

Exalted Ruler's Message:

Hello to all and I hope you are enjoying the "dog days of summer". If you missed the family picnic you missed out on a really good time. The Hawaii theme was a big hit. For the very low price of \$5 you couldn't go wrong. This event would not have been possible without the help of our many , many amazing volunteers. I can't thank them enough. True spirit of Elkdom.

The upcoming clambake is not that far away so get your tickets. We are continuing to work on many upcoming events.

All the committees are doing a great job and raising funds to help out with our many community causes. We have much work ahead and we need your support.

Please pay your dues. Please stop by and have a cold beverage, play some tickets, attend our steak and burger nights. This is your lodge. Please help support it.

Fraternally yours,
ER Philip K Nuffer

Secretary's Message:

Hope this finds everyone enjoying the summer heat! Picnic sure was fun and am now looking forward to the Clam Bake on August 9th!! Coming up soon is the annual Elks Golf Tournament on September 6th!

Applications to be acted upon at our next Lodge Meeting in August:

New Membership

Mikayla McCarty—Theresa—Salesman @ Pepsi Co— proposed by Lisa Lynch

Affiliation

Mark Horth—Dexter—Retired

Life Membership

Patrick Collette # 6858—30 years; John S Romig # 6123—46 years; John J Morgia Sr # 4993—31 years

DD Clinic / Visits schedule: DD Clinic at Lowville Lodge # 1605 on August 24, 2025 10:00 AM (PDDGER meets at 9 AM); Sept. 10 @ Saranac Lake # 1508; Sept. 17 @ Lowville # 1605; Sept. 24 @ Massena # 1702; Oct. 2 @ Watertown # 496; Oct. 7 @ Carthage # 1762; Oct. 13 @ Boonville # 2158; Oct. 20 @ Malone # 1303; Oct. 28 @ Gouverneur # 2035; Nov. 13 @ Potsdam # 2074; Nov. 18 @ Ogdensburg # 772.

Delinquent members, please use the link to pay your dues online: <https://secure.directbiller.com/search/elks-lodge/>

You can still pay your dues by check payable to Watertown Elks # 496 either in person or by mailing to the Lodge with the address shown below.

PER Dennis J Brady, Lodge Secretary

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

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DELINQUENT MEMBER NUMBER

4086	4713	4738	4891	5259	5322	5413	5809	5811	5921	5982	5985	6075	6124	6172	6289	6296	6361	6416	6474	6546	6607	6793
6802	6846	6874	6911	6912	6940	7036	7062	7104	7179	7182	7194	7209	7276	7299	7315	7376	7377	7381	7403	7466	7511	7576
7579	7596	7658	7714	7733	7736	7869	7890	7925	7935	7942	8039	8060	8091	8154	8165	8174	8199	8200	8229	8252	8285	8345
8372	8387	8400	8410	8417	8433	8441	8452	8465	8468	8480	8481	8482	8499	8514	8518	8527	8535	8551	8552	8569	8575	8576
8580	8606	8623	8633	8657	8665	8666	8673	8695	8703	8707	8711	8721	8739	8766	8771	8778	8780	8786	8804	8809	8810	8811
8818	8819	8820	8841	8842	8843	8853	8874	8891	8892	8897	8900	8907	8933	8942	8943	8947	8951	8957	8964	8972	8981	8982
8985	9004	9005	9007	9013	9014	9019	9022	9026	9040	9041	9043	9053	9057	9062	9069	9087	9102					



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All information for next month's bulletin must be submitted by the **19th** of this month. Thank you for your cooperation. PER Dennis J Brady, Editor

Brian Dezell—DDGER—North Central District # 6240

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Dan Shannon—State Vice President

5501 Jackson St, Lowville, NY 13367 (315) 717-5134

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

BELL JAR REPORT

June 2025

Total Income:	\$8,535.00
Total Expenses:	\$4,332.82
Worthy Causes:	\$250.00
Net Income:	\$3,952.18

House Committee

House Committee Message:

As we enter the dog days of summer I hope you have all had a great summer so far and are able to have as much fun as possible before it ends. I'd like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped out with the Family Picnic. You all rock! It was a great day had by all of the members and guests who came.

