



# ELKLINER

JANUARY 2021 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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Lecturing Knight **Vacant**

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4 Year **Denise Stromme**  
5 Year **Tom Lyons**

*Membership meeting held on the  
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## THE BALANCE SHEET

**By Scott Thornton,**  
*Treasurer, Elks Lodge #410*

Calendar year 2020 has been a difficult one for Lodge 410. We have had the same challenges as many small businesses have had during the pandemic. Our staff at the lodge is down to just a handful. Our open hours have been scaled way back for most of the year. Our fiscal year will end in three months on March 31 and there really is no sign things will change for us until well after that date.

One of the biggest hits to our bottom line has been the inability to host gatherings of more than 10 people. This has meant no weddings, no large meetings and even our membership meetings were moved onto Zoom. A comparison of revenues between last fiscal year at this time to this fiscal year shows that we have less than half of the revenue this year:

|   | 2020     | 2019      |
|---|----------|-----------|
| <b>Bar</b>                                      | \$24,760 | \$148,313 |
| <b>Dining Room<br/>(including<br/>Banquets)</b> | \$35,225 | \$247,926 |
| <b>Rental Income</b>                            | \$7,924  | \$41,870  |
| <b>Fundraising</b>                              | \$3,203  | \$13,983  |

The lodge applied for, and received, a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan at that end of July. This loan, \$72,520, enabled us to keep the lodge open through the end of the year. The loan proceeds could be used for payroll and utility costs of the lodge. We were able to spend that amount by the end of the 24-week loan period and are currently working with the bank on the loan forgiveness process.

A look at our checking account balances gives you an idea of how important the PPP loan was to us this year. Our ending balance for March 2020 was \$49,774. The ending balance at December 31, 2020 was \$29,695. You can see how we relied on that loan of \$72,520 to keep us going.

The recent COVID relief package approved in congress and signed into law includes another round of PPP loans to help businesses and non-profit organizations through the coming months. This next round of loans will be important to the lodge as we look forward to moving out of the pandemic.

*The Treasurer's monthly reports can be found at Elks.org on our 410 page in the "Members Only" section under "More Info."*

## THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

In 1928, at the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami, delegates voted to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 investment.

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. It fulfills this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work, to help youth develop lifelong skills, to send students to college, to meet the needs of today's veterans, to support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and to fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Since its inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. The programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. The budget for the 2020-2021 year funds over \$36 million in ENF programs.

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

As all Elks know, “Elks Share, Elks Care” is our mantra. Exalted Ruler Lupe Montes recently applied for three grants from the ENF, part of its Community Investments Program – Gratitude, Beacon and Spotlight grants – that all were approved. The \$8,000 will be distributed between food pantries, shelters, and neighborhood organizations, including the VA Center and East Madison Community Center. E.R. Montes will also apply for a WEA grant where we would receive \$3 for each member. The money can be used to support nonprofit organization or for scholarships. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by P.E.R. Sherie Sasso met in December to interview the finalists – 15 males and 15 females – for the annual scholarships awarded by our Lodge

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## HARRY SAUTHOFF

*Elks Lodge #410 Exalted Ruler 1913-1914*

**Harry Edward Sauthoff** was born on June 3, 1879, in Madison, the son of August and Hermine Sauthoff, pioneer Madison settlers, immigrants from Hanover, Germany. August was a tailor by profession and served in the Civil War. The Sauthoff family home, one of the city's oldest, still stands just down the street from the Lodge at 739 Jenifer Street. After Harry received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin he taught and coached at Lake Geneva High School and Northern Illinois State Normal School. He returned to Madison to complete his law degree at the U.W. in 1909. Attorney Sauthoff was elected Dane County District Attorney in 1915, an office he held until 1919. After serving as private secretary to Governor John Blaine, he was elected to the State Senate in 1925. Sauthoff, the new Progressive Party's first candidate to Congress, was elected in 1935. Congressman Sauthoff represented Wisconsin's 2<sup>nd</sup> District for eight years. He made an unsuccessful bid for a U.S. Senate seat in 1944. Besides his career in politics, he was a curator of the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Sauthoff was married twice, first to Alice Thoroughgood from Janesville who died in 1935.

