



# ELKLINER

MAY 2024 | 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.*

## ELKLINER

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## SPRING!

Finally, it not only is spring but it looks like spring at the Lodge. The piers are in and the grounds are starting to hint of summer that soon will be here. We hope you will make the most of the season by coming to the Lodge. Just a reminder, it's the members that make a Lodge so please consider helping out when asked to volunteer or donate.

We will host our second **Blood Drive** for the Red Cross in 2024 on Thursday, May 2 on the Lower Level. More information about how you can register is at the end of the *Elkliner*. On the first Saturday in May, of course, we're having a **Derby Day Party**. The bar opens at 2 p.m. and post time is at 5:57 p.m. In between and after we will feature traditional Derby Day food and drink, raffle off gift baskets, have a best hat contest, and maybe laydown a wager or two. The Wisconsin Elks Association Spring Convention will be held in Appleton on the same day, and were are happy to report that we are one of four Lodges nominated for "Lodge of the Year."

We hosted our annual buffet Brunch on Easter Sunday, and will be back for a **Mother's Day Brunch** on May 12. If you would like to see the menu and make reservations, please do so by going [HERE](#). Our **Live at the Lodge** music series continues every Thursday night in the bar (more information about the performers follows). Big news! This summer live music not only moves outside on the lawn, but to Tuesday night. **Trivia Night** will return every first Wednesday of the month – last month's winning teams follow in the *Elkliner*. As always, **Music Bingo** continues every third Wednesday of the month, **Euchre** three times a month, and **Lois Hoornstra at the Piano** twice a month. Check the Calendar for more details.

The Elks Auxiliary is happy to announce that is has awarded three \$500 scholarships. The recipients are: Cadence Jemilo, Stoughton High School, who will attend the University of Dubuque, majoring in Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement; Rachel Hixon, LaFollette High School, who will attend Colorado Christian University, majoring in Elementary Education; and Oliva Lynch – in honor of her grandmother Helen Duncan, Monona Grove High School, who will attend Arizona State University, majoring in Business.

As mentioned last month, the Lodge is proud to again sponsor the two Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) summer fundraising events, the [Waterfront Festival](#) (June 8 – 9) and the [Orton Park Festival](#) (August 23 – 25). We will also again sponsor [La Fête De Marquette](#) (July 11 – 14) that benefits the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center. In the coming days, please be a good neighbor and volunteer to represent our Lodge at the events and help us make new friends.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

In 1965, the year we moved into our current building, we had 1,500+ members. In 1986 membership peaked at about 2,000 members. Membership then gradually began to decline. In 2020 membership was 616. For the next four years we have seen a net gain in membership – 67 this past year. Currently we have 739 members, but we still have 165 who have not paid their dues for this year. We have 11 candidates for new membership. During the last fiscal year we had 12 members pass away (our average age is 65 years old, down from 70 in 2020). We had 47 members who did not renew their membership at the end of the year. We had six members who transferred to other Lodges. We had two members who transferred to our Lodge from another Lodge. We had four lapsed members who reinstated their membership.

An increase in membership translates into more potential revenue for the restaurant and bar, higher event attendance, more volunteers, and more charitable contributions and more donations to the Capital Campaign. It is also important to note that an increase in membership does not significantly increase the overhead to operate the Lodge – utilities, maintenance, or repairs. It does make it more cost effective. If you have not done so already, please pay your dues. Please make it a goal this year to sponsor at least one new member... a family member, a friend, a coworker. They will thank you.

**Please make sure we not only have your correct address, but your preferred phone number and email address.** Volunteers will soon be contacting all members to make sure our information is current.



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de Marquette

**July 11-14  
2024**

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# Derby Day!

May

4th

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Lodge

410

Bar opens  
at 2 pm

Betting  
Starts  
at 2 pm

Drink and Food  
Specials!





**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**  
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 Vice President **Donna Campanelli**  
 Secretary **Jeanette May**  
 Treasurer **Michelle Braithwaite**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Ann Bailey**  
**Carol Rohde**



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 DJ John Sherman

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
 Every Month**



Based on 30 players,  
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Game	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 at the Lodge**

Every Thursday- 5:30-8:30 pm

Live music will take place in the upstairs bar  
 Full menu available 5-9 pm  
 50/50 raffle - drawing at 7:00 pm

*May Lineup*

- 05/02 Back 40
- 05/09 SteventheButler
- 05/16 Rusty Bumper
- 05/23 The Steve and Mark Band

Don't see your favorite band? You can sponsor them to perform at the Lodge. Contact Michelle at (608)212-7722 to sponsor your favorite bands!

