



ELKLINER

DECEMBER 2023 | 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 BUSY TIME OF YEAR

We're all busy this time of year, but we hope you'll make time to come to the Lodge. We have a lot going on. Please be sure to add toys and books to your shopping list for **Toys for Tots**. Your unwrapped gifts can be left in the collection box outside the Secretary's office through December 9th. That Saturday, bring your kids and grandkids to the Lodge for cocoa, cookies and **Photos with Santa** (a/k/a Esquire Paddy Fitzpatrick). The event is free but please remember a gift donation to Toys for Tots. (The bar will be open for the adults.) The following day, December 10th we will observe **Remembrance Sunday**, an annual memorial service for Madison 410 Elks who died (or deaths were reported) during the past 12 months. A list of those we will remember and honor is at the end of the *Elkliner*. We will continue a new tradition we began last year: a **Giving Tree for Madison's Homeless Vets**. Please donate \$10 or more for ornaments that you can personalize and hang on the tree. The money collected goes to the Veterans Transitional Housing Program at Porchlight.

Hoop Shoot returns on Saturday, December 16 at the Goodman Center. All kids ages 8-13 are eligible for this free throw contest with prizes and a chance to compete for national recognition. Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. and the competition begins at 9 a.m. For more information or questions, contact Aaron Freis, Hoop Shoot Chair: aaron.fries@uwalumni.com. On Wednesday, December 20, a much anticipated event each year returns: **Music Bingo Holiday Style**. It always attracts a big crowd so reservations are required and seating is first come, first serve (more information follows). Our Thursday-Night music series, **Life at the Lodge**, continues with three bands in December (see the calendar). Additionally, on the 14th we will host an **Ugly Sweater Contest** and on the 21st a **White Elephant Gift Exchange**. As usual, euchre takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday and the 2nd Saturday. **Lois Hoornstra** will play piano favorites in the dining room on Friday, December 8th and 22th.

On January 6, 2024, we can look forward to having **Hirt Alpert**, a band that plays the music of Herb Alpert and The Tijuana Brass, Al Hirt, and Burt Bacharach. Included in the price is a preconcert buffet. On January 27, **VO5** will return to the Elks for "Prom Night." We know many of you look forward to this yearly fun evening of disco and dancing. More information about both of these events will be coming soon!

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers we have been forced to discontinue airing the Packer's games in the bar in December. We want to thank everyone who does volunteer. It's important to remember that none of our events are possible unless we all pitch in to help.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

This past month, the Building and Grounds Committee enjoyed decorating the Lodge for the holidays. Thanks go to Dianne Redsten, Lois Hoornstra, LaVerne Schwengel, Dan Nardi, Karen Moon, Terre Sims and Tya Lichtie who all pitched in. We encourage you to stop by in December and check it out!

We also installed a wine rack in the dining room in preparation for a new selection of wines that will be offered soon. In the meantime you can purchase great wines that are for sale at reduced prices to clear out the old inventory.

The Building and Grounds Committee also installed a spotlight on the Elks emblem in the dining room. It's very eye catching and provides a dramatic focal point in our beautiful dining room. Special thanks go to our resident electrician Dan Rustick for that installation.

We'd also like to recognize member Lindsey Lee who donated a coffee machine for our dining room and is donating coffee to us as well. Lindsey is the owner of Cargo Coffee in Madison and roasts his own beans!

Finally, the Building and Grounds Committee also oversaw the repair of a leaky pipe in our basement by a professional plumber.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our facility for our members and guests to enjoy. Members are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings which take place at 6 p.m., just prior to our regular monthly membership meetings. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text 608-445-0766.



P.E.R. Lynn Aspinwall, P.E.R. Richard Olson, and Loyal Knight Mike Verveer present Badger Honor Flight a check for \$1,750 at the Veterans Day Breakfast.

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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



Music Bingo Holiday Style

Wednesday, Dec 20th – 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

50/50 Raffle Tickets
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Reservations for December are required. Sign up online

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

Winter Lineup

12/07 The N'achos

12/14 Back 40
-Ugly Sweater Contest- winner will receive \$30

12/21 The Steve and Mark Band
- White Elephant Gift Exchange

Don't see your favorite band? You can sponsor them to perform at the Lodge. Contact Michelle to sponsor your favorite bands!



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

BRING THE KIDS & GRANDKIDS

WE'LL BE SERVING COOKIES AND COCOA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th
2-4

LAST DAY TO MAKE TOYS FOR TOTS DONATIONS!

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



A Photo taken on September 18, 1936, of the newly remodeled bar at the Elks clubhouse on Monona Avenue (Marin Luther King, Jr, Blvd). Built in 1903, this was the first makeover for the old Lodge, which was again renovated in the early 1950s.