For August the clam bake is August 9th from Noon-4:00. This was a presale only event. I hope you got your tickets before the deadline. We also will have Karaoke that evening in the lodge from 5-8. This should be another fun day at the lodge.

The Elks golf tournament is coming soon it is on Saturday September 6th. Sign ups will begin soon. Make sure to get with bar manager Geoff Matraw once sign ups begin to get a team in.

Our next house committee meeting is Monday August 4th at 6:30. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

The house committee has decided to go to a better cut of meat for steak night. This will start the first Tuesday in August. Steak night will now be \$18.95. Come try the new steak and experience the difference!

Anthony DeMiceli
House Committee Chairman

August Events



Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar
(Activity Committee Event)



Friday, August 29th at 7:00 PM
Trivia Night

(Activity Committee Event)

More Activities To Be Announced Soon!
Volunteers are welcomed!

All Lodge activities are open to members in good standing and sponsored guests.

Pub Menu will be available during the above activities.

Next Activity Committee meeting: August 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Sandi LaVere—Activity Committee Chairperson

THANK YOU!!

To all the volunteers that worked the Annual Elks Family Luau Picnic, THANK YOU! It was a great turnout despite the rainy weather we faced. Fun was had by all and congrats to all the prize winners!

New volunteers are always welcomed!

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; Francis Devine; Larry L Beerman; Franklin Roberts.

Lodge of Sorrow

Life Member Bruce D Thomas # 5452, Life Member Russell I Wilcox # 4735, Life Member John F O'Connor # 4543, Peter L Clough # 5810

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

August Meetings...

Monday, August 4th—House Committee 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 5th—Trustees 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 6th—Activity Committee 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 7th—Lodge Session 7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 13th—Veteran's Committee 6:30 PM

Upcoming Events To Keep an Eye Out For...

September 6th—Elks Lodge # 496 Golf Tournament

September—Youth's Soccer Shoot (more info to come later)



140 CLUB

140 Club for 2026-2027 Lodge year has begun. Interested members should sign up and pay a \$20 registration fee and then pay \$10 per month. This will pay for your 2026-2027 Lodge dues. Once you've signed up, this will be NON-REFUNDABLE! It's not too late to sign up!!

There will be monthly drawings with winner getting \$25 and at the end of the Lodge year, there will be a dinner.

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 but \$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 goes to support the Elks National Foundation, which supports the many Elks programs that makes individual lives in the community better.

Letters have gone out to the businesses that supported our Lodge over the years. Thank you!

Annual Elks Golf Tournament



Our Lodge is currently making plans to have our Annual Golf Tournament to be held at C-Way Golf Club on September 6th. It will be the same format as last year and around the same check in and tee time. Pricing, menu and more info will be provided later. Check our website, Facebook page, flyers at our Lodge when they become available. So, **SAVE THIS DATE!!**

Soccer Shoot

Soccer Shoot for area youth is being planned for sometime early September. Keep an eye out for date, time and location.

The Elks Soccer Shoot program consists of two different contests open to girls and boys:

Five Goal Contest: consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches.

The five goal contest is for U-8, which includes ages seven years old and younger.

Grid Goal Contest: consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections.

The age groups that use this goal are U-10, ages eight to nine, U-12, ages ten to eleven, U-14, ages twelve to thirteen, and U-16 ages fourteen and



Reading Materials

There are reading materials (bulletins) from other Lodges at our Lodge. Take the time to go through them and check out other Lodges' upcoming events that you may be interested in visiting. They are available on the glass cabinet by the entry door at the Lodge. When done, please return them there.



