



Elk Tracks & Tidbits of Rice Lake Lodge #1441

June 2026



Flag Day Ceremony at Rice Lake Veterans Park

Bring your lawn chair to Rice Lake Veterans Park on Lakeshore Drive at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th. At that time, you will see an impressive ceremony performed by several officers of our Lodge along with members of the Rice Lake Veteran Honor Guard and the Rice Lake Municipal Band.

This patriotic tribute to the symbol of our great nation will include patriotic music performed by the Rice Lake Municipal Band, Patriotic Readings from the officers of the Rice Lake Elks Lodge and a Flag Folding Presentation by the Rice Lake Veterans Honor Guard.



Proposed By-Law Changes

At the regular Lodge Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a motion was made to change four of our current By-Laws. The changes will pertain to lowering our annual lodge dues and wages for the Secretary and Treasurer. The suggested changes are as follows:

ARTICLE X, Section 2: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES Currently reads:

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$94.00 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues. Regular dues for 2024 shall be \$94.00 will increase \$2.00 annually beginning April 2024 to 2029. The annual increase will be reviewed at a minimum of every five years in conjunction with the By-Laws review. 2024 (\$94), 2025 (\$96), 2026 (\$98), 2027 (\$100), 2028 (\$102) and 2029 (\$104).

ARTICLE X, Section 2: (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES Proposed changes:

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$80.00 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues. Regular dues for 2027 shall be \$80.00 will increase \$2.00 annually beginning April 2028 to 2032. The annual increase will be reviewed at a minimum of every five years in conjunction with the By-Laws review. 2027 (\$80), 2028 (\$82), 2029 (\$84), 2030 (\$86), 2031 (\$88) and 2032 (\$90).

ARTICLE X, Section 2: (c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP Currently reads:

In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay \$47.00 towards Lodge administration expenses. Life Member dues for 2024 shall be \$47.00 will increase \$1 per year beginning April 2024 to 2029. The annual increase will be reviewed at a minimum of every five years in conjunction with the By-Laws review. 2024 (\$47), 2025 (\$48), 2026 (\$49), 2027 (\$50), 2028 (\$51) and 2029 (\$52).

Proposed changes:

In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay \$40.00 towards Lodge administration expense. Life Member dues for 2027 shall be \$40.00 will increase \$1 per year beginning April 2027 to 2032. The annual increase will be reviewed at a minimum of every five years in conjunction with the By-Laws review. 2027 (\$40), 2028 (\$41), 2029 (\$42), 2030 (\$43), 2031 (\$44) and 2032 (\$45).

ARTICLE V, Section 4: Secretary Currently reads:

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$2,400.00 per annum, payable monthly.

Proposed Changes:

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$3,600.00 per annum, payable monthly.

ARTICLE V, Section 5: Treasurer Currently Reads:

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$2,400.00 per annum, payable monthly.

Proposed Changes:

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$3,600.00 per annum, payable monthly.

We will be voting on the Proposed By-Law changes at the regular Lodge Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th.



Please take note that Jeff and Barb Miller received national recognition for their charitable efforts over the past year. As many of you may know, Jeff Miller, now serving as Past State President, set a goal to raise funds for Honor Flights. Through their visits across the state, they successfully raised enough to sponsor 54 seats.

Thank you, Jeff and Barb, for your outstanding year of service as our State President and First Lady. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Thoughts From The Exalted Ruler

Hello Fellow Elks,

June is here, and summer activities are getting into full swing. Our June Lodge meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 16 at 6:30 PM. Please attend and help us move the Lodge forward. Also, please review the calendar for the many activities the Lodge is involved with.

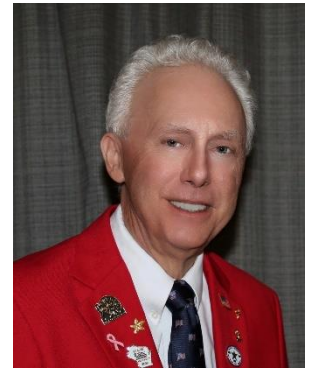
One of the first is Flag Day which Rice Lake Lodge 1441 will observe on June 9 at 6:00 PM, in the band shell, at Veterans Park on Lakeshore Drive. Flag Day ceremonies are a requirement of all Lodges and show our deep commitment to our Country and the communities in which we live. I encourage each of you to attend the ceremony.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities in June in which your help would be appreciated. Aquafest related activities include Kids Parade, June 6, Family Fun Day, June 7, and the Aquafest Parade on June 14. Please contact Rite Gronski (715.642.2566) or the Lodge (715.234.2951) if you have time to help with one of these activities.

