



ELKLINER

OCTOBER 2026 | 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

We've made it through the first "ber" month!

October brings Eltoberfest, one of our most popular events. There is no charge to attend this year, but there will be food and pretzels and beer and wine for sale. We also have the 20-piece historic Bavarian oompah band, Freostadt Alte Kameraden German Big Band, back again. They are enormously talented and hysterically funny. I hope to see you there!

We are officially through the first half of this fiscal year. On October 14, we will have a contingent of Wisconsin Elks Association officers attending our membership meeting. We will be initiating about a dozen new members, and we would love to have a big turnout from our membership for this special meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and will probably last about an hour and a half.

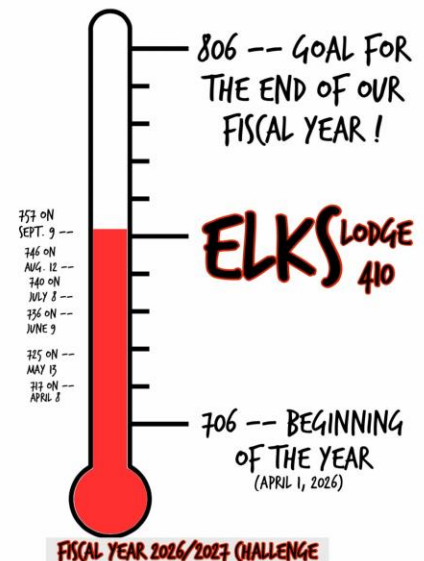
The Entertainment Committee is putting together a meat raffle during the noon Packer game on December 6. They're also looking at meat raffles on February 6, March 6, and April 3. They have proven to be popular, and it will bring people into the bar. We're still fleshing this out (food, etc.) so keep an eye on your email for This Week at the Lodge!

November 15 is the day Manny Salinas and his wife, Sarah, the WEA State President and First Lady and other WEA dignitaries will be visiting our Lodge. The State President visits every Lodge in the state during their term and it's kind of a big deal! There will be a brunch buffet sometime

around 10 a.m. and then messages from the state president and others. It is exceptionally inspiring to hear what they have to say, and I always come away with a renewed enthusiasm for Elkdom. Let's try to have a good turnout to show Manny we appreciate what WEA is doing for us! And the buffet brunch has been incredible. The Packer/Vikings game starts at noon, and the bar will be open. We MIGHT even have another meat raffle that day!

Our general manager, Kaycie, has been filling up the calendar with weddings, class reunions, birthday, and retirement parties, as well as

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--MEMBERSHIP--
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN!**



every other celebration looking for a large, catered space. If you, your family, or company are planning to get together during the holidays and would like to simplify things by having someone else cook and clean up, call Kaycie, and schedule something!

As we look forward to the holiday season, remember that we will have Toys for Tots donation boxes in the lobby starting this month. We have received commendations for several years from the Marine Corps for the number of boxes we fill. Let's try to outdo ourselves this year!

Remember our Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People who have tried it unfailingly give it a big thumbs up! We are hoping people who have a favorite brunch place will try us – we are confident they'll be back!

Fall is my favorite season – I love the cooler weather and the beautiful foliage...and Pumpkin Spice!

In Elkdome,
Sherie Sasso
Exalted Ruler

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are now halfway through our fiscal year that began on April 1. As you are probably aware, our goal this year is to have 806 members by March 31, 2027. This is a significant benchmark since it has been a decade since the Madison Lodge last had 800+ members. Why is this important?

It boosts financial health: Membership dues create a predictable, recurring revenue stream to fund operations including the bar and restaurant, staff, and core programs. It amplifies our Elk's mission: More members mean a louder collective voice, stronger advocacy power, and broader assistance to our community. It brings fresh energy and ideas: New members bring diverse perspectives, valuable professional connections, and fresh enthusiasm. It expands word-of-mouth reach: A thriving base creates a natural network effect, where engaged members recruit friends, colleagues, and peers through personal referrals.

We hope you are watching our progress by checking out the thermometer that appears in the E.R. column each month. Congratulations to everyone who has helped make this happen, but the game isn't over yet. Keep up the good work, keep sponsoring your friends, family, and coworkers as members of the Lodge. (For your convenience we have included a membership application form.) Our goal is within reach. Let's send that thermometer over the top!