**TRIVIA Night**

Prizes and Giveaways  
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## POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



*On Sunday, June 17, 1945, about 400 persons attended the Flag Ceremony at Roselawn Memorial Park when the official Elks Rest of Madison Lodge #410 was dedicated. Officers led by Exalted Ruler Arthur M. Kurtz performed the ceremony. The 12-grave plot donated by Roselawn Memorial Park is for the benefit of Elks who have no families and who were unable to arrange for their own burial. A bronze plaque marks the plot slightly northwest of the carillon tower. (The photograph was taken by The Capital Times but not appear in the newspaper.)*

## KENNETH KALHAGEN



*1923 - 2018  
Exalted Ruler  
1999-2001*

Kenneth Leroy "Ken" Kalhagen was born on February 11, 1923, in Dane County, the son of Alfred Oli Kalhagen and Inga Olive Taie. His grandfather was born in Norway and as a young man immigrated to Stoughton, Wisconsin. Ken graduated from Madison East High School in 1942. Then, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy along with his brothers, Alfred and Bertrand - his brother Magnus joined the U.S. Army. Seaman Kenneth Kalhagen served as a torpedoman aboard the destroyer USS Bush (DD-529), named for William Sharp Bush, USMC. His ship saw action throughout the Pacific during World War II. Returning home, Ken married Dorothy Swan on May 17, 1946, and together they raised three children. Dorothy passed away in 1995.

Detective Supervisor Kalhagen worked for the Madison Police Department for 32 years and received the Meritorious Service Award in 1959. He was a member of the Madison Elks Lodge and served two terms as Exalted Ruler between 1999 and 2001. Ken was also a lifetime member of VFW Post 8483, and a member of the Tin Can Sailors and the East Side Club.

On November 22, 1997, he married his second wife, Wanda Marie Pearson Koenig - she also served as Exalted Ruler of our Lodge (2007-2008). Ken loved carpentry work and built two houses of his own, as well as helping build the homes of his children. He also enjoyed pheasant hunting and ice fishing with his brothers and camping throughout the United States and Canada. Ken Kalhagen died on November 12, 2018 and is buried in Roselawn Memorial Park.



*Edward Schultz, left, director of the Wisconsin Policeman's Protective Association and Fort Atkinson police chief is shown presenting a Meritorious Service Award to three Madison policemen for their handling of an eastside Madison man who was armed with a shotgun. The three men, left to right, are Kenneth Kalhagen, Ray Crary and Francis Trapp (WSJ photo).*



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our Building and Grounds Committee's big project for 2024 is an upgrade to our parking lot. We have collected three bids from local companies to fill and heat-seal cracks, sealing the entire surface and repainting the parking stripes. Once complete, our parking lot will not only be more attractive, but it will better be able to withstand the elements to extend its useful life.

We have a goal of raising \$20,000 this year for our Capital Campaign to cover this expense. Please consider donating to the Capital Campaign this year to support this important upgrade to our Lodge! If we all pitch in, we can achieve our goal quickly.

On April 27, we conducted our annual Spring Cleanup. Our piers are already installed, and our lawn is greening up nicely. Members joined us in tidying up the grounds by spreading mulch, raking up leaves and debris, and planting flowers. We had coffee and treats to keep our volunteers fueled! We hope you will frequent the lodge this summer and enjoy the many outdoor events our Entertainment Committee is planning.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is also updating the women's bathrooms both upstairs and down. We began by removing the wallpaper to create a blank slate ready for an inviting new look.

The Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our clubhouse for our members and guests to enjoy. All members are welcome to join us at whatever level of participation they prefer. If you wish to be included in our communications, please contact Jim Schuessler at [jschuessler@starkhomes.com](mailto:jschuessler@starkhomes.com) or call/text (608) 445-0766.

*Congratulations to Jim Schuessler, our 2023 Elk of the Year. Please join us in thanking him for all he does for our Lodge!*

# BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE



**HELP THE LODGE DO A MAJOR REPAIR OF OUR PARKING LOT!**

**THE 2024 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS BEING FOCUSED ON FUNDING MAJOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE LOT.**

**PLEASE HELP BY CONSIDERING MAKING A DONATION TO HELP US REACH OUR \$20,000 GOAL.**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Mark Geiger, Nancy Turman
- 2 Ronald Seely, 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, Robert Popp
- 8 Becky Anderson, Ryan Mueller
- 9 William Heiser, Kerry McAllen
- 10 Melissa Osborne, Traci Schroeckenthaler
- 11 Tim Koch
- 12 Douglas Bailey, Mary Lavine, Steve Silverberg, Margaret Urban, Bruce Zauft
- 13 Larry Chambers
- 15 Thomas Freitag, Bernard McCarthy
- 17 John Borchert, John M. Schmitt
- 18 Laura Claire Meffert
- 19 Darrell Braun, Mike Verveer, David Zweifel
- 20 David Gillette
- 21 Elizabeth Zimdars

- 22 James Schroeckenthaler
- 23 Lynn Aspinwall, Kellen Lund, William Pharo
- 24 Shiva Borseth
- 25 Pattie Meixelsperger
- 27 Dean Baumgardner, Richard McCutcheon
- 28 Patrick Arthurs
- 29 Paul Van Amerongen
- 31 Stella Patten