Volunteers, and volunteering are the lifeblood of your Lodge. Two individuals that have, and continue to demonstrate their support of the Lodge are Don Thompson and Kyle Birkenmeier. Don served as Esquire and chaired our veterans committee, coordinating the needs of various Veterans organizations in the area with support from the Lodge; arranging volunteers and financial support. Don was honored at the spring Elk's convention for the knowledge he demonstrated about his position as Esquire at the winter convention; congratulations Don! Kyle volunteers in a number of areas. Kyle serves as the go to person for Lodge insurance questions, serves as a Trustee, helps with maintenance projects, and serves as Elroy, promoting drug awareness for kids. In addition, Kyle regularly works as a bartender during Lodge functions or in the hall during community events. Please take the time to thank both Don and Kyle for the time they volunteer to our Lodge.

Friday evening June 19 the Lodge will be honoring Fathers with a brief ceremony. It is a great way to begin Father's Day weekend, support our Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Pete Olson, Exalted Ruler



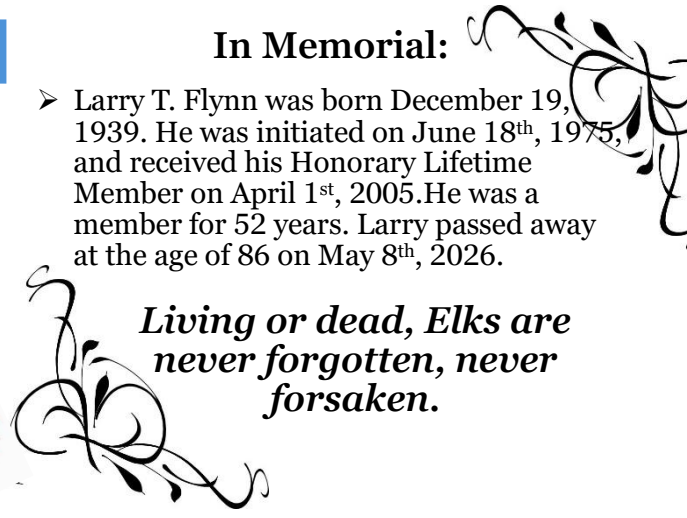
June Birthdays

Mark Angell	Ray Doring	James Larson	Robert Scott
Scot Arnold	Stephanie Drost	Dale Larson	Steven Sevals
Dutch Beckett	Doug Edwardsen	William Marshall	Monte Sorensen
Boyd Beranek	Gerald Fenske	Arthur Miller	Donald Thompson
Randy Bina	James Harrison	Michael Paul	Eldon Vrieze
Duana Bremer	Kathleen Helm	James Peterson	Terry Westphal
Garver Brown PER	Ronald Hipp	Calvin Polzin	Bruce Willers
Lewis Buckmaster	Jason Jasicki	Melody Roberge	Craig Zadrav
William Burdick	Alex Kusilek	Robert Rogalla	
Brent Burns	John Laney	Robert Schieffer	


In Memorial:

