



ELKLINER

OCTOBER 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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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Wow! Elktoberfest was a smashing success! From the 25-piece German band to the six Alphorn players to the delicious German buffet to the German beer and wine, it was wonderful. Thank you to the Entertainment Committee and all the many volunteers who made it the big hit it was! We've already booked the band for next September.

We have a new goal for our Capital Campaign. Our dining room dishes look pretty tacky. We have found some new ones that we would like to purchase. They are on display in the lobby. Our goal is to raise \$8,300 to pay for the number of sets we would need for both the dining room and banquet space. We have an anonymous donor who has pledged to match the first \$1,000 we raise through the end of October. So please send in your checks made payable to "Madison Elks Lodge No. 410 Foundation, Inc." with the phrase "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Remember, donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

At the last Wisconsin Elks Association conference, we were reminded that we are a private club. The bartenders and wait staff are going to begin to ask to see your membership card or for your membership number. We understand it's a bit of a hassle, but it's necessary to keep us out of trouble with the IRS and Grand Lodge.

It's scholarship season! If you know a high school senior, encourage them to apply for an Elks scholarship. There are two types: the Most Valuable Student scholarship is open to any high school senior, regardless of Elks affiliation. Legacy Awards are only available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Go [here](#) to learn more about each one. The deadline for the MVS scholarship is November 12. The deadline for Legacy Awards is February 2, 2026.

Finally, I'm going to make another plea to members to sign up for the ENF Fidelity Club. For as little as \$5 per month, you can show your support for the Elks National Foundation without even thinking about it. You sign up one time with a bank account number or credit card and then forget it. It's by far the easiest way to support this valuable program. This year, we received several thousand dollars in grants from ENF. This allowed us to sponsor breakfast and snacks on two Badger Honor Flights and donate to Stand Down Madison, among other things. ENF gives back \$4 for every \$1 donated to it, so it is vital that we continue to support it. Please consider signing up and donations to ENF are also tax deductible! *(Continued)*

I'm walking again, so I hope to see you at the Lodge!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2026 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is proud to continue its legacy of supporting higher education by announcing the application periods for its 2026 scholarship programs. The Elks, through their charitable work, help build stronger communities by investing in our youth. Last year alone, the ENF awarded over \$3.9 million to students across the nation.

Here is what you and your family need to know about the upcoming scholarship opportunities.

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship

The Most Valuable Student scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are U.S. citizens—there is no requirement to be related to an Elks member.

Award: 500 four-year awards are available, ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000. The awards are based on academics,

leadership, service, and financial need.

- Application Period: Open until November 12, 2025.

How to Apply: Submit your application online through the ENF website at <http://enf.elks.org/MVS>.

Winner Announcement: Winners will be announced in April 2026.

Legacy Awards

The Legacy Awards program provides scholarships exclusively for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members.

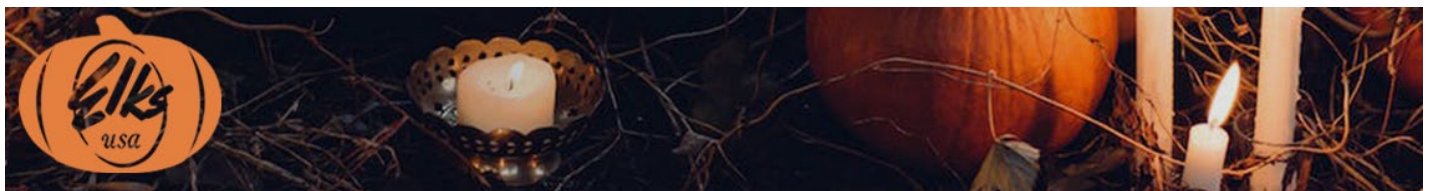
Eligibility: The applicant must be a high school senior and a child or grandchild of a qualifying Elk. The application must be sponsored by the Lodge of the Elk member.

Award: Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships, with the total number of awards announced in April 2026.

- Application Period: Open until February 2, 2026.

Community Service Requirement: Recipients must complete at least three service acts with an Elks Lodge during their college career.

