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AUGUST 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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

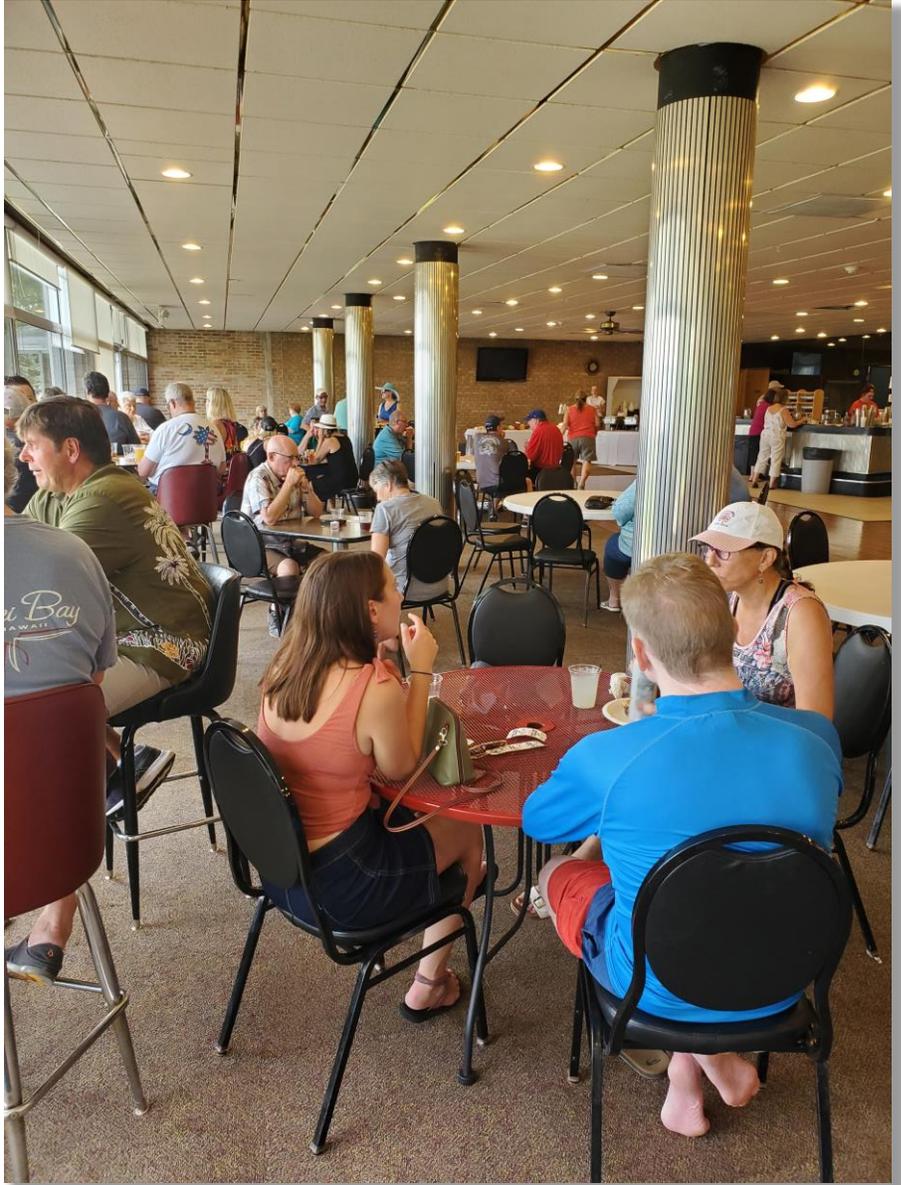
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SUMMER FUN AT THE LODGE



Those lazy, crazy days of summer are here and a great time to spend at the Lodge. On July 24th the Lodge hosted its biggest event this year, the Summer Sizzle Party. It featured the ever popular (at least in Wisconsin) meat raffle, a 50-50 raffle and live performance by the band, The Alpha Romeos. A big success, this event was open to the public and produced several new membership applications. We want to thank the Exalted Ruler and the Board for making this happen. In August, another band, Fixed Income, will perform on Saturday, August 7th and we hope to announce more entertainment coming up in the near future. (Continued on next page)

(Continued) This summer Madison Elks Lodge is also a sponsor of a major neighborhood event, Sessions at McPike Park (more about that later in the newsletter).

The much beloved gaming machines have returned to the bar and the Duck Committee sells pull tabs every Friday night. (It recently donated \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation!) If you are interested in joining the Ducks, please contact Dan Rustick at drustick@charter.net.

If you haven't noticed already, there are attractive new Adirondack chairs for use on the pier. A project initiated by Trustee Michelle Braithwaite, the chairs were paid for by donations in memory of loved ones. Congratulations to her for exceeding her fundraising goal.

Our Tiler, Jim Maas, has asked me to let all motorcycle enthusiasts (like himself) know that he is trying to organize bike trips to other Elks Lodges in the area. He asked me to remind everyone, that as an Elk you are welcome at any other Lodge, but remember to bring your membership card. If you are interested, please contact Jim directly at maaskeeto@gmail.com.

Treasurer Scott Thornton attended the dedication of the Liberty Tree at the grave of Nathaniel Ames in Oregon, Wisconsin, on July 4. Ames is the only Revolutionary War soldier buried in Dane County. The local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, who now meet at the Lodge, is named in his honor. The Elks sponsored the Liberty Tree and our name appears on a plaque next to it. The ceremony received extensive media coverage with the Elks front and center. Not only did Scott attend, but so did our BPOE podium!



A few reminders to all members using the Lodge: Overnight parking is never allowed in the parking lot or for nonmembers who are not guests. Members are welcome to use the west pier, space available, but only while at the Lodge. It is now legal to purchase carryout

drinks from the bar that can be enjoyed off premises. As you know all restaurants and bars continue to experience staff shortages. Be assured we are diligently recruiting servers, bartenders, dishwashers and kitchen help, but ask for your patience as we hire and train new employees. It has been brought to

Dinner Specials

FRIDAY

Elk's Famous Fish Fry
Cod \$14 Walleye \$19

SATURDAY

Prime Rib 8oz \$14, 12 oz. \$16. 16oz. \$18

my attention that members who have not paid their 2021-2022 dues continue to use the facilities of the Lodge. We do not want to embarrass anyone by having to ask for their membership card. Please make arrangements to pay your dues as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Secretary.

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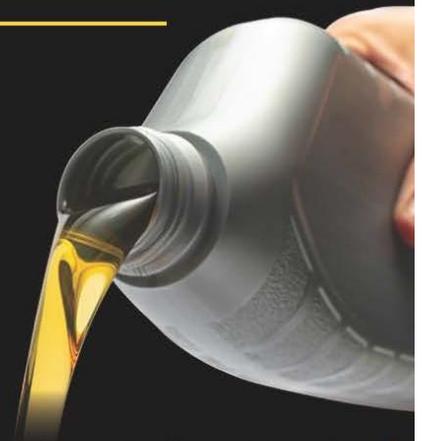
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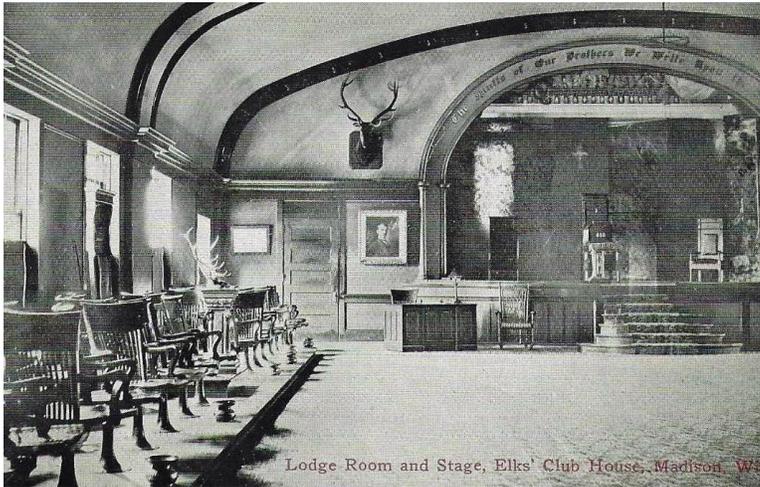
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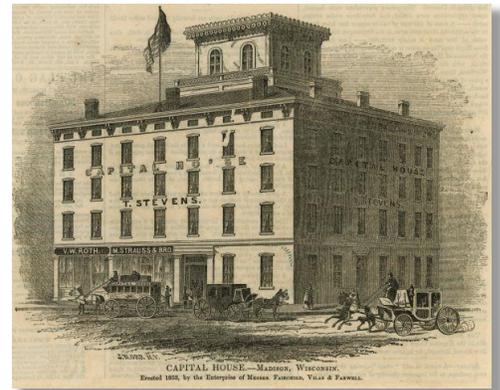
Lodge Room and Stage, Elks' Club House, Madison, Wis

The original clubhouse was located at the corner of Monona Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard) and Doty Street. The photo here, taken in 1903, is of the upstairs Lodge Hall and stage. Inscribed on the arch is the Elks motto, "The Faults of our Brothers We Write upon the Sand." Seemingly each member was provided a spittoon by his chair. Very little survives from the old Lodge which was razed in 1964. An exception is the sign that hangs in our current cloakroom.

BANQUETING AT THE LODGE

A tradition at the Madison Elks Lodge from its conception is celebrating with food. Often the occasion was recognition received or given: awards from the Grand Lodge, the Wisconsin Elks Association and civic organizations, or to honor the outstanding service of members, 410-sponsored athletic teams, and scholarship recipients. Initiations often included banquets. Prenuptial and postnuptial dinners continue to be popular. No doubt, one of the most elaborate affairs ever held was on March 11, 1898, at the Capital House, the hotel that was home until the clubhouse was built in 1901. The Installation Dinner began at 11 p.m. and included 100 guests – newly initiated members, visiting Elk dignitaries and invited community leaders. The dining room was decorated with tropical plants and according to the *Wisconsin State Journal*, "the largest antlers of the elk to be found." It further commented that "the flood of light, electric and gas, was dazzling." Of course, besides the numerous speeches and toasts, the main attraction was food.

The Capital House hotel was the meeting place of the Madison Elks Lodge prior to the building of the first clubhouse.



As was usually the case at fine dining establishments of the era, menus relied on French for many of the names of dishes. Here is the bill of fare enjoyed by the Elks and guests on that historic day.

The dinner began with blue points, oysters from Long Island's Great South Bay, harvested near the town of Blue Point, New York. Americans have fancied them since 1800, but it wasn't until railroads made their way to the Midwest that they appeared on local menus. After the oysters came *caviar aux anchois*, a spread of olives, anchovies and capers.

The soup course offered *consommé à la Sévigné*, a clear chicken soup with little dumplings of white chicken, braised lettuce and green peas. Along with it came sliced tomatoes and pimento-stuffed olives, placed on platters around the table.

Next came the fish course – baked bluefish *Maître d'Hôtel* (a seasoned butter sauce with lemon juice and parsley). Accompanying it were "Old Virginia Stuffed Mangoes" (actually, stuffed green bell peppers) and potatoes *Parisienne* (little balls of potatoes cut from a larger potato with a melon baller and sautéed in butter).

For entremets, platters of *bouche hors d'oeuvres varie* – bite size appetizers – were passed before the serving of the main course, spring chicken à la Maryland. French Chef Escoffier supposedly based this on the American classic, southern fried chicken. He added a white sauce and garnish of sautéed bananas. It was wildly favored around the turn of the 20th century – notoriously on the menu for the final dinner aboard the doomed *H. M. S. Titanic* on April 12, 1912. It was a specialty in the B&O Railroad dining car until it ceased operation. At the Lodge dinner, the chicken came with *stangen spargel* (sic) – whole asparagus, most assuredly canned – and *pommes de terre persillade* (parslied potatoes). (Continued on next page)

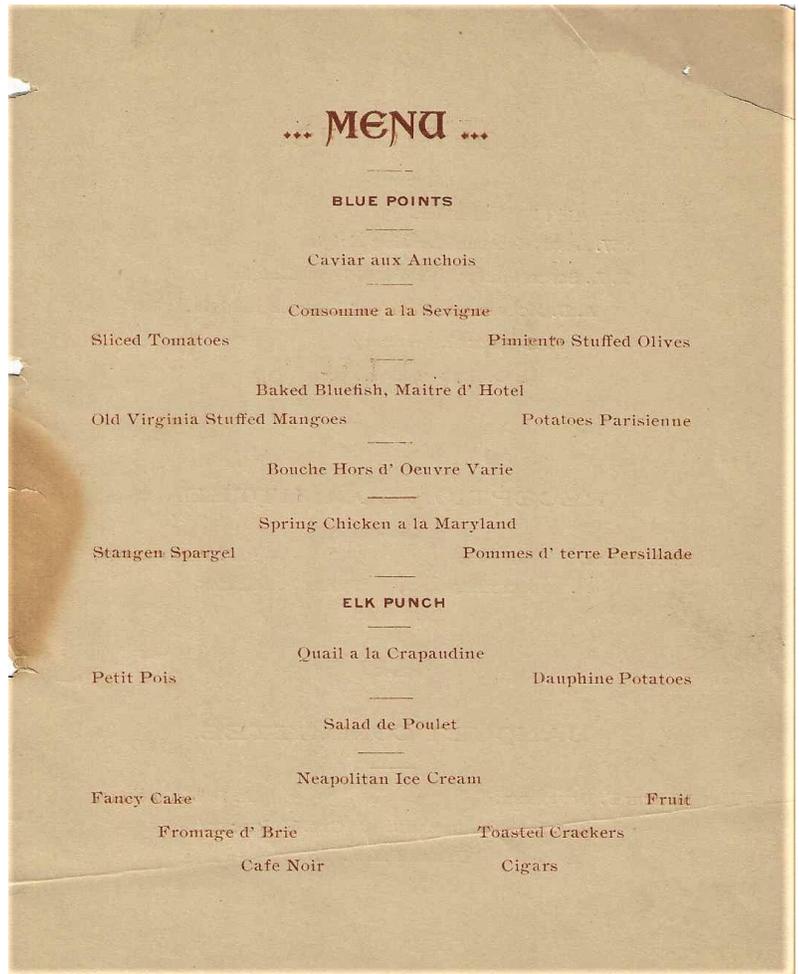
(Continued) A relieve course followed, “Elks Punch,” sure to have been spiked. Though no record exists of what it contained, believe it or not, there is an Elk’s cocktail made with whiskey, port, egg whites, lemon juice and powdered sugar.

