

ELKLINER



Monthly publication for members and friends of
Madison Elks Lodge 410, B.P.O.E.

December, 2019

Elks Memorial Sunday

*" To Our Absent
Members "*



*The places that have known
them know them no more, but
their virtues are written upon
the tablets of love and memory.*



Janel Smith

Elk's Memorial Service

It was an early, but voluntary, custom among Elks for Lodges to conduct a formal service in tribute to a brother who had died. With the growth of the Order this custom became more and more general; and the appealing sentiment of which it was born was crystallized in a Statute of the Order.

"Elks Memorial Day"; is mandatory upon each Subordinate Lodge to commemorate departed members on their Memorial Sunday.

December 8, 2 p.m.

Herbert Hansen, Jeff Spaeni, Pamela Brandon, Matthew Bingham,
James F. Miller, Richard L. McCain, Greg Raemisch, James E. Cowden

"In vain we call."

Exalted Ruler's Message

Wow! Where did the year go? I can't believe it's December already. December and January are busy months for the Lodge. On December 8, we have our annual Memorial Service for members who have died during the year. We have our



Visit with Santa and a meat raffle on December 14 and our New Year's Eve dance party on December 31. Marcy and the Highlights will be playing in the lower level on New Year's Eve. We will also have our very popular Christmas Music Bingo on December 18. And our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle will be held on Saturday, January 25. There is more information on all of these events elsewhere in this Elkliner.

All of those events need wo/man power to work. Please let me know if you can help out at any of them. You can always reach me on my cell phone (608-444-1948) or email: madisonelkser@gmail.com.

I want to recognize the Ladies Auxiliary for their VERY successful Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale! The ladies did a great job of finding a variety of vendors and the baked goods were amazing! When I arrived at the sale at about 10:30 that morning, I had a hard time finding a place to park in our lot! Steve was probably sorry I did find a spot, 'cuz I spent a lot of money there! I'm so pleased for the Auxiliary that it was such a success. They provide a lot of support for our Lodge and they're always there to help out when we need something.

I also want to thank the Entertainment Committee, chaired by Eric Gordon. They are responsible for booking bands and planning other events at the Lodge. They brought in a nice variety of music during the summer and they continue to meet. If you have any suggestions for music or a fun event, contact the office.

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From the Secretary's Desk

As I was checking in candidates before our last initiation ritual, it was discovered that one candidate had paid the application fee late so his dues payment was adjusted down and he was entitled to a refund of \$50. Instead, Rick Esser donated that amount to the (tax deductible) Madison Elks Charities fund. Thanks Rick! Charity is one of our cardinal principles and Rick has the Elks Care — Elks Share attitude so he is right where he belongs.

Speaking of Sharing, we are a donation dropoff site for Toys For Tots. This is a project of the Marine Corps

Reserve in Dane County. We have a large box next to the office to donate new, unwrapped toys to

brighten a child's Christmas. Our hallway is not open to the public so only Elks "share" here. Our donation box is almost empty! It's not your fault. We need to tell you. Now you know. How embarrassing would it be when the Marines escort Santa to the Breakfast to have few toys to donate?

Your Lodge provides lots of fun activities at our clubhouse all year 'round. Find something you will enjoy and bring a friend or family member to show them around and give them a membership application and offer to help them become a member too. Someone invited you to join; pass it on.

We do get a few candidates who apply online. You can also become a proposer that way. The application can be found on our website.

<https://www.madisonelkslodge.org/membership>

See you at the Club. **"HO HO HO"**

Jim Maas,

Secretary 410publisher@gmail.com



Except for special events, these are the times your Elks Club is open.

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Pub Night
Bar 4:00 – 9:00 pm
Kitchen 5:00—8:00 pm

Wednesday:
Bar & Kitchen 11:30 am–2:00 pm
Bar 4:00–9:00 pm
Kitchen 5:00–8:00 pm

Thursday: Ribs Night
Bar 4:00–9:00 pm
Kitchen 5:00–8:00 pm

Friday: Fish Fry
Bar 4:00–10:00 pm
Kitchen 5:00–9:00 pm

Saturday:
Bar 4:00–10:00 pm
Kitchen 5:00–9:00 pm



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We have some exceptional people working at our Lodge. Chef Melissa and her kitchen crew keep churning out great food for our members and also for all the banquets. The feedback from the banquets is always that the food was wonderful. I'll never understand how the kitchen can prepare meals for 200+ people, get them served while they're still hot, and still take care of orders coming in from the main dining room. They're amazing!

Also amazing is Chad, our bar manager, who makes sure both bars run smoothly. He does all the ordering and makes sure all the shifts are covered. It's hard finding people to work the short shifts our bar is open, but he is able to do it!

I want to wish all of our members and their families a happy and blessed holiday season.

