

June 2026

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Exalted Ruler's Message:

Hello to all, June is here and it looks like summer weather is finally starting to begin. After that brutal winter we just endured I know I welcome the warmer sunny days ahead.

We continue to work towards bringing more fun events, dinner and live entertainment to our lodge to provide a fun atmosphere to visit our lodge. Last months Building Maintenance fundraiser was a great success and fun night had by all. I'd like to thank the band Hot Kogan who kept the dance floor full all night long and the many volunteers who helped run the event. I'd also like to thank the many people who donated gift baskets and items for the raffles. I was very proud of everyone coming together that evening for our lodge.

Sunday June 14th is a very important day at our lodge. It is Flag Day and we are the hosts of this years parade and ceremony. The parade that day starts at 11am. If any members are interested in marching that day with our lodge, helping with the float or willing to help in any capacity please see Leading Knight Karen Miller or myself. A lot of hard work goes into making this event special and we are proud to be this years host lodge.

This past month was our NYSEA Spring conference at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon NY. It was a very fun and informative weekend. It was an honor to be able to watch our new State President Michael Sage as well as many other state officers be installed. It is always a great heart warming feeling to be surrounded by so many nice people that share the love for Elksdom. Attending these conferences always proves that the Elks is the greatest organization in the world with the Best People On Earth.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally yours,
Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli

Secretary's Message:

At the time of writing this June 2026 bulletin, the membership is at 1,141 with 163 still delinquent. Our membership numbers have been dropping the last few years due 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.

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.

Dues notices have gone out again for the delinquent members. **PLEASE** have your dues paid before summer so that we may have ZERO delinquent members on our roster.

Applications to be acted upon for the month of June:

New Members: **Andrea Carr**—Administrator at Flower Memorial Library—proposed by Suzie Renzi-Falge; **John Falge Jr**—retired—proposed by John Falge III; **Kathy Sue Falge**—educator at JCC—proposed by Suzie Renzi-Falge; **Reinstatement:** **Jason Carr**—retired UPS driver—proposed by Suzie Renzi-Falge.

Next New Member Orientation and Initiation: Orientation on Tuesday June 16th at 7 PM and Initiation on June 18th at 7 PM

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

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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 makes individual lives in the community better. Our Lodge, with the help of placemat ad fundraiser, has achieved our ENF per capita for the few past year. 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 a big shoe 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

GOT GAME???

Friday, May 1st at 7:00 PM

Featuring: Pass Your Trash—

An exciting card game that lets you practice your poker face, screw your neighbor, and laugh with friends! Are you lucky enough to be King of the round? (each month we will pick a new game)



Thursday, June 11th at 6:30 PM

Bingo at the Bar (no pub menu due to car show)



Friday, June 19th at 7:00 PM

Trivia Night with Suzie & Jack Falge

(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:

June 11th and 25th, 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

Blood Drive



Red Cross Blood Drive

Lodge Banquet Room

Tuesday, June 23rd from 1—6 PM

Brian Dezell—DDGER—North Central District # 6240

800 Pray Rd, Lisbon, NY 13658 (315) 322-1074

Ted McDonald—State Vice President



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!

Major Project

We are proud to be part of the Dexter Duck Derby on June 13th, sponsored by Sons of the American Legion #583, Dexter. It's only \$10 to adopt a duck and half of the proceeds we sell goes to our Major Project Fundraiser. I have tickets and will be selling them at the Elks Lodge on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Thanks for your continued support!!

Lisa Green, Major Project Chairperson



Friday Night Dinner

Friday, June 12th

5:30—7:30 PM

**Pulled Pork Sandwich
With Salt Potatoes and
Coleslaw—\$13.95**

**Meatball Sub with Salt Potatoes
And Coleslaw—\$13.95**



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!

At our Lodge meeting last month, ER Anthony DeMiceli was awarded with TWO GER Membership Award Pins for recruiting or reinstating 3 or more members. He has three more to go to be awarded GER Membership Watch (he brought in 8 new members). Recruit or reinstate 33 members, win the GER Desk Clock! Let's help our ER achieve membership gain this year so he can receive the GER Award Certificate.

Veteran's Committee

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

Howard Zinn

Summer is quickly approaching, as are events that are supported by our lodge Veterans Committee.

The May meeting of the Veterans committee was rescheduled to Sunday, May 31st, at 5:00 pm. Due to the crazy June schedule, the Veterans Committee will also meet on June 21st at 5 pm. At this point, we will discuss options for meeting times and days in the future.

In May, the Veterans Committee was slated to begin the car show schedule, but unfortunately, it was a washout due to rainy weather. Please consider joining us on June 11th and 25th for our next car show events. Food and 50/50s will be happening at the event! May also brought opportunities to participate in food distribution at Feed Our Vets.

The Memorial Day Service began at 8:15 am with a ceremony at the memorial of our outer guard. The participants then traveled to the VFW for their very moving ceremony. From there, the Brookside cemetery was visited, and the day ended with a luncheon at the American Legion. The Memorial Day Ceremony is always very impressive.

The Elks Flag Day Ceremony and Parade will be held at our lodge on Sunday, June 14th. People interested in marching, volunteering, or participating on that day are welcome. Please contact Karen Miller for details.

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

WATERTOWN ELKS 496

**FLAG DAY
PARADE**

CELEBRATE FLAG DAY WITH A
SPECTACULAR PARADE AND
CEREMONY



SUNDAY 14TH JUNE, 2026

PARADE LINE UP 10:00 AM ON NY AVENUE
PARADE AT 11:00
CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
AT THE ELKS LODGE ON BRADLEY STREET

Celebrate this special day by joining this spectacular parade and
our moving Flag Day Ceremony

CONTACT:
DEMO OR KAREN
AT THE ELKS LODGE

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 21st is the 2nd Annual Bill Lewis Memorial Golf tournament at Willowbrook Golf Club. This year's fundraising from this golf tournament will split between Feed Our Vets and The Cancer Society.

Sunday, July 19th—Family Picnic. More info later.

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

Annual Watertown Lodge Golf Tournament in September!

Major Project Fundraisers with Dueling Pianos coming in the fall!!

Sunday, December 6th—Elks Memorial Service

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

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

WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE #496

**HIRE YOUR
CATERER**

**RENT THE
DINING ROOM**

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

April 2026

Total Income:	\$18,164.00
Total Expenses:	\$3,974.11
Worthy Causes:	\$814.00
Net Income:	\$13,375.89

To pay your dues online, go to: www.elks.org/payonline

Enter Lodge Number: 496 then click Watertown, NY No. 496. Click "Go to" and then on bottom left, click on "Make A Quick Payment" tab. Enter 00 and then your four digit membership number.



FRIDAY
JUNE 19

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ELKS LODGE 496

PUB MENU 6 PM- 8 PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM
FEATURING YOUR TRIVIA HOSTS

Suzie & Jack Falge

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

Joseph C Stanton # 7782; LM Leo R Coleman # 5872; LM James D Strader # 4405;
LM Gordon H Hall Jr # 8308; Richard D Tanner # 7781; David F Dietterich # 7369;
LM Theodore "Ted" Kolb # 4586

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

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.

June Meetings...