Nearing the finish, a game course was served, quail à la *Crapaudine* (prepared with shallots and tarragon in a mustard and lemon sauce) and presented with *petit pois* (baby peas) and dauphine potatoes (a casserole of sliced potatoes baked with cream and cheese).

Finally, dessert: Neapolitan ice cream, “fancy cake,” fruit, brie cheese and crackers, top off with black coffee and cigars. The newspaper the next day reported that it took about two hours to get through all the courses.

George W. Levis, Deputy United States Marshall was Toastmaster and the first toast was a welcome from Lodge #410 by Exalted Ruler Nelson Anderson Ladd. Toasts followed to the city of Madison, visiting Elks, the proper diet for Elks, and the ladies. One toast that might seem odd today was “Elks vs. Spain,” but the dinner transpired less than a month after the battleship *U.S.S. Maine* was sunk in the harbor of Havana Cuba, igniting the Spanish-American War. After the singing of Auld Lang Syne, three cheers for the B.P.O.E. and thankyou to the waitstaff, the banquet ended at 4:10 a.m.

A copy of the original program for this dinner is displayed outside the Secretary’s office at the Lodge.



A PROUD SPONSOR OF SESSIONS AT MCPIKE PARK

Sessions at McMike Park is a much anticipated annual summer music festival that takes place right in our own neighborhood. Each year it attracts nightly over 3,500 people from around the area. For the first time, the Elks are a sponsor of this event that benefits seven local nonprofits. Admission is free, but of course there will be great food and drink for sale, an ongoing raffle and pop up auctions. The Great Lawn will be filled with chairs for your comfort



This year, Sessions at McPike Park will be five days of extraordinary entertainment. The loaded Pursuit of Happiness weekend with two music stages, comedy and dance is August 6, 7, 8. Two sensational, relaxing evening music Sessions will also be staged August 12 and 13.

The diverse group of performers include many local favorites as well as nationally known artists. A full schedule is listed at sessionsatmcpike.org.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ervin Altenberger, Mary Jo Haag, Claudine Jadoo
3 Andy Arians
4 Christine Barbian, Charles Hoonstra
5 Clayton Nelson, Gregory Sweeney
6 Denise Holmes, Kathryn Seifert
7 Michele Boyle, Jerome Hill
8 Charles Wills
9 James Sielehr, Jeff Staver
10 Steven Anderson
11 Brenda Lowe
12 William Gilfoy, Mike Hellenbrand, Ernesto Lazo,
Paula McIntosh
13 Mark Alan Hermanson, Stephen Kraus,
Lauren Vrana
14 Leroy Ebert, Joyce Rolnick
15 Al Meyer, Carol Rohde
16 Gale Bender, Joe Brydges
17 Richard Pirkel, Craig Smith
18 Jane Legler
19 Mark Deadman, Austin Streeper
20 Robert Hudson, Ralph Murphy
22 Cari Anne Renlund, John Thomas
23 John Fisher, Alexandra Suprise
24 Charles Rolfsmeyer
26 Bruce Croushore, Ann Shea
27 Nicole Paulson, Thomas Rivers,
Donald Wiebe
28 James Abderholden, David Degenhardt
29 Philip Gilbertson, Scott Seymour,
Kenneth Sipsma
30 Pat Cornwell, Kenneth Saville
31 June Bokovitz, Jack Garver, Benjamin Tinker,
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