



ELKLINER

MARCH 2024 | 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.

ELKLINER

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

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ANOTHER YEAR OF ELKDOM DRAWS TO A CLOSE

We hope it's been a year of many fond memories for you. Before our fiscal year ends on March 31, we held our biggest and much anticipated annual event, the **Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle**. Thank you to everyone who attended and bought raffle tickets, making it another successful fundraiser for your Lodge. Congratulations to all the winners! All winners will be contacted. (A list of the winners will be included in the April *Elkliner* and posted on the clubhouse bulletin board – just inside the front entrance.) Speaking of the *Elkliner*, this issue will be the last copy printed and mailed to members. As mentioned previously, the cost has become too prohibitive to continue doing this. We will continue to send the *Elkliner* free of charge via email to anyone who would like to receive it. Just make sure we have your correct email address. We will also distribute a limited number of paper copies at the Lodge (They will be located in the lobby next to the guest book.) The good news is starting in April the size of the newsletter will be expanded to include a lot more photos and information. Please consider advertising your business in the *Elkliner*!

On Saturday night, March 2, a band with many Madison Elk fans, **The Nachos**, will return to the bar. Our **Live at the Lodge** Thursday night music will continue through April. We are also pleased to start a new event the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the bar: **Trivia Night**, sponsored by Edgerton Hospital. There is no admission charge and we'll award three prizes to the top teams. Of course, you can still look forward to **Music Bingo** every third Wednesday of the month, **Euchre** three times a month, and **Lois Hoornstra at the Piano** twice a month. Check the Calendar for more details.

Always popular is our **Easter Brunch** on Sunday, March 31 from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. We ask that you make reservations for the buffet – just click on the hyperlink that follows or go to our website, www.madisonelkslodge.org. (Continued on next page.)



Unbelievably Lake Monona, that didn't freeze over until January 15, started its defrost cycle just six weeks later and should soon be free of ice soon! We can all look forward to having the piers back in and being able to enjoy more time outside.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you haven't mailed in your dues payment, please due so prior to April 1! If you don't, you are considered delinquent and ineligible to attend Lodge meetings, serve as an officer or on a committee, or use the facilities of the Madison Lodge or any other in the country. To those who have paid, we have begun to mail out new member cards, spouse identification cards and green key cards for 2024-2025. Please continue to use your old blue key card until we notify you that locks on the door have been changed – sometime in early April.

If you did not pay your dues last year (2023-2024), unless we receive your overdue payment by March 31, you will automatically be dropped from membership. Once dropped you will need to submit an application for reinstatement. If you have any questions about your status, please contact secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.

If you are a widow or widower of a deceased member you will soon automatically receive an identification card in the mail. If you wish a key card, instructions are included on how you may obtain one. If you wish to receive the *Elkliner*, make sure to let us know and that we have your email address.

On February 28 at the regular membership meeting new officers were elected. You should have received a list of the candidates via Constant Contact (how we send out the *Elkliner* and other emails). A list was also posted on the Lodge bulletin board. The new officers will be listed in the April issue of the *Elkliner* and their term begins April 1st.



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

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

Ed Ledwidge (1994-1996)

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



Hosted by:
DJ John Sherman

**3rd Wednesday
Every Month**



Based on 30 players,
minimum payout \$10.00

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

6 game packets \$25.00
Single sheets for games 3-6 \$5 each

50/50 Raffle Tickets

**\$5.00 each or 5 for
\$20.00**

Madison Elks Lodge #410
711 Jenifer Street
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Live Lodge

Every Thursday- 5:30-8:30 pm

Live music will take place in the upstairs bar

Full menu available 5-9 pm

50/50 raffle - drawing at 7:00 pm

March Lineup

- 03/07 Rusty Bumper
- 03/14 Susie and Randy Duo
- 03/21 Jackie Marie
- 03/28 Remember with Randy

Don't see your favorite band? You can sponsor them to perform at the Lodge. Contact Michelle at (608)212-7722 to sponsor your favorite bands!



Trivia Night

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The B.P.O.E. was founded in 1868 by a group of New York actors looking for a place to drink on Sunday. At the time the state's blue laws only allowed members of private clubs to imbibe booze on the Sabbath. So began the Jolly Corks. The initiation for new members included what was called the cork trick. Each candidate was assessed 50 cents and given a champagne cork. Lined up in front of the bar, the initiates were instructed to place their corks on the bar. They were then told on the count of three to lift their corks from the bar. The last to do so would have to pick up the tab for subsequent drinks. The cork became the symbol of the order. Any member could be challenged at any time to produce his cork or he, too, would be obligated to buy the next round of drinks. Within a year the organization's name was changed to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Much has changed since then, except there has always been a club room or bar at the Madison Elks except during Prohibition (1920-1933) – and stories persist that occasionally liquor was available even then! The photo is of bartender Fritz Genske, dubbed "the dean of Madison bartenders," shaking a cocktail at the old Madison Elks Lodge on December 4, 1933, the day before Prohibition officially ended.

JOHN A. NORDBY



1903-1964

Exalted Ruler

1953-1954

John A. Nordby was born on June 26, 1903, in Bergen, Norway, the son of Hans and Inga Marie Nordby. In 1911 the family moved to the United States where John grew up in Iowa County, Wisconsin. He married Myrtle M. Pieh in Madison on December 27, 1930, in St. Raphael's Cathedral. At that time he was employed by the Madison Coca-Cola Company. After a long career there, he worked for Simon Brother's Liquor Company.

