WATERTOWN-BEAVER DAM ELKS LODGE

FEBRUARY 2025



NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Per Section 3.080 of the annotated statues, nominations for the 2025-2026 offices to be filled at the annual election will be held at the regular meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Exalted Ruler Esteemed Leading Knight

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Secretary Treasurer 3 Year Trustee
Alternate to the Grand Lodge

Anyone interested in serving as an officer should have his or her name placed in nomination at this meeting.

The annual election of officers will occur at the regular meeting on Wednesday, February 26,

This is your chance to get involved!!



Watertown-Beaver Dam ELKS 666

5:30 - 7:30 PM BAR OPEN 5PM FRIDAY, FEB. 21st ELKS LODGE - 117 N 1ST STREET

Be our guest fo<mark>r Friday N</mark>ight Fish Fry, where you can indulge in a mouthwatering meal while supporting the Watertown-Beaver Dam Elks Lodge.







6 pc butterfly shrimp

6 pc Shrimp de Jonghe

Each meal includes: Choice of side. Potato pancakes, Fries or Baked. New & Improved salad bar. And two Soups: Pine Knoll's Minestrone and soup of the month.

CARRY OUT/DELIVERY ONLY: 3 pc fish, choice side, Cole slaw, Potato salad, tarter sauce, lemon **\$13**



OLD TIMERS DINNER

Wed. February 26th

6PM DINNER

Need a ride? Call the Lodge

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Crystal Lake in Beaver Dam (right off of highway 33). Distribute ice skates from in the warming house.

Skates are free for adults and children.

1 - 4pm.

Every Saturday and Sunday from now until the end of February—weather permitting.



Nikki Shannon, Jodi Slowiak, and Ron Shannon at Clothes for Kids. Watertown Beaver Dam Elks presenting \$750 to Jodi at Clothes for Kids in Beaver Dam.

The EVENT COORDINATOR Position is OPEN.

This is a very important position in our lodge as the extra event income helps pay the bills.

Training and guidance will be provided. Two members could share these duties.





OLD TIMERS EVENT

Dinner - Baby back ribs, Pulled pork, Mac n Cheese, loaded potato salad, baked beans, cornbread, desert.

Who - Old Timers, their guests, members and their guests (must make a reservation or sign up by 2-21)

Cost - Free for Old timers, \$15 everyone else

Sign-up - Sheet by main bar or contact the lodge

Presentation to Old Timers - 6:30pm

UPCOMING NEED

It has been brought to my attention that Publisher is going away by 2026. That is the program I use to write the newsletter. Another program will need to be utilized. A member with more computer skills than I possess needs to be the new newsletter editor starting January 2026. Newsletter Editor

2024-2025 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler

Mike Meyer 920-342-9439

Leading Knight

Wayne Brady 920-988-4430

Loyal Knight

Cris Crum 218-341-0722

Lecturing Knight

Scott Peter 920-342-3657

Esquire

Nikki Shannon

Inner Guard

Ron Shannon

Secretary

Teresa Justman 920-988-4001

Treasurer

Dennis Daley

Tiler

Ron Maas

Chaplain

Doris Friedl 920-390-0357

Trustees

Tom Godfroy Gregg Breese Mark Rohr

Lodge Office:

920-261-5473

LODGE OF SORROWS

Your Elks Lodge has a Memorial Service team available for any member, in good standing, when they pass.

Call **920-261-5473**

Leave a message for the Chaplain

ADOPT A FLAG

Our flag was changed over on November 6th, 2024. This is our fiftyfirst flag to fly over the lodge since the program started November 23rd, 2015. It is sponsored by Mary Potratz on behalf of Carl and

Helen Steinkopf and Arthur and Anita Potratz along with Michael Potratz. Their flag is still flying over the lodge. Our previous flag flew until November 6th, 2024, thanks to Teresa Justman and Terry Hilbert. We only have one contributor left. Your flag will fly quickly. Still to come is Donald Christianson and Audrey Wolter. Any of our members can do a second sponsorship if they want.

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in sponsoring a flag. Please call me personally with any questions at 920-248-9504 or call down to the lodge on how to get involved.

You donate the \$100.00 sponsorship fee, and we acknowledge you for the time your flag is flying. Please see me or our secretary to get you contributions into the program.

Thanks again for all your support. David DeCono -PER

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 - Celebration of Life for Lou Millevolte. 12:30pm

March 16th - St. Patrick's Day Celebration. 2 - 8pm

DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THERAPY DOG FUNDRAISER

'Saturday Morning Cartel' played for over 4 hours with music that covered 4 decades. They put on a fantastic show. There were bucket raffles, silent auction and a 50/50 raffle! Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who helped make this event possible!











