



ELKLINER

JANUARY 2026 | Madison Elks Lodge 410



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4 Year **Jim Schuessler**
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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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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Happy New Year! I am definitely ready to slam the door on 2025 and I am praying 2026 treats me and my family better. I'm also praying it treats anyone who struggled in 2025 better!

We have so many exciting things coming up this year. We have started offering Sunday brunch from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. every Sunday. Steve and I went to the first one on December 14. There were 40 to 50 people there, which wasn't bad for our first attempt. The food was phenomenal! Everyone I talked to agreed and promised to talk it up to friends who are members. I plan to bring some friends in for brunch in January and then encourage them to join so they can come by themselves any time they want!

The Entertainment Committee is putting together an exciting roster of events. They have every Wednesday (except the second Wednesday when the membership meeting is held) booked, and they are still offering live music on Thursday nights. They have lots of other things planned, so keep watching your inbox so you don't miss anything.

VO5 is coming back to the Lodge on January 24. Look for the link in the Entertainment Committee article in this newsletter to buy tickets. Tickets are only \$20 this year, a steal!

Our biggest fundraiser, the Spaghetti Dinner, will be held on March 21. This event requires a LOT of volunteers. Watch your inbox for the chance to sign up. This dinner is also our annual cash raffle. You will be sent some raffle tickets. Please sell them or purchase them yourself. Tickets will also be available at the bar and in the office.

"Merry Christmas" to all of us from our amazing members! I just learned that we exceeded our goal to raise \$8,300 to purchase new dishes. They will arrive later this month. They should make a big, beautiful difference in the dining room. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Going forward in 2026, keep watching for the many opportunities to volunteer for events on behalf of the Elks. Let's make sure the community knows all the ways we contribute!

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It not only is the beginning of a new calendar year, but a new year of Elksdom looms on the horizon. Our fiscal year is April 1 – March 31 and in preparation for the transition, your annual dues statement will be mailed to you by the Grand Lodge this month. Your local and state dues for 2026-2027 will remain the same and your national dues will only go up \$1. We hope you will pay your dues upon receipt of your statement, either by mailing us a check in the reply envelope furnished, or by using a credit card online at <https://elks.org/payonline>.

We will begin to mail out new member cards, spouse cards and key cards in February, but please continue to use your current identification and purple key cards until April 1. If you are a widow or widower of a deceased member, you should automatically receive an identification card in the mail in March.

Election of officers for 2026-2027 will be held at the membership meeting February 25. Nominations for officers may be made at the January 14 and February 11 meetings. Nominations from the floor on the night of the election can only be made if there are no candidates for that office.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and will be on Saturday, March 21. You should receive information in the mail this month, so mark your calendar now.

Snowbirds. If you winter elsewhere and would like to continue to receive the Elks Magazine and mailings from the Lodge, you can temporarily change your address. Email secretary@madisonelkslodge.org and give us your change of address. However, you will need to notify us again when you return to your permanent residence.

Digital Membership Card. Did you know if you find yourself away from home without your membership card, you can access a digital copy online by signing into your Elks.org account? You can use this digital copy to access any Lodge in the country.

HELP US REACH OUR PER MEMBER ENF GOAL

From January 1 to March 31, we are going to challenge every member to participate in a campaign to join the Fidelity Club for a monthly contribution of as little as \$5.00. When you sign up, you will automatically be entered to win a spectacular prize that will be drawn in April. If you are currently enrolled in the Fidelity Club, you will also be entered to win as a "thank you" for your continued support. Please donate before March 31, 2026!

Madison Lodge #410 ENF Fundraising Statistics (as of 12/1/2025):

- 2025-2026 Per Member Giving Goal: \$5.15
- Total Donations Received: \$1,575.00
- Average Per Member Giving: \$ 2.27
- Renewal Rate: 7.05%
- Membership Support: 2.16%
- Fidelity Club Members: 7
- ENF Lodge Grants to Madison Lodge #410: \$10,500.00

Please sign up for the Fidelity Club [HERE](#).



POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The original Madison Elks Lodge (pictured here around 1912) was located downtown at the corner of Doty Street on what was then Monona Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. today). It is the building with the flag on the far left. Immediately to its right is the Grand Army of Republic (G.A.R.) Hall, and the building next to it is the Avenue Hotel. The cornerstone of the first Lodge was laid at 11 p.m. on October 22, 1901. The building and its neighbors were razed in 1964 to make way for a parking lot for the Bank of Madison. Attorney Vaughn Conway purchased the distinctive wooden columns from the old Lodge for his home in Baraboo.

WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL



1906 - 1983
Exalted Ruler
1967 - 1968

William Harold "Bill" Aspinwall was born on July 31, 1906, in Hurley, Wisconsin, the son of Judge Peter H. Aspinwall and Margaret Eagan. He grew up in Hurley and came to Madison in 1924 to attend the University of Wisconsin where he excelled as a boxer. As a student in the School of Commerce, he worked two part-time jobs, including one in the UW athletic ticket office.

