



ELKLINER

JUNE 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



OFFICERS

- Exalted Ruler **Sherie Sasso**
- Leading Knight **Jim Schuessler**
- Loyal Knight **Mike Verveer**
- Lecturing Knight **Audrey Martino**
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- 1 Year **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**
- 2 Year **Don Geier**
- 3 Year **Ritt Deitz**
- 4 Year **Judi Trampf**
- 5 Year **Lindsey Lee**

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

We had an eventful May at the Lodge. Unfortunately, I had to miss Derby Day because that weekend is always the Wisconsin Elks Association Convention. But I heard great things about it! I hope those who attended had a great time and you're looking forward to next year!

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet was well attended, too. Chef Adam's brunch buffets are incredible, as are his regular Sunday brunches. If you haven't tried it, please come to the Lodge between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on any Sunday. The brunch menu is printed in "This Week at the Lodge" email and the *Elkliner*. Again, if you aren't receiving those emails, please contact the office to ensure we have your correct email address, and that of your spouse/partner as well. Those weekly emails contain a wealth of information about what's coming up and include links to volunteer for various activities.

The Elks were instrumental in commemorating June 14 as Flag Day. In 1907, the Elks Grand Lodge adopted June 14 as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry S Truman, himself an Elk, signed Public Law 203, officially designating June 14 as Flag Day for the United States. All local Lodges are required to perform a Flag Day ceremony. This year, Flag Day falls on a Sunday. As we are also celebrating America's 250th birthday, we hope to make this Flag Day extra special. There is a Flag Day Ritual (like our Initiation Ritual) that is very informative and moving. The celebration will start at 9 a.m. and be followed with a breakfast at 10:00 a.m. The breakfast will cost \$15 for adults, and \$7 for children age 6-10. We would love to have a good turnout for this special ceremony.



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Editor **Dan Curd**
Photographer **John Lorimer**

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

secretary@madisonelkslodge.org

The neighborhood summer festivals are coming up. We have been embraced by our neighborhood and will have a booth at each of the festivals and, at a couple of them, Madison Lodge 410 members will pour beer for a shift. I understand that it is a fun job! Watch for the email with the links to volunteer for a shift (or two)!

As with any organization, lots of things happen behind the scenes. We have had a webmaster for several years who actually created the Madison Elks Lodge 410 website and kept it up to date. Brian Kammerer is stepping aside this year and deserves our highest praise for the work he has done. Thank you, Brian! Peter Gengler is taking over the job. If you have any suggestions, please email them to Entertainment Committee co-chair, Allison Cooley, alliecool1@gmail.com. (Continued)

All of a sudden, summer is here! As I write this, it's been in the 80s for several days and will continue in the 80s for several more days. Enjoy summer by the lake at Your Lodge on the Lake!

Hope to see lots of you this summer!

In Elksdom,

Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Judi Trampf

The Membership Committee has been formed and is meeting on the first Wednesday of the month in the Lodge bar. We are looking for people with ideas! The Membership Committee's mission is to expand our membership. As a committee member your job will be more than just recruiting new people. We need your help with things like welcoming new members, finding out why people join the Elks, what the Lodge has to offer, and strategies to increase our membership.

The committee developed a short fact sheet to use at the upcoming summer events to hand out explaining why they should become an Elk. We listened to our new members and found we need to emphasize our sense of community as an organization. The fact that you can come to the Lodge and instantly make friends and have new people to talk to. Of course, many join just because of our fantastic lake location, and we respect that as well. Still others join because of the charitable work we do. And still others join to participate in the activities, music, and events we offer.

Please consider joining our committee, we have many ways you can help and it's a great way to meet



At the Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention last month, Madison Lodge 410 received an award for the greatest growth in new membership in our division. Our Exalted Ruler, Sherie Sasso, was also nominated for the second year in a row as Outstanding Exalted Ruler of the year.

new people. Any ideas and suggestions you have will be greatly appreciated. Our ultimate goal is to inform the public about the many great things membership in the Madison Elks has to offer! Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month.



