



# ELKLINER

NOVEMBER 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.*

## ELKLINER

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## REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER

We will entertain the Wisconsin Elks Association President Karl Hanke and his wife Annie on Sunday, November 5th in true Scennie style. We will have a special Packers game day buffet (\$10) and meat raffle at halftime. More information is found on the back page. If you would like to make reservations to attend, please contact the [secretary@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:secretary@madisonelkslodge.org). On Saturday, November 11th, as we do each year, we will host a Veterans Day Breakfast from 9 until noon. Veterans, active-duty military and first responders eat for free and everyone is welcome! The cost of the buffet is \$15 for nonveterans. On Saturday, December 9th our resident Santa Claus (a/k/a Esquire Patrick Fitzpatrick) will visit the Lodge. Children of all ages are welcome to have their photo taken with Santa, but we ask you to bring an unwrapped gift to donate to Toys for Tots. This will be the last date we will accept donations. Until then, they may be dropped off in the box outside the secretary's office anytime you come to the clubhouse.

During November we will continue to offer live music every Thursday night (except Thanksgiving) in the bar between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. The list of bands is on page 3. As usual, Music Bingo takes place on the 3rd Wednesday, and euchre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays as well as the 2nd Saturday of the month (see the calendar).

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**By Laura MacIsaac, Capital Campaign Chair & Chaplain**

At our September membership meeting, a comment was made that "thanks" to our donors was long overdue. I totally agree! Having recently volunteered to take over the Capital Campaign to help raise funds for the many ongoing issues with our aging building, I am so pleased to acknowledge the generosity to date of our members listed below. If you find that you donated and do not see your name here, please reach out to me at [elelsea@gmail.com](mailto:elelsea@gmail.com) to correct the record so that I can share your contribution in next month's newsletter.

This campaign is not a "one and done." Ongoing commitments are needed to keep our aging building running smoothly. Your ongoing support thus far is greatly appreciated and in the coming months I will keep asking you all to continue helping. Your donations will be tax deductible and we are working on the ability to make recurring donations. I will keep you posted.

Don't forget: **CHARITY**, Justice Brotherly Love & Fidelity. Elk Care, Elks Share!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

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*\$501-\$1,000*

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*\$1,001-\$2,500*

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## 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** (1994-1996)  
**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

Every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday from  
6pm - 8pm



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** \$24.00  
**Single sheets for games 3-6** \$5 each

**50/50 Raffle Tickets**  
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

## 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

### Fall Lineup

10/12 Rusty Bumper  
10/19 Back 2 Back  
10/26 The Steve and Mark Band  
11/02 Back 2 Back  
11/09 Shekinah  
11/16 The Steve and Mark Band  
11/30 Back 2 Back

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## VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY  
MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS  
EAT FOR FREE!

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KIDS AGE 5-7, \$7 - UNDER 5, FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

MADISON ELKS LODGE #410  
711 JENIFER ST. MADISON, WI 53703



SPREAD THE WORD,  
INVITE A VET!

## POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



*Photo of the back of the new clubhouse pictured in the March 15, 1965, Capital Times. The caption states, "...workmen rushed to complete the structure for Saturday's event - the initiation of 73 new members." This initiation on March 20th was the first held at the new facility and would be the largest group ever initiated by the Madison Lodge. That year the membership numbered over 1,500 and would peak at over 2,000 in 1989. The new clubhouse opened a little less than a year after the ground breaking the preceding April. At the official opening and installation of the cornerstone on March 28, 1965, the kitchen and lower level remained unfinished. About twenty years later, the appearance of the building changed dramatically when both the front and back were extended, enclosing the open arcades.*

## JAMES JOYCE



1915-1999

Exalted Ruler

1962-1963

James Joyce, the son of John Harry Joyce and Erma Mary Kitson, was born near Richland Center, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1915. His great grandparents emigrated from Ireland and were pioneer settlers of Richland County. After graduating from Richland Center High School, James moved to Lancaster, Wisconsin, to learn how to become a mortician. He married his lifetime sweetheart, Avis Lillian Weeden, on February 18, 1941. In April of the same year, he was inducted into the U.S. Army, but was released in the fall and returned in Wisconsin.

Two years later, the Army told Joyce to report to Air Corps training in Georgia where he made his first solo flight. He then went to Arkansas to learn how to fly twin-engine planes at high altitudes. Second Lieutenant James Joyce received his wings in the United States Army Air Corps on August 30, 1943. Early in 1944 he was shipped off first to North Africa and then to Italy where he flew B-24 heavy bombers.

After flying over 50 bombing missions and surviving both a crash landing and injury from flak, Lt. Joyce considered himself a lucky man. In 1944 just having received the Distinguished Flying Cross, he briefly visited his wife in Madison before returning to duty. John boarded the Dixie Flyer in Chicago to take him back to his outfit in Miami. At about 2 a.m. on September 14 near Terre Haute, Indiana, the passenger train collided head on with an express mail train. Twenty-two air veterans were killed and 40 critically injured. Joyce escaped from the crash unscathed.

After the war James and his wife Avis settled in Madison. He was a commander of Post 134 of the American Legion and belonged to both the Forty and Eight Veterans Organization and the Knights of Columbus. Joyce was a lifetime member of Madison Elks Lodge #410 and elected Exalted Ruler in 1962. He loved observing Flag Day at the Lodge and letting others know that the B.P.O.E. were responsible for establishing the June 14 holiday.