Monday, June 1st—Activity and House Committee Joint Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 2nd—Trustees 6:30 PM

Thursday, June 4th—Lodge Meeting 7 PM (note the new start time)

Thursday, June 18th—Lodge Session/Initiation 7 PM

Sunday, June 21st—Veterans Committee 5 PM



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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



June 2026 Birthday

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| 1 Tyler Bartlett | 6 Edward Blackford | 10 Jon Patrick Buote | 15 Jeffery Dickey | 22 Angela N Augustus-Verne | 25 Kerry T Froyssell |
| 1 Michael J Duffy | 6 Dorothy A Wolff | 10 Joseph P Edus | 15 Mikayla McCarty | 22 Calvin W Massa | 25 Sherri Leigh |
| 2 Michael Lavarney | 7 Anna Patterson | 10 Philip J Gleason | 15 Gary Mills | 22 James W McIntyre | 25 Frank C Massa |
| 2 John T McCauley | 7 Peter Powell | 11 Spike Decker | 15 Ernest K Mustizer | 22 Lisa Patenaude | 25 Joseph McCabe |
| 2 Ian Primmer | 7 William F Welbourn | 12 William P Johnston II | 15 John M Stage | 23 Norman E Dunn | 25 Mark L Sachetti |
| 2 Christopher St Joseph | 7 Donald Woodworth | 12 Sandra LaVere | 16 Terry L St Pierre | 23 Dorothy A Hovey | 26 Maureen A Caprara |
| 3 Donald T Butler | 8 Jack J Lane | 12 Neal A Tyrrell | 19 Lisa M Green | 23 Deborah Jones | 27 Robert L Fox |
| 3 Matthew P Carpenter | 8 Robert H Maracle | 12 Barry L Waite | 19 Derrick Kehoe | 23 Raymond A Lepper Jr. | 27 Lawrence P Hoistion Jr. |
| 3 Teresa A Johnson | 8 JoAnne Warner | 13 Catherine Conway | 19 Robert L Searles | 23 Ronald E London | 27 Michelle Tulley |
| 4 Kelsey Darou | 9 Marvin R Crossman | 13 Lisa Greene | 20 E Paul Adams | 24 Stephen Gorri | 28 Michael A Lennox |
| 4 Christopher Eisel | 9 David Hildebranski | 13 Marcy Grenier | 20 Leland J Carpenter | 24 JoAnn R Hodge | 28 Richard F Morris Jr. |
| 4 Michael D Friedline | 9 James A Keohane | 13 Michael Robare | 20 Paul E Carpenter II | 24 Richard J Matusiak Jr. | 28 Sheila M Wilson |
| 4 Cody Horbacz | 9 Hillary B Middlemiss | 14 Linda S Clark | 21 Elizabeth Cassada | 24 Suzanne C Renzi-Falge | 29 Douglas C Partridge Sr. |
| 4 Darlene Kay Yuhasz | 9 Christina L Mills | 14 Anne Marie Fleming | 21 Michael N Deline | 25 Candace H Damon | 30 John M Navarra |
| 5 Vicki R Kuan | 9 David Pietroski | 14 Judith A Gillespie | 21 Bryan J Wilson | 25 Margaret Drappo | 30 Fred Piche |
| 5 Steve K Russell | 10 Michael R Adams | 14 William Scott | | | |



June 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
	1  House/Activity Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	2 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Trustees—6:30 PM	3 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	4 Lodge Session 7 PM	5 Pass Your Trash Card Game 6:30 PM No Pub Menu	6
7	8	9 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	10 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	11  No Pub Menu Thursday Night Cruise-In Lodge Parking Lot Food Available Outside	12	13
14  Flag Day Ceremony!!! Parade starts at 11 AM	15 	16 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Orientation 7:00 PM	17 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	18 Lodge Session/Initiation 7:00 PM	19  Trivia with Suzie & Jack!! 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available	20
21 Veterans Committee Meeting 5:00 PM	22	23 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Orientation 7 PM Blood Drive 1—6 PM	24 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	25 Thursday Night Cruise-In Lodge Parking Lot Food Available Outside	26 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	27
28	29	30 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	1—July Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$18.95		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



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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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Officers 2026—2027

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	Sheri Doroha
Chaplain	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Inner Guard	David Clement

Trustees:

Jay Miller—Chairman
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: David Clement
Bar Manager: Geoff Mattraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon