



ELKLINER

SEPTEMBER 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

I know what all of you are thinking: Where did our summer go? It flew by, but it was a good one! Our Lodge had a successful summer. The Thursday night concerts were a big hit, as was the limited bar menu.

Now that it's coming to an end, we need to figure out how to get more of our members into the bar and restaurant that we – the members – own. Somebody mentioned that at the last House Committee meeting. I had never thought of our Lodge like that, but it's true. We're responsible for its success. Wednesday and Thursday nights will go back to being slow unless we offer something people will come in for. We talked about serving the limited Thursday night menu on both nights. It's easy to prepare and serve, so we can cut down on staff for those nights. Friday nights are still our busiest.

So, what would bring you in more often? I'm going to place a suggestion box near the entrance and ask that you let us know what we can do to encourage more business. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Meadow, our Front of House Manager unfortunately (for us) found a job in her field after she graduated in May. We are sorry to lose her, but we wish her the best in her next chapter. We have promoted Kaycie Strobl to General Manager. She has done such a great job with the bar and the banquets that she has proven to us she can do it. We're excited to see what she will do in her new position.

Remember we are still raising money for new carpet in the dining room and Wisconsin Room. Make your tax deductible contribution to Madison Elks #410 Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.

September brings the Wisconsin Elks Association fall conference. This is an opportunity to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. It's always exciting to hear what our national leaders have to say.

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship program kicks off in September. Any high school senior is eligible to apply.



Go to <https://www.elks.org/scholars/> and click on [Most Valuable Student](#) in the sidebar. There is another scholarship program specifically for children and grandchildren of Elks members. It is called the "Legacy Scholarship" and the application is online as well. Having mentioned the ENF, it's a good time to remind you how important your donations to it are. The easiest way to donate is to sign up for the Fidelity Club. You can donate as little as \$5 per month right out of your checking account or on a credit card. Go to <https://www.elks.org/enf/fidelityclub.cfm> to learn more about it.

Fall is approaching fast. I've already seen some leaves changing color. But we still have a lot of boating and "outside" weather to enjoy on our lakefront. Let's make the most of it!

In Elksdom,

Sherie Sasso

Exalted Ruler

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Judi Trampf

Our Madison Elks Community continues to grow thanks to you!

Thanks go to everyone who has spread the word about all the benefits of joining our Lodge. Our membership is growing, which we not only love to see, but it benefits all of us. We encourage everyone to think of friends, neighbors, and coworkers who would enjoy our Lodge. Bring them to one of our many events such as Elktoberfest and Thursday night live music. Maybe they would enjoy Name that Tune or Trivia? How about bringing them to Brunch or Friday night fish fry? The best way to get people to become members is to share the Lodge experience with them. The charitable work of our organization "sells" itself. You just need to share all that we do for the community. Don't be afraid to ask them to join! Before you leave the Lodge, tell them you would be happy to sponsor their application. Put an application in their hands and help them fill it out. (They are available in the bar and entry hall.) Then just stick the completed application through the mail slot of the door to the Secretary's office in the entryway. Both you and the candidate will receive an email acknowledging that the application has been received.

Please mark your calendar: On October 1, starting at 5 p.m. we will host another New Members Night. While this occasion is ostensibly to welcome our new members, everyone can and is encouraged to



Saturday Dinner Special
Saturday's dinner special is BBQ pork ribs with your choice of potato. Full rack for \$29 and a half rack for \$19.

attend. It's a great opportunity to meet board members and others in a social setting. You will also learn more about how the Lodge functions.

Fact: Most of our new members each year are proposed by those who have been members for two years or less! Consider joining the Membership Committee. We want to hear what made you decide to join. We are always looking for fresh ideas about how we can attract members and best serve their interests. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. in the bar – just look for the table with the note pad! Whether you attend once, or become a regular contributor, you are always welcome.

Let's all work together to grow our herd and become a better Lodge!

AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of Madison Elks 410 is holding their 3rd Annual Camp Wawbeek & Scholarship Raffle. Members of the Auxiliary will be at the Lodge every Thursday and Friday until our Country Western night on Saturday, September 12th. We are selling only 150 tickets. They are \$50 each. First ticket drawn wins a \$2,000 prize, second ticket drawn wins a \$500 prize, and finally eight tickets will be drawn for a \$75 prize each. You are welcome to text Michelle Braithwaite at (608) 212-7722 to purchase tickets on other days. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, an application is at the end of the *Elkliner*.

