



ELKLINER

NOVEMBER 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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something for publication or
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

How did it get to be November already? This year has just flown by. I'm not sure I'm ready for holidays, colder weather, and snow!

We are about a third of the way to our \$8,300 goal for purchasing new dishes for the dining room and banquets. Please consider giving generously to this project. Wouldn't it be nice to have those beautiful plates and bowls when you and your family dine at the Elks for a holiday celebration? We were able to match the \$1,000 pledge from an anonymous donor for donations raised through the end of October. We have heard from another anonymous donor who will match the first \$500 raised in November. So please send in your checks made payable to "Madison Elks Lodge No. 410 Foundation, Inc." with the notation "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Remember, donations to the Foundation are tax deductible!

I'd like to make a plea for volunteers. Every time we hold an event, we need volunteers to help run it. First, I want to thank our dedicated volunteers who always seem to be there when we need them. We print a list of everyone who volunteered during the past month in our Elkliner. I'd love to see YOUR name on that list!

We send out a SignUpGenius announcement listing the shifts and the jobs that need to be filled for each event. Volunteering is easy and fun. It's a great way to get to know other members and you get that "feel good" glow when you do something meaningful! The next big event will be our Veterans Breakfast, which will be held on November 15 from 9 a.m. until noon. We need a lot of volunteers for this one. We contact every Veterans group we know to invite Veterans to come to the Lodge for a free meal and we always love it when we get a full house! We charge a nominal price for non-Veterans. We need people to monitor the buffet for the chef, to serve coffee and water, to bus tables, and to sell tickets to non-Vets. You will see SignUpGenius coming out in the next few days. I hope you will consider helping at this very special event for our Veterans.

Volunteers are given a drink ticket for working. Those who work a 2-hour or longer shift are also entitled to a meal. If the event includes a meal (like the Veterans Breakfast), you can partake of the buffet.

Our Entertainment Committee is looking for new members, too. They're the ones who plan the fun events – the music in the bar, Elktoberfest, Kentucky Derby Day, Halloween, etc. If interested, contact one of the co-chairs: Allison Cooley (alliecool1@gmail.com) or Samantha Linden (samantha.linden20@gmail.com). (Continued)

We've just made a couple of changes in the kitchen staff. Things have been looking up in the kitchen – the food has significantly improved and is getting out of the kitchen faster. We hope the new staff changes will help make further improvements. You'll be hearing more about these changes in December, but in the meantime, stop by and have a meal at the Lodge!

If your company or family is looking for a place to host a holiday party this year (or any time, for that matter), call our Banquet Manager, Kaycie. She can be reached at (608) 333-5694. Kelcie has been doing a great job booking our beautiful event spaces – the Wisconsin Room and the lower level.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels for the holiday.

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER. Madison Elks Lodge 410 is a private club and a 501(c)(8) fraternal organization. Per the IRS only members and their guests can make use of its facilities (bar, dining room, and social gatherings). Members are permitted to bring guests, but any individual can only attend as a guest a maximum of three times per year. Certain exceptions apply. There are no limitations on spouses with valid identification cards using the Lodge facilities. There are no limitations on people attending charitable events where the proceeds go to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. We are also allowed to hold a limited number of entertainments that are open to the public (advertised as such). To remain in compliance with the law, you may and will be asked for your membership card, identification card, or membership number by staff members or officers of the Lodge.

Beginning in 2026 you will have the option of downloading a digital copy of your membership card to your phone or other mobile device. As with your printed membership card, the digital membership card can be used at our Lodge or any other Lodge in the country. To download the digital card requires that you are registered at Elks.org.

TAX DEDUCTIONS. Contributions made to these Elks charities are tax deductible: Elks National Foundation, Madison Elks Lodge 410 Foundation, Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, State Major Project (Camp Wawbeek), and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Contributions made at Lodge fundraisers benefiting 501(c)(3) charities such as Stand Down Madison, Custom Canines, Badger Honor Flight, Porchlight, Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, Marquette Neighborhood Association, etc., are also tax deductible. When in doubt, please contact the Secretary at secretary@madisonelkslodge.org,

LIFE MEMBERS. Members who have served at least 30 years by the start of the new fiscal year, April 1, 2026, are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members pay 50% of the assessed dues for members of Madison Lodge 410. The members to be nominated at the November 12 Membership Meeting are Lars T. Barber, Daniel E. Desmidt, Gary R. Hahn, Joseph J. Klein, Jeffrey B. Knupp, Thomas Munz, and Thomas E. Schmuck. They will join the current 115 Life Members of Madison Elks Lodge 410.

