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MARCH 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

Hi, everyone! You have received your dues statement for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and I hope you will renew right away. I have learned that if I put it aside to pay later, it sometimes gets lost in all the other mail I receive during the following days. You can pay online with a credit or debit card, or mail a check to the office. Payment is due by March 31, 2025, but it helps the office if you don't wait until the last minute. You also should have received your Spaghetti Dinner raffle tickets. The dinner is March 15. Please sell or purchase the 10 tickets you received. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and if we can make it a spectacular success, we might not have to come back to you every month for more donations. Well, we MIGHT not! Here is the SignUpGenius [link](#) to volunteer to work that day. Shifts are two hours each, and I guarantee you will have a great time. We have kept the price of the meal at \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids 6-12. It's been that price since I joined 15 years ago, so it's a real bargain! Please bring your family and friends.

Our new Lodge year starts April 1. Elections for Lodge officers were held February 26. I thank you all for entrusting me for another year as your Exalted Ruler. I could not do this job without the tremendous support of the rest of the Board of Directors. We have worked so well together this past year and I am pleased that our entire board will continue on next year.

At our last board meeting, we decided boosting membership was our number one goal for next year. We're looking at ways to encourage and reward current members who recruit new members. Growing our membership is the key to our Lodge's success. The more members we can get into the bar and restaurant and volunteering at our events, the stronger we will be. So stay tuned! Our Entertainment Committee has lots of fun events coming up. VO5 is returning for its annual Prom Night on March 8. The committee is planning another Kentucky Derby party on May 3 and more entertainment is on the horizon. This committee is a lot of fun, so if you are interested in getting more involved in Lodge activities, the Entertainment Committee is a good place to start. Let me know if you would like more information.

Thank you all for your support the past year and I look forward to continuing – with your help and our very capable board – the good trajectory we've been on! As always, if you have questions or concerns about the Lodge, please let me know. My email is sssasso@gmail.com and phone is (608) 444-1948.

In Elkdom,

Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Grand Lodge has mailed out dues statements for the coming fiscal year (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026). We have begun to mail out membership, spouse, and key cards to those who have paid. Please allow a couple of weeks for delivery by mail. Upon receipt, remember to sign your new cards. Please continue to use your GREEN key card until April 2nd when the locks will be changed and you will then need your new PURPLE key card. If you have any questions, please contact me at secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.

You can also pay for dues and pick up cards at the Lodge the day of the Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 15.

Letters and identification cards will be mailed to widows and widowers the second week in March.

If you never paid your dues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year that ends March 31, you will automatically be dropped for nonpayment of dues. If you are dropped there is a 60-day grace period when you can pay both the delinquent amount and your dues for 2025-2026 and automatically be reinstated. Otherwise, if you wish to return to our Lodge or join any other Lodge in the future, you will have to submit an application for reinstatement along with the \$50 fee.

Anytime you have questions about your membership, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Eila Gress from Madison won the State Elks Hoop Shoot Competition in her division and advances to the regional championships!

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The cornerstone of Madison Elks Lodge #410 was put into place on Sunday, March 28, 1965. Pictured in the photo are (in the foreground) Gay Swenson of Vogel Brothers Construction Company with (left to right) Governor Warren Knowles, Exalted Ruler Arthur Flood, Kenneth Sullivan, P.E.R., and Norman Kenney of the architectural firm of Graven, Kinney and Iverson.

After much discussion, on September 26, 1962, the membership voted to proceed with building a new home at 711 Jenifer Street. With 1,500 plus members, Madison Lodge #410 had outgrown its original downtown clubhouse, not to mention its lack of parking and air conditioning. The Building Committee's recommendation was to build a modern edifice on a parcel of land located on the shores of Lake Monona. On a vote of 170 to 43 the members accepted the proposal and agreed to sell its current location to the Bank of Madison for \$250,000.

After numerous delays in gaining city approval and the need to raise additional funds, finally on Sunday, April 6, 1962, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the 700-block of Jenifer Street. Ernest Burmeister was in attendance, the last surviving Madison Lodge #410 founding member. About a year later, the Madison Elks moved into their new home. The first event held at the new Lodge was an initiation on Saturday, March 13, 1965, though the lower level and kitchen remained unfinished for several months to come.

