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If you would like to submit something for publication or place an advertisement, please email:

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AROUND THE LODGE

Foremost this past month was the launch of our Capital Campaign, an ongoing five-year commitment to update and improve the aging infrastructure of the clubhouse. We have two immediate goals. First to raise \$25,000 by May 31 in order to qualify for a matching grant of the same amount. When this was written, we had raised a little over \$20,000 but had six days to go. Our second goal is to raise \$100,000 to replace our beyond-repair boilers this summer. Your generosity will make a difference so please continue to donate if you can. All donations will be acknowledged so consider a memorial gift in the name of someone who loved the Lodge. We will update our

progress again in July.

May was a merry month indeed, kicking off with a Derby Day Party and cocktail buffet on Saturday the 6th. The following weekend we held a Mother's Day buffet brunch on Sunday. Much like our Easter Brunch in April, it was a big success. We want to thank all the volunteers who literally made both of these happen. A special



"thank you" to Trustee Michelle Braitwaite who expends incredible time and effort organizing all our special events at the Lodge.

The state organization of Sons of the American Revolution hosted its annual convention at the Lodge the last Saturday in April. The local chapter also holds its monthly meetings in the Wisconsin Room. Fortunately, we have several weddings and celebrations booked on the lower level for this summer. There are still openings available so if you or someone you know is planning an event, please contact Carrie Sweet, our Special Events Coordinator, (608) 333-5694.

Our membership continues to grow and we want to thank all of you who have proposed candidates and hope you will continue to do so. We currently have 738 members and our goal is for 800 by the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2024). If you have not paid your dues, please do so – we do not want to lose you as a member! A reminder: only members in good standing may use the facilities of the clubhouse, attend membership meetings, or serve as officers or on committees.

Finally, beginning last month we decided to freshen up the look of the *Elkliner* and are soliciting new advertisers to underwrite its cost. This month we welcome Stark Realty and Madison Top Company. If you own a business or offer a service and would like to promote it in this newsletter, three different sized ads are available. For more information, please contact Trustee Michelle Braithwaite, mbraithwaite@kraftheinz.com.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

By Jim Schuessler

Our Building and Grounds Committee made some changes in the dining room, primarily painting the wall adjacent to the kitchen doors from beige to deep red. The dining room looks beautiful with coordinated deep red colors of our dining chairs and linens as well as other walls of that same color.

We wish to recognize Lodge member LaVerne Schwengel for leading the effort to keep our grounds looking beautiful as well! A number of members turned out over two Saturdays to spread mulch and plant flower pots. A big thank you also goes out to several Lodge members who donated funds to cover the cost for an enormous truckload of high-quality mulch. Our grounds are looking lush and ready for a summer of fun activities, including the **Live at the Lodge** music program starting June 1!

The Building and Grounds Committee is collecting proposals for replacing our two failed boilers as well as a make-up air handling unit for our kitchen. Our goal is to make a recommendation to the lodge sometime this June so that the equipment will be installed by September.

We are also collecting proposals for patching, sealing and striping our parking lot which is due for maintenance.

Our committee met most recently on May 10 with 13 members in attendance. If you are interested in participating or just want to learn more, contact committee chair Kristopher Steege-Reimann, jksrproperties@gmail.com. You are welcome to attend a meeting to explore whether you'd like to get involved. Our goal is to make our Lodge a more attractive and comfortable space for us all to enjoy while saving the Lodge expenses through volunteer efforts.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Two big outings this month to enjoy Elks' Night at the **Madison Mallards**. The first is on <u>June 13</u> and includes Duck Blind seats. Tickets must be purchased by June 6. To purchase tickets scan the QR code in the ad to the right. The second is on <u>June 28</u> and includes Grandstand seats and a hat. Tickets must be purchased by June 14. To purchase tickets scan the QR code at the bottom of the ad.

Get ready for the second year of the outdoor concert series, **Live at the Lodge** every Thursday. More information appears on the next page.

As Always, **Music Bingo** will be on the 3rd Wednesday, June 21, and **Euchre** on June 10, 14, and 28 (see the calendar for times).



Anita Krasow, Lynn Lee, Katherine Davey and Renée Lauber pitching in to paint the dining room.



2nd Event on June 28th!



Renée Lauber is organizing a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. More details coming soon!

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman Richard Olson (2015-2017)

Secretary Sherie Sasso (2019-2020)

Treasurer Lynn Aspinwall (2017-2019)

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Kevin Pohlkamp (1989-1990)

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Ed Ledwidge (1994-1996)

Chuck Hoornstra (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

Kristi Barbian (2011-2013)

Steve Sasso (2013-2015)

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Past President Gloria Simley

Vice President Donna Campanelli

Secretary Jeanette May

Treasurer Helen Duncan

BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde







Have you tried our new menu specials?

POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



The Oshkosh Elks were organized as Lodge #289, but when the charter arrived on December 4, 1894, the number was changed to #292. Its first meeting was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Rooms were rented at various locations about town until the fall of 1903 when the Elks took over the location of the former Union Club at the corner of Main and Washington Streets. Ultimately, the members decided to build their own clubhouse on Jefferson Street. Pictured here, when the facility opened on January 1, 1914, it was heralded as the "finest clubhouse in the State of Wisconsin." Since 1952, the Oshkosh Elks Lodge has moved several more times and is currently located at 175 W. Fernau Avenue.

ROY C. MAPES



1914-1962 Exalted Ruler 1955-1956

Roy Clinton Mapes was born on November 26, 1914, in Madison, the son of Archie J. Mapes and Lilian Tolefson. He lived all his life in this city, graduated from East High School and attended one year at the University of Wisconsin. Mapes married his high school sweetheart, Margaret "Skippy" Thier, in 1935. When World War II broke out, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Roy worked as a salesman, ultimately becoming the manager of the Monona Bootery. Active in several fraternal organizations, he was a 32nd degree Mason as well as a member of the Scottish Rite of the Zor Shrine and the American Legion. Closest to his heart were the Elks. While serving as Exalted Ruler of Madison Lodge 410 between 1955 and 1956, he was also the chairman of the National Elks Bowling Tournament. He became synonymous with the Madison Elks' largest annual fundraiser, an auction benefiting the March of Dimes. During a six-month stay at Methodist Hospital, he continued to solicit donations by phone from his bed. When Milwaukee Brave pitcher Lew Burdette visited to wish him a speedy recovery, Roy made sure Lew promised to send some autographed balls and bats for the auction. He also donated much time to the Dane County Arthritis Affiliate and the Muscular Dystrophy Fund which he once chaired. Roy Mapes, who suffered from ill heath most of his life, died at age 47 on October 27, 1962. He is buried with his wife in Roselawn Memorial Park.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Recently a committee was appointed, chaired by Lance Lattimer, to act as a liaison between the Lodge and our neighborhood. The goal is to benefit the community at large and also increase membership in our organization. We are blessed to have many eastside residents as members and officers. Last year we were successful in soliciting new members by participating in the popular summer festivals that happen just outside our door.

The Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) was formed in 1968 with an elected board and a paid membership to promote the general economic and social wellbeing of the neighborhood. In the 1980s MNA took charge of organizing **Orton Park Festival**, an end-of-summer neighborhood tradition dating back to 1965. Under MNA, Orton grew from its origins as an annual picnic, where neighbors would drag grills into the park and listen to a few sets by local musicians, to a multi-day festival featuring the best of local, regional and touring bands. This year the <u>Orton Park Festival takes place August 25 – 27</u>.

In 1990 a second festival was added the first weekend of the summer at a quieter lakeside park at the east end of the neighborhood, Yahara Place Park. The <u>Waterfront Festival</u> quickly developed its own niche within the area's spate of summer events. In addition to a great lineup of local and touring acts, the festival boasts a great array of vendors from local restaurants and businesses, the Dandelion Dash kids race, the River Alliance's hugely popular Fools' Flotilla, kid's games and more. The weekend brings a true combination of new music and innovative features along with old community traditions. <u>This year's Waterfront Festival takes place June 10-11.</u>

Proceeds from both these events contribute the largest share of MNA's annual budget, allowing it to undertake community projects such as providing grants for neighborhood improvement projects, funding critical programming through nearby nonprofits, giving scholarships to college-bound teens, and paying for public art projects and social events.

