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JUNE 2025 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

The red Mustang convertible is out so summer must be here!

We have two exciting volunteer opportunities coming up. On June 14 & 15, we need volunteers to staff our Elks information table and pour beer at the Marquette Neighborhood Association Waterfront Festival. The same is true for the Fête de Marquette Festival on July 12 & 13. Watch your inbox for ways to sign up. We have recruited a lot of new members as a result of our participation in these neighborhood festivals.

Trustee Kristopher Steege-Reimann is building and financing an outside bar so that we can serve alcohol at our outdoor events this summer. A couple of years ago, the City granted us permission to serve alcohol on our lawn, and this will allow us to do that on a regular basis. The bar will come apart easily so that it can be stored in the winter. Thanks, Kristopher!

This broken record is going to again encourage all of our members to join the Fidelity Club, which will make donating to the Elks National Foundation very simple. Once you sign up (at Elks.org), you can rest easy knowing you're contributing to this very important charity on a regular basis. For every dollar we donate to the ENF, \$4 comes back to us in grants that help Veterans and our community. For example, this year we are using one of our grants to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs to help sustain the Veterans Transitional Housing Program. VTHP is a 24-bed, single-room transitional program for Veterans who are experiencing homelessness.

The Wisconsin Elks Association holds three statewide conferences every year. They are an opportunity to get to know our state leaders and learn more about WEA programs. I have been fortunate to have some of our members attend the last couple of conferences. We learned that we can install a defibrillator in the Lodge and ask for at least partial reimbursement from the WEA. The more members we can get to those meetings, the more information we can bring back to Madison.

I just filled out the required monthly ER report to our state officers, in which I am asked, among other things, what events we held during the month. When I went back through the "This Week at the Lodge" emails, I was very impressed with all we had done during May, and am excited for what's coming up! We have a very active Entertainment Committee, and I'm sure they could use more help to plan and staff events.

Speaking of Committees, I'm still looking for people to serve on a Publicity Committee to coordinate communications with our members, community, and on social media. There has to be some members who are good at this, so please let me know!

Enjoy summer!

In Elkdome,
Sherie Sasso

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Thank you to our current Fidelity Club Donors: Sherie Sasso, Tya Lichtie, Zachary Henderson, Mary Beth Arnold, Kathy Conn, Michelle Braithwaite, and Lynn Aspinwall. Add Your Name Here - our 2025-2026 goal is to have 17 Fidelity Club members! **For more information and to join, click [HERE](#).**

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Madison Lodge #410 delegates to the 2025 Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention in Appleton with our new President-Elect Manny Salinas. Left to right: Exalted Ruler Sherie Sasso, Michelle Braithwaite, Loyal Knight Mike Verveer, Mary Bach, President-Elect Manny Salinas, and Secretary Dan Curd.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The Elks National Memorial is part of the B.P.O.E. national headquarters at 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue in Chicago. The Beaux Arts structure was conceived to honor those members who served in World War I. The American Institute of Architects administered a design competition to select its design. Architect Egerton Swartwout's entry was selected for the building, which was constructed between 1924 and 1926. The memorial's lavish construction, interior decoration, and artwork has caused it to be described as "one of the most magnificent memorials in the world."

The rotunda features murals and statues depicting the Elks' four cardinal virtues: charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Friezes portray the Triumphs of War on one side and the Triumphs of Peace on the other. The entrance is flanked by two large bronze sculptures of elks.

The Elks rededicated the memorial in 1946, 1976, and 1994 to honor veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and all subsequent conflicts. On October 1, 2003, the City of Chicago granted the memorial landmark status.

NORMAN J. NOLAN



1921 – 1989

Exalted Ruler

1970 – 1971

Norman James Nolan was born on December 1, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Charles Thomas Nolan and Norma Jane Bessler. His grandfather, Thomas Nolan, emigrated from Ireland to South Dakota in 1891. Norman grew up in Drayton Plains, Michigan. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Norman joined the U.S. Army and served in the Quartermaster Corps. On December 4, 1943 while stationed at Truax Field in Madison, Lt. Nolan married Ariel Joan Klingelhofer of Waunakee. They had two children. For 29 years he worked at Webcrafters.

Norman was commander of American Legion Post #310, president of the Madison East Rotary Club, and a member of the Madison Purchasing Club. He was also an active member in Madison Lodge #410 and served as Exalted Ruler between 1970 and 1971.