Sherie Sasso, ER



DECEMBER

- 1 Dale K Kripps, Michael A Liethen,
Denise Stromme,
- 2 Michael K Bullington,
- 3 Laurine A Carstens, Chester Frisch,
Vivian Schmelzer, Sara Schoenborn
- 5 Charles J Chvala, Donna M Gray, Jerry Harbort,
John P Palmer, Steven O Whayland
- 6 Don Chambers, Gregory M Chermak,
Jane Morse
- 9 Lavern Birrenkott, Theodore J Frank,
Edward Kinney
- 10 Gary W Stolen, Stephen A Webster
- 11 Greg Curless, Edmund J Gallagher,
Kenneth E Larson, Jim Maas, Richard E Olson
- 12 James H Friedl, Chris Henderson,
Robert C Salisbury
- 13 Mary E Bach, Richard S Brown, Ken Fellersen,
William K Young
- 14 Angela K Maurer, Eugene Mortensen
- 15 Edward C Lawry, Brian W McKee
- 16 Charles J Price, Kari Sasso Thompson
- 17 James W Hoppe, Charles Polenz, Shelly Schmidt
- 18 Karen Bosold, Gerald Zeutzius
- 19 Carol Aspinwall, Steven W Doran
- 21 Marc Eisen, Richard W Hart, Donald L Paulson
- 22 James C Driscoll
- 24 Diann Kielley Corbett, Beth M Jefferson
- 25 Michael Mann
- 26 Richard L Adler, Lawrence Singer, Russ Tieman
- 27 Tom Aldrich, Thomas M Urdiales
- 28 Steven Bethke, Doak Christenson,
Patrick Fitzpatrick, James Mueller

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Steve Sasso
Secretary Treasurer:
Lynn Aspinwall



J.C. Boll	1966-67
Don Mitchell	1968-69
Daniel J. Aspinwall	1971-72
Bill Aspinwall	1986-87
Kevin Pohlkamp	1989-90
James Mueller	1990-91
Ed Ledwidge	1994-95
Chuck Hoornstra	1995-96, 2001-02
Kristi Barbian	2011-13
Steve Sasso	2013-14
Richard Olson	2015-17
Lynn Aspinwall	2017-19

Next meeting:
Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm

- 29 Pamela Crawford, Eric Givens,
Sidney M Pringle
- 30 Aaron Freis
- 31 Eric Bagley, John N Schmidt

**Don't forget to collect
your \$20
"Birthday Bucks"
certificate in the Bar!**



Proposed for Membership

The following applications have been received for membership in Madison Elks Lodge 410. Members knowing of reasons why any of these candidates should not become a member of this Lodge are bound by Grand Lodge Statutes to notify Lodge Secretary Jim Maas at 410publisher@gmail.com

Carla Collins and Nancy Vidlak

Games

An electronic dart game has been donated by member Aaron Frank. It is available for your use, FREE, when the Wisconsin Room is not occupied. Darts are available from the bartender.

Board games are available for your use anytime. Coloring sheets and crayons are available to keep the youngsters occupied. Checkers and chess could be played by young and old. There is a really nice dominos set available. Enjoy.—for free!



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Ben Kripps, Owner
Dale Kripps

Thanks for the Memories!

Popular purveyor of spirits behind the bar, Jody” has relocated to SE Wisconsin to follow her dreams by furthering her education. She writes:

To my Elks Family,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that came to bid me farewell on my last day. I am extremely grateful and humbled by all the kind words, the well-wishes, the heartfelt conversations, the handwritten notes, the gifts, the hugs, the cake, the laughs—I truly feel loved and appreciated. For those of you that I did not have the opportunity to say good-bye, a sweet farewell until I shall see you again one day.

Thank you all for the wild ride...and for those extra special friendships I've been so very privileged to develop over the years that I will forever treasure. If Chad should need an extra hand on occasion, I'd be happy to be your guest-bartender should my schedule allow it. Until then, I leave you all with one of my favorite quotes:

“The best kind of people are the ones that come into your life and make you see the sun where you once saw clouds. The people that believe in you so much, you start to believe in you too. The people that love you, simply for being you. The once in a lifetime kind of people.” —Anonymous

Thank you all for sharing your hearts and your lives with me. I wish you well.

Cheers! -Jody

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MUSIC BINGO

Christmas Music Bingo – December 18.

The Christmas edition of Music Bingo has drawn great crowds the last couple of years. In order to prepare this year, we are asking everyone to make a reservation for their group. We will be seating people in the dining room as well as the bar so that we can accommodate a crowd. Having people make reservations will also ensure that we don't run out of cards, as we did last year.

We will be selling cards for all eight games at once. The packet will be stapled together in the order the games are played, and it will cost \$25 for the pack. This is \$1 more than eight games usually cost, and we will put that toward one of our charities. There will be people at the table in front of the bar to collect money and hand out the packets of cards. This will eliminate having people moving through the crowd to sell cards.

