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Membership meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and also the 4th Wednesday in February, March, and April.

ELKLINER

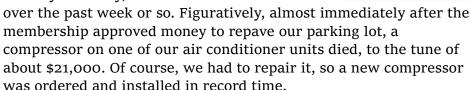
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secretary@madisonelkslodge.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ER

Well, when it rains it pours. Figuratively and literally. Literally, we've seen a LOT of rain



You have been incredibly generous donating to these projects. In that vein, we are targeting our Capital Campaign this fiscal year to raising money for both the parking lot and compressor. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. We hope you can all give a little more.

There are more ways to help the Lodge financially than directly donating money. Every time you eat in the restaurant or have a couple of drinks in the bar, you are supporting the Lodge. All of our profits from the bar and restaurant go back into maintaining the Lodge and giving back to our community. So, please, when you're trying to decide where to have a burger and a beer, think of the Elks Lodge! We are working on creating a new menu, so things will be changing over the next few weeks. But you'll always be able to get a burger and a beer!

The other way you can support the Lodge is by recommending our lower level event space to anyone you know who is planning a wedding, birthday party, or any other celebration. It's a beautiful space. A little dated, maybe, but it is also the most inexpensive event space on the lake!

We can always use volunteers. I think you all get those volunteer opportunity emails. Consider spending a couple of hours helping out at Lodge events or working at one of the Marquette Neighborhood festivals. I volunteered to man the Elks table at the Waterfront Festival and ended up sitting with a member I didn't know very well, but do now! We talked to festival goers about what the Elks is and what we do, and we handed out membership applications. It was very rewarding!

I hope you're all enjoying a beautiful summer in Wisconsin! In Elkdom,

Sherie Sasso



HOUSE COMMITTEE

By Lindsey Lee

Many exciting things are happening in our dining room and bar.

In the dining room, Chef Zack, with the help of the Front-of-the-house Manager Meadow, is revising the menu. The goal is to make our offerings more enjoyable while keeping our supper club feel. The second goal is to streamline how food comes out of the kitchen so that there are no bottlenecks that delay the timely delivery of meals to our patrons. During July you might see more variety in the menu than usual. Please let your server know your thoughts. If you don't tell us, we don't know!

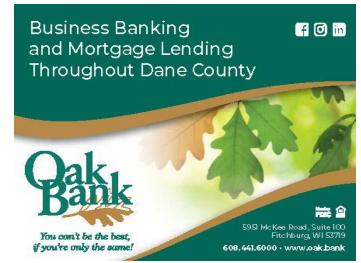
In the bar, we plan on trying several things to help out on Thursday nights. These nights need a boost in business, probably due to live music being moved to Tuesday nights for the summer. So, watch for happy hours and maybe a limited return of two-for-one burger night.

Finally, June was a busy month for our banquet business. Weddings almost every weekend last month brought needed revenues as well as hundreds of new people into our lodge. Hopefully, some will tell others about our "Lodge on the Lake" and become members.

If you have any ideas you would like to share, please feel free to contact me at

Elks410HouseChair@gmail.com.

Thank you for being a part of our hungry (and thirsty!) herd.





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First Pitch: 6:05PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!

Deadline to get tickets is one week prior to the event!



Proceeds from your purchase will be passed along to your organization.





If you cannot attend, please buy a ticket and we will donate it to a Vet! Last year, we were able to donate 15 tickets to Veterans thanks to your generosity.

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman Richard Olson (2015-2017)

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ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

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Secretary Jeanette May

Treasurer Michelle Braithwaite

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Ann Bailey

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Every Tuesday ~ 5:30 - 8:30

Lower-Level Bar Only opens 4:30
Cookout food available for purchase 5-7:30
50/50 Raffle (drawing at 7pm) Bring a lawn chair!

Fuent will move inside in case of rain.

Summer Lineup

June 4	Marcy &	The Highlig	hts Trio
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June 11 Back 40