ATTENTION GARDENERS

About five years ago, thanks to a gift from a member, we installed native plants in front of the Lodge in the area between the parking lot and the sidewalk. Unfortunately, Japanese beetles have taken their toll on many of the perennials and rabbits this past winter killed the crabapple tree. It is looking very barren out there now – about three-fourths of the original plants are gone. If you have hearty perennials like day lilies, coneflowers, iris, etc. that you would be able to donate it would much appreciated. If you can help, please contact secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member. In 1907 the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country. It was through his Elks Lodge in Independence, Missouri, that President Truman got the idea for a national observance of Flag Day.

CHARLES A. S. VIVIAN



1842 - 1889

An Englishman, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian, was born October 22, 1842, the son of a clergyman. He became a successful comic singer and dancer in London's music halls. Before coming to the United States, Vivian was a member of a fraternal organization in England called the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. The Buffaloes started around 1010 and counted kings and queens among their members. Considerable evidence suggests Vivian introduced many of the order's beliefs to the Elks, including the 11 o'clock toast.

On Friday, November 15, 1867, 22-year-old Charles Vivian arrived in New York on an English trading vessel coming from Southampton, England, to pursue his career as an entertainer in America. Soon after his arrival, he formed a social club called the Jolly Corks that in 1868 became the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Eventually, Vivian would leave New York, organizing an entertainment company in late 1875 that played with great success in many cities along the West Coast.

He married Mary Imogene Holbrook, a dramatic reader, in Oakland, California, on July 9, 1876. The newlyweds, billing themselves as "The Vivian Entertainment," left California immediately, performing in towns, mining camps, and military forts throughout the Western states and in larger cities such as Chicago, Pittsburgh, and New York.

In 1879, the couple later joined another touring company in St. Louis. The company soon disbanded after finishing a show in Denver. That same year, Leadville, Colorado, was the epicenter of the gold fever that had swept the country. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian decided to move there where Charles opened a renovated amphitheater named Vivian's Opera House.

While in Leadville, Charles A. S. Vivian succumbed to typhoid and pneumonia on March 20, 1880, at the age of 37. His grave there was marked only with a wooden plank upon which someone had crudely scratched his name using a nail. On April 28, 1889, he was reinterred in Elks Rest in Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts.

Interestingly, though he claimed to be one of the founders of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Vivian never considered himself a member of the order and severed all connections with the organization a few months after it was born.

PE.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)

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Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Jeanette May**

Treasurer **Michelle Braithwaite**

BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde

CAN YOU DO IT?

NAME THAT TUNE!

A.K.A. MUSIC BINGO

ARE YOU READY?

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DOOR: 4:30
GAMES: 6:00

Live@theLodge

Live music
every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge

Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
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FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH STARTS 6:30PM

FREE SIGN UP FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

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BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The Lodge Board has selected new dining room carpeting as our 2026 fundraising goal. We estimate the cost of replacing the carpet to be \$30,000. The life expectancy of new commercial carpet is 25 years. Our current carpet is 32 years old and is showing its age.

We are working with Coyle Carpets to identify a themed carpet with a memorable design that will help brand our space. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to **Elks 410 Foundation** and put “carpet” on the memo line.

We have begun repurposing the office at the bottom of the stairs into a Green Room, a private space for our wedding participants and performers to use. We have long needed such a space and expect that it will make our lower-level banquet space a more desirable venue.