➤ Larry T. Flynn was born December 19, 1939. He was initiated on June 18th, 1975, and received his Honorary Lifetime Member on April 1st, 2005. He was a member for 52 years. Larry passed away at the age of 86 on May 8th, 2026.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 31 Closed	1 BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	2 Closed	3 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 5 pm Spaghetti w/Meatballs Side Salad BARGO	4 Open at 5 pm Spaghetti w/Meatballs Side Salad GAME NIGHT	5 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 4 pm Fish Fry Friday with Salad Bar Greeter: Need	6 Closed Auquafest Kiddie Parade 10 a.m.
7 Closed Devon Holub Grad Party Auquafest Family Fun Day @ 12 p.m. Moon Lake Park	8 Closed Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.	9 Closed Flag Day Ceremony Veteran's Park 7pm	10 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 5 pm Grilled Wild Rice Burger BARGO	11 Open at 5 pm Grilled Wild Rice Burger GAME NIGHT	12 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 4 pm Fish Fry Friday with Salad Bar Greeter: Need	13 OPEN @1p.m - ? Bar Only
14 Closed Tim Lange Celebration of Life Auquafest Parade	15 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Closed Activity Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Lodge meeting 6:30 pm	17 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 5 pm Chicken Sandwich BARGO	18 PER meeting 5 pm Open at 5 pm Chicken Sandwich GAME NIGHT	19 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Father's Day Tribute Open at 4 pm Fish Fry Friday with Salad Bar Greeter: Need	20 Closed
21 Closed <i>Father's Day</i>	22 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Closed Newsletter Deadline	23 Closed	24 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 5 pm Philly Steak Sandwich BARGO	25 Open at 5 pm  Starts @6 p.m.	26 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Open at 4 pm Fish Fry Friday with Salad Bar Greeter: Need	27 Veterans Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 pm OPEN @1p.m - ? Bar Only
28 Closed	29 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. Closed	30 Closed	July 1 Lunch Bunch 11a.m.	July 2 July 2	July 3 Lunch Bunch 11 a.m.	July 4 July 4
CLOSED for National Convention						

Rice Lake Elks 1441 2026-27 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Peter Olson 715-637-5719	Trustee	Kyle Birkenmeier 715-790-2325
Leading Knight	Jody Richter 715-719-4553	Trustee	Rita Gronski 715-642-2566; ritagronski@vistaprairie.org
Loyal Knight	Anne Gallagher-PER 715-296-0839	Trustee	Scott Bliese
Lecturing Knight	Barb Miller	Esquire	Sherri Shipman
Secretary	Marla Gygli-PER 715-205-0911	Inner Guard	Kristin Brown 715-296-9027
Treasurer	Sunni Bliese 715-418-3899	Tiler	Linda Brunette
Contact us if you have Questions or to Volunteer		Chaplain	Don Putnam
Lodge Phone 715-234-2951			



PER Meeting

June 18th

5:00 p.m.

If you are a PER, please come to this important meeting. Questions?

Contact Rita

715-642-2566



Tribute

Friday June 19th

6 p.m.

Come in and Fathers will get a special gift.

Call for reservations

715-234-2591

NEW! Lodges Through the Lens




A FUN photo scavenger hunt featuring participating in Wisconsin Elks Lodges!

Ready for an adventure? Here's how it works:

How to Play

- Pick up your **Lodges Through the Lens** book at your Lodge for \$5.
- Visit participating in Wisconsin Elks Lodges and hunt for the mystery item pictured for each Lodge.
- When you find it, get your book **stamped**.

 **Celebrate & Win** - On **October 17th**, join us at the **Wausau Lodge** for the big PARTY. For every stamp you've collected, you'll receive **one entry ticket** for prize drawings.

 **Why Join?** It's a great way to explore our beautiful state and visit Elks Lodges you may have never seen before.

 **Questions** Contact any Lodge Officer for more information.

2026 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament

Monday, July 27, 2026

Hosted by Milwaukee Elks Lodge 46

Where: Dretzka Park Golf Course, 12020 W. Bradley Road, Milwaukee, WI 414-354-7300

Cost: \$100 per golfer

Includes: 18 holes of golf w/cart, hole prizes, drink ticket at Lodge #46, dinner, raffles, and many fun events. The lodge will be open on Sunday afternoon for early arrivals.

Format: 4-person Scramble. This tournament is open to all Elks and friends. Foursomes may be coed. At least 1 Elk member is required in every foursome. As in the past, this is a fun event, and there are no prizes for placement, except for the traveling trophy.

**** Deadline for registration:** Monday, July 20, 2026. Late registration is \$110 per player.

Questions: Contact Dave Lang at 262-253-4042 Note: Check-in time for golf will start at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. A \$10.00 fee will be imposed to each player who registers after the cutoff date.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Please Read!

We are sad to announce that the following members have dropped their membership at Rice Lake Lodge #1441.

