



# ELKLINER

DECEMBER 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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Exalter Ruler **Bridget Esser**  
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 5 Year **Michelle Braithwaite**

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

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Editor **Dan Curd**  
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## WEA PRESIDENT'S DINNER

On November 20<sup>th</sup> the Madison Elks were honored to host the Wisconsin Elks Association (WEA) President Jerry Brien to dinner on the occasion of his annual visit to our Lodge. Other guests included First Lady Kathy Brien, Exalter Ruler of Kaukauna Lodge #962; WEA President-Elect David Hagen and Kathy Hagen; WEA Vice President Jason Somers; Past WEA President Dave Nitze and Pat Nitze; and Past Illinois State President Jeff Rodier and Norine Rodier. We appreciate all the officers and members who attended this event and the staff who helped make it a great success.

## MORE EVENTS

Earlier in the month, we hosted our annual Veterans Day Breakfast. The buffet breakfast held on Saturday, November 6, was free to all veterans and active duty military. Many of those who had attended past events expressed their gratitude to see it return this year. Unfortunately, last year it was not held due to the pandemic.

At our regular membership meeting on Wednesday, November 10, we welcomed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Ben Godlewski and other members from Waukesha Lodge #400. We also had some unexpected guests from Milwaukee Lodge #46 whose mission was to deliver a "present" to the Madison Elks. They presented ER Esser the Traveling Gavel. It rotates between the seven Elks Lodges in the WEA (Continued)



*WEA President Jerry Brien presents ER Bridget Esser his gift to the Madison Lodge.*



*Leading Knight Don Geier, Loyal Knight Mike Verveer and Secretary Dan Curd at the President's Dinner.*



*Veterans and guests enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the Lodge for our breakfast.*

(Continued) South District. It is now our obligation to transfer the gavel to one of the other Lodges in the district within the next 60 days. Failure to do so results in a fine payable to the State Major Project fund.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel Music Bingo scheduled for November (always the third Wednesday of the month) due to the illness of our DJ, John Sherman. We will be back for a special **Christmas Music Bingo** on December 15 from 6 until 8 p.m. with more and bigger prizes! Members are encouraged to make reservations. Most recently, we had a post-Thanksgiving Meat Raffle on November 27. Another **Meat Raffle** is planned for Saturday, December 18.

We received very good news this past month that our longtime Esquire Patrick Fitzpatrick would be returning to the Lodge after an absence due to illness. He's already back picking up the many **Toys for Tots** donations we've received and delivering them to the Marine Corps Reserve for distribution to needy children. Paddy was the one who first got the Lodge to participate in this program. It's not too late to donate an unwrapped gift, but please do so soon!

For Elkdom, December is not only a month to celebrate but also a time to remember our absent members. Again, this year we have placed a **Remembrance Tree** in the dining room. We hope you will hang an ornament in memory of a departed Elk or a loved one. The blank wood ornaments can be personalized as you wish and are available at the bar. We suggest a \$10 donation with the proceeds benefiting Madison Elks Charities.

Thanksgiving may have come and gone, but we want to express our gratitude to Trustee Kristopher Steege-Reimann for donating – and raising - new United States and Wisconsin flags in front of the Lodge.

**Lodge Gift Cards** make a great Christmas gift. They are available for sale in any denomination at the bar. Please note that the Lodge will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day, but will be open New Year's Eve (reservations are advised).

### **THANK YOU FROM THE P.E.R. ASSOCIATION**

By Lynn Aspinwall, Treasurer

Our Past Exalted Rulers recently held a Backpack and School Supply Fundraiser that raised over \$3,370.00 from the below list of donors! We purchased 284 backpacks from our members Jim and Jesse Marcks which were able to procure backpacks at just \$10 each that include school supplies, hand sanitizer and masks. We collaborated with Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center and East Madison Community Center and coordinated with Goodwill and Fort McCoy to deliver backpacks to refugee children. We still have backpacks on hand to distribute, so if you know a child in need, please let us know! Thank you again to the generous members that helped make this a huge success:

Jim Berkenstadt, Steve and Sherie Sasso, Geoff Gaston, Steve and Michelle Braithwaite, Ann Bailey, Lady Brett Ashley, Eric Gordon, Vivian Schmelzer, Thorps, Schenks Corner Suites, Ann Braithwaite, Blaise, June Bokovitz, Darlene Noggle, Keeley, Greta & Tate, Jim Maas, Regan Peters, Trish Doyle and Dennis Durow, Robert Gorsuch, Chuck and Lois Hoornstra, Laura and Dan MacIsaac, Dawnene Hassett, Donald Geier, Peter & Betsy Bazur-Leidy, John and Debra Thorstad, Aaron Freis, Charles and Lori Youngman, Jane Peters, Heidi Schaefer, Richard Olson, Marilee Gardner, Edward and Jacqueline Kinney, David and Susan Lynett, Richard and Catherine Murray, Carol Rickey, John Skillrud, Jeffrey Wright, George and Susan Zagorski, Cindy and Bruce Opsal, Eugene Sutcliffe, Nancy and Thomas Turman, Brenda Lowe, Chares and Helen Duncan, Greg and Kenn Sweeney, Tom and Bev Royston, Strategic Brand Marketing, Smart Dental, Madison Top Company and many others that donated anonymously!



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## P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman **Richard Olson** (2015-2017)

Secretary **Sherie Sasso** (2019-2021)

Treasurer **Lynn Aspinwall** (2017-2019)

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

**Dan Aspinwall** (1971-1972)

**William Aspinwall** (1986-1987)

**Kevin Pohlkamp** (1989-1990)

**Jim Mueller** (1990-1991)

**Ed Ledwidge** (1994-1996)

**Chuck Hoornstra** (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

**Kristi Barbian** (2011-2012)

**Steve Sasso** (2013-2015)

**Lupe Montes** (2020-2021)

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President **LaVerne Schwengel**

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## POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Members of the Columbus, Ohio, Elks Lodge #37 gather to dedicate their Elks Rest monument in Green Lawn Cemetery on June 18, 1905.

## ONCE AN ELK, ETERNALLY AN ELK

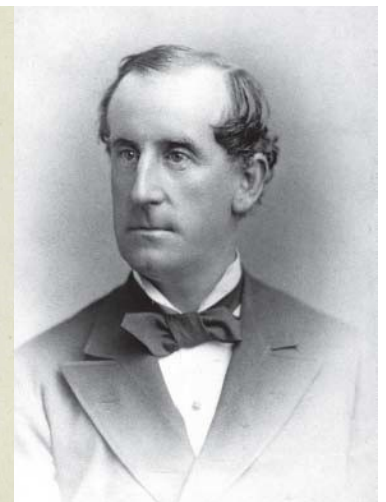
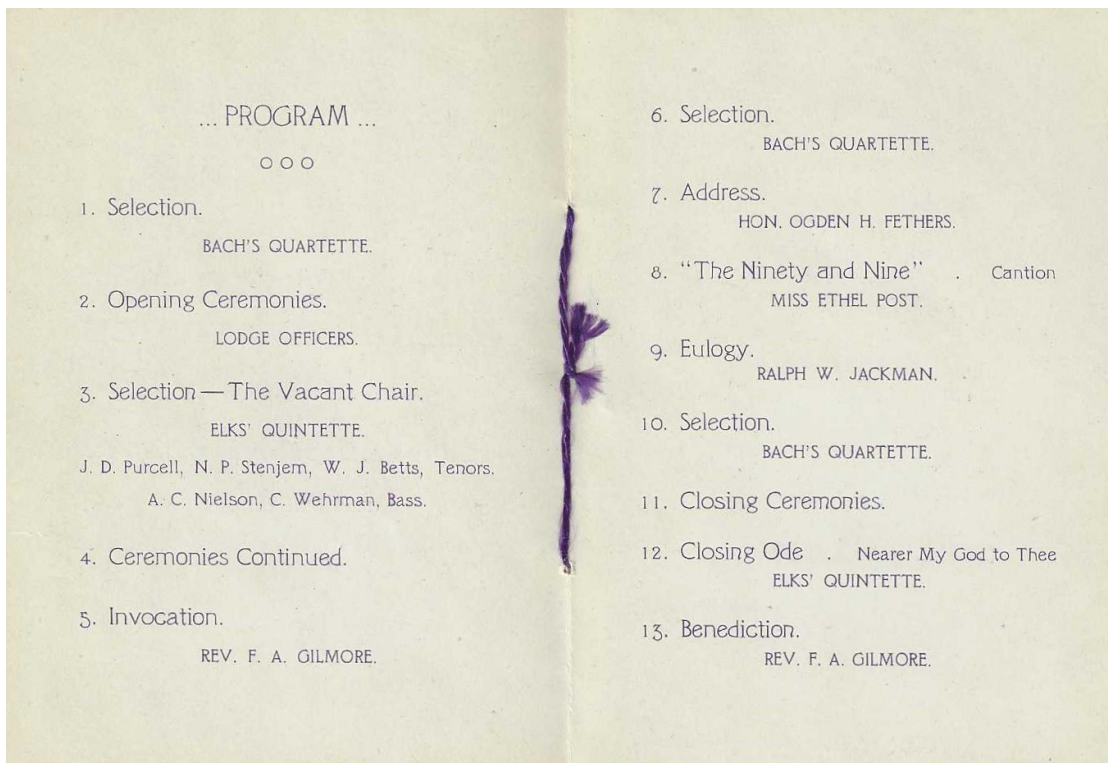
Scattered across the United States in peaceful corners of the landscape are sacred plots of ground. Some are quite small and simple, others quite grandiose. Here rest the remains of departed Elks. Some of these Lodge-owned cemetery plots, called Elks Rests, have outlived the Lodges which established them, while others are no longer used by their Lodges.

