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DECEMBER 2025 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! And, that you spent some time reflecting on how thankful we all should be for what we have in life. I personally am thankful that I can walk again. Spending eight weeks in a wheelchair really made me realize the challenges of being disabled.

We held a fundraiser for Custom Canines on Sunday, November 23. It was a huge success and very well attended. The meat raffle was fun, and of course, the Packers won! But the highlight for me was to see two brand-new members, initiated on November 12th, volunteering at the event. Thank you for introducing yourselves to me!

We always have a need for volunteers. If you are not receiving emails from SignUpGenius announcing volunteer opportunities, please let the office know.

We are more than 75% toward our goal of \$8,300 to purchase new dishes after another generous anonymous donation of \$2,000. Because the quote was only good till November 14th, we went ahead and ordered them, counting on our members to make up the difference. So, please help us close that gap in our budget by donating any amount you can. Please send your checks made payable to "Madison Elks Lodge No. 410 Foundation, Inc." with the phrase "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Remember, donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

We are at that time of year when our "snowbirds" head for warmer climes. That means those of us stuck here in the cold must try to frequent the Lodge a little more to make up for their absence. So, when you're thinking about going out for dinner or a drink, think about the Elks Lodge!

Thanks to everyone who has donated to "Toys for Tots." I hope we will fill several collection boxes by the December 13th deadline. I will report on the final number next month. Our own personal Santa, Paddy Fitzpatrick, organizes this every year and we appreciate this opportunity to support this extremely important charity. Speaking of Santa, he will be at the Lodge on December 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. and available for pictures with your kids and grandkids. My grandkids LOVED this event when they were little!

As Christmas approaches and I see signs advertising something for sale for "X-mas," I always remember my Granny Olson saying that word "Xs out Christ!" Whatever your religious belief, I wish you the joy, peace, and hope that this holiday brings. That said, Merry Christmas to you all!

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso

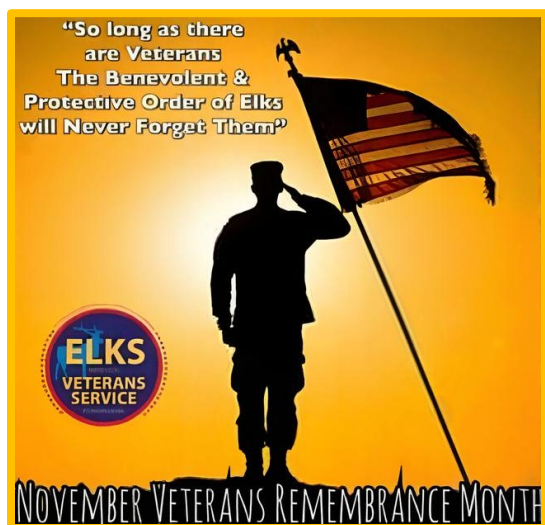
VETERANS AFFAIRS

By Lynn Aspinwall, P.E.R.

We had a busy November celebrating our Veterans! Our Freedom Grant from the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and a matching grant from the Madison Lodge sponsored breakfasts for the Badger Honor Flights in October and November. I had several helpers pack Welcome Home bags with the Elks logo and invitations to our Veteran's Day Breakfast on November 12th. Our free Veteran's Day Breakfast served 58 Veterans and active-duty military along with 42 friends and family. Lilah Gutlerner from NBC15 joined us at the lodge to interview a few of the attendees and featured our event on the evening news. We also held a food drive with the proceeds donated to the VA food pantry.



Badger Honor Flight, Dane County Regional Airport.



On the 24th we hosted our second Annual Meat Raffle to support Custom Canines Service Dog Academy. The funds raised will help support our third service dog that will be placed with a Veteran or first responder. Once again, we could not pull off any event without our amazing group of faithful volunteers and donors. Chef Adam provided an amazing spread for lunch, and all the leftovers were donated to The Beacon homeless shelter and delivered by Ann and Michelle Braithwaite. Finally, we want to thank our sponsors: Past Exalted Ruler Committee, Elks National Foundation (ENF), Celebrations Entertainment & Geoffrey Sandler, Greenbush Bakery, UW Provisions, Brennan's Market, Chick-fil-A, Culver's, Kwik Trip, Woodman's, Costco, Food Fight Restaurant Group, Earthwise Pet, Conscious Carnivore, and Cargo Coffee.