August 2025 Birthday

1 Gary D Black Jr.	6 Amanda McDermott	12 Jody Roberts	17 Karen Miller	22 Paul Montondo Sr.	27 Ronald A Workman
1 Lee Gault	6 Brian Murdie	13 Timothy J Burns	17 Dale Phillips	22 Kevin B Resch	28 Mary Bibey
1 Randolph R Gillette	6 Charles Price	13 Susan M Hughes	17 Jayme M St Croix	23 Hope L Kampnich	28 Thomas Dawley
1 Nancy L McCabe	6 Herman Strauch Jr.	13 Marie E Oakes	17 Mary Ellen Volzer	23 Richard F Young	28 Eliot Dickson
1 Thomas C Needell	7 William Volzer	13 Michael A Weaver	18 Joseph M Butler Jr.	23 Nina J Zehr	28 John D Hammond
2 Andrea DeMiceli	8 Trevor Eassa	14 Janet Barnes	18 Robert Cleaver	24 Michael J Alteri	28 Charles Bruce Kingsley
2 Jason F White	8 Travis L Hayes	14 Kevin M Chamberlain	18 Meghan Jewett	24 Joseph A Fiorentino II	28 Paul A Lee
3 Chris Denesha	8 Natalie Hurley	14 Lori Plantz	19 Robert Golden	24 Richard L Pound	29 John L Morris Jr.
3 Theresa J Hart	8 Mark A Knowles	14 Patricia Hecor	19 Marci Jones	24 John F St Joseph	29 Randy S Morrow
3 Fred McGraw	8 Judy Rambone	15 Lois Adams	19 Amanda L McGraw	25 John Clement	30 Daniel C Ambrose
3 Henry L Verne	9 Lawrence J Coburn	15 Colleen A Bellnier	19 Stanley E Zaremba	25 Patrick P Collette	30 Bonnie S Eppolito
4 Katrina Krzemien	10 Joseph F Brehm	15 Gary D Black	20 Scott Clement	26 Jacob W Hurley	30 Thomas G Holl
4 Donald E Patchen Jr.	10 Terry L Delaney	15 Peter Hovey	20 Michael Gardner	26 Stephen R Lane	30 ToniMarie LaFex
5 Frank D Fazio Jr.	10 Deborah A Hill	15 William R Russell Jr.	20 William G LaSage	26 Richard E Moyer Jr.	31 Paul M Coglitore
5 Penny C McKenna	10 Arthur H Zaremba Sr	16 Mark S Larkins	20 James J Petersen	27 Michael E Lane	31 Johnathan Francis
5 Marjorie A Prosser	11 Paul R Middlemiss	16 Mary Ann Larney	21 Timothy L Garnsey	27 Sarah Lyndaker	31 Steve McIlroy
5 Theodore A Thomas	11 Thomas A Powlin	16 James A Leana	21 Taylor Hodge	27 James L O'Brien	31 Michael J Mower
6 Rick C Barrisford	12 Edward G Gaffney	17 Jill C Bruce-Wiley	22 John Flowers III	27 Charles F Ruggiero Jr.	31 John L Phelps
6 James T Bernier	12 James Larkin	17 David J Converse	22 Courtney L Jobson	27 John A Schneider	31 Eugene R Renzi
6 Cherie Crossman	12 Robert W McAleese	17 Richard C Howland			

Clam Bake



Open to ticket holders only

Saturday, August 9th

12:00 PM—4:00 PM



Food: clams, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, salt potatoes, salads, draft beer

Karaoke w/ Scarlett Moon

Following the Clam Bake In the barroom

5 to 8 PM

Lodge will be open 11 AM to 10 PM

Tuesday Night Steak Dinner

Beginning Tuesday, August 5th, we will be serving better cut steaks for our Tuesday Night Steak Dinner every Tuesday (except when Tuesday falls on a Holiday). Price will increase from \$15.95 to \$18.95.

Come try and experience the new steak!! Comes with salad and choice of side.



WING NIGHT



Monday, August 18th

5:30 PM until Gone!



\$10 for 10 wings—dine in only price



Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, August 25, 2025
Banquet Room 1 to 6 PM

Elks National Foundation

How is Elks National Foundation helping New York?



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5 REASONS to join the ENF FIDELITY CLUB

The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make an automatic, monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation through their credit card or bank account. Join the club today! Learn more at secure.elks.org/FidelityClub.

- 1 CONVENIENCE**
It takes less than five minutes to sign up, and then you can forget about it!
- 2 FLEXIBILITY**
You can increase, modify, or cancel your gift at any time.
- 3 SECURITY**
It is safe and secure, and you don't need to worry about a check getting lost in the mail!
- 4 RECOGNITION**
Members get exclusive stickers, pins, and invites to an event at the Elks Convention!
- 5 SATISFACTION**
You get to help build stronger communities!