Two years later, he married Lenore Gilmour from Port Huron, Michigan, who worked for a Michigan Congressman. He and his first wife had one son, Harry, Jr. Harry, Sr., had two brothers, Berthold (who was a partner in the Moseley Book Store) and August, Jr. (a prominent psychiatrist), both of whom were members of Elks Lodge #410. When Harry died at age 87 on June 16, 1966, he was the oldest living Past Exalted Ruler of the Madison Elks Lodge. He along with many of his family members is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.



**SAUTHOFF HOUSE**  
**1857**

AT THE CENTER OF THE THIRD LAKE RIDGE GERMANIC ENCLAVE WERE THE HANNOVERIAN MERCHANT TAILOR FRIEDRICH SAUTHOFF AND HIS FAMILY. SAUTHOFF AND HIS NEIGHBOR, MICHAEL ZWANK, A MASON, BUILT THIS HOUSE OF MOLDED RED BRICK. ITS STURDY VERNACULAR STYLE DERIVES FROM THE GREEK REVIVAL AND THE ITALIANATE. THE HOUSE REMAINED IN THE SAUTHOFF FAMILY UNTIL 1917.

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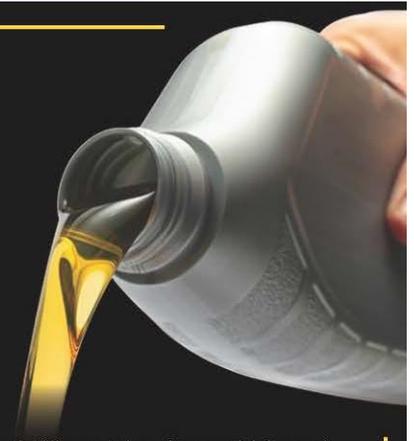
*The original Sauthoff home, at 739 Jenifer Street is now listed as a Madison landmark and the residence of R. Richard Wagner, former Chair of the Dane County Board.*



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## A TOUGH QUESTION COULD LEAD TO MORE GOOD ELKS

**By Daniel J. Capella**

*Member, Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee*

Throughout our history, American have experienced wars of many types: Revolutionary, 1812, Civil, World (I and II), Korean, Vietnam, Cold, Trade, and others. We have endured the 1918 pandemic, recessions, the Depression, strikes, assassinations, poverty and concerns relative to civil liberties, and child labor, plus other life changing conditions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for all off us to the point where our resolve has truly been tested. Perhaps because of our living situation, frustrations at work, the lack of employment, overall financial status, the need for social contact, or especially our health and the health of family and friends we have had to endure difficulties we never thought possible.

Fact is, despite the many tragic realities that our country has faced since our inception, America has emerged as and has continued to be, a world power and the leader of the Free World. This includes our being at the forefront of science, medicine, and so many other discoveries and breakthroughs. Even with our difficulties, America remains a great country, just as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been, and continues to be, a great organization of which each of us can be very proud.

Elkdom has been existence for over a century and a half. During that time our Lodges have provided million upon millions of dollars to residents of our cities, towns and villages in the form of activities, scholarship, and donations to worthy causes that seek to help those in need and those who are suffering from illness. We value and remember our veterans and make donations to hundreds of organizations to assist those groups in carrying out their own objectives and programs. We stand read to donate time and effort to our communities wherever or however it is needs. We provide space for blood drives, elections, and to groups with lesser means for their own purposes. Elks take the lead in patriotic



programs such as Flag Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day. In many ways our Elks Lodges are the backbone of many American communities.

What we continue to accomplish with our communities and across the nation makes it rewarding to belong to the B.P.O. E. Yet, if we enjoy the Elks and are proud of our record of service to our communities, why is it our membership numbers not where they once were? That begs the question, when was the last time you sponsored a friend, a coworker, or a relative for membership in our Order? For any organization to prosper and make an impression upon society, it is necessary to expand its membership.

Granted, many individuals do not feel comfortable asking others to join a club or association. We may feel it is as some sort of an intrusion, especially since it involves the cost of initiation and dues. Some do not want to take the chance that the individual they sponsor will not be acceptable to the rest of the membership. Whatever the reason, it is presumptuous for us to make this type of determination because it prevents our prospective candidate from having a chance to join. Who knows, our choice could very well become an excellent Elk who fulfills the spirit and responsibilities of being an Elk. In other words, a good Elk.