E.R. Sherie Sasso presents a check from the Madison Lodge to Badger Honor flight for \$2,000 to WEA President Jeff Miller at the State President's brunch on November 9.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will participate in the 2026 Rose Parade with their float, "Elks Care, Elks Share," which is themed around teamwork and community service to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Elks National Memorial. The 137th annual Rose Parade will take place on January 1, 2026, and will follow the theme "The Magic in Teamwork."

WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL



1931 - 2025
Exalted Ruler
1986 - 1987

William "Bill" Hubbell Aspinwall was born on April 25, 1931, in Madison, the son of William Harold Aspinwall and Margaret S. Hubbell. His grandparents, Judge Henry Aspinwall and Margaret Eagan, immigrated from Preston, Lancashire, England in 1895.

Bill Aspinwall grew up in Madison and graduated from West High School in 1949. On February 5, 1964, he married Joan Schumacher. The couple had two daughters and three sons.

Aspinwall served in the Wisconsin Air National Guard 115th Fighter Squadron for 21 years. His 32-year professional career spanned radio and TV repair work, as a dispatcher for the Wisconsin State Patrol, and as a purchasing agent for the University of Wisconsin and State of Wisconsin. He participated in many service organizations, including American Legion Post 501, the Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club, and was an avid Badgers football fan. For many years he volunteered on the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Best Dam Bike Tour, a two day, 150-mile charity event in which his children rode.

Like many of his family members, Bill Aspinwall was active in Madison Elks Lodge 410. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1986 to 1987. His father William was Exalted Ruler from 1967 to 1968, his brother Dan was Exalted Ruler from 1971 to 1972, and his niece Lynn was Exalted Ruler from 2017 to 2019.

William Hubbell Aspinwall died on November 5, 2025, and is buried with his wife at Madison's Resurrection Cemetery.



On October 27, 1954, Ida Huff and William Aspinwall answer an alert phone, part of a test of the new Red Cross emergency services response system.

PE.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



Music Bingo Holiday Style

Wednesday, Dec 17th – Bingo Starts 6:00pm
Doors Open 4:30
All seating is first come, first serve.

	Payout
Game 1	\$50.00
Game 2	\$50.00
Game 3	\$50.00
Game 4	\$75.00
Game 5	\$75.00
Game 6	\$100.00
Game 7	\$125.00
50/50 Drawing	
Game 8	\$150.00

8 game packets \$30.00
Single sheets for games 6-8 \$5 each

Reservations for December are required.
Scan here to sign up →



Live @ the Lodge!

Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30

🎵 **DEC 4th Rusty Bumper**
Popular crossover music (classic rock & country favorites) from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's. Bring your favorite music requests!

🎵 **DEC 11th The N'achos**
The N'achos is all about playing fun, danceable music you likely know and can sing along to played in rapid succession so the party doesn't lag.

🎵 **DEC 18th The Steve & Mark Band**
The Steve and Mark Band play the biggest hits of folk, country rock and rock with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Bring your dancing shoes!

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Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
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BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The big accomplishment for our Building and Grounds Committee this past month is getting our windows and building's exterior cleaned. Thanks to our dishwasher and part-time maintenance person Jeremy Nichols. With the aid of a power washer lent to the Lodge by one member and a ladder lent by another member, Jeremy did the exhausting work of deep cleaning our windows and building exterior. Bird nests, mud wasp nests, cobwebs, etc., had accumulated over the years and were very unsightly. Thanks to Jeremy, the appearance has dramatically improved. We hope you visit the Lodge soon to admire the new and improved view out of our lakefront windows!



Next month, we will begin the process of setting up our new POS (Point of Sale)

system. We are hopeful that this new technology will improve the process of taking food and beverage orders, keeping better track of our sales for planning purposes, and reducing the amount of fees we pay for credit card processing. The new system will be active in January of 2026.

Finally, we still have space available on our kayak rack at a cost of \$135/year on a first come, first served basis. If you'd like to reserve a spot for next year, please email office@madisonelkslodge.org.