On April 14, early in his tenure as Exalted Ruler, Madison Lodge #410 adopted by a unanimous vote a resolution introduced by former Exalted Ruler and State President-Elect Thomas Pierce. It notified the Grand Lodge that it would no longer be bound by its "whites-only" membership clause. It noted that the constitution of the B.P.O.E. clearly stated that neither the order nor a subordinate Lodge could adopt any rule that was in conflict with the laws of the United States or any state. Furthermore, it declared the policy was in violation of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The preceding year the Madison Lodge had introduced a resolution to abolish the Elk's discriminatory policy at its national convention, but it was overwhelmingly defeated. Our Lodge's nondiscrimination policy led to the Grand Lodge revoking our charter in 1973. Ultimately, the Grand Lodge would change its rules and our charter was restored.

Norman J. Nolan died in Madison on September 25, 1989, and is buried with his wife in Waunakee's Union Cemetery.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Summer is in full swing, and we are happy to announce that our new kayak storage rack has arrived. We have a limited number of spaces to rent to our members. For more information, contact Harbormaster Brett Hulsey at bretthulsey1@gmail.com or call him at (608) 334-4994.

Even if you don't store your kayak or waterboard at the Lodge, you will now be able to launch your craft from the right-hand side pier. Special thanks go to Jon Jenson for purchasing a dock ladder to aid in getting into and out of your kayak from the pier. Next to the ladder is a device called a KayaArm which stabilizes the kayak while you are getting in and out.

In keeping with the outdoor theme, we've been replacing old deck boards on both of our piers. Special thanks go to members Ritt Deitz and Brett Hulsey for doing the bulk of the work to get our piers shipshape!

We'd also like to recognize Trustee Kristopher Steege-Reimann who is in the process of building an outdoor bar for our lawn. We don't have a photo as of press time but expect it to be on display very soon.

Finally, our new and improved popcorn machine has arrived, courtesy of the Duck Committee. This was a \$1,500 investment by the Duck Committee made possible by Friday night, pull-tab sales. Please keep in mind that buying pull-tabs helps the Lodge in many ways.

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 building and grounds 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 jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text at (608) 445-0766.



P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

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

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

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#ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

Ed Ledwidge (1994-1996)

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Kristi Barbian (2011-2013)

Steve Sasso (2013-2015)

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President **LaVerne Schwengel**

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Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Jeanette May**

Treasurer **Michelle Braithwaite**

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Game 6	\$ 125.00

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Single sheets for games 3-6 \$5 each

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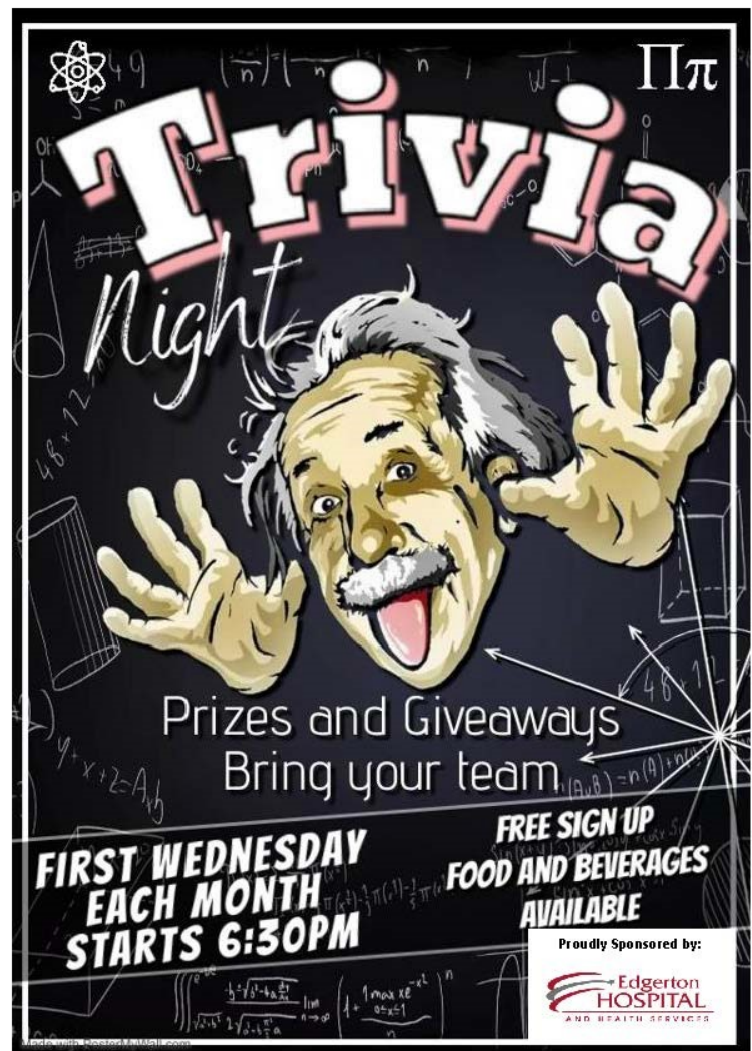
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DATE BAND