After a member serves 30 years, he or she is eligible to become a Life Member. At the October membership meeting the following people will be nominated to receive this recognition:

- Michael Mann, initiated June 25, 1997
- Brian McKee, initiated September 24, 1997
- Melissa McKee, initiated November 26, 1997



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!



Sunday Brunch

Beignets with raspberry sauce are now on the brunch menu! They make a great starter for the whole table. Sunday brunch is now served at the Lodge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



In 1962 the Building Committee of the Madison Elks Lodge, chaired by Kenneth Sullivan, recommended sale of the clubhouse on Monona Avenue to the Bank of Madison for \$250,000 and the construction of a new Lodge in the 700 block of Jenifer St. Sullivan noted that the new two-level, lakeside facility with ample parking, air conditioning, and pier would cost an estimated \$400,000. Part of the agreement was that Lodge #410 would continue to occupy its current property after the closing of the transaction for at least eight months for no charge. The membership voted on the proposal at its monthly membership meeting on September 26. Exalter Ruler James Joyce announced that it was approved

by “a substantial majority” and that construction of the new building at 711 Jenifer Street was expected to commence “soon.”

After several unanticipated delays including rising costs, Exalted Ruler Arthur Flood announced a ground-breaking ceremony would be held on April 2, 1964, at 2 p.m. Honored guests included Mayor Henry Reynolds and the only living charter member of Lodge #410, Ernest Burmeister. The members had just raised their dues for the first time in 10 years from \$30 to \$40. Two months later, the demolition of the Monona Avenue clubhouse began.

The first ceremony held in the still uncompleted Lodge was on Saturday, March 13, 1965, when a record 73 new members were initiated. This exceeded the goal of 67 new members to commemorate the 67th year of Elkdome in Madison. Exalted Ruler Flood announced that current membership has now totaled 1,256. Two weeks later the elected Exalted Ruler, Albert E. Koch, held a cornerstone laying ceremony to mark the official opening of its new facility. It would take several more months to complete the lower level and landscaping. The photo was taken in the late 1960s.

JEROME D. GARTNER



1933 – 2007

Exalted Ruler

1993 – 1994

Jerome Dwayne “Jerry” Gartner was born on November 24, 1933, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the son of Clarence Lester Gartner and Elva Marion Peterson. He graduated from La Crosse Central High School and attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jerry married Bonnie Erickson on August 29, 1953. The couple had three daughters.

Jerry spent four years as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. For 29 years he served as a sergeant with the Madison Police Department and another three years with the Dane County Sheriff’s Office in the court system.

His pastimes were bowling, golfing, and hunting. Jerry was a member of the Madison Professional Police Officers Association, the Wisconsin Identification Association, the Madison Elks Lodge 410. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1993 to 1994. His devotion in life was trying to help others.

Jerome D. Gartner died on April 20, 2007, and is buried in Madison’s Forest Hill Cemetery.