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

TOYS FOR TOTS

Once again, we will collect donations for this program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Since 1947 it has distributed toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy anything for Christmas. For the past three years our Lodge has received the Marine Corps' Commandant's Award for our outstanding contribution to the toy drive. Last year members donated more than \$6,000 in gifts and cash to Toys for Tots. Please drop off your donation at the clubhouse now. Gifts should be new and unwrapped, preferably costing \$10 or more. Books are also welcomed (each child receives two gifts, and three books count as one gift). Handmade toys are also acceptable. We want to thank our own "Santa Claus" and Esquire, Patrick Fitzpatrick, who champions this worthy cause each year. The event ends on December 13 with "Photos with Santa," at the Lodge from 1 until 4 p.m.



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!

We still have space available for year-long kayak storage! Cost is \$135/year. Reserve your spot now. Contact the office at (608) 255-1644 or office@madisonelkslodge.org



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

This time of year, at the Lodge is full of charity and brotherly love. We hope to keep the warmth alive with a long list of celebrations to fill your December days and nights. First though, a loud shoutout goes to the Jazz Ahead band who performed a wide range of favorites from Miles Davis to Earth, Wind and Fire on Saturday, November 15. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by chef Adam. We hope to have Jazz Ahead back in 2026! We also had a sellout crowd for our Paint 'n Sip night on November 13. It was fun to see the different interpretations of the snowy winter scene by each of the 25 participants. We'll schedule another Paint 'n Sip night for March or April in 2026.

On December 7, the Lodge is hosting a fundraiser for Stand Down Madison. This meat raffle and bloody mary bar coincides with the Packers vs. Bears game. Stand Down Madison helps area veterans find permanent, affordable, and stable housing that includes supportive services. The admission is \$25, and remember to bring cash for the raffle baskets, silent auction, cash bar, and games and prizes.

Santa is coming to the Lodge on Saturday, December 13! Bring your kids and grandkids for a special visit featuring cookies and hot cocoa from 1 until 4 p.m. Remember to bring new, unwrapped toys as this will be the final day for Toys for Tot

s. When Santa leaves, he'll see all those donated gifts go to children in our community who otherwise would go without. Until then, Toys for Tots donations can also be dropped off in the boxes located in the entryway of the Lodge. Thank you for your generosity and charity.

On December 11, the N'achos are playing at the Lodge. This fan-favorite will bring the noise! Come ready to be blown away, **Holiday Music Bingo is on Wednesday, December 16** and is sure to sell out. Be sure to reserve your packet now and get there early for a seat.

The Entertainment Committee meets next on December 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room. We always welcome new members who might have an idea about an event or have extra time to help. We're always looking for new and improved ways to keep the party going at the Lodge. A music subcommittee is being formed and interested folks are encouraged to join. This group will focus on booking bands at the Lodge. It will be tasked with finding new sounds, rebooking Lodge favorites, and setting the tone for events and groups all year round. If this sounds like something you might want to help with, contact Renée Lauber at reneelauber@yahoo.com. The initial meeting is planned for early December, so look for the date and time in an upcoming edition of This Week at the Lodge.

Until next time, happy holidays and safe travels. To the snowbirds leaving this month, please get in your last Thursday live music nights and Friday Fish Frys with the Madison Elks. We'll see you when we all thaw out next Spring!

Last but not least we want to thank our members and spouses who volunteered in November: Aaron Freis, Allison Cooley, Alyce Nardi, Ann Braithwaite, Audrey Martino, Beth Kennedy, Billy Daniels, Bob Washburn,



Byran Siltman, Cathy Cullen, Charles Duncan, Christopher Klinge, Dan Curd, Dan Nardi, David Luner, Don Geier, Donald & Shirley Shillinglaw, Donna Campanelli, Donna Matusewic, Doug Christenson, Eric Gordon, Jason Tobias, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, Joe Hertel, John Hylkema, John Mueller, Judi Trampf, Kathy Unger, Katy Heyning, Kris Gordon, Larry Jensen, Laura Strong, Leah Moore, Lindsey Lee, Lorrie Hylkema, Lynn Aspinwall, Lynn Lee, Mark Lamers, Mary Bach, Maureen Arthurs, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Mike Verveer, Pat Ross, Phil Doll, Robin Beal, Samantha Linden, Steve Braithwaite, Theresa Knight, and Tiffany Tobias.

