



ELKLINER

APRIL 2025 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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4 Year **Jim Schuessler**
5 Year **Tya Lichtie**

Membership meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and also the 4th Wednesday in February, March, and April.

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If you would like to submit something for publication or place an advertisement, please email:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Hello, spring! (As I write this, it doesn't quite feel like spring, but I have hope!)

And welcome back to our Snowbirds! You really should stop into the Lodge as soon as you unpack, because things have been improving all winter. We have Rotilio and Desmond in the kitchen, putting out delicious food in a timely manner. Meadow is our front of house manager and has been doing a great job. Kaycie is our bar manager and she has helped us get our liquor costs under control.

Many of these improvements are the result of a hardworking Board of Directors. And the best news is, they are all coming back for the next fiscal year. Thank you for putting your trust in me to be your Exalted Ruler for one more year. Phil Doll is returning as Leading Knight, Mike Verveer as Loyal Knight, and John Skillrud as Lecturing Knight. Dan Curd is staying on as Secretary (thank God!) and Renée Lauber is continuing as Treasurer (ditto!). All of our Trustees are returning, including Tya Lichtie, who was our one-year Trustee and will start over as a five-year Trustee. Thanks, Tya! The other Trustees are Jim Schuessler, Don Geier, Kristopher Steege-Reimann, and Lindsey Lee. This is a diverse group of people bringing many years of different backgrounds to the table. They are all dedicated to ensuring the Lodge will be a success. I'm excited for the next year!

Thank you to all of the many volunteers who worked at the Spaghetti Dinner on March 15. I wish I could thank you all individually. It was pretty hectic for the first couple of hours, but everyone was patient and everyone got to eat! Our raffle was very successful – thanks to all of you who sold your tickets. I don't have final numbers yet, but we had a great day!

The Entertainment Committee has a lot of fun events coming up, including another Kentucky Derby party on May 3. We are hosting our annual Easter Brunch on April 20 and our Mother's Day Brunch on May 11. Watch your inbox for making reservations and/or volunteering to help those days.

Speaking of volunteering, we are participating in the Marquette Neighborhood festivals again this summer. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down our booth, and work it to answer questions about who the Elks are and why people should join.

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and supported the Lodge!

\$600

- Karen Bosold

\$500

- Molly Lahr

\$400

- George Zagorski

\$300

- Joe Klein

\$200

- Sharon Vlack

\$100

- Kelly Mortrud
- Carey Karabis
- John Lorimer
- Amanda Weins
- Joanne Schadek

\$50

- Bob Gorsuch
- Mike Schmidtke
- Helen Duncan
- Jeff Blakley
- Kris Herman
- Bob McCarthy
- Eric Birrenkott
- Pat Ross
- Megan Leick
- Jim Kaeder
- J. R. Sims
- Debbi Thorstad
- Janet Ross
- Jackie Halverson
- Karen Wolf
- Tara Boyd
- Tim Umland

NO APRIL FOOL'S JOKE!

Beginning April 1st you will need your new purple key card to access the clubhouse. The green cards will no longer work and should be discarded. A reminder: if you have not paid your dues by April 1, you are considered delinquent and cannot attend meetings or functions at the Lodge. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Be prepared to show your membership card for 2025-2026.

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Often simply referred to as the Dome, B.P.O.E. #888 in Long Beach, California, once boasted the most spectacular Lodge in Elkdom. Construction for its new clubhouse began at 4101 E. Willow Street in 1960. Completed in 1963, it cost over \$2 million (about \$21 million today). This postcard is an aerial view taken in 1964. The 4-inch thick concrete dome served as a ceiling and provided exceptionally good acoustics for the 1100-seat Lodge room beneath it. In back was a vast patio with swimming pool, shuffleboard, barbecue and terrace. In the late 1980s membership plummeted and maintenance costs soared. The membership eventually voted to sell the property and merge with the Bellflower Elks Lodge. The building was demolished in 2012.

FRANK A. MAXWELL



1873 - 1958

Exalted Ruler

1928 - 1929

Francis Austin "Frank" Maxwell was born on January 17, 1873, in Hicksville, Ohio, the son of Isaac Miller Maxwell and Celestia Amanda Crary. After growing up in Hicksville, he began working for the railroad as a telegraph operator which took him to Grand Forks, North Dakota. There on September 20, 1911 he married Lottie Belle Tibbals. The couple would have two sons. By 1930 the family had moved to Madison where Frank was Chief Dispatcher for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. In 1932 he was elected city treasurer and served two terms. In 1938, 1940, and 1942 he unsuccessfully ran for mayor. Until his retirement he worked for the Wisconsin Life Insurance Company.