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



- Kelsy Boyd
- Richard Reynolds
- Chandru Solraj
- Timothy Tiffany

## ASSOCIATES

- Caria Fitzpatrick, *Portland, Oregon*
- Landry Long, *Milwaukee*
- Davie Nitze, *Janesville*



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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
REMEMBER AND HONOR

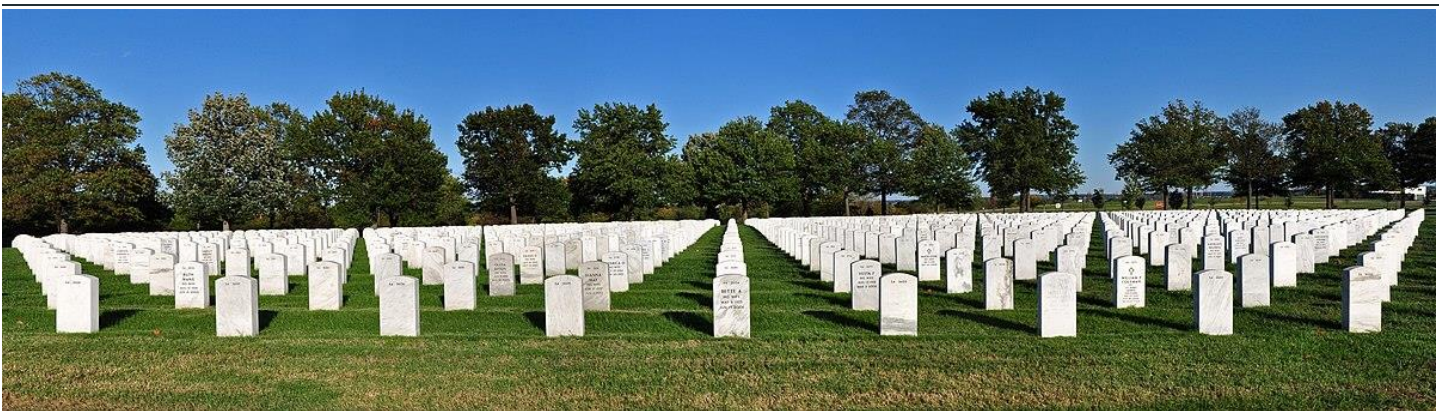




# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
			Trivia Night Bar, 6:30 pm	Blood Drive, Lower Level ♫ Back 40 5:30-8:30 pm	WEA Spring Convention, Appleton	Derby Day Bar opens at 2 pm WEA Spring Convention, Appleton
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo WEA Spring Convention, Appleton			Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre Wis. Room, 5:45 pm	♫ Steven the Butler 5:30-8:30 pm	♫ Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	Euchre, 3:30 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Mother's Day</b> Brunch 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Dining Room			Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 pm	♫ Rusty Bumper 5:30-8:30 pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Euchre, Wis. Room, 5:45 pm	♫ The Steve and Mark Band 5:30-8:30 pm	♫ Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Memorial Day







## OUR APRIL TRIVIA WINNERS

From left to right, First Place - **Team Second Guessers**: Tim and Debbie Wood, Kay and Jeff Foster; Second Place - **Team Irritable Bowel**: Kat and Connor Hartigan, Larry Jensen, Lance Lattimer and Bradley Grochocinski, Carol Ripp, Zack Henderson and Riley Willman, Bailey Dvorak, Becca Weiss and Evan Cooper; Third Place - **Team Track 7**: Steve Braithwaite, Matt, Math L. and Robin L.

## 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](mailto: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. For reservations or carryout, please call (608) 255-1644 ext. 1.

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Dandelion Dash 11:30 am

*Main Stage*

SheCase  
Showdown 12:00

Samba Novistas  
1:30

Adem Tesfaye 3:00

Michael  
McDermott 4:45

Nur-D 6:30

*Cottonwood Stage*

Anna Vogelzang  
1:00

Moon Gypsies  
2:30

Adrian + Meredith  
4:00

The Johnny  
Campbell Band  
5:30

River Alliance Fools' Flotilla 10:30 am

Join or watch the zany boat parade taking off from Tenney Park locks at 10:30 am down the Yahara River toward the park. Event details, advanced boat registration, and updates at [wisconsinrivers.org](http://wisconsinrivers.org)

*Main Stage*

River Rats 11:30

Combo Noir 12:00

Pink Halo 1:30

Don't Mess with Cupid 3:00

Trapper Schoepp 4:45

Sierra Green & the Giants  
6:30

*Cottonwood Stage*

The Spine Stealers  
1:00

Three Hours

featuring Ced 2:30

Snowbirds 4:00

Tony Casteneda  
Latin Jazz Band 5:30

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