Members at the State President's Packers Brunch on November 9, with WEA President-Elect Manny Salinas.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Denise Stromme, Susan Valtierra
- 2 Michael Bullington, Jeffrey Capaul, James Patch
- 3 Laurine Carstens, Daniel Erdman
- 5 Charles Chvala, Brandon Doll, Donna Gray, John Palmer
- 6 Don Chambers, Don Fobes, Jame Morse
- 7 Shelley Fimmel
- 8 Don Watzke
- 9 Theodore Frank, Edward Kinney
- 10 Stephen Webster
- 11 Greg Curless, Edmund Gallagher, Richard Olson,
Karen Weltzin
- 12 Thomas Jensen, Lisa O'Brien, Robert Salisbury
- 13 Mary Bach, Richard Brown, Ken Fellersen, Richard Lenz
- 14 Angela Maurer
- 15 Sara Cress, Brian McKee
- 16 Charles Price, Karen Bosold,
- 18 Timothy Brown, Audrey Martino
- 19 Dean Frisch, Dale Gregory, Dana Grevstad, Ron Symdon

- 20 James Miles
- 21 Marc Eisen
- 22 Nathaniel Brinkman, James Driscoll
- 23 Teresa Duerst Haufle
- 24 Steve Meier
- 25 Kristin Bohl, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Michael Mann
- 26 Richard Adler, Sheri Carter, David Garvey, Terre Sims
- 27 Tom Aldrich, Carole Trone, Thomas Urdiales
- 28 Steve Bethke, Jeffrey Blakley, Doak Christenson,
James Mueller
- 29 Christina Anderson, Pamela Crawford
- 30 Aaron Freis, Susan Nelson
- 31 Marc Augsburg

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sheri Carter
Catharine Cullen
Alan Kakahuna
JoAnn Loftus
Dona Meyer
David Niemann
Susan Valtierra
John Van Dorsten, Jr.

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Sat 8/9	Ny Jets	7:00 PM
Sat 8/16	@ Indianapolis	12:00 PM
Sat 8/23	Seattle	3:00 PM
Sun 8/7	Detroit	3:25 PM
Thu 9/11	Washington	7:15 PM
Sun 9/21	@ Cleveland	12:00 PM
Sun 9/28	@ Dallas	7:20 PM
Sun 10/12	Cincinnati	*3:25 PM
Sun 10/19	@ Arizona	*3:25 PM
Sun 10/26	@ Pittsburgh	*7:20 PM
Sun 11/2	Carolina	*12:00 PM
Mon 11/10	Philadelphia	7:15 PM
Sun 11/16	@ Ny Giants	*12:00 PM
Sun 11/23	Minnesota	*12:00 PM
Thu 11/27	@ Detroit	12:00 PM
Sun 12/7	Chicago	*12:00 PM
Sun 12/14	@ Denver	*3:25 PM
Sat 12/20	@ Chicago	TBD
TBD	Baltimore	TBD
TBD	@ Minnesota	TBD

*Certain games subject to flexible scheduling and date
and time of these games may change

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.

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

Country & Western Night (click [HERE](#) for more photos)



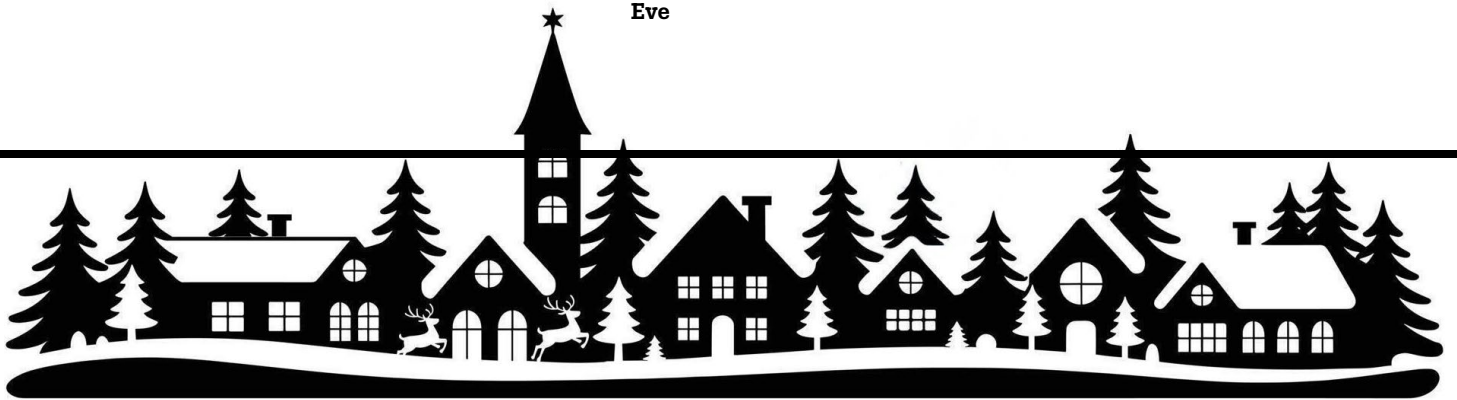
Veterans Breakfast (click [HERE](#) for more photos)