We hope this will be the best Christmas Bingo ever!

Tuesday Night Euchre

First and third Tuesday.

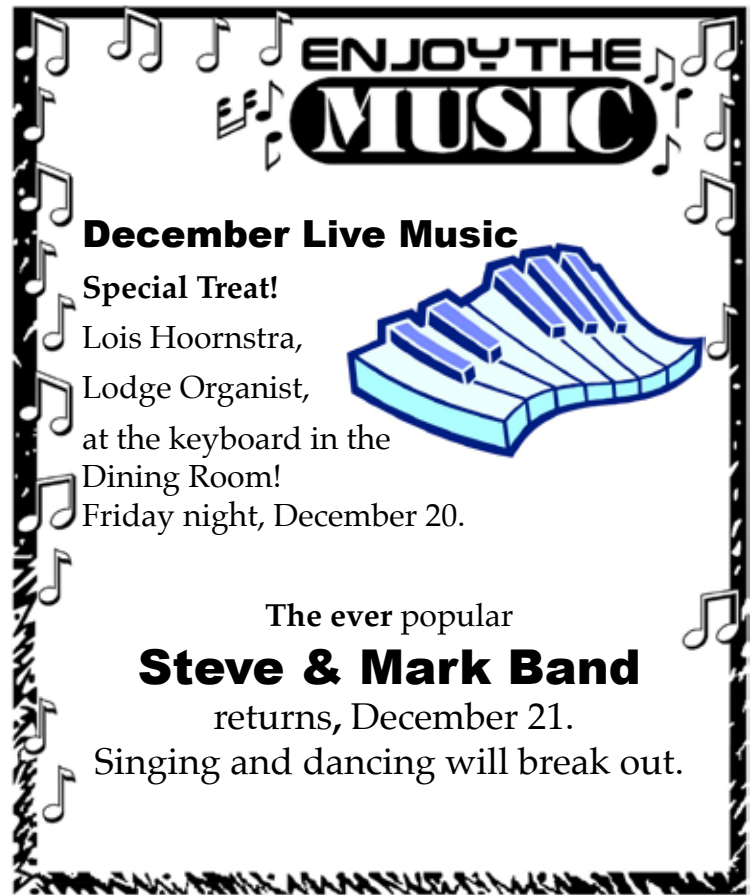
\$3 per person. Come as a single or a couple and you may bring friends.

November 5, 19

Pub Night food at 5, Euchre at 6.

If in doubt, call Jeff Kingston for information.


608-335-0503



ENJOY THE MUSIC

December Live Music

Special Treat!
Lois Hoornstra,
Lodge Organist,
at the keyboard in the
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Friday night, December 20.



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Breakfast With Santa

The Lodge will again host a visit from Santa on Saturday, December 8th. The event continues to grow in popularity with over 225 attendees last year. We will be taking reservations so that we can plan seating and food. Please call Sherie at **608-444-1948** to reserve a spot for your family. We suggest a donation of \$5 to \$10 per family to cover expenses and gifts to Santa and his Marine escort. Anything left over will go to our Lodge's charity fund.

Santa is again delivering your gift. The following is important to the success of this event so please read carefully. Over the last few years of hosting this visit, Santa and his helpers have too often heard the question 'Is Santa for real?' To reduce the frequency of this question and to Keep the Christmas Magic Alive Another Year, we ask of



you the following—wrap your gift(s) and firmly affix a label that is neatly printed with the child's first and last name. Deliver the gift to the Lodge, if at all possible, prior to Saturday. The gift can be dropped off at the Lodge during office hours Tuesday, December 4th through Friday, December 7th. Santa will have Elves at the Lodge door from 5 to 7 pm the Friday night before his visit. If you cannot bring the gift prior to Saturday, it must be delivered to the main entrance of the Lodge prior to 9:40 am, without the children seeing it. Your child or grandchild should be dropped off at the lower (Lakefront) level *prior* to this delivery of the gift Saturday morning. Gifts will arrive to the tree with Santa, so it is important that we have everything prior to his arrival.

The doors will open at 9 am and you must be there prior to 9:45 am as Santa arrives at 10 am. Reservations are not required and will not be accepted. This is an open seating event. Parking is going to be tight in our upper and lower lots. We have additional spots available across the street at the Red Caboose Daycare facility whose entrance is on Williamson St. Knowing parking could be a challenge, come early enough so as to not miss Santa and his Marine Corps escort's arrival.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—This is a labor intensive event! We need a lot of volunteers to make Santa's visit a success. WE will need a few volunteers on Friday night from 5-7. Volunteer start time on Saturday is 8:15 am or so and we should be done by 12 pm. If you are able to help, please call or email ER Sherie at madisonElksER@gmail.com. Should you have a high

schooler who needs volunteer hours this is a good opportunity to earn a few.