For 46 years Bill would work for the UW Athletic Department and was appointed its first accountant upon his graduation in 1928. He would go on to serve as business manager, ticket manager, and secretary to the UW Athletic Board. Upon his retirement, Bill was elected to the UW Athletic Hall of Fame. Aspinwall was a charter member of the College Athletics Business Managers Association (CABMA), served as its secretary-treasurer and president, and was named "CABMA Man of the Year" in 1970.

On April 22, 1930, Aspinwall married Margaret S. Hubbell and the couple has three daughters and three sons. Bill was an avid golfer and bowler and a Life Member of Madison Elks Lodge 410. He was elected Exalted Ruler in 1967.

William H. Aspinwall died on January 19, 1983, and is buried with his wife in Madison's Resurrection Cemetery.



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



3rd Wednesday Every Month

BINGO

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 Jenner Street
Madison, WI 53703

Live@theLodge

Live music
every

Thursday

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No cover charge



Trivia Night

Prizes and Giveaways
Bring your team

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH STARTS 6:30PM

FREE SIGN UP FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

Proudly Sponsored by
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AND HEALTH SERVICES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to recognize member Lynn Lee for the beautiful holiday decorations in our bar. The Lodge looked very festive this holiday season thanks to Lynn!

We had to deal with a couple of heating and refrigeration issues this past month. Our HVAC company, Air Temperature Services, needed to repair motors that run fans on radiators. We also had a faulty zone valve which controls heat to the lower-level ladies' restroom that needed replacement. We also needed to call our refrigeration company, Just In Time Refrigeration, to do some maintenance on our walk-in cooler. Overall, nothing to be too concerned about and issues resolved.

We will be switching over to the Square Point of Sale System (POS) on December 29. We are hopeful that both improved software and hardware will improve the efficiency of our bar and restaurant operation. At the same time, we will be upgrading our Wi-Fi system for better speed and connectivity. These are both significant investments that will be an improvement to our infrastructure.

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 will be here before you know it! If you'd like to reserve a spot, please email office@madisonelkslodge.org.

Finally, 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.

ELKS LEGACY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Who is eligible to apply for an ENF Legacy Award?

- If you are the child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2023, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2023. Your Elk sponsor must also be a paid-up member for the last two contiguous years

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



through March 31, 2026. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. If your parent and grandparent are both Elk members, you should apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

- If you are high school senior. If you are planning to attend an accredited U.S. school, college or university? (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

Applications must be submitted by noon on February 2, 2026, Pacific Time.

The Elks National Foundation is not responsible for any technical errors that may arise as you complete and submit your application. We especially encourage you to upload required documents early, even if you aren't ready to submit your application. In addition, it is in your best interest to submit your application early to avoid any last-minute web traffic problems. If your application is received after the contest deadline, it will be ineligible, regardless of the reason for late submission.

Legacy Awards winners will be announced in late April 2026.

Click [HERE](#) to start your application.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Samantha Linden and Allison Cooley

December is a beautiful time to be an Elk at Lodge 410. Spectacular holiday decor courtesy of Lynn Lee graced the bar and restaurant areas creating a cozy atmosphere to enjoy music, food, friends and fun. All was merry and bright during the annual holiday edition of Music Bingo on the 17th. Thursday night live music is popular with Elks both naughty and nice! We had our first of what we hope will be many Sunday brunches on the 21st.

We will kick off 2026 with a new member social on January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin room, welcoming those Elks who have become members during the past 12 months. We hope all members will join us in getting to know our newest Elks!

Dust off your bell bottoms and get ready to shake your bootie at the Lodge when VO5 returns Saturday, January 24th! VO5 has been playing '70s disco and funk in the Madison area for 20 years and always gets our lower-level dance floor movin' and groovin'! Tickets are \$20 bucks apiece and you can buy them [HERE](#).

Wednesdays continue to be hopping at the Lodge with Trivia every first Wednesday (January 7th), Euchre every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (January 14 and 28), and Music Bingo every 3rd Wednesday (January 21). Every Thursday happy hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with live music starting at 5:30 p.m.. We hope you will resist the urge to hibernate and amble on down to the Lodge this January. We guarantee you'll find a warm and inviting atmosphere that will rev you up and keep you going until spring!

There are always new events happening at the Lodge, so please check the online [monthly calendar](#) and the This Week at the Lodge emails frequently. If you are not getting those weekly emails, please check your spam folder, or make sure your name is on the email list by contacting secretary@madisonelkslodge.org. We also recommend that members' spouses add their email address to the list.

