
Net Income:	\$8,211



The Financial Stretch

In the blink of an eye, the final stretch of the fiscal year is upon us. The ENF's 2022-23 fiscal year closes on March 31, and donations must be in the ENF office by March 31 to count for the year. Any donations received after that date, regardless of postmark, will be counted toward the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The good news is that it has never been easier to give. The ENF offers numerous ways to give online, including the option to dedicate a donation in memory of a loved one, designate your gift to your favorite ENF program, or make your gift monthly through the ENF's Fidelity Club.

Lodges that reach the National President's per-member giving goal of \$4.80 in the current fiscal year will be eligible for a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant in the 2023-24 fiscal year. Donating the equivalent of one coffee or one value meal can help your Lodge receive more resources to serve the community.

There are also three \$500 bonuses available for the Gratitude Grant that can increase the total to \$3,500. Last year, 61.6 percent of eligible Lodges qualified for one or more of the bonuses. The ENF would love to see even more Lodges cross that finish line this year.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf. To donate online, visit enf.elks.org/Donate.

Help Your Lodge Meet ENF Per Capita Goal!!

Each year, our lodge strives to meet our ENF per capita goal, which helps us to receive grants to support our various community program (Dictionary program, Drug Awareness, Back Pack program, Veterans, Scholarship program, etc.). Help us try to raise \$2,000 to meet our per capita goal by donating to ENF. When making donation, write a check out to Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 and write "ENF" in the memo. Your donations to ENF are tax deductible! Try consider joining the Fidelity Club by visiting Fidelity Club website for more info: www.elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub.cfm. There are incentives in joining the Fidelity Club!!!

To book an event at the lodge, call Lisa Green

Event Phone Number: (315) 816-8010 or

Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1720

MEMBERS ON THE SICK BOARD

Terry Scee Jr

Paul Fitzgerald

George Grappotte



Lodge of Sorrow

Jon T Rich, Jr # 8743

Sean P Lyng # 8136

Francis J Mitchell LM # 3825

From the secretary's desk:

Dues statements have been sent out late January 2023 for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year. If you do not receive a statement, please contact me so we can review your mailing address.

Changes to LIFE MEMBER status is as follows: You must be a paid 30-year member. The age requirement has been dropped. No refunds for the current year. The status will take effect the next lodge year. To apply, send a written request with your member number and contact information to the Lodge Secretary.

You can now pay your dues online at

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>.

Dues for 2023-2024 Lodge Year

Regular Dues: \$94.00; Life Member Dues: \$64.00

Contact Information:

Kimberley Kowal

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

PO Box 6008

Watertown NY 13601

Phone: (315) 788-1270

Email: kkowal0496@gmail.com

Committee Members Needed

We are in need of members to help out at the Lodge by volunteering to serve on our committees. We have committee members who have served for years and are taking a break and stepping down at the end of March. They have done an amazing job. Please consider helping out your Lodge. If you are interested and/or have questions, please contact Leading Knight Anne Fleming at (315) 489-6250 or by emailing at annefleming69@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Every month, there are members, officers and committee persons who volunteer their time to help make our organization function smoothly. Please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated by

February Friday Night Dinner Specials:

Friday February 10, 2023—Shepards Pie—\$11.95

Friday February 24, 2023—Baked Stuffed Shells with sausage & meatballs—\$11.95

Lodge: (315) 788-1270

Fax: (315) 788-1681

Lodge email: elks496@centralny.twcabc.com

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the 15th of this month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor



February 2023

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Friday Night Dinner Menu: Prime Rib: King Cut (16oz) - \$24.95 Queen Cut (12oz) - \$19.99 Haddock—\$11.95 Chicken tenders—\$8.95	TO BOOK AN EVENT AT THE LODGE, CALL LISA GREEN AT (315) 816-8010 OR (315) 788-1270	Lunch Served Tuesday—Friday 11:30 AM—2 PM	1 Wednesday Night Burgers 5-7:30 PM	2 PER Night / Lodge Session / Nonimation of Officers 7:30 PM Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM See menu top left Corner MSPE 9 am—2 pm	4 NYS North Central District Ritual Contest 9AM—2PM in Lodge Banquet Room
5 Del Leween FunDay Bowling 1:00 PM	6 Monday Night Wings 5-7:30 PM	7 Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	8 Wednesday Night Burgers 5-7:30 PM	9 	10 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM See menu top left corner Specials: Shepards Pie \$11.95	11
12 Del Leween FunDay Bowling 1:00 PM MSPE 2 pm—5 pm	13 Monday Night Wings 5-7:30 PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Happy Valentine's Day	15 Wednesday Night Burgers 5-7:30 PM	16 Lodge Session & Election of Officers 7:30 PM MSPE 10 am—3 pm	17 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM See menu top left corner	18
19 Del Leween FunDay Bowling 1:00 PM	20 Monday Night Wings 5-7:30 PM	21 Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	22 Wednesday Night Burgers 5-7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	23 MSPE 9 am—2 pm	24 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM—See menu top left corner Specials: Baked Stuffed Shells w/ sausage & Meatballs—\$11.95	25 MSPE
26 Del Leween FunDay Bowling 1:00 PM	27 Monday Night Wings 5-7:30 PM	28 Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	March 1	2	3 Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM See menu top left Corner	4