All his life, John Nordby was involved in local theatrical and musical productions. He was a member of the St. Raphael's Cathedral choir. John surprised his daughter by singing a solo at her wedding. He was also an avid bowler and cribbage player. Nordby was an active member of the Madison Elks Lodge and elected Exalted Ruler in 1953. He was also the chair of the Wisconsin Elks Association Veterans Committee.

John and Myrtle had two daughters, one who died in infancy. After a long illness, John died on October 16, 1964. Following an Elks memorial service, he received a funeral mass at St. Raphael's Cathedral and was buried in Madison's Resurrection Cemetery.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Since our last newsletter report, our Building & Grounds Committee decorated the lower level for the annual 70s-style Prom Night with VO5. It was Disco-tastic! Thanks to Karen Bosold, Tom Benell, Dianne Redsten, LaVerne Schwengel, Lynn Lee, Lindsey Lee, Renee Lauber and others for all their help!

Thanks to the Duck Committee for covering the cost of an upgrade behind our main bar. We installed spiffy stainless steel rails around the islands behind our bar. Please admire them next time you visit the Lodge.

We coordinated several maintenance issues with a variety of vendors over the past month, including Pertzborn Plumbing for hot water heater repair, Air Temperature Systems for HVAC maintenance, Just In Time Refrigeration about cooling problems, and Travelers Insurance regarding its inspection issues.

After about a year since forming our Building and Grounds Committee, we feel that we have a good understanding of our facility and overall are pleased with its condition. We look forward to making more improvements within what our budget will allow.

Our big project for 2024 is maintaining our parking lot. We are in the process of collecting

bids from several vendors and will report back to the membership with recommendations soon.

The Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our lodge for our members and guests to enjoy. All members are welcome to join us at whatever level of participation you like. If you'd like to be included in our communications, please contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com, or call or text him at (608) 445-0766.

Wisconsin Room:
Kids activities



Easter Brunch at the Lodge

Sunday, March 31st 9:30 – 1:30

Advance Reservations required via Sign-up Genius
Adults: \$35 + Tax
Children 6-10: \$ 15+ Tax
Under 6: Free

At the door pricing:
Adults: \$40 +Tax
Children 6-10: \$ 18 +Tax
Gratuuity not included.

Menu includes:
Baked Chicken
Baked Ham
White Fish
French Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patties
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Cheesy Hash Browns
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Desserts

Purchase Options:
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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- 1 James Boll, Daniel Leetzl
- 2 Scott Arndt, Russell Christian, Douglas Swank
- 3 June Dalton, Diane Milligan
- 4 Rico Sabatini, Ray Wojtak
- 5 Fritz Carstens, Tim Geier, Andrew Johnson, David Johnson, Steven Westphal
- 6 Cathy Coyle
- 7 William Flesch, J Michael True
- 8 James Bachmann, Anthony Pullara, J Shannon Riley
- 9 Charles Deadman, Daniel Drye
- 11 James Henley, Jeffery Kingston, Brent Ruhland
- 13 Benjamin Jedd, Daniel William Kelly
- 14 Kevin Karpelenia
- 15 Jon Jenson, Mary Louise Roberts, John Smail
- 16 John Yogerst
- 17 Arick Harrier, Lauren Taylor, Erin Wiedemann
- 18 Debra Oswald, Steve Thiel
- 19 Charles Deadman, Michael Steffen, Arthur Taggart
- 21 Leanne Tyska

- 22 Kimberly Wolf
- 23 Greg Bonnes, Caitlin Frank
- 24 Ronald Ryan
- 25 John Gransee, John Sommers
- 27 Chad Eugene Basche, Richard Christenson, Roy Swenson
- 29 Charles Baumann, Donald Kohn, Dan Nardi
- 30 Daniel Clarke
- 31 James Marcks, Ryan Neerland, Louise Oasen, George Snyder

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Roberta Beal
- Tara Boyd
- Margaret Elvekrog
- Samantha Linden
- Shawn Smith



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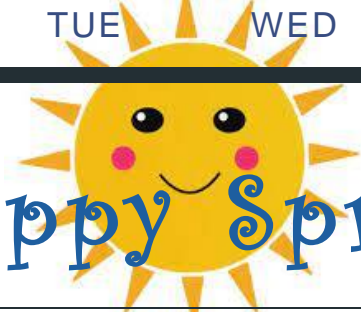



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		<div>Happy Spring!</div>				1 The Nachos 5:30-8:30 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Trivia Night Bar, 6:30 pm	🎵 Rusty Bumper 5:30-8:30 pm	🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	Euchre, 3:30 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time Begins			Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre Wis. Room, 5:45 pm	🎵 Susie & Randy Duo 5:30-8:30 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day	Spring Begins		Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 pm	🎵 Jackie Marie 5:30-8:30 pm	🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre, Wis. Room, 5:45 pm	🎵 Remember with Randy 5:30-8:30 pm		
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Easter Brunch, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm						



Spaghetti Dinner 2024: lots of fun and fun!

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. For reservations or carryout, please call 608-255-1644 ext. 1.

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