Today, we may not fully understand all the social factors which induced an Elk in 1905 to be buried in an Elks Rest as opposed to a family plot. It certainly is proof of their strong commitment to the Order, both on the part of the deceased Elk and the Lodge that consecrated the site as well.

There are at least 79 Elks Rests in 39 states. The only one in Wisconsin is located in Green Bay's Woodlawn Cemetery, established by Lodge #259. Though our Lodge never had an Elks Rest, we do own the deeds to several cemetery plots in Roselawn Memorial Park.

## MEMORIAL SUNDAY

It was an early custom among Elks to conduct a formal service in tribute to a member who had died. With the growth of the Order this custom became more and more common. In 1890, the first Sunday in December of each year was designated as Elks Memorial Day or Memorial Sunday. The first such annual memorial service held by Madison Elks Lodge #410 was on Sunday, December 4, 1904, at 3 p.m. The Hon. Ogden Hoffman Fethers, Jr., gave the address. Born in 1848 and a descendant of President John Adams, he settled in Janesville in 1877. Fethers became a prominent lawyer, politician and Federal Judge. He was also once the national leader of the Knights of Pythias. Many of our early members belonged to that fraternal order as well.



Ogden H. Fethers, Jr.  
(1848-1911)

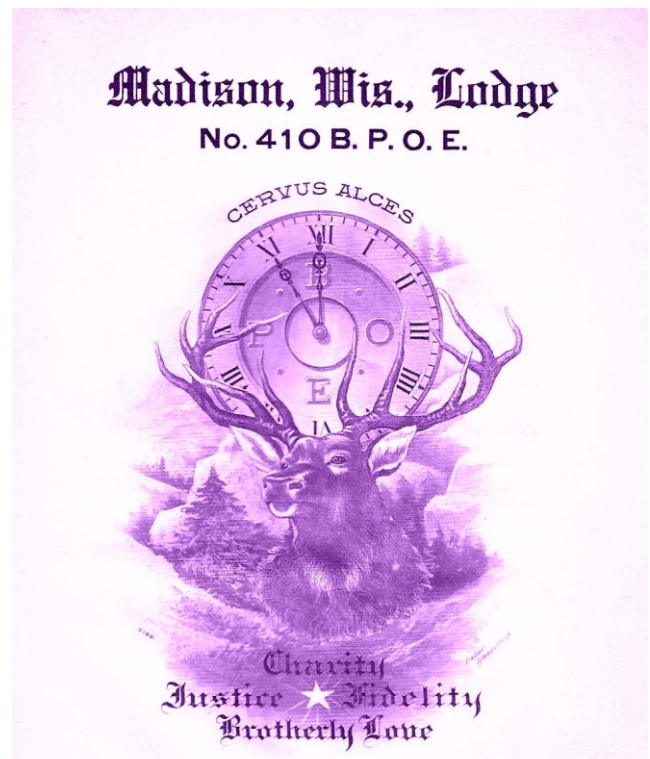


## WE REMEMBER

*In memory of those we lost during the past 12 months. To our absent Brothers and Sisters.*