How do YOU see the Entertainment Committee Impacting the Lodge and its members? Are there events you would like to see more of at the Lodge? We would love to hear from you. You can reach Allison via email at alliecool1@gmail.com and Samantha via email at samantha.linden20@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who volunteered in December: Aaron Freis, Ann Baumgarten, Ann Braithwaite,

Audrey Martino, Barbara McKinney, Bill Baumgarten, Byran Siltman, Chris Benson, Christopher Klinge, Dan Morse, Deven McGlenn, Don Geier, Eric Schultz, Heidi Herziger, Jane Morse, Jeff & Laur Blakley, Jeff Riley, Jeff Twing, Jill Minshall, Jim Schuessler, John Bohman, John Hylkema, John Mueller, Judi Trampf, Kathy Peterson, Kathy Unger, Katie McGlenn, Katy Heyning, Kevin Schmidtke, Laura Strong, LaVerne Schwengel, Linda Fobes, Lindsey Lee, Lorrie Hylkema, Lynn Aspinwall, Lynn Lee, Lynn Riley, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Verveer, Peter Leidy, Phil Doll, Ramie Zelenkova, Samantha Linden, Shari Twing, Steve Braithwaite, and Traci Schroeckenthaler.

A reminder: There are wonderful benefits for volunteering at the Madison Lodge 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Chandru Solraj, Timothy Strait, Kristina Weltzin
- 2 Lu Vail
- 3 Katherine Gomez Phillips, Tony Hernandez, David Sarbacker
- 4 Harold Coltharp, Lorraine Hylkema, Jerald Wirth
- 5 Nicole Bookhout, Robb Kahl, Joe Mortier
- 6 Gary Gotzion, Ted Valenza
- 7 Dan Brinkman
- 8 Mary Ann Doll, Greg Topoleski
- 9 Nancy Asenjo-Shropshire, Sandi Statz, John Weidner
- 10 Nathaniel Feldner, Joseph Klein
- 11 Michael Laskis
- 12 David Gorwitz, Melissa McKee
- 13 Joe Tisserand
- 14 David James Gronski, Roger Wright
- 15 John Bertram, Ryan Bittner, Kathleen Conn, Kimberly Feasel,
Glen Fischer, Damon Hinkle, David Mays
- 16 Daniel Desmidt, Katharina Heyning, John David Myer
- 17 Colleen Dubin, Thomas Schaller
- 18 Thomas Beach

- 19 Timothy Koob, Dwight Kruse, William Schumann
- 20 David Bradford, William Orosz
- 21 Laurence Jensen
- 22 Anna Purnell, Gary Swan
- 23 JoAnn Loftus
- 24 Donald Damon, Lori Murphy, Carol Ripp
- 25 Donald Imhoff
- 26 Bernard Widera
- 27 Bryan Davis, John Lottes, Kenneth Oasen
- 28 Jessi Pacetti
- 30 Eric Gordon
- 31 Daniel Fose, Dan Lafleur
- 31 Matthew Mayrl, Mark Redsten

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Hooker
Larry Meiller
Todd Schommer
Bryan Stiltman

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!
Saturday features Prime Rib

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

Saturday, Jan 10th

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

Photos with Santa (click [HERE](#) for more photos)



Hoop Shoot Champions



Boys 8 to 9



Girls 10 to 11



Boys 10 to 11



Boys 12 to 13

January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 Jazz Brunch 9 am-1 pm	5	6	7 Trivia, 6:30 pm	8 ♫ Rusty Bumper, 5:30-8:30 pm, New Members Social, 6-8 pm	9 ♫ Lois at the Piano	10 Euchre, 3 pm
11	12	13	14 Membership Meeting, 7 pm Euchre, 5:45 pm	15 ♫ Back 40, 5:30-8:30 pm	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr Day	20	21 Music Bingo, 6-8 pm	22 ♫ The Steve & Mark Band, 5:30-8:30 pm	23 ♫ Lois at the Piano	24 ♫ 70s Prom Night/VO5 8-11:30 pm
25	26	27	28 Euchre, 5:45 pm	29 Karaoke, 6:30-8:30 pm	30	31

ELKS DO BRUNCH



Yes, we do – every **Sunday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.** This is a full-service brunch. A copy of our current menu is at the end of the *Elkliner*. We hope you will stop by and try it out soon!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

brunch: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

music: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elks Lodge #410

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**featuring
HOT CLUB OF MADISON**

The Hot Club of Madison is a collective of musicians, led by Gian Compuesto, dedicated to the music of jazz guitar legend Django Reinhardt and the Sinti/Manouche communities of France, Germany, and the Netherlands. Expect an exciting range of guitar driven jazz and swing standards, modern Jazz Manouche, classic Sinti/Manouche songs, and homages to the sounds of the Quintette du Hot Club de France.

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70s Prom Night

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

8:00 TO 11:30

@ ELKS
Lodge
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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 (HORIZO, 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



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