6/03/2025	MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO
6/10/2025	BACK 40
6/17/2025	DUSTY ROAD
6/24/2025	THE STEVE AND MARK BAND
7/01/2025	MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO
7/08/2025	BACK 40
7/15/2025	JACKIE MARIE
7/22/2025	PSYCHOSWANK
7/29/2025	REMEMBER WITH RANDY
8/05/2025	SUSIE AND RANDY DUO
8/12/2025	THE STEVE AND MARK BAND
8/19/2025	MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO
8/26/2025	BACK 40

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- 4 Lyn Riley, Teresa Schaller, Linda Strassman, Shane Tracy
- 6 Lois Hoornstra
- 7 Dan Rustick, Timothy Tiffany
- 8 Randall Brown, Peter Fisher
- 9 John Barlow, Den Hatzinger, Mitch Sands, Austin Schultz, Rory Toolan
- 10 Suzanne Brooks, Ronald Frank Rotter
- 11 James Felder, Ralph Kamps, Karen Moon, Marlowe Suter
- 12 Katharine Davey, Richard Murray, Laura Strong
- 13 Doug Christenson, Bernard Knesting, Leah Moore,
- 15 Renée Lauber, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Lee, Steven Reinstra
- 16 Adam Coyle
- 17 Denise Colwill, Greg King, Jeffrey Kraemer, Gabrielle O'Brien, Jesse O'Brien, Kevin Retelle
- 18 James Soderholm

- 19 Lee Nestingen, John Taylor, Kelly Thompson
- 21 Dennis Mack
- 22 Paul Ashe, Cara Fitzpatrick, Nathan McConley, Jonathan Putnam, Neal Schlachter
- 24 Richard Reynolds
- 26 James Berkenstadt, James Brandenburg, Lori Youngman
- 27 Tara Boyd
- 28 Perry Bowers, Karl Bryan
- 29 Gene Wilpolt
- 30 Mark Cain, Keelie Jones, Judith Karofsky, Michael McDonald

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allister Cooley

May was packed full of events around the Lodge!

Derby Day saw a massive turn-out – HUGE! Thanks to Desmond and the other kitchen folks for the special menu and to Kaycie and the volunteer bartenders for keeping us all hydrated. Dianne and LaVerne organized beautiful raffle baskets and Jeff was an excellent announcer. We have more ideas already for next year's Derby Day to make it an even better experience. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

The East High School's Jazz Band performed for a full house on Saturday, May 10th. Proceeds from the event raised nearly \$700 for the band and brought over 90 fans to the Lodge, many of whom had dinner and drinks. Thanks to the kitchen staff, servers and bartenders for stepping up to the challenge with the unusually high volume of guests for a Saturday night.

May 11 saw many moms and families enjoying a lush brunch buffet again provided by our wonderful kitchen staff. Finally, May rounded out with some friendly competition through the Lodge's first annual Corn Hole Tournament and a night with the Madison Mallards.

If you haven't gotten your tickets for the **Paint and Sip** night on June 5th, book your spot now! Tickets include everything you need to paint a sunset lake scene, led by an instructor, and a drink from the bar. Tickets are limited, so get yours before they sell out.

Mark your calendars for a **Summer Luau** on Friday, July 4th. More details to come, but the event will feature live music, food, lawn games, and a perfect viewing spot for fireworks over Lake Monona. This is a party you won't want to miss!

On Tuesdays during the summer, the lower level of the Lodge opens for live music. This music series is totally supported by volunteers, so if you would like to help out, meet more members, and enjoy fantastic summer vibes by the water, this is a perfect opportunity for you. Watch your email for invitations to attend and volunteer.

Lastly, the Entertainment Committee is seeking additional members. If you are seeking a dedicated group of Elks who love the Lodge and want to see it grow and thrive, this is the group for you. We are the party planning committee. Reach out to Sam and Ally with any questions. Meetings for the summer are Tuesdays, in-person at the Lodge.

