BPOE Watertown Lodge # 496

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NOVEMBER 2026

Exalted Ruler's Message



Greetings members, I hope you have all had a great start to your fall season. Last month was a very busy and exciting month at the Lodge. We held two very fun events that were successful thanks to your participation and our wonderful volunteers.

The first event, our biggest Major Project fundraiser of the year, Dueling Pianos, was a terrific time had by all. A huge shoutout goes to Lisa Green, our Major Project chairman, for a job well done. We were able to raise just shy of $3,000 that night for a most worthy cause.

The second event was our Trunk or Treat at the Lodge, where we had many people decorate their trunks and hand out candy to kids. We gave away free hot dogs and socks to those in need. The turnout was quite impressive—a great day for the kids and the Lodge to raise drug awareness in our community.

November will once again be another busy month at the Lodge, highlighted by the visitation of State President Michael Sage and his wife Staci on November 14th. They will be arriving around noon that day for a luncheon. If you would like to meet our NYSEA president, you will never have a better day to do so.

We also have key events such as our annual Veterans Dinner on November 7th, the Bowling Tournament for Major Project on November 8th, our Friday night perch and steak feed on November 13th, our Harvest Dinner on November 22nd, and another Major Project event, the Holiday Craft/Vendor Show on November 29th. This month is all about being thankful and giving back. As always, we strive to live up to the saying, 'Elks care, Elks share.'

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the month at the Lodge, whether having a drink at the bar, enjoying one of our delicious dinners, or attending one of our fun events. I hope you all have a great closing to fall, because it won't be long until Jack Frost will be nipping at our noses.

Fraternally yours,
Anthony "Demo" DeMiceli

Secretary's Message



October was such a beautiful and busy month! I'm a sucker for the beauty of fall foliage, and I love the cool, crisp air that the fall season offers. November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month. We have quite a few events coming up and will need plenty of volunteers. Throughout October, amazing teams of volunteers stepped up and lent a helping hand. Thank you all!

I recently mailed a letter to all members of our Lodge requesting donations for our upcoming Harvest Dinner for Senior Citizens and Warm Hands, Warm Feet projects. We know there are many requests for your generosity, and we appreciate any help you can offer. Every donation, large or small, can go a long way and helps us care for others in our community. If you have already contributed, thank you! Your kindness and continued support make these projects possible.

We have a reinstatement application (Stanley Typhair Jr # 8595) to act upon in November. Orientation for new members is Tuesday, November 3rd, and Initiation is Thursday, November 5th. Please come and welcome our new members on Initiation night.

We still have 89 members who are delinquent. If you're struggling to pay your dues, experiencing illness, or facing financial distress, please let me know. I'm still hoping we will not lose you at the end of March. We are hoping for at least a PLUS ONE membership gain.

You can make your dues payment online by going to **www.elks.org/payonline.** Choose Watertown Lodge, then rather than using Login, go further down to the bottom and on the left tab, there's "Make A Quick Payment". Use THAT tab.

PER *Dennis J Brady*, Lodge Secretary
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LODGE EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Lodge Activity Events



Thursday, November 12th
at 6:30 PM
Bingo at the Bar
Pub Menu Available



Friday, November 20th
at 7:00 PM
Trivia Night with
David Clement & Lorraine
Pub Menu Available
starting at 6 PM

Pub Menu Includes:

Chicken Fingers	$8
Pizza Logs	$8
Mozzarella Sticks	$7
Jalapeno Poppers	$7
Basket of Fries	$4

Choice of dipping sauce available.

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

Next Activity Committee Meeting:
November 2nd at 6:30 PM









UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER AND BEYOND

WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE # 496

Presents

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed.

Sunday, December 6, 2026
starting at 2:00 PM.

The ceremony will take place in our Lodge.
Luncheon will follow the ceremony.

Watertown Elks Lodge 496

Presents

Designer Bag BINGO

Friday, December 11

Watertown Elks Lodge
728 Bradley Street
Watertown NY

$40 PER PERSON INCLUDES STARTER PACK FOR 10 REGULAR GAMES

Refreshments

Pub Menu starts at 5:30pm

50/50 Raffle

Additional regular **BINGO cards** $5 each or 3/$10

Special Event Game **$5 per card**

Doors open at 5:30pm
Games at 7pm

Contact
Mary Bielby 315-525-6412
Robin Carson 336-380-9913
Jody Henry 315-798-4083

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 13th	Sunday, December 20th	Thursday, December 31st
Children's Christmas Party	Tom and Jerry Sunday	New Year's Eve Party

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

Hello fellow Elks members,

I hope everyone is enjoying fall. The temperature is beginning to drop and leaves are changing which means winter and the dreaded S word are right around the corner. After a busy September and October, things are beginning to slow down but the Elks Lodge still has some big events coming up, we have the veterans dinner November 7th. The State President will be visiting on November 14th with a small luncheon and we will be having an Elks bowling tournament at PlaMor Lanes Sunday the 8th with karaoke and pizza at the Lodge after. We will also have the harvest dinner November 22nd.

