# ELKLINER

**NOVEMBER 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410**



## OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler **Sherie Sasso**
Leading Knight **Jim Schuessler**
Loyal Knight **Mike Verveer**
Lecturing Knight **Audrey Martino**
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Treasurer **Renée Lauber**
Esquire **Patrick Fitzpatrick**
Chaplain **Laura MacIsaac**
Tiler **Chauncey Hunker**
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Organist **Lois Hoornstra**

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1 Year **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**
2 Year **Don Geier**
3 Year **Ritt Deitz**
4 Year **Judi Trampf**
5 Year **Lindsey Lee**

*Membership meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and also the 4th Wednesday in February, March, and April.*


## ELKLINER

Editor **Dan Curd**
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*If you would like to submit something for publication or place an advertisement, please email:*

**secretary@madisonelkslodge.org**


## A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

I love fall...the colors, the cooler temperatures. Oh, wait – temperatures have not been cooler! But I hope you enjoyed the extended summer. And weren't the Brewers exciting to watch?

We couldn't have ordered better weather for Elktoberfest on October 11. It was a picture-perfect day, the 25-piece band was awesome, and we had a good turnout. The food, as usual, was phenomenal.

We have lots of activities coming up. Our Veterans Breakfast is Saturday, November 7. Veterans, active-duty military, and first responders eat for free; there is a nominal cost for friends and family of Veterans and members of the Lodge. There is a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to help that day. Please consider donating your time to a worthy effort. November is officially Veterans Month and I encourage you to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to our Veterans food drive.




On Sunday, November 15, it's our Lodge's turn to host our State President and First Lady and State President-Elect and spouse. Other Wisconsin Elks Association dignitaries will be there, too. We open at 10 a.m., and the cost for brunch is $12. Our honored state guests will fire us up about Elkdom – they're really good at that! Then at noon, we'll turn on the Packer/Viking game, have Bloody Mary specials, a 50-50 raffle, and a meat raffle supporting Custom Canines following the game. Please join us for a fun Sunday!

Remember, Kaycie is our general manager. If you have a complaint (or a compliment), please direct it to her rather than the wait staff or bartenders. Kaycie and House Committee Chair Lindsey Lee meet on a weekly basis to go over what's working and what isn't. Lately, things seem to be working pretty well!

December brings Breakfast with Santa on December 5 – the conclusion of our Toys for Tots campaign, and Christmas Music Bingo on the December 16. Both are always a fun time!

We're so close to our goal of 806 members by March 31, 2027. Since it takes a couple of months from application to initiation, if you know someone who is thinking of joining, please prod them a little! Help us make our goal.

We are losing our Entertainment Committee cochairs, Allison Cooley and Samantha Linden, at the end of the year. They have done a wonderful job of booking various kinds of entertainment to keep us all engaged. The next Entertainment Committee meeting is November 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in booking bands and bringing other fun things to the Lodge, please attend. The more ideas we have, the better!

As our snowbirds fly south for the winter, business slows down in the restaurant and bar. I encourage you to stop by for a meal and drinks often during the winter. Also, please consider us to host your holiday parties and family celebrations.

Happy Thanksgiving! We all have lots to be thankful for.

In Elkdom,

**Sherie Sasso**
Exalted Ruler




**Please bring your unwrapped gift to donate to Toys for Tots. The drop-off box is just inside the front door at the Lodge. Thank you!**

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

First, we want to thank all the members who have sponsored candidates who have been initiated so far this year. They are: Renée Lauber (6 candidates), Christopher Restle (5 candidates), Michael Verveer (5 candidates), Lindsey Lee (4 candidates), Dan Curd (4 candidates), James Henley (2 candidates), James Schuessler (2 candidates), Don Geier (2 candidates), Judith Trampf (2 candidates), Carole Trone (2 candidates), Kaycie Strobl (2 candidates), Aaron Mullins (2 candidates), Ritt Deitz (2 candidates), Gabrielle O'Brien (2 candidates), Randy Hellenbrand (2 candidates), James Driscoll (1 candidate), James McGinn, (1 candidate), Lynn Aspinwall (1 candidate), Chad Campanelli (1 candidate), Andrew Johnson (1 candidate), Collin Driscoll (1 candidate), Kimberly Wolf (1 candidate), Lance Lattimer (1 candidate), Michelle Braithwaite (1 candidate), Curt Roeming (1 candidate), Scott McDonell (1 candidate), Virginia Morschauser (1 candidate), Jessie Loeb (1 candidate), Katharina Heyning (1 candidate), Ben Hobbins (1 candidate), Susan Nelson (1 candidate), Audrey Martino (1 candidate), Judith Karofsky (1 candidate), JoAnn Loftus (1 candidate), Alice O'Mahar (1 candidate), Laurence Jensen (1 candidate), and Mary Lou Tyne (1 candidate).