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The barbecues sponsored by the Madison Elks in the 1920s attracted thousands of people. The photo here, taken in 1900, was in front of the old Lodge on Monona Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.). The building in the background is the old Dorn stables. While the cooking crew looks on, great hunks of beef smoke on skewers resting on 4 x 4 timbers laid across barrels. The fire pit was five feet deep and 25 feet long.

DAVID ALLEN CRARY



1950 – 2017

Exalted Ruler

2006 – 2007

David Allen Crary, was born on December 4, 1950, in Madison, the son of James Franklin “Frank” Crary and Elaine Esther Noltemeyer. He attended Schenk Junior High School and La Follette High School where he played football. For 40 years he was employed by Madison Gas & Electric. On May 22, 1982, he married Adele Catharin Wieger who also worked at MG&E. The couple would have two sons.

David enjoyed volunteering and music, especially karaoke. He was a Scout Master for Troop No. 132 and a participant of Sun Prairie Civic Theater. Most of all, he was active in the Madison Elks Lodge and served as Exalted Ruler from 2006 until 2007.

David Crary died on September 29, 2017.



2017



1967

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

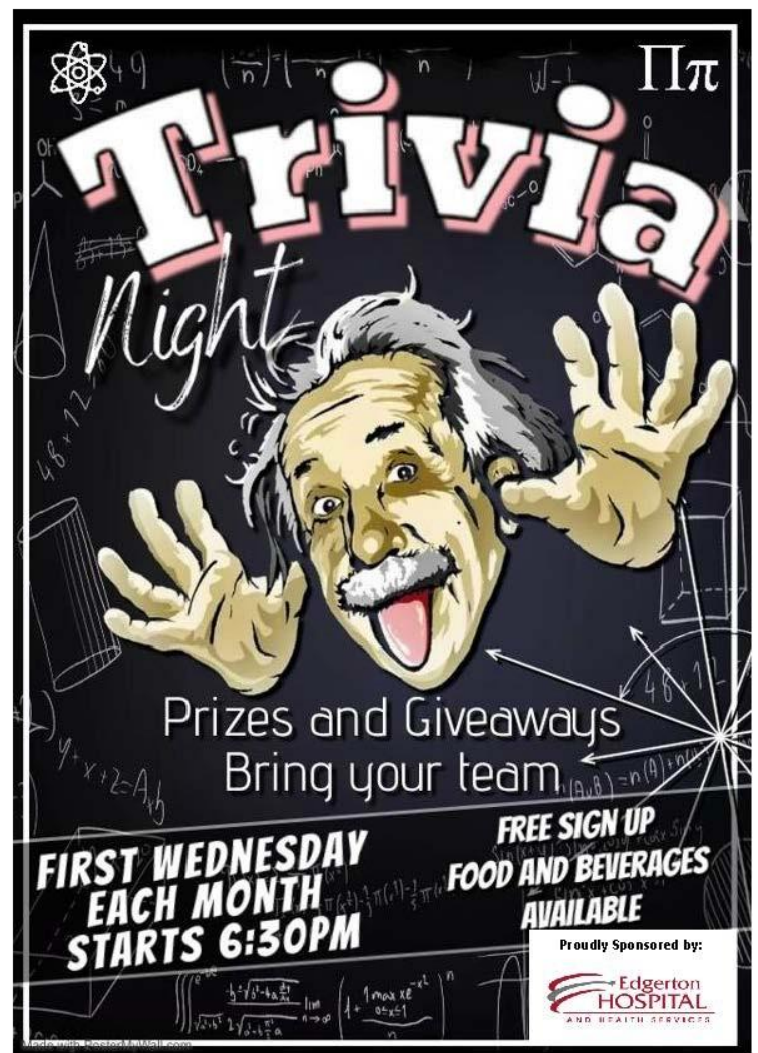
Live music

every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge



BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

A big thanks goes out to new member Luke Whitburn who led the charge to replace broken paving tiles on the lakeside of the Lodge. Not only are they no longer cracked, but they are now level as well! Thanks, Luke!

