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AUGUST 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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LODGE NEWS

If you have been to the Lodge recently, you may have noticed that the gaming machines have been moved from the bar to the Wisconsin Room. The pull-tab dispenser and the TouchTunes digital juke box remain in the bar. These devices generate significant revenue and we know many members enjoy them.

This month the last two of the neighborhood festivals that our Lodge sponsored will take place. The [Orton Park Festival](#) is August 25-27 in Orton Park. This is its 58th year, making it one of the longest running music festivals in the country. It also features craft and food vendors. [Sessions at McPike Park](#) wraps up August 11, 12, 16 and 17. It is the largest annual, multi-day music festival in the city and features both local and international performers. Both of these celebrations are great fun, free to attend and benefit many nonprofits in our community. We want to thank all the volunteers who staff our tent, helping to make new friends for the Madison Elks.

Music Bingo continues to be popular and returns again on August 16 (always the 3rd Wednesday of the month between 6 and 8 p.m.). This month there will also be three euchre tournaments and Lois Hoornstra will entertain diners with her popular piano music on two Friday nights. The dates and times for these reoccurring events can be found on the calendar on page 7.

On Wednesday, September 6, member Renée Lauber is coordinating a blood drive with the Red Cross at the Lodge, something we have not hosted for several years. We hope to make this an annual event. It will be on the lower level from noon until 5 p.m. Please make an appointment by going to this link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=madisonelks>

As an additional incentive, we invite donors to drop off any documents they need shredded. Documents (paper only!) should be bagged (a limit of 3 grocery bags per member). They will be stored in a locked, secured room until shredded by [Pellitteri Data Destruction](#). If you donate blood, there is no charge, otherwise a \$10 donation is suggested. You may drop off your documents to be shredded between noon and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, or

at the office on Thursday, September 7, and Friday, September 8, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please do not leave any documents to be shredded at any other times!

SCHOLARSHIPS

By Sherie Sasso

[The Most Valuable Student \(MVS\) Scholarship Contest for 2024 opens on August 1, 2023.](#)

Current high school seniors (or the equivalent) who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants do not need to be related to an Elks member. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted (permanent legal resident status does not qualify). All applications are completed online. Students pick the lodge through which they apply. Boys and girls compete separately. All information is available on the elks.org website under [ENF scholarships](#).

In the 2024 competition at the national level, the 500 highest-rated applicants will be awarded four-year scholarships. The Elks National Foundation will donate a total of \$2,440,000 in scholarships to these winners.

The national awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year for four years. Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university. Students who plan on attending a technical school are not eligible for this scholarship.

In addition to national awards, Wisconsin also distributes state awards based on the students' scores within each district and on a state level. Our Lodge awards the top three boys and top three girls each \$500 scholarships. The Ladies Auxiliary also awards 2-3 scholarships each year.

Our 2023 Scholarship Winners

All six of our winners were members of various honor societies and maintained very high grade point averages (4.0 for the most part) throughout their high school career. They all participated in many school activities and sports and put in a lot of volunteer community service hours. We awarded each of them \$500 scholarships from our charities account. Congratulations to: **Mateo Jimenez** (Edgewood), **William Martin** (Edgewood), **Griffin Empey** (Stoughton), **Jahnvi Datta** (Middleton), **Charlotte Chen** (Madison West), and **Katherine Pennel** (Monona Grove).

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 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)

LADIES AUXILIARY

President **LaVerne Schwengel**
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Game 3	\$ 50.00
Game 4	\$ 75.00
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50/50 Drawing	
Game 6	\$ 125.00

6 game packets \$24.00
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 CHICKEN OR BEEF NACHOS...\$13.00
 SHRIMP NACHOS...\$14.00
 VEGGIE NACHOS...\$11.00

Live! at the Lodge
 Every Thursday • 5:30–8:30 pm
 Cookout food available for purchase 5–7:30
 50/50 raffle – Drawing at 7:00 • Bring a lawn chair!
 Event will move inside in the case of rain.