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

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Carol Rohde

Live@theLodge

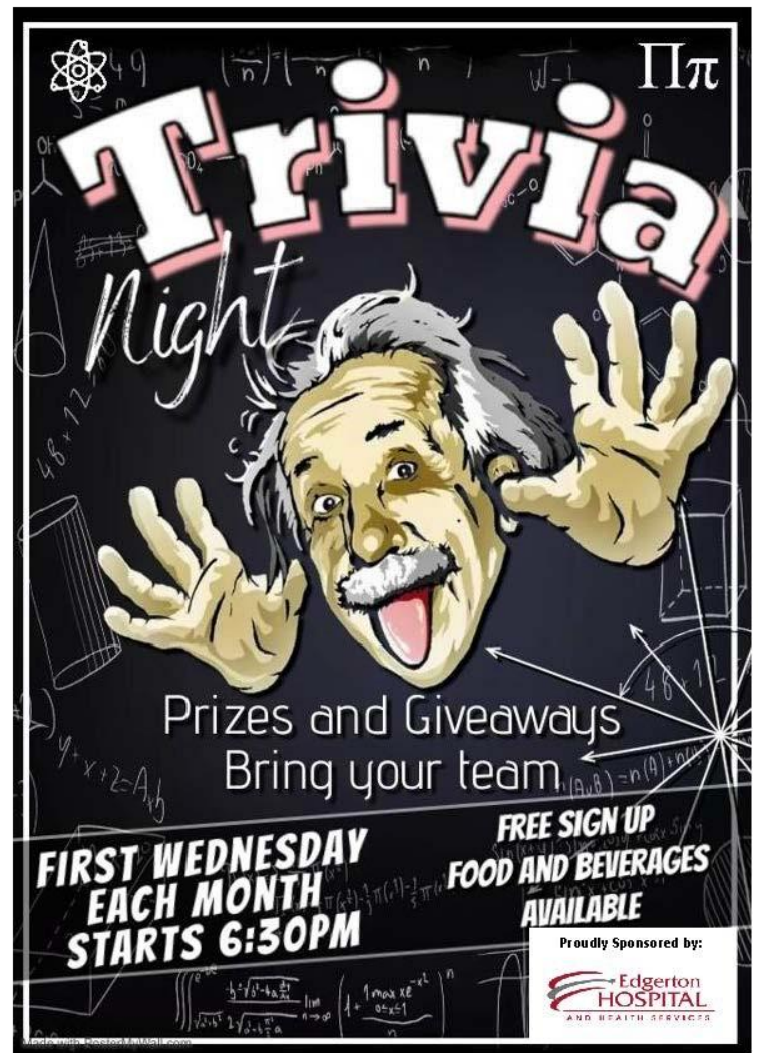
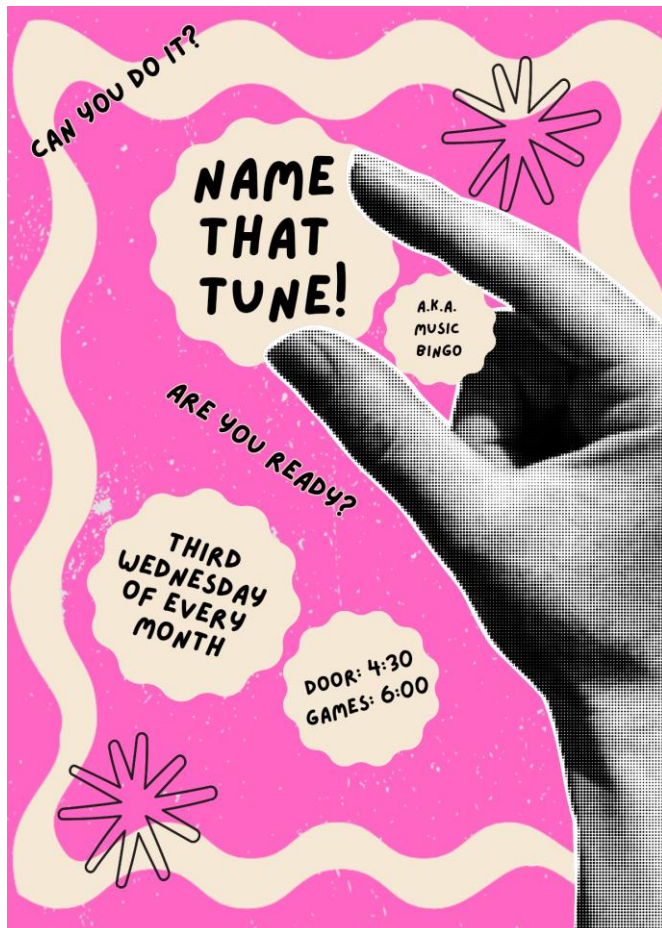
Live music

every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge



BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

We are immensely grateful to an anonymous donor who made it possible for our Lodge to reach the \$30,000 goal to fund new carpet in our dining room. This is exciting news! We anticipate installation before the end of the year. The installation will take place over two days which we will schedule on a Monday and Tuesday so as not to interrupt our normal hours. At that time we will need volunteers to help move the furniture during that period.