Andy Hagen (15 yr)

Jeremiah Martinson (6 yr)

Dan Organ (22yr)

Robert Sundbakken

Darryl Buse (17 yr)

Linda Hermann (9 yr)

Jason McCullough (10 yr)

Curt Pacholke (12 yr)

(24yr)

Dennis Destache (14 yr)

David Kessinger (9 yr)

Ross Mickelson (24 yr)

Dane Richard 3 yr)

Ross Teasdale (36yr)

Steve Diericks (6yr)

Luke Kohlwey (10 yr)

Gergie Mulcahy (9 yr)

Ben Rivard (10 yr)

Keith Tibbits (4yr)

Jim DelMedico (10yr)

Mike Kovacevich (15 yr)

Dan Nelson (14 yr)

Jim Rubin (14 yr)

Ricky Voelker (24yr)

Rose Brunclik (7yr)

Steve Look (9yr)

Terry Nelson PER (22 yr)

Justin Schieffer (6yr)

Jerold Woods (9yr)

Jim Babineau (19yr)

Leanne Madsen (10 yr)

Blaine Olson (2 yr)

Jim Smahel (15yr)

Chad Brueggeman (4yr)

Carol DuBois (1yr)

If you know any of these past members, please reach out to them and ask them to come back. Also at the time of print, we have 80 unpaid members. If you have not paid your dues, please do not wait. We have already paid your portion of \$39 to the State and National Lodge dues. We are required to pay this amount based on our ending membership count on March 31st. THANK YOU to all our 486 members who have chosen to be an ELK!

Have you ever wondered what you could do to help at Lodge?

Here are some GREAT Opportunities!



Last summer, Elk volunteers delivered more than 3000 meals to children at the Rice Lake Library through our Lunch Bunch Program. We were able to provide these meals because of our great crew of volunteers who cooked, packed and delivered as many as 106 meals a day, three times a week for the summer.

Want to know how you can help? Be one of the volunteers! Come help cook, pack and /or deliver these meals. It can be as little as one time or one time a week up to 3 times a week. We meet at the Lodge at 11 am every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. First Lunch Bunch will be June 3rd. If you have questions, please contact the Lodge at 715-234-2951 or Marla Gygli (715-205-0911 or email gygli@yahoo.com) OR just stop in the Lodge.

WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE HIRING

**COOK
WAIT STAFF
BARTENDER**

Part time position
Contact Rita or Sunni
715-234-2951

Saturday June 6th Kiddie Parade

We are seeking volunteers to assist with handing out Drug Awareness items to kids while walking with Elroy at the parade

Time: 9:00am – Parade starts at 9:30 am

Location: Lumbering Hall of Fame (behind Airtec Sports)

Description: Party in the U.S.A. Theme. Decorate buggies, wagons or carts. Lots of prizes! Ages 10 and under.

Rain site: Cedar Mall

Sunday June 7th Family Fun Day

We are seeking volunteers to assist with serving concessions.

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Moon Lake Park

More information: Visit with RLPD officers and check out their squad cars. Participation required for prize entry. Concessions available for purchase starting at 12:00pm. Hosted by the Elks Club.

June 14th – Would you like to be in the Parade?

We are needing Elk Members to walk the parade route to help hand out candy and Drug Awareness items to kids. We will walk with Elroy!

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, let us know by calling the Lodge at 715-234-2951 or Rita at 715-642-2566.

Be **A**Greeter!



We are looking for Friday night door greeters. It is two hours of fun welcoming members and guests to our Lodge. Also, by greeting that night, you will receive a voucher for a FREE MEAL. Contact Rita at 715-642-2566 or any officer.

B.P.O. ELKS
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Rice Lake, WI 54868
Lodge Phone (715) 234-2951
Forward Services Requested

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Meetings in June	<u>BOD Meeting</u> June 1 st 6: 30 p.m.	<u>Activity Meeting</u> June 15 th 6:00 p.m.
	<u>Lodge Meeting</u> June 16 th 6:30 p.m.	<u>PER Meeting</u> June 18 th 5:00 p.m.



**Veterans Soup & Sandwich
Saturday Luncheon
Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441
June 27th
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Enjoy Lunch, Fellowship &
Camaraderie
Free to All Veterans and Active-
Duty Personnel**



June 25th, 2026
36 East Eau Claire St. Rice Lake 715-234-29951
Doors open at 5 p.m.
Bingo Starts at 6 p.m.