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NOVEMBER 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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

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HAPPENING AT THE LODGE

After a one year hiatus, the annual **Veterans Day Breakfast** returns to the Lodge on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. until noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the buffet breakfast, but veterans and active duty military eat for free! Cost for non-veterans is \$15, children 5-7 \$7, and children 5 or under are free. Please come out and show your support for all the members of the armed forces past and present. Spread the word ... invite a veteran!



At the next membership meeting on Wednesday, November 10, District Grand Exalted Ruler Ben Godlewski will make his annual visit and meet with officers prior to the meeting. A little more than a week later, Wisconsin Elks Association (WEA) State President Jerry Brien and his wife Kathy will also visit the Lodge, accompanied by WEA President-Elect David Hagen and WEA Vice President Jason Somers. As is tradition, we will honor the occasion with a dinner on Saturday, November 20 at 7 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room. All officers and Past Exalted Rulers are invited to attend and should make reservations in advance with the Secretary. All members will have the opportunity to meet and welcome the state delegation prior to the dinner.

The Grand Lodge has notified us that next year the individual member's assessment for general liability insurance will increase from the current \$7 per year to \$12 per year. Currently the portion of your dues paid to the Grand Lodge is \$19 and will increase to \$24.

If you haven't already, please join us the 3rd Wednesday of every month for **Music Bingo** – great prizes and lots of fun!

For those of you who are new to the Lodge, every holiday season we collect donations for **Toys for Tots**. Since 1947, this program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. Despite the pandemic, last year members donated more than \$2,000 in gifts. Please drop of your donation at the Lodge now through early December.



A collection box is located in the lobby. Gifts should be new and unwrapped, preferably costing \$10 or more. Books are also needed (children receive two gifts and three books count as one gift). Handmade toys are also acceptable.

The **Duck Committee** – those friendly folks who sell pull tabs every Friday night – are out of gas, literally. It seems someone walked off with their 40-pound propane tank (used with our gas grill). If anyone would be willing to donate a replacement, please contact secretary@madisonelkslodge.org.



Last month the **Ladies Auxiliary** hosted a Country & Western Night with live music, dancing and prizes and they report a good time was had by all. The group recently donated a much needed beer cooler to the Lodge. As most of you already know, Auxiliary members plant and maintain the flowers on the grounds. They put in an extraordinary amount of labor this past extremely dry summer, watering and weeding. We want to give our sincere thanks to the gardening volunteers: Kris Gordon, Ben Hager, Chris Hill, Lois Hoornstra, Jesse and Tammy O'Brien, Nicki Paulson and LaVerne Schwengel.



Also this past month, a **Liberty Tree** was added at the east end of the lakeside lawn. The Liberty Tree project plants elm trees as a symbol of American freedom and patriotism to honor all veterans. The first tree in the state was planted this past July 4th at the grave of Nathaniel Ames in Oregon Cemetery. Ames is the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in Dane County. Our tree was a gift of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and planted by member William Austin. The SAR now hold their regular membership meetings at the Lodge. A dedication of the tree will be announced at a future date.



In Memory of Mark Carey

Unfortunately, we close with sad news. Staff member Mark Carey passed away unexpectedly in October. Mark was featured in a Know Your Madisonian article in the November 24, 2017, *Wisconsin State Journal* about his work with Chrysalis, a nonprofit which helps people with mental illness achieve greater independence through work. The Lodge extends its sympathy and condolences to his family and friends. We are taking up a collection for his family and the 50-50 raffle proceeds from the last Music Bingo will be included. If you wish to make a donation, please mail your contribution to the Secretary, Madison Elks Lodge #410, 711 Jenifer St., Madison WI, 53703.

Mark Carey (Center)



Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest news about your Lodge. **Please "like" our "Elks Lodge 410" page.** You might also like "ELKS Social Media Network" and join the group, "Wisconsin Elks Association".

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

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William Aspinwall

Kristi Barbian

Chuck Hoornstra

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President **LaVerne Schwengel**

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Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

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BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Bailey Carol Rohde



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DJ John Sherman

Every 3rd
Wednesday from
6pm - 8pm



Based on 25 players,
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	Payout
Game 1	\$ 25.00
Game 2	\$ 25.00
Game 3	\$ 50.00
Game 4	\$ 50.00
Game 5	\$ 75.00
50/50 Drawing	
Game 6	\$ 100.00

6 game packets \$24.00
Single sheets for games 3-6 \$5 each

50/50 Raffle Tickets
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

MADISON ELKS LODGE #410

Veterans Day Breakfast

Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. - Noon



All Veterans & Active Duty Military

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Non-Veterans \$15

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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Madison Elks in a parade on the Capitol Square, part of the Wisconsin Elks Association state convention held in Madison June 13-15, 1905. This is a single photo that originally was part of a kineograph, a series of progressive images that when flipped simulate animation.

HOW THE ELKS GOT THEIR NAME

The Benevolent and Protective Elks is an offspring of the Jolly Corks, a small gang of actors and entertainers who wanted to get together socially on Sundays when theaters were closed. At the time, New York's blue laws prohibited the opening of public establishments on Sunday, but not private clubs. In 1867, the Jolly Corks began to meet informally on a regular basis. Its name came from a bar trick introduced by the reveler's organizer, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Right before Christmas in 1867, when one of the group, Ted Quinn, died and the Jolly Corks decided that besides just having a good time together, they wanted a more enduring organization, one that would serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, the Jolly Corks voted to become the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. That same date the members agreed to a constitution, rules and to adopt a ritual.

The organization came very close to naming itself the Benevolent and Protective Order of Buffaloes, the vote being eight for Elks and seven for Buffaloes. Among those voting for Buffaloes was Charles Vivian. Supposedly, why Elks won the day was because they were considered to be more stately animals. Unfortunately, there were some hard feelings about the decision, and someone stole the first minutes book so no printed record of the meeting survives.