How to Apply: The online application is available at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarweb/legacy/rules.cfm>



POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The oldest continuously operating Elks Lodge is San Francisco Lodge #3, located in Union Square.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the current building were held on August 25, 1923, with construction beginning the following day. The project had a final cost of \$1,500,000. The building located at 450 Post Street was dedicated on May 27, 1925, to the 3,000 members of the Lodge. Ceilings in the main dining room and over the twenty-seven by seventy-five-foot swimming pool were hand painted ceramic tiles. The fifteen-story building contained over 100 bedrooms for member residents and visiting Elks. The Lodge room had a seating capacity of 1,000 with a projection room, maple stage, and pipe organ. San Francisco also boasted a billiard room, library, bakery, gym, barbershop, steam room and much more.

Today San Francisco Elks Lodge #3 shares its space with the Kensington Park Hotel, with the Lodge exclusively occupying the third floor of the building.



*1861 -1909
Exalted Ruler
1898 - 1900*

GEORGE W. LEVIS

George Washington Levis was born on October 15, 1861, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, the son of John Simenson Levis and Emeline Ingeborg Oldsdatter Gullord. His fourth great-grandfather, Samuel Levis, a Quaker, settled near Philadelphia, arriving with William Penn in 1682. His second great-grandfather, Seasmuel Levis II, served in the Revolutionary War. His father left Pennsylvania for Black River Falls in 1854 and ran a lumber business there.

George Attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and graduated from the Law School in 1893. He practiced as an attorney between 1893 and 1896 in West Superior and La Crosse. Levis permanently moved to Madison in 1896 when he took a position as a Deputy United States Marshall. In 1900 he became the head of the Starks-Levis Land Company.

George W. Levis was active in politics and ran unsuccessfully both for the state assembly and congress. He was known throughout the state for his public speaking abilities and often the emcee for political rallies and civic events. George belonged to the Masons, Modern Woodsman of America, Mystic Workers of the World, and Unitarian Society. He was a founding member of Madison Elks Lodge 410 and served as its second Exalted Ruler between 1898 and 1900.

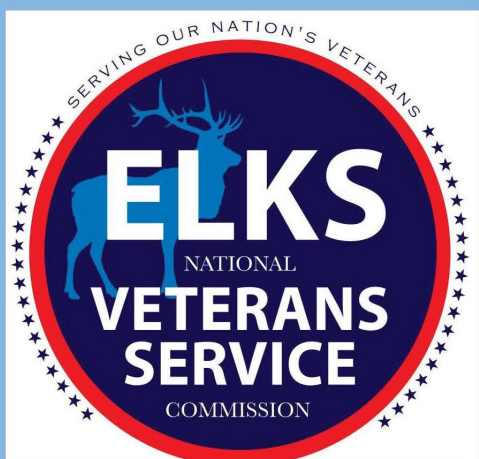
Levis married his first wife Claire Marie Winden on December 27, 1893, at Black Earth. They had a son and a daughter. Their son, George Wyden Levis, was twice an All-American basketball player while at the University of Wisconsin in Madison from 1912 to 1916. He was also the Helms Foundation National Player of the Year as a senior in 1916. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and became the head coach at Indiana University during the 1920, 1921, and 1922 seasons.



After George Washington Levis' wife died in 1896, he married Susan Speckner, the widow of Gustaf Findorff, on October 31, 1903, in Madison. They had one daughter.

George W. Levis died on August 14, 1909, at his summer home on Long Lake in Washburn County. He is buried with both his wives and other family members in Madison's Forest Hill Cemetery.