HENRY HERMAN BEHNKE



1909-1980

Exalted Ruler

1944-1945

Henry Behnke was born on March 22, 1909, in Marinette, Wisconsin, the son of Adolph Henry Behnke and Anna Alwine Parlow. He came to Madison in the 1920s to attend the University of Wisconsin and graduated from the law school in 1933. At the UW he met Mary Olive Tindal who was from Racine County. They married on July 18, 1936.

Upon graduation, Henry worked in Madison for the Mason and Priestly law firm and served as an assistant city district attorney. In 1942 he was named general counsel for Mautz Paint, and was responsible for the expansion of the company during and after World War II.

For thirty years he was a member of Madison Downtown Rotary where he directed a one-week campaign to raise money so underprivileged children could attend summer camp. Behnke was also instrumental in the establishment of Madison's Hilldale Shopping Center. He served on the board of directors of the Dane County Cancer Society, United Neighborhood Centers, and United Givers (United Way).

Henry and his wife Mary both joined Madison Lodge #410 in 1938 and he served as Exalted Ruler from 1944 to 1945. He was also active in the Zor Shrine, Madison Club and Maple Bluff Country Club. The couple had three daughters and the family enjoyed spending as much time as possible at their cabin on Lac du Flambeau.

Henry Herman Behnke died on August 3, 1980. At age 95, Mary Tindal Behnke died on October 16, 2007, and is buried with her husband in Forest Hill Cemetery.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By Laura MacIsaac, Capital Campaign Chair & Chaplain

At the November membership meeting, a member made a generous donation. They were also willing to match any other donations up to \$2,000. Folks noted below in **red** accepted the challenge and opened their wallets in order to have their gifts doubled! At the same membership meeting we heard about the great work that our Building and Grounds Committee is doing. Fixing and maintaining our aging facility is important and costly. It seems like something continually pops up in need repair or replacement. Your ongoing donations are needed to keep our building in good shape so we can all enjoy it for many years to come.

The process of making your gifts tax deductible is almost complete. One last step in this long process remains, but we anticipate it will be completed soon. I will let you know immediately when that

happens. At that time we will send you a letter acknowledging your tax deductible gift. In the meantime please continue to give. You can also help by encouraging your Elk friends who are *not* listed below to contribute to the Capital Campaign – this is a team effort! Checks should be sent to: Elks Lodge #410; 711 Jenifer St.; Madison, WI 53703. If you have any questions, please email me at elelsea@gmail.com.

Don't forget: **CHARITY**, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity. Elks Care, Elks Share!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

\$100 or less: Mary Bach, Clare Bauer, **Dean Baumgardner**, William Baumgartner, Jim Berkenstadt, June Bokovitz, **Nicki & Steven Borquist**, Steven Borquist, **Karen Bosold**, **Doug Christenson**, David Degenhardt, Phil Doll, **Patrick Fitzpatrick**, Theodore Frank, David Garvey, Robert Gorsuch, Robert Gundlach, Sylvia Heiser, Brian Hellmer, **Jon Jensen**, Ralph Kamps, Gwendlyn Kingston, **Chris Klinge**, **John Kollath**, David Mahoney, Patrick McCormick, Jim & Ken Oasen, **Lewis Posekany**, Daniel Rustick, Sheri & Steve Sasso, **Steven Seeliger**, Don Shillinglaw, Tamim Sifiri, Rick Symdon, **Nancy Turman**, Tom Turman, Mary Lou Tyne, Charles & Lori Youngman, and Sandra Zweifel.

\$101-\$250: Mary Beth Arnold, Karen Bosold, Building & Grounds Committee, Mark Cain, Fritz & Laurine Carstens, Harold Coltharp, Greg Curless, Theodore Frank, Aaron Freis, Fred Kinney, Jeffrey Krajco, David Lynett, Steven Meixelsperger, Daniel Nardi, Richard N. Olson, **Virgil & Gloria Simley**, Linda Strassman, Denise Stromme, Mike Verveer, Ben & Nancy Vidlak, and Warren "Rocky" Colwill (Denise Colwill).

\$251-\$500: **Mark & Evelyn Cain**, Geoff Gaston & Heidi Herziger, David Gillette, David Hill, Jerry & Berdine Hill (Jay Hill), Edward Kinney, Steve Kraus, **Laura & Dan MacIsaac**, Cindy Opsal, the P.E.R. Committee, James Schuessler, and Raymond Tidd.

