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A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Hey, fellow Elks! We made it through January! January is my least favorite month of the year. It's long, it's cold, and it's gloomy. But it's over!

So, welcome February! Happy Valentine's Day. It's a short month and it'll be over before we know it. And then marvelous March comes.

Our Lodge has lots of fun stuff coming up. If you don't get regular emails from the Entertainment Committee, please contact the office. We have Hirt Alpert coming in on February 8 and VO5 on March 8. These have historically been big moneymakers for the Lodge, and people have a wonderful time. A win-win!

Our biggest fundraiser for the year is our Spaghetti Dinner on March 15. You should already have received all the information you need about it, along with ten raffle tickets that I hope you will sell or buy. We also need LOTS of volunteers that day, serving food, bussing tables, selling tickets, and generally helping out. I have volunteered for this event for 14 years and it has been so fun and rewarding every time. I especially encourage our new members to volunteer. This is the perfect time to meet members and get excited about other volunteer opportunities. Believe me, once you volunteer at an event like this, you'll be hooked! As the event draws closer, you will get an invitation to sign up.

We will have many other volunteer opportunities this summer as we are once again sponsoring the Marquette Neighborhood – our neighborhood – festivals. Again, I've volunteered to help out with these, and the experience is amazing. We get a lot of support from our neighbors, and we are grateful we can give back to them.

Dues notices will be coming out in February. Please renew promptly. It makes it so much easier on the office if you do. If you have any hesitation about renewing, please contact me to talk about it. I guarantee I will listen and try to address your concerns. My email is sssasso@gmail.com and my cell phone number is (608) 444-1948.

We've made a lot of good progress in the Lodge this year, thanks to our very active Entertainment, Building & Grounds, House, and Membership Committees. I am running for one more year as Exalted Ruler to see us grow. I hope you will continue to support me and our amazing Board of Directors and Committees in the year ahead!

In Elkdom,
Sherie Sasso

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Grand Lodge is now mailing out dues statements for the coming fiscal year (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026). Hopefully yours will arrive during the next couple of weeks. If you have not received yours by February 19, or have questions, please contact me at secretary@madisonelkslodge.org. You can also pay for dues and pick up cards at the Lodge the day of the Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 15.

Paid members can expect to receive new membership, spouse identification, and key cards in the mail beginning in late February. However, your new key cards will not be activated until after April 1st so continue use your current green key cards until then. Identification cards to widows and widowers will be mailed in early March. Once you receive your card please remember to sign them.

Beside your mandatory dues (local, state and national assessments), each year the statement offers you a way to make optional donations. The optional amounts listed are suggested donations, but we welcome your contribution of any amount! Please note that donations made to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund (providing aid to the sick, disabled, youth, and unfortunate), State Major Project (Camp Wawbeek Easter Seals Respite Camp), Elks National Foundation, and Madison Charities are all tax deductible contributions.



For the fourth year in a row, Madison Elks Lodge 410 received the Commandant's Award, for its outstanding contribution to the Toys for Tots program. Trustee Don Geier accepted the award from Marine Corps Corporal Caleb Flierman at the January meeting of the Lodge. We thank all the members who donated toys and books this year!

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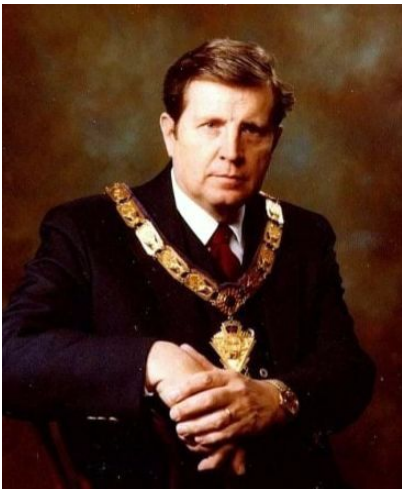
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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



On March 11, 1898, B.P.O.E. No. 410, received its charter. It was the largest Elks club in the state, an honor it holds to this day. Originally the Madison Elks met at a hotel, but quickly began making plans for its own clubhouse. Located at the corner of Monona Avenue (now Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard) and Doty Street the cornerstone was laid at 11 p.m. on October 27, 1901. The members moved into their new home designed by Madison architects Claude and Starck in May of 1920. The then state-of-the-art facility on the first floor included a parlor, library, card and billiards rooms, café and bar. The commodious Lodge hall on the second floor was also used for balls and theatrical performance. The basement included five bowling alleys. The building remained largely unchanged until 1950 when the membership approved \$88,000 for refurbishment. By the early 60s the facility was too small for its 1,500 members, had air conditioning only in the bar and restaurant, and no onsite parking. After finding a suitable location plans for a new Lodge on Jenifer Street began. In 1965 Madison Lodge 410 moved to its current location. The original structure was soon after razed to make way for an extension of the Bank of Madison's parking lot. Today the Risser Justice Center occupies the location.