Please help us make our goal of 806 members by the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2027. We especially encourage new members to get your friends and family to join the Lodge!

As a reminder we are a private club and a 501(c)(8) corporation – a tax-exempt fraternal beneficiary order. To comply with our tax-exempt status, we must furnish the IRS proof that we primarily serve our members and not the general public. **Be prepared to show your membership card (or at the minimum provide your membership number) when asked by staff in the bar or dining room. Nonmember guests are required to sign the guest book.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

## POSTCARD FROM THE PAST




*Madison Elks in a parade on the Capitol Square, part of the Wisconsin Elks Association state convention held in Madison June 13-15, 1905. This is a single photo that originally was part of a kineograph, a series of progressive images that when flipped simulate animation. The Elks costume of the day was a blue blazer, white trousers and a boater. Red coats would not become common Elk attire until the 1980s. Today, it remains an Elk tradition mostly in the Midwest.*

## RAYMOND A. PICKARTS



*1931 – 2005*

*Exalted Ruler*

*1979 – 1980*

Raymond Arthur Pickarts, Jr., was born on July 11, 1931, in Madison, the son of Bernard Pickarts and Matilda Thresa Birrenkott. He graduated from East High School in 1950 and married Joyce Nanette DeHaven on February 4, 1952. At the time, Ray was an employee of the Madison-Kipp Corporation but would work most of his life for the City of Madison Engineering Department. He and his wife had two children, a son and a daughter.

Ray joined the Madison Elks Lodge in 1971 and became Exalted Ruler in 1979. He was Vice President of the southwest district of the Wisconsin Elks Association in 1982 and was elected State President in 1984. For his dedicated service to the B.P.O.E., Ray was elected an Honorary Life Member in 1985. His brother Wayne also served as E.R. and State President.

Ray was also a past member of East Side Businessmen's Association, active in the East Side "M" Club, and was president of LaFollette High School P.T.A. Ray enjoyed all sports. He played in many Madison basketball and softball city leagues, winning several championships. Ray also enjoyed coaching softball. He was manager of the LaFollette Little League and was the first president of the East Side Youth Hockey Association.

Raymond Pickarts passed away on June 21, 2005, and is buried with his wife in Highland Memory Gardens in Cottage Grove.



*East High School graduation photo, 1950.*

## P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

*Chairman* **Richard Olson** (2015-2017)

*Secretary* **Sherie Sasso** (2019-2020)

*Treasurer* **Lynn Aspinwall** (2017-2019)