William Shier	05	
John Strese	05	
David Bell	11	
John Maas	11	
Tami O'Brion-	11	
Robert Milhouse	13	
Rodney Johnson	18	
Richard Mueller	19	
Kevin Clifford	22	
Jennifer Boush	23	
Christine Knaup	23	
Anita Scott	23	
Justin Navine	26	
Christopher Pirkel	28	





20 YEARS

Pete Berres Paul Stadler Robert Stangler

21 YEARS

David Finnel John Neumann Michelle Radig

22 YEARS

Jerome David Eric Howlett Jim McFarland Ryan Nowatka

23 YEARS

Dawn Adams Mark Born Doris Friedl Carl Johnson Harvey Lewis Mike Martin Joseph Rhodes Roy Stibb

24 YEARS

Robert Radig Dan Stratman Linda Thompson

25 YEARS

Kevin Clifford
Ron Counsell
David Hulick
Stan Jones
Don Klecker
Christine Knaup
Clarence Knaup
Richard Kraemer
Michael Muncschau
Chris Pirkel
John Pirkel
Gary Pyrek
Sean Redfern
Darwin Shelton
Nancy Swantz

26 YEARS

James Assman Kenneth Berg David DeCono

27 YEARS

Steven Kraemer Mae Lange Richard Mueller Robert Stargard Matthew Triana

29 YEARS

John Maas

30 YEARS

Glenn Willman

31 YEARS

Myron Shannon

32 YEARS

Bryan Bichler

33 YEARS

Wayne Behm Andrew Friedl

34 YEARS

Wilmer Brunk Mark Dempsey Paul Fink Tom Godfroy Robert Lemke

35 YEARS

Patrick Gosa Kurt Meiers

36 YEARS

Dennis Daley Louis Hady Jeffery Ritchart

37 YEARS

Mark Jacquette Patrick Meyer Charles Sims

39 YEARS

Dan Herbest Melvin Knaack Mike Meyer

40 YEARS

James Seibold Greg Taleck

42 YEARS

Ron Maas

43 YEARS

William Clark

46 YEARS

Jerry Cypert Mark Erickson Dennis Harshberger

47 YEARS

Dick DeCono Milton Swantz John Wanke

48 YEARS

Chuck Corbet Jerome Teska

50 YEARS

Tom Hahn Mike Siegrist

56 YEARS

Alfred Shumaker

57 YEARS

Peter Knaup Julius Temkin

59 Years

John Himrich Richard Wicker

60 YEARS

John Lemke

61 YEARS

James Clifford Dale Schmidt

63 YEARS

Tom Finnel

70 YEARS

Joseph Richart





Nikki Shannon, Angela Rheingans, Jaelyn Klatt, and Ron Shannon presenting a \$750 donation to PAVE of Beaver Dam.



New Dues Statements

The annual dues statements will be automatically sent out the week of February 3rd. Annual dues have increased by \$3.00.

We will be having a Pay your Dues early on Friday, March 7th.

Your membership helps us make a difference and keeps you connected to all the great benefits and events the Elks offers. Don't let your membership lapse—renew today!

Your membership does make a difference even if you are not able to be as active as others in the Lodge. If you do not plan to renew your membership for 2024-2025 please contact me ASAP for an Absolute Demit. These need to be done by March 28, 2025.

Thank you for being an important part of our Watertown-Beaver Dam Elks family.

Teresa Justman, Lodge Secretary, 920-261-5473

1-7-25	
1st Half	Doug Gunderson
2nd Half	Rod Buske
1st Place	Rod Buske
2nd Place	Dave Kerschkle
3rd Place	Marge Stratman
4th Place	Mike Brown
5th Place	Doug Gunderson
6th Place	Dan Stratman



SHEEPSHEAD

1-21-25	
1st Half	Rod Buske
2nd Half	Judy Pitzo
1st Place	Judy Pitzo
2nd Place	Dave Kerschke
3rd Place	Rod Buske
4th Place	Matt Villwock
5th Place	Phil Tremaine
6th Place	

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Activities

Gregg Breese

Bar Manager

Justine Navin

Bar Tender Scheduler

Terri Breese

Building Maintenance

Jeff Redecker

Building Rental & Facility Lease

Terri Breese Committee

Fund Raiser/Raffles

David DeCono

Insurance

Dennis Daley

Interior Cleaning

Rachel Jeske

Kitchen

Dave DeCono

Newsletter

Fran Vandre
Dick & Nancy DeCono
newsletter@elks666.org

Membership/Lapsation

Beginning Membership 253

Increases	7			
Decreases	14			
Membership				
CLMS Active Members	246			
Average Age	62.54			
+Gain/-Loss	-7			
Delinquency				
Total	22			
Lapsation Rate	8.70%			
Applications on Hand				
Applications On Hand	5			
Life Members				
Life Members	15			
Honorary Members	6			

LODGE COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Mike Meyer

Americanism

Daniel Crum

Auditing/Accounting

Dennis Daley

Benevolent Fund

Dennis Daley

By-Law Review

Dennis Daley

Community Projects/Activities

Terri Breese

Flag Day

Wayne Brady

Fraternal

Jeff Redecker

Government Relations

Fran Vandre

Grant Coordinator

Dennis Daley

Hospital & Rehab Equipment

Mike Meyer

Investigation

Dennis Daley

Lodge Activities

Gregg Breese

Mediator

Dennis Daley

Membership/Lapsation

Dennis Daley

National Foundation

Dennis Daley

PER Association President

Shane Wagner

Public Relations

David DeCono

Publicity

Cris Crum

Presiding Justice

Ritualistic

Sickness/Distress/Lodge of Sorrows

Doris Friedl

Standing Relief

Mike Meyer

State Major Project

Dennis Daley

IN NEED



The Christmas Dinner committee is looking for members to make financial donations that will be used to purchase a set of "good kitchen knives". They would also like to purchase some type of lock box in which to store these knives so they don't "disappear" from the lodge kitchen. Or, maybe a lock could be installed on a drawer. Contributions go to the lodge secretary.

