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MAY 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

As I write this, spring has arrived! I took my Mustang convertible out for a beautiful ride today! Looking forward to many more this summer.

Easter Brunch was very well attended. The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed it. There were lots of little kids there in their Easter finest – it was a joy to see! We have a Mother's Day Brunch coming up. You can make reservations online through this [link](#). The brunch is Sunday, May 11. We are also looking for volunteers to help out that day, monitoring the buffet, busing tables, and the many other tasks that go with putting on a big brunch.

We have lots of fun things coming up. First is our Kentucky Derby Party on May 3. The committee has been working hard to gather door prizes and items to raffle off that day. So, start designing your fancy hat and plan to attend!

The Entertainment Committee is continuing to book bands for Thursday Night Live @ the Lodge. We still have Trivia on the first Wednesday of the month, and Music Bingo on the third Wednesday.

The Wisconsin Elks Association is the nonprofit spotlight at the Mallards game on Friday, May 30th. Tickets are \$16 each and \$8 will be donated back to the Lodge. There will be a postgame drone show. If you cannot attend, please buy a ticket and we will donate it to a Vet! Last year, we were able to donate 25 tickets to Veterans thanks to your generosity. Our State President, Jeff Miller, will throw out the first pitch.

Our membership meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. You will learn a lot about how the Lodge operates, and we can answer any questions you have about how things are being done.

One of the perks of being the ER is I get to give awards to members whose work has stood out during the past year. This year's Officer of the Year is Lindsey Lee; one of our trustees who has stepped up to chair the House Committee and has been successful in getting very capable management in place for the bar and restaurant. Meadow in the restaurant (Cont.)

and Kaycie in the bar have taken a lot of the day-to-day tasks off of board members. Please thank them when you see them!

This year's Elk of the Year is LaVerne Schwengel. If you have attended any event that was staffed by volunteers, I can guarantee LaVerne was there, too. From the time she joined, she has been an active member, so she isn't just Elk of the Year, she could be Elk of the Decade. Congratulations, Lindsey and LaVerne!

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge, hopefully enjoying beautiful weather on our lakeside lawn!

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso



Lindsey Lee, Officer of the Year, 2024-2025.



LaVerne Schwengel, Elk of the Year, 2024-2025.

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New Members

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Friends to Join?

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



As proclaimed in the initiation ceremony, the Elks are a uniquely American institution. That said, you may be surprised to know that there are Elks Lodges outside the United States. Largest in number are the Elks of Canada with over 200 Lodges and more than 7,000 members. This organization is related to the B.P.O.E. of the United States through a shared history, although they are now a separate, independent organization. Inspired by the American organization, it gained its own distinct identity and governance structure in 1912. Despite this separation, the two groups have a friendly relationship. Outside of the 50 states there are B.P.O.E. Lodges in Guam, the Philippines, Panama Canal, and Puerto Rico.

Manila Elks Lodge 761 was established 114 years ago. Its historic clubhouse pictured here was built in 1910 and destroyed during World War II. The grand structure was advertised and considered then to be the finest American-owned facility in Asia. In 1949 a new building was erected on the original property. Today, Lodge 761 is located on the 7th floor of the Corinthian Plaza building in central Makati.



THOMAS A. WEBSTER

Thomas Alden “Tom” Webster was born in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of Thomas Benjamin Webster and Rose Alden Rathbun. His grandfather Thomas Webster emigrated from Cornwall, England, to Grant County prior to the Civil War. Tom, our P.E.R., attended Central High School and the University of Wisconsin. He married Jane MacKinnon Morrison on February 16, 1937. They had two sons, including Stephen, who is a Life Member of Madison Lodge 410.

