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NEW CLUB HOURS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST
MONDAY – THURSDAY 5:30 – 10; FRIDAY 4 – 10
(FRIDAY DINNER SERVING 5:30 – 8 P.M.)

Please keep informed thru our:

Website www.uticamaennerchor.com

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/uticamaennerchor>

FRIDAY SPECIALS: Due to staffing issues, **no specials will be available this month.**
If a special is offered, it will be listed on our Facebook page and on the information board
as you enter the Club. Sorry for the inconvenience.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV. 22 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. **CLUB PIE SALE DURING FISH FRY**

NOV. 28 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING – Club closed

NOV. 29 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

DEC. 2 – Board of Officers & Trustee's Meeting – 5 p.m.

DEC. 6 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

DEC. 8 – **CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT** – Sunday 2 p.m.

DEC. 13 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. **CLUB COOKIE SALE** during Fish Fry

DEC. 20 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m. **SANTA'S VISIT & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

DRAWING

DEC. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE – Club closed

DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY – MERRY CHRISTMAS – Club closed

DEC. 27 – Fish Fry 5:30 – 8 p.m.

DEC. 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE – Club closed

JAN. 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY – HAPPY NEW YEAR – Club closed

JULY 2025 – Bavarian Festival July 18-19-20 (save the dates – mark your calendar)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY THE 22ND.

SAUERBRATEN DINNER SUCCESS – Thanks to our 30+ volunteers and all who came
in to purchase our delicious dinner. We had a wonderful event, and the flow of take-outs
downstairs and sit-down dinners upstairs went smoothly. Thank you all and we'll see you
April 13th for our spring dinner.

EDELWEISS SCHUHPLATTLERS by Gracie Schell: Frohe Weihnachten from all of us to
all of you!!! November turned out to be a quiet month for as "Christmas on Main Street" was
cancelled. We continued to rehearse our Christmas & regular dances weekly, getting ready
for our December performances. Our Christmas Shows are as follows: Dec. 8th – Syracuse
German Club Christmas Party, 1-6 p.m.; Dec. 14th – Ilion Holiday Hoopla, 12:30-1:30 p.m.;
Dec. 14th – Little Falls Christmas, 4-5 p.m.; Dec. 20th – Sitrin Center, 2-3 p.m. We will take
Christmas Bookings until January 6th, then we'll take a break for the rest of January.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS – Many of our Christmas Customs come from Germany.
Among them the Christmas Tree; several favorite Carols (Silent Night first sung in 1818

in Oberndorf near Salzburg); St. Nicholas the patron saint of students and children/feast day Dec. 6th; Nutcrackers; glass tree ornaments and the candy cane. According to legend, the first candy canes were made in 1670 when the choirmaster at a cathedral in Germany gave sugar sticks to the children in the choir to keep them quiet during a Christmas ceremony. The candies were bent into the shape of shepherds' crooks in honor of the occasion.

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CHORUS CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT – Our Concert will be held on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 2 p.m.** in the upstairs ballroom. In place of an entrance fee, your generous donation this year will benefit The House of the Good Shepherd. “Since its inception in 1872 The House has preserved childhood innocence and provided thousands of children with a promising future. The House is a nonprofit human services agency providing care to vulnerable children and families, many with backgrounds of abuse and neglect that compromise their safety and development. Currently, they provide care to almost 1600 children and their families annually”.

The chorus members have been practicing weekly under the Direction of Mark Radlowski with Margaret Fusco our Accompanist. Our wish for you is to enjoy the holiday spirit through holiday music in the friendship of the Maennerchor. We invited The New Horizons Barbershop Chorus as our guests to perform a few of their holiday selections to add to our concert. After the concert you are invited for hot cocoa, coffee and small German desserts while you relax and enjoy the friendship in the Club.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
And the best of health & happiness in the New Year!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Friday Dec. 13th during Fish Fry – We are looking for our Club bakers to bake their favorite SMALL, delicious cookies and bring a batch to the Club on Wed., Dec. 11th between 8 – 11 a.m. so our “elves” can fill our cookie tins. If you are a baker, please sign up on the bulletin board list, or give Secretary Judy a call (315) 736-7014. This annual Christmas fundraiser is a real treat and your \$10 donation for 1 lb. tin or \$15 for 1½ lbs. tin is appreciated. These also make nice gifts!

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER TICKETS – As our dues cannot possibly cover our operating expenses, our Club fundraisers are an opportunity for all to help with the much-needed support. Tickets are included with this mailing of \$5 each, or 6 tickets for \$25. Your prompt return will give you the opportunity to perhaps win \$500 first prize, \$250 second prize or \$100 third prize. Wouldn't this be a nice Christmas present? The drawing will take place on Dec. 20th during Fish Fry with a possible visit from Santa if he is not too busy! Your support is appreciated. (Mail delivery is at times slow. Perhaps you'd rather drop the envelope off at the Club bar).

2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES

The annual membership dues of \$40 has remained the same for many years. This amounts to around \$3.30 a month, or the cost of a good cup of coffee! It is our hope that all our members will renew early so you can enjoy the new benefits available (see below for NEW benefits for being a member of the Utica Maennerchor). As you support your German/American cultural club, we give thanks to our founders on the anniversary of our 160th year. What an accomplishment! We hope you will sponsor a new member this year as we encourage growth in our family-friendly organization. Membership dues forms and return envelopes are enclosed. Thank you!

MEMEBERSHIP BENEFITS:

New for 2025 – if your renewal membership is received by **January 15, 2025**, you will receive one free beverage of your choice at the Club per month. Your membership card will look like this:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
MEMBERSHIP CARD <i>This Is To Certify That</i>					
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Secretary					
JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC

Your bartender will mark your card accordingly that you did partake in the free beverage of your choice that month. If you miss a month, sorry but there is no backdating. Just think, if you get a \$4.00 beverage each month the cost of your membership is actually free (12 x \$4.00 = \$48.00; \$48.00 minus \$40.00 membership dues leaves \$8.00 in your wallet)

NEW for 2025 – Friday Night Entrees, including Specials, will now have member vs. non-member pricing.

NEW for 2025 – throughout the year various member only items/discounts will be offered. Watch for more information within the monthly newsletter, Facebook, and at the Club.

Existing benefits that will continue for members – Save 10% on facility rentals (inside and outside); Ability to borrow tables and chairs for free; Partake in the chorus; Monthly newsletter that includes historical information about Germans; Along with belonging to an organization that has been in existence 160 years (1865 – 2025).

*Please continue your membership and encourage your family and friends to join the
Utica Maennerchor, too.*

MEMBERS – STAY SAFE, STAY WELL

REMINDER NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairmen are willing to be helpful in giving down our traditions and cooking skills. Event Forms that provide detailed information, menus, tasks to be performed, and lists of workers, are available for planning purposes. If you can help, call Club Secretary, Judy, (315) 736-7014. NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous: If you wish to receive your newsletter electronically, please send your email address to uticamaennerchor@gmail.com. The Club is connected to Wi-Fi; drop in some evening with your computer if you do not have Internet access at home.