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MARCH 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

OFFICERS

Exalter Ruler **Lupe Montes**
Leading Knight **Geof Gaston**
Loyal Knight **Bridget Esser**
Lecturing Knight **Vacant**

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1 Year **Vacant**
2 Year **Vacant**
3 Year **Cliff Fisher**
4 Year **Denise Stromme**
5 Year **Tom Lyons**

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A NEW YEAR FOR ELKDOM DAWNS

As always, we move forward. Daylight Saving Time returns on March 14, spring starts on March 20, and the new fiscal year of the Elks begins on April 1. You should have received your dues renewal statement for 2021-2022 in the mail. This year, these notices were sent out by the Grand Lodge, a change initiated to improve our record keeping and save the local Lodges time and money. Your payments still go directly to the Madison Elks Lodge, either by check in the reply envelope furnished, or by credit card, debit card, or e-check at the online link,



<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>. Once you have paid, your membership and key cards will be mailed to you by the Secretary, beginning sometime in mid-March. We will notify you when the key card locks at the Lodge have been changed – sometime in early April, so until then, please hang onto your old (purple) key card as well as your new (red) key card.

We hope you will be able to pay your dues soon as it helps keep your Lodge financially healthy. We also remind you to consider making one or more of the optional contributions suggested on the dues statement, including a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Its mission is to help Elks build stronger communities and fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work, including our own. Last year the ENF donated more than \$8,000 in grants to the Madison Elks Lodge. Also, donations to the Lodge's Maintenance and Equipment Fund are greatly appreciated. Our 56-year-old home has been in much need of attention the past year, and we hope to keep it in good shape for many years to come.

Widow(er)s of members will receive a letter from the Secretary toward the end of the month asking them if they would like to receive an identification and key cards to access the facilities of the Lodge during the 2021-2022 year.

If you have not yet paid your 2020-2021 dues, please do so prior to March 31, 2021. In compliance with the statutes and bylaws of our Order, delinquent members will be dropped on that date. The Secretary will send a letter to any dropped members notifying them of their status and their right to reinstatement if the application is made within 60 days. Reinstatement requires the payment of both delinquent and current dues and approval by a majority vote at the next membership meeting. (Continued on next page)

(Continued) If members didn't receive a dues statement or have any questions about their membership, please contact the Secretary at secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.

NEW OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Lodge on February 24, the membership elected new officers for 2021-2021. These officers will be installed at the March 24 membership meeting and their terms will begin on April 1, 2021 and run until March 31, 2022. Prior to her installation, the Exalter Ruler will announce appointed officers. The elected officers for the coming fiscal year are:

Lupe Montes, **Exalter Ruler**

Leading Knight, *to be filled*

Loyal Knight, **Bridget Esser**

Lecturing Knight, **Geoff Gaston**

Secretary, **Dan Curd**

Treasurer, **Scott Thornton**



Trustees:

1 Year, **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**

2 Year, **Cliff Fisher**

3 Year, **Denise Stromme**

4 Year, **Tom Lyons**

5 Year, **Michelle Braithwaite**

VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you volunteered at the Lodge this past year, please report the dates, hours and nature of your service to the Secretary by March 31, 2021: secretary@madisonelkslodge.org. All community activities count as volunteer hours and need to be reported to the Grand Lodge annually.

MADISON PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER UPDATED

Indoor events or meetings where food or drink is not offered are limited to 350 individuals. Indoor events or meetings where food or drink is offered are limited to 150 individuals. Face coverings and social distancing are required. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 500 individuals and social distancing is required. Face coverings are required for outdoor gatherings larger than 50 individuals. Restaurants may open up to 50% of their capacity and face coverings are required when not eating or drinking. Tables and chairs must ensure at least six feet physical distancing between customers who are not members of the same household or living unit.

WE REMEMBER

As the Eleven O'Clock Toast reminds us, "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." Since January 1, 2020, these are the Elks who no longer roam among us, but remain forever in our hearts:

- ★ **Robert J. Kitzinger**, January 30
- ★ **C. Stanley Grimstad**, March 20
- ★ **Robert B. Hermanson**, March 28
- ★ **William G. Meyer**, June 21
- ★ **Daniel L. Matney**, July 12
- ★ **Raymond Kadrmas**, July 23
- ★ **Dale Amacher**, August 8
- ★ **Frederick G. Zingsheim**, August 26
- ★ **Reven Marshall**, December 10
- ★ **Louis A. Cassini**, December 16
- ★ **Richard H. Lichtfeld**, February 1



WELKOME BACK TO THE BAR & DINING ROOM

If you haven't been to the Lodge in a while, you'll discover a lot of positive changes. The pandemic has presented challenges to be sure but the Board of Directors and our staff have strived to make our Lodge a safe environment for members and their guests and our employees. On the preceding page we reported recent changes by Public Health Madison & Dane County that will allow us to increase our capacity in the dining room and now realistically host weddings and other events. While we were closed down this past summer, we made cosmetic changes to the bar and dining room to make it more attractive. The kitchen, bar, and dining room underwent a deep cleaning. We have gradually begun to expand our



Photo by Lupe Montes



Photo by Michelle Braithwaite

limited dinner menu, thanks in no small part to Zack, our talented new chef. In addition to ongoing nightly specials – tacos and spaghetti and meatballs on Thursday, fish fry on Friday, and prime rib on Saturday – we will continue to feature steak and lobster every night. But, also look for more continually changing nightly specials. Our current hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the bar are 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., and in the dining room from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Starting in mid-March we plan to have the bar stay open until 10 p.m., and in the near future, adding additional days of operation. On St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17 we will be open and Chef O'Zack will feature traditional corned beef and cabbage served with potatoes and carrots along with his soon-to-be-famous Shamrock Pie (Key Lime Pie). There will be other holiday entrees, appetizers and drinks as well and reservations are advised. In the near future we will unveil a new menu and will continue to make your dining and drinking experience a safe and enjoyable one (not to mention a table with the best view in town). For reservations call (608) 255-1644, ext. 1

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A POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The old Lodge on Monona Ave. (Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.) as seen from Doty St. in 1911.

THE OLD LODGE

Our current home, lakeside at 711 Jenifer Street, opened its doors 56 years ago this month. By then, however, the Madison Elks Lodge already had a long history in our community. Founded in 1898, Lodge #410 was not the first Elks club in our state. That honor goes to Milwaukee Lodge #46, founded in 1886.

In 1901, renowned architectural firm of Claude & Starck designed what would become the first permanent home for the Madison Elks with an estimated construction cost of \$20,000 (more than \$3 million today).

On October 14, 1901, the *Wisconsin State Journal* reported that the Elks would lay the cornerstone for its new clubhouse in an article headed “Elks Planning Weird Ceremony.” The definite date had not been decided, but was estimated to be on October 23, assuming all work on the new building at the corner of West Doty Street and Monona Avenue had been completed. What the newspaper found “weird” about the ceremony was that it would be held at 11 p.m. To be placed in the cornerstone at that time would be copies of that day's two Madison daily papers, a list of officers, stockholders and directors of the Lodge, and 11 new pennies to symbolize the hour the stone was laid.

The ceremony was actually held the night of Friday, October 24 following a banquet at the Capital House. At half past ten, led by Marshal Henry C. Baker and the Elks Band, two columns of the “sons of the forest” marched down Monona Avenue to their new home on the corner. Under five arc lights with over 1,000 in attendance, the solemn ritual proceeded. Exalted Ruler Mathias Breckheimer opened the ceremony exactly at 11 p.m. by striking a gong 11 times followed by the Eleven O’Clock Toast. The large cornerstone was then swung into place by Mat Swank, contractor T. C. McCarthy’s best mason, and Mr. Breckheimer smoothed the first mortar over it using a silver trowel.

The new structure was completed in 1902. On the first floor to the left of the entrance was a “handsome parlor” furnished with heavy oak and leather chairs. Adjacent were a card room, library, and café. Also, on the ground floor were a billiards room and buffet (bar). These rooms were divided by large folding doors so they could be opened and incorporated into one large space for banquets and parties. Upstairs was the theater, a large room designated for Lodge meetings and balls. Above its stage was the inscription “The faults of our brothers we write in the sand.”

This address served its members well until it was decided in the early 1960s to move on and build a new Lodge. The structure was razed along with its neighbor, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall, in June of 1964, replaced by a parking lot.



Mathias Breckheimer, Jr., (1864-1934) was E.R. 1901-1903. His family owned a brewery located on King and E. Wilson Streets (where the Madison Mark apartments are today).

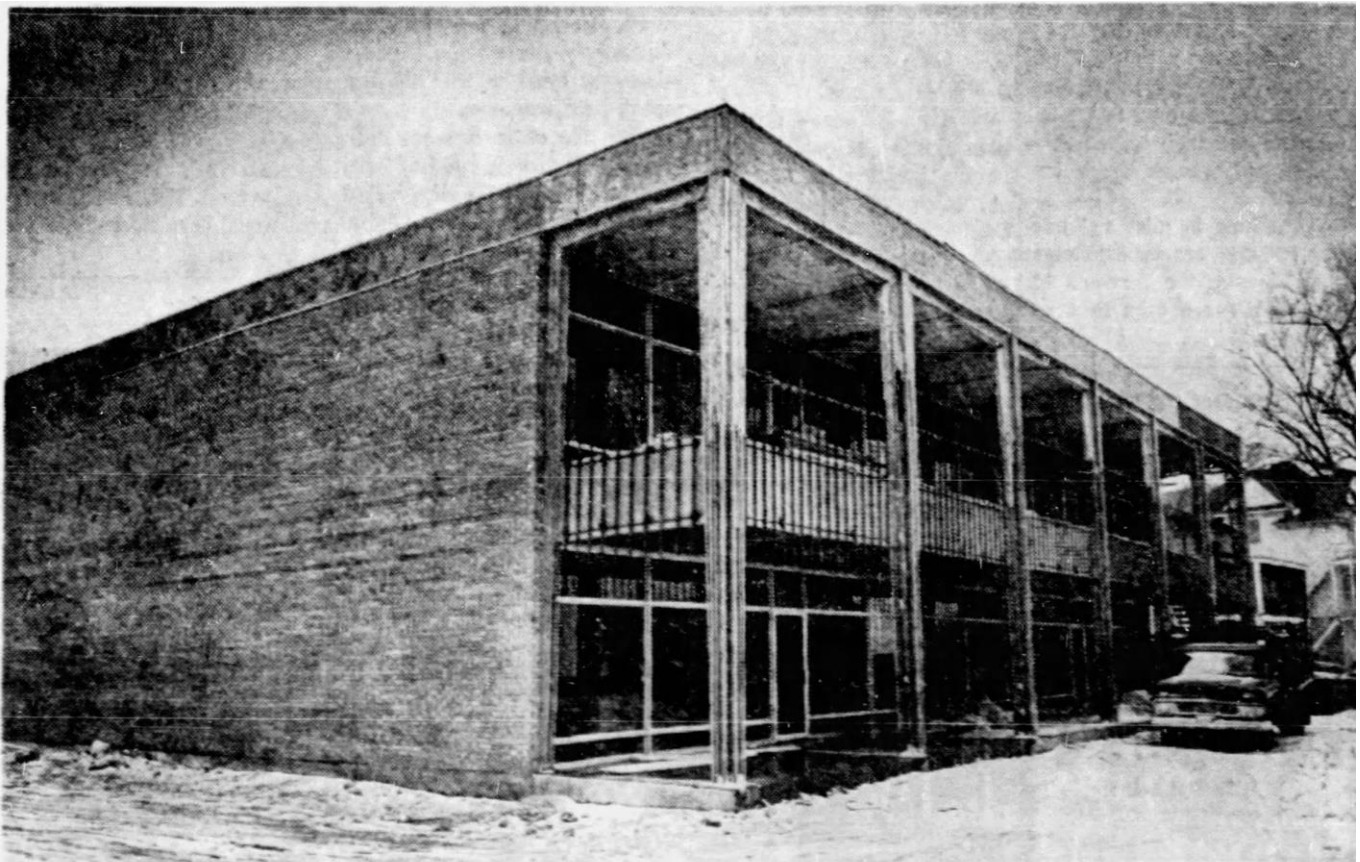


711 JENIFER STREET

In 1962, the Building Committee of the Madison Elks Lodge, chaired by Kenneth Sullivan, recommended sale of the clubhouse on Monona Avenue to the Bank of Madison for \$250,000 and the construction of a new Lodge in the 700 block of Jenifer St. Sullivan noted that the new two-level, lakeside facility with ample parking and piers would cost an estimated \$400,000. "That our present facilities are not conducive to a profitable operation is evidenced by the loss of \$64,000 in our club and lodge operation from 1948 to 1962," stated Sullivan in a letter to the members. Part of the agreement was that Lodge #410 would continue to occupy its current property after the closing of the transaction for at least eight months for no charge. The membership voted on the proposal at its monthly membership meeting on September 26. Exalter Ruler James Joyce announced that it was approved by "a substantial majority" and that construction of the new building at 711 Jenifer Street was expected to commence "soon."

After several unanticipated delays including rising costs, Exalter Ruler Arthur Flood announced a ground-breaking ceremony would be held on April 2, 1964, at 2 p.m. Honored guests included Mayor Henry Reynolds and the only living charter member of Lodge #410, Ernest Burmeister. The members had just raised their dues for the first time in 10 years from \$30 to \$40. Two month later, the demolition of the Monona Avenue clubhouse began.

