

Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Esteemed members. Well, August has come and gone. Summer is on its last few days. Fall will soon be upon us. We have had many events in August from Lodge Picnic, Bingo, Trivia, LCR, Car Shows, Shuffleboard Tourney, Gun Raffle to name a few. Thank you to everyone who supported our Lodge. We couldn't do what we do without our members' help.

Gun Raffle was a success. Report to follow at our first Lodge meeting on September 5th. We have Lunches at our Lodge beginning on September 5th. This will be on Thursdays and Fridays. This will consist of a daily soup and sandwich for \$8.95 or soup or sandwich for \$4.50. See below.

I want to thank our members for all of your support.

If any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally yours,
ER Michael Cummings

Secretary's Message:

As of the writing of this message, we have 1,291 members with 160 members that are currently delinquent. A drop in memberships was due to recent deaths of a few of our members. May they rest in peace. Numerous notices have been sent out to several members who have been approved for reinstatement but have yet to pay their dues. Unfortunately, since it had not been responded after a length of time, they have been dropped from our list of those awaiting reinstatement.

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).

Applications to be acted upon in September

New Membership application: **James Briggs**—Watertown—Retired Correctional Officer—proposed by Mike Cummings; **Reinstatement** application: **Bruce L Williams**—Watertown—proposed by Anthony DeMiceli; **Life Membership** Request: **Steven R Patchen # 6801** with 30 years membership.

On Wednesday, September 4th, there is an Orientation at 7:00 PM and on Thursday, September 5th, there is an Initiation at 7:30 PM for new members. New members, please check in with the Lodge secretary at 6:30 PM.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

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SU Football Squares

The winner of the SU Football Squares is Deb Doyle!
Congratulations!

Gun Raffle

The Gun Raffle went well and winners were drawn on August 24th, as scheduled. Winners are Jay Mason; Kevin Chamberlain; Phil Muldovan; Phil Nuffer; Rusty VanTassell; Billy Gokey; Dean Cronk; Dan Driffill; Geoffrey Duvall; Edward Doldo. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

September Events

Friday, September 13th at 7:30 PM

Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

Monday, September 9th AND September 23rd at 6:30 PM

Left Center Right Party

(Activity Committee Event)

Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 PM

Bingo at the Bar

(Activity Committee Event)

Sunday, September 15th

Starting at 12 noon

Blind Draw Shuffleboard Tournament

All Lodge activities are open to members and sponsored guests

Friday, September 20th

Bob Kissell—6 to 9 PM

(open to the public)

SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

September food drive is to benefit Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry. Please consider donating.

Lunches!!

Starting Thursday, September 5th, the Lodge will be serving lunches on Thursdays and Fridays. 8 oz soup for \$4.50, sandwiches (meat, cheese, bread, condiments) \$4.50. Combo will be \$8.95. Bag of pretzels (\$2.00), bag of chips (\$1.50) will be available.

Friday Night Fish Fry!!

Friday, September 13th from 5 to 7:30 PM, there will be fish dinner (haddock and perch). Comes with fries and coleslaw. \$14.95 for haddock and perch will be market value. Come dine with us!

140 CLUB

The 140 Club has been started SINCE April 1st. This will pay for your dues for the year 2025-2026 (next year's dues). It is \$20 to sign up and pay \$10 per month throughout the year. One monthly drawing of \$25 with a dinner and drawings at the end of the Lodge year.

BELL JAR REPORT

July 2024

Total Income:	\$15,098.00
Total Expenses:	\$1,949.16
Worthy Causes:	\$650.00
Net Income:	\$12,498.84

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elks are again offering a number of scholarship and grant opportunities. Please encourage the high school students you know to apply for Elks National Foundation and New York State Elks Association scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year. Also Elks Emergency Educational Grants are available to those who qualify.

Elks Most Valuable Student Awards - These awards are open to any high school senior planning to attend college next fall. Applicants do not need to be related to an Elks member. Awards range from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. They must be applied for online at elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm The application deadline is November 12, 2024.

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.

New York State Elks Association Scholarships - These scholarships are available to children and stepchildren of NYS Elks Members in good standing. High school seniors and current college students are eligible. Applications must be filed with the Secretary of the sponsoring Lodge by December 13, 2024. For application information visit https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships.

New York State Association Vocational Scholarships- The NYS Elks Association is offering scholarships in the amount of \$500 to students who plan to attend a trade or vocational program to pursue a certificate or credential. Scholarships are available to graduating high school students or individuals who are within four years of earning their high school diploma or GED. Applicants must be a child or stepchild of a NYS Elk in good standing, a resident of New York and a U.S. Citizen. Application deadline is December 13, 2024. For application information, visit https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships

Elks Emergency Educational Grants- The grants provide college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one year grants of up to \$5,000. Applications due December 1, 2024. For additional information contact https://bit.ly/elks_scholarships or the NYS Emergency Grants Chairperson, Colleen Quakenbush (nurseccq@hotmail.com). For further information or questions contact Lodge #496 Scholarship Chair Peg Bootie at 315-788-0298 or abigail1893@verizon.net.