REVEN MARSHALL (1939-2020)  
 LOUIS A. CASSINI, JR. (1937-2020)  
 WALTER W. PASCIAK (1932-2020)  
 PETER C. MERTENS (1950-2021)  
 RICHARD H. LICHTFELD (1935-2021)  
 JOHN M. HEGGE (1933-2021)  
 SHIRLEY A. BRUNER (1935-2021)  
 W. ATLEE A. WILSON (1923-2021)  
 JAMES H. FRIEDL (1938-2021)  
 CHESTER FRISCH (1936-2021)  
 JEANNE B. KLEMM (1927-2021)  
 NORMAN D. FLYNN (1941-2021)  
 JOHN F. BRADY (1924-2021)  
 PATRICK R. ZANTOW (1948-2021)  
 GERHARDT W. FREGIEN (1945-2021)  
 KENNETH E. LARSON (1942-2021)  
 DONALD L. PAULSON (1935-2021)  
 WALTER BURKHOLDER (1925-2021)

**Y**ou have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind you that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour tolls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.



*Program cover from 1910 Memorial Service.*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dale Kripps, Michael Liethen, Denise Stromme
- 2 Michael Bullington, Jeffrey Capaul
- 3 Laurine Carstens, Vivian Schmelzer,  
Sara Schoenborn
- 5 Charles Chvala, Donna Gray, John Palmer,  
Steven Whayland
- 6 Don Chambers, Linda Fobes, Jane Morse
- 8 Don Watzke
- 9 Lavern Birrenkott, Theodore Frank, Edward Kinney
- 10 Gary Stolen, Stephen Webster
- 11 Gregg Curless, Edmund Gallagher, Jim Maas,  
Richard E Olson, Karen Weltzin
- 12 Tim Carey, Chris Henderson, Lisa O'Brien,  
Robert Salisbury
- 13 Mary Bach, Richard Brown, Ken Fellersen,  
William Young
- 14 Angela Maurer, Eugene Mortensen
- 15 Edward Lawry, Brian McKee
- 16 Charles Price
- 17 Charles Polenz
- 18 Karen Bosold
- 19 Dale Gregory, Richard Ross
- 21 Marc Eisen, Richard Hart, Donald Paulson
- 22 James Driscoll
- 24 Steve Meier
- 25 Kristin Bohl, Michael Mann
- 26 Richard Adler, Lawrence Singer, Russ Tieman
- 27 Tom Aldrich, Thomas Urdiales
- 28 Steve Bethke, Doak Christenson, Patrick Fitzpatrick,  
James Mueller, Andrew John Shuck
- 29 Pamela Crawford
- 30 Aaron Freis, Mark Herritz
- 31 John Schmidt

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Initiated November 10:*

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Nicole Bell  
Karl Farnung  
Fred Jaeckle  
Leah Moore  
David O'Keefe



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			Private Event <i>Wisconsin Room</i> 6 – 9 p.m.		Lois Hoornstra at the piano 6 – 8 p.m.	
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Memorial Sunday			Membership Meeting 7 p.m.			11
	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Christmas Music Bingo 6 – 8 p.m.	Private Event <i>Wisconsin Room</i> 6 – 9 p.m.	Lois Hoornstra at the piano 6 – 8 p.m.	Meat Raffle 3:30 p.m.
	19	20	21	22	23	24
					Christmas Eve <i>Closed</i>	<b>Christmas</b> <i>Closed</i>
	26	27	28	29	30	31
					New Year's Eve	<b>New Year's Day</b> <i>Closed</i>
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## **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](mailto: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. **We will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but open New Year's Eve.**

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