Exalted Ruler's Message

As we are getting through the winter months, I hope everyone is staying safe and warm.

This month on February 1st, we have our PER night and nomination of new officers at the regular Lodge meeting. On February 15th at the regular Lodge meeting, we have election of new officers.

Don't forget to get your pizza orders and placed by February 3rd. Pick up is February 10th from 12 to 4.

On February 24th, we have our Winter Bash with a band, entertainment, and food. Let everyone get out and have some fun. **A**s always, please check your bulletin and the monitor at the Lodge for events happening during the month and for any information you may need. We also have our Bingo at the Bar and our Trivia Night during the month. Check the dates and times for this. They are a blast!

Stay safe and God Bless.

Fraternally yours,

ER Anne M Fleming

February Events

118 Club Dinner

The 118 Club Dinner will take place on Thursday, February 8th at our Lodge. Please sign up at the bar by Sunday, February 4th.



(Activity Committee Event) Friday, February 9th at 7:00 PM (Trivia Night will be every 2nd Friday of the month at 7:00 PM) Open to Members & Sponsored Guests NO Cost Teams of up to 4 people FOUR Rounds, TEN Questions each NO Cell Phone use for answers Come for fun and support your Elks Lodge! Your Host Trivia Master: David Clement

PIZZA SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th Noon—4:00 PM



Pick up day for pizzas ordered!!!

BINGO at the BAR (Activity Committee Event) Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM FUN & FREE for Members and Guests Lots of Prizes!!!

Come and have fun!

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

Major Project MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! FUN Winter Bash Saturday, February 24th.

Cocktails will start at 5 PM with Dancing with Ben Wisner's Full Circle to follow at 6 PM! Only 150 tickets will be sold at \$20 per person. First come, first serve! Tickets on sale NOW! Fun, Food and Raffles!! This will be our biggest Event of the Year!! Don't miss out!! All proceeds will to go **Major Project**. Lisa Green—Major Project Chairperson

Cornhole Tournament

(Activity Committee Event) Saturday, March 2, 2024 Doors open at 11:00 AM Competition opens at 12:00 NOON Entry—\$20 per player Black River Baggers Officiating Switcholio Format Everyone has a chance! Open to the PUBLIC!



Del Leween Funday Bowling League

Every Sunday at 1:00 PM except on Easter Sunday on March 31st. Last day of league will be March 24th, then fun day April 7th. NYS Elks Bowling tournament will be held in Binghamton and our Lodge is scheduled to bowl April 13th & 14th. HAVE FUN!!!

Activity Committee

Volunteers and new committee members always welcome! Committee members meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Come join us!

| | BELL JAR REPORT | |
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| | December 2023 | |
| Total Income: | | \$13,767.00 |
| Total Expenses: | | \$3,993.68 |
| Worthy Causes: | | \$0.00 |
| Net Income: | | \$9,773.32 |

Events for February/March

The events for the month of February and March will be posted at the Lodge, on our Facebook page and on our website. Please check back on these sites as more information will become available and updated. At the time of printing this monthly bulletin, we were working on and finalizing arrangements for each event.

February Meetings...

February 1st—PER Night/Lodge Session/Nomination of Officers 7:30 PM, Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM February 6th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM February 7th—PER Association 6:00 PM February 12th—House Committee 6:30 PM February 15th—Lodge Session/Election of Officers 7:30 PM February 26th—House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

February 28th—Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM

March Meetings...

March 7th—Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM March 7th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

Reminder: Lodge sessions, Trustees Meetings, House Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings are open to ALL members!! Any questions or concerns, PLEASE ATTEND!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

February 2nd—Shrimp & Sausage Louisiana Gumbo February 9th—Ma's Meatloaf w/ mashed potatoes and gravy & seasonal vegetables

February 16th—Maple Bacon Glazed Pork Chops w/ garlic mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables. Also Prime Rib 15-serving special w/ choice of 2 sides

February 23rd—Asian Vegetable & Chicken Stir Fry Noodle dish **Prime Rib:** 15-servings special every 3rd scheduled Friday of the month. First come, first serve until 15 prime ribs are gone!

To book an event at the lodge, call: Event Phone Number: (315) 816-8010 or Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270 Fax: (315) 788-1681 Email: elks496@centralny.twcbc.com

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Adam Fuller PO Box 481, Carthage, NY 13619 Phone: (315) 778-8413

E-mail: DDAdamFuller@gmail.com (official business)

MEMBERS ON THE SICK BOARD

HLM John A Schneider

James VanDusen

Ron Netto SR

Terry Scee Jr

Toni LaFex

Lodge of Sorrow 🖂



William P Coty # 6907

George Grappotte # 8307

From the secretary's desk:

If you have not paid your dues for 2023-2024, the Regular Dues are \$94.00 and Life Member Dues are \$64.00. Payments can be made at the Lodge with cash or credit card or a check can be mailed to the address shown below. Also, dues can be paid online at: https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge.

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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Heather Sullivan Watertown Elks Lodge 496 PO Box 6008 Phone: (315) 788-1270 Watertown NY 13601 Email: elks496secretary@gmail.com

Delinquent Members

This is a reminder to our members that have NOT paid their dues for the 2023-2024 year. There are only TWO months remaining and if dues aren't paid before April 1st, you will be dropped from our roster. We do not want to see you go, so please pay your dues before the new fiscal year arrives.

And yes, you can pay by credit card! Try using this link to make your payment.

https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge

Per capita and fees set for 2024-2025

For the 2024-2025 fraternal year, on April 1, 2024, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita–\$6.50; Insurance assessment–\$22.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment–\$5.50, for a total of \$34.00.

*This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year.

Attention must continue to be given to retaining our delinquent Members as well as attracting new or reinstated Members. Involvement in Lodge activities should be encouraged to help keep Members interested.

If you, or someone you know, plan to visit Chicago over the winter, call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a time, and staff can give you your own personal tour of the National Headquarters.

February 2024

<u> MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event</u>

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| Monday Night Wings: 10 bone-in \$10.95 | Wednesdays Burgers & Fries: all burgers | Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$17 | Tuesday—Friday Lunches: sandwiches, | 1 Lodge Session 7:30 PM | 2 Shrimp & Sausage | 3 Regional Hoop Shoot |
| 10 boneless \$9.95 5 chicken tenders \$9.95 | \$10.95 plus tax. Deep fried cheese curds w/ gravy—\$6.95 plus tax. | Also available: Chicken tenders & side, Chicken salad | Wraps, salads, soups of the day, daily specials. 11:30 AM—2 PM | PER Night/Nomination Of Officers Trustees 6:30 PM | Louisiana Gumbo 5-7:30 PM | Contest at JCC |
| 4 District Ritual Contest | 5 Monday Night Wings | 6 Steak Night Tuesday | 7 Wednesday Night | 8 118 Club Dinner | 9 Ma's Meatloaf w/ Mashed potatoes & | 10 |
| @ Carthage Lodge | 5-7:30 PM | 5-7:30 PM \$17.00 | Burgers 5-7:30 PM | | Gravy, veg. | |
| Del Leween Funday Bowling League 1 PM | | Queen of Hearts 7PM Activity Committee 6:30 PM | PER Association 6 PM | | 5-7:30 PM Trivia Night 7:00 PM (Ac ti vity Comm. Event) | |
| 11 Del Leween Funday | 12 Monday Night Wings | 13 Steak Night Tuesday | 14 Wednesday Night | 15 Lodge Session 7:30 PM | 16 Maple Bacon Glazed | 17 |
| Bowling League 1 PM | 5-7:30 PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM | 5-7:30 PM \$17.00 Queen of Hearts 7PM | Burgers 5-7:30 PM | Election of Officers | Pork Chop w/ garlic Mashed potatoes, veg. Also Prime Rib Special 5-7:30 PM | |
| 18 Del Leween Funday | 19 Monday Night Wings | 20 Steak Night Tuesday | 21 Wednesday Night | 22 Bingo at the Bar - | 23 Asian Vegetables & | 24 FUN WINTER BASHIII |
| Bowling League 1 PM | 5-7:30 PM | 5-7:30 PM \$17.00 Queen of Hearts 7PM | Burgers 5-7:30 PM | (Activity Comm. Event) 6:30 PM | Chicken Stir Fry Noodle dish Friday Night Dinner 5-7:30 PM | See Inside! |
| 25 Del Leween Funday Bowling League 1 PM | 26 Monday Night Wings 5-7:30 PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM | 27 Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$17.00 Queen of Hearts 7PM | 28 Wednesday Night Burgers 5-7:30 PM Board of Directors 6:30 PM | 29 LEAP YEAR! | | |