Your pull tab purchases continue to help the Lodge. The Duck Committee donated \$1,300 to fund new pier bumpers. We've installed 48-inch long vertical bumpers on the legs of our pier. Boaters will be pleasantly surprised to see that our pier has become a much friendlier spot to dock their boats.

Our 2026-2027 Capital Campaign goal is to raise \$30,000 for new carpet upstairs in the dining room. We've laid out samples in the Lodge lobby for members to view. It is a bold and colorful pattern which is recommended in the hospitality industry for several reasons. First, it sets the stage for a unique and memorable atmosphere. We've selected commercial carpet that adds depth to the room with the use of earthy patterns, colors, and textures. It also coordinates nicely with our red chairs, wall colors, and napkins. Second, a colorful and patterned carpet hides stains and traffic wear. Finally, carpet is highly recommended over other flooring products as it absorbs sound. With proper maintenance, this new carpet should last 25 years. Our current carpet has stains that just won't come clean no matter how hard we try. We've already raised 5% of our goal of \$30,000. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to **Elks 410 Foundation** and put "carpet" on the memo line.

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 Lodge a nicer place for all 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 at (608) 445-0766.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

It's not Halloween yet, but "Ve vant to suck your blood" at our blood drive for the Red Cross on September 10 from noon to 5 p.m. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are always welcome. See the poster toward the end of the *Elkliner* for more information.

Returning on Saturday, September 12th is Western Night, benefiting the Auxiliary. Music by Back 40 will begin at 6 p.m., with the raffle drawings at 7:30 p.m. Money raised will go to the State Major Project, Camp Wawbeek; additional student scholarships; and the Veterans Committee.

New in September will be a special evening of comedy and charity on Friday, September 18. Member and resident comedian Patrick Rhode (who recently opened for Jay Leno in Madison) will be hosting the Comedy for a Cause charity night, benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are \$45 for Elks Lodge members and \$50 for members of the public and can be purchased at the link [HERE](#). Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performances begin at 8 p.m.

Music moves indoors after Fiddle Jam on September 3. Two bands will perform on September 10; They Talk TOO Much and Spare Time Bluegrass Band. They feature two 13-year-old budding musicians with some of Madison's old-school bluegrass players. These groups are on stage from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. All That Jazz Combo will be performing on September 17, and old favorite the Steve and Mark Band are back on September 24. As always, music and ambience are free but come thirsty for our happy hour specials and good community.

Brunch will continue each Sunday between 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Also, don't forget our ongoing scheduled events on Wednesdays: Trivia on September 2nd, Euchre on the 9th and 23rd, and Name That Tune on September 16. Come for fun and win prizes! And, coming up next month, our annual Elktoberfest returns on Sunday, October 11 with music, beer, food, and gemütlichkeit!

The Entertainment Committee is looking for volunteers to help lead some of our favorite events. It's a great way to get involved and help shape the Lodge experience. Collaborate with us to bring events to life. Please contact Allison Cooley at alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden at samantha.linden20@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the committee or leading an event!

Names of our August volunteers will appear in next month's *Elkliner*.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

1 Ritt Deitz
2 Rich Falch, Ellery Jensen, Tya Lichtie, Nikole Neidlinger
3 Jon Boldebuck
4 Judi Trampf
5 Virginia Morschauser, Ronald Wirth
6 Alan Hembel, George Zagorski
7 Steven Doepke, Stephen Morton, James Dulke,
Chad Whiteside
9 Pat Richter
10 Jayme Anderson, Matthew Coogan, Stuart McIntosh
11 Mark Goff
13 Cliff Fisher
15 Jason Standish, Don Taylor
16 Scott Bindl, Katerina Hartigan, Robert Maier
17 Dan Aspinwall, Samantha Linden, James Roth
18 Chris Benson, Brett Clark
19 Jamani Bergh, Chad Campanelli, Michael Vilbrandt
21 Frank Zawlocki
22 Fred Bachmann, Michael Van Bronersky,
Patrick McCormick, Patrick Ross

23 Rich Maahs, John Skillrud
24 George Carran, Carey Cress Fose, Joseph Hertel,
Jessie Loeb, Kaitlinn Thatcher
25 David Bruns, Bradley Butzlaff, Gerald Clark,
Laurence Davies
26 Salli Martyniak, Thomas Munz, Jane Wiedenbeck
27 Holy Cremer Berkenstadt, Jule Gehrig
28 Duane Faust, Zack Henderson
29 Joe Goodwin, Thomas Schmock
30 Bill White