George Wyden Levis



Veteran's Day Breakfast

Join us on Saturday

November 15th

9am - Noon at the
Madison Elks Lodge #410

711 Jenifer Street

Everyone is welcome to attend the buffet breakfast. 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

PE.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 Jennifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

OCTOBER

02 **MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO**
OCT OPSTAIRS BAR | 6:30 PM

09 **EMPTY NEST**
OCT UPSTAIRS BAK | 5:50 PM

16 **BACK 40**
OCT UPSTAIRS BAK | 8:20 PM

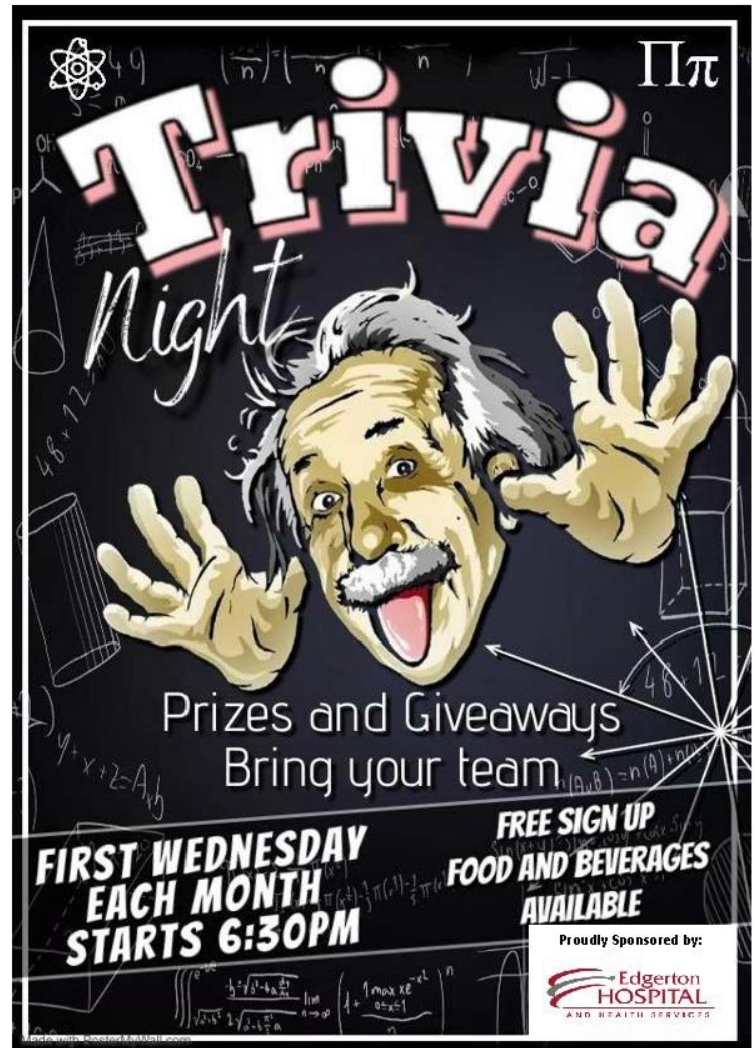
23 **THE STEVE AND MARK BAND**
OCT UPSTAIRS BAK | 6:30 PM

30 **PSYCHOSWANK**
OCT OPSTAIRS BAK | 5:30 PM

**LIVE @
The Lodge!**



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BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our Lodge exterior fall cleanup day is scheduled for October 25. We always have coffee and world-class cookies, courtesy of LaVerne Schwengel. Mark your calendar for October 25 at 9:00 a.m. We'll be doing some raking, trimming and general tidying up. It's always a good time to enjoy the fall weather and get to know your fellow Elks.

LaVerne Schwengel once again managed to keep our exterior in bloom all summer. She'd like to recognize the following members who helped her with the ground's maintenance: Kris Gordon, Ben Hager, Lu Vail, Alex Dogara, Jody Rasmussen, and Audrey Martino. Thank you to all!

Our heating and air conditioning contractor, Air Temperature Services, will be installing a new exhaust fan for our restrooms this month. The cost will be \$2,074. This is a long-overdue project as the old fan has not been functioning for several years. The restrooms will be more comfortable, especially in the summer. The exhaust fan serves to draw air-conditioned air into the restrooms as well as to keep the restrooms supplied with fresh air throughout the year.

We are going to be adding a mop sink to our kitchen. As commercial kitchens go, we've got a nice one. It's spacious and well-equipped. Still, we are always looking to make it more functional for our staff and we decided a mop sink was in order. Pertzborn Plumbing will be installing one soon at the cost of \$1,780.

