



ELKLINER

FEBRUARY 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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Membership meeting held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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MORE GRANTS PROVIDE COVID RELIEF

In addition to the \$8,000 in Gratitude, Beacon, and Spotlight Grants that we received from the Grand Lodge last month, \$3,408 came to us from the Wisconsin Elks Association. A check for \$2704 went to the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, just down the street from the Lodge. Since 1968, Wil-Mar has supported and served the needs of those living in the Williamson-Marquette communities. Its programs includes free meal, a food pantry, after school childcare and senior programs. Elks Lodge #410 also assisted in the facility's renovation after it received a Design for a Difference Grant in 2019.



Exalter Ruler Lupe Montes and Treasurer Scott Thornton presented the Wil-Mar Executive Director, Gary Kallas, a check on behalf of the membership.

A check for \$1,704 was awarded East Madison Community Center. For more than 50 years, EMCC has provided a safe place for families in the Truax neighborhood to gather, learn and support one another. It provides education and fitness programs for children and teens, a food pantry (Continued on next page)

(Continued) and summer meals, multicultural arts activities, and adult skill training.

East Madison Community Center Executive Director Tom Moen accepts the check from Exalter Ruler Lupe Montes and Treasurer Scott Thornton.

Another check for \$1,000 went to Sunshine Place, a community resource center in Sun Prairie. It provides services and assistance to children, a food pantry and free meals, and resources for families.



Treasurer Scott Thornton and Exalter Ruler Lupe Montes give the Lodge's check to Sunshine Place Executive Director Joanna Cervantes.

Madison Reading Project was the recipient of a check for \$1,000. This organization based on Madison's west side provides free books and promotes literacy to underserved children.

A check for \$1,704 also went to Porchlight. In 1984 this organization began to face the growing challenges faced by the homeless population in our community. Today, it provides emergency shelter, assistance to Veterans, and a safe haven for those suffering from mental illness.

Thanks to the generosity of the membership, Grand lodge and Wisconsin Elks Association, your Lodge looks forward to making additional donations in our community during February and March.



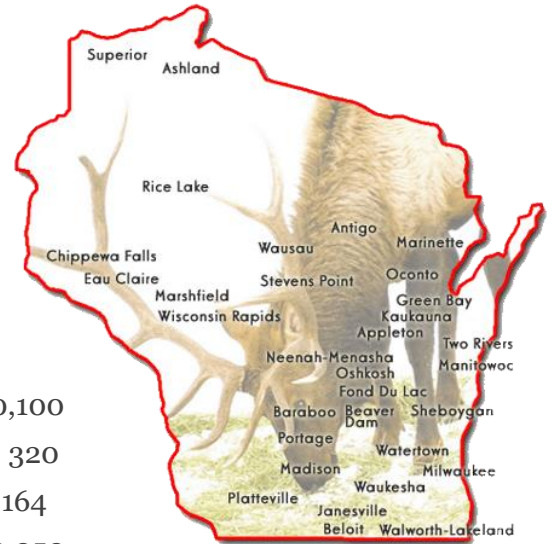
The Treasurer and Exalted Ruler give Rowan Childs, Madison Reading Project Founder and Executive Director, a check for \$1,000



SUPPORT THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

As mentioned in the previous article, the Madison Elks Lodge, like the others around our State, benefit from the generosity of the WEA. Direct grants, though, are just one way we profit. Through its Wisconsin Benevolent Fund (WBF), funded by your tax deductible donations, it works to support a variety of charitable endeavors throughout Wisconsin. WBF is contributing a minimum of \$100,000, or 29% of its 2020-2021 charitable budget of \$350, 351.19. Here is an approximated breakdown how donations will be used:

Elks Wisconsin & National Veterans Service:	\$10,100
Committee for the Disabled Drug Awareness:	\$2, 320
Drug Awareness:	\$3,164
Wisconsin Elks Major Project (Camp Wawbeek):	\$13,050
Most Valuable Student & U.S. Constitution Scholarships:	\$53,044
Hoop Shoot Committee:	\$4,930
Youth Activities:	\$2,175
Elk National Foundation Committee:	\$55
Americanism Committee:	\$2,030
WEA Lodge Grants:	\$6,470
Bugle, WEA Directory & Web Page:	\$725
Trustee Charity Contingency Fund:	\$1,937



Our fiscal year ends on March 31st and dues statement for 2021-2022 go out this month. When you pay your dues, please considering checking off the boxes to make a \$5 donation (or other amount) to both the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and State Major Projects. Donations to the WBF can also be made by mailing your check to Dave Hagen, WBF Secretary/Treasurer, 4110 Tanglewood Dr., Janesville, WI 53546. Donations to State Major Projects can be mailed to Cindy Whalen, N4652 Ridge Prairies School Rd., Delavan, WI 53115. To learn more about the Wisconsin Elks Association and its work, visit its website, wielks.com.

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The dates have been set for the Grand Lodge Convention, beginning on Independence Day in Tampa, Florida.