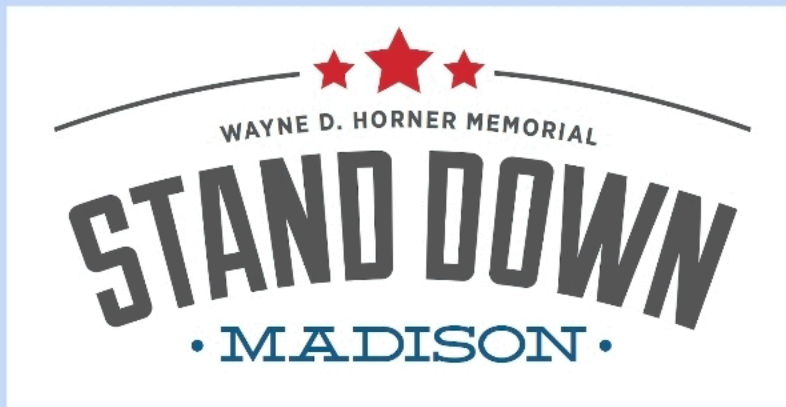


December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Trivia, 6:30 pm	4 ♫ Rusty Bumper, 5:30-830 pm	5	6
7 Elks Memorial Day, Stand Down Madison Meat Raffle, 2 pm Packers vs. Bears, 3:30 pm	8	9	10 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	11 ♫ The N'achos, 5:30-830 pm	12 ♫ Lois at the Piano	13 Photos with Santa, 1-4 pm <i>Toys for Tots ends</i>
14 Chanukah begins	15	16	17 Music Bingo Holiday Style, 6-8 pm	18 ♫ The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30- 8:30 pm	19	20 Hoop Shoot Contest, 8 am, East High School Spectator Gym
21 Winter Solstice	22 Chanukah ends	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa ♫ Lois at the Piano	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			





All the Meats Fundraiser to Support Veterans Experiencing Homelessness



DECEMBER 7TH 2025

3:30 Packers VS Bears

Stand Down Madison in partnership with **The Madison Elks Lodge #410** announces the 2nd annual Holiday Meat Fundraiser, featuring raffle baskets, a Bloody Mary bar, a silent auction, and a Green Bay Packers football game viewing. **\$25** admission per person. Open at 2:00. Cash bar!
All are welcome



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For more information visit

www.StandDownMadison.org

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THE N'ACHOS
ARE



CALLING
AND I MUST GO

Thursday, December 11th 5:30 – 8:30

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Madison Elks Lodge



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**BRING THE KIDS &
GRANDKIDS**

**WE'LL BE SERVING
COOKIES AND EGGOA**

**Saturday,
December 13
1 - 4**

**LAST DAY TO
MAKE TOYS
FOR TOTS
DONATIONS!**



UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS



Participants must advance through multiple rounds of competition, undefeated, to compete at the Wintrust Arena in Chicago. Only six win, and the rest leave with the even more powerful lesson of perseverance and the goal of returning next year!

Kids ages 8-13 are eligible to compete. Find the nearest contest at elks.org/HoopShoot.



The Madison Elks Lodge would like to invite you to its annual Hoop Shoot Contest for all kids ages 8-13, hosted at the MMSD East High School Spectator Gym (2222 E Washington Ave). **THIS EVENT IS TOTALLY FREE!**

Scan the QR code at left to pre-register! Or follow this url: <https://forms.gle/jFEAVvx2VtXjJEdbA>

Provide an email to receive an estimated time to arrive.

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COMPETITION

8
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For information:

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