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FEBRUARY 2023 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler **Bridget Esser**
Leading Knight **Don Geier**
Loyal Knight **Mike Verveer**
Lecturing Knight **Scott McDonell**
Secretary **Dan Curd**
Treasurer **Scott Thornton**
Esquire **Patrick Fitzpatrick**
Chaplain **Laura MacIsaac**
Tiler **Christopher Klinge**
Inner Guard **Geoff Gaston**
Organist **Lois Hoornstra**

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1 Year **Lance Lattimer**
2 Year **Zack Henderson**
3 Year **Tom Lyons**
4 Year **Michelle Braithwaite**
5 Year **Kristopher Steege-Reimann**

*Membership meetings held on the
2nd Wednesday of the month and
also the 4th Wednesday in
February, March, and April.*

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STATE OF THE LODGE 2023

By Exalted Ruler **Bridge Esser**



I have not done a State of the Lodge before, but the time has come to update the membership and I hope for this communication to become a regular occurrence. I am so proud of the membership numbers we are building. Not only are we the largest membership in the state, but also the fastest growing. Our charitable outreach has been incredible and our volunteer numbers impressive. We have a lot to be proud of. We have the most beautiful view in town and I look forward to showcasing that far into the future.

My intent is not to be an alarmist but to provide hope and an encouraging view for our future as a lodge. Rarely does a week go by anymore where there is not something about our building broken or in desperate need of repair – unfortunately major items. Boilers, refrigeration, water damage, electrical...the works, inside and out. Not only is the infrastructure crumbling, but so are the aesthetic components as well. We cannot even have our carpets cleaned any longer because they are beyond the time in their life where that can be done. With the disrepair combined with the low revenue we're seeing out of the bar and restaurant, we are now at the point where this cannot continue as is. