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BEAVER DAM LODGE #1540

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Exalted Rulers Corner

Did everyone have a wonderful time with family and friends for Thanksgiving? Now we are in the full swing of the Christmas season. If you get a chance hop in your car and drive around and enjoy the holiday lights and decorations. Go to Swan City park and walk through the light display put on by the Rotary. This year our Lodge has lights in our name and a night will be for us.

This is also the time of year to reflect over the last year and everything you are thankful for and helping out the less fortunate. As Elks we do this not only at this time of year but all year long. We have our Christmas Basket preparation in full swing with the Radig family at the helm. Come out to help and enjoy the morning of assembling them on the 24th. It sure warms your heart to see the outpour of the community!!

We also have our local Elks Hoop Shoot on Dec. 10th at Wayland Academy Lyndsey Gym. Your help is needed to make this another success. If you want to help just show up at 8am. There are some excellent shooters out there and these kids put their heart and soul into it.

With the weather turning colder and soon the lakes will be freezing, it's ice skating time soon. This year for us to even do the ice skate program your help or someone you know that can help on the weekends is needed. This will be usually January and February. We hand out skates for all ages to use. It is an afternoon of your time. Please donate your time.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of meeting Patrick Mickleleson of the Turkey Club. This group gives out turkeys to families in need at thanksgiving. They serve 6 counties including Dodge. Beaver Dam received 72 turkeys to help that many families and this year we were able to financially help with \$100 donation.

We had our District Deputy visit the beginning of September. For those who do not know what this is it is an inspection of our books and Lodge by a Grand Lodge representative. We got his report back a couple weeks ago so here is what he had to say about Beaver Dam 1540. "The lodge is in great shape financially. We are accountable with our assets. Overall small membership with many of the officers PERs, and PSPs. Their lack of new members is resulting in



stagnation and burnout of the officer group. The members that are active do a lot of work in the community and the lodge financially is in tremendous shape. They just don't have the volunteers to step up and be officers. I get a general feeling from those present that unless some members step in and become more involved this lodge will only exist for another year or two at most. "If we do dissolve we aren't hurting us as members for we can join another lodge but who will do our great works that we do for the community? Think about what he had to say, please.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Travel safe, enjoy your family and friends.

Faternally,
Nikki Shannon ER/ PSP
Sent from my iPhone

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Lodge Statistics

Final ENF Report thru 11/17/2022

Lodge Number: 1540

Members (as of 4/01/2021): 34

Per-Capita Donations: \$51.50

#9 in the State

20th in the Nation.

Way to go !



WooHoo!

Active Members:	34
Candidates:	0
Pending Transfers:	0
Delinquents:	1
Flagged Records:	0
Full Membership Stats	

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please send all your community events to me as soon as possible, so I can include them on our calendar – both in print and online.



Support ENF

Help Elks build stronger communities with a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation, a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis.



Donate By Mail

Mail donations directly to the ENF office, with a completed [ENF donor card](#), to:

Elks National Foundation
2750 N. Lakeview Ave.
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December

1st Ron Shannon

January

4th Robert Lenz

6th Chelsey Seippel

20th Julius Temkin



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***Retiring?**

***Moving?**

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**OBTAINED A
NEW MEMBER ?**



Wisconsin Technical College Scholarship

Every Elks Lodge in the state of WI has been allotted one \$500 award. This program is open to any prospective student planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical program at the technical college regardless of age, gender, or any other protected class. To apply, go to www.wielks.com/publications-forms/forms/ where you can download/print out the application. Follow scholarship instructions and return to the closest Elks Lodge.

December

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wed.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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**HOLIDAY
PARADE** First Saturday
of DECEMBER


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6:30 Informal
Discussions
7pm Lodge

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Local Hoop
Shoot
Wayland
Academy
Beaver Dam

WBEV PACK ATTACK PARTY
GO PACK GO DECEMBER 4 GO PACK GO
Enjoy drink specials and a light lunch provided by
Cousins Subs & Zig's Lakeside Pub N Grill!
Plus, win a La-Z-Boy Recliner provided by
McKinstry's Home Furnishings
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | NOON KICK-OFF | AT TOWER LANES

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DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

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6:30 Informal
Discussions
7pm Lodge
Red Coat

21

Winter
Begins

22



23

24

Christmas
Basket
Assembly

25

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Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is...

**Happy New
Year!**

January

Sunda	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:30 Informal Discussions 7pm Lodge	11	12	13	14 Hoop Shoots At Wayland Academy Beaver Dam
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24 6:30 Informal Discussions 7pm Lodge Red Coat	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



VETERAN'S CENTER WISH LIST

We are looking for an outside 30' heavy duty one piece flagpole and American flag, an inside American flag and stand; 32" flat screen TV and TV wall mount system; and a picnic table.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Toothbrushes/holders, toothpaste, dental floss, toilet paper, foot powder, shampoo, conditioner, brushes, combs, disposable shavers, shaving cream, lotion, bar soap, liquid hand soap, baby oil, denture-bath cleaner/adhesive, deodorant, Vaseline, bath towels/washcloths, finger nail/toe nail clippers, bar soap holder/container, body wash.

LAUNDRY ITEMS

Fabric softener sheets, laundry bags (mesh type), sewing kits, laundry detergent (powder), plastic clothes hangers.

RECREATIONAL ITEMS

Model kits, craft kits, phone cards, board games, movies, crossword puzzles, pens, pencils, envelopes, stamps, socks and red chalk, nine ball rack, pool stick repair kit, stationary, books, greeting cards, exercise mats, bicycles (26"), bicycle tire repair kits, 26" tires for bikes, bicycle racks, DVD movies and books.

CLOTHING

Used clothing in good condition is also acceptable, house slippers (sizes 8-13), T-shirts (sizes S-4XL), tennis shoes, underwear (sizes s-4xl), athletic shoes (sizes 8-13), winter hats, gloves, coats, men's jeans (waist sizes 32-48), shower shoes/flip flops (M,L, XL), men's robes, men's pajamas.

FEMALE CLOTHING

Cash donations preferred due to limited storage space and size requirements.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Sugar and sugar substitute, coffee mugs (plastic). Pillows, pillow protectors.

While donations are always welcome, please call Harvey Lewis at 920-887-7020 or 920-296-0551 before making any donations. Cash donations are always needed and welcomed. As always, the residents and staff thank you for your kind thoughts and generous support.

Fundraiser for Elks Lodge 1540

We have been taking advantage of the Kwik Trip Scrip Card Program for quite a while now and it is going very well. We have purchased an allotment of Scrip Card from Kwik Trip and the cards are available directly from PER Harvey Lewis. The great part is that the Elks Lodge receives a percentage for every dollar of the Scrip card you purchase. Why not purchase from us and help support your Lodge by doing what you do every day? Call Harvey to help the Elks keep up the good work we all do!

Sickness & Distress

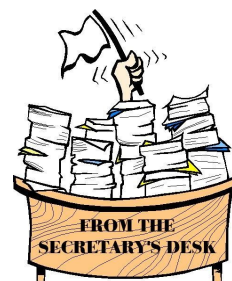
Nikki's kids in Florida have flu.

Pat Lewis has a spot on her leg, but it looks fine.

Our Commitment to Veterans

When it comes to serving veterans, the Elks have a long and storied tradition of being there when they were needed most. Since we began, the needs of military members and returning veterans have continued to change, and the Elks have adapted to those needs, remaining an ever-present ally to those who have served this country.

In 1946, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission was formally established, formalizing the Elks' commitment to serving veterans. The ENVSC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and operates thanks to a generous grant from the Elks National Foundation.



Meeting pot winner:

11/01/2022 Jeffrey Richart-not present

10/15/2022 Jeffrey Richart-not present.

(yes, his name was picked twice in a row)

God bless,
Zane Gray



ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Beaver Dam Elks activities



Ron and Nikki Shannon handing out candy at the Beaver Dam Safe Trick or treat event at the Beaver Dam Fire Dept.



Veterans from VFW 1163 helping us to shop at Walmart for Homeless Vets. Harvey Lewis's Van is completely packed and ready to deliver to Tomah VFW.



We donated \$100 to the Turkey Club. Patrick Mickelson accepting the donation.

Pictured from Left to Right:

Zane Gray, Ron Shannon, Nikki Shannon, Patrick Mickelson, Tami Mohammed, Linda Thomson.



Veterans Family Camp

A free weekend retreat for veterans and their families.

DONATE TO SPONSOR A VETERAN!