June 18 Dusty Road

June 25 Frank Martin Busch

July 2 Marcy & The Highlights Trio

July 9 Remember with Randy

July 16 The Steve and Mark Band

July 23 Back 40

July 30 Psychoswank

August 6 Susie and Randy Duo

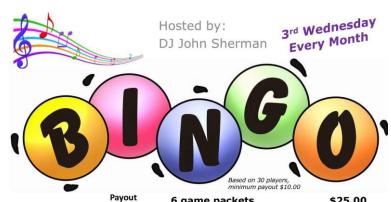
August 13 Back 40

August 20 The Steve and Mark Band

August 27 Jackie Marie

Madison ELKs #410 711 Tenifer Street



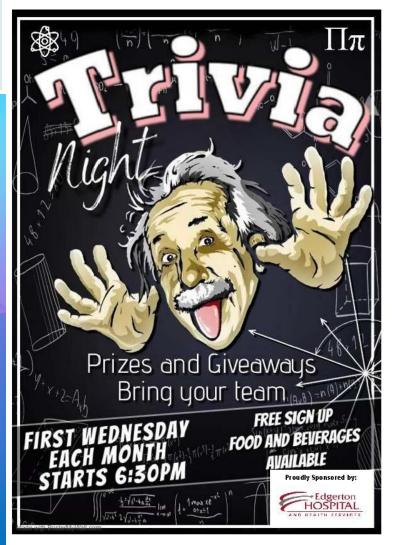


Game 1 \$ 50.00 Game 2 \$ 50.00 Game 3 \$ 50.00 Game 4 \$ 75.00 Game 5 \$ 100.00 50/50 Drawing Game 6 \$ 125.00 6 game packets \$25.00 Single sheets for games 3-6 \$5 each

50/50 Raffle Tickets

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



"The new Elks Club Lodge clubhouse is ready to open on Lake Monona at 711 Jenifer Street" was the photo caption for an article published in the Wisconsin State Journal on March 15, 1965. Members occupied the upper level in early April, but the lower level was not finished until several months later. The balcony across the back of the building was enclosed in the 1980s to enlarge the dining room, bar and ballroom downstairs. The original plans included a flagstone terrace along the lakeshore but it was never constructed.

WILLIAM F. BONGARD



1928 – 2000 Exalted Ruler 1988-1989

William "Bill" Frank Bongard was born in Madison on August 21, 1928, the son of Eugene William Bongard and Regina Ring. He was the grandson of German immigrants who in 1847 settled in what would become Sauk County. Bill attended St. James Grade School and West High School. Upon graduation, he got his first job at the Forsberg Paper Box Company. On February 26, 1946, he married his childhood sweetheart, Marian Elizabeth Palmer. For more than 37 years, William Bongard worked for the City of Madison Streets Department as a heavy equipment operator and was vice president of City Employees Local Union 236.

Bill was active in his church, St. James Catholic Church, and a member of Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary and other civic organizations. On December 12, 1980, he was initiated into the B.P.O.E. at Madison Lodge 410. From 1988 until 1989 William Bongard served as Exalted Ruler. His brother Robert and sons Alan and Michael were also members of our Lodge.

William Bongard died on January 24, 2000, and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery with his wife of 54 years, Marian, who died in 2001.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

The Building and Grounds Committee is excited about the refreshed parking lot project that Poblocki Paving has already begun. The project was delayed due to rainy weather and is now scheduled to be completed on June 30 and July 1. Let's hope for dry weather!

Our Lodge had some bad luck in the past month with the air conditioning compressor for the upstairs calling it quits. Our HVAC contractor, Air Temperature Services, came through with a quick replacement. However, it did set the lodge back by approximately \$21,000.

We are continuing to work on plans to update the women's restroom both on the main and lower levels. Lodge member Maria Antoinette is leading the charge on the redesign of both spaces with new lighting and wall finishes. We hope to begin work in the coming weeks.

LaVerne Schwengel and crew have once again made our grounds look beautiful. All the rain hasn't hurt either. We hope that you'll come down Tuesday evenings to enjoy live music and food as well as our beautiful lakefront.

Our committee wants to give a special thank you to member John Roberts. John took it upon himself to purchase and install new PVC dock post extension bumpers on our pier. This upgrade both protects visiting boats and

significantly improves the look of our pier. Thank you, John!



Our Building and Grounds Committee is focused on saving costs and improving our facility for our members and guests to enjoy. Members are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings which take place 5:30-6:00 p.m., prior to our regular monthly membership meetings. For more information, contact Jim Schuessler at jschuessler@starkhomes.com or call or text me at (608) 445-0766.

EMTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

By Allison Colley & Samantha Linden

Since first getting together in April, the Entertainment Committee has been working hard to plan and implement enjoyable and engaging events for Lodge members and their guests.

Members of the committee planned, and several of them volunteered their time at, two events in May: Derby Day on Saturday, May 4th and Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12th. Participants in Derby Day had a wonderful time with many dressing up for the event and donning festive hats featured in the hat parade. Mother's Day Brunch guests raved about the lovely brunch setup and delicious food, including Chef Zack at the omelet station (and that fruit display!). Plan for both of these events again in 2025 if you missed them this year. Thanks to the event planners, basket donors, and volunteers who made these two events "cross the finish line."

The first show of the "Live! At the Lodge" summer music series kicked off Tuesday, June 4th with a fun and engaging performance from Marcy and the Highlights Trio. We were happy to see all the folks who came out on a stormy evening to dance, drink and dine with their fellow Elks members and guests. Subsequent Tuesdays have had better weather and participants have enjoyed some great music in the lovely outdoors down by the dock. "Live! At the Lodge" continues every Tuesday through August 27, so there is plenty more time to socialize, dance, and enjoy music by the water yet this summer.

Check the *Elkliner* and "This Week at the Lodge" to see who is playing and make a plan to bring a chair and stop by! Volunteers are always needed in a variety of roles. This is a great way to meet some awesome fellow Elks!

We have had many people who have stepped up to volunteer at Lodge the past couple of months for social events, to help maintain our building and grounds and at the festivals within our community. Seventy-four people donated over 363 hours of their time (or donated goods) to support the Lodge. They are: Alice Omahar, Allison Cooley, Ann Bailey, Ann Braithwaite, Besty Bazur Leidy, Bev Fergus, Bill Herman, Carol and Roger Rohde, Chauncey Hunker, Christopher Klinge, Chuck Deadman, Jr., Chuck Deadman, Sr., Curt Roeming, Darlene Noggle, David Lynett, Dianne Redsten, Don Geier, Donna Campanelli, Fred Kinney, Gary Peterson, Geoff Gaston, Gerald Dvorak, Heidi Herziger, Jane Morse, Jeff Kingston, Jim Schuessler, John Roberts, John Skillrud, Jon Jenson, Joyce Rolnick, Judi Trampf, June Bokovitz, Karen Bosold, Karen Moon, Kate Gomez Phillips, Kathy Carl, Kathy Unger, Ken Oasen, Kris Gordon, Kristi Herritz, Laura MacIsaac, LaVerne Schwengel, Linda Fobes, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Aspinwall, Margaret Elvekrog, Maria Antoinette, Marilyn Kinney, Mario Russo, Mark Cain, Mark Herritz, Mary Bach, Mary Clark, Mary Wright, Michelle Braithwaite, Mike Knight, Mike Schmidtke, Nancy McCormick, Pat McCormick, Pat Ross, Patrick Clark, Peggy Moore, Peter Leidy, Phil Doll, Renée Lauber, Riley Willman, Robin Beal, Roger Wright, Samantha Linden, Sherie Sasso, Stephen Kraus, Steve Braithwaite,

Terri Wiedenback, Theresa Knight, and Zachary Henderson.

July 4th falls on a Thursday this year which means the Lodge will be open and ready for you to join your fellow Elks to celebrate the day! More information about the 4th appears on this page in the *Elkliner*.

Looking ahead to the fall, mark your calendars for what promises to be a wunderbar Oktoberfest at the Lodge on Sunday, September 8 starting at 1 p.m. We've already engaged a fantastic 20-member band and are working hard to put together a themed day of food and drinks on the waterfront. Stay tuned for more details!

The Entertainment Committee is glad to see so many new and tenured Lodge members and their guests enjoying this year's events and hope some of our upcoming ones will engage those of you we haven't seen in a while. If you have ideas for events you'd like to see at the Lodge or if you are interested in helping to plan and implement events to entertain our members, please contact one of our co-chairs, Allison Cooley at alliecool1@gmail.com or Samantha Linden at samantha.linden2o@gmail.com.

None of these events would happen without volunteers like you. Please take a look at the SignUpGenius emails requesting volunteers and see where you can help out so we are able to continue to offer these events and more like them!



Marcy & The Highlights Trio



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE



HELP THE LODGE DO A MAJOR REPAIR OF OUR PARKING LOT!

THE 2024 CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN IS BEING
FOCUSED ON FUNDING
MAJOR REPAIR AND
MAINTENANCE WORK ON
THE LOT.

