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MARCH 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410

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Exalted Ruler **Sherie Sasso**

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Loyal Knight **Mike Verveer**

Lecturing Knight **John Skillrud**

Secretary **Dan Curd**

Treasurer **Renée Lauber**

Esquire **Patrick Fitzpatrick**

Chaplain **Laura MacIsaac**

Tiler **Chauncey Hunker**

Inner Guard **Geoff Gaston**

Organist **Lois Hoornstra**

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2 Year **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**

3 Year **Don Geier**

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:

secretary@madisonelkslodge.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Hallelujah! We have made it through January and February! And my own harbinger of spring is upon us – Brewers Spring Training! When that starts, I know spring is right around the corner.

After previously stating that you can only bring the same guest three times a year, I heard from several Wisconsin Elks Association officers saying they were unaware of this rule. In fact, it is in our bylaws. Perhaps we should change that? In the meantime, please do bring guests but encourage them to join the Lodge! Family members are not considered "guests" and are always welcome.

By all means bring guests to enjoy our delicious Friday Night Fish Fry. Especially your friends who are missing Kavanaugh's Esquire Club. Hopefully, we can convert them. Also bring them to our brunch, every Sunday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. I have been several times, and it has always been wonderful. Just encourage them to join! Applications are available in the entrance hall and bar.

I hope you're all getting the "This Week at the Lodge" emails. The entertainment committee has planned so many fun events. We have Trivia on the first Wednesday of the month, and Name that Tune (a/k/a Music Bingo) on the third Wednesday. There is music every Thursday, and other special events to come. If you are not getting those notices, please contact the office. You don't want to miss anything!

Have you paid next year's dues yet? If not, stop reading and write out that check right now! The office has told me that dues are coming in at a great pace. Don't wait till March 31!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up on March 21, the Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle. You should have received your raffle tickets by now (and they are also available at the bar). **Please either sell them or buy them yourself**. I'm sure you all have taken notice of the increased price of food, utilities, and many other things. The Lodge is facing the same problems. Our MG&E bill went up over $500 in one month! So sign up to volunteer, bring all your family and friends to the Lodge on March 21, and sell those raffle tickets! Spaghetti will be served from 4 to 8 p.m. At $12 per plate for adults, it's the biggest bargain in the city!

Looking forward to seeing you all as we come out of hibernation and our snowbirds return!

In Elkdom,

Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Beginning the first week of March, membership, identification, and key cards will begin to be mailed to paid members. Widows and widowers will also begin to receive identification cards in the mail. Continue to use your purple key cards until April 1. **Pay your dues and pick up your cards in the office during the Spaghetti Dinner on March 21!**

Elected Officers for 2026-2027:

- *Exalter Ruler:* Sherie Sasso
- *Leading Knight*: Jim Schuessler
- *Loyal Knight:* Mike Verveer
- *Lecturing Knight:* Vacant
- *Secretary:* Dan Curd
- *Treasurer:* Renée Lauber
- *5-Year Trustee:* Lindsey Lee
- *4-Year Trustee:* Judith Trampf
- *3-Year Trustee:* Ritt Deitz
- 2-Year Trustee*:* Don Geier
- 1-Year Trustee*:* Kristopher Steege-Reimann

Appointed Officers for 2026-2027:

- *Tiler:* Chauncey Hunker
- *Inner Guard:* Geoff Gaston
- *Esquire:* Patrick Fitzpatrick
- *Chaplain:* Laura MacIsaac
- *Organist:* Lois Hornstra

All officers will be installed at the March 25 Membership Meeting.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

By Lynn Aspinwall, P.E.R.

March is here, and that means the end of the fiscal year is near! Over the past year, the Elks National Foundation has been blown away by your commitment to helping Elks build stronger communities.

While the end of the fiscal year provides an opportunity to look back on what your generosity has helped accomplish, it also serves as a reminder of all that can still be done in the final weeks before the March 31 donation deadline.

If your Lodge reaches the National President's per-member-giving goal before March 31, it will be eligible for a $3,000 Gratitude Grant next year – and there are four bonuses your Lodge can earn that bring the grant's total to $5,000! If your Lodge has not yet qualified for the full $5,000 Gratitude Grant, there may still be time. Ask your Fundraising Chair or visit elks.org/cip to learn how your last-minute donation may be enough to earn more CIP grant money for your Lodge and community.

Additionally, if you are a donor who has given for the past four consecutive fiscal years or more but has not yet given in 2025-26, you may be at risk of losing your place in the ENF Loyalty Club! On top of the exclusive pins and Membership Card stickers that ENF Loyalty Club members earn, members are also making meaningful differences in the communities where Elks live and work, year after year.

All donations must be received by March 31 to count toward the 2025-26 fiscal year. To ensure that your donation makes it to the ENF office on time, consider giving online. It is safe, secure, and the easiest way to donate.

No matter how you chose to support the ENF this year, thank you for helping build stronger communities.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit https://elks.org/enf.

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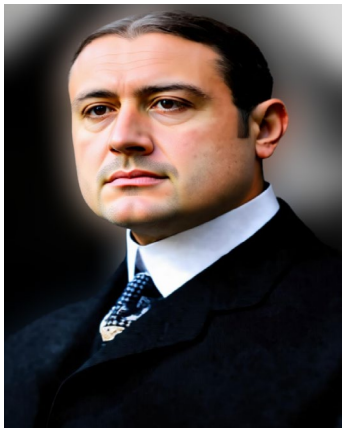
POSTCARD FROM THE PAST

On March 11, 1898, at the Capital House, Madison Elks Lodge No. 410 was founded. The Installation Dinner began at 11 p.m. and included over one hundred guests – newly initiated members, visiting Elk dignitaries and invited community leaders. The dining room was decorated with tropical plants and according to the Wisconsin State Journal*, "the largest antlers of the elk to be found." It further commented that "the flood of light, electric and gas, was dazzling." Of course, besides the numerous speeches and toasts, the main attraction was a lavish, nine-course dinner. The celebration continued until 4:10 a.m. Located at the corner of Main Street and Monona Avenue (now Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.), the Capital House would continue to host the Madison Elks until its clubhouse was built in 1901.*

MATHIAS BRECHEIMER



1864 – 1934
Exalted Ruler
1901 -1903

Mathias "Jerry" Brecheimer, Jr., was born on December 15, 1864, in Madison, the son of Mathias Berkheimer and Wilhelmina Hindrichs. His parents were German immigrants.

His father was an early Madison brewer, in business with Joseph Hausmann. They later sold their business to Peter Fauerbach. Mathias, Jr., opened his own brewery at 215-217 King Street. The Breckheimer Brewing Company was a notable Madison brewery from 1901 to 1916. Known for its Pilsner, the site featured a saloon, malthouse, and residence. The building was later remodeled in 1928 and incorporated into the Frautschi Furniture (now the Madison Mark Apartments).

Brecheimer was an avid sports fan. He would jump on a train to Chicago or New York City just to watch a baseball game, especially to watch his favorite player Jerry Dobbs play. This earned him the nickname "Jerry." He was also considered one of the most dapper and best dressed men in town.

Brecheimer, a founding member of Madison Elks 410, served as its third Exalted Ruler from 1901 until 1903 and presided over the laying of the cornerstone for its first clubhouse. He remained an active member of the Lodge his entire life and could be found there most days of the week. He died at his summer home, Cherry Hill, located near Esther Beach on February 5, 1934. He is buried with his parents in Forest Hill Cemetery.

HOOP SHOOT FINALS

A huge "thank you" to Don Geier and Kathy Unger for accompanying our three contestants to Wausau on February 14 for the Hoop Shoot state competition. Unfortunately, no one is advancing to the regionals this year since only first place advances. Here is how they finished: Eila Gross finished second in girls 10-11, Zane Daiga finished third in the boys 10-11 and Tristan Wiegert finished second in boys 12-13. We are beyond grateful to Aaron Freis for the work he has put in to ensure we have a robust competition each year.

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 (1994-1995)

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

Live@theLodge

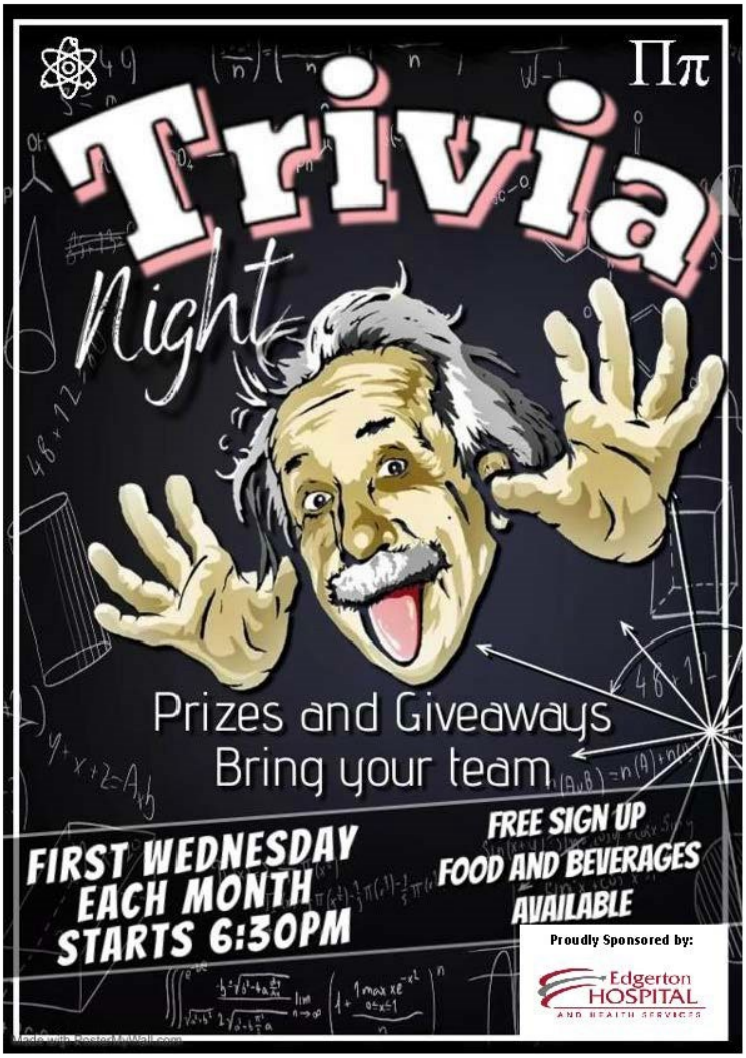
Live music

every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge



BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The Building and Grounds Committee was happy to unbox our new dinnerware this past month. Meals at the Lodge are even more appetizing with the beautiful presentation that our attractive new dishes provide. Once again, we'd like to thank all those who donated the $8,300 to make this purchase possible.

We'd also like to thank lodge member Lynn Lee for decorating the lodge for St. Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to creative volunteers like Lynn, our lodge looks festive for every holiday. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 17! We'll be open even though it's a Tuesday. Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

Our bar and banquet manager Kaycie is doing a fantastic job booking weddings and other events in our lower-level banquet room as well as smaller events in the Wisconsin Room. Thanks to the substantial number of large events she has booked, the Lodge has purchased 225 outdoor folding chairs at a cost of $8,215 which we will rent to our event customers. The chairs will also come in handy for our own outdoor Lodge events like the 4th of July and Elktoberfest. We expect to make up the initial investment for the chairs in about two years' time with the rental income.

This past month we have had to spend nearly $5,000 doing maintenance on our heating system. The unexpected maintenance issues happen from time to time. The good news is that everything is working well again.

I'd like to remind everyone that we still have space available on our kayak rack at a cost of $135/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 wonderful 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

With temperatures as warm as those we experienced in February, it feels like spring is almost here. Still, if it gets cold again there is always something going on at the Lodge to warm you up!

Toes were tapping at our first Irish Fiddle Jam on February 6. The Lodge felt like a traditional Irish pub as around 15 musicians gathered to share reels, jigs, and timeless Irish tunes. They will be back on the first Thursday of the month for the near future, beginning March 5. We also welcomed two new acts to the Elks Thursday night music series with the Brian Whitty Group stopping by on February 12 and Sean Michael Dargan on February 19. Finally, the return of Hirt Alpert filled the whole dining room on February 28.

For such a short month, the music scene was strong. Shout out to our new music subcommittee for bringing fresh sounds and favorites to the Lodge! If you are interested in participating on the music subcommittee, please reach out to Renée, Allison, or Samantha.

This month, fan favorites the Steve & Mark Band play on March 19 and while Back 40 returns on March 26. Mark your calendars for the Elk's St. Patrick's Day Party on Tuesday, March 17. Come enjoy Daithi Wolfe's band, The Currach Trio, playing traditional Celtic tunes perfect for dancing and raising a pint or two. There will be a special performance by the UW Slainte Irish Dancers and some other special shenanigans in store, so make plans now to get your Irish on and join us on a special Tuesday night for the Lodge.

Additionally, March Madness will run from March 15 until early April. Keep your eyes out for details in an email soon about joining this college basketball competition! This will include an online bracket, plus in-person fun.

Wednesdays continue to be hopping at the Lodge with Trivia on the first Wednesday of the month (March 4th) and Euchre on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday (March 11th and 25th), and Name That Tune (a/k /a Music Bingo) on the 3rd Wednesday (March 18th).

