



ELKLINER

APRIL 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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

That's neither a typo nor an April Fools' Day joke. April 1 is the beginning of a new year in Elkdom. We hope you have paid your dues, because if you haven't, you are now delinquent. That means you cannot use the clubhouse or participate in any membership meetings. If you haven't done so, please send in your payment today and you will promptly receive your new membership and key card. On April 10th the locks on the front and both rear entrances to the Lodge will be changed. Then you will need your new green key card to enter.

Anyone who never paid their dues for last year (April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) has been dropped from the membership. There is a 60-day grace period for these former members. If this applies to you, up until June 1 you may submit your dues for both last year and this year and you will be automatically reinstated. However, after that date if you wish to rejoin our Lodge or any other Lodge you must submit an application for reinstatement. If you have any questions about your status, please contact the secretary: secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.

We begin another year with 733 members, a net increase over last year of 66 members. There are currently also 12 candidates for membership. Our goal is to end the fiscal year with 800 members. This is important for our continued health as an organization. Each year we lose members because of death (our average member's age is 65 years old); others move away and some choose not to renew their membership. It has never been easier to apply to become an Elk. In addition to filling out the traditional paper application, candidates can now print out an application online on Elks.org. Keep in mind that the approval process normally takes about three months. New members pay an initiation fee of \$125 and prorated dues for the remaining months in the fiscal year. Please consider sponsoring a friend, relative or coworker for membership.

Our newly elected officers (the panel at the left) all begin their term of office on April 1. April is also an important month because it is when the membership will approve our budget for 2024-2025. Be a part of the process by attending membership meetings, the 2nd Wednesday each month (and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in February, March, and April). Members must have a valid membership card to attend. Also, please consider serving on one of our many Lodge committees, including the newly reconstituted Entertainment Committee that next meets on April 11 between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. - right before our Thursday night live music in the bar. Always keep in mind, that we cannot have live music,

special dinners and other programs at our Lodge without volunteers. This is doubly important since many of these events help fund our charities.

HAPPENING AT THE LODGE

Last month our new **Trivia Night** premiered with several teams competing for prizes. It returns at 6:30 p.m. on April 3rd and every 1st Wednesday of the month. Holiday buffets have long been popular at the Lodge, especially for Easter and Mother's Day. Our **Easter Brunch** on Sunday, March 31 featured a bountiful spread and enjoyed a good turnout. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially the many volunteers who pitched in as servers and bussers to make this event possible. We will soon be posting details about our **Mother's Day Brunch** on Sunday, May 12.

Other ongoing events roll on in April. Our **Live at the Lodge** music series continues every Thursday night in the bar (more information about the lineup follows). As always, you can look forward to **Music Bingo** 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.

We will also host another **Blood Drive** on Thursday, May 2 (more information is at the end of the *Elkliner*). We want to especially acknowledge all of Renée Lauber's hard work organizing these events which have been very successful for the Red Cross. Thanks, too, to all the members who donate blood!

Next month our annual **Derby Day Party** will take place on Saturday, May 4. More details are coming soon. Please consider donating a basket to the raffle or making a financial contribution so we can create one for you. They should be dropped off at the office by April 24.

The piers are in, a sure sign of many happy days ahead! Remember that the west pier is reserved for members who have rented a space for the entire season. The east pier is open to members visiting the Lodge on a space available basis. Please do not leave your boat docked at the pier if you leave the clubhouse grounds! Whenever possible, boaters should use the outside staircase to the bar to access the Lodge (you will need your key card).

Again this summer, we are proud to sponsor youth softball and baseball and the two Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) summer fundraising events, the **Waterfront Festival** (June 8 - 9) and the **Orton Park Festival** (August 23 - 25).

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Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

Ed Ledwidge (1994-1996)

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Kristi Barbian (2011-2013)

Steve Sasso (2013-2015)

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#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 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

April Lineup

04/04 Rusty Bumper

04/11 Shekinah

04/18 Rusty Bumper

04/25 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



The B.P.O.E. has long supported youth activities including sports: bowling, golf, softball, baseball, basketball – and most recently – soccer. The same is true of our local Lodge. Pictured here from 1955 is the Madison 410 softball team. Unfortunately, the players in the photo are not identified. Do you recognize someone you know? Today they would be close to 80 years old! The photo was taken by Ken Christensen who frequently was a sports photographer for The Capital Times.

JOHN CURTIS FRITSCHLER



1930 – 1976

Exalted Ruler

1961-1962

John C. Fritschler, Jr., was the son of John C. Fritschler, Sr., and Lois Duffin, born in Superior, Wisconsin, on June 3, 1930. His great-great-grandfather, George Fritschler, was born in Germany in 1826 and immigrated to Door County, Wisconsin, when he was 21 years old. John received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin and briefly practiced in Milwaukee before being named assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin in 1956. This job brought him back to Madison.

Later he became the first local attorney for the federal Small Business Administration and set up its office here. In 1961 he returned to private practice as a criminal defense attorney, representing some very notorious clients such as defending a former legislator accused of taking bribes, a Madison school principal charged with taking “indecent liberties” with his students, and several owners of strip clubs in our city. In a 1971 interview with the *Wisconsin State Journal*, Fritschler admitted his cases had made him unpopular with segments of the community. He said, “The obligation of an attorney is a little different than that of other businessmen. He is not in business to be popular. He is in business to defend people who have causes that need defending.”

In the same interview Fritschler said he really was a man with two professions. One was being an attorney and the other was paying “civic rent.” “When you’ve become successful in a community, you owe that community something.” Fritschler was involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations. In 1971 he was president of the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce. He was secretary and on the Board of Directors of the Madison Opportunity Center that worked with disabled children and adults. He was one of the organizers and later president of Big Brothers of Dane County, legal counsel at Boys State, and president of Junior Achievement. From 1961 until 1962 when plans were finalized to build a new clubhouse on Lake Monona, he was Exalted Ruler of Madison Elks Lodge #410.

John Fritschler and his first wife, Judith, had four children. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage two days after his 46th birthday on June 5, 1976. John is buried with his second wife, Nicki, in Madison’s Forest Hill Cemetery.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Shawn Smith
- 2 Steven Hagen, Roxanne Johnson, Brian Kammerer, Peggy Moore, Diane Redsten
- 3 Dan Resnick
- 4 Kristin Chambers
- 5 William Hart, Judith Wilson
- 6 Blaise Besant, Rick Esser
- 7 Geoff Gaston, Thomas Miller
- 8 Thomas Dipiazza, B. Thomas DiSalvo, Bonnie Frisch, Donna Hermsen, Michael Knetter, John Thorstad
- 9 Bridget Esser, Ernest Horinek, Stephen Nelson, William Volker
- 10 David Brown, 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 Mathew Fick, Peter Luther, Drew Rodysill
- 16 James Blotz, Kenneth Kleist
- 16 Michael Skala
- 17 Harold Meyer, Gary Peterson
- 18 Kevin Gorman, Joseph Kubesheski, Justin Randall
- 19 Joseph Balles, George David Brown, Colleen Hayes

- 20 Kathleen Carl, Gary Gundlach, Kelly McCann, James Tjugum, Thomas Tuttle, Mary Lou Tyne
- 21 Meg Bowden, Henry Doane, Richard Ottow, Sherie Sasso
- 23 Marla Eddy, Ted Heiser, Tom Hendrickson
- 24 Roberta Beal, Donna Ellis, Nathan Reuter
- 25 William Aspinwall, Mark Baumeister, Dan Henderson
- 26 David Bohl, Rick Symdon
- 27 James McGinn, Theresa Pope, Kristopher Steege-Reimann
- 28 Joseph Forward, 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



- Debra Dees
Thomas Jennings
Robert Maier
Peggy Moore



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| | 1 April Fools' Day | 2 Election Date | 3 Trivia Night <i>Bar, 6:30 pm</i> | 4 ♫ Rusty Bumper <i>5:30-8:30 pm</i> | 5 | 6 District Workshop, <i>Janesville Lodge #254</i> |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Lodge Meeting, <i>Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre Wis. Room, 5:45 pm</i> | 11 ♫ Shekinah <i>5:30-8:30 pm</i> | 12 ♫ Lois at the Piano, <i>Dining Room</i> | 13 Euchre, 3:30 p.m. |
| 14 Tax Day | 15 | 16 | 17 Music Bingo, <i>Bar, 6-8 pm</i> | 18 ♫ Rusty Bumper <i>5:30-8:30 pm</i> | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Earth Day/ Passover Begins | 22 | 23 | 24 Lodge Meeting, <i>Lower Level, 7 pm/ Euchre, Wis. Room, 5:45 pm</i> | 25 ♫ The Steve Mark Band <i>5:30-8:30 pm</i> | 26 ♫ Lois at the Piano, <i>Dining Room</i> | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Passover Ends | | | | |





Having a good time at Trivia Night.

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. For reservations or carryout, please call 608-255-1644 ext. 1.

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