If our Lodges are going to survive, it is imperative that we build our membership. Much good work has been accomplished in recent years but there is so much more to be done. Let those whom you know, or work with, or are related to, receive the opportunity to become a Member of our great organization. Let them experience the enjoyment and pride of Elkdom.

Just ask the question, "Would you like to become an Elk?"

For a membership application contact the Secretary at [secretary@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:secretary@madisonelkslodge.org) or 608-255-1644 ext. 3



## MARK YOUR 2021 CALENDAR

January 13: *Lodge Meeting*  
January 18: *Martin Luther King, Jr., Day*  
February 10: *Lodge Meeting*  
February 14: *Valentine's Day*  
February 14: *Presidents' Day*  
February 16: *Birthday of B.P.O.E. Elks*  
February 17: *Ash Wednesday*  
February 24: *Election of Officers*  
March 10: *Lodge Meeting*  
March 14: *Daylight Savings Time Begins*  
March 17: *St. Patrick's Day*  
March 24: *Lodge Meeting*  
March 28: *Palm Sunday & Passover*  
April 1: *New Fiscal Year*  
April 2: *Good Friday*  
April 4: *Easter*  
April 14: *Lodge Meeting*  
May 9: *Mother's Day*  
May 12: *Lodge Meeting & Lodge #410 Founder's Day*  
May 31: *Memorial Day*  
June 9: *Lodge Meeting*  
June 14: *Flag Day*  
June 20: *Father's Day*  
July 4: *Independence Day*  
July 14: *Lodge Meeting*  
August 11: *Lodge Meeting*  
September 6: *Labor Day*  
September 7: *Rosh Hashanah*  
September 8: *Lodge Meeting*  
September 16: *Yom Kippur*  
October 13: *Lodge Meeting*  
October 31: *Halloween*  
November 7: *Standard Time Begins*  
November 10: *Lodge Meeting*  
November 11: *Veteran's Day*  
November 25: *Thanksgiving*  
November 29: *Hanukkah*  
December 5: *Remembrance Sunday*  
December 8: *Lodge Meeting*  
December 25: *Christmas*  
December 31: *New Year's Eve*



## A POSTCARD FROM THE PAST

The original Madison Elks Lodge (pictured here c. 1912) was located downtown on what was then Monona Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. today). It is the building with the flag on the far left. The building immediately to its right is the Grand Army of Republic Hall (G.A.R.), and the building next to it, the Avenue Hotel. The cornerstone of the first Lodge was laid at 11 p.m. on October 22, 1901. The building and its neighbors were razed in 1964 to make way for a parking lot for the Bank of Madison. The old Lodge's distinctive wooden columns were purchased by attorney Vaughn Conway for his home in Baraboo.

## WHAT'S COOKININ' AT THE LODGE

The bar and dining room are currently open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Our dinner menu includes nightly specials. On Thursday we offer three tacos with beans and rice for \$10, and **starting on January 14, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread and choice of soup or salad for \$12!** On Friday it's the famous Lodge Fish Fry with a choice of three pieces of fried lake perch or cod, French fries and coleslaw for \$12. On Saturday we have roast prime rib (8-oz. for \$14, 10-oz. for \$16, or 14-oz. for \$18) with a choice of potato and salad or soup. Additionally, every night we offer the chef's special, steak and lobster for \$24. Make reservations or order a carryout by calling 608.255-1644 extension 1.

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- 4 Harold Coltharp, Jerald Wirth
- 5 Robb Kahl
- 6 Gary Gotzion, Ted Valenza
- 7 Dan Brinkman
- 8 Mary Ann Doll, Gregg Topoleski
- 9 Nancy Asenjo, 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 R. Smerlinski, Roger Wright, Frederick Zingsheim
- 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 Kurth Kaspar, Timothy Koob, Dwight Kruse, William Schumann
- 21 Thomas Haag
- 22 Gary Swan
- 24 John Beyler, Donald Damon, Keith May, Lori Murphy
- 25 Donald Imhoff
- 27 John Lottes, Kenneth Oasen
- 28 Paul Kramer, Jessi Sweeney Pacetti
- 29 Timothy Connery, Richard Gordon, Donald Mitchell
- 30 Duncan Cairns, Eric Gordon
- 31 Daniel Fose, Dan Lafleur

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