Once again, your pull tab purchases continue to help the Lodge. The Duck Committee donated \$1,500 to defray the cost of a new starter (\$2,200) for one of our kitchen hood fans. Overall, our building has been relatively trouble free of late. Still, maintenance is a part of life when managing such a large building with so much equipment.

We have a few projects on our wish list. If anyone is interested in helping or has ideas, please contact me. We've got some painting projects to address including the Wisconsin Room and certain walls 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 re-laminating counters and doors, I'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to get involved with our building and grounds projects efforts in other ways, please reach out to me as well. 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.

Please Note: The public pier (east pier) will be removed for the season between October 2nd and 9th.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

September was a busy month at the Lodge, between comedy shows, Western Night and blood drives. Thank you to everyone who came out to support these wonderful events.

Cooler days and longer nights are now officially back as we move into autumn at the Lodge. But with our colder months creeping up, we still have plenty to keep you coming to our warm and bright Lodge for music, dinner, drinks, and camaraderie!

Sunday, October 11 will find a 20-plus piece band on the lawn and hearty Oktoberfest beers on tap. Start bringing out your lederhosen and your steins because this year, Elktoberfest is free to attend! There will be an expansive buffet for purchase, as well as new merchandise and seasonal brews to get you dancing on the tables. If you are interested in volunteering to make Elktoberfest a success, we could really use your help!

Halloween is on a Saturday this year. A holiday spook-tacular will be hosted at the Lodge during the day and evening with special guests and fun for all ages, including an evening of drink specials, costume contests, and music and dancing. More information will be available soon so watch your This Week at the Lodge emails for more information.

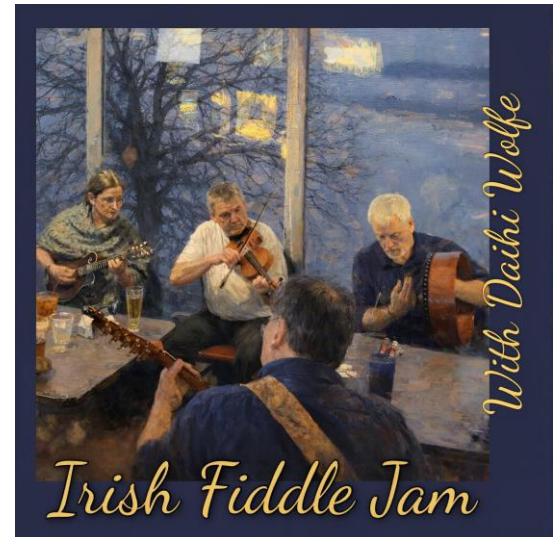
The Fiddle Jam on October 1 will kick off another month of music in the bar. See the calendar for more details.

Brunch will continue every Sunday at 10 a.m. Though live music has been discontinued, we'll feature a special "Bibs Brunch" on October 18. Don't forget our regularly scheduled events on Wednesdays! Trivia on October 7, Euchre on the 14th and 28th, and Name That Tune on October 21st. Come for fun and prizes!

There's some big news coming for Allison and Samantha, the cochairs of the Entertainment Committee. We are both stepping down from committee leadership at the end of December. If you have been looking for a great way to participate in Lodge affairs, this is a wonderful opportunity. Reach out to Allison or Samantha to learn more.

The Elks Lodge is looking for volunteers to help lead some of our favorite events. It's a great way to get involved and shape the Lodge experience. Work with Entertainment Committee members to help bring events to life. Please contact Allison Cooley alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden, samantha.linden20@gmail.com if you are interested in leading an event.