\$501-\$1,000: Anonymous, **Ted Frank**, Susi Haviland, Lindsey Lee, John Lorimer, Joe Pullara (Richard N. Olson), Dianne Redsten, Roger & Carol Rohde, LaVerne Schwengel, John Skillrud, and Greg Topoleski

\$1,001-\$2,500: **Anonymous Matching Gift**, Chuck & Lois Hoornstra

\$2,501-\$5,000: Donald Taylor, and the Duck Committee.

\$25,000 or more: Aaron & Dawn Frank and Family



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Michael Liethen, Denise Stromme
- 2 Michael Bullington, Jeffrey Capaul, James Patch
- 3 Larine Carstens, Daniel Erdman, Vivian Schmelzer
- 5 Chuck Chvala, David Dewey, Brandon Doll,
Donna Gray, John Palmer
- 6 Don Chambers, Linda Fobes, Jane Morse
- 7 Shelley Finnel
- 8 Don Watzke
- 9 Linda Anderberg, Lavern Birrenkott, Ted Frank,
John Kellerhuis, Edward Kinney
- 10 Stephen Webster
- 11 Greg Curless, Edmund Gallagher, Richard E Olson,
Amy Perry, Karen Weltzin
- 12 Tim Carey, Lisa O'Brien, Robert Salisbury
- 13 Mary Bach, Richard Brown, Ken Fellersen
- 14 Angela Maurer
- 15 Sara Cress, Brian McKee
- 16 Charles Price
- 18 Karen Bosold, Timothy Brown
- 19 Dale Gregory, Richard Ross, Ron Symdon
- 21 Marc Eisen

- 22 James Driscoll, Patrick Wirth
- 24 Steve Meier
- 25 Karen Bohl, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Michael Mann
- 26 Richard Adler, David Garvey, Terre Sims,
Russ Tieman
- 27 Tom Aldrich, Thomas Urdiales
- 28 Steve Bethke, Doak Christenson, James Mueller
- 29 Christina Anderson, Pamela Crawford
- 30 Aaron Freis, Mark Herritz
- 31 Courtney Lindl, John Schmidt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Katherina Heyning
- Jay Koritzinsky
- Amanda Marek
- Don Olson
- Judith Trampf
- Judith Wilson

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Happy HOLIDAYS!						
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Remembrance Sunday				Hanukkah Begins The Nachos 5:30-8:30 pm	Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	Photos with Santa 2-4 pm Euchre, 3:30 pm
	10	11	12	13	14	15 16
Remembrance Sunday Observed, 11 am			Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm / Euchre, Wisconsin Room, 5:45 pm	Back 40 5:30-8:30 pm Ugly Sweater Contest	Hanukkah Ends	Hoop Shoot 9 am, Goodman Center
	17	18	19	20	21	22 23
			Holiday Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 p.m.	The Steve & Mark Band 5:30-8:30 pm Gift Exchange	Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	
	24	25	26	27	28	29 30
	Christmas	Kwanzaa	Euchre, Wisconsin Room, 5:45 pm			

31 **Packers**
Dec 3 vs. Chiefs 7:20 pm
Dec 17 vs. Buccaneers 12 noon
Dec 11 @ Giants 7:15 pm
Dec 24 @ Panthers 11:30 am
Dec 31 @ Vikings 7:20 pm

Live music at the Lodge



DUE TO THE LACK OF VOLUNTEERS, WE ARE UNABLE TO TELEVISION THE GAMES AT THE LODGE THIS MONTH.

Hours: 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.

GIVING TREE FOR HOMELESS VETS

Purchase an Ornament for \$10

Your purchase of an ornament will support the Veterans Transitional Housing Program at Porchlight. This program in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs is a 24-bed, single-room occupancy, transitional program for military veterans experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. It focuses on eliminating barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing in the community. Please purchase and personalize an ornament for \$10 at the bar or hostess stand. The decorated Giving Tree will be on display in the dining room through New Year's Eve.



To Our Absent Members

WILLIAM D. JONES
AUGUST 13, 2019

JAMES W. OTTUM
AUGUST 14, 2021

JOHN E. THOMAS
APRIL 11, 2022

THOMAS D. HAAG
NOVEMBER 23, 2022

GARY W. STOLEN
DECEMBER 2, 2022

DONALD F. MITCHELL
DECEMBER 15, 2022

LARRY COLLINS
DECEMBER 17, 2022

KENNETH R. SIPPSMA
JANUARY 23, 2023

MARK DEADMAN
MAY 3, 2023

VERNE C. VLACK
MAY 4, 2023

DAYTON A. JONES
JUNE 30, 2023

LINDA KAY JOHNSON
JULY 28, 2023

JOHN T. SPEROPULOS
AUGUST 7, 2023

FRED E. ROSS
NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Deaths reported since December 1, 2022

"Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."
Memorial Service, Sunday, December 10 at 11 a.m.

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