



ELKLINER

JANUARY 2022 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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GRATITUDE

We are grateful to all the members who donated gifts to Toys for Tots. We ended up filling the bin to overflowing more than three times. The estimated value of your donations exceeds \$2,500. We were also fortunate that our Esquire (and sometimes Santa), Patrick "Paddy" Fitzpatrick, who started this program at the Madison Lodge, was able to present your gifts to the Marine Corps Reserve. Thank you all for making this a brighter Christmas for many children in our community.

Christmas came early at the Lodge when we received a most generous donation from a longtime friend, earmarked to make physical improvements at the clubhouse. More about that next month.

Thank you to all the members who remembered friends and family by purchasing and personalizing an ornament for our tree. Be assured, your ornaments will return again next year.

Most of all, we are thankful to all our members who have stuck with us through these perilous times. We have not only survived the past year but prospered. All of us should take solace that better days are coming. For all Elks, hope is much stronger than fear.



Delivering the toys. Left to right, Toys for Tots Coordinator Michael "Gunny" Cucinotta, Paddy Fitzpatrick and his grandson, Harry. In total, the organization this year collected more than 10,000 toys, in addition to 12,000 monetary donations, 5,000 books, and nearly 8,000 stocking stuffers.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Recently, the Wisconsin Elks Association projected net gains and losses for the 29 lodges around the state. Unfortunately, only seven Wisconsin lodges, including Madison, anticipate seeing an increase in membership for this year (April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022). We are currently predicted to end the year with an increase of 14 or more members – second only to Eau Claire. That said, this is not a done deal. Please nominate a friend for membership today. Applications are available at the Lodge, or the Secretary would be happy to mail you one. If you are delinquent, please pay your current dues – we don't want to lose you!

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone, but soon Elkdom will begin a new year as well. Your membership will expire on March 31, 2022. Long prior to that, the Grand Lodge will mail your dues statement for the next year. It not only shows the dues you owe (an increase of \$5 nationally because of the increase in the cost of insurance), but also the option to make donations to the Elks National Foundation, State Major Project, Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund, Madison Elks Charities – all tax deductible, and the Lodge Maintenance Fund. Most of these designated funds are sustained by these annual gifts.

Every member counts. If you have not paid your dues for the current year, please submit them now. When you receive your dues notice for 2022-2023, please return your payment promptly (you can pay by check, debit or credit card). Thank you for your continued support of Madison Elks Lodge #410.

MARCH MADNESS

Things are already looking up for 2022. On Saturday, March 5th the incomparable **VO5** will return to the Lodge. They have become another local Lodge tradition and pack the house. For those unfamiliar with the band, formed in Madison in 2005, they specialize in disco and funk, playing and singing all the songs you danced to in the 70s. Information about tickets will appear in a future Elkliner and sent out via Constant Contact email.

The Spaghetti Dinner returns on March 19 after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19. This is by far the longest running annual event at the Lodge and benefits Madison Elks Charities. Its exact beginning is a bit murky. During 1963, the final year at the old downtown clubhouse, there was a Father and Son Spaghetti Dinner. The current concept evolved at our current location, and by 1973, the Spaghetti Dinner was a big deal.

Also, continuing its tradition, the **Duck Committee** will be making meatballs! Speaking of which, the Duck Committee (the dedicated Elks who sell pull-tabs every Friday night) are looking for new members – and they have all sorts of volunteer opportunities for you besides making meatballs! Contact Dan Rustick, drustick@charter.net

MORE NEWS

If you have not already, we encourage you to take our **survey**. Its purpose is to better assess your needs and interests as a member of the B.P.O.E. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Here is the link:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6622133/Member-Survey-11-21>

We welcome two new officers, **Trustee Lance Lattimer** and **Inner Guard Michelle Herring**. For the first time since 2019, we now have a full slate of officers! We are indebted to all those who volunteer their time and help sustain Lodge #410.

Don't forget, **Music Bingo** is now a monthly event – each 3rd Wednesday, and has even bigger cash prizes! The next bingo is January 19.

The Dining Room has a new Thursday special: **2-4-1 Burgers!** Buy one burger and get the second one for free. We still feature fish fry on Friday and prime rib on Saturday as well as nightly chef specials.