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

**Kevin Pohlkamp** (1989-1990)

**Jim Mueller** (1990-1991)

**Ed Ledwidge** (1994-1995)

**Chuck Hoornstra** (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

**Kristi Barbian** (2011-2013)

**Steve Sasso** (2013-2015)

## AUXILIARY

*President* **LaVerne Schwengel**

*Past President* **Gloria Simley**

*Vice President* **Donna Campanelli**

*Secretary* **Jeanette May**

*Treasurer* **Michelle Braithwaite**

### BOARD MEMBERS

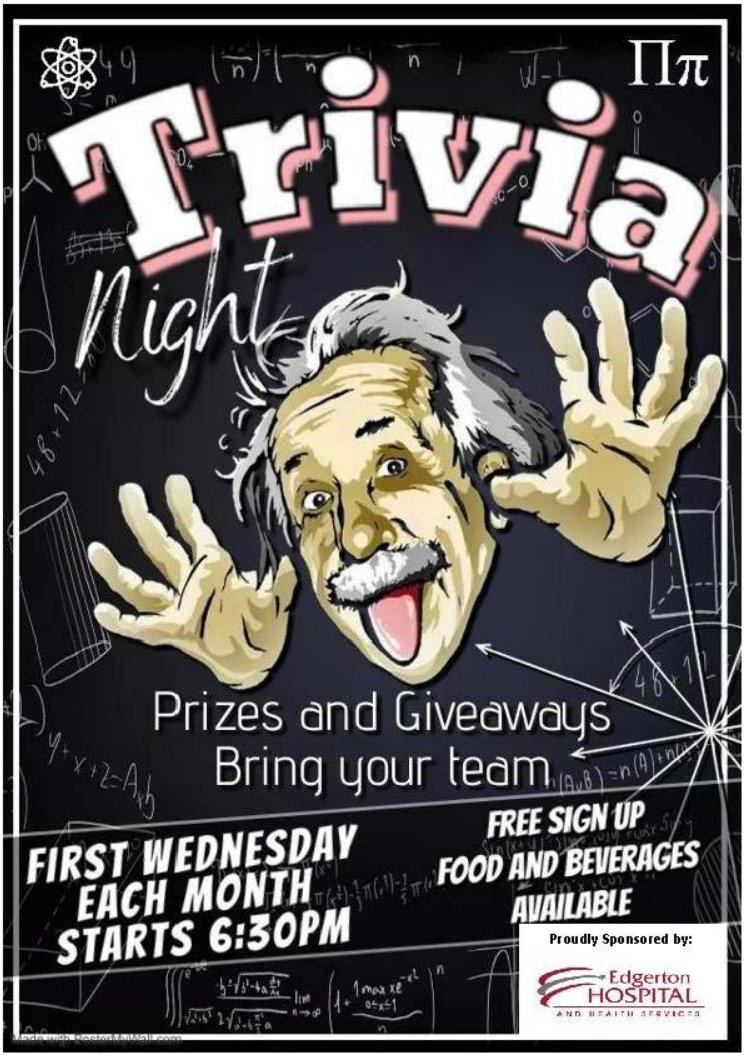
**Ann Bailey**

**Carol Rohde**









## BUILDING & GROUNDS

**By Jim Schuessler**

A big thank you goes out to the following volunteers who helped on our annual fall cleanup day: John Schlimm, Melissa Holtz, Karen Bosold, Cindy Zigmund, Audrey Martino, Carol Trone, Don Geier, Rick Zigmund, LaVerne Schwengel, Ed Kinney, Tom Kinney, Kathy Unger, and Fred Kinney. We pulled weeds, trimmed shrubs, blew the parking lot clear of leaves and created some immense piles of yard waste for the city to pick up! The best part as always was LaVerne's famous cookies which we washed down with hot coffee.






Another pier season has come to an end! We want to thank Erik Taske, who is responsible for installing and removing the piers each year.

October came with some unexpected expenses for the Lodge. Our walk-in cooler's condenser coil sprang a refrigerant leak. We had to replace it at the cost of $4,700. Also, our dumbwaiter required maintenance and a new part which cost a total of $2,200. I can say with confidence that our Lodge is being well maintained, but occasional repairs are still to be expected. Generous donations to our Capital Campaign have helped us to cover these expenses without putting us in financial bind. As we are near the end of the tax year, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our Lodge foundation. Check with Secretary, Dan Curd, for details.

The new carpet for our dining room will be installed sometime in early December. Just in time for the holidays…exciting stuff!

We have a few projects on our wish list. We've got some much needed painting to do in the Wisconsin Room and on the lower level. We also would like to update the cabinets in the Wisconsin Room. We are wondering if we could just re-laminate them. If anyone has experience in laminating counters and doors, I'd love to hear from you.

We have spots open on our kayak rack for next year. Cost is $135 per year, and you can store your kayak, canoe, or paddle board year-round. Contact Mary in the office to reserve your spot.

If you'd like to get involved with our building and grounds projects, please reach out to me. It's a great way to build new friendships within the Lodge and there is a certain satisfaction that comes with making our facility a nicer place for all to enjoy.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our Lodge for our members and guests. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jlschuessler@gmail.com or call or text at (608) 445-0766.

## ENF NEWS

**By Lynne Aspinwall**



I recently submitted our Lodge's ENF donations made so far this year. Members donated $832 when they returned their dues statement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and the Duck Committee donated an additional $1,000. On behalf of the Lodge, I thank all of you for your generosity and support. ENF gives back so much to our community through its grant programs.

Only 11% of our membership have donated to ENF so far this year. I am asking for the remaining 89% of you to consider participating by giving through the Fidelity Club. It is a pledge of as little as $5 per month. You can use this link for more information and to enroll: https://www.elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub.cfm?form=FC

Speaking of ENF grants, one was used to sponsor the training of another puppy, Elroy, who will someday assist a disabled Vet. A nine-month-old golden retriever and service dog in training, Elroy has officially passed his Canine Good Citizen test! His puppy raisers Jen and Chris have become Elks members and bring Elroy to the Lodge often for events and Sunday Brunch. If you see them, please say hello and ask to see Elroy demonstrate some of his impressive skills! Please join us for our fundraiser for Custom Canines Service Dog Academy on Sunday, November 15, a meat raffle after the State Presidents Packers Brunch.