The first ceremony held in the still uncompleted Lodge was on Saturday, March 13, 1965, when a record 73 new members were initiated. This exceeded the goal of 67 new members to commemorate the 67th year of Elkdome in Madison. Exalted Ruler Flood announced that current membership now totaled 1,256. On Sunday, March 28 Madison Elks under the leadership of its newly elected Exalter Ruler, Albert E. Koch, held a cornerstone laying ceremony to mark the official opening of its new facility. It would take several more months to complete the lower level and landscaping.



Without 'Extras,' Elks Club Still Shines

It's hard for a new building to look beautiful in the winter (no landscaping!), but the clean lines of the new Elks lodge clubhouse at 711 Jenifer st. suggest size and strength as workmen rushed to complete the structure for Saturday's event—a initiation of 73 new members.

—State Journal Photo

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jame Boll, Orley Jensen, Daniel Leetz
- 2 Scott Arndt, Stephen Machotka
- 3 June Dalton, Aaron Frank, John Speropulos
- 4 Ray Wojtak
- 5 Fritz Carstens, Ken Frederick, Tim Geier, Andrew Johnson, David E. Johnson, Steven Westphal
- 6 Cathy Coyle
- 7 William Flesch, Walter Sauer, J. Michael True
- 8 James Bachmann, Anthony Pullara, J. Shannon Riley, Verne Vlack, W. Atlee Wilson,
- 9 Charles Deadman Jr., Daniel Drye
- 10 John Fadness
- 11 James Henley, Jeffrey Kingston, James Kondrasuk, Brent Ruhland
- 13 Alan Derus, Benjamin Jedd, Daniel Kelly
- 14 Kevin Karpelenia, Kathleen Slattery-Moschkau
- 15 Marilee Gardner, Jon Jenson, John Smail
- 16 John Yogerst
- 17 Lauren Taylor
- 18 Daniel Biersdorf
- 19 Charles Deadman, Michael Steffen, Arthur Taggart
- 21 Michelle Herring, Leanne Tyska
- 23 William Cutler, Robert Rosa, William Steckel
- 24 Bree McGrath, Ronald Ryan
- 25 John Gransee, John Sommers
- 26 Roland Beiswanger
- 27 Richard Christenson, Roy Swenson
- 29 Donald Kohn
- 30 William D. Jones, Mark Shumate
- 31 Nathan Geraths, James Marcks, Louise Oasen

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated February 10:

Tim Carey
Philip Doll
Susan Herber
Kimberly Wolf

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

President **LaVerne Schwengel**
Past President **Gloria Simley**
Vice President **Donna Campanelli**
Secretary **Tammy O'Brien**
Treasurer **Helen Duncan**

Board Members

Ann Bailey
Carol Rohde



WE ALL NEED YOUR HELP

Elkdom has always been about doing more together. The governance and successful functioning of our Lodge depends on the members who volunteer their time to serve as officer and on our committees. Several of these committees are actually required by the rules of the B.P.O.E. Elks. It is an opportunity to better understand the services and programs the Elks provide, make new friends, and share your expertise and experience ... making a contribution to the good of the order. We hope you will consider serving on one of the following committees or subcommittees. If you are interested, please contact Exalter Ruler Lupe Montes at:

LupeElks410@gmail.com.

- Auditing & Accounting Committee
- Activities Committee
- Community Project & Activities Subcommittee
- Youth Activities Subcommittee
- Hoop Shoot® Subcommittee
- Drug Awareness Subcommittee
- Fraternal Committee
- Americanism Subcommittee
- Elks National Foundation Subcommittee
- Flag Day Subcommittee
- Elks Memorial Day Subcommittee
- Membership Subcommittee
- Lodge Activities (Entertainment) Subcommittee
- Veterans Services Subcommittee
- Accident Prevention Subcommittee
- Standing Relief Subcommittee
- Public Relations Committee
- Ritualistic Subcommittee
- Soccer Shoot® Subcommittee
- Government Relations Subcommittee
- State Major Project Subcommittee
- Boy Scouts Liaison Committee
- Elk of the Year Committee
- Scholarships Committee
- Investigative Committee



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Our fabulous fish fry isn't the only reason to come to the Lodge on Friday night. Lois Hoornstra, the Madison Elks Lodge's talented Organist, will play your favorite songs on the piano while you dine. More than likely, you'll find her husband, P.E.R. Chuck Hoornstra, there as well.



**We will be OPEN Wednesday,
March 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LODGE

We need your support more than ever!

Currently 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 and Dining Room are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. For reservations please call 608-255-1644 extension 1.

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