As always, these events would not be anything without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Here the volunteers who served in February: Audrey Martino, Carol Aspinwall, Chauncey Hunker, Christina Raymer, Don Geier, Don Swinton, Heidi Herziger, Jason Standish, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, John Mueller, Kathy Unger, Linda Rand, Lindsey Lee, Lois Hoornstra, Lou Roberts, Lynn Aspinwall, Lynn Lee, Maria Antoinette, Mary Bach, Meg Bowden, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Nicole Bookhout, Sherie Sasso, and Theresa Knight.

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 emails.
- The Lodge will host Volunteer Appreciation Night!

Everyone loves Spaghetti Dinner!

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 Ray Wojtak

5 Fritz Carstens, Tim Geier, Andrew Johnson, Barbara McKinney, Robert Repenshek

6 Ann Brunsell, Catherine Coyle, Mary Jo Gatzke, Bob Rounds

7 William Flesch, J. Michael True

8 James Bachmann, Anthony Pullara, J. Shannon Riley

9 Daniel Drye

11 James Henley, Jeffrey Kingston, Brent Ruhland, Ryan Zagrodnik

13 Benjamin Jedd, Daniel Kelly

14 Kevin Karpelenia, Jon Jenson, Mary Louise Roberts, John Smail

16 Michelle Possin, John Yogerst

17 Beverly Fergus, Arrick Harrier, Lauren Taylor, Erin Wiedemann

18 Debra Oswald, Steve Thiel, Tracy Ann Zydron

19 Charles Deadman, Michael Steffen

21 Leanne Tyska

22 Kimberly Wolf

23 Greg Bonnes, Stephen Hooker

25 John Sommers

27 Chad Basche, Richard Christenson, Roy Swenson

28 John Bannon

29 Charles Baumann, Dan Nardi

30 Daniel Clarke

31 James Marcks, Ryan Neerland, Louise Oasen, George Snyder

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Sasha Eifler

Michael Fillichio

Jennifer Hadley

Chris Restle

Tracy Ann Zydron

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!

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

Saturday, March 14th

Register 3:00 pm – Play at 3:30 pm

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

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

Sip & See Happy Hour

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	2	3	4 Trivia, 6:30 pm	5 ♬ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins | Brunch 9 am-1 pm	9	10	11 **410 Founders Day** Membership Meeting, 7 pm | Euchre, 5:45 pm	12 ♬ Thomas Heiber-Cobb, 6-8 pm	13 ♬ Lois at the Piano	14 Euchre, 3 pm
15 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	16	***17*** **St Patrick's Day** Lodge opens at 4:30 pm, ♬ 5:15 pm	18 Name That Tune, 6-8 pm	19 ♬ The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-8:30 pm	20 First Day of Spring | Blood Drive, Noon-5 pm	21 Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle, 4-8 pm
22 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	23	24	25 Membership Meeting, 7 pm | Euchre, 5:45 pm	26 ♬ Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm	27 ♬ Lois at the Piano	28
29 Brunch, 9 am-1 pm	30	31 **End of Fiscal Year** Deadline for 2026-2027 Dues!				