As always, we can use volunteer to help with these events and if you are interested, please contact Derrick Kehoe or ER Demo.

The next house committee meeting will be held on Monday November 2nd at 6:30PM.
I look forward to seeing everyone around the lodge.

Derrick Kehoe
House Committee Chairman

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
WATERTOWN ELKS LODGE #496

The Exalted Ruler and Officers of Lodge #496
are deeply appreciative of our members and friends
who have volunteered their time at our various events and functions.
There are so many names, we are afraid of leaving someone out.

YOU are what makes our Lodge GREAT!

Tuesday Steak Nights ~ Wednesday Burgers

Tuesday nights are our steak nights. The steak dinners are $18.95 and come with choice of fries, onion rings or baked potato, salad and dinner roll.

Wednesday nights are our burger nights. The regular delicious half-pound burger come with fries or onion rings for $10.95. Make it a deluxe with cheese, lettuce, tomato and onions for $12.95. Add bacon for additional $1.00.
BLT with fries or onion rings are available for $7.95.
Fish sandwich now added back on the menu for $10.95.

Dinner is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Veteran's Page

Veteran's Committee

"Americans should always honor our veterans. At this moment, we especially need the example of their character. And we need a new generation to set examples of its own, examples in service and sacrifice and courage. These veterans have shaped our history, and with their values, your generation will help guide our future."
George W. Bush

As the weather cools down and thoughts of snow begin to cross our minds, it is a wonderful time to reflect on what we are grateful for, practice charity, and extend a hand in friendship.

November is a month to give thanks for all we have and to honor those who fought to defend our country and protect our freedoms. In that spirit, we warmly invite you to attend our annual **Veterans Dinner on Saturday, November 7th.** Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by a new **Veterans Day Ceremony at 6:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served immediately after the ceremony, featuring a guest speaker and the presentation of donated items to local veterans outreach providers.

This traditional Thanksgiving-style dinner is free for all who have valiantly served our country. For non-veterans, tickets are $15.00. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with food preparation prior to the event. Please contact me, Exalted Ruler Demo, or Fran Alberry with any questions or to volunteer.

On Veterans Day, we will be taking part in the annual services within the Watertown community. This event starts by honoring our Outer Guard at the cemetery across from the lodge and then proceeds to both the VFW and the American Legion events. This is a fantastic day of fellowship and gratitude. All are welcome to attend. Exact times will be provided in the lodge and on our Facebook page as they develop.

Additionally, collection containers will be set up for the **NNY Veterans Outreach Program** to collect non-perishable food and personal care items. All donations will be given to the outreach center on the night of our veterans dinner during our presentations. This is a new partnership for our lodge, and through your support, we hope to serve even more veterans in need or in crisis.

When visiting the Lodge on Fridays, we ask that you wear red. We wear R.E.D. (Remember Everyone Deployed) on Fridays to show appreciation for the brave men and women currently serving overseas and to honor those whose sacrifices keep our nation safe.

We have received a new batch of R.E.D. T-shirts from our supplier. If you would like to purchase a sweatshirt, hoodie, or long-sleeved T-shirt, you can order online using the QR code in this bulletin or via the ordering link on our Facebook page.

We also participate in the **Feed Our Vets** program every month at the Bruce Wright Memorial Conference Center and are always looking for extra hands to help out. Our next volunteer date is **Saturday, November 21st at 9:00 a.m.** Volunteers consistently share that this is a rewarding and enjoyable way to make a real difference in our community.

Finally, we are pleased to report that we have been asked to provide another **Welcome Home Kit** for a local veteran. These kits help veterans transitioning out of homelessness by providing essential items for their new apartments. This is a Grand Lodge-funded initiative, and we are proud to have helped our recent recipient get settled. This will be the third Welcome Home Kit we have provided.

Our next committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 2nd at 5:30 p.m. This timing allows members to also attend the House Committee meeting on the same date, should they choose.