NORMAN "NORM J. SALT



1923 - 2014
Exalter Ruler
1980 - 1981

Norman James Salt was born on January 19, 1923 in Trent-on-Stoke, England, the son of James Salt, Jr., and Theresa Thirza Hancock. In 1926 the family immigrated to the United State and settled in Elizabeth, New Jersey, where Norman grew up. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School there and joined the U.S. Navy. During World War II he served in the Naval Transport Service. During that time, he met his future wife, Jean Marie Stewart, who was a nurse in the U.S. Navy. They would marry on November 5, 1943. The couple had three children, a son and two daughters.

Norm would eventually make Madison his home, first coming here to attend the Radio Code School at the University of Wisconsin. He was president of the Metropolitan Business Association, board member of both the Arthritis Foundation and Easter Seals of Wisconsin, and director of the Charitable, Educational, and Scientific Foundation of the State Medical Society of Wisconsin. Mr. Salt was employed as the office manager for WPS (Wisconsin Physicians Service). A life member of Madison Elks 410, he served as Exalted Ruler between 1980 and 1981.

Norman J. Salt's mantra was "remember the good times." He died on September 12, 2014 and is buried with his wife who preceded him in death in Forrest Hill Cemetery.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The lower-level women's restroom renovation is making nice progress. Feel free to check it out yourself next time you are in the Lodge. You will note that we replaced all the lighting, installed larger mirrors, retextured the "popcorn" ceiling to a smooth finish and painted the walls. We still have the carpet to replace, and a few artful touches are needed to make it more welcoming, but we are close to the finish line!

We are grateful to all who contributed with their labor and dollars to help get this project done. We are also hopeful that these improvements will make the Lodge a more attractive venue for our banquet and event guests.

We will be moving onto the upstairs women's restroom next. As we are working within a tight budget, financial support from members is much needed and appreciated.

Another project we are considering is installing a canoe/kayak/paddleboard storage rack at the lakeshore. The City of Madison Parks Department rents spaces just like these in the photo for \$135 per year, but they have a waiting list. We'd like to gauge if there is demand among our members for this kind of lakefront storage. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let me know.

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 out lodge a nicer place for all to enjoy.

The focus of our Building and Grounds Committee is saving costs and improving our facility for our members and guests to enjoy. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text me at (608) 445-0766.



HOUSE COMMITTEE

By Lindsey Lee

February is cold, but the Elks Lodge is not.

Helping to heat up the lodge this month are a couple of special events happening in the dining room. Both will feature special dinners preparations.

First, on the evening of February 8 we have Hirt Alpert, dinner and a show. Our buffet will feature prime rib, pasta primavera, chicken cordon bleu, and spinach enchiladas. Of course, it will include many great sides and desserts and the great live music of Hirt Alpert. (Don't be surprised if the ghosts of Frank and Dean show up as well). [You can go here to buy tickets.](#)

For Valentine's Day weekend, February 14 and 15, we are offering two entrée specials in addition to our regular menu. First, we have a surf & turf, which includes a 12-ounce ribeye and a 6-ounce lobster tail. The other special on these two nights will be pan-fried mahi mahi. The dining room will also feature priced bottles of wine. It will be a great place to be with that special person in your life (or just bring a friend!). Make your reservation now by calling (608) 255-1644.

Leave your February blahs at home and come down to the Lodge! Enjoy our hospitality and delight in the company of your fellow Elks. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Interested in hosting a banquet
or special event at our lodge?*

*Contact our events coordinator
via phone/text at 608-333-5694
or via email at:
banquets@madisonelkslodge.org*

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 (1994-1996)
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



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DJ John Sherman

3rd Wednesday
Every Month



Based on 30 players,
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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! @ THE LODGE

Thursday's 5:30 - 8:30

2/6 The Buttermik Three

A musical duo that love performing contemporary, acoustic interpretations of classic songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's. ** Starting at 6pm

2/13 The Steve & Mark Band

Folk, country rock and rock with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's including artists like Neil Diamond, Jimmy Buffet, The Beatles and more...
Bring your dancing shoes!