H. DOUGLAS REDSTEN



*1940 - 1995
Exalted Ruler
1991 - 1992*

Henry Douglas "Doug" Redsten was born on September 4, 1940, in Galesville, Wisconsin, the son of Henry Lester Redsten and Frances Flaharty. He was the grandson of Peder Johannes Nilsen Rodsten who emigrated from Norway to Wisconsin in 1902. Douglas graduated from Galesville High School in 1958 and attended the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse. On August 17, 1963 he married Dorothy Dianne Olerud with whom he had three children. That same year Douglas began his teaching career in Watertown, Wisconsin, followed by his employment at Madison Area Technical College two years later. At MATC (now Madison College) he served as a teacher, coach, athletic director, placement director and alumni foundation administrator. Among his many achievements there were to establish the first college transfer program and the first athletic program. In 1996 the Madison College gymnasium was named in his honor the H. Douglas Redsten Gymnasium. He was the first president of the Wisconsin Junior College Athletic Association and was among the first inducted into the Madison College Hall of Fame. He was an active member of Madison Elks Lodge #410, serving as Exalted Ruler from 1991 until 1992 and was selected Elk of the Year in 1980 and 1995. Douglas also served as the District Chairman for the Elks scholarship program.

H. Douglas Redsten died on February 25, 1995, and is buried in Highland Memory Gardens in Cottage Grove. His widow, Dianne, and son Mark are members of Madison Elks Lodge #410.



BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The renovation of the women's restroom on the lower level is done! See before and after photos below. We are pleased with the results and are hopeful that our banquet guests will find it a more pleasant environment. Thank you again to all those who contributed.

We are now moving on to finish the women's restroom upstairs.

We expect to have our new kayak and paddleboard storage rack installed by the end of March. If you are interested in renting a spot, please contact our Harbormaster Brett Hulsey at bretthulsey1@gmail.com.

A special thanks goes to member Lynn Lee who is touching up woodwork around the Lodge and generally making the place more attractive.

Also, the Building & Grounds Committee will be decorating the banquet space for the upcoming 70s Prom Night with VO5 on March 8. If you'd like to join the decorating crew, please contact me.

If you'd like to get involved with our committee projects, please reach out to me. It's a great way to build new friendships within the Lodge, and making it a nicer place for everyone to enjoy is enormously satisfying.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our facility for our members and guests. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text him at (608) 445-0766.



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

**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 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

Live! @ the Lodge!

Thursday's 5:30 - 8:30

3/6 Back 40

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

3/13 The Steve & Mark Band

Folk, country rock and rock with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's including artists like Neil Diamond, Jimmy Buffet, The Beatles and more... Bring your dancing shoes!

3/20 Marci & the Highlights

Classic Rock, country, Latin, blues, standards and much more. We love ALL music! What we love best – is playing music and entertaining! Join us for our fun TEAM DRINK!

3/27 Rusty Bumper

Popular crossover music (classic rock & country favorites) from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's. Bring your favorite music requests!

Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
Bring your team

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 James Boll, Daniel Leetz
- 2 Scott Arndt, Russell Christian, Douglas Swank
- 3 Diane Milligan
- 4 Rico Sabatini, Ray Wojtak
- 5 Fritz Carstens, Tim Geier, Andrew Johnson,
David Johnson, Robert Repenshek,
Steven Westphal
- 6 Catherine Coyle
- 7 William Flesch, J. Michael True
- 8 James Bachmann, Anthony Pullara, J. Shannon Riley
- 9 Charles Deadman, Jr.; Daniel Drye
- 11 James Henley, Jeffrey Kingston, Brent Ruhland
- 13 Benjamin Jedd, Daniel William Kelly
- 14 Kevin Karpelenia
- 15 Jon Jenson, Mary Louise Roberts, John Smail
- 16 John Yogerst
- 17 Beverly Fergus, Arick Harrier, Lauren Taylor,
Erin Wiedemann
- 18 Debra Oswald, Steve Thiel
- 19 Charles Deadman, Michael Steffen, Arthur Taggart
- 21 Leanne Tyska
- 22 Kimberly Wolf
- 23 Greg Bonnes
- 24 Ronald Ryan
- 25 John Gransee, John Sommers
- 27 Chad Basche, Richard Christenson, Roy Swenson
- 28 John Bannon
- 29 Charles Baumann, Dan Nardi
- 30 Daniel Clarke
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Allison Cooley & Samantha Linden

In March, we are celebrating a season of casual gathering. These quiet and cold winter months demand the warmth and laughter of friends to help us get through, and there is no better place than your Lodge on the Lake!

New Members as of December 2024 are encouraged to visit the Lodge on Wednesday, March 12 at 8 p.m. (following the membership meeting) for a beverage. This is the first New Member Night of 2025 and will feature some of the best the Lodge has to offer via food, drinks, and company.

If you find yourself seeking a more regular community of wonderful company, consider joining the Entertainment Committee for an evening meeting. We strive to be a welcoming and joyful group, and our biweekly meetings are easy to jump in and out of if you want to see if it might be the right fit for you. The Entertainment Committee meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m., every other Thursday. Our March meeting dates are March 6 and March 20.