Madison's largest summer community celebration, La Fête De Marquette, benefits the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center. The Elks have long supported this nonprofit – it's food pantry, youth programs and renovation of its facility at 504 S. Brearly Street. Wil-Mar has provided diverse services for those in need for 55 years. Its French-themed festival that began in 2006 is its major fundraiser. La Fête features national musical acts, as well as restaurant and craft beer offerings. This year's La Fête De Marquette will take place in McPike Park July 13 -16.

The Sessions at McPike Park is a multi-night event that happens during June and August in McPike Park. Featuring musical acts from around the world, it is Madison's largest music festival. Each year it attracts people from around the area and benefits seven local nonprofits. Admission is free, but there is great food and drink available 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 takes place June 16, 17, 18, and August 11, 12, 16 & 17.

The Madison Elks are proud to sponsor all of these events. We look forward to seeing you there and hope you will consider volunteering to staff the Madison Elks 410 Tent!





New! Perfect for boaters: 30-ounce insulated tumblers for \$35, and insulated 12-ounce old-fashioned glasses for \$25. On sale at the bar, 100% of the proceeds go to the Madison Elks Lodge thanks to our friend at Madison Top Company! We still have a limited supply of t-shirts and sweatshirts, but will be offering a new line of apparel soon.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Claim your free birthday drink at the bar during your birthday week.

- 1 Thomas Ferrella, Dayton Jones, Kathy Peterson
- 3 John Brigham, Donald Komplin
- 4 Lynn Riley, Linda Strassman
- 6 Scott Hamilton, Lois Hoornstra
- 7 Daniel Rustick
- 8 Randall Brown
- 9 John Barlow, Mitchell Sands, Austin Schultz
- 10 Suzanne Brooks, Ronald Frank Rotter
- 11 James Felder, Ralph Kamps, Marlowe Suter
- 12 Katherine Davey, Richard Murray, Laura Strong
- 13 Douglas Christenson, Bernard Knesting, Leah Moore
- 15 Renee Lauber, Lindsey Lee, Lynn Lee, Steven Reinstra
- 16 Adam Coyle
- 17 Denise Colwill, Greg King, Jeffrey Kraemer, Gabrielle O'Brien, Jesse O'Brien, Kevin Retelle
- 18 Megan Frank, Anthony Przybylek, James Soderholm
- 19 Lee Nestingen, John Taylor, Kelly Thompson

- 21 Dennis Mack
- 22 Paul Ashe, Neal Schlachter
- 23 Mary Riley
- 26 Donald Amacher, James Berkenstadt, James Brandenburg, Lori Youngman
- 27 Bert Slinde
- 28 Perry Bowers, Sally Jo Spaeni, Stacy Weber
- 29 Gene Wilpolt,
- 30 Mark Cain, Keelie Jones, Michael McDonald

WELKOME NEW MEMBERS



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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT Live @ the Private Event, Private Event, Lower Level Lower Level Lodge: Jackie Marie 7 5 6 10 4 8 9 Live @ the Lois at the Waterfront Lodge: Back to Piano, Festival/ Dining Room Euchre, Back 3:30 p.m. **12** 15 11 13 16 17 Waterfront Mallards Duck Flag Day Live @ the Sessions at Sessions at **Festival** Pond Game Lodge Meeting, Lodge: McPike Park McPike Park/ Lower Level, 7 Shekinah Private Event, p.m. / Euchre, Lower Level **22** 19 20 18 21 23 24 Father's Day Music Bingo, Live @ the Lois at the Private Event, Lower Level Sessions at Bar, Lodge: Marcy & Piano, 6 - 8 p.m. McPike Park the Highlights Dining Room Trio 25 26 27 28 30 29 Mallards Ticket Live @ the & Hat Game/ Lodge: Char & Euchre, Donnie B Wis. Rm., 6 p.m.





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, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Dining Room is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. For reservations or carryout, please call 608-255-1644 ext. 1.

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