To Recap:

- **December 14th, Saturday, Santa makes a special visit to the Lodge. Call for reservations or to volunteer.**
- Doors open at 9 am and you must be there by 9:45 am as Santa arrives at 10 am.
- Santa gifts must be wrapped, clearly labeled with first/last name and secured to package. Packages must be at the Lodge prior to 9:40 am.
- Overflow parking at Red Caboose Daycare Center.
- Santa arrives at 10 am.

Suggested Dress of the Day—*Holiday attire*

Keeping the Christmas Magic Alive.



We just want to say... Thank You

Veterans Breakfast

Served 100 Vets and 31 non-veterans

Volunteers:

Steve Tinker

Mary Bach

Steve and Nicki Borquist

Roger and Carol Rohde

Don Schillinglaw

Lois Hoornstra

Eric and Kris Gordon

John Stransky

June Bokovitz

Lynn Aspinwall, PER

Steve Kraus

Laura MacIsaac

Janet Geiger

Jim and Cesiah Dulke

Darrell Fleming

Nancy Oleson

Lupe Montes

Charlie Karpelenia

John Lorimer

Sherie Sasso, ER

Tom and Lou Ann Colby, Chairs

And thank-you to Chef Melissa, Cheryl and kitchen staff for their help.





DECEMBER



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		3 Pub Night 5-8 Euchre 6	4 Lunch 11:30-2 Ladies Luncheon 12 Dinner 5-9 PER Meeting	5 Tapas, Ribs Night 5-8	6 Fish Fry 5-9 Greeter: Maas	7 Dinner 5-9 Live Music Back 40
8 Elks Memorial Sunday 2		10 Pub Night 5-8 Euchre 6 Auxiliary Meeting 7	11 Noon Lunch Dinner 5-9 BOD Meeting 5:30 Lodge meeting 7	12 Tapas, Ribs Night 5-8	13 Fish Fry 5-9 Greeter: Aspinwall	14 Santa 10 Meat Raffle 4 Dinner 5-9
		17 Pub Night 5-8	18 Noon Lunch Dinner 5-9 Christmas Music Bingo 6	19 Tapas, Ribs Night 5-8	20 Fish Fry 5-9 Greeter: Fitzpatrick	21 Dinner 5-9 Steve & Mark Band 6-9
	Hanukkah	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28
CLOSED FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE						
		31 New Years Eve Party	Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle . This is our biggest fundraiser for our charities for the year. More details will be coming in the January Elkliner and via email.			

Bylaws Changes

These are proposed changes to the Lodge 410 Bylaws which will be voted on at the next meeting.

Charles Hoornstra, PER

REPORT OF THE 2019 ELKS LODGE 410 BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE Draft #2

1. Amend page 4, Article V, Section 4, relating to the duties of the Secretary, to create a new paragraph between the present fifth and six paragraphs to provide as follows:

It is further the duty of the Secretary to manage the production of the monthly news magazine, the Elkliner.

Reason: The Secretary's salary was increased in exchange for producing the Elkliner. This by-law change incorporates that change in duties.

2. Amend page 2, Article IV, section 1, as follows:

The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second **Wednesday of each month, except that in February, March, and April meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July, August and November, in which the Lodge shall meet on the First Wednesday.**

Reason: Grand Lodge has mandated this change.

3. Amend the first four sentences on page 10, Article X, section 3, to establish a \$25 fee, rather than a \$15 fee, for affiliations and reinstatements after dimitting. Amend section 3 as follows:

The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be ~~\$15.00~~ **\$25.00**. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be ~~\$15.00~~ **\$25.00**. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be ~~\$15.00 dollars~~ **\$25.00**. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be ~~\$15.00 dollars~~ **\$25.00**.

Reason: to be uniform with section 4 in having a fee of \$25 for affiliations, reinstatements after dimitting, and reinstatements after being stricken from the rolls for nonpayment of dues.

4. Amend page 11, Article X, section 6(a) as follows:

Any time during ~~time during~~ the month of February each year, the Secretary shall give notice by first class mail informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of mailing the notice.

Reason: grammatical correction.

5. Create page 12, Article XIII, section 5 as follows:

The Lodge shall reimburse officers and members for registration and mileage (based on IRS current rate) expenses in attending conferences and conventions of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Reason: To encourage officers and members to attend these meetings.

6. Page 17 HOUSE RULES, #1, amend the second sentence as follows:

Signed Membership cards **MUST be** is shown if a doorperson is present.

Reason: grammatical correction.

Ladies Auxiliary

President:	LaVerne Schwengel
Past President:	Gloria Simley
Vice President:	Donna Campanelli
Secretary:	Tammy O'Brien
Treasurer:	Helen Duncan
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Cocktails at 11, lunch at noon

Meeting Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm.
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