



ELKLINER

SEPTMEBER 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

I hope all of you had a great summer! As you know, mine wasn't so great after fracturing my left knee on June 12. The good news is that I was able to attend the August board and membership meetings on the 13th. It felt so good to get back to the Lodge. I am tottering around on crutches now, which allows me far more mobility than the wheelchair did – I've even been driving my Mustang convertible!

Our big event coming up this month is Elktoberfest on Sunday, September 7. Have you signed up to help out that day? It's a huge fundraiser for us and it takes a lot of volunteers. I hope to help staff the ticket table that day, but we need people to help set up and tear down, sell 50/50 raffle tickets and pretzels, among other things. Please consider spending a couple of hours helping out at this important event. In addition to feeling good about volunteering, you'll meet other dedicated volunteers and have a great time partaking of all the event offers. There will be no free food for volunteers for this special event, but you will get a free drink! You should have received an email with a link to the volunteer portal, or sign up [HERE](#).

There are some events coming up in November that we are funding with our Elks National Foundation grants. We will be hosting a Custom Canines fundraiser on November 23. I hope many of you had a chance to meet Bee, a Custom Canine trained by our own Lynn Aspinwall to be a service dog for a Veteran. We are sponsoring another dog, named Elroy. Elroy the Elk was a mascot for the Wisconsin Elks Association, so we are thrilled that we can resurrect him! We will also be hosting a Stand Down Madison event for homeless Veterans, which will also provide information on a variety of services available to Veterans.

Every year, our State President and First Lady as well as other Wisconsin Elks Association dignitaries visit our Lodge. The last couple of years, we have hosted them on a Packer Sunday with a brunch followed by a noon Packer game. These have been very popular and it's a great opportunity to get to know

some of our state leaders. The date this year is November 2, so mark your calendar!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Elktoberfest on September 7!

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are almost halfway through the fiscal year (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026). We have spent considerable effort to improve our numbers from last year. Not only have revenues in the dining room and bar improved from last year, but we have seen an increase in the number of applications for new members. Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to sponsor a new member! We especially encourage new members to ask a friend, family member, or work colleague to join the Elks. More information about joining the B.P.O.E. and a membership application can be found on our webpage [HERE](#).

Membership does indeed matter since more members mean more revenue. This will allow us to continue to make improvements to our infrastructure that all of us want to see and enjoy.

Please keep up the good work! Also, please consider a tax deductible donation to the Capital Campaign as the end of the tax year quickly approaches.

We still have about 70 members who have not paid their dues for this fiscal year – lower than at this time last year, but still too high. If you have not paid your dues for this year, we encourage you to do so. If you ever have a problem paying your dues or want to request an Absolute Demit – in essence, put your membership on hold – please contact the secretary:

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



An illustration of the Capital House, from the 1858-1859 Madison City Directory. This first-class hotel opened in 1853 at the corner of Main Street and Monona Avenue (now Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard). Constructed of native sandstone, it was for many years considered the city's finest hotel. It served as a temporary clubhouse for Madison Elks #410 until a permanent home was erected a block away in 1902.

NELS A. LADD

1870 - 1950

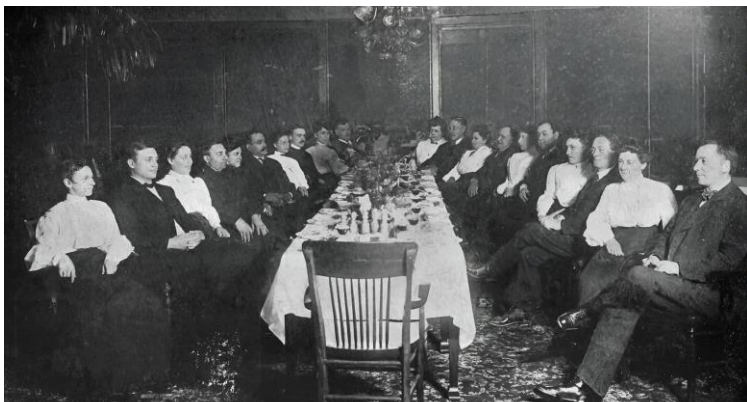
Exalted Ruler

1898

Nelson Albert "Nels" Ladd was born in the town of Pleasant Springs, Wisconsin, on March 11, 1870, the son of Erik Ericksen Ladd and Bertene Nelson Barentson. His parents were born in Norway and immigrated to the United States in 1852.