WHAT IS VETERANS FAMILY CAMP?

Twice a year, a free Veterans Family Camp weekend is held at Easterseals Wisconsin Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells for military veterans and their families. One weekend takes place in the spring (**April 29-May 1, 2022**). These weekends are meant for families to reconnect with each other and network with other veterans while having a fun and relaxing weekend with many optional planned activities. Activities include: fishing, archery, high-ropes course, arts and crafts, making s'mores, and other "Dells" activities such as a trip to a water park.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Family members may include spouse or significant other, children, parents, grandparents, etc. The camp is available to all veterans, recently-returned or those whose service was far in the past. Private to semi-private family lodging, food, all activities and trips are included, in a beautifully-wooded 400 hundred acre setting just outside the city of Wisconsin Dells.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you, or someone you know, is a veteran who might be interested, please contact our Camp office via e-mail or by phone at 608.237.1551. To register for Veterans Family Camp, visit our registration page. The Veterans Family Camp weekend is offered at no cost to the veteran or their family through generous contributions to Easterseals Wisconsin.

SPONSOR A VETERAN!

The biannual Veterans Family Camp relies on donations from the community. Easterseals Wisconsin's partnership with AmeriCorps makes possible the Veterans Coordinator position. In this role, the AmeriCorps member serves as the community outreach liaison. They are responsible for conducting campership mailings in search of funding, coordinating with veteran groups for recruitment, and Easterseals Wisconsin staff and volunteers to ensure that camp runs smoothly and everyone attending has a great time.

<https://giving.eastersealswisconsin.com/online-giving-form/>

Would you like to sponsor a veteran and their family through a Veterans Family Camp Campership? Donations ensure that we are able to continue offering this camp FREE of charge to these courageous individuals who have served our country and protected our freedom!



This publication reaches many people all across the state, so contact the Secretary for more information and pricing.

Upcoming Items:

- ⇒ **Dec. 3rd-Beaver dam Holiday Parade**
- ⇒ **Dec. 10th-Hoop Shoots, Wayland**
- ⇒ **Dec. 24th-Christmas Basket assembly**





Message from the GER

Bruce A. Hidley

Absent Members commemorated in December

It's hard to believe the end of 2022 is here. There are so many ways to reflect upon the month of December. On Sunday, December 4, we Elks pledge Fidelity to our Members who have entered into the realm of eternity. Lodges across our great country will pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all the Members who no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of eleven rings in honor of our deceased Members. The Members who we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of dedicated service to their Lodges. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this memorial ceremony. Their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory. We thank the Jolly Corks who found the need for a formal memorial service as fellow Members passed. Through their insight, a formal designation took place in 1889 at the Grand Lodge Convention proclaiming the first Sunday in December would be designated as Memorial Sunday. "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." May all our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace and may they all be enjoying that great Elks Lodge above. Let us not forget Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. It is a day to remember and honor all who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have personally toured Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It is an absolutely solemn experience to visit the memorial above the USS Arizona and see the names of over 2,400 Americans who were killed that day. In addition to the lives lost, more than 1,100 troops were wounded during the attack. In a speech to congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. There were no truer words spoken. Please take the time at your Lodge to lower the Flag to half-staff on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor all the military personnel who were killed in this attack. May they all rest in peace. December is also a time when we celebrate the Christmas holiday with family and friends. Christmas is a very busy time of the year as we decorate our homes and Lodges, put up and decorate Christmas trees, and shop for our loved ones. Christmas is when we as Elks must practice one of the Cardinal Principles of our Order, Charity. What better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to have your Lodge membership work together to collect food items for your local food pantry and host children's Christmas parties with Old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus. I encourage Lodges to participate in your local Adopt-A-Family Program to help a family who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas season. Let's also not forget our veterans who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. When you host your Lodge Christmas party, ask every Member to bring a gift for a veteran at your local VA Hospital. COVID-19 has changed our way of life and our interaction time with the veterans at the VA Hospitals. I encourage you to contact your VAVS Representative to coordinate the delivery of the gifts to our veterans. Helen and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with each of you throughout the year. Have a very safe holiday season.

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Invite a Guest & Invite Them to Join

You love the Lodge. You want your friends to be a part of what you love. Invite them to the Lodge for dinner or a charity event. Once they show interest in the lodge, invite them to join.

Who Are the Elks?

Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.