For 27 years Thomas was a manufacturer’s representative for the building products industry. He was a lifelong Mason, a Worshipful Master of Commonwealth 325, a member of the Madison York Rites Bodies, president of the Madison Shrine Club and active in the Camel Patrol and Vets Patrol, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, recipient of the Red Cross of Constantine and the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and a charter member of the Four Lake Daylight Lodge 362. In the Scottish Rites he served as class guide for 20 years and was honored with the Henry L. Palmer Meritorious Service Award in 1981. Tom was also a Life Member of Madison Elks Lodge 410 and served as Exalted Ruler between 1960 and 1961. After his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling in their Winnebago mobile home.

Thomas Alden Webster died on July 22, 1993, in Madison and is buried with his wife in Forest Hill Cemetery.

1915 - 1993
Exalted Ruler
1960 - 1961

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our Spring Clean-Up Day occurred on April 26. Special thanks to the following volunteers who helped spread mulch, rake leaves and complete other tasks. Left to right in the photo: Lois Hoornstra, Jim Schuessler, Bill Herman, Jon Jenson, Diane Milligan, Katherine Davey, Carol Trone, LaVerne Schwengel, and Kristopher Steege-Reimann.



Our grounds look great, and we are ready for all to enjoy. None of this could have been done without the efforts of Elk of the Year LaVerne Schwengel who oversees our grounds and does all the planting in addition to a lot of heavy lifting.

We also want to recognize Mary Bach who donated 16 outdoor solar lights that we've placed along our lakefront. This also has made a beautiful impact.

Thanks also go out to Lynn Lee who has been decorating the Lodge for the holidays. In the past month he decorated the Lodge for Easter.

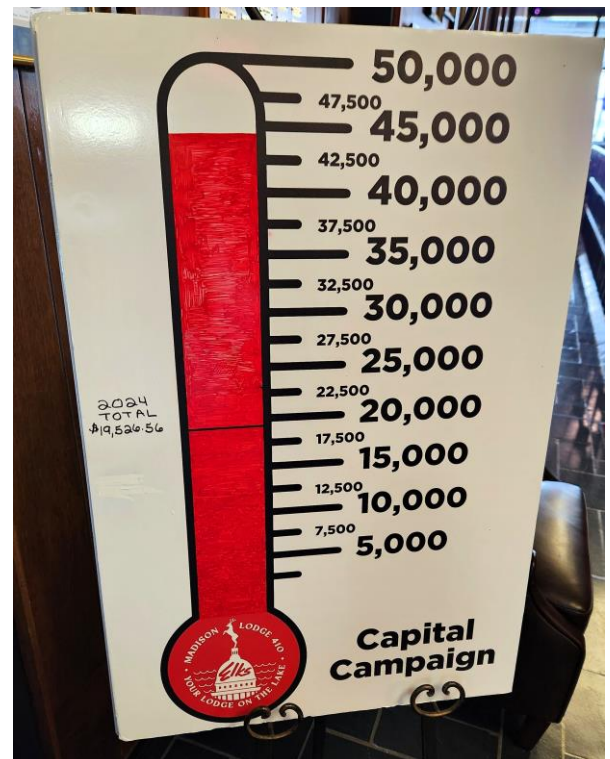
Our new kayak and paddleboard storage rack will be installed this month, and we still have vacant storage spots to rent. If you are interested in renting a spot, please contact our

harbormaster, Brett Hulseley, at bretthulseley1@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 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.

Thanks to a generous member who donated \$25,000 to the Lodge and wishes to remain anonymous, we are within reach of our current Capital Campaign goal of raising \$50,000! Please help put us over the top!



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

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Game 6	\$ 125.00

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Madison Elks Lodge #410
 711 Jenifer Street
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LODGE



5:30 - 8:30

5/1	Back 40 Get ready to sing along with Heather and Dave to all your favorite oldies and county songs!
5/8	EmmyLous With 3 layers of vocal harmonies on a backdrop of acoustic guitars, keyboard, and accordion, band members create tiered blends to songs both well-known and self written.
5/15	The Steve & Mark Band Expect biggest hits of folk, county rock and rock with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Bring your dancing shoes!
5/22	Dusty Road Expect songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's including songs by artists such as Jimmy Buffet, Johnny Cash, Beatles, and may others.
5/29	Rusty Bumper Popular crossover music (classic rock and country favorites) from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Bring your favorite requests!