March will also feature the return of VO5, the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, and a night to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Lodge building on Jenifer Street, which officially opened on March 28, 1965. Historic photos will be projected on the screen in the Wisconsin Room throughout March. Saturday, March 29 will feature a sweet surprise for members to enjoy with good company.

The Entertainment Committee is seeking advice and expertise on several potential events and gatherings. Do you (or someone you know) have experience with any of the following and would you be willing to lend us a hand in their planning? If so, reach out to Samantha at Samantha.linden20@gmail.com. We need your help!

- Hosting a Corn Hole Tournament
- Organizing a Paint and Sip Night
- Leading a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
- Collecting donations and putting together Raffle Baskets

The individuals who have volunteered recently are Ann Braithwaite, Chauncey Hunker, Dan & Deb Rustic, Dianne Redsten, Don Geier, Karen Moon, Kathy Unger, Kip & Margaret Marvin, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Lee, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Schmidtke, Steve Braithwaite, Traci Schroeckenthaler, and Zachary Henderson.

The Elks and the Entertainment Committee thank you for all that you do!

Esquire Paddy Fitzpatrick (a/k/a Santa) presents Marine Corps Corporal Caleb Fliermans a check for \$500, a donation from the Duck Committee to Toys for Tots.



ELKS LODGE
410

Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, March 15
4 to 8 PM

\$12 for Adults, \$6 for Children (6 to 12)



MAR 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

In like a lion, out like a lamb

2

3

Mardi Gras

4

Trivia,
6:30 pm

5

♫ Back 40,
5:30-8:30 pm

6

7

♫ VO5
8:30 p.m.

8

9

Daylight Saving
Time Begins

10

11

Lodge Meeting,
7 pm,
New Member
Night,
8 pm.

12

♫ The Steve &
Mark Band,
5:30-8:30 pm

13

♫ Lois at the
Piano

14

The Spaghetti
Dinner & Raffle
4-8 pm

15

16

St. Patrick's
Day

17

18

Music Bingo,
Bar, 6-8 pm

19

Spring Begins
♫ Marcy & The
Highlights Trio,
5:30-8:30 pm

20

♫ Lois at the
Piano

21

Euchre,
3:30 pm
Prime Rib
Special

22

23

24

25

Lodge Meeting,
7 pm

26

♫ Rusty
Bumper,
5:30-8:30 pm

27

28

Meat Raffle
Bar opens
2:30 pm

29

30

End of Elks
Fiscal Year

31





Meat Rabble



Saturdays in Jan, Feb, Mar., Apr.!

- ✓ 1/25, 2/22, 3/29, 4/26
- ✓ Bar Opens at 2:30 pm
- ✓ Raffle Begins at 3pm

Elks Lodge #410

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

Hirt Alpert & Meat Raffle









Madison Elks Lodge #410
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE
Saturday, March 15, 2025
4 – 8 p.m.

It will soon be time to enjoy what has been a Lodge tradition for more than 50 years. Please mark your calendar now and invite your family and friends to join you! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Its success depends upon your support and generosity. We ask for your help in three ways:

1. **Buy and sell raffle tickets.** The cost of the tickets are \$10 each and the drawing is for a cash prizes. Please keep the portion that says “keep this stub” and return the rest with your check to: Madison Elks Lodge, 711 Jenifer St, Madison, WI 53703.

WIN CASH!

\$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, five \$100 and twenty \$50 prizes will be given away.

2. **Volunteer to work at the event.** You will receive an email via SignUpGenius or you can sign up in the bar (shifts: 2-4, 4-6 or 6-8 p.m.).
3. **Come to the Lodge to eat spaghetti.** Non-members are welcome as well – please tell your friends!

Food will be served from 4 until 8 p.m. (the bar will be open until 10 p.m.). The raffle drawing will be at 8 p.m. and you do not need to be present to win. Dinner choices include:

Homemade Spaghetti & Meatballs (2) or an Italian Sausage (or plant-based sausage)
with Salad & Garlic Bread

\$12 for Adults, \$6 for Children (6 to 12)

Extra Meatballs \$1.50, Extra Sausage \$3

Cannoli \$4.75 Red Wine \$4 per glass

We intentionally keep the price low because we want to attract as many people as possible, including potential new members. More information about this event will be posted in the *Elkliner*, via e-mail and on Facebook during the coming days. **PLEASE BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AND COME TO THE SPAGHETTI DINNER! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! THANK YOU!**

Sherie Sasso
Exalted Ruler
Madison Elks Lodge #410