Weddings and Banquets booked at the Madison Lodge are vital to our financial health. Our revenues took a big hit when most of these events were cancelled because of the pandemic. We need to fill our rental calendar in 2022! If you have a family member or a friend who is planning a wedding or other catered event, please ask them to consider the Madison Elks Lodge. They do not need to be a member. However, in 2022, for the first time we will offer members a 50% discount on the room rental for the ballroom. As always, members may use the Wisconsin Room upstairs free of charge. For more information, please contact our Events Manager, Carrie Sweet at banquets@madisonelkslodge.org or (608) 255-1644 ext. 2.



VO5 performing at the Lodge in 2019.

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

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

Secretary **Sherie Sasso** (2019-2020)

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)

LADIES AUXILIARY

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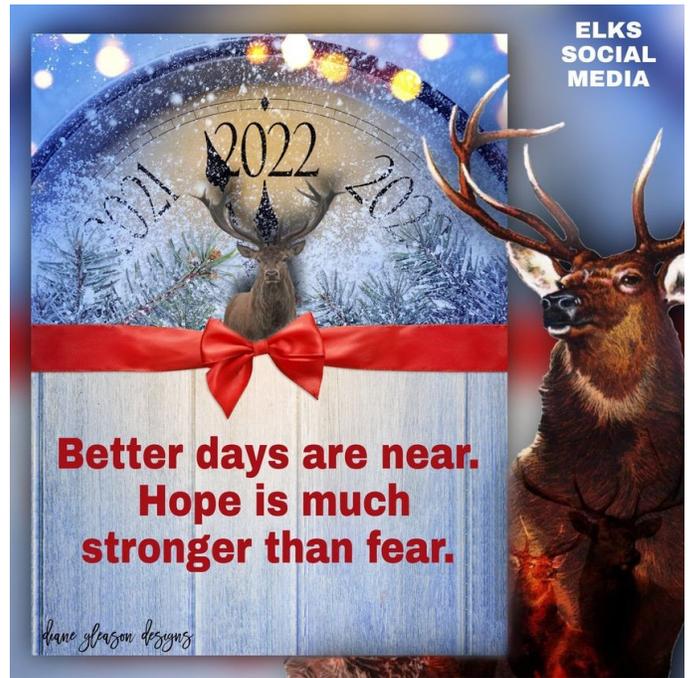
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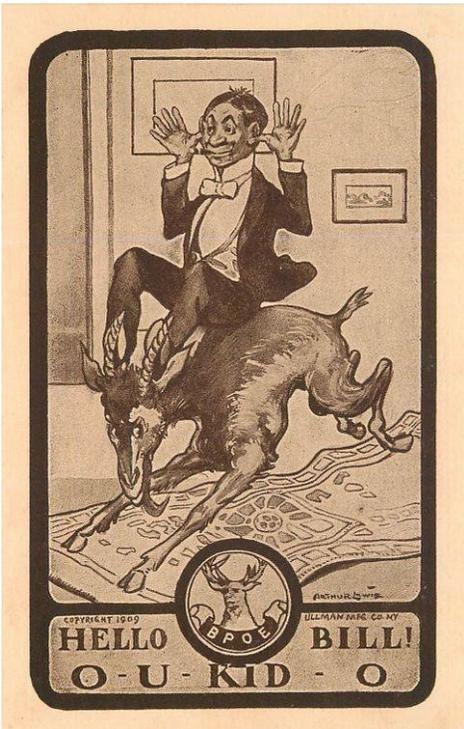
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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST

William Goddard, of Minneapolis Lodge #44, is responsible for “Hello Bill!” Once a universal greeting among Elks, this salutation originated in Minneapolis during the Elks National Reunion held in that city in 1897. For many years Goddard was the treasurer of that Lodge

When conventioners came to the headquarters with questions, they were usually told to “Go over there and ask Billy Goddard,” and it became a constant refrain of “Billy can help you,” and “See Bill, he knows.” This was repeated so incessantly that the visiting Elks when they approached Goddard, greeted him with the expression, “Hello Bill! I was told to see you ...” and so they started greeting each other with “Hello Bill!” as well. They carried the salutation back to their home lodges.

It wasn’t long before Elks from all parts of the country, when passing each other they would yell out, “Hello Bill!”

Many “Hello Bill” postcards, both serious and sentimental, appeared, often issued in conjunction with national conventions. This one dates from 1909.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

It should come as no surprise that an organization founded by a group of men all associated with the theatre would consider the entertainment of its membership a priority. Of course, the Elks predate television and the internet, even radio and motion pictures, so some of what once amused us may seem simplistic if not strange now.

Unfortunately, early on minstrel shows were associated with the B.P.O.E. and produced and performed by many chapters, including our own. One such performance was at the Fuller Opera House, May 6 and 7, 1912, benefiting the “new” St. Mary’s Hospital.