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shawn Behnke
Carla Mason
Jan Moore
Tomas Roa-Lauby
Matthew Wellentin
Luke Whitburn



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 10 a.m. – 2 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



Leading Knight Jim Schuessler, Office Manager Mary Bach, and Lecturing Knight Audrey Martino hand over the Traveling Gavel to Janesville Lodge #254. The Traveling Gavel is a tradition of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Each district within the state has its own gavel that rotates between the Lodges in that district. Once a Lodge receives the gavel, they have 60 days to give it to another Lodge or face a fine of \$3 a day. Madison is in the South District along with Janesville Lodge #254, Milwaukee Lodge #46, Waukesha Lodge #400, and Platteville Lodge #1460. Fines from the gavel are donated to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.



Once again, the Madison Elks were proud to support the Marquette Neighborhood Association by sponsoring the Orton Park Festival.



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Trivia, 6:30 pm	3 ♫ Fiddle Jam, 6-9 pm	4	5
6 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm	7 Labor Day	8	9 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	10 Blood Drive, Noon-5 pm ♫ They Talk TOO Much & Spare Time Bluegrass Band, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	11 Rosh Hashanah Begins ♫ Lois at the Piano	12 South District Workshop, Janesville Auxiliary Western Night, ♫ Back 40
13 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm Rosh Hashanah Ends	14	15	16 Name That Tune, 6-8 pm	17 ♫ All the Jazz Combo, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm	18 Comedy for a Cause, 8 pm WEA Fall Conference Begins, Appleton	19 WEA Fall Conference
20 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm WEA Fall Conference Ends Yom Kippur Begins	21 Yom Kippur Ends	22 Autumnal Equinox	23 Euchre, 5:45 pm	24 ♫ Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-8:30 pm	25 ♫ Lois at the Piano	26
27 Brunch, 10 am-2 pm	28	29	30			



Mark your calendar:

Sunday, October 11

Elktoberfest

Thank you, Meadow



Mary, Lucas, Meadow, and Leslie—August 14, 2026

Meadow Corfits started working at Elks Lodge #410 during the early days of rebuilding the hospitality business after the pandemic. Even though she was barely out of high school, she quickly proved herself to be one of the lodge's most dependable and dedicated employees. This was recognized by the lodge board of directors, who promoted her to front-of-house manager in April of 2024. Since then, she has been a key person in rebuilding our operations.

Members who are regular customers of the restaurant surely know how important she is to our lodge. Those who worked for her did so with admiration and respect.

Meadow, who finished her studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison earlier this year, had her final shift last month and is starting her next chapter in her chosen field.

We hope she will always have fond memories of her time at the Elks Lodge in Madison, Wisconsin.

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The next time you hear someone lazily say that the problem today is that young people don't want to work, remember Meadow—and say, "That's not true."

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Madison Elks Lodge Blood Drive

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711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703**

**Thursday, September 10, 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!

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Auxiliary of Madison Elks #410 Presents:

**3rd Annual
Camp Wawbeek &
Scholarship Raffle**

**Drawing: Saturday, September 12th, 2026,
7:30 p.m.**

Madison Elks Lodge #410

711 Jenifer St, Madison WI 53703

**Tickets are \$50 and only 150 tickets will be
sold!**

**Prizes: 1- \$2,000, 1 - \$500 and 8 - \$75
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
TO WIN**

**Tickets can be purchased from:
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**Sept
12th**

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Auxiliary
Presents**

**4:30PM
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Menu!



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**50/50
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Basket
Raffles**

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Back 40

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Dining Room 5:00
Music 6:00 - 9:00
Raffle Drawings 7:30

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Fiscal Year 4/26 – 3/27)

Annual Dues = \$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

May the Leadership contact you with volunteer opportunities?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Submit this form and dues payment (cash or check) at any Auxiliary Meeting, or mail it to:

Madison Elks Auxiliary
711 Jenifer Street
Madison, WI 53703

Checks should be made payable to "Madison Elks Auxiliary".

Thank you!

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Dues \$25 paid with ☐ CASH ☐ CHECK _____

Membership Date: _____