Frank Maxwell was active in many civic organizations and a president of the Madison Shrine Club and Madison Optimist Club. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Madison Elks Lodge #410, serving as Exalted Ruler from 1928 until 1929. He immensely enjoyed belonging to the Mozart Club. The organization was an all-male amateur singing group formed in 1901 and disbanded in 1958. During that time, the group gave over 200 concerts throughout southern Wisconsin.

Francis A. Maxwell died on December 31, 1958, at the Elks Home in Bedford, Virginia. His body was returned to Madison for an Elks funeral. He is buried with his wife in Forest Hill Cemetery.



The Mozart Club photographed about 1930. Frank is in the 2nd row from the bottom, the 4th person from the right.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

In the last couple months, our Lodge has made significant leaps forward in appearance.

The main level restrooms have been freshly painted and decorated thanks to member Lynn Lee. Along with Katherine Davey and Renée Lauber, Lynn also painted the pillars in our lower-level banquet room.

Additionally, Lynn Lee has been taking the lead on decorating for the holidays. Festive Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and now Easter decorations have never looked better at the Lodge.

Finally, we want to recognize the Duck Committee for purchasing 10 new, stackable plastic chairs to help our members better enjoy our lawn. Even if you aren't a pull-tab winner, by purchasing them you help the Duck Committee to make purchases like these new chairs.

Our focus will be the exterior of the building and grounds now that it's springtime.

Please consider joining LaVerne Schwengel and others for our annual Spring Cleanup at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

We'll be spreading mulch in the garden beds and doing other tasks to dress up our lawn. As usual, we'll have coffee and cookies!

Our new kayak and paddleboard storage rack will be installed any day now 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.

One pier is already installed and the other will follow soon.

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 from making it a nicer place for all of us to enjoy.

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

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Carol Rohde



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Every Month



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Game 2	\$ 50.00
Game 3	\$ 50.00
Game 4	\$ 75.00
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Game 6	\$ 125.00

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

**50/50 Raffle
Tickets**

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Madison Elks Lodge #410
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

**Live @ the
Lodge**
5:30 - 8:30
4/3 - Back 40
Get ready to sing along with
Heather and Dave to all your
favorite oldies and county songs!

4/10 - Susie & Randy Duo
Expect a variety of top tunes from the
past decades. Rock, pop, country and
more! Relaxing tunes that make you
want to sing and dance!

4/17 - The Steve & Mark Band
The biggest hits of folk, county 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!

4/24 - 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!

**Trivia
Night**

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- 2 Steven Hagen, Roxanne Johnson, Brian Kammerer, Margaret Moore, Dianne Redsten
- 3 Daniel Resnick
- 4 Kristin Chambers
- 5 William Hart, Judith Wilson
- 6 Blaise Besant, Rick Esser
- 7 Geoff Gaston
- 8 Thomas DiSalvo, Bonnie Frisch, Michael Knetter, John Thorstad
- 9 Bridget Esser, Ernest Horinek, Stephen Nelson, William Volker
- 10 Nicholas Orr
- 11 Molly Lahr, Frederick Langheim, Douglas Poole
- 12 John Daniels, Erik Taske, James Yockey
- 13 Eric Volkmann
- 14 William Baumgartner, Mario Russo, Raymond Tidd, Dennis Wagner
- 15 Matthew Fick, Peter Luther, Drew Rodysill
- 16 Kenneth Kleist, Michael Skala
- 17 Gary Peterson
- 18 Kevin Gorman, Joseph Kubesheski, Justin Randall
- 19 Joseph Bales, George David Brown
- 20 Kathleen Carl, Gary Gundlach, Kelly McCann, James Tjugum, Thomas Tuttle, Mary Lou Tyne

- 21 Meg Bowden, Henry Doane, Ricard Ottow, Sherie Sasso
- 23 Marla Eddy, Ted Heiser, Tom Hendrickson
- 24 Roberta Beal, Donna Ellis, Nathan Reuter
- 25 William Aspinwall, Mark Baumeister
- 26 David Bohl, Rick Symdon
- 27 Theresa Knight, James McGinn, Kristopher Steege-Reimann
- 28 Joseph Forward, Brett Hulsey, Joanna Jackman, John Marshall, Richard Medland, Kevin Pohlkamp
- 29 Duane Hendrickson, James Kaeder, Scott McDonell, Avicia West
- 30 Terri Griffiths, Daniel Kessenich

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Bethany Crombie • Merritt Dietz
- Allyson Duffy • Tyler Ellisen
- David Gorowitz • Judith Karofsky
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Allison Cooley & Samantha Linden

Madness is in the air at the Elks – March Madness, that is. Members are participating in a bracket challenge to see whose bracket is left standing as we get closer to the championship games (this author's bracket is doing great so far!). Join us for a Final Four watch party on Saturday, April 5 to root on the teams, enjoy some drink specials and other fun activities. See you there!