After two refrigeration units needed major maintenance last month, one of our coolers behind the bar needed a new compressor at the cost of \$1,400. Our trusty refrigeration contractor, JustinTime Refrigeration, got it fixed quickly so we were without it for two days of business.

Your donations to the Capital Campaign make these types of improvements and repairs possible. Please consider a donation – thank you!

Notice to all Elk Kayakers: We've got space on our kayak rack for year-round storage at \$135 per year on a first-come, first-served basis. If you'd like to reserve a spot for next year, please contact the office: 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.

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



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

If you weren't able to attend Elktoberfest on September 7, you missed a wonderful afternoon of German-style fun! The downstairs of the Elks lodge was transformed into a beer garden with festive decorations and costumed attendees. The German big band Freistadt Alte Kameraden entertained us with their rousing mix of polkas, sing-alongs and musical performance pieces and the German-style buffet was top-notch. Next year's event will be even bigger and better with changes to enable more participation from Elks members and the community. Mark your calendars for the next Elktoberfest September 27, 2026, and start shopping for your lederhosen now!

Many volunteers put in a lot of time to make Elktoberfest happen – thank you to all of them! As a reminder, all of our volunteers get unlimited fountain soda drinks while volunteering, one beer or rail drink after a volunteer shift (via token), after a minimum 3-hour volunteer shift, one burger or sandwich (if the kitchen is open) or if the volunteer event provides food, i.e. the spaghetti dinner, one complimentary dinner item. Please consider supporting your Elks lodge by volunteering for an upcoming event or consider joining the Entertainment Committee.

Our next Entertainment Committee meeting is Thursday, October 9, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin room. And as always, you can email Allison at alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden at samantha.linden20@gmail.com with questions or to suggest something for the committee to think about.

The third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. is Casual Cards night in the Wisconsin Room. The group had their first gathering on September 18, and it was a fun evening of socializing and non-competitive Euchre. If you're interested in learning some card games like Euchre (or are already an experienced player), come on by for the next Casual Cards night on October 16. If you have questions, text Zach Madden at (608) 627-5773.

Coming up: Things will be extra creepy around the Lodge this Halloween, Friday, October 31! Banquet and House managers Kaycie and Meadow have a night of adult tricks and treats planned with drink specials (witches brew and blood shots anyone?), free appetizers, a costume contest, and the Monster Mash. Bring your friends for a night of ghoulish fun! The Entertainment Committee is hosting another New Members Social at the Lodge! Planned for Thursday, October 23rd in the Wisconsin Room, 6 – 8 p.m., this night of socializing will provide an opportunity to get to know the Board Members, Committee Chairs, and other new and familiar faces around the Lodge! If you joined Madison Elks Lodge #410 within the last 12 months, please join us for a drink and some treats (on us!) and stay for the music in the bar area. If you're a "veteran" Elk, come on by to meet our newest members!

The volunteers that have made all these events possible, and whom we acknowledge with thanks sincerely, are: Allison Cooley, Alyce Nardi, Billy Daniels, Chauncey Hunker, Dan Nardi, David Luner, Don Geier, Don Swinton, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, John Bohman, John Skillrud, Kathy Unger, Kip & Margaret Marvin, Kris Gordon, Kristopher Steege-Reimann, LaVerne Schwengel, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Aspinwall, Lynn Lee, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Michelle Possin, Mike Knight, Mike Schmidtke, Mike Verveer, Pat Ross, Phil Doll, Renée Lauber, Rick Lenz, Robin Beal, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, Stacy Lenz, Steve Braithwaite, and Theresa Knight.



