



ELKLINER

FEBRUARY 2024 | Madison Elks Lodge 410

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4 Year **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**
5 Year **Don Geier**

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 BIG START TO A NEW YEAR

January has indeed been a very busy month at the Lodge. Lindsey Lee put together a great evening of entertainment on January 6. A capacity crowd enjoyed the band **Hirt Alpert** and a bountiful buffet. On January 27 it was once again Prom Night at the Lodge when the perennial favorites **VO5** returned for a night of disco and dancing. The Thursday night concert series, **Live at the Lodge**, continued as well. We want to thank all those who sponsored the musicians and made this possible: Tim Geier, Steven Webster, Don Geier, Dave Arnold, Mary Bach and Michelle Braithwaite. Live at the Lodge continues this month and more information follows. Please consider sponsoring a band so we can continue to bring you more live music.

The winter months are a time for reduced blood donations and increased blood shortages. The Lodge will again host a **Blood Drive** on February 14 from noon until 5 p.m. As a bonus, each donor will receive an Amazon \$20 gift card from the Red Cross. A link to sign up is on the calendar page.

This month we hold our biggest annual fundraiser, **The Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle**, on Saturday, February 24 from 4 until 8 p.m. Please buy the raffle tickets we mailed you – they are also available at the bar – and plan to come to the dinner! More information follows in the *Elkliner*.

Don't forget our ongoing events, **Music Bingo** on the third Wednesday of the month, **Euchre** on the second Saturday and second and fourth Wednesday, and **Lois Hoornstra at the Piano** on the second and fourth Friday. We are proud to announce a new monthly event beginning in March. The Lodge will host a **Trivia Night** every first Wednesday so start getting your team together now.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Dues statements for the new fiscal year (April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025) have been mailed. The office will begin to mail out new key cards (green), membership cards, and spouse identification cards to paid members beginning in mid-February.

In November we adopted new bylaws which raised our dues for members by \$40 and lifetime members by \$20. However due to a clerical error, the dues statements just mailed out by the Grand Lodge do not reflect that increase. Since the error was ours, we will honor the amount printed on your dues statement, but only if you pay by the deadline: March 31, 2024. After April 1, the amount adopted in the bylaws for 2024-2025 will apply without exception. We appreciate members who pay promptly and this year you have an added incentive to do so!

All delinquent members (those who have not paid their 2023-2024 dues) have been mailed a final notice. Any delinquent member not current by March 31, 2024, is automatically dropped. Widows of deceased members should receive an identification card in the mail in March.

Election of officers will be held at the February 28 membership meeting.



Out for dinner and a show at the Elks Lodge. Left to right, Robin Beal, Traci Schroeckenthaler, Christine Schroeckenthaler, Linda Hoffman Olson and Mary Bach enjoying Hirt Alpert.

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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 (1994-1996)

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**

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ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE

Saturday, February 24, 2024

4 – 8 p.m.

Buy raffle tickets and

WIN CASH!

**\$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, five \$100 and twenty
\$50 prizes will be given away.**

Food will be served from 4 until 8 p.m. (the bar will be open until 10 p.m.). The raffle drawing will be at 8 p.m. and you do not need to be present to win. Dinner choices include:

Homemade Spaghetti & Meatballs (2) or an Italian Sausage (or plant-based sausage)
with Salad & Garlic Bread

\$12 for Adults, \$6 for Children (6 to 12)

Extra Meatballs \$1.50, Extra Sausage \$3

Cannoli \$4.75 Red Wine \$4 per glass

No Reservations

Raffle Tickets on SALE at the Bar!