Please join us in thanking our volunteers who stepped up to help in August and September: Allison Cooley, Ann Braithwaite, Audrey Martino, Ben Hager, Beverly Royston, Bob Batyko, Carole Trone, Christopher Klinge, Connie Rosemeyer, Dan & Deb Rustick, Dan Morse, Donna Campanelli, Elizabeth Tucker, Geoff Gaston, Gloria Simley, Heidi Herziger, Jane Morse, Jeff Twing, Jim Schuessler, Jody Rasmussen, John Bohman, John Lorimer, John Skillrud, Judi Trampf, Karen Bosold, Katie McGlenn, Kelly Thompson, Kris Gordon, Larry Jensen, Larry Meiller, LaVerne Schwengel, Lindsey Lee, Lois Hoornstra, Lu Vail, Luke Whitburn, Lynn Lee, Margaret Elvekrog, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Philip & Lisa Gilbertson, Renée Lauber, Richard & Linda Olson, Robin Beal, Samantha Linden, Shari Twing, Sherie Sasso, Steve Braithwaite, Theresa Knight, and Tracy Kuczenski.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Luke Hutchins, William Parsons, Patricia Smith
2 Donna Hellenbrand, John Hofer, Elizabeth Tucker
3 Kathy Condit
4 Amy Mager, Vincent Rust, Heidi Schaefer
5 Thomas Benell, Allyson Duffy, Debra Goff,
Michael Kohn
6 Theodore Osthelder, Connie Ryan, LaVerne Schwengel
7 Christopher Atkinson
8 Lars Barber, Patrick Collins
9 Timothy Bechtold, Laura MacIsaac, William Robus
10 Kathleen Griffiths
11 Jay Koritzinsky
13 Andrew Burish, Kenneth Williamson
15 Michael Schmidt
16 Kevin Hanna, Brian Hellmer, Eugene Murphy,
Scott Smith
17 John DeWitt, Burdette Fraser, Peter Gunderson,
Michael A. Peters, Jen Plants

18 Michael Gilomen, Dennis Hull, Chauncey Hunker,
Clinton Jones, Steven Keppy, Thomas Thompson
19 Robert Bartlett, Robert Gundlach, Donald Shillinglaw
20 Gordon Burdick, Donald Hurtgen, Daniel Reed,
Luke Wolff
21 Steven Traudt
23 Eric Welch
24 Nosheen Ajmal, Carey Karabis, Judith King,
David Sorgel
25 Beth Cheramy, Brian Derr, Charles Dykman,
Donald Kelleher, Kimberly Snyder
26 Otto Gebhardt
27 Joan Bernstein, Scott Roeming, Nancy Vidlak
28 Jay Affeldt, Katie McGlenn, Joseph Roth
29 Harold Fritz, Leigh Meier
30 Pam Keiner, Chirstopher Klinge, Willliam Schultz
31 Jonathan Burk, Romaine Crombie

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Davis, Laura Guobaitis, Kathleen Kalwat, Traci Kuczenski, Kitty Kuhl, Mark McCarthy, Diane McKeon, Ryan Raisbeck, Gregory Ruef, Linda Sharberger, and Mark Schemmel.



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.

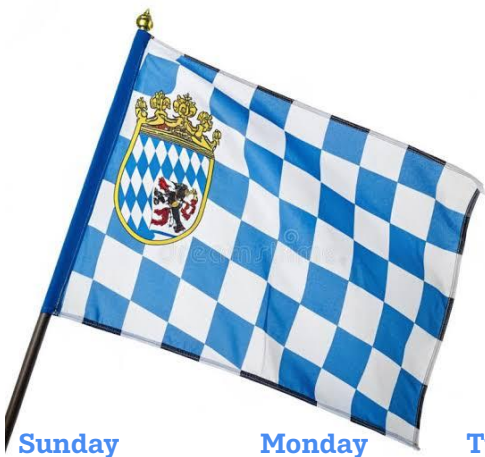
BANQUETS & PRIVATE EVENTS

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

Western Night (all the photos can be seen [HERE](#))





Elktober 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Member Social, 6-7:30 pm ♫ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm	2	3
4 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm	5	6	7 Trivia, 6:30 pm	8 ♫ Richard Hildner, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	9	10
11 Elktoberfest Noon-5 pm	12 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14 DDGER Visit Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	15 ♫ The Grazers, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	16 ♫ Lois at the Piano	17
18 Bibs Brunch, 10 am-2 pm	19	20	21 Name That Tune, 6-8 pm	22 ♫ Mike & the Junkyard Dawg, 5:30-8:30 pm	23	24
25 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm	26	27	28 Euchre, 5:45 pm	29 ♫ Henry Pies, 5:30-8:30 pm	30 ♫ Lois at the Piano	31 Halloween



Elktoberfest!