ANNUAL DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND EXALTED RULER VISIT. DDGER Janis Doleschal, Waukesha Lodge 400, along with District Vice President Jason Somers, Waukesha Lodge 400, and other officers from our district will visit our Lodge on November 12. The purpose of this yearly visit is to meet with our officers, inspect our financial records and the physical condition of our building and grounds. They will also attend the monthly membership meeting that evening. A final report by the DDGER will be submitted to us with any recommendations.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help us raise \$8,300 to purchase new dinnerware for the dining room and banquets. **Mail or drop off check to Madison Elks Lodge No. 410 Foundation, Inc. at 711 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53703**



POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



In 1921 Reno Lodge No. 597 organized the Nevada Elks Lake Tahoe Country Club, the membership of which is open to Nevada Elks only. The property consisted of 25 acres situated on the east shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe. One hundred and fourteen building lots were available to all members at actual cost price, and the membership included B.P.O.E. privileges.

In 1925 as houses were being built, the name was changed to Elk Point Country Club when it received its official designation as a nonprofit. Today, there are 91 homes. The age of the homes varies, from 100 years to brand new and from tiny rustic cabins to large modern estates. The private beach is rarely crowded. There is a roped-off swimming area and boat marina. The highway noise is blocked by Round Hill which affords wonderful views for anyone who hikes to its summit. Hiking and biking trails can be accessed directly from the residential community.

GEORGE C. SAYLE



*1864 - 1951
Exalted Ruler
1915 - 1917*

George Christopher Sayle, Jr., was born on Christmas Eve in 1864, the son of George C. Sayle, Sr., and Mary Delaney. His parents were born in Ireland and moved to Madison prior to the Civil War. George attended Washington School, located next door to the home he was born in on North Broom Street. He became a carpenter and helped build Science Hall on the UW campus. His interest in building eventually led to his own company, George C. Sayle Building & Manufacturing. As a builder and contractor, he would construct one of the first houses in University Heights and many other homes throughout the city. In 1907 he retired from the construction business to concentrate on managing the numerous apartment buildings he owned.

Sayle was elected an alderman in 1895, then council president in 1897 and again in 1903. He served two terms as mayor, 1916 – 1920. Upon completion of his service as mayor, he was appointed to the Fire and Police Commission. He remained a member of the commission until 1937. George was also active in the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive Association which was instrumental in building the Tenney Park locks.

A founding member of Madison Elks Lodge 410, George was elected its third Exalted Ruler in 1915 and reelected in 1916. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

George Sayle married Sarah Keyes on October 24, 1891, and they were the parents of a son and a daughter. George died on July 16, 1951, and is buried with his wife in Madison's Resurrection 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

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
Madison, WI 53703

Nov 2026
Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30
LIVE @ the LODGE!

11/6
Remember with Randy
Come out and hear songs of the 50's and 60's featuring artists such as Buddy Holly, Roby Orbison, Ricky Nelson, Elvis Presely, Chuck Berry and many more.

11/13
Susie & Randy Duo
Rock, pop, country and more! They provide a fun, interactive show that offers contemplative relaxing tunes to songs that make you want to sing and dance.

11/20
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!

Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
Bring your team

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH
STARTS 6:30PM**

**FREE SIGN UP
FOOD AND BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE**

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our Lodge's exterior fall cleanup day was a big success. LaVerne's cookies were once again world-class and a big thanks goes out to all who helped out, including: LaVerne Schwengel, Alison Cooley, Jay Roberts, Kris Gordon, Jim Schuessler and Jeremy Nichols. We raked up leaves, trimmed back plants, picked up a bit of trash, and sprayed cobwebs off the windows.

We finally got our new restroom exhaust fan installed on the roof. It's a good thing we did. When the contractor removed the old fan, things were in worse condition than we expected. All kinds of debris had gotten into the works including wasp nests (unoccupied, thankfully) among other things. It was apparent that this fan had not been operating for a very long time. This fan serves to exhaust air from all four public restrooms (the two on the main level and the two on the lower level). Thank you to all who've donated to the capital campaign which allows us to make these types of improvements.