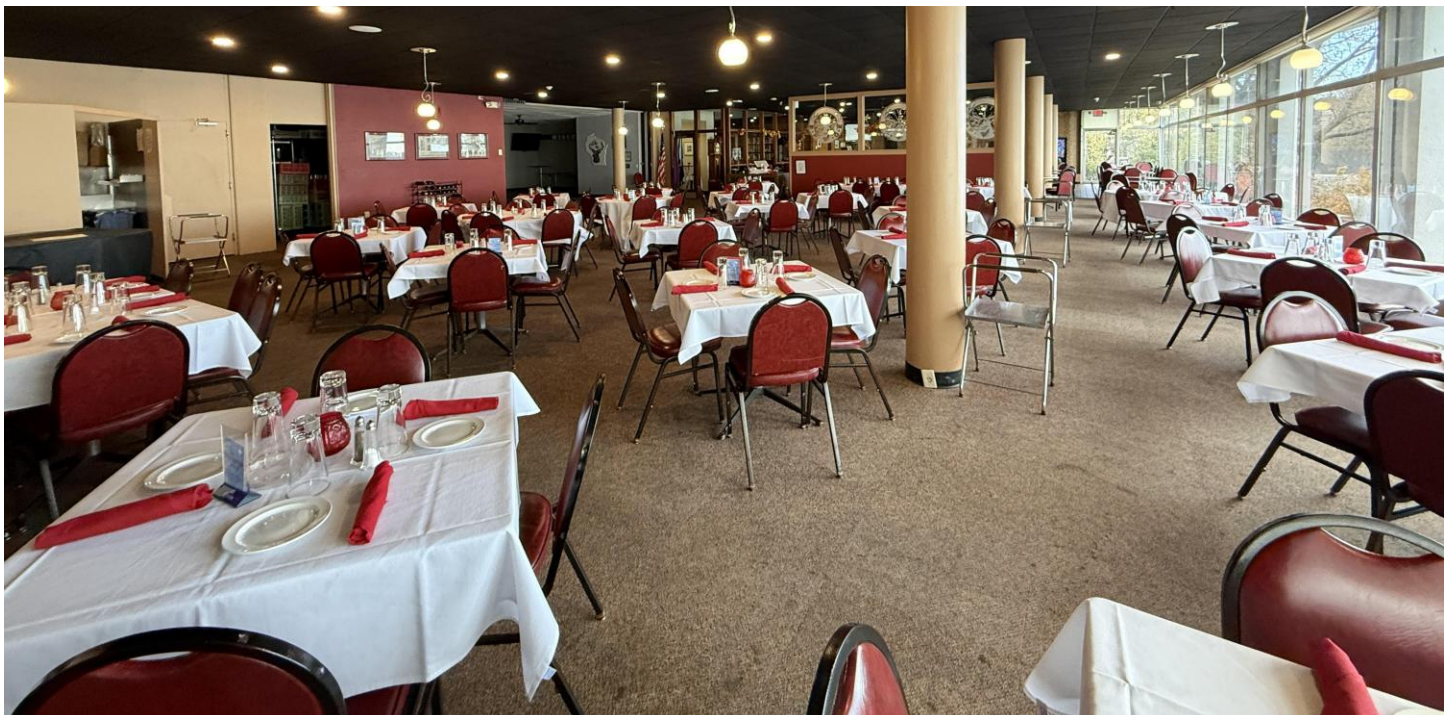
Our elevator broke down this past month and needed \$6,000 in repairs. Also, our HVAC system has had several repairs that needed to be done this past month. And finally, the kitchen walk-in freezer condenser sprang a leak and needed emergency repair. Everything is working in good order now. We appreciate everyone who contributes to the maintenance fund on their dues statement or donates to the Capital Campaign.

I'd like to remind everyone that we still have space available on our kayak rack at a cost of \$135 per year on a first come, first served basis. Spring has sprung and it's time to get paddling! If you'd like to reserve a spot, please email office@madisonelkslodge.org.

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.

We still have space available for year-long kayak storage! Cost is \$135/year. Reserve your spot now. Contact the office at (608) 255-1644 or office@madisonelkslodge.org



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

The Entertainment Committee pulled off a wildly successful Derby Day on May 2! Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen and to everyone who donated items for the raffle baskets or attended the event. Special thanks to Lynn Lee for the fabulous derby-themed decorations in the bar area.

It's almost summer and that means evening music on our beautiful back lawn. This year's **summer music will be on Thursday nights** (different from in the past). We'll kick things off June 4 with bluegrass from Soggy Prairie and continue throughout the summer with old favorites and new performances too. Also new this summer, to best meet the needs of our members and guests, **we'll be using our bartending and our dining room staff** instead of relying on volunteers as we've done in the past. This change will provide a consistent, high-quality experience for members and guests. Check the calendar here

<https://www.madisonelkslodge.org/events> to plan for the Thursdays you'll be stopping by to support both the Lodge and local music. We look forward to seeing you for the fabulous music, exceptional service, and fun in the sun. Bring your own lawn chairs or use one of our new folding chairs for the best seat in the house!

