

Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Esteemed members. Well, summer is officially over and the Fall season is here. First of all, I want to thank you all for letting me represent our Lodge at the NYSEA Fall Conference in Albany. There were many seminars that I attended. I look forward to the knowledge I gained at these to help better our Lodge. Not only did I attend, but also 8 of our other chair officers.

We have many events in October planned. We have the Activities Committee with Bingo, and Trivia on deck.

Our lunches of soup and sandwich have been popular and will only grow larger. Our Steak at the Bar and Burger nights are doing well. We held one family night dinner that was a success. We are looking for family night dinner again in late October. If you haven't been to one of our dinners, you're missing out on some great food and comraderies with your fellow members.

I want to thank those members who have been volunteering that are making our dinners a success.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for all everyone does.

Fraternally yours,

ER Michael Cummings

Secretary's Message:

As of the writing of this message, we have 1,292 members with 135 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).

Applications to be acted upon in October

New Membership application: **Patrick J Side, Jr**—Watertown—Laundry Supervisor @ Hospital—proposed by Jon Pitts; **Tracie R Side**—Watertown—Aging Service Specialist—proposed by Jon Pitts; **Jonathan Francis**—Watertown—Trucker @ Swift Transportation—proposed by Renee Cook; **James Briggs**—Watertown—Retired Correctional Officer—proposed by Michael Cummings; **Keith Colling**—Adams—n/a—proposed by Karen Miller; **Reinstatement** application: **Bruce L Williams**—Watertown—proposed by Anthony DeMiceli; Voting on **Life Membership** Request: **Steven R Patchen # 6801** with 30 years membership; **Incoming Transfer** of **Edward T Greene**—Watertown—from Fort Walton Florida Lodge.

3-Year Trustee

Nomination for the vacated position of a 3-Year Trustee (2 1/2 years remaining) will take place on October 3rd, 2024 session.

By-Laws Revision

Revisions to the By-Laws will be reviewed and voted on during our next Lodge Meeting on October 3rd. Copy of the revisions to the By-Laws had been posted up on the bulletin board in the lodge room and the bar room for the past month. Please review it and make an effort to attend.

On Tuesday, November 5th, there is an Orientation at 7:00 PM for incoming new members (candidates). On Thursday, November 7th, is the DD Visit along with initiation of new members. Cocktail at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Roast Pork for dinner at \$15 per person (free for candidates).

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

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October Events

Friday, October 4th at 7:00 PM

Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

Monday, October 7th AND 21st at 6:30 PM

Left Center Right Party

(Activity Committee Event)

Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 PM

Bingo at the Bar

(Activity Committee Event)

Sunday, October 6th

Cornhole Tournament 12 noon-???

Switcholio Format w/ Black River Baggers

Sunday, October 20th

Starting at 12 noon

Blind Draw Shuffleboard Tournament

All Lodge activities are open to members and sponsored guests

COMING SOON!!!

Our Lodge is currently available on My Elks app for mobile phones, but is "under construction". We're working on adding exciting features, news, events to calendars, etc. Download it now!



Lunches!!

Lunches are being served on Thursdays and Fridays. 8 oz soup for \$4.00, sandwiches (meat, cheese, bread, condiments) \$4.00. Combo will be \$6.95. Bag of pretzels (\$2.00), bag of chips (\$1.50) will be available.

Friday Night Fish Fry!!

Friday, October 25th from 5:30 PM until gone, 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

August 2024

Total Income:	\$13,286.36
Total Expenses:	\$4,154.48
Worthy Causes:	\$0.00
Net Income:	\$9,131.88

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 (nursecg@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

LM John A Wager # 4876

"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 \$15.95 and comes with a side, salad and dinner rolls.

Wednesday Burger Night with 3 crews on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays as well! 4th team starting in October!! 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. Cocktail hours 5 to 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. Dinner includes turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffings, etc. Dinner is free for Veteran's and \$10 for guests. Honored guest for the night will be Eric B. Soluri, Retired United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant.

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 exciting team!

October Meetings...

October 3rd—Lodge Session 7:30 PM (Trustees 6:30 PM)

October 7th—House Committee 6:30 PM

October 8th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

October 9th—PER Association 6:00 PM

October 9th—Veteran's Committee 6:30 PM

October 17th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

October 21st—House Committee 6:30 PM

October 23rd—Board of Directors 6:30 PM

Ritual Practice

October 6th AND October 20th at 11 AM

Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...



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

Saturday, November 9th—Veterans Dinner @ the Lodge

Saturday, November 16th—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.twcabc.com

Medicare Benefits Information Class

Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM

There is an informational session for senior citizens turning 65 or are 65+ years of age. Come see what the new changes are and get the information you need. There are major changes with many of the providers. This is open to members and their guests, and it is **FREE!**

Veteran's Dinner

Saturday, November 9th from 5 to 8 PM

Cocktail hours 5 to 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. Dinner includes turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffings, etc. Dinner is free for Veteran's and \$10 for guests. Honored guest for the night will be Eric B. Soluri, Retired United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant.

Snow Removal Bids

Now accepting bids for snow removal for the 2024-2025 winter season. Bids must be submitted by October 25th. Please send all bids to Mary Hughes-Hoistion, Trustee Chairperson at:
728 Bradley Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Trunk or Treat

Coming to our Lodge parking lot on Sunday, October 26th. Please sign up at the bar if you're willing to hand out candy and/or decorate your car. Have you got what it takes to make your vehicle spooky or haunted? Come scare us!!