All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **25th** of every month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

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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

Lodge of Sorrow

Mark D Craig # 7485, David L Kay # 8901, Thomas E Bartelson # 5623,
Ronald E Spicer # 6604

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

VOLUNTEERISM

TUESDAY Steak Night has 5 amazing volunteer teams on a rotating basis. Steak is \$19.95 and comes with a side, salad and dinner rolls.

Wednesday Burger Night with 3 crews on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays as well! It will be start in September. Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions with fries for \$12.95 with bacon for additional \$1.00. Come join us on those nights.

To all the volunteers... THANK YOU!!!!

Veterans Committee

The Quilt raffle tickets are being sold and the drawing will take place on November 9th at the Veterans Dinner.

Canned food drive (non-perishable items) for the month of August went well and thank you to all who donated!! It is to help the Joseph P Dwyer Veterans Outreach Center. This month food drive is to benefit Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry. (no glass jars, please). Thank you all for your support in helping the Veterans.

Activity Committee

The Activity Committee will be having their meeting on Wednesday the 4th of September at 6:30 PM. New members are needed to continue some events. Please be a part of the team!

September Meetings...

September 4th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

September 5th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM; Trustees 6:30 PM

September 10th—House Committee 6:30 PM

September 11th—Veterans Committee 6:30 PM

September 11th—PER Association 6:00 PM

September 18th—Board of Directors 6:30 PM (one week early due to DD visit)

September 19th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

September 23rd—House Committee 6:30 PM

Ritual Practice

September 15th at 11 AM

Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...

Saturday, September 7th—Elks Golf Tournament

Friday, September 20th—Bob Kissell

Sunday, September 29th—Clambake! More info coming soon.

Thursday, November 7th—DD/SVP Visit @ our Lodge—Roast Pork Dinner \$15

Saturday, November 9th—Veterans Dinner @ the Lodge

Saturday, November 23rd—NYSEA President Visit & 125th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, November 24th—Annual Harvest for Area Senior Citizens

Sunday, December 1st—Memorial Sunday

Tuesday, December 31st—New Years Eve Party with Dave Scanlin Band!



To book an event at the lodge, call:

Events Phone Number: (315) 586-5954 or

Lodge Phone Number: (315) 788-1270

Email: elks496@centralny.twcbc.com

September 2024

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		DD/SVP Visit @ Ogdensburg Lodge	Burger Night 5:30 PM—8:30 PM Activity Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	Lunches available 11 AM—gone Lodge Session 7:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM	Lunches available 11 AM—gone	Elks Golf Tournament C-Way Golf Course
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	LCR Party 6:30 PM DD/SVP Visit @ Malone Lodge	Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$19.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	Burger Night 5:30 PM—8:30 PM Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM PER Meeting 6 PM	Lunches available 11 AM—gone	13 Fish Fry Dinner 5—7:30 PM See inside!! Trivia Night 7:30 PM Lunches available 11 AM—gone	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Blind draw Shuffleboard Tournament 12 noon—?? Ritual Practice 11 AM		Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$19.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM House Committee 6:30	Burger Night 5:30 PM—8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	Lodge Session 7:30 PM Lunches available 11 AM—gone NYS Elks Fall Conference --	Lunches available 11 AM—gone Bob Kissell 6 to 9 PM -----	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	LCR Party 6:30 PM House Committee 6:30	Steak Night Tuesday 5-7:30 PM \$19.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	DD/SVP Visit @ Massena Lodge	Lunches available 11 AM—gone Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM (Activity Comm. Event)	Lunches available 11 AM—gone	
29	30		Lunches available Thursdays and Fridays 8 oz soup \$4.50 Sandwich \$4.50 Combo \$8.95	Every Monday & Thursday continues this month... All Day Happy Hour Special!!! All Day Happy Hour Prices!!	Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 w/ bacon—\$1 extra	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$19.95
Clambake						



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LODGE HOURS

Monday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Tuesday-Wednesday	2:00PM—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

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



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September 2024

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	Jonathan M Pitts
Chaplain	Linda A Lepper
Inner Guard	Margaret "Peg" Bootie

Trustees:

Jay Miller	Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mary Hughes-Hoiston—Chair	Mediator: Vic James
PER Anthony J Verne	House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
PSVP Joan Carlo	Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
PER Anne M Fleming	Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon

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