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- 2 J. R. Sims, Richard Steinmann, John Topper
- 3 Christopher Dodge, Richard Lofgren, Bud Palac
- 4 John Cuccia, Michael Lizon, John Lorimer,
David Mahoney, Daniel Piorier
- 5 Kurt Arvold
- 6 Mike Euch
- 7 Justin Boid, Richard Fetherston
- 8 Becky Anderson, Ryan Mueller
- 9 William Heiser, Kerry McAllen
- 10 Traci Schroeckenthaler
- 11 Tom Koch
- 12 Douglas Bailey, Mary Lavine, Margaret Urban
- 13 Larry Chambers, Ginny Jenkins
- 15 Thomas Freitag
- 17 John Borchert, John Schmitt
- 18 Laura Claire Meffert
- 19 Darrell Braun, Patrick Rohde, Michael Verveer,
David Zweifel

- 20 David Gillette
- 21 Tamim Sifri
- 22 James Schroeckenthaler
- 23 Lynn Aspinwall, Kellen Lund, William Pharo
- 25 Deborah Friske, Pattie Meixelsperger
- 26 Tyler Ellisen, Jason Tobias
- 27 Dean Baumgardner, Richard McCutcheon
- 28 Patrick Arthurs
- 29 Zach Madden, Paul Van Amerongen
- 31 Stella Patten

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Chris Benson
- Matthew Coogan
- Jill Minshall
- Jonathan Putnam



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden

All these rain showers may bring spring flowers, but the Building and Grounds Committee members have been hard at work to beautify the clubhouse and lawn for the spring and summer. Come down for one of our many upcoming events to see their lovely work in person!

It will be the perfect background on Saturday, May 3rd for the Kentucky Derby Day party. Doors open at 3 p.m. and post time is 5:57 p.m. Come in your finest spectator wear and spring bonnets to enjoy some special Derby Day treats, pick your ponies, and peruse the raffle baskets donated by many thoughtful members. If you would like to donate items or a full basket, please reach out to Samantha at samantha.linden20@gmail.com.

The very next weekend, Saturday, May 10th, the Madison East High School Jazz Band will perform in the Lodge dining room from 7:30 – 9 p.m. Buy a table for four, six or eight (which includes tickets to the show) and come early to order off our new dining room menu. All proceeds from the event will benefit the jazz band.

The following day is the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11. Bring mom and the family down to the Lodge for the buffet-style meal – reduced pricing is available until Friday, May 9th, before prices goes up at the door!

Music Bingo returns on Wednesday, May 21, and the Wisconsin Elks Association Night at the Mallards returns on Friday, May 30th. Members will be at the game, selling 50/50 raffle tickets and staffing a booth with information about joining the Elks. Tickets for the ballgame are \$16 each and half is donated back to the Lodge. Please consider buying extra tickets to be donated to Madison-area Veterans. Last year we were able to donate 25 tickets thanks to your generosity. This year, we are hoping to double that! If you have any questions, please call or text Michelle at (608) 212-7722.

Two new events premier at the end of May and the beginning of June. Come to the Lodge on Saturday, May 31 at 11 a.m. to join Madison 410's first ever Cornhole Tournament! Teams will be drawn at 11:30 a.m. and competition begins at noon. This event will be on the lawn and held rain or shine! Thursday, June 5th is Paint and Sip Night. Painting instruction begins at 6 p.m. and this guided experience includes everything you need to take home your very own starry lake painting, plus your first drink from the bar is included. Tickets are limited so get yours soon!

Congrats to Aaron F., Chuck Y., and Ally D., for being the top three winners of the inaugural Elks Lodge March Madness Brackets. These winners battled their way to the top and came out victorious! Thank you to everyone who participated. All I can say is enjoy your time in the limelight for now, Aaron, Chuck, and Ally. You'll have to defend your titles next year – and I'm planning on actually paying attention to college basketball in the future so as not to end up in last place again!