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LODGE HOURS

| Monday | 2:00PM—9:00PM |
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| 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 | 12:00PM— 7:00PM |
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Home of PSP Francis Hart, PSP Nelson Navarra & PSP Timothy E. Kelly Home of 2023-2024 North Central District SVP Joan Carlo

February 2024

Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler Est. Leading Knight Est. Loyal Knight Est. Lecturing Knight Secretary Treasurer Esquire Tiler Chaplain Inner Guard

Anne M. Fleming Michael Cummings Philip K Nuffer Margaret "Peg" Bootie Heather Sullivan Beth A. Bennett Karen Miller Vacant PER Dennis J. Brady Linda Lepper

Trustees:

PER Anthony J. Verne-chair Linda Knight Mary Hughes-Hoistion Jay Miller PER Edward C. Massa

Presiding Justice—Matt Doheny Mediator: Vic James House Committee: Don Boshart Bar Manager: Geoff Mattraw Kitchen Manager: Chris McCauley

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February Birthdays

| David Danks |
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| Richard P Donoghue |
| Marilyn L Hanson |
| Carol Lamon |
| John Natali |
| Lance Peterson Jr. |
| Brenda Piche |
| Franklin Roberts |
| Donna Vout |
| Tammy Walsemann |
| Lisa Eager |
| Peter P Parker |
| Joe C Stevens |
| Tim Reitzel |
| Stephen J Rust |
| Daniel Schleher |
| Sandra J Bolton |
| H Christopher Dyer |
| Dale C Herman |
| William Decillis |
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Joseph F Foster Thomas Graban II 1 **Catherine S Marks** 2 3 Angela Roberts John G Woodward 3 3 **Brad A Charlton** 3 Aaron Clemons **Kevin H Frasher** 3 3 **David R Gaffney** 3 Chris Misercola 4 Joanne M VanCamp 4 Tammy Decilles 4 Lewis F Hatch 5 Scott M Pooler Peter T Radley 5 David M Wolff 5 6 Jeanina R Boone **Daniel T Boulton** 6 6 **Terry F Carpenter**

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Alfred J Netto

Brandon D Wilson 7 7 Abraham D Doney 7 Timothy M Glover 7 Thomas E O'Riley 7 Michael E Side 8 Edward E Brown 8 **Bernice Clark** 8 Connie I Timmerman 8 **Robert B Delles** 8 Guy J Grill 8 Peter A Segouin Gail C Butterfield 9

- David W Clement 9 Peter J Fitzgerald **Travis Riley**
- 9 Michael J Simser

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- 11 Charmaine VanBrocklin 11 **Robert A Coppola**
- 11 James M Crescenzi
- 11 Kevin LaClair

11 Ted S Smith 12 **Richard Weston** 12 **Bill Bowman** 12 Wilson F Clark 12 Cathy Craig 13 **Eugene J Dolce** 13 Robert M Kuba 13 Dvllon Main 15 James P O'Brien 15 Patti-Jo Shaffer 15 Dale E Call 16 Geana Converse 16 Michael T Bice 16 **Thomas S Gates** 16 James G Knight 16 17 18 Scott Robert Donato

- James M Thomas

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- Joshua Henry
- Kathrynn L Wilson
- William Grill 22 27 27 23 Timothy Hodge Michelle Brotherton 27 23 23 John T Nevin 27 Jack A Reff Jr 27 23 23 James W Stowell 27 23 Angela Alguire 28 Gerald Bickel 28 24 **Thomas J Cheney** 28 24 24 Gary Felice 28 24 Jane Hanley 28 Brian F McAuliffe 28 24 25 lames R Pecori 28 25 **Robin Kellar** 29 25 26



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

- Andrew M Makuch
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 - Jeffrey Narrow 22 Wayne Robbe
 - 22 Gary A Williams

Randy Yott

John P Bruce

Jeffrey Morgan Cox

James Lafountain

Robert J Pfister

Ronald M Toper

James M Bonner Jr

Joseph A Biondolillo III

Edward C Massa

Christopher S D'Ercole

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James S Ganter Peter G Grieco **Kimberly A LaForty** Anthony M Ratigliano Donald P Sholett **Michael C Simmons** Everett Wylie