All our dining chairs and bar chairs got a deep clean this past month. Now that we've gotten a lot of major projects out of the way, we can focus on some of the not so obvious tasks that still need to be done at the lodge.

Notice to all Elk kayakers: We've got space on our kayak rack for year-round storage at \$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.

Finally, 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.

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



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!

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

Things were busy at the Lodge in October with a great turnout for Trivia on the 1st, Music Bingo on the 15th and the various cards nights. On Thursday the 23rd, we welcomed several of our newest Elks at our quarterly New Member Social. Thanks to all the new members and members of the Elks board and committee members who attended! We'll hold our next New Member Social for all members who have joined in the preceding 12 months on January 8, 2026.

Thursday October 30th we'll be featuring a special appearance by Psychoswank, a local band favorite and friend of the Elks. Music will start after 5:30 p.m. with happy hour specials starting at 4:30 p.m. Also, a special performance by Jazz Ahead, a local jazz ensemble on Saturday, November 15. Look for an email about that soon.

Don't miss it – Halloween is right around the corner, and we've got a creepy night brewing at the Elks! Kaycie and Meadow, our Banquet and House managers have a night of adult tricks and treats planned with drink specials, free appetizers, a costume contest and the Monster Mash. Bring your friends for a night of ghoulish fun!

As requested, we will be having a winter-themed Paint 'n Sip night on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room. Join us as we tap into our creative sides with Nicole Martin owner of Fine Arts by Nicole, LLC. The price is \$30 per person, which includes the painting kit and a drink from the bar. [Go here to register.](#)

If painting isn't for you, consider stopping by on a Wednesday when things are always hopping at the Elks – Trivia on the first Wednesday of the month, Euchre on the second, Music Bingo on the third and Euchre on the fourth! And don't forget happy hour on Thursdays and music starts at 5:30! There is always fresh popcorn, drink specials and plenty of Elks around for good conversation and fun.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

For all the latest events happening at the Elks, click on over to the [Events tab on the Elks Lodge 410 web page](#). Most of these events are brought to you through the time and energy of the Entertainment Committee. Please consider joining us to plan a new event or work on an existing event. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin room. Our next meeting is Thursday November 13. We hope to see you there!

The volunteers that have made all these events possible, and whom we acknowledge with thanks from the bottom of our hearts, are Aaron Freis, Alison Cooley, Geoff Gaston, Heidi Herziger, Jay Roberts, Jeff Riley, Jeff Twing, Jeremy Nichols, Jim Schuessler, Kris Gordon, LaVerne Schwengel, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Riley, Lynn Lee, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Philip & Lisa Gilbertson, Richard & Linda Olson, Shari Twing, and Sherie Sasso.



Wednesday, October 8, enjoying the bar after the monthly membership meeting.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Eric Collins, Curt Roeming
- 2 Darrell Fleming
- 3 Virgil Simley
- 4 Lance Lattimer
- 7 David Lombardo, William Phillips
- 8 Betsty Bazur-Leidy, Randy Hellenbrand, Don Kieler
- 9 Mike Moran
- 10 Richard Entenmann, Anita Krasno, Pat Ploc
- 11 Frederick Kinney, Leslie Marshall
- 12 Cynthia Schuster
- 13 Susi Haviland
- 14 Jeffrey Knupp, Madeline Meier, Roger Rohde
- 15 Michelle Braithwaite, Harland Klagos, Justin Sutherland
- 16 Charles Karpelenia, Timothy Neitzel
- 17 Margaret Elvekrog, Jamie Kuhn
- 18 Cornelia McDermott, Eric Schultz

- 19 Denis Kruger
- 20 Peter Gengler, Dawnene Hassett, Steven Seeliger
- 21 Michael Finley
- 22 Brian Jarecki
- 23 Robert Baggot, Ralph Brown, Yogesh Chawla, Samia Shalabi, Thomas Unke
- 24 Harvey Alexander, Paul Molinaro
- 28 Ryan Endres, Neva Lafleur, Mike Paulus, Audrey Polencheck
- 30 Alex Dogaru, Daniel Scott Goff, Sean Jindrich

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Travis Borchert
 Jessie Loeb
 Sean Lofgren
 Barbara McKinney
 Kristina Weltzin
 Ryan Zarondrik

Don't fumble trying
to buy or sell alone.