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THURSDAY MUSIC

AT ELKS LODGE #410

03/05/26

Fiddle Jam | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

03/12/26

Thomas Heiber-Cobb | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

03/19/26

The Steve and Mark Band | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

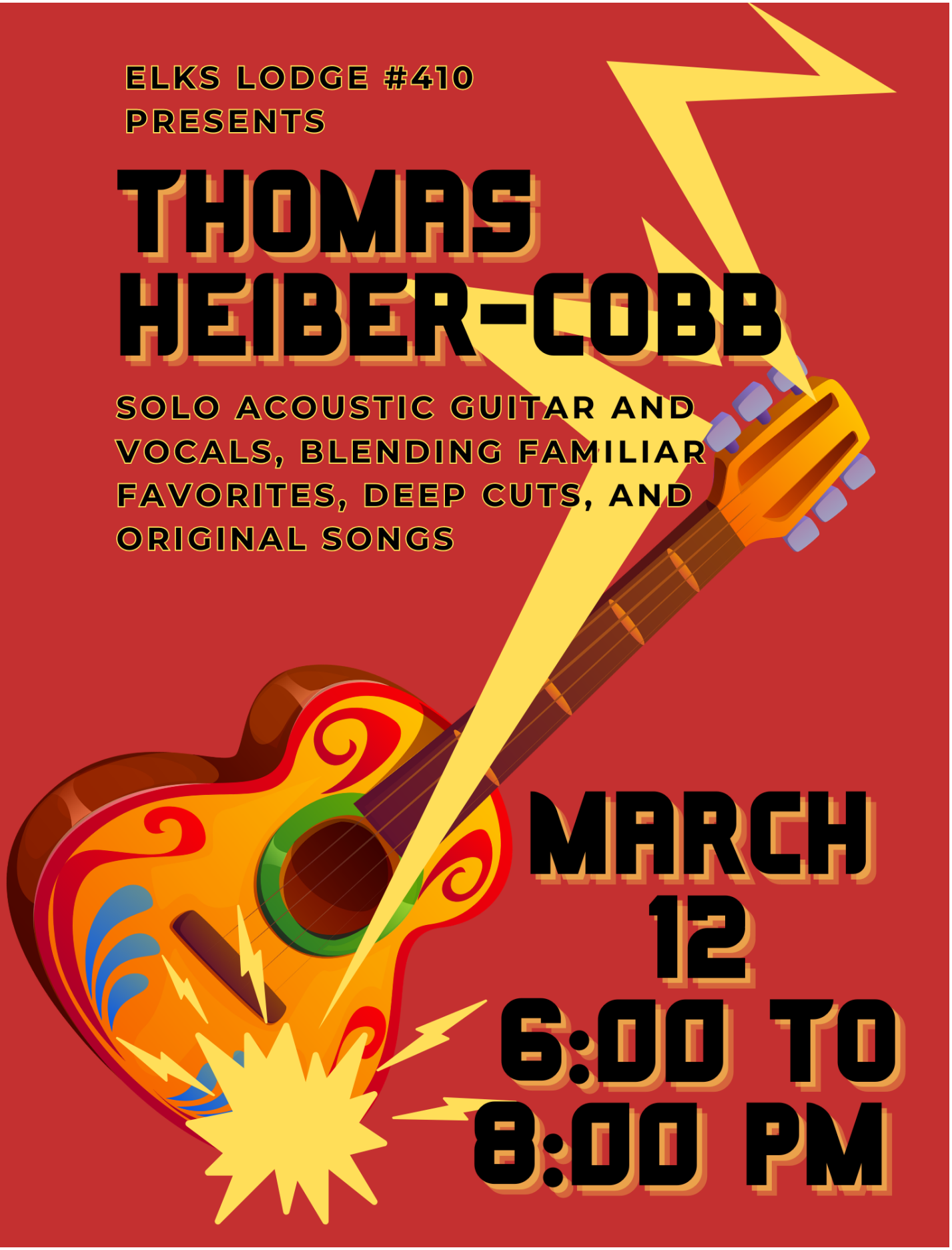
03/26/26

The Back 40 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

ELKS LODGE #410
PRESENTS

THOMAS HEIBER-COBB

SOLO ACOUSTIC GUITAR AND VOCALS, BLENDING FAMILIAR FAVORITES, DEEP CUTS, AND ORIGINAL SONGS



MARCH 12
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
music by
The Currach
Irish Trio
featuring
UW-Madison's Sláinte Irish Dancers
and a special performance by
Trinity Irish Dancers at 5:15 p.m.
Enjoy a traditional Irish dinner with all the
fixings, along with classic Elks Club favorites!
Elks Lodge #410

American Red Cross

SHARE YOUR LUCKY CHARM.

Give blood for those in need.

Madison Elks Lodge Blood Drive

Lower Level Banquet Room
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

Friday, March 20, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: madisonelks

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Walk-ins welcome!

Give in March for a $15 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing! rcblood.org/March

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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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 CHORIZO, 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

VA FOOD DRIVE

Food donated will be used to stock our local food pantry that provided shelf-stable food for veterans!

Bring items to the lodge the month of March!
SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Oatmeal packets – Boxes containing 8-10 individual packs
- Cereal – 15oz to 20oz boxes
- Chicken – Unflavored, in cans or pouches
- Tuna – in cans or pouches
- Canned vegetables – carrots, peas, or mixed veggies
- Pasta sauce
- Canned kidney beans
- Canned pork and beans
- Standard Adult Thermometers

Please make sure these products do not expire within 6 months of donation.

Every donation, big or small, has a meaningful impact on the lives of those we assist

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Madison Elks Lodge #410

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE

Saturday, March 21, 2026

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.** We will send you 10 raffle tickets (more are available at the bar and will be on sale at the event). The cost of the tickets is $10 each, and the drawing is for 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