As we mentioned last month, our new webmaster is hard at work making our website more user-friendly and functional. The biggest change he's made recently is that **all the upcoming events are listed right at the bottom of the home page**, making it easier for users to see what's coming up at the Elks. Take a look here

<https://www.madisonelkslodge.org/> and link to our webpage so you're only a click away from finding a way to engage with your Lodge and fellow Elks.

Based on your feedback, we've taken steps to limit the number of emails you get from the Lodge. **As we mentioned last month, starting June 1, sign-ups, tickets, and volunteer opportunities will be accessed via a link or QR code on the event poster.** Posters are sent as part of the monthly *Elkliner*, weekly "This Week at the Lodge," and posted on the home page of our website. So, if you want to stay involved in life at the Lodge, watch out for our newsletters mailed at the end of the month

and weekly on Tuesday mornings or go anytime to the website.

The Elks Lodge is looking for volunteers to help lead some of our favorite events. It's a terrific way to get involved and shape the Lodge experience! Work with Entertainment Committee members to help bring events to life by assisting with initial planning, reviewing publicity, organizing volunteers, tracking the budget, and being present for setup and teardown. Upcoming events that need a lead include **Name That Tune (Music Bingo)** the third Thursday of the month, **Independence Day Celebration** July 4, **Veterans Day Breakfast** in November, and **Easter Brunch**, March 28, 2027. Please contact Allison Cooley alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden, samantha.linden20@gmail.com if you are interested in leading an event! The names of the May volunteers will appear in next month's *Elkliner*.



In addition to the joy of giving and the sense of community, there are fantastic benefits of volunteering at Elks Lodge #410 in 2026:

- Unlimited fountain soda drinks while volunteering.
- One beer or rail drink after a volunteer shift (via token).
- After a minimum 3-hour volunteer shift, one burger or sandwich (if the kitchen is open) or if the volunteer event provides food, i.e., the spaghetti dinner, one complimentary dinner.
- The Lodge will list the names of volunteers in the monthly *Elkliner*.
- The Lodge will host Volunteer Appreciation Night.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Thomas Ferrella, Kathy Peterson

3 John Brigham, Donald Komplin, Jon Purintun

4 Lynn Riley, Teresa Schaller, Linda Strassman

6 Lois Hoornstra

7 Dan Rustick

9 John Barlow, Dean Hatzinger, Austin Schultz,
Rory Toolan

10 Suzanne Brooks, Ronald Rotter

11 James Felder, Ralph Kamps, Douglas Kornetzke,
Marlowe Suter

12 Katherine Davey, Richard Murray, Laura Strong

13 Douglas Christenson, Bernard Knesting, Leah Moore

15 Renée Lauber, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Lee

16 Adam Coyle

17 Denise Colwill, Greg King, Jeffrey Kraemer,
Gabrielle O'Brien, Jesse O'Brien, Kevin Retelle

18 James Soderholm

19 Lee Nestingen, John Taylor, Kelly Thompson

21 Dennis Mack

22 Cara Fitzpatrick, Nathan McConley, Jonathan Putnam,
Neal Schlachter

24 Richard Reynolds

26 James Berkenstadt, James Brandenburg,
Lori Youngman

27 Tara Boyd, Bert Slinde

28 Perry Bowers, Karl Bryan, Sean Lofgren

29 Gene Wilpolt

30 Mark Cain, Keelie Jones, Judith Karofsky,
Michael McDonald

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jay Affeldt, Timothy Bechtold, Jamani Bergh, Tina Fatke, Thomas Lienhardt, Ted Ostheider, Todd Savage, Daniel Steffen, and Kaycie Strobl



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. Sunday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for Brunch.

BANQUETS & PRIVATE EVENTS

For your next private event, big or small, please consider the Lodge. Call Kaycie at (608) 333-5694 or email banquets@madisonelkslodge.org.