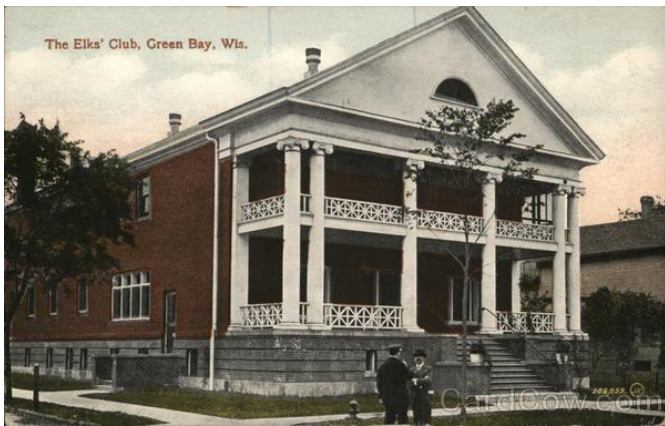
Lineup

June 1	Jackie Marie
June 8	Back to Back
June 15	Shekinah
June 22	Marcy & The Highlights Trio
June 29	Char and Donnie B
July 6	Jackie Marie
July 13	Marcy & The Highlights Trio
July 20	Back 40
July 27	Bad Habit
August 3	Rusty Bumper
August 10	Shekinah
August 17	Marcy & The Highlights Trio
August 24	Jackie Marie
August 31	Back 40

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Notice: At the August 9th Membership Meeting, we will adopt new Bylaws and House Rules.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Early in 1893 a group of twenty-eight young men, residents of Green Bay, banded together for the purpose of establishing an Elks Lodge. On March 15th they received their charter as Green Bay Lodge #259. Its first meetings were held at the Knights of Pythias Hall in the Duchateau Building on Main Street. In 1902 the lodge moved into its own building on the corner of Jefferson and Cherry Streets. This was the first Elks clubhouse built in the state. By 1939 the membership had grown and the Lodge needed more room, but it would be another 20 years until the Green Bay Elks would move to a larger facility. Located at the corner of South Adams and Crooks Streets, the modern two-story building costing \$200,000 was dedicated on November 7, 1959. It would remain the home for the Green Bay Lodge until 1995 when the lodge moved to its present location at 3195 S. Ridge Rd.

JOHN S. HOBBS



John Suhr Hobbs was born in Madison on February 25, 1904, the son of William James Hobbs and Bertha Beatrice Suhr. He was a scion of two of Madison's most distinguished pioneer families. His grandfather, John J. Suhr, founded the American Exchange Bank. His great grandfather, William Hobbs, and his great uncle, Joseph Hobbs, were prominent physicians.

John attended Madison (Central) High School and graduated with a BA degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1926. While there he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and captain of the varsity baseball team. He also attended UW Law School for one year. Later in life, he would become a member of the University's Board of Visitors and a director of the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association.

1904-1963

Exalted Ruler

1948-1949

John's first employment was as an auditor with the Anaconda Mining Company in Montana. During that time he married Margaret Mary Perham in Butte on May 10, 1930. In 1936 he and his wife moved to Madison where he worked at the American Exchange Bank for the rest of his life.

Hobbs like so many in his family was a community leader, serving as treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, chairperson of the Cancer Crusade, treasurer of the Wisconsin Mental Health Association, and as director of the United Givers (United Way). In 1956 he ran for Mayor, losing to Ivan Nestingen. John Hobbs was also president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and president and treasurer of the Dane County Conservation League. In 1948 he was elected Exalted Ruler of the Madison Elks Lodge.

Hobbs was also an avid sportsman and onetime president of the Maple Bluff Country Club. He died on August 13, 1963, at age 59. His wife, Margaret died in 1983. They are buried in Madison's Resurrection Cemetery. The couple had three children, a son and two daughters.

[A personal note: When my family moved from Madison in 1961, John and Margaret Hobbs purchased our house at 309 Del Mar Dr.]

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our committee continues to meet monthly to work on projects to improve our lodge.

We wish to recognize Dan Nardi and Jon Jenson who volunteered to replace a large section of drywall in the lower level men's bathroom and paint the entire room. The ceiling had suffered some damage from a valve leak in the bathroom above. Everything is repaired and looking great.