Live *at the* Lodge

Every Thursday- 5:30-8:30 pm

Live music will take place in the upstairs bar

Full menu available 5-9 pm

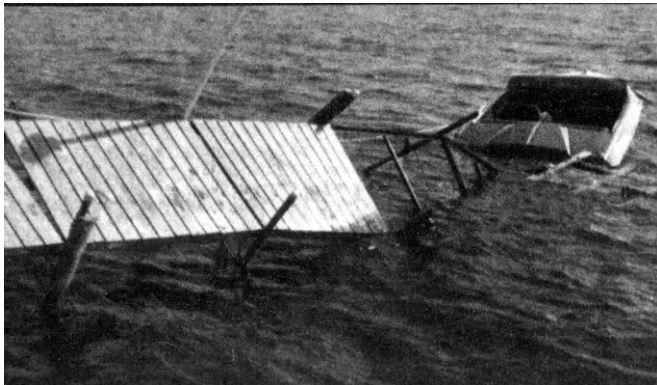
50/50 raffle - drawing at 7:00 pm

February Lineup

- 02/01 Jackie Marie
- 02/08 Remember with Randy
- 02/15 The Steve and Mark Band
- 02/22 Back 40
- 02/29 Shekinah

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!

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



At 11 o'clock on the night of September 18, 1989, Paul Lernack, 23, and Tammy Barcar, 24, sat at the end of the pier at the Madison Elks Lodge. From out of seemingly nowhere emerged a speeding boat that crashed into the pier, collapsing it. The pilot of the 170-horsepower inboard motorboat, Mark Willmsen, 24, claimed he couldn't see the dock even though it was floodlit. His uninsured boat sank and the two sitting on the pier were taken to the hospital with injuries, treated and released. Willmsen's blood alcohol tested level was below the legal definition of being intoxicated. However, He had three previous boating citations and was later charged with several other offenses, including reckless endangerment of life.

RICHARD ELI WILLIAMS



1913-1985

Exalted Ruler

1957-1958

Richard Eli "Dick" Williams was born on March 2, 1913, in Soldiers Grove Wisconsin, the son of Stephen Arthur Williams and Ada Estella Treacle. He was named after his grandfather who was born in Wales and immigrated to the United States after the Civil War. Dick grew up in North Dakota and Wisconsin, eventually settling in Madison where he graduated from Central High School in 1930. He attended the University of Wisconsin part-time and worked for the National Youth Administration. With the advent of World War II, William enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in China, Burma and India.

After the war Dick returned to Madison and the University of Wisconsin where he received a degree in accounting. On November 22, 1945, he married Harriet Jane Edwards of Waukegan, Illinois, also a student at the UW. In 1950 Williams received a law degree and eventually would become an inheritance tax counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were active in Madison Elks Lodge 410 and he was elected Exalted Ruler in 1957. He was also a member of the Lions Club, Optimist Club, Moose Lodge and Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. The couple had a son and a daughter.

Upon his death on January 6, 1985, he had an Elks memorial service conducted by all the living Past Exalted Rulers of our Lodge. He is buried with his wife in Roselawn Memorial Park.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

This month the Building and Grounds Committee packed away the holiday decorations for next year. Thanks go to Lois Hoornstra, LaVerne Schwengel, Jon Jenson and Karen Bosold.

We also replaced the ceiling tiles in our banquet prep room (behind the bar on the lower level). That space is now much brighter and more inviting to perspective renters.

One Friday night in January, a series of dining room lights went out. Fortunately, our own Master Electrician Dan Rustick who was there to sell pull tabs replaced a circuit breaker on the fly. Dan is now in the process of replacing all the breakers in the main panel as a matter of preventive maintenance. We are lucky to have talented Lodge members like Dan who are able to contribute their talents!

Our Lodge has contracted with Air Temp Services to provide regular heating, ventilation and air conditioning maintenance. We've been without a service provider for quite a while so it's good to have someone again to maintain our HVAC System.

At our January membership meeting, an expenditure of \$1,850 was approved to upgrade our HVAC controls. Once completed, our new boilers will be working at peak efficiency. At the same meeting members approved an expenditure of \$1,305 to replace a noisy and failing motor on our water heater.

Our big project for 2024 is to have our parking lot professionally refreshed. This will involve filling cracks, sealing and re-stripping parking lines. We are in the process of collecting quotes. More to come!

Our Building and Grounds Committee is chipping away at resolving some long overdue upgrades and we are confident that our Lodge will be in much better condition as we move forward.

The Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our lodge 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.

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR ELK FAMILY

Bee is an 11-week-old golden retriever being trained by Custom Canine Service Dog Academy to be a service dog for a veteran. Appropriately born on Veterans Day, she is here thanks to a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation to Madison Elks Lodge 410. We also want to thank P.E.R. Lynn Aspinwall for securing the grant. She is also Bee's caretaker for the next 18 to 24 weeks - until Bee is ready to be placed with her forever hero.



Tiler Christopher Klinge with Bee at her first outing to the Lodge. Be sure to introduce yourself if you run into her.



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 James Capaul, Don Geier
- 2 Timothy Turino
- 3 Rad Allen Hawkos
- 4 Jordan Corning, Jacob Daniel Smith
- 5 Cory Frank, John Miller, Michelle Miller Hayes
- 6 Philip Klein
- 7 Curtis Hossman
- 8 Eric Fitzgibbon, Bradley Fox
- 9 Wayne Simon, Steven Tinker
- 10 Paul Steinmetz
- 11 Thomas Clauder, Glenn Harvey, Richard N. Olson, Daniel Schultz
- 12 Paul Greisen
- 13 Kenneth Kruska, James Shunk
- 14 Ronald McLean
- 15 Dan Curd, David Lynett
- 16 Kathy Revello, Donald Swinton

- 17 Beverly Klongland
- 18 Conrad Marks, Darlene Noggle
- 19 Dan Brummel
- 20 Loretta Blankenheim, Katherine Cullen
- 22 Stephanie Prah, Patrick Sullivan
- 24 Jo Beyler, John Kollath
- 26 Nicole Bell, Dawn Frank, Stephen Sasso, Patricia Whitely
- 28 Marie Antoinette Cannarella, Rebecca Clark, Sabrina Sims
- 29 Mathew Cizik, Tiffany Olson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Marc Augsburger
Elle Grevstad
Damon Hinkle



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Happy Valentine's Day

Stark

FEB 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
				🎵 Jackie Marie 5:30-8:30 pm	Groundhog Day	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				🎵 Remember with Randy 5:30-8:30 pm	🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	Euchre, 3:30 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Valentine's Day Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm/ No Euchre	🎵 The Steve & Mark Band 5:30-8:30 pm	WEA Midwinter Conference, Green Bay	WEA Midwinter Conference, Green Bay
18	19	20	N21	22	23	24
WEA Midwinter Conference, Green Bay	Presidents' Day	Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 pm		🎵 Back 40 5:30-8:30 pm	🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle 4- 8 pm
25	26	27	28	29		
		Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre, Wis. Room, 5:45 pm	🎵 Shekinah 5:30-8:30 pm			



Early Sign-Up for February 14th Blood Drive

We are working to bring regular blood drives back to our lodge. Help us show the Red Cross we have ample donor capacity and sign up now if you can.

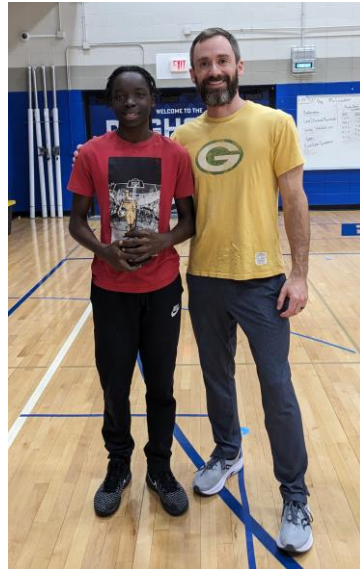
Blood Drive at the Madison Elks Lodge

Wednesday, February 14th (Lower Level)

Noon to 5:00 pm

Sign up here:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive->



Our Madison Elks Lodge South District Hoop Shoot Champions (pictured with Hoop Shoot Chair Aaron Fries from left to right, Landen 1st place ages 10-11; Zane, 1st place ages 8-9; and Zerihun, 2nd place ages 12-13. Congratulations!

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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