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Our gratitude goes to all those who stepped up and help and volunteered their time at the Lodge last month. Please join us in thanking Aaron Freis, Audrey Martino, Brett Hulsey, Carole Trone, Charles Duncan, Christopher Klinge, Cindy Zigmund, Dan Curd, David Luner, Don Geier, Doug Christenson, Ed Kinney, Erik Taske, Fred Kinney, Freya Lee, Ginny Jenkins, Jeff Riley, Jim Schuessler, JoAnn Loftus, John Hylkema, John Jenkins, John Lorimer, John Schlimm, Karen Bosold, Kathy Unger, Kristi Herritz, LaVerne Schwengel, Lindsey Lee, Lois Hoornstra, Lorrie Hylkema, Lu Vail, Lynn Lee, Lynn Riley, Marilyn Kinney, Mary Bach, Melissa Holtz, Michelle Braithwaite, Renée Lauber, Rick Zigmund, Robin Beal, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, and Tom Kinney.




*Halloween at the Lodge*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Claim your free birthday drink at the bar during your birthday week.*

1 Eric Collins, Curt Roeming
2 Sascha Eifler, Darrell Fleming
3 Virgil Simley
4 Lance Lattimer
6 Lindsey Jung
7 David Lombardo, William Phillips
8 Betsy Bazur-Leidy, Randy Hellenbrand, Don Kieler
10 Richard Entenmann, Anita Krasno
11 Brandi Funk, Frederick Kinney, Leslie Marshall
12 Cynthia Schuster
13 Susi Haviland
14 Roger Rohde
15 Michelle Braithwaite, Harland Klagos, Justin Sutherland
16 Charles Karpelenia, Timothy Neitzel
17 Margaret Elvekrog, Jamie Kuhn, Gretchen Myers
18 Cornelia McDermott, Eric Schultz
19 Dennis Kruger, Kathleen McNeil
20 Peter Gengler, Dawnene Hassett, Steven Seeliger
21 Michael Finley
22 Brian Jarecki
23 Bob Baggot, Ralph Brown, Yogesh Chawla, Samia Shalabi, Thomas Unke
24 Harvey Alexander, Paul Molinaro
26 Tara Wilhelmi
28 Ryan Endres, Neva Lafleur, Mike Paulus, Audrey Polencheck
30 Alex Dogaru, Daniel Goff, Ryan Raisbeck

## WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Prativa Aryal, Joseph Ashenbrenner, Kim Cuneto, Stephen Elke, Michael Engelberger, Riley Habermehl, Nathan Hayner, Patricia Howell, Freya Lee, Del Lorenson, Dennis McGilligan, Daniel Newcomer, Stacy Sandler, Eric Schwartz, Jeffrey Weiss, and Tara Wilhelmi with Exalted Ruler Sherie Sasso and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jason Somers.



## SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

The office is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., or by appointment. Email: office@madisonelkslodge.org. The bar is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Dining Room is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for brunch.

## BANQUETS & PRIVATE EVENTS

For your next private event, big or small, please consider the Lodge. Call Kaycie at (608) 333-5694 or email banquets@madisonelkslodge.org.