We also wish to recognize LaVerne Schwengel, Dave Gillette, and Maria Antoinette for keeping our yard and flowers watered and looking beautiful. Our well-attended Thursday night concert series has been a great success and the beautiful grounds only make it nicer.

As a cost-saving measure, our committee is taking on the tasks of cleaning windows and fertilizing our lawn. We have discontinued hiring these tasks out. This action will save our lodge \$1,700 annually.

Lodge member and retired electrician Dan Rustick will coordinate replacing all the recessed lighting in the lower level. The old light fixtures were failing. The lodge membership voted in July to spend \$1,200 to replace all the fixtures and dimmer switches so the lights would work properly.

Finally, we are close to completing our purchase of two new boilers to heat our lodge. We are fortunate to have several very knowledgeable members in our lodge who are assisting with the evaluation of bids from several local HVAC vendors. Approval for one of the bids will come before the membership at our August membership meeting.

Our committee is focused on saving costs and improving our lodge for our members and guest to enjoy. Members are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings. We typically meet at 6 p.m. each month just before the monthly membership meeting which starts at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com.



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- 3 Andy Arians
- 4 Christine Barbian, Charles Hoornstra, Clayton Nelson, Gregory Sweeney, Tim Wood
- 6 Denise Holmes
- 7 Michele Boyle, Jerome Hill
- 8 Joel Plant, Charles Wills
- 9 Mary Bandt, James Sielehr, Jeff Staver
- 10 Steven Anderson, Jeffrey Dvorak
- 11 Brenda Lowe, Karin Wolf
- 12 Mike Hellenbrand, Ernesto Lazo, Todd Utter
- 13 Stephen Kraus
- 14 Leroy Ebert, Joyce Rolnick
- 15 Al Meyer, Carol Rohde
- 16 Gale Bender, Fred Jaeckle
- 17 Richard Pirkl, Craig Smith
- 18 Jan Legler
- 19 Mark Deadman, Anthony Morello, Austin Streeper
- 20 Ralph Murphy
- 21 Ross Molot

- 22 Cari Anne Renlund
- 23 Alexandra Collins, Gary Spaeni
- 24 Eric Engen, Adam Freeman, Charles Rolfsmeyer
- 26 Bruce Croushore
- 27 Nicole Paulson, Thomas Rivers, Donald Wiebe
- 28 James Abderholden, David Degenhardt
- 29 Philip Gilbertson
- 30 Pat Cornwell
- 31 June Bokovitz, Jack Garver, Benjamin Tinker, Sharon Twing

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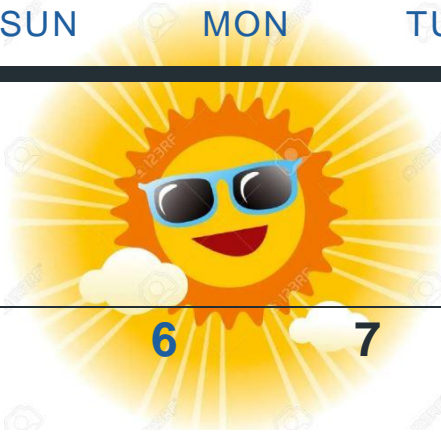
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			1	2	3	4	5
				Live @ the Lodge: Rusty Bumper			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
			Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 p.m. / Euchre, 5:45 p.m.	Live @ the Lodge: Shekinah	Lois at the Piano, Dining Room Sessions	Euchre, 3:30 p.m. Sessions	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
			Music Bingo, Bar, 6 - 8 p.m. Sessions	Live @ the Lodge: Marcy & The Highlights Sessions			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
			Euchre, Wis. Rm., 5:45 p.m.	Live @ the Lodge: Jackie Marie	Lois at the Piano, Dining Room Orton Park Fest.	District Workshop, Janesville Orton Park Fest.	
27	28	29	30	31			
Orton Park Festival				Live @ the Lodge: Back 40			

Mark your calendar...

September 6, from Noon until 5 p.m. is the Blood Drive at the Lodge! Please make an appointment here:

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Photo by Jim Schuessler

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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