Looking ahead to May 3 which once again brings the fun of the Kentucky Derby to our very own Madison Kentucky home, the Elks Lodge! Come in your finest spectator wear and spring bonnets to enjoy special Derby Day treats, picking the ponies and watching the exciting races on our big screen TV.

New this year, on 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 4, 6 or 8, which includes tickets to the show. Come early to order off our new dining room menu. The link to purchase a table or individual tickets is on SignUpGenius and the Lodge's website, <https://www.madisonelkslodge.org>. All proceeds from the event benefit the Jazz band.

What events would you like to bring to the Elks? We've got great event spaces and wonderful volunteers that can bring your event to life. If you have an ideas, reach out to Samantha at Samantha.linden20@gmail.com or Allison at alliecool1@gmail.com. Here are some ideas looking for your help to make happen:

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

The individuals who have volunteered recently are Allison Cooley, Alyce Nardi, Anita Krasno, Ann Baumgarten, Ann Braithwaite, Bill Baumgarten, Brock Thatcher, Carol Ripp, Carole Trone, Chauncey Hunker, Christopher Klinge, Dan & Deb Rustick, Dan Curd, Dan Morse, Dan Nardi, Deven McGlenn, Dianne Redsten, Don Geier, Eric Gordon, Fred Kinney, Geoff Gaston, Greg Topoleski, Heidi Herziger, Jane Morse, Jay Roberts, Jeff Riley, Jim Schuessler, John Hylkema, Jon Purintun, Kaitlinn Thatcher, Kathy Unger, Kip & Margaret Marvin, Kris Gordon, Larry Jensen, Laura MacIsaac, LaVerne Schwengel, Leah Moore, Lindsey Lee, Lorrie Hylkema, Lu Vail, Lynn Lee, Lynn Riley, Margaret Elvekrog, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Mike Schmidtke, Mike Verveer, Neva LaFleur, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Pat Ross, Peggy Moore, Ray Tidd, Robin Beal, Ryan Hergenrother, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, Sonja Tidd, Steve Braithwaite, Theresa Knight, Tom Benell, Tya Lichtie, Zhaora Topoleski. The Elks and the Entertainment Committee thank you for all that you do!

Euchre

Playing Euchre is a great way to meet fellow Elks members. You get a new partner every game! Bring your friends.

Please sign up at the bar so we can ensure proper staffing!

Come for cards, stay for dinner!
Saturday features Prime Rib

\$5.00 per person Buy In
Prizes will be determined based on the number of entries

Saturday, April 12th
Register 3:00 pm – Play at 3:30 pm

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**FINAL FOUR
WATCH PARTY
@ ELKS LODGE**

SATURDAY

4/05

TIP OFF AT 6PM

**DRINK
SPECIALS
50 / 50
RAFFLE**

**GRAND
PRIZE
RAFFLE
DRAWING**



MADISON
ELKS LODGE #410

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20, 9:30-1:30pm

Advance Reservations

Adults: \$35 + Tax

Children 6-10: \$15+ Tax

Under 6: Free

At the door pricing:

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Children 6-10: \$18 +Tax



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CHEESE HASHBROWN BAKE
SAUSAGE LINKS & SMOKED BACON
BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY
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Elks Lodge #410

APR 2025

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

			1	2	3	4	5
		April Fools' Day Election Day New Elks Fiscal Year Begins	Trivia, 6:30 pm	♫ Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm			NCAA Final Four Party, Bar opens at 4:30 pm, tip off 6 pm
6	7		8	9	10	11	12
			Lodge Meeting, 7 pm	♫ Susie & Randy Duo, 5:30-8:30 pm	♫ Lois at the Piano		Passover Begins Euchre, 3 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Tax Day		Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 pm	♫ The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-8:30 pm		Elks District Workshop Lower Level, 10 am-1 pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Easter Buffet Brunch, 9 am - 1:30 pm Passover Ends	Earth Day		Lodge Meeting, 7 pm	♫ Rusty Bumper, 5:30-8:30 pm	♫ Lois at the Piano	Spring Cleanup, 9 am Meat Raffle, 3 pm Prime Rib Special	
27	28	29	30				

Think Spring!



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

VO5, Trinity Irish Dancers & Spaghetti Dinner















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Madison Elks Lodge #410

Kentucky Derby

PARTY

SATURDAY

MAY

3

2025

AT 3:00PM

HORSE RACE BETTING, HAT
PARADE, BASKET RAFFLE,
GAMES AND MORE!



Mother's Day BRUNCH BUFFET

Sunday, May 11, 9:30-1:30pm

Menu includes:

Bacon Wrapped Pork
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 &
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Steamed Vegetables
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