## SEEN AT THE LODGE

**Elktoberfest**
More photos **HERE**













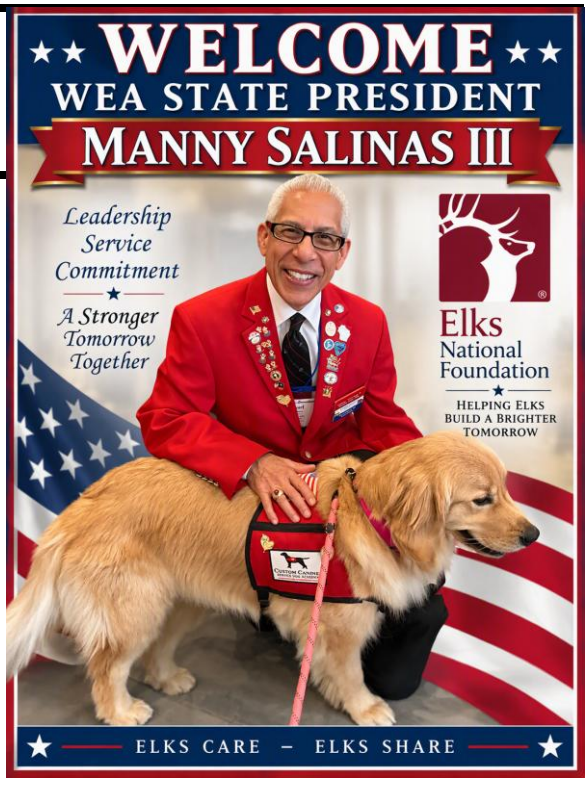

**Bibs Brunch**
More photos **HERE**

# November 2026

## VETERANS MONTH

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br>Standard Time begins | 2<br>**Veterans Food Drive Begins** | **3**<br>**Election Day** | 4<br>Trivia, 6:30 pm | 5<br>Blood Drive, Noon-5 pm \|<br>♬ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm | 6 | 7<br>**Veterans Breakfast,** 9 am-noon |
| 8<br>Brunch, 10 am-2 pm | 9 | 10 | **11**<br>**Veterans Day**<br>Membership Meeting, 7 pm \|<br>Euchre, 5:45 pm | 12<br>♬ Sortin' the Mail, 5:30-8:30 pm | 13<br>♬ Lois at the Piano | 14 |
| 15<br>**State Presidents Packer Brunch**<br>10 am-5 pm \|<br>Meat Raffle | 16 | 17 | 18<br>Name That Tune, 6-8 pm | 19<br>♬ TBA, 5:30-8:30 pm | 20 | 21<br>♬ Jazz Ahead, Dinner Buffet, 6:45-8:30 pm |
| 22<br>Brunch, 10 am-2 pm | 23 | 24 | 25<br>Euchre, 5:45 pm | **26**<br>**Thanksgiving** | 27<br>♬ Lois at the Piano | 28 |
| 29<br>Brunch, 10 am-2 pm | 30<br>**Veterans Food Drive Ends** | | | | | |

CUSTOM CANINES
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# SHARE A SLICE OF LIFE.

## Give blood.

American Red Cross



## Madison Elks Lodge Blood Drive

Lower Level Banquet Room
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

**Thursday, November 5, 2026**
**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: madisonelks

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Walk-ins welcome!

**Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.**

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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# A Very Special

# PACKERS

# SUNDAY

## November 15

**In Honor of WEA State President Manny Salinas**

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| **10 am:** | **Bar Opens** |
| **10:30 am:** | **Buffet Opens** |
| **11:00 am:** | **Program** |
| **12 noon:** | **Packers vs Vikings** |
| **Halftime:** | **50-50 Raffle Drawing** |

**Meat Raffle Follows the Game**

## Buffet Brunch: $12



MADISON ELKS LODGE #410

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US!

# VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY
MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS
EAT FOR FREE!

NON-VETERANS, $15
KIDS AGE 5-7, $7 - UNDER 5, FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

MADISON ELKS LODGE #410
711 JENIFER ST. MADISON, WI 53703

**SPREAD THE WORD,**
**INVITE A VET!**

MADISON ELKS LODGE #410

# SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

## NOVEMBER 15th

CUSTOM CANINES
SERVICE DOG ACADEMY

ELKS VETERANS SERVICE

## EVENT DETAILS

Madison Elks Lodge #410 is hosting the

**3rd Annual Meat Raffle Fundraiser**

with Football Pool and 50/50 Raffles!

PACKERS vs. VIKINGS

Game starts at Noon!

Bar and food available!

*Make a Donation to Custom Canines*

Madison Elks Lodge #410 | 711 Janifer Street, Madison | 608-255-1644

# Jazz Ahead



## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

## 6:45 - 8:30 PM

Elks Lodge 410
711 Jenifer Street

Free to attend, reserve a table for dining and the show by calling 608-255-1644. A buffet will be available for $26 a person not including gratuity. Any remaining non-reserved tables will be first come, first serve.

# VA FOOD DRIVE

Food donated will be used to stock our local food pantry that provided shelf-stable food for veterans!