DD/SVP Visitation @ Watertown Lodge

Thursday, November 7th

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William Schaab and State Vice President Jody Henry will be visiting our Lodge along with visitors from other Lodges in our district. Cocktail 5 to 6 PM, Dinner at 6 PM. This is also the night of our new members' initiation. Dinner is free for new members. Menu will be Roast Pork at \$15 per person.

Lodge Bulletin Volunteers

November 2024 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on October 26th starting at about 9 AM. Coffee & donuts provided.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Watertown Lodge to Celebrate 125th!!!

November 16, 2024

Watertown Elks Lodge # 496 was founded on June 22, 1899. 125 years of ELKDOM!! Come help us celebrate! This event will coincide with the NYSEA State President's visit to the North Central District # 6240.

Cocktail at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM

Menu will be provided in the November Bulletin.

Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens

Sunday, November 24th

Annual Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens continues this year. This will be a drive-thru event once again, starting at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Deliveries will be made to the area seniors apartments. Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, dressing, etc. Free for Seniors age 55 and up. Volunteers are always appreciated!

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 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!**

A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



WATERTOWN LODGE NO. 496
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
728 Bradley Street
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2024

Warm Hands Warm Feet Senior Citizens Harvest Dinner Children's Christmas Party

The holiday season will soon be here. It's a time when the weather gets cold, and we gather with our friends and family to say "thanks" for what we have. It is a very special time for all of us, especially for members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Over the years, the Watertown Elks Lodge has worked closely with the Community Action Planning Council to ensure that the children of our community have warm clothing for the upcoming harsh winter months. Your generosity over the years has been appreciated by hundreds of children and their families in our area. In the last year few years, we were able to purchase many pairs of boots and mittens that were given directly to the children in our area. Also, as Elks, we remember our elderly as well. With your help, we would like to continue to provide "Harvest Dinner" to those who may not otherwise be able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving holiday.

All of us are aware that our economy continues to be challenging. State and local governments are being forced to make cuts to balance their budgets. We know that many people are doing the same in their own households and it may be harder to give as much as in previous years. It is understandable that many of us are frustrated by the current situation as there is little we can do to change it. While we may not be able to change things on a national level, we can make a difference here at home. With your donations, we can help those who may happen to be your friends and neighbors. We are appealing to our members to donate whatever they can during this difficult time.

In the past, your donations have also provided us with the opportunity to provide a Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of members of our Lodge, and to bring goodies to those children hospitalized at this time of year. We have also been able to provide fruit baskets for our members who are sick or in distress during the holiday season.

As you can see, the generosity of your donations goes a long way in providing for those in need during this time of the year. These are difficult times for some people. If you have donated in the past, please accept our sincere "Thank You" and hope that you will continue to donate this year. If you haven't given it before, please consider doing so now. Your gifts will help those in need to have a memorable and joyous holiday season for years to come.

Please consider to continue your heart-felt donations as members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, fulfilling our motto: *"Elks Care ~ Elks Share"*.

Any monies left from your generous donations will go towards Major Project (the Home Service Program of the Cerebral Palsy Associations – a Major Project of the NYS Elks Association).

We wish you and your families a most joyous and peaceful Christmas Season.

Fraternally,



Michael Cummings
Exalted Ruler – Watertown Elks Lodge # 496

October 2024

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries \$12.95 W/ bacon—\$1 extra BLT—\$7.95	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$15.95	1 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 DD/SVP Visit @ Carthage Lodge	2 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	3 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Lodge Session 7:30 PM Trustees 6:30 PM	4 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Trivia Night 7:00 PM	5
6 Cornhole Tournament Switchholio Format w/ Black River Baggers 12 noon start—?? Ritual Practice 11 AM	7 LCR Party 6:30 PM House Committee 6:30P	8 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Activity Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	9 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM PER Meeting 6 PM	10 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM (Activity Comm. Event)	11 Lunches available 11 AM—gone MSPE 5—9 PM Game Room	12 MSPE 1—5 PM Meeting Room MSPE 3 1 10 Banquet Room
13 MSPE 12—6 PM Game Room	14 DD/SVP Visit @ Boonville Lodge	15 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Info session for Seniors In Lodge Room 6 PM	16 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	17 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Lodge Session 7:30 PM	18 Lunches available 11 AM—gone MSPE 5—9 PM Game Room MSPE 5—10 PM Banquet Room	19
20 Blind draw Shuffleboard Tournament 12 noon—?? Ritual Practice 11 AM	21 LCR Party 6:30 PM House Committee 6:30P \$1.00 off drinks All Day	22 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM DD/SVP Visit @ Gouverneur Lodge	23 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	24 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM (Activity Comm. Event)	25 Lunches available 11 AM—gone Fish Fry Dinner 5:30 PM until gone See inside!!	26 Trunk or Treat @ Lodge Parking Lot 12 noon—2 PM
27 MSPE 12—4 PM Meeting Room	28 \$1.00 off drinks All Day	29 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$15.95 DD/SVP Visit @ Saranac Lake Lodge	30	31 Happy Halloween!! 	Lunches available Thursdays and Fridays 8 oz soup \$4.00 Sandwich \$4.00 Combo \$6.95	Every Monday \$1.00 off Drinks All Day



Watertown

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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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October 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
Vacant	House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
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