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JANUARY 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!

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday and spent part of it at your Lodge. Thank you to those who donated gifts to **Toys for Tots**, valued this year at more than \$7,000! The toy drive ended with Santa's annual visit on December 9, complete with cocoa and cookies. We are grateful to all who purchased an ornament for our **Giving Tree**. The \$447 raised was donated to Porchlight's transitional housing for homeless veterans. On Sunday, December 10 we remembered our absent members at our **Annual Memorial Service** for those whose deaths were reported during the past year.

Our thanks go to Aaron Fries and all the other volunteers that made this year's **Hoop Shoot** on December 16 a big success. With 19 participants it was the largest competition we've hosted during the past decade. The five winners are now eligible to go to the South District Competition in Waukesha on January 20th. Our holiday edition of **Music Bingo** is perennially popular but none more so than on December 20 that "sold out." Our **Live at the Lodge** music series continued on three Thursdays last month with a special added performance the Saturday before Christmas.

Live at the Lodge will continue this month (more information follows in the *Elkliner*). We start off the year with a really special event, **Hirt Alpert** on Saturday, January 6. This band will perform all your favorite 60s hits, plus there are two stand-up comedians and a sumptuous buffet. Reservations are required. Please contact Lindsey Lee: groundzerocoffee@yahoo.com.

On January 27 once again it will be "Prom Night at the Lodge" when **VO5** returns for a night of disco and dancing. This band is insanely popular so be sure to buy your tickets now (more information follows in the *Elkliner*).

In February on Valentine's Day, we will have another **Blood Drive** (more about that next month). And, are you ready? **The Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle** returns on **Saturday, February 24!** Very soon you will receive a mailing that includes raffle tickets that we ask you to buy or sell (there are even more cash prizes this year!). This is the Lodge's biggest annual fundraiser and a good time we can all anticipate.



Our resident Santa, Esquire Patrick Fitzpatrick with some of his fans.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We are quickly approaching the beginning of a new year of Elkdom (our fiscal year ends March 31, 2024). Dues statements for 2024-2025 will be mailed out this month. If you have moved in the past year and have not updated your address with us, you will not receive a dues statement in the mail. Please contact the Secretary with any changes to your contact information.

This year your local dues will increase by \$40 – from \$210 to \$250 (dues for Lifetime Members increase by \$20). This was the first increase at the Madison Lodge in several years. Also this year, the national and state fees will increase by \$5.

There will no longer be the option on your dues statement of paying for a printed and mailed copy of the *Elkliner*. Our cost has forced us to discontinue this option. We will continue to send electronic copies free of charge and a limited number of printed copies will be available at the desk in the lobby of the Lodge.

New membership cards and new key cards will be mailed upon receipt of payment beginning in February. In March widows of deceased members should receive an identification card in the mail and a letter explaining how they can obtain an optional key card.

At the membership meeting on January 10, officers will be nominated for the 2024-2025 year. If no one is nominated for an office, nominations for that office will be in order before the election at the February 28 membership meeting.

The end of a fiscal year and beginning of a new one is a busy time. Hence, the Lodge meets twice a month during February, March and April (the 2nd and 4th Wednesday). During this period a new budget will also be proposed and adopted.

If you are delinquent, please pay your dues so you are not dropped at the end of the fiscal year. If you have questions, please contact the secretary: secretary@madisonelks.lodge.org.

A reminder: Applications for \$4,000 Legacy Award Scholarships to children and grandchildren of Elk members must be submitted online by February 5: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm>

Finally, time is running out! For each application for membership you sponsor until January 10, you will be entered into **3 drawings, each for a \$100 gift card!**

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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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Secretary **Jeanette May**

Treasurer **Michelle Braithwaite**

BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde



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DJ John Sherman

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6pm - 8pm



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	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 **\$24.00**
Single sheets for games 3-6 **\$5 each**

50/50 Raffle Tickets

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

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

January Lineup

01/04 Rusty Bumper- Bob King
01/11 Rusty Bumper- Bob King
01/18 Rusty Bumper- Bob King
01/25 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!

70s Prom Night

Saturday, Jan. 27
8:30 to midnight
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Tickets @

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Bowling was once a major pastime for many Elks. At one time our Lodge boasted several teams and the old clubhouse downtown had three bowling lanes in the basement. This photo from 1947 is of Wisconsin Elks officials at the Elks National Bowling Tournament held in Madison at the Plaza Alleys (Plaza Tavern). Left to right: John Fay, La Crosse, State President; Matt Zwank, Tournament Manager; A.L. Hubbard, Beaver Dam, State Deputy; Elmer Reese, Secretary of the Madison Elks Lodge; and Bert Thompson, Green Bay, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee.

JOHN WALTER LILLESAND



1910-1985

Exalted Ruler

1954-1955

John Walter “Wally” Lillesand was born in Madison on February 2, 1910, the son of Joel Gudverd “Goodworth” Lillesand and Agnes Marie Farnum. He grew up in the shadow of the Capitol and attended Central High School. In 1932 he graduated from the University of Wisconsin where he was a member of the Phi Kappa fraternity. Four years later on July 10, the hottest day of the year – 102 degrees, Wally and Gladys Lorayne Johnston eloped to Illinois. It was a marriage that would last for 49 years and produce two sons.