The individuals who have volunteered recently are: Ann Braithwaite, Bill Herman, Carol Trone, Charles Duncan, Christina Raymer, Dianne Milligan, Don Geier, Don Swinton, Donald and Shirley Shillinglaw, Doug Christenson, Jason Standish, Jason Tobias, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, John Skillrud, Jon Jensen, Judy Karofsky, Katherine Davey, Kathy Unger, Kristopher Steege-Reimann, Larry Jensen, LaVerne Schwengel, Lois Hoornstra, Lu Vail, Lynn Lee, Michelle Braithwaite, Sherie Sasso, Steve Braithwaite, and Tiffany Tobias. The Elks and the Entertainment Committee thank you for all that you do!





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

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Instant Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Unsalted Nuts
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Milk
- Shelf-Stable Soy 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

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MAY 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

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Blood Drive,
12 - 5 pm
♫ Back 40,
5:30-8:30 pm

State
Convention,
Begins,
Appleton

Derby Day
Party,
3 pm

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State
Convention,
Ends

Trivia,
6:30 pm

♫ Emy Lous,
6-8 pm

♫ Lois at the
Piano

East High
School Jazz
Band,
7:30 pm

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Mother's Day
Buffet Brunch,
9:30 am -
1:30 pm

Lodge Meeting,
Lower Level, 7 pm
Euchre,
6 pm

♫ The Steve &
Mark Band,
5:30-8:30 pm

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Music Bingo,
Bar, 6-8 pm

♫ Dusty Road,
5:30-8:30 pm

♫ Lois at the
Piano

25



Memorial Day

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Euchre,
6 pm

♫ Rusty
Bumper,
5:30-8:30 pm

Mallards WEA
Day,
6:35 pm

Cornhole
Tournament,
11 am



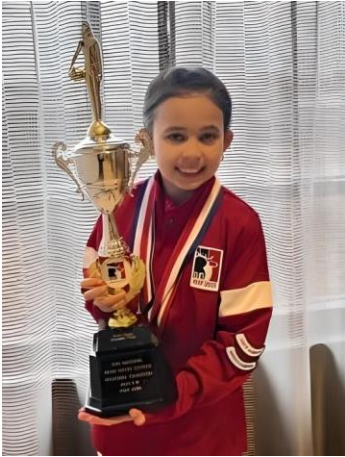
SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

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

Hoop Shoot National Finals, April 26, 2025 in Chicago

Elia Gress, representing Madison Lodge 410, came in 2nd in her division. Congratulations to Elia and her family!



Easter Buffet







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Madison Elks Lodge #410

Kentucky Derby

PARTY

SATURDAY

MAY

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2025

AT 3:00PM

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10TH

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Medallions
Honey Glazed Ham
Spinach Enchiladas
(vegetarian)
White Fish
Omelets (made to order)
Quiche
French Toast
Cheese Hashbrown Bake
Sausage Links & Smoked
Bacon
Biscuits & Sausage
Gravy
Macaroni & Cheese
Mashed Potatoes &
Gravy
Steamed Vegetables
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Desserts
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Wisconsin Elks Association

Friday, May 30th

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Lower Level Inside!

DATE

BAND

6/03/2025

MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO

6/10/2025

BACK 40

6/17/2025

DUSTY ROAD

6/24/2025

THE STEVE AND MARK BAND

7/01/2025

MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO

7/08/2025

BACK 40

7/15/2025

JACKIE MARIE

7/22/2025

PSYCHOSWANK

7/29/2025

REMEMBER WITH RANDY

8/05/2025

SUSIE AND RANDY DUO

8/12/2025

THE STEVE AND MARK BAND

8/19/2025

MARCY & THE HIGHLIGHTS TRIO

8/26/2025

BACK 40