REMINDER

If you volunteer your time at the lodge you need to send your volunteer hours to the Newsletter Editor. I am helping our secretary record volunteer hours in CLMS, a Grand Lodge site. We are required to report these hours to Grand Lodge. In turn, our lodge receives financial compensation. Or, the Chairperson of the event should fill out the required event form on which they record all pertinent information and turn it in to the secretary.

Thank you, Fran
Newsletter @666.org

PAST EXALTED RULERS Current Members

James Clifford	68-69, 69-70
Dale Schmidt	BD 69-70
John Maas	78-79
Thomas Finnel	79-80
Mark Erickson	83-84
Dennis Daley	93-94, 96-97, 2004-05
Jack Lemke	94-95, 2001-02
Mark Dempsey	95-96
Milt Swantz	FDL 95-96
Ron Maas	97-98
Ron Shannon	Portage 97-98
	BDx2
Jeff Ritchart	BD 98-99
Dick DeCono	2003-04, 10-11
Gregg Talek	BD 2002-03
Clancy Knaup	BD 2004-05
John Pirkel	2006-07
Rob Radig	BD 2009-10
Harvey Lewis	BD 2012-13
Dan Crum	Superior 13-14
Mike Meyer	2014-15
Nikki Shannon	Portage 2014-15
	BDx4
David DeCono	2015-16, 17-18
Christine Crum	Superior 2015- 16, 2019-20
Gregg Breese	2016-17, 21-22
Wayne Arbogast	2019-20
Pat McCarthy	2020-21
Shane Wagner	2022-23
Terri Breese	2023-24

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LODGE ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSONS

Bags League: Rob Wolter
Billiards: Dan Stratman
Breakfast w/ Santa: T. Breese
Christmas Dinner: T. Justman
Constitution Contest: Mike Detrie

Fish Fry: Gregg Breese Golf League: Dennis Daley Hoop Shoot: Dan Bennett Memorial: Doris Friedl Old Timer's: PER

Packer Parties: Gregg Breese Post Prom: Rob Wolter Scholarships: Mike Dietrich St. Patrick's: Dave DeCono Sheepshead: Matt Villwock
Spaghetti Dinner: Dave DeCono
Tom & Jerry: John Wanke

Veterans Luncheon: Tom Godfroy Veterans Services: Harry Lewis Youth Activities: Dan Bennett

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: In charge of all Elk functions

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Manage and support gaming, pull-tabs, inventory, & building maintenance



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FEBRUARY 2025



- Internal Villagia						All
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Ground Hog Day	3 Lion's 5:30pm Legacy Applications Due	4 Sheepshead 6:00pm Bags League 6:15pm & 7:15pm	5 PER MTG. 6pm Masons 6:30pm LOUNGE OPEN 5pm	THIRSTY THURSDAY 4:30pm POOL 1pm YOGA 5pm	7 LOUNGE OPEN 4:30-8pm PAY YOUR DUES EVENT 5-7pm	8
9	10	Sheepshead 6:00pm Bags League 6:15pm & 7:15pm	PER Night & Nomination of Officers LODGE MTG. 7pm LOUNGE OPEN 5pm	THIRSTY THURSDAY 4:30pm POOL 1pm YOGA 5pm	BRATS, BLOODY MARY'S & HAND MUDDLED OLD FASHIONS LOUNGE OPEN 4:00-8pm	Sheepshead Tournament 10am
16 ELKS Birthday	17 Lion's Board Mtg. 5:30pm	Sheepshead 6:00pm Bags League 6:15pm & 7:15pm	19 BOG/BOD MTG. 6pm LOUNGE OPEN 5pm	THIRSTY THURSDAY 4:30pm POOL 1pm YOGA 5pm	LOUNGE OPEN 4:30-8pm FISH & SHRIMP DINNER 5:30-7:30pm Newsletter Submissions DUE @ NOON	22 Mid-Winter Elks Conference
23 Mid-Winter Elks Conference	24 World Bartender Day	25 Bags League 6:15pm & 7:15pm	26 OLD TIMER'S EVENT Dinner at 6pm & Election of Officers LODGE MTG. 7pm LOUNGE OPEN 5pm	THIRSTY THURSDAY 4:30pm POOL 1pm YOGA 5pm	LOUNGE OPEN 4:30-8pm BUNCO 6:30pm	MARCH 1st Lou Millevolte's Celebration of Life 12:30pm

Watertown-Beaver Dam
Elks Lodge
117 N. 1st St.
Watertown, WI



HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE LODGE

Reception Hall with Stage & Bar
210 - 325 guests
Lounge & Main Bar
Smaller Groups
Contact: Terri
Events@Elks666.org

Phone: 920-261-5473

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