The Jolly Corks, 10 of the original 15 members of the B.P.O.E. (From left) E.N. Plott, musician; Frank Langhorne, theatrical photographer; William Carleton, composer; Willard Sheppard, minstrel player; Richard R. Steirly, pianist; Charles Vivian, actor-singer; John T. Kent, minstrel player; Henry Vandemark, singer; Harry Bosworth, Clerk; M.G. Ash, theatrical photographer.

CHARLES A. S. VIVIAN

An Englishman, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian was born October 22, 1842, the son of a clergyman. He became a successful comic singer and dancer in London's music halls. Before coming to the United States, Vivian was a member of a fraternal organization in England called the Royal and Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. The Buffaloes started around 1010, and counted kings and queens among their members. Considerable evidence suggests Vivian introduced many of the order's beliefs to the Elks, including the 11 o'clock toast.

On Friday, November 15, 1867, 22-year-old Charles Vivian arrived in New York on an English trading vessel coming from Southampton, England, to pursue his career as an entertainer in America. Soon after his arrival, he joined a social club called the Jolly Corks that in 1868 became the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Eventually, Vivian would leave New York, organizing an entertainment company in late 1875 that played with great success in many cities along the West Coast.

He married Mary Imogene Holbrook, a dramatic reader, in Oakland, California, on July 9, 1876. The newlyweds, billing themselves as "The Vivian Entertainment," left California immediately, performing in towns, mining camps and military forts throughout the Western states and in larger cities such as Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York.

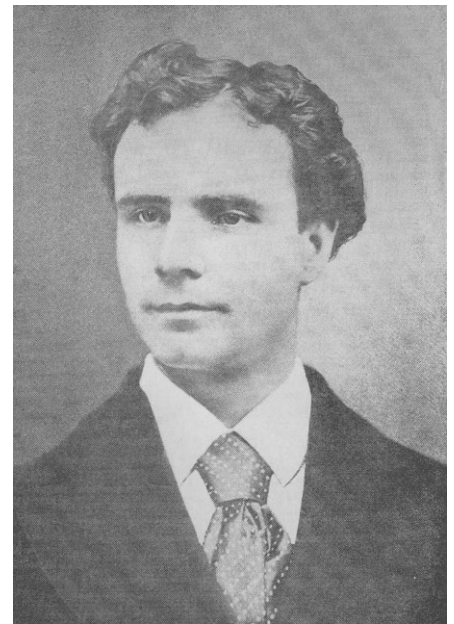
In 1879, the couple later joined another touring company in St. Louis. The company soon disbanded after finishing a show in Denver. That same year, Leadville, Colorado, was the epicenter of the gold fever that had swept the country. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian decided to move there where Charles opened a renovated amphitheater named Vivian's Opera House.

While in Leadville, Charles A. S. Vivian succumbed to typhoid and pneumonia on March 20, 1880, at the age of 37. His grave there was marked only with a wooden plank upon which someone had crudely scratched his name using a nail. On April 28, 1889, he was reinterred in Elks Rest in Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts.

Interestingly, though he claimed to be one of the founders of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Vivian never considered himself a member of the order and severed all connections with the organization a few months after it was born.



His grave marker reads, "A lover of his kind who founded a great order and in so doing wrought much good."



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Curt Roeming
- 2 Darrell Fleming
- 3 Virgil Simley
- 4 Lance Lattimer
- 7 David Lombardo, William Phillips
- 8 Betsy Bazur-Leidy, Richard Blotz,
Randy Hellenbrand, Don Kieler, Max Oleson,
Parker Waller
- 9 Mike Moran
- 10 Marc Miele, Pat Ploc
- 11 Donald Johnson, Frederick Kinney
- 12 Tino Balio
- 13 Susi Haviland
- 14 Jeffrey Knupp, Roger Rohde
- 15 Michelle Braithwaite, Donald Campbell,
Marcy Heim, Harland Klagos, Robert Tremlett
- 16 Charles Karpelenia
- 17 David Polley
- 19 Dennis Kruger
- 20 Dawnete Hassett, Steven Seeliger
- 21 Michael Finley, Dean Hewitt
- 22 Brian Jarecki
- 23 Robert Baggot, Ralph Brown, Timothy Cornelius,
Thomas Unke
- 24 Harvey Alexander
- 26 James Orlando
- 28 Catherine Birkholz, Ryan Endres, Neva Lafleur,
Mike Paulus, Audrey Polencheck
- 30 Don Faith

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated October 13:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
			Toys for Tots Collection Begins, <i>Drop-off at the Lodge</i>			Veterans Day Breakfast, <i>Dining Room, 9 a.m-noon</i>
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
			Membership Meeting, <i>Lower Level, 7 p.m. DGER Visit</i>	Veterans Day	Lois Hoornstra, <i>At the piano, Dining Room 6-8 p.m.</i>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Music Bingo, <i>6-8 p.m.</i> Private event, <i>Wisconsin Rm.</i>	Private event, <i>Wisconsin Room, 5-9 p.m.</i>		WEA President Annual Visit, <i>Dinner 7 p.m., Wisconsin Room</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			4 th Wednesday Bridge Club, <i>Dining Room, Noon-3 p.m.</i>	Thanksgiving <i>Dining Room & Bar closed</i>	Lois Hoornstra, <i>At the piano, Dining Room 6-8 p.m.</i>	Meat Raffle <i>Lower Level, 3 p.m.</i>
28	29	30				
	Hanukkah begins					





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.

If your address is seasonal, please don't forget to notify the Secretary when you switch!

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