PROCLAMATION

To All Local Lodges and Members of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

GREETINGS:

The *Grand Exalter Ruler*, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of Benevolent and Protective over of Elks of the



United States of America, acting upon the authority given him under Article 3, Section 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in Tampa Florida, with the opening ceremonies and meetings had at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602 on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The opening business session will convene in the Tampa Convention Center at 8:00 Monday morning, July, 5, 2021, at which session the election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter at 8:00 a.m. on July 6, and 7, 2021, until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Tampa Marriott Water Street on 505 Water Street, Tampa, Florida, 33602 has been selected as the Headquarters hotel for the 156th Grand Lodge Session. A room reservation form with a letter outlining the procedures will be sent to Past Grand Exalter Rulers, Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, Special Deputies, Grand Lodge Officers and committeemen from the Grand Lodge Convention Office in Chicago, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago IL 60614-1889. District Deputies-Designate need to make all airline travel arrangements through the Grand Lodge Convention Office.

Room reservations not outlined in the preceding paragraph must be made through each State Association Housing Coordinator. Those planning to attend the Grand Lodge Convention are urged to make that fact know to their State Association Housing Coordinators immediately. Neither the Grand Lodge Convention Office nor the official Tampa hotels will accept reservations directly from the Lodges, individual Elks, or travel agencies.

Registration will be required of all Members and their Guests attending the Convention. This includes the Sunday Afternoon Opening Session, and the Business Session for Members. State Ritualistic Teams are required to register before competing in *the Grand Lodge contest*.

ATTEST:

Bryan R. Klatt
Grand Secretary

Paul R. Ryan
Grand Exalter Ruler



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FOUNDERS DAY IS FEBRUARY 16

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.



Ten of the fifteen members of the Jolly Corks who founded the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. From left to right, they are: E. W. Platt, Frank Langhorne, William Carleton, William Sheppard, Richard R. Steirly, Charles A. Vivian, John T. Kent, Henry Vandemark, Harry Bosworth, and M.G. Ash.





A POST CARD FROM THE PAST

The original Elks Lodge #1 built a stylish, new 12-story home in 1911. Located at 108 43rd Street at 6th Avenue, in New York City, it was designed by James R. Gordon. The building with its equipment cost \$1,250,000, and had no mortgage, since money for its construction came from bonds held by its 3,000 members. The chief features of the Mother Lodge was an auditorium 87 feet by 93 feet, with the walls rising to a height of 32 feet. It had two tiers of box seats with twenty-eight boxes in all. A promenade encircled each tier for use when the room is used for balls or banquets. It also boasted a grand foyer, lounging rooms, writing rooms, bar and restaurants, billiard room, and bowling alleys in the basement. Upper floors housed 216 outside guest rooms, each with tiled baths. The charge for a room was \$1.50 a day, plus 24 suites, which rented for \$3 a day. A solarium and garden occupied the entire roof. During the Depression both membership and income declined. In 1932, the building was opened to the public, and in 1934 the building was foreclosed. It later became the Diplomat Hotel, then a residence for long-term tenants until it was demolished in 1994.



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The Dining Hall at the Mother Lodge pictured shortly after it opened.

FEBRUARY IS LOBSTER MONTH AT THE LODGE

All month long, we will feature lobster as the chef's special. That is in addition to our regular nightly specials: On Thursday we offer three tacos with beans and rice for \$10 and spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread and choice of soup or salad for \$12! On Friday it's the famous Lodge Fish Fry with a choice of three pieces of fried lake perch or cod, French fries and coleslaw for \$12. On Saturday we have roast prime rib (8-oz. for \$14, 10-oz. for \$16, or 14-oz. for \$18) with a choice of potato and salad or soup. The bar and dining room are currently open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Make reservations or order a carryout by calling 608.255-1644 extension 1.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James Capaul
- 2 Timothy Turino
- 4 Louis Cassini, Sally Hogan, Jacob Daniel Smith
- 5 John E. Miller
- 6 Philip Klein
- 8 Eric Fitzgibbon, Bradley Fox
- 9 Wayne Simon, Mark Sweeney, Steven Tinker
- 10 Paul Steinmetz
- 11 Ronald Barman, Thomas Clauder, Glenn Harvey,
Richard N. Olson, Daniel Schultz
- 12 Paul Greisen
- 13 Kenneth Kruska, James Shunk
- 14 Ronald McLean
- 15 Dan Curd, David Lynett, James Ottum, Joseph Robertson
- 16 Donald Swinton, Paul Zahn
- 17 Beverly Klongland, Brian Schneider
- 18 Janet Ady, Conrad Marks, Darlene Noggle
- 19 Dan Brummel
- 20 Loretta Blankenheim
- 21 Mark Gladue
- 22 Stephanie Prah, Patrick Sullivan
- 24 John Kollath
- 26 Stephen Sasso, Patricia Whitely
- 28 Maria Antoinette Cannarella, Denise Nechvatal, Andrew
Thompson, Joseph Saelens

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated January 13:

Charles Baumann
Dawnene Hasset
George Zagorski

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman: **Richard Olson**

Secretary **Sherie Sasso**

Treasurer **Lynn Aspinwall**

Active Members

Dan Aspinwall

William H. Aspinwall

Kristi Barbian

Chuck Hoornstra

Ed Ledwidge

James Mueller

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Past President **Gloria Simley**

Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Tammy O'Brien**

Treasurer **Helen Duncan**

Board Members

Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

We need your support more than ever!

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