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and Hoop Shoot programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than meeting the needs of today's veterans and maintaining the Elks National Memorial.

You're doing all that, AND you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

During the 2024-2025 Lodge year, the Elks of New York donated \$385,226.37 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:

These grants support your state's major charitable project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soc-

cer Shoot and educational programs.

State Charities Grant: \$248,510.00 Special Projects Grant: \$199,980.00 Bonus Grant: \$54,600

We will award a total of 23 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors from your state. In addition, we will award up to 8 Legacy Scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.

Most Valuable Student: \$92,000.00 Legacy Award: \$32,000

We also provide the Elks National Veterans Service Commission with funding to support its volunteers working in veterans hospitals and medical centers.

Funding for VAVS Volunteers: \$31,200.00

That's a Grant Total of \$658,290!!

That's a ratio of 1.709 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our Community Investments Program.

For the 2024-25 fiscal year, for example, we awarded a total of \$820,000.00 to 103 New York Lodges.

For more information about the Elks National Foundation, contact our Lodge # 496 ENF Chairman PSP Tim Kelly or write us at Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, or by email to enf@elks.org.



Lodge Bulletin Volunteers

September 2025 Lodge Bulletin help is needed on Thursday evening, August 21st starting at about 6:30 PM.

Tuesday Steak Nights / Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. Steak dinner is \$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. Regular delicious half pound burger and fries \$10.95. Make it a deluxe with lettuce, tomato and onions for \$12.95. Add bacon for additional \$1.00. BLT's and fries also available at \$7.95. Chicken sandwich also available for \$12.95.

WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE # 496 CONGRATULATES CARTHAGE LODGE # 1762!!!

Carthage Lodge # 1762 became the National Ritual Champion!! Carthage edged Reno, NV Lodge # 597 by a narrow margin to win national team ritual honor (score: 96.9164 to 96.9028). Kenton, OH Lodge # 157 ended 4th after winning the last 5 National Ritual contest. Way to represent North Central District, Carthage!!



August 2025

MSPE = Member Sponsored Private Event

Sunday 12:00pm—6:00pm	Monday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Tuesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Wednesday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Thursday 2:00pm—9:00pm	Friday 2:00pm—10:00pm	Saturday 11:00am—10:00pm
		Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad \$18.95	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		1	2
3	4 House Committee 6:30 PM LCR Party 6:30 PM	5 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM Activity Committee 6:30 PM	7 Lodge Session 7:30 PM	8	9  Clam Bake 12—4 PM Scarlett Moon Karaoke 5-8 PM
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17	18 Wing Night  5:30 PM until gone LCR Party 6:30 PM	19 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM <i>Deadline for Bulletin</i>	20 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	21	22	23
24 DD Clinic @ Lowville Lodge—10 AM 31 MSPE Banquet Room 12-5 PM	25 Red Cross Blood Drive Banquet Room 1-6 PM	26 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM \$18.95 Queen of Hearts 7PM	27 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	28  Bingo at the Bar 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	29  Trivia Night w/ Dave! 7:00 PM Pub Menu Available	30 MSPE—Banquet Room 6-10 PM



Watertown B.P.O.E. #496

August 2025

LODGE HOURS

Monday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Tuesday-Wednesday	2:00PM—9:00PM
Thursday	2:00PM—9:00PM *
*Except on Meeting Nights	
Friday	2:00PM—10:00PM
Saturday	11:00AM—10:00PM
Sunday	12:00PM— 6:00PM

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

Officers 2025—2026

Exalted Ruler	Philip K Nuffer
Est. Leading Knight	Anthony DeMiceli
Est. Loyal Knight	Karen Miller
Est. Lecturing Knight	Thomas M Lynch
Secretary	PER Dennis J Brady
Treasurer	Beth A Bennett
Esquire	Suzanne Renzi-Falge
Tiler	David Clement
Chaplain	Margaret “Peg” Bootie
Inner Guard	Sheri Doroha

Trustees:

PER Edward C Massa
Jay Miller—Chairman
PSVP Joan Carlo
PER Anne M Fleming
Beth Cassada

Presiding Justice: Matt Doheny
Mediator: Vic James
Activity Committee: Sandi LaVere
House Committee: Anthony DeMiceli
Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon



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