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,
Mike Kohn
- 6 Connie Ryan, LaVerne Schwengel
- 7 Christopher Atkinson, Merlin Gerber
- 8 Lars Barber, Patrick Collins, Scott Kelly
- 9 Laura MacIsaac, William Robus
- 10 Kathleen Griffiths, Lonnie Lingarde
- 11 Jay Koritzinsky
- 13 Andrew Burish, Kenneth Williamson
- 15 Michael Schmidt
- 16 Kevin Hanna, Brian Hellmer, Eugene Murphy,
Scott Smith
- 17 John DeWitt, Lemuel Burdette Fraser,
Peter Gunderson, Michael Peters, Jen Plants

- 18 Michael Gilomen, Dennis Hull, Chauncey Hunker,
Clint Jones, Steven Keppy, Thomas Thompson
- 19 Robert Bartlett, Robert Gundlach,
Donald Shillinglaw
- 20 Gordon Burdick, Donald Hurtgen, Daniel Reed
- 21 Steven Traudt
- 24 Nosheen Ajmal, Carey Karabis, Judith King,
David Sorgel
- 25 Charles Dykman, Donald Kelleher,
Kimberly Snyder, Lisa Wilkins
- 26 Otto Gebhardt
- 27 Scott Roeming, Nancy Vidlak
- 28 Katie McGlenn
- 29 Harold Lee Fritz, Leigh Meier
- 30 Pam Keiner, Christopher Klinge, Debra Luetzow,
William Russell Schultz
- 31 Jonathan Burk, Bethany Crombie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nicholas Dejongh, Peter Gengler, Clint Jones,
Mike Kohn, and Alan Maly

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

OCT 2025

SUN

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TUE

WED

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Yom Kippur
Begins
Trivia,
6:30 pm

Yom Kippur
Ends
♫ Marcy & the
Highlights Trio,
5:30-8:30 pm

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Lodge Meeting,
7 pm
Euchre,
5:45 pm

♫ Empty Nest,
5:30-8:30 pm

♫ Lois at the
Piano

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Columbus Day

Music Bingo,
6-8 pm

♫ Back 40,
5:30-8:30 pm
Casual Cards,
5:30 pm

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Euchre,
5:45 pm

♫ The Steve &
Mark Band,
5:30-8:30 pm

♫ Lois at the
Piano

Grounds
Cleanup,
9 am-noon

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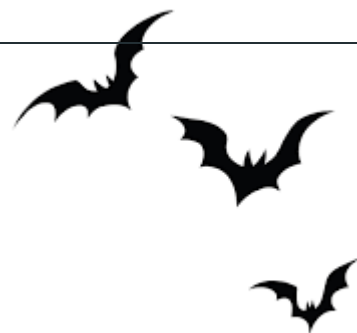
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♫ Pschoswank,
5:30-8:30 pm

Halloween



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

Elktoberfest





Food Drive to benefit Madison Veterans Hospital

Oct 9th



Empty Nest

Live @ the Lodge!

**50/50
RAFFLE TO
BENEFIT
VETERANS**

**PLEASE BRING
NON-PERISABLE
DONATIONS**



**DOORS OPEN 4:30
RESTAURANT 5:00
BAND 5:30 - 8:30**

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VA FOOD DRIVE

★ Food donated will be used to stock
★ our local food pantry that provided
shelf-stable food for veterans!

**Bring items to the lodge the
month of October!**

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Unsalted Nuts
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Shelf-Stable Say Milk
- Microwaveable Meals
- Pasta Dishes
- Can Openers
- Canned Fruit
- Fruit Cups
- Apple Sauce
- Vegetable Juice
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Soups
- Broths
- Tea
- Bottled Water
- Instant Coffee

Please make sure these products do not
expire within 6 months of donation.



**Please help the Lodge
purchase new dinnerware!**

Our goal is to raise \$8,300.

**Please mail in your
donation or drop it off at
the office.**

Thank you!



**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

Auxiliary of Madison Elks #410 Presents:

2nd Annual Camp Wawbeek & Scholarship Raffle

Drawing: Saturday, November 1st @ 7:30 p.m.

Back 40 will be performing from 6- 9 pm

Madison Elks Lodge #410

711 Jenifer St, Madison WI 53703

Tickets are \$50 and only 150 tickets will be sold!

Prizes: 1- \$2,000, 1 - \$500 and 8 - \$75

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

Tickets can be Purchased from:

Michelle Braithwaite or Laverne Schwengel