When World War II came, Walter enlisted and served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. His entire life he worked for the United States Department of Agriculture in the aerial mapping section. Wally’s real passion was music and he played in numerous bands around town. Notably, he was the accompanist for the Elks Quartet that frequently performed on WIBA radio during the 1930s. (A photo of the group hangs in the dining room right above the piano.) He was also the leader of the Feather Rhythm Orchestra, a popular dance band. From 1954 to 1955, Lillesand served as Exalter Ruler of Madison Lodge #410. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Walter died on September 7, 1985, and Gladys on February 20, 2020. They are buried in Madison’s Resurrection Cemetery.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By Laura MacIsaac, Capital Campaign Chair & Chaplain

I have updated the thermometer sign in the lobby of the Lodge that shows the progress of the Capital Campaign to note our new total of over \$65,000! In 2023 we were able to secure 501(c)(3) status making your donations tax deductible. We will be sending out acknowledgement letters to all donors soon.

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity this past year. With those gifts we were able to purchase new boilers to keep the building warm as well as support other projects to keep our building in good working order. Thank you!

The principals of our order are: **Charity**, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. As we look forward to an amazing 2024, I will still be asking you to again give to our ongoing Capital Campaign. Recently I learned of a large project that our Building and Grounds Committee will undertake in 2024 and we will need your financial help – more about that follows. If you ever have any questions or suggestions, please contact me: elelsea@gmail.com.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The Building and Grounds Committee coordinated the cleaning of our carpets this past month. We are now on a schedule to have our carpets cleaned twice a year. A number of committee members pitched in to move tables and chairs off the carpet so Crystal Cleaners could do the job and then put all the tables and chairs back on the following day. A big thank you goes out to all who helped.

We'd also like to thank Crystal Cleaners for cleaning leaves and cobwebs off the pillars visible from our bar and dining room. They used poles and brushes to reach that difficult area and did it free of charge! A big thank you goes to Lodge member Kurt Arvold.

We want to recognize and thank Lodge member Tom Bennell who once again replaced a worn bathroom valve for us this month. We are fortunate to have members who have unique skills and are willing to help with maintenance needs.

Our committee discussed what our priorities are for 2024. Our top priority is to have our parking lot professionally restored this year. Asphalt needs to be regularly maintained otherwise it will suffer from serious damage due to heaving in the winter. Cracks need to be filled with rubber, the surface sealed and fresh stripes painted. Some sink holes may need to be dug out and re-filled. We would also like to have some of the concrete parking blocks that have seen better days replaced. We will collect several quotes for the membership to consider.

Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our facility so it can be fully enjoyed by our members and guests. Members are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings which take place at 6 p.m., just prior to our regular monthly membership meetings. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text (608) 445-0766.

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- 1 Timothy Foor, Timothy Strait
- 2 Joseph Saelens, Lu Vail
- 3 Katherine Gomez Phillips, Tony Hernandez,
David Sarbacker
- 4 Harold Coltharp, Jerald Wirth
- 5 Robb Kahl, Joe Mortier
- 6 Gary Gotzion, Ted Valenza
- 7 Dan Brinkman
- 8 Mary Ann Doll, Gregg Topoleski
- 9 Nancy Asenjo-Shropshire, Susan O'Dell,
Sandi Statz, John Weidner
- 10 Nathaniel Feldner, Joseph Klein
- 11 Michael Laskis, Nick Novak
- 12 Mary Beth Arnold, Melissa McKee
- 13 Joe Tisserand
- 14 David James Gronski, John Smerlinski,
Roger Wright
- 15 John Bertram, Ryan Bittner, Kathleen Conn,
Kimberly Feasel, Glen Fischer,
Richard Hubanks
- 16 Daniel Desmidt, Katharina Heyning,
John David Myer, John Spaeni
- 18 Thomas Goff Beach

- 19 Timothy Koob, Dwight Kruse, William Schumann
- 20 David Bradford, Shar Ron Buie, William Orosz
- 21 Laurence Jensen
- 22 Gary Swan
- 23 Mildred Thousand
- 24 Donald Damon, Lori Murphy, Carol Ripp
- 25 Wendy Fritz, Donald Imhoff
- 27 John Lottes, Kenneth Oasen
- 28 Jack Lester Hemb
- 29 W Richard Gordon
- 30 Eric Gordon
- 31 David Duchow, Daniel Fose, Dan Lafleur,
Matthew Mayrl, Mark Redsten

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 🎵 Hirt Alpert, 6 pm Dining Room
7	8	9	10 Lodge Meeting, Lower Level, 7 pm / Euchre, Wisconsin Room, 5:45 pm	11 🎵 Rusty Bumper - Bob King 5:30-8:30	12 🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	13 Euchre, 3:30 pm
14 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	15	16	17 Music Bingo, Bar, 6-8 p.m.	18 🎵 Rusty Bumper - Bob King 5:30-8:30	19	20
21	22	23 Euchre, Wisconsin Room, 5:45 pm	24	25 🎵 The Steve & Mark Band 5:30-8:30 pm	26 🎵 Lois at the Piano, Dining Room	27 🎵 VO5, 8 pm to Midnight, Lower Level
28	29	30	31			

Badgers
Jan 1 vs. LSU @ Tampa 11 am

Packers
Jan 7 vs. Bears TBD



MOVING ELKDOM FORWARD



Our Madison Elks Lodge #410 2023 Hoop Shoot Champions (pictured with Trustee Don Geier, far left, and Hoop Shoot Chair Aaron Fries, center and far right. Congratulations!

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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