# Lodge-Istics

BEAVER DAM LODGE #1540

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**2023-2024 Officers** 

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## **Exalted Rulers Corner**

Happy June everyone,

I'm going to keep this article short with just a few highlights of what has been happening and what is coming up.

First of all, this past month we were able to give a last minute donation to the American Legion Auxiliary to fund an additional young lady to attend Girls Badger State. It was very exciting to have a presentation, and to learn more about this fantastic opportunity for the young women attending.

We also had the opportunity for some of us to attend the Wisconsin Elks State Convention where Nikki Shannon and myself had the honor of being installed as officers for the State Association.

Coming up at the end of the month several of us will be heading to Minneapolis for the Grand Lodge Convention. Being so close, I will mention it again that any Elk may attend, even if it's just a day or two. There is so much opportunity to learn and meet Elks from all over the country as well as those from around the State. I hope you might consider attending. Please contact one of our Lodge officers for more information.

Last but not least, I want you all to keep open minds and watch for more details and meetings as we continue to discuss the future of our Lodge and take control of the direction we will be heading.



Thank-you all for your time and I hope to see more faces at some of our upcoming meetings.

Fraternally.

Rob Radig, Sr

## Committee Chairs 2022-2023



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## **Lodge Statistics**

Final ENF Report thru 05/15/2023

Lodge Number: 1540

Members (as of 4/01/23): 34 Per-Capita Donations: \$2.79

#2 in the State
228th in the Nation.
Way to go!

Active Members: 34
Candidates: 0
Pending Transfers: 0
Delinquents: 6
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.



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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.









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Mail donations directly to the ENF office, with a completed ENF donor card, to:

Elks National Foundation 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614-2256



## June

20th Perry Goetsch26th Dale Schmidt27th Michelle Raddig



July

15th Gary Pyrek

22nd Zane Gray







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## **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 <a href="www.wielks.com/">www.wielks.com/</a> <a href="publications-forms/forms/">publications-forms/forms/</a> where you can download/print out the application. Follow scholarship instructions and return to the closest Elks Lodge.

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## 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.

## **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.

## 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

Please give your thoughts and Prayers to Nikki Shannon's Sister while she recovers in the hospital.

Ashley Radig is has a medical boot on her foot to help with issues.

## **Meeting pot winner:**

05/02/2023 Julius Tempkin 05/16/2023 John Neumann



## Ticket Drawing winner:

05/02/2023 - Ron Shannon 05/16/2023 - Nikki Shannon

God bless,



ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS





On April 4th, Scouts BSA Troop 724 Life Scout Gus Shier presented the 2023 Veterans Honor Walk program to the Beaver Dam Elks Lodge 1540. The banners will be displayed from July to November on light poles in downtown Beaver Dam. From left, Rob Radig, Gus Shier, Dave Diljak and Aaron Holbrook. Applications were due before April 30 ( We'll have more time next year.) For applications or questions, contact Dave Diljak at 920-885-6463 or email diljak@charter.net.

Beaver Dam Elks Lodge will donate \$100 for Elks member Veterans or family members to help pay for a banner.

## 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 Ameri-Corps 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:**

- ⇒ June 3rd Fish and Fun
- ⇒ June 17th Taste of Wisconsin





## Message from the GER

Bruce A. Hidley

## Honoring our Flag, remembering our fathers

The Esteemed Leading Knight's charge to our new Members opens with: "The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed." New Members listening to this charge may gain

an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks.

Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as national Flag Day.

In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges.

Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the "land that I love." Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans.

June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father's Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father's Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father's Day.

June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show "Elks Care — Elks Share." I encourage each of you to continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another.

God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. Most of all, God bless America.

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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.