2/20 Susie and Randy Duo

Rock, pop, country and more! They provide a fun, interactive show that offers relaxing tunes to songs that make you want to sing and dance.

2/27 Rusty Bumper

Popular crossover music (classic rock & country favorites) from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's. Bring your favorite music requests!

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- 3 Rad Allen Hawkos
- 4 Jordan Corning, Jacob Daniel Smith
- 5 Cory Frank, John Miller, Michelle Miller Hayes
- 6 Philip Klein
- 7 Curtis Hossman
- 8 Bradley Fox
- 9 Wayne Simon, Steven Tinker
- 10 Paul Steinmetz
- 11 Thomas Clauder, Richard N. Olson, Daniel Schultz
- 12 Paul Greisen
- 13 Kenneth Kruska, Stephen Kuhn, James Shunk
- 14 Ronald McLean

- 15 Dan Curd, David Lynett
- 16 Kathy Revello, Donald Swinton
- 17 Beverly Klongland
- 18 Conrad Marks, Darlene Noggle
- 20 Loretta Blankenheim, Katherine Cullen
- 21 Mark Gladue
- 22 Patrick Sullivan
- 24 John Beyler, John Kollath
- 26 Steve Sasso, Patricia Whitely
- 28 Maria Antoinette Cannarella, Rebecca Clark,
Sabrina Sims
- 29 Mathew Cizik, Ben Hobbins, Tiffany Marie Olson

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

- Deborah Friske
Michael Van Bronersky

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Allison Cooley & Samantha Linden

Offer your Expertise to the Lodge. The official season of giving might be behind us, but as our oath of service goes, we will always offer a hand to help a fellow Elk. The Entertainment Committee is seeking advice and expertise for five potential events and gatherings. Do you (or know an Elk who does) have experience with the following:

- Hosting a Corn Hole Tournament (in the summer)
- Hosting a March Madness Bracket (March and April)
- Organizing a Paint and Sip Night
- Organizing a Puzzle Competition
- Collecting donations and putting together Raffle Baskets

If you would be willing to lend a hand to planning and preparation, call Samantha Linden at (715) 520-0112! Thanks for your help!

Here are the new and returning events being planned for 2025:

- Hirt Alpert – Saturday, February 8
- VO5 – Saturday, March 8
- Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, March 15
- Easter Brunch – Sunday, April 20
- March Madness – March and April
- Kentucky Derby Day – Saturday, May 2
- Mother’s Day Brunch – Sunday, May 11
- Summer Luau – Friday, July 4
- Corn Hole Tournament – Summer
- Elktoberfest – Sunday, September 7
- Mexican Night – TBD (October)
- Veteran’s Day Breakfast – Saturday, November 9
- Jazz Brunch - TBD
- New Year’s Eve Party – Wednesday, December 31

If you are interested in helping work on any of these events, please contact Samantha Linden, Allison Cooley, or Michelle Braithwaite.

As you can see, our small committee is working on year-round events and activities to make the Lodge the most enjoyable place to be in Madison. But to make the events a success, we need YOU! Come to the events, bring friends, and volunteer often. The Entertainment Committee meets on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and our February meeting dates are Feb 6 and Feb 20, if you can attend.

The individuals who have volunteered during the past month and who we thank from the bottom of our heart are: Aaron Freis, Ann Braithwaite, Bill White, Brock Thatche, Christopher Klinge, Dani Monrer, Don Geier, Eric Schultz, Fred Kinney, Jeff Riley, John Hylkema, Kaitlenn Thatche, Ken Oasen, Lorrie Hylkema, Lynn Lee, Lynn Riley, Marilyn Kinney, Mary Bach, Michelle Braithwaite, Phil Doll, Richard & Linda Olson, Riley Willman, Steve Braithwaite, Tim Geier, and Zachary Henderson

There are many benefits to volunteering at the Lodge and we hope to see your name on this list next month!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
BUFFET AT 6PM, SHOW AT 6:30

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Buy tickets [HERE](#)



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Madison Elks Lodge Blood Drive

**Lower Level Banquet Room
711 Jenifer Street
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Valentine Specials

Friday, February 14th & Saturday, February 15th

Bring your sweetheart and come have a candlelit dinner with us!

Serving these Valentines Day Specials plus our regular menu:



For reservations, please call
(608) 255-1644

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.



SEEN AT THE LODGE

Hoop Shoot









Madison Elks Lodge #410
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & RAFFLE
Saturday, March 15, 2025
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.** The cost of the tickets are \$10 each and the drawing is for a 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