SEEN AT THE LODGE



It was a long time coming, but the office has finally been remodeled with new paint, carpet and furniture. Thanks to Jim Schuessler for facilitating this and to Scott McDonell who was able to get us “new” furniture at no cost. The blackboard on the wall displays Lodge pins from across the country. When you travel and visit another Lodge, please remember to pick up a pin and add it to our collection!

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Trivia, 6:30 pm	4 ♫ Soggy Prairie, 5:30-8:30 pm	5	6
7 ♫ Jazz Brunch, 9 am-1 pm, Bill Roberts Combo	8	9	10 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	11 ♫ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm	12 ♫ Lois at the Piano	13 MNA Waterfront Festival
14 Flag Day Ceremony, 9 am Breakfast Buffet, 10 am-1 pm MNA Waterfront Festival	15	16	17 Name That Tune, 6-8 pm	18 ♫ Band TBD, 5:30-8:30 pm	19 Juneteenth National Independence Day	20
21 Father's Day Brunch, 9 am-1: pm Summer begins	22	23	24 Euchre, 5:45 pm	25 ♫ Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm	26 ♫ Lois at the Piano	27
28 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	29	30				



**Outside, on the
back lawn!**

Soggy Prairie



**Thursday
June 4
5:30 - 8:30 pm**

Elks Lodge
410

Food and Drink served!

The Bill Roberts Combo



**Sunday Brunch
June Seven**

Serving from 9 am to 1 pm

Elks Lodge
410

THURSDAY

JUNE 11TH

6:00 -

9:00 P.M.



ELKS LODGE
#410

IRISH FIDDLE JAM

OUTSIDE! (WEATHER PERMITTING)



Flag Day 2026

Sunday, June 14

On the Lawn (weather permitting, otherwise indoors on the lower level). Open to the Public.

Ceremony

9 a.m. (Free of Charge)

Breakfast Buffet

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Adults \$15, Children (ages 7-10) \$7

Free flags for the children

Reservations Advised

Sat. June 13

DANDELION DASH 1:30 AM

Main Stage

LOUKA AND CO 12:00

DAVID HECHT & THE WHO DAT 1:30

KISS THE TIGER 3:00

BIZHIKI 4:40

RATBOYS 6:30

Collinwood Stage

BING BONG 1:00

FAUX FAWN 2:30

STONE OAK 4:00

LOST LAKES 5:30

Sun. June 14

RIVER ALLIANCE

FOOLS' FLOTILLA

Join or watch the zany boat parade taking off from the Tennis Park locks at 10:30 a.m. down the Yahara River toward the park. Register your boat in advance at wisconsinrivers.org for event details and weather updates.

Main Stage

RIVER RATS 11:30

SUPPER CLUB 12:00

A JAZZ TRIBUTE TO STING 1:30

SPECTACULOUS 3:00

HUMBIRD 4:45

ADAM GREUEL & THE SPACE BURRITOS 6:30

Collinwood Stage

WILD VIOLETS 1:00

NEW STELLANOVAS 2:30

DAN WALKNER BAND 4:00

WILLY PORTER 5:30

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Waterfront

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JUNE 13-14, 2026



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37 years

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Your Northside Neighbors
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BRUNCH MENU

TWO EGGS ANY STYLE, THREE STRIPS OF BACON
OR TWO SAUSAGES, BREAKFAST POTATOES, TOAST 8

EGGS BENEDICT - ENGLISH MUFFIN, POACHED EGGS,
CANADIAN BACON, HOLLANDAISE SAUCE 12

BELGIAN WAFFLE WITH FRUIT, WHIPPED CREAM
& MAPLE SYRUP, BREAKFAST POTATOES 11

BREAKFAST BURGER WITH BACON, CHEDDAR, EGG,
FRIED ONION STRAWS, BREAKFAST POTATOES 12

BREAKFAST BURRITO (HORISO, PEPPERS, ONIONS, EGG, CHEESE,
TOMATO, AVOCADO, SALSA, BREAKFAST POTATOES 12

BUILD YOUR OWN 3-EGG OMELET - CHOOSE FROM SPINACH, MUSHROOMS,
PEPPERS, ONIONS, BACON OR SAUSAGE, MIXED CHEESE,
WITH BREAKFAST POTATOES AND TOAST 10