Free Admission!

Sunday, Oct. 11, Noon to Five



**Historic Bavarian
Oompah Band!**



Brat \$6
Pork Schnitzel \$6
Impossible Brat \$6
**German Potato Salad/
Red Cabbage \$3**
Pretzels \$4
Apple Strudel \$5
**Apple Strudel with
Ice Cream \$6**
Beer Steins \$15

**Packer game
In the
Beer Tent!**

**Open
to the
Public!**

Join Us For
Bibs Brunch!
The Fashion Event of the Season
at Madison Elks Lodge 410



October 18,
10am - 2pm

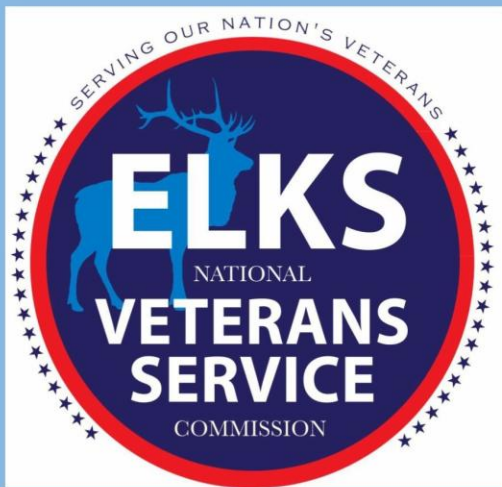
**Wear yer
overalls!**

Please make
brunch reservations
at 608-255-1644 ext. 1
so we can staff appropriately.



**Invite a Vet to our FREE breakfast
to honor their service!**

**Active military personnel and
first responders eat for free, too!**



Veteran's Day Breakfast

Join us on Saturday

November 7th

9am - Noon at the
Madison Elks Lodge #410

711 Jenifer Street

Everyone is welcome to attend the buffet breakfast, but veterans and active duty military eat for **Free!** Cost for non-veterans is \$15, children 5-7 \$7, and children 5 or under are free. Please come out and show your support for all the members of the armed forces past and present. For more information call (608)255-1644

Proposal for Membership

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Elk Member _____

Under the Obligation of the Order, proposes the following applicant for membership:

Signature of Proposer

Member #

Address of Proposer

Phone Number of Proposer

Email Address of Proposer



QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT

— PLEASE PRINT OR USE TYPEWRITER —



1. Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Business Name _____ Occupation _____
Business Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____
2. State the place and date of your birth. Answer: Born in City of _____
County of _____ State of _____ on the _____ day of _____ in year _____
3. Do you believe in God? Answer: _____
4. Are you a Citizen of the United States? Answer: _____
5. If foreign born, when and where were final naturalization papers issued? Answer: _____
6. Are you willing to assume an Obligation that:
(a) Will not conflict with your duties to yourself, or your family, or your religious or political opinions, and that
(b) Will bind you to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America? Answer: _____
7. Are you now a member of the Communist Party or indirectly connected or affiliated with the Communist Party, or with any organization or group advocating or believing in the overthrow of the government of the United States by force? Answer: _____
8. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude? Answer: _____
9. If you have ever been discharged from the Armed Services of the United States or any of its Allies, state the character of the discharge received.
Answer: _____
10. Have you ever been proposed for membership in any Lodge of this Order, if so, where and when and with what result?
Answer: _____
11. Have you been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge immediately preceding the date of this application? Answer: _____
12. Give references of at least two Members of this Order, other than the Proposer, stating the name, home address, and business address:

Name	Home Address	Business Address	Phone

13. Give the name of each place of your residence you have had during the last 5 years preceding the date of this application specifying date of each change therein, also the occupation followed by you in each place.

Place of Residence	When Established	When Changed	Occupation	Phone

The above blank must be fully filled out by the Proposer and the Applicant, and be accompanied by an Application Fee \$ _____ or it will not be considered. Balance of Initiation Fee \$ _____, and proportionate (Semi-) Annual Dues up to next April 1st/October 1st (strike out date not needed) must both be paid at time of Initiation.

Date

20 _____

Signature of Applicant