Fraternally,
Karen Miller
Esteemed Leading Knight
Veteran's Committee Chair

ELKS VETERANS SERVICE









Red Friday Apparel
Scan here to order

BELL JAR REPORT
September 2026

Total Income:	$23,681.34
Total Expenses:	$4,285.29
1 / 3 Worthy Causes:	$607.32
Net Income:	$18,788.73

PART-TIME CLEANER WANTED

Friday through Sunday mornings.

If interested, please pick up an application at the bar.

MEMBERS ON THE SICK BOARD

We have a few members on the sick board Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers: Terry Scire Jr.; Ron Netto Sr.; Francis Devine; PER Eugene Mancini; Frank Roberts; Robert Woodward; Dennis VanCamp.

Lodge of Sorrow

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

For November meetings, check the calendar

DDGER/SVP Clinics 2026–2027

Watertown Lodge #496 — Saturday, January 16, 2027 • 10:00 AM
With District lBowling Tournament at P la Mor Lanes.
Ogdensburg Lodge #772 — Sunday, April 18, 2027 • 10:00 AM

DDGER/SVP Visitation Schedule 2026–2027

Lowville Lodge # 1605 — Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Gouverneur Lodge # 2035 — Tuesday, November 10, 2026

DDGER/SVP Homecoming

Gouverneur Lodge # 2035 — Saturday, May 8, 2027

William LaMere – DDGER – North Central District # 6240
PO Box 141, Richville, NY 13681
(315) 767-9483

Ted McDonald – State Vice President
1600 White Hill Rd, Box 572, Parishville, NY 13672
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Follow us on Watertown Elks **496** Face book page for up to the minute updates/events/dinners. See videos and pictures from Lodge events and more!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 6th - Memorial Service 2 PM
Sunday, December 13th - Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 20th - Tom & Jerry Sunday
Thursday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Party
Hoop Shoot to be announced soon!





On Saturday, October 17th, we had our biggest fundraising event of the year! It was a hit and fun was had by all! Special thanks to our Major Project chair Lisa Green and her crew for pulling off yet another successful event!! Also, special thanks go out to our three major Corporate Sponsors… **Drive America, Thomas Trash Services/Bobby Fox, and Cowles Contracting Company!**

DELINQUENT MEMBER NUMBER

4495	4713	4738	5270	6001	6075	6123	6754	6802	6874	6911	7050	7062	7105	7196	7283	7359	7385	7456	7516	7570	7576	7579
7732	7736	7747	7839	7880	7881	7916	7930	8035	8036	8083	8109	8305	8319	8373	8385	8400	8410	8420	8445	8459	8467	8469
8470	8474	8511	8527	8566	8575	8576	8578	8604	8720	8772	8776	8781	8786	8812	8835	8841	8842	8843	8859	8860	8921	8922
8940	8947	8951	8966	8982	9000	9008	9028	9029	9039	9045	9062	9075	9076	9099	9115	9117	9122	9123	9126			

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**

SCHOLARSHIPS

MVS SCHOLARSHIP

It's scholarship season! Applications for the Most Valuable Student scholarship opened on August 1.

If you know any incoming high school seniors, encourage them to apply! No relation to the Elks is necessary to win one of these scholarships, which range from $1,000 to $7,500 per year.

Application Deadline: November 12, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.

To learn more, visit this site:

www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm

Emergency Educational Grants

Emergency Educational Grants provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to $5,000.

Emergency Educational Grants aren't meant to cover a student's complete education, but they can help cover room and board, books, and tuition and fees.

For the 2026-2027 school year, the Elks National Foundation has allocated over $150,000. If you know any Elks children who may be eligible to receive this grant, please contact Colleen Quackenbush at (518) 956-3998 or nurseq@hotmail.com.

LEGACY AWARDS APPLICATION OPEN!

Legacy Awards Scholarship application is now open.

Exclusive to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks, these $6,000 scholarships give students the opportunity to continue their Elks family legacy while making their own mark in the Elks Family. Applications close Feb. 1, 2027.

Find eligibility requirements and other important details at

enf.elks.org/leg.

Benefit for the Jack Falge & Suzie Renzi-Falge Family

Sunday, November 15 • Noon–4 PM

Join us at the Lodge for a benefit supporting two of our own Elk members and their family. Enjoy raffles, games, a silent auction, and a Dance World performance. Kathy & John Michael will generously provide music from 12:30–2:30 PM.

Their young daughter has spent several weeks in a Rochester hospital and faces additional stays. All funds will help the family with travel, hotels, food, and possible medical expenses.

Members and friends are asked to donate baskets or new items for the raffle and silent auction. **Drop off donations at the Lodge November 9–14.**

To help or ask questions, contact David Clement at **315-783-5012**. Elks take care of their own! Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause!