James and Avis Joyce had five sons and one daughter. He died on January 14, 1999, and his wife died on December 18, 2009. They are buried in Resurrection Cemetery.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

This past month the Building and Grounds Committee completed its annual fall cleanup of the exterior of the property. LaVerne Schwengel organized a team of volunteers to tidy up the Lodge grounds. In addition, they removed the concrete table and benches from the east end of the lawn. This will allow for the better utilization of space for outdoor events. The intention is to relocate the removed seating next to the other table at the west end of the lawn. The committee wants to thank Bill Herman, Ed Kinney, Dianne Redsten, Fred Kinney, Jim Schuessler and LaVerne Schwengel for their work.

We also want to thank Maria Antoinette Cannarella and Karen and Ed Bosold who cleaned the window blinds in our upper bar and dining room. It was long overdue and the space looks much better for it! Special thanks also go to Dan Nardi for installing another set of shelves in our lower level bar area. The added shelving goes a long way in keeping the Lodge organized for our staff to better serve our members. Thanks also go to Tom Bennell for repairing a faulty plumbing valve in one of our bathrooms.

The Building and Grounds Committee also oversaw several professional services including window caulking by Martin Glass, dishwasher repair by Solvit, refrigeration repair by Just In Time Refrigeration, lawn aeration by Seasonal Solutions, and Kitchen Hood Cleaning by Ellingson Pro-Clean.

Finally, the committee had a fun time decorating the bar and dining room for Halloween. We look forward to decorating for other holidays as well. (If any member would like to join in, please email me and I'll add you to the notices for the next opportunity.)

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our Lodge facility 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](mailto:jschuessler@starkhomes.com) or call/text 608-445-0766.



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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Eric Collins, Curt Roeming
- 2 Darrell Fleming
- 3 Samantha Rae, Virgil Simley
- 4 Lance Lattimer, Jeremiah Mathews
- 7 David Lombardo, William Phillips
- 8 Betsy Bazur-Leidy, Randy Hellenbrand, Don Kieler
- 9 Mike Moran
- 10 Richard Entenmann, Anita Krasno
- 11 Frederick Kinney, Leslie Marshall
- 12 Tino Balio, Cynthia Schuster
- 13 Susi Haviland
- 14 Jeffrey Knupp, Roger Rohde
- 15 Michelle Braithwaite, Donald Campbell, Marcy Heim, Harland Klagos, Justin Sutherland
- 16 Charles Karpelenia
- 17 Jamie Kuhn, David Polley
- 18 Cornelia McDermott, Eric Schultz
- 19 Dennis Kruger
- 20 Dawmeme Hassett, Steven Seeliger,

- Brad Zeman
- 21 Michael Finley
- 22 Brian Jarecki
- 23 Robert Baggot, Ralph Brown, Yogesh Chawla, Timothy Cornelius, Samia Shalabi, Thomas Unke
- 24 Harvey Alexander, Robert Vanden Burgt
- 26 James Orlando
- 28 Catherine Birkholz, Ryan Endres, Neva Lafleur, Mike Paulus, Audrey Polencheck
- 29 Jared Anderson
- 30 Don Faith, Daniel Scott Goff, Sean Jindrich

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Karl Bryan
- Glen Fischer
- Leslie Marshall
- Karen Moon
- Cynthia Schuster



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May your Thanksgiving  
and year bring  
abundance and joy.



# NOV 2023

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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## VETERANS DAY



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🎵 Back to Back  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Private Event,  
Lower Level  
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WEA President  
Brunch  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Ⓢ

Lodge Meeting,  
Lower Level,  
7 p.m. / Euchre,  
Wisconsin Room,  
5:45 p.m.

🎵 Shekinah  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

🎵 Lois at the  
Piano,  
Dining Room

**Veterans Day**  
Breakfast,  
9 a.m.-Noon  
Euchre, 3:30 p.m.

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Music Bingo,  
Bar,  
6 - 8 p.m.

🎵 The Steve &  
Mark Band  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

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Euchre,  
Wisconsin Room,  
5:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving



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🎵 Back 2 Back  
5:30-8:30 p.m.



### Badgers

- Nov 4 @ Indiana 11 a.m.\*
- Nov 11 vs. Northwestern TBA
- Nov 18 vs. Nebraska TBA
- Nov 25 @ Minnesota TBA\*

### Packers

- Nov 5 vs. Rams 12 noon\*
- Nov 12 @ Steelers 12 noon\*
- Nov 19 vs. Chargers 12 noon\*
- Nov 23 @ Lions 11:30 am

\*Game televised at the Lodge. Bar opens ½ hour before kickoff. 🎵 Live music at the Lodge

**A Very Special**  
**PACKERS**  
**SUNDAY**

**November 5th**

**In Honor of WEA State President Karl Hanke**

<b>10 am:</b>	<b>Bar Opens</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:30 am:</b>	<b>Buffet Brunch</b>
<b>11:30 am:</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>12 noon:</b>	<b>Packers vs Rams</b>
<b>Halftime:</b>	<b>Meat Raffle</b>

**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](mailto: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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