- June 10, 4:30 p.m.
- July 9, 4:30 p.m.
- Aug 19, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept 16, 4:30 p.m.

The volunteers that have made all these events possible, and whom we acknowledge from the bottom of our hearts, are: Alex Dogaru, Alice O'Mahar, Allison Cooley, Anita Krasno, Ann Braithwaite, Audrey Martino, Beth Strait, Beverly Royston, Carol & Roger Rohde, Chauncey Hunker, Christopher Klinge, Curt Roeming, Dan & Deb Rustick, David Luner, Debbie Oswald, Deven McGlenn, Dianne Redsten, Don Geier, Eric Birrenkott, Fred Kinney, Geoff Gaston, George Zagorski, Heidi Herziger, Jack Taylor, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, John Kollath, John Schlimm, John Skillrud, Judi Trampf, June Bokovitz, Karen Bosold, Kathy Carl, Kathy Unger, Katy Heyning, Larry Jensen, LaVerne Schwengel, Leigh Meier, Lindsey Lee, Lorrie Hylkema, Lou Roberts, Lynn Lee, Marilyn Kinney, Mario Russo, Mary Ann Doll, Mary Bach, Mary Doll, Mary Lou Tyne, Mary Wright, Maureen Arthurs, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Schmidtke, Nancy Truman, Nicole Bookhout, Pat Ross, Peter Leidy, Richard & Linda Olson, Robin Beal, Roger Wright, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, Steve Braithwaite, and Terri Wedenbech. **Thank you!**



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SUN. JUNE 15

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River Alliance Fools' Flotilla 10:30 a.m.

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Main Stage

Big Tooth 12:00

The Kissers 1:30

This Is Gary 3:00

Gold Dust Women 4:45

Yuma Abe 6:30

Cottonwood Stage

Chip Cruz 1:00

Peter Mulvey 2:30

Harmonious Wail 4:00

Tani Diakite & the

Afrofunkstars 5:30

Main Stage

River Rats 11:30

Jimmy Sugarcane 12:00

Screamin' Cyn Cyn & The Pons 1:30

Ruen Brothers 3:00

Gully Boys 4:45

Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts 6:30

Cottonwood Stage

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

By Lindsey Lee

I believe the dining room, bar, kitchen, and catered events have all been improved. We still have a way to go, and we still make mistakes, but overall I feel like we are doing much better. Please let me know what you – as a member and as a customer – have experienced during 2025.

As our volunteer banquet manager for the past six months, I am happy to report that we have hired someone to fill this position. It was an inside hire: Kaycie Strobl, our bar manager. She is expanding her hours at the Lodge and will now be overseeing our banquets as well as the bar. Kaycie has quickly demonstrated that I am easily replaced. (Thank you, Kaycie!)

We had a busy May with banquets and special events like Derby Day, the East High School Jazz Night, and Mother's Day Brunch. Overall, I think it went quite well, even though we were temporarily short-staffed in the kitchen.

Finally, you might notice we have new silverware. Building and Grounds Chair Jim Schuessler spearheaded this project. (Thank you, Jim!) When it arrived and he showed it to me, I said, "This is going to make our dishes look old and worn." Our dishes have seen better days and are a mix of several patterns. We hope to start a micro-fundraising campaign and purchase new dishes (which would also be a big boon for our banquet business). I hope to have more to share about this in next month's *Elkliner*. If you want to provide a little early encouragement, you could give the office a donation directed to the "New Plate Fund."

Feel free to email me at housechair@madisonelkslodge.org. Please reach out to Kaycie about banquet inquiries at banquets@madisonelkslodge.org, or call her at (608) 333-5694. See you at the Lodge!



JUN 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		🎵 Marcy & The Highlights Trio, 5:30-8:30 pm	Trivia, 6:30 pm	Paint & Sip, 6 pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	🎵 Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm	Lodge Meeting, Flag Day Ceremony, 7 pm Euchre, 6 pm		🎵 Lois at the Piano	Flag Day Waterfront Festival	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day Waterfront Festival	🎵 Dusty Road, 5:30-8:30 pm	Music Bingo, 6-8 pm	Juneteenth	Summer Begins		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	🎵 The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-8:30 pm	Euchre, 6 pm		🎵 Lois at the Piano		
29	30					



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.

SEEN AT THE LODGE

Derby Day





May Blood Drive