BISCUITS AND GRAVY - SAUSAGE GRAVY AND HOMEMADE
BISCUITS WITH BREAKFAST POTATOES 7
ADD EGG ANY STYLE 2

HOUSE-MADE VEGETARIAN BLACK BEAN PATTY AVAILABLE

SIDES

THREE STRIPS OF BACON, TWO SAUSAGE LINKS, OR
TWO SLICES OF CANADIAN BACON 2

FRUIT BOWL 2

TOAST WHITE OR WHEAT, ENGLISH MUFFIN, OR BISCUIT 1.50

ORANGE JUICE 2

BOTTOMLESS CUP OF COFFEE REG OR DECAF 2



Wisconsin Elks Association

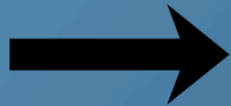
Saturday, July 18th 6:05 PM

First Pitch: 6:05 PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

Ticket Fundraiser

\$16 Reserved Seats in Section 102

Scan for Tickets!



\$8 of each ticket purchased will be donated to the Wisconsin Elks Association!



All bags larger than 4.5 x 6.5 must be CLEAR

Click for [Parking Info](#)



A photo scavenger hunt featuring participating Wisconsin Elks lodges. Open to Wisconsin Elks members including spouses and widow(er)s



CONTEST RUNS UNTIL 10/17/26

BUY A BOOK AND FIND ITEMS WITH CLUES IN THE BOOK AT VARIOUS LODGES

GET YOUR BOOK STAMPED!

BONUS ENTRY FOR A FULL BOOK OF MATCHED LODGES!

BOOKS COST \$5 AND ARE FOR SALE AT THE LODGE

CONTEST PARTY TO BE HELD AT WAUSAU LODGE 10/17/26



Rules

1. \$5 per booklet
2. Limit 1 booklet per participant
3. Participation open to Wisconsin Elks members, spouses and widow(er)s
4. Travel to each participating lodge, find the photo inside the lodge, have the picture stamped when found
5. Books with 1 or more match qualify for entries into prizes during the final party
6. Additional books available for purchase from State President, State President Elect, Scavenger Hunt Coordinators
7. Bonus prize entries for a full book of matched lodges
8. Additional books available
9. Booklets are due October 17, 2026
10. Don't need to be present to win
11. Drawing held at final party
12. Questions contact Scavenger Hunt Coordinators

Annie Hanke (248) anniemhanke@gmail.com
 Karen Rosolowski (402) karroselks@gmail.com
 Marytara Hagen (402) meahagen@gmail.com

Participating Lodges

- 01 Bonobon #088
401 Oak St, Bonobon, WI
608 360 0458
- 02 Eau Claire #402
340 Main Blvd, Eau Claire, WI
79 634 4022
- 03 Green Bay #219
205 S. Ridge Rd, Green Bay, WI
920 863 9208
- 04 Kauwauna #992
Meets @ Hyland House
704 W Grand Ave, Kauwauna, WI
(920)427-4838
- 05 Madison #410
711 Jenifer St, Madison, WI
608 265 1044
- 06 Neenah-Menasha #676
329 Kocouat Blvd, Menasha, WI
920 987 0387
- 07 Rice Lake #440
20 E Eau Claire St, Rice Lake, WI
795 234 2991
- 08 Sheboygan #259
3643 E 1st Ave, Sheboygan, WI
920 452 9881
- 09 Stevens Point #641
132 Clark St, Stevens Point, WI
715 344 4021
- 10 Waukesa #400
2301 Springdale Rd, Waukesa, WI
262 717 9488
- 11 Wausau #268
434 Scott St #414, Wausau, WI
715 845 9602
- 12 Wisconsin Rapids #684
430 W Jackson St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
715 697 9221

Have Fun & Good Luck!



see you October 17, 2026!

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