



ELKLINER

SEPTEMBER 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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

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BINGO!

Photo by Scott Thornton



On August 18th, Music Bingo made its much anticipated return after a much too long hiatus. I think it fair to say, a good time was had by all. We hope to see it continue on the third Wednesday of every month and it's on the calendar for September 15 at 6 p.m.

Trying to get things back on track has been a bumpy ride. This past month, Public Health Madison & Dane County reinstated the indoor mask mandate which remains in effect at least until September 16. We appreciate everyone's cooperation – as always the health and safety of our members and employees remains our primary concern.

We continue to be challenged by a shortage of staff, but be assured, it is our highest priority. The Board was forced to suspend Wednesday lunch (which had been gaining steady popularity after its return) because of the lack of staffing. Currently, we depend upon a pool of people who function as part-time bartenders and servers. Most of them have other jobs during the day so staffing is especially difficult for lunch. Also, the bar cannot operate unless a licensed bartender is on the premises at all times. Good news! We are once again serving Wednesday lunch! Many kudos to **Exalter Ruler Bridget Esser**, **Trustee Michelle Braithwaite** and **Treasurer Scott Thornton** who have volunteered their labor and helped us keep the bar and dining room open. They have even gone the extra mile and received their bartender licenses. If you know of potential employees, please have them contact the office for an application. If you are willing to volunteer your time as a bartender, server or busser, please let us know.

We also want to thank **Past Exalted Ruler Lynn Aspinwall** for agreeing to be our Elks National Foundation Coordinator, a position

(Continued) she capably held previously. The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities by investing where Elks live and work. It helps youth develop lifelong skills, sends students to college, meets the needs of today's veterans, supports the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and funds projects that improve the quality of life locally. Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects.

This year, the ENF allocated \$14.9 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in Elks communities through grants to Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer our Lodge an opportunity to serve our community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. We hope you will consider donating to the ENF this year.

ENF SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

By **PER Sherie Sasso**

The 2022 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest is open! This contest is open to any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. The application is completed online at Elks.org. Click on "Scholarships," then "Most Valuable Student." There are frequently asked questions and the actual application. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership, community service, financial need, and an essay. The application deadline is November 15, 2021. Our Lodge awards the top three boys and top three girls \$500 each. Those six students are then eligible for scholarships awarded by the Wisconsin Elks Association and the Elks National Foundation. Last years' scholarship recipients were:

Ava Clark from Middleton. She is active in track & field. She was in the top 1% of her senior class. She will be attending Harvard University, majoring in biomedical engineering. Ava also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the WEA.

Dorothy Deans from Lodi. She is very active in musical pursuits. She plans to attend UW-Eau Claire, but is undecided on her major. Dorothy also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the WEA.

Christy Zheng from McFarland. She is an ESL student who volunteered at Simpson Street Free Press to become proficient in reading and writing English. She eventually became senior teen editor at the newspaper. Christy will attend Stanford University and major in political science. Christy also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the ENF.

Geneghee Kim from Middleton. During high school, he also worked at Central Wisconsin Center assisting therapists and organizing activities for its patients. He will attend Vanderbilt and major in medicine, health and society. Geneghee also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the ENF.

Stephen Krcma from Stoughton. He is very active in the Boy Scouts, including attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He will attend Western Michigan University and major in music therapy. Stephen also won a \$1,000 scholarship from the WEA.

Maxwell Saron from Sun Prairie. He is active in track & field. He will attend UW-Madison and major in accounting.

In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary awarded three \$500 scholarships to the next highest scoring applicants. They are:

Haley Winter is graduating from Sun Prairie High. She will be attending UW-Madison with a biology major. For her entire high school career she has been dedicated to DECA. DECA is a business-focused club where students participate in business competitions and/or volunteer in their community. She had many accomplishments in DECA.

Jackson Talbert is graduating from Stoughton High. He will be attending UW-Madison majoring in aerospace aeronautical engineering. He has been influenced by a growth mindset, which is a type of attitude or motto for life where you are never stuck in place or stagnant. You have to keep learning and challenging yourself. It sounds like he definitely will.

Kaitlyn Peters is graduating from Middleton High. She will be attending the University of the Incarnate Word in Texas majoring in nursing. The sport of swimming has been important in her high school career. She not only competed competitively but became a coach for the Cross Plains Stingrays where helping kids achieve their goals sealed her passion for helping others.

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

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Dan Aspinwall

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Madison Elks Lodge #410

Past Exalted Rulers

Helping Kids Succeed in School!

We are hosting a fund raiser to help supply area children in need with Backpacks and School Supplies again this year. Each Backpack comes in a variety of colors along with a 20 piece essential school supply kit for just \$10.00 each. We plan to help our friends at Centro Hispano, East Madison Community Center and Wil-Mar Community Center that we have supported over the past three years along with Design for a Difference. The needs are even greater this year due to COVID-19 and we want them to know we are here to help! If you would like to sponsor a Backpack for a child in need, please send a check made Payable "Elks 410 PER's" to the Lodge and mark "Backpack" in the memo line by September 10th. You may sponsor more than one backpack as our goal is to supply 100 backpacks to help kids in our community succeed in school this year!

Thank you!



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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The barbecues sponsored by the Madison Elks in the 1920s attracted thousands of people. The photo here, taken in 1900, was in front of the old Lodge on Monona Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.). The building in the background is the old Dorn stables. While the cooking crew looks on, great hunks of beef smoke on skewers resting on 4 x 4 timbers laid across barrels. The fire pit was five feet deep and 25 feet long.

THE REMODEL

By 1949, the old Lodge on Monona Avenue at Doty Street was almost 50 years old. Many modifications had already been made, but the members decided it was time for a total makeover in order to better accommodate their needs. Just like our 50-year-old facility today, much of the infrastructure was starting to show its age. The plumbing and electrical systems were outdated. The first floor restaurant and bar were too small. There was no air conditioning.

The Trustees established a committee composed of E. N. Quinn, chairman, Frank Starkweather, Al Reque, A. M. Kurtz and M. L. Wellentin to investigate the feasibility of remodeling and improving the clubhouse. At the membership meeting on January 25,

1950, the committee pitched its proposal for a total modernization of the Lodge that would cost about \$80,000. That same night, by a vote of 118 to 42, the motion was defeated. Obviously, much discussion ensued and the case for making improvements on a piece-meal basis won the day. The membership authorized the Board to make recommendations for repairs and renovations from time to time, including the removal of the stage in the Lodge Hall and installation of new lighting and ventilation systems. Ultimately, a plan that cost about \$20,000 was approved. It included taking out the bowling alleys in the basement and replacing them with a larger restaurant, kitchen and bar, at the time located on the main floor.

On October 13, 1951, fifty years to the day after the laying of the Lodge's cornerstone, the Madison Elks celebrated the grand opening of its remodeled clubhouse. Ten years later, the membership concluded that its home no longer was large enough to accommodate the 1,500 plus Elks and a search ensued for suitable property. This effort led to the selection of a lakefront site on Jenifer Street. The Bank of Madison then offered the Board \$256,000 for the Monona Avenue property and agreed to secure an option on the lot for the new building (valued at \$75,000). On September 26, by an overwhelming vote, the membership decided to sell the old Lodge and move ahead with building a new one. On April 4, 1964, ground was broken at 711 Jenifer Street. On hand was Ernest John Frederick "Ernie" Burmeister (1867-1965), the only living charter member of the Madison B.P.O.E. Mr. Burmeister, elected Dane County Sheriff in 1900 at age 33, was the youngest to ever serve in that office and nicknamed the "Boy Sheriff."

The old Lodge as it appeared in 1951.



RIGHT: The new basement cocktail lounge in 1951



LEFT: The new dining room, adjacent to the bar

RIGHT: A memorial service in the newly remodeled second floor Lodge Hall



LEFT: Groundbreaking for the new Lodge on Jenifer Street. Ernie Burmeister is the man in the center, leaning on the shovel. On the far left with the shovel is Madison Mayor Henry Reynolds and standing between him and Mr. Burmeister is George E. Rapp, retiring Madison Exalter Ruler.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rich Falch, Ellery Jensen, Nikole Neidlinger
3 Joanne Bartley, Jon Boldebeck,
Steve Schmikla
4 Jerry Hermanson
5 Virginia Morschauer, Ronald Wirth
6 George Zagorski
7 Steven Doepke, Stephen Morton,
Charles Schmikla
8 James George Dulke, Chad Whiteside
9 Pat Richter, Daniel Schilling
10 Jayme Anderson, Stuart McIntosh
11 Mark Goff, Scott Thornton
12 Donald Tjugum
13 Cliff Fisher
15 James Mabbott, Jason Standish,
Donald Taylor
16 Scott Bindl
17 Daniel Aspinwall, Jeffrey Eugene
Schraml
18 Brett Clark
19 Chad Campanelli, Jane Lynaugh,
Michael Vilbrandt
21 Frank Zawlocki
22 Frederick Bachmann, Aimee Bailey,
David Gray, David Innis,
Patrick McCormick
23 Richard Maahs, John Skillrud
24 George Carran, Joseph Hertel
25 Gerald Clark, Laurence Davies
26 Thomas Munz, Jane Wiedenbeck
27 Holly Cremer Berkenstadt,
Jule Gehrig
28 Duane Faust, Zachary Henderson
29 Joe Goodwin, Thomas Schmock
30 John Moore

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated August 11:

- Gregg Bonnes
Jatinder Cheema
Mark Goff
James Mandt
Carol Ripp
Andrew John Shuck
Sabrina Sims
Rick Smydon
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**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
@ 6 PM**

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Labor Day

Rosh Hashanah

Membership Meeting,
7 p.m.

Lois Hoornstra,
At the piano,
Dining Room

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Yom Kippur
Music Bingo,
6 p.m.

Private Event,
Wisconsin Room,
5 – 9 p.m.

Private Event,
Wisconsin Room,
1 – 5 p.m.

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Private Event,
Lower Level,
All Day

Private Event,
Wisconsin Room,
All Day

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Remember to mail your check for the Backpack Fund before September 10!



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

The office is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., or by appointment. Email: office@madisonelkslodge.org. The Bar is open Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Dining Room is open Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. For reservations or carryout, please call 608-255-1644 ext. 1.

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