PLEASE HELP BY
CONSIDERING MAKING A
DONATION TO HELP US
REACH OUR \$20,000 GOAL.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

By Lynn Aspinwall, P.E.R., Treasurer & ENF Chair

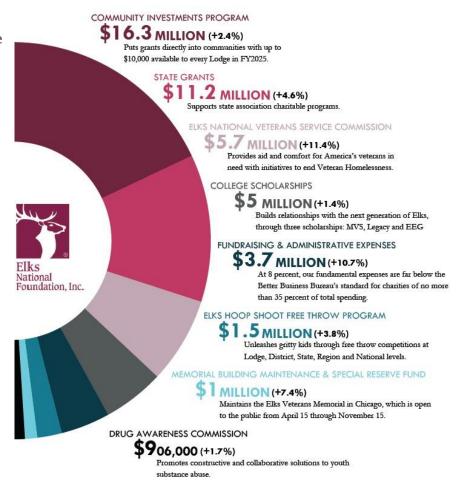
As Chairperson of the Elks National Foundation for our Lodge, it is my responsibility to make our members aware of what your generous donations are doing in our community. Each year you are asked to make additional contributions when you pay your dues and ENF is one of the options. For every dollar donated to ENF, \$4 goes back to the state and local Lodges to support their community projects. Thanks to ENF, the Elks is second only to the federal government in the amount of college scholarships awarded to students.

<u>Donations to ENF are tax deductible!</u> One of the easiest ways to donate to ENF is through the Fidelity Club that is a monthly autopay donation that can be made with your credit card or bank account for as little as \$5 per month. You can sign up to be a member of the Fidelity Club via the eks.org website or find me at the Lodge and I'd be happy to help!

The funds that we donate to ENF continue to come back to our Lodge as grant funds that we give back to our community. ENF has awarded \$64,500 in grants to the Madison Elks Lodge 410 over the past five years to these recipients that support our Veterans and our community: Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, The Rainbow Project, Common Threads, East Madison Community Center, Madison Reading Project, Centro Hispano, Design for a Difference, Porchlight, Stand Down Madison, Badger Honor Flight, Custom Canines, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison College and the Salvation Army.

Last month I was presented with an award for the second highest "ENF Chair Challenge" score in the

state for the donations made by the Madison Lodge this past year. The Challenge is based on membership participation, donations, and leadership contributions. We would love to come in first place this year but will need your help. If every member would contribute just \$5 this year to ENF, or sign up for a monthly contribution of \$5 per month through the Fidelity Club, it will put us over the top and exceed our giving goal for 2025! Thank you for your support of ENF and our Lodge.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

- 1 Chad Mietz, Paul Murphy
- 2 Gary Anderson, Daniel Finley, Marc Winer
- 3 Steve Slattery
- 4 Craig Marvin, Henry Simon
- 6 Jeffrey Krajco, Phillip Vorlander
- 7 Edward Downs, Lew Posekany
- 8 Paul Scott
- 9 Dennis Fedele, Mark Lamers, Edward Ledwidge
- 10 Dick Seiberlich
- 12 Glen Hermanson
- 13 Pauline Krebs
- 16 Collin Driscoll, Robert Kok, Jim Schuessler
- 17 Lynn Baltz, Steven Borquist, Ben Hager, J. Thomas Jacobs, Leanne Puglielli, Tim Umland
- 18 Allison Cooley, Tom Flesch, David Gotzion, Cynthia Opsal, Amy Peck

- 20 Robert Gorsuch, Susan Herber
- 21 Dylan Alexander, Pamela Barsness, Jane McDermott
- 22 Ann Braithwaite, Frederick Campbell
- 23 Michael McManamy, James Oasen
- 24 Phil Doll, Russell Frank, John Roberts
- 25 George Gilkey, Stephen Root
- 26 Donald Annen, Thomas Schmidt
- 27 Jatinder Cheema, Peter Clark, Rick Olson
- 28 Gary Hahn, David Perretz, Jim Silver
- 29 Alice O'Mahar, Daniel Speerschneider
- 30 Joseph Verstegen
- 31 Charles Duncan, Michael W. Peters

WELKOME NEW MEMBER

Nathaniel Brinkman



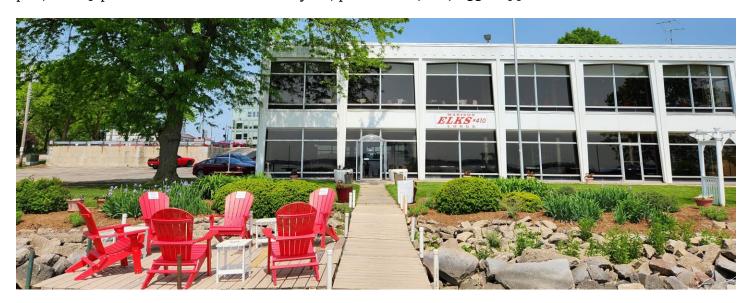
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SEEN AT THE LODGE



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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