## Bring items to the lodge the month of November!

## SUGGESTED ITEMS:

**Grains**

- . Instant oatmeal
- . Pasta (whole wheat, gluten free, etc.)
- . Rice (instant/microwavable)
- . Mac n Cheese (boxed or single serve)

**Fruits and Vegetables**

- . Canned vegetables
- . Canned fruit and fruit cups
- . Apple sauce

**Proteins**

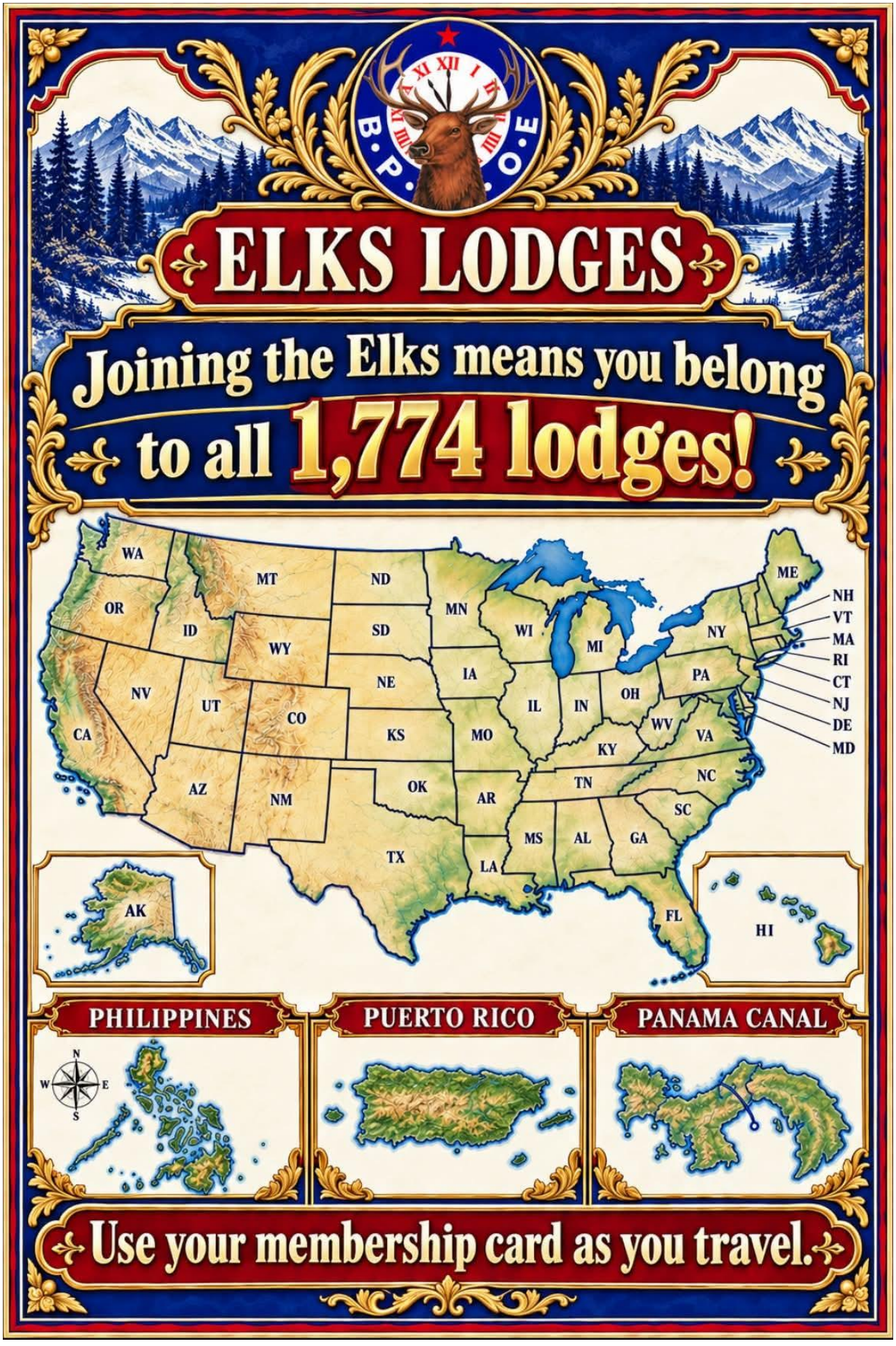
- Chicken (Pouches or Cans)
- . Tuna (Pouches or Cans)
- . Nuts/seeds or Trailmix
- . Peanut butter/nut butters
- . Canned beans

**Other**

- . Pasta sauces
- . Canned soup
- . Granola bars
- . Tea bags
- . Instant coffee

Please make sure these products do not expire within 6 months of donation.

Every donation, big or small, has a meaningful impact on the lives of those we assist


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to all 1,774 lodges!
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