November 2026 Birthdays

1	Kristine Sullivan	6	Colleen Hurley	9	Larry A Rogers	14	Clifford M Lashway	20	Jerry D MacKey	25	Amy Fitzsimmons
2	Seferino Alvarado	6	Cindy L Parker	10	Eric E Earls	15	William W Johnson	20	Mark W Sutton	26	Jennifer L Brett
2	Wenda March	6	Frederick A Pellerin	10	Linda L Eveleigh	16	Michael S Stratton	21	William Scott O'Brien	26	Francis Richard Serow
2	Lindsey R Pound	6	William P Wilcox	10	David J Phillips	17	Christine L Snyder	22	Janet E Duffy	27	Michael J Bova
3	Kristi S Bice	7	Donald Edgar	11	Patrick Hickey	17	Eddie J Wilson	22	Heidi Hill	27	William F Ramseier
3	Kevin J Kelly	7	Ronald T Tepenhart	11	Clairon Lehman	18	Steven A Fults	22	Patricia R Mattraw	27	Philip Reed
3	Linda Knight	8	Rrian DeCilles	11	Charles S Ransear	18	John R Isham	23	Timothy F Brady	28	Louis P Briant
3	Philip K Nuffer	8	Ronald U Parker	12	Thomas H Maritlotta Jr.	18	Frank Pettey	23	Bryan R Myers Sr.	28	Steven P Duffany Sr.
4	Phillip J Baijaly	8	Richard E Porter	12	Stanley Tibbles	19	David S Bombard	23	Kyle Zimmermann	28	Caleb Gardner
4	Mark D Barcomb	8	Mark Streiff	13	Eugene F Mancini	19	Jennifer A Hildebranski	24	Kevin M Kampnich	28	Cory Gardner
4	John Brooker	8	Sidney E Wheeler	13	Robert Weldon	19	Darcia M LaValley	24	David P Liddle	28	Richard C Hayes
4	James W Fraser	9	Jeffrey Ambrose	14	John M Falge Jr.	19	Timothy Robinson	24	Ronald L Netto Sr.	29	Terry Richard Williams
5	Ian P Ward	9	Kari Bartlett	14	Cheryl Hayes	20	Bonnie S DiSalvo	25	George D Coleante Jr.	30	Ian J Hill
5	David L Weaver	9	Mark E Burnham	14	Solomon Jantzi	20	Dean P Gillan				

November 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 *November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month*	2 Houss/Activity 6:30 PM Veterans Committee 5:30 PM	3 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PMS18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM Trustee Mtg 7 PM Orientation 7:00 PM	4 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM DD/SVP Visit @ Louville	5 Lodge Session/Initiation 7 PM	6	7 *Veterans Dinner* See flyer inside MSPE - Lodge Room
8 *No-Tap Bowling Tournament @ PlaMor* *Major Project Fundraiser* *See Inside* MSPE - Banquet Room	9	10 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PMS18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM DD/SVP Visit @ Gouveneur	11 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	12 6:30 PM Pub Menu Available	13 *Friday Night Dinner*	14
15	16 MSPE - Lodge Room	17 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PMS18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	18 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	19 Lodge Session 7 PM *Bowling Meeting 6 PM*	20 Trivia Starts at 7 PM Pub Menu Available	21 *Harvest Dinner Prep*
22 *Harvest Dinner* *Drive-Thru Only* *Starting at 11 AM* *See Inside*	23	24 Steak Night Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PMS18.95 Queen of Hearts 7 PM	25 Burger Night 5:30 PM—7:30 PM	26 *Happy Thanksgiving* Lodge Closed	27	28
29 *Holiday Craft/ Vendor Show* *See flyer inside*	30	Steak Night Tuesday Steak & side, salad $18.95	Wed. Burger Night: Burger with lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions w/ fries $12.95 W/ bacon—$1 extra BLT—$7.95 Fish Sandwich—$10.95	*Give Thanks for Good Food Good Friends & Great Times!*		Pub Menu See inside for whats on the pub menu. To book parties and/or Events, contact our Booking Line at (315) 586-5954

Watertown B.P.O.E. #496

November 2026

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

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	PER Anthony J Verne
Chaplain	Margaret "Peg" Bootie
Inner Guard	David Clement

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PSVP Joan Carlo
PER Anne M Fleming
Beth Cassada
PER Philip K Nuffer

Presiding Justice: Mat Doheny
Mediator: Vic James
Activity Committee: Sandi LaVere
House Committee: Derrick Kehoe
Bar Manager: Geoff Matraw
Lodge Steward: Barb Yerdon

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