Watertown

B.P.O.E. #496

www.elks496.org

February 2023

LODGE HOURS

Monday	2:00PM — 9:00PM
Tuesday—Wednesday	11:00AM — 9:00PM
Thursday	11:00AM — 9:00PM*
*Except on Meeting Nights	
Friday	11:00AM — 11:00PM
Saturday	11:00AM — 11:00PM
Sunday	11:00AM — 7:00PM

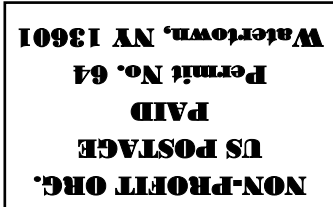
Home of PSP Francis Hart, PSP Nelson Navarra & PSP Timothy E. Kelly
Home of 2022-2023 North Central District DDGER Jill Bruce Wiley

Officers 2022—2023

Exalted Ruler	Edward C. Massa
Est. Leading Knight	Anne M. Fleming
Est. Loyal Knight	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Est. Lecturing Knight	Jay Miller
Secretary	Kim Kowal
Treasurer	Melissa VanBrocklin
Esquire	PER Dennis J. Brady
Tiler	Linda Lepper
Chaplain	Karen Miller
Inner Guard	PER Joan Grappotte Carlo

Trustees:

PER Cheryl A. Clark	Presiding Justice—Matt Doheny
PER Anthony J. Verne	Mediator: PER Cheryl A. Clark
PER Kathy Converse	House Committee Chair: Kelli Bell
Mary Hughes-Hoiston	Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
Linda Knight	Kitchen Manager: Chris McCauley



WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE #496
728 Bradley Street
P.O. Box 6008
Watertown, New York 13601-6008

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays this month! Stop into the Lodge on your special day.

David Danks	1	Thomas Graban	7	Timothy Glover	12	Eugene J Dolce	19	James Ganter	24	Gerald Bickel	28
Richard Donoghue	1	Catherine Marks	7	Michael Side	12	Robert Kuba	19	Peter Grieco	24	Thomas Cheney	28
Marilyn Hanson	2	Angela Roberts	7	Edward Brown	13	Dyllon Main	19	Kimberly LaForty	24	Gary Felice	28
Carol Lamon	3	John Woodward	7	Bernice Clark	13	James O'Brien	19	Kring Marriam	24	Jane Hanley	28
John Natali	3	Brad Charlton	8	Grant Dier Jr	13	Patti-Jo Shaffer	19	Anthony Ratigliano	24	Brian McAuliffe	28
Lance Peterson Jr	3	Aaron Clemons	8	Arnold O'Reilly	15	Dale Call	20	Daniel O'Brien	25	James Pecori	28
Brenda Piche	3	Kevin Frasher	8	Peter Segouin	15	Geana Converse	20	Jon Rich	25	Robin Kellar	29
Franklin Roberts	3	David Gaffney	8	Gail Butterfield	16	Michael Bice	21	Donald Sholett	25		
Donna Vout	3	Chris Misercola	8	David Clement	16	Thomas Gates	21	Michael Simmons	25		
Tammy Walsemann	3	Joanne VanCamp	8	Peter Fitzgerald	16	James Knight	21	Everett Wylie	25		
Lisa Eager	4	Tammy Decilles	9	Travis Riley	16	Andrew Makuch	21	Edward Massa, ER	26		
Arthur Feather	4	Lewis Hatch	9	Michael Simser	16	James Thomas	21	Jeffrey Narrow	26		
Peter Parker	4	Scott Pooler	9	Richard Cooper	17	Scott Donato	22	Wayne Robbe	26		
Joe Stevens	4	Peter Radley	9	Charmaine VanBrocklin	17	Kathrynn Wilson	22	Gary Williams	26		
Tim Reitzel	5	David Wolff	9	Robert Coppola	18	Randy Yott	22	Janet Canell	27		
Stephen Rust	5	Jeanina Boone	11	James Crescenzi	18	John Bruce	23	William Grill	27		
Daniel Schleher	5	Daniel Boulton	11	Kevin LaClair	18	Jeffrey Cox	23	Timothy Hodge	27		
Christopher Dyer	6	Terry Carpenter	11	Ted Smith	18	Christopher D'Ercole	23	Michelle Nettles Brotherton	27		
Dale Herman	6	Alfred Netto	11	Richard Weston	18	James Lafountain	23	John Nevin	27		
Gregory McDermott	6	Brandon Wilson	11	Bill Bowman	19	Robert Pfister	23	Jack Reff	27		
William Decillis	7	Eric Young III	11	Wilson Clark	19	Ronald Toper	23	James Stowell	27		
Joseph Foster	7	Abraham Doney	12	Cathy Craig	19	James Bonner Jr	24	Angela Alguire	28		



Website



Facebook