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GREEN BAY

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

On October 5, Madison Elks Lodge 410 Auxiliary President LaVerne Schwengel and Treasurer Michelle Braithwaite present a check for \$2,500 to the Easterseals Wisconsin Respite Camp (Camp Wawbeek) at the Annual Elks Pancake Breakfast.

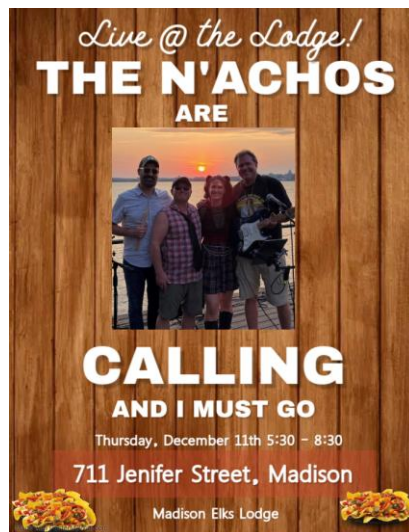


November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Auxiliary Country Western Night, 4:30 pm, ♫ Back 40, 6 pm
2 <i>Standard Time Begins ☼</i> Elks State President's Packers Brunch, 10 am, Game noon	3	4	5 Trivia, 6:30 pm	6 ♫ Remember with Randy, 5:30-830 pm	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre 5:45 pm	13 ♫ Susie & Randy Duo, 5:30-830 pm Paint 'n Sip, 6 pm	14 ♫ Lois at the Piano	15 Veterans Breakfast, 9 am - noon ♫ Jazz Ahead
16	17	18	19 Music Bingo, 6-8 pm	20 ♫ The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-830 pm	21 Blood Drive, noon-5 pm	22
23 Custom Canines Meat Raffle, 11 am Packer's Game, noon	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28 ♫ Lois at the Piano	29
30						

Coming
Next Month:



**NOV
1st**

**Madison
Auxiliary
Presents**

**4:30PM
10:00 PM**

**Country themed
Drink Specials and
Menu!**



WESTERN NIGHT

**50/50
Raffle &
Basket
Raffles**

MUSIC BY

Back 40

**Prize for
best country
themed
outfit!**

**Bar Opens 4:30
Dining Room 5:00
Music 6:00 - 9:00
Raffle Drawings 7:30**

711 Jenifer Street, Madison, WI 53703

A Very Special

PACKERS

SUNDAY

November 2nd

In Honor of WEA State President Jeff Miller

10 am:	Bar Opens
10:30 am:	Buffet Opens
11:00 am:	Program
12 noon:	Panthers@Packers
Halftime:	Prizes!



1 FREE ticket to the Bloody Mary Bar included with advance purchase!



Prize for Best Attired Packer Fan!



Prize for closest prediction of the final score!



Prize for the member who brings the most guests!



Buffet Brunch: \$10 (\$15 after 11/1)

All tips go to Badger Honor Flight

Tickets available on SignUpGenius:



Paint 'n Sip at the Lodge



\$30.00 Per Person

**Guided Paint Experience includes
painting kit & a drink from the bar**

NOV 13TH 6 P.M.

Scan the QR
code to
purchase
your tickets.



SHARE A SLICE OF LIFE.

Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



Madison Elks Lodge Blood Drive

**Lower Level Banquet Room
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703**

**Friday, November 21, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: madisonelks

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Walk-ins welcome!



**Give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red
Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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MADISON ELKS LODGE #410

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NOVEMBER 23RD



CUSTOM CANINES
SERVICE DOG ACADEMY



EVENT DETAILS

Madison Elks Lodge #410 is hosting the
2nd Annual Meat Raffle Fundraiser with
Football Pools and 50/50 Raffles!
Doors open at 11:00am. All are welcome!



Packers VS Vikings
Game starts at Noon!
Bar and food available!

Donations accepted at Madison Elks Lodge #410
711 Jenifer St, Madison | 608-255-1644

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.

20
DEC

FREE THROW
COMPETITION

8
AM

For information:

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