At one time or another, the Madison Elks has had its own drum and bugle corps, marching band, dance band, chorus and vocal quartet. The Lodge would also regularly hire bands and vocalists to perform at dances.

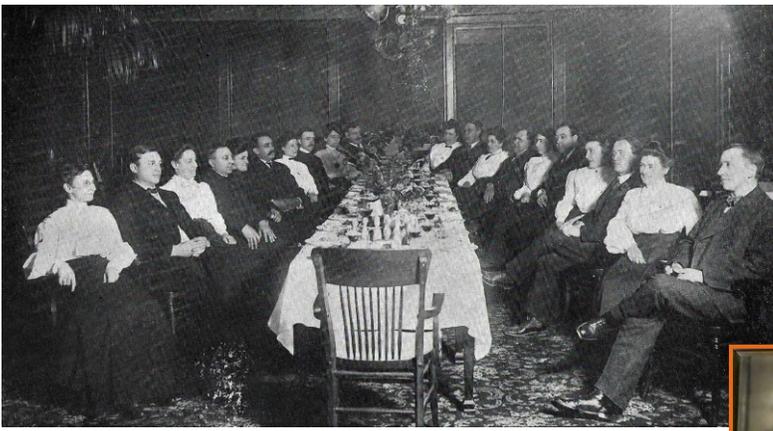
Since the founding of our Lodge in 1898, banquets have served as a popular way for the membership to socialize, even prior to having a clubhouse. They were held frequently, the occasion being to honor Past Exalted Rulers, achievements of member, or awards given out in the community. Many were formal dinner-and-dance affairs. There has never been a shortage of card parties or fashion show luncheons, either.

Before the big screen TVs in the bar, many members participated on a bowling team (the old clubhouse boasted three bowling alleys in the basement), or in a golf tournament. Lodge #410 also sponsored many a youth baseball team.



Ad from April 11, 1907, Wisconsin State Journal

When it comes to what entertains us today, some things have changed. The Lodge, however, remains a place where members can come and have a good time.



The Jolly Corks Bowling Team of B.P.O.E. No. 410 in 1904

Madison Elks Quartet performing at the President's Ball (in honor of Franklin Roosevelt), a benefit for infantile paralysis, on January 29, 1938. The theme was "Dance So Others May Walk." Left to right, Walter Lillesand, Frank Ripp, Tim Kelieher, Jerry Ripp and Joe Ripp



Teen dance at the old Lodge, 1957

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December, 1924

The 4 Bonellis performing at the Lodge in the late 50s.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Timothy Strait
- 2 Joseph Saelens, Tony Hernandez
- 3 David Sarbacker
- 4 Harold Coltharp, Jerald Wirth
- 5 Robb Kahl, Joe Mortier
- 6 Gary Gotzion, Ted Valenza
- 7 Dan Brinkman
- 8 Mary Ann Doll, Greg Topoleski
- 9 Nancy Asenjo-Shropshire, Susan O'Dell,
John Weidner
- 10 Joseph Klein
- 11 Michael Laskis, Nick Novak
- 12 Mary Beth Arnold, Melissa McKee
- 13 Joe Tisserand
- 14 Craig Aswegan, David James Gronski,
John Smerlinski, Roger Wright
- 15 John Bertram, Kathleen Conn, Kimberly Feasel,
Richard Hubanks, Robert Van Etten, Jr.
- 16 Daniel Desmidt, John Spaeni
- 17 Jessica Ward
- 18 Thomas Goff Beach
- 19 Kurt Kaspar, Timothy Koob, Dwight Kruse,
William Schumann
- 21 Thomas Haag
- 22 Gary Swan
- 24 John Beyler, Donald Damon, Keith May,
Lori Murphy, Carol Ripp
- 25 Donald Imhoff
- 27 John Lottes, Kenneth Oasen
- 29 W Richard Gordon, Donald Mitchell
- 30 Duncan Cairns, Eric Gordon
- 31 David Duchow, Daniel Fose, Dan Lafleur,
Mark Redsten

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated December 8:

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Jamie Kuhn
Rick Olson
Thomas Rickner



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New Year's Day

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Lodge Meeting
7 p.m.

Lois Hoornstra
at the piano

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Martin Luther
King, Jr.
Holiday

Music Bingo
6 – 8 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary
Wisconsin Room

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Lois Hoornstra
at the piano

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Happy New Year
2022



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. **We will be closed New Year's Day.**

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