Ladd moved to Madison as a young man and was involved in the management of both the Capital House and the Capital Hotel. He was a justice of the peace, served on the city's fire and police commission, and ran for the state assembly 1902. Nels was an officer in the Knights of Pythias, a director of the Independent Scandinavian Workingmen's Association, and a member of the Woodsmen of the World and the Madison Skat Club.

In 1898 Nels Ladd married Christine Huppeler. In January of that same year, he and several other young businessmen met with William De Steese of Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57 to discuss establishing an Elks Lodge in Madison. On March 11, 1898, Elks Lodge #410 was installed as the newest chapter of the B.P.O.E., becoming the largest



The Jolly Corks Bowling Club in 1904

Lodge in the state (an honor we hold to this day). Initiation of the Madison members took place that afternoon at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Nels Ladd was appointed Madison's first Exalted Ruler. A lavish banquet followed at 11 p.m., held at the Capital House. Two weeks later on March 26th, officers were elected for the coming year with George W. Levis selected Exalted Ruler and Nels Ladd the representative to the Grand Lodge. Ladd also served as treasurer and was an avid member of the Jolly Corks Bowling Club.

Nels Ladd moved to Austin, Texas, in 1910 where he owned the Avenue Hotel and the Hancock Hotel. He died there on September 20, 1950, and is buried with his wife in Austin's Mount Calvary 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**

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Carol Rohde



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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 \$25.00
Single sheets for games 3-6 \$5 each

**50/50 Raffle
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**\$5.00 each or 5 for
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Madison Elks Lodge #410
711 Jenifer Street
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Madison Elks #410

LIVE @ THE LODGE!

Every Thursday 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Live music will take place in the upstairs bar!
Full menu available 5:00 - 9:00 pm
50/50 Raffle - Drawing at 7pm

Back 40

Get ready to sing along with
Heather and Dave to all you favorite
oldies and country songs!

04

SEPT

11
SEPT

Remember with Randy

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featuring artists such as Buddy Holly, Roby
Orbison, Ricky Nelson, Elvis Presely, Chuck
Berry and many more!

The Steve and Mark Band

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hits of folk, country rock and rock with
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Bring your dancing shoes!

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SEPT

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped move furniture to allow for our biannual carpet cleaning. It took less than an hour each day to move the furniture off and then back on the carpet. Many hands make light work!

We've had several expensive repairs this past month. Two of our kitchen refrigeration units needed maintenance to the tune of \$2,800. We have quality equipment, but maintenance is to be expected on any mechanical equipment over time.

We also had a couple minor plumbing leaks that we've been meaning to address and finally did so this month. Repairs were completed for \$1,800.

We also updated our Wi-Fi system. It was long overdue. Now we have a strong Wi-Fi signal not only for our members and guests to use but necessary for our new POS (point of sale) system. This computerized system allows our staff to keep track of bar and dining sales and charge your credit card. We purchased handheld devices for our servers, and our kitchen staff will work off an electronic display. We are keeping up with the times!

Finally, just a reminder that we've got space left on our kayak rack for year-round storage for \$135. We also have a nifty kayak launch spot on the west pier. For more information, contact our Harbormaster, Brett Hulsey, bretthulsey1@gmail.com.

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 Lodge 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/text at 608-445-0766.



We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped remove and replace tables and chairs to allow for our biannual carpet cleaning. Pictured in the top photo are Jim Schuessler, Ritt Deitz, Steve Tinker, Bill Herman, Allison Cooley, David Lynett, and in the second photo are Carol Trone, Diane Milligan, Fred Kinney, Lois Hoornstra, Ed Kinney, Dan Hobson and Anita Krasno.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allister Cooley

Elktoberfest is right around the corner! Sunday, September 7th is this year's date for the much anticipated return of the Freostadt Alte Kameraden German Big Band, Oktoberfest brews, and a German-style buffet will make you say "Ein Prosit!" [Tickets are on sale now at this link!](#) Reserve a table for guaranteed seating.

Our Thursday music series returns in September with Back 40 on September 4, Remember with Randy on September 11, The Steve & Mark Band on September 18, and finally, Rusty Bumper on September 25. Stop by for happy hour and stick around for the music!

The Committee is planning some returning events and a few new events for this fall. On September 18th we will be starting a new "casual cards" night which will be monthly on the 3rd Thursday through November. The dining room opens at 5 p.m. and cards will start at 5:30 p.m. If you're interested in learning euchre (or other card games) in a noncompetitive environment and doing some socializing along the way, this night is for you!

This fall will see a Saturday performance of the East High Jazz Band, a performance by the Jazz Ahead band, a Paint 'n Sip Night, televised Packers games, several fundraisers, and wine tastings. Look for more information about these fun events soon.

The Entertainment Committee wants your expertise and ideas! **Join us for an in-person meeting Thursday, September 11 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Wisconsin Room.

The volunteers that have made all these events possible, and whom we acknowledge with thanks from the bottom of our hearts, are: Alan Maly; Alex Dogaru; Allison Cooley; Alyce Nardi; Anita Krasno; Ann Braithwaite; Audrey Martino; Ben Hagen; Bev Fergus; Bill Herman; Billy Daniels; Carol Trone; Christopher Klinge; Chuck Deadman, Jr.; Chuck Deadman, Sr.; Dan & Deb Rustick; Dan Curd; Dan Hobson; Dan Nardi; Dave Lynett; David Luner; Deven McGlenn; Diane Milligan; Don Geier; Donald & Shirley Shillinglaw; Ed Kinney; Fred Kinney; Gail Baerwolf; Heidi Herziger; Jeff Kingston; Jeff Twing; Jim Schuessler; Jody Ramussen; John Skillrud; Joyce Maly; Kathy Carl; Kathy Unger; Kris Gordon; Larry Jensen; LaVerne Schwengel; Linda Fobes; Lindsey Lee; Lois Hoornstra; Lu Vail; Lynn Lee; Mary Bach; Michelle Braithwaite; Renée Lauber; Ritt Dietz; Robin Beal; Samantha Linden; Shari Twing; Steve Braithwaite; and Steve Tinker.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Merritt Deitz
- 2 Rich Falch, Ellery Jensen, Tya Lichtie, Nikole Neidlinger
- 3 Jon Boldebuck
- 4 Judith Trampf
- 5 David May, Virginia Morschauser, Ronald Wirth
- 6 Alan George Hembel, George Zagorski
- 7 Steven Doepke, Stephen Morton
- 8 James George Dulke, Chad Whiteside
- 9 Pat Richter
- 10 Jayme Anderson, Matthew Coogan, Stuart McIntosh
- 11 Mark Goff
- 13 Cliff Fisher
- 15 Jason Standish, Donald Taylor
- 16 Scott Bindl, Katerina Hartigan, Robert Maier
- 17 Samanta Johnson, Samantha Linden, James Roth
- 18 Chris Benson, Brett Clark
- 19 Chad Campanelli, Jane Lynaugh, Mark Twombly, Michael Vilbrandt

- 20 Kelsey Boyd
- 21 Frank Zawlocki
- 22 Frederick Bachmann, Michael Van Bronersky, Patrick McCormick, Patrick Ross
- 23 Rich Maahs, John Skillrud
- 24 George Carran, Carey Cress Fose, Joseph Hertel, Kaitlinn Thatcher
- 25 David Bruns, Bradley Butzlaff, Gerald Clark, Laurence Davies
- 26 Thomas Munz, Jane Wiedenbeck
- 27 Holly Cremer Berkenstadt, Jule Gehrig
- 28 Duane Faust, Zack Henderson
- 29 Joe Goodwin, Thomas Schmock
- 30 John Lien, John Moore, Bill White

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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

SEP 2025

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Labor Day

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Trivia,
6:30 pm

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Blood Drive,
noon - 5 pm
♫ Back 40,
5:30-8:30 pm

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WEA District
Workshop,
Waukesha

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Elktoberfest,
Noon to 8 pm

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Lodge Meeting,
7 pm
Euchre,
5:45 pm

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♫ Remember
with Randy,
5:30-8:30 pm

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♫ Lois at the
Piano
WEA Fall
Conference,
Appleton

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WEA Fall
Conference,
Appleton

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WEA Fall
Conference,
Appleton

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Music Bingo,
6-8 pm

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♫ The Steve &
Mark Band,
5:30-8:30 pm
Casual Cards,
5:30 pm

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Rosh
Hashanah,
Begins

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Rosh Hashanah,
Ends
Euchre,
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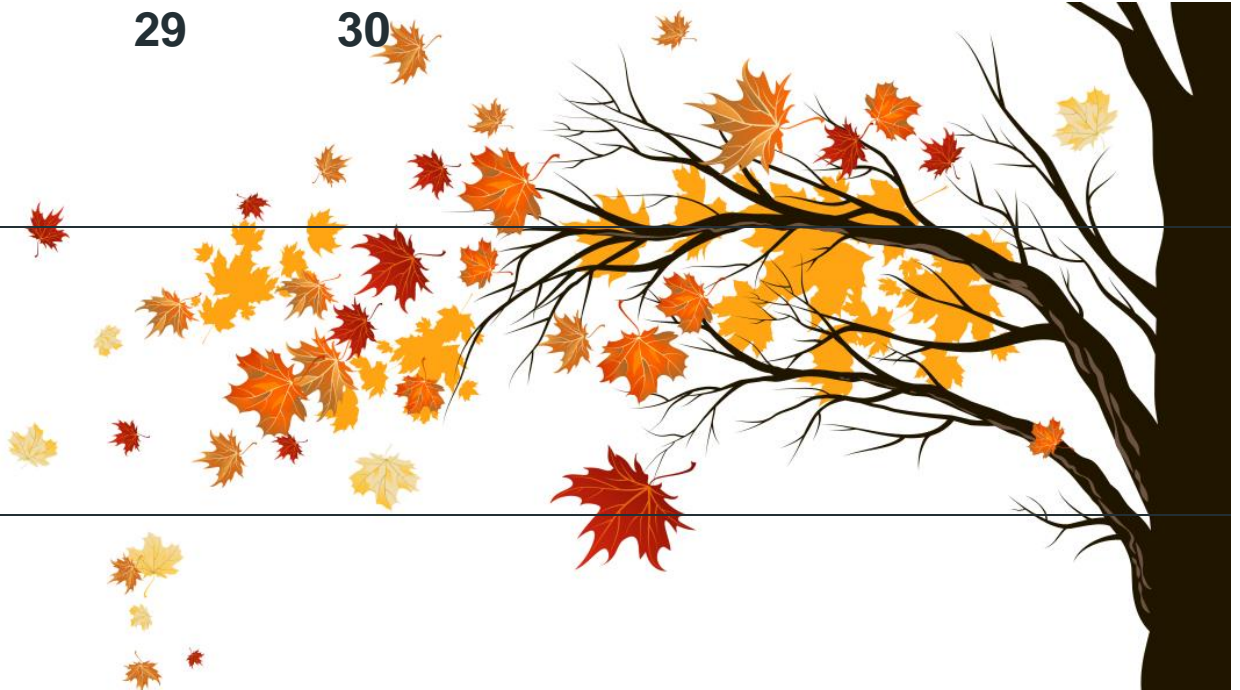
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SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

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.

SEEN AT THE LODGE



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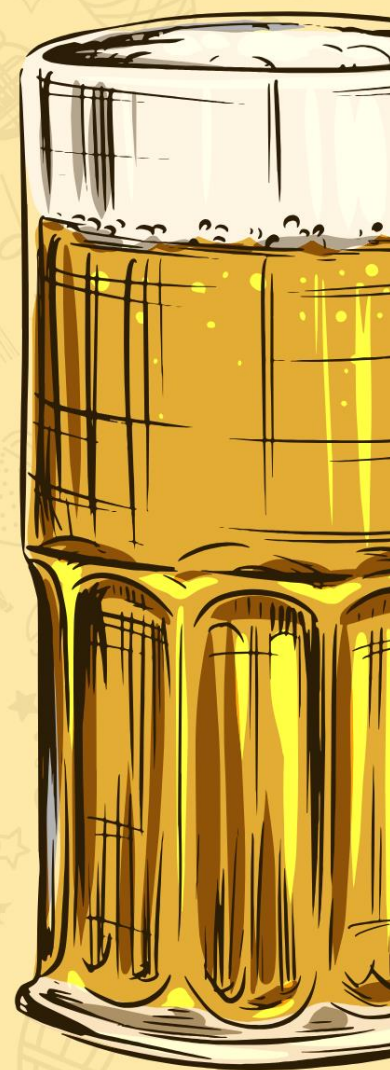


ELKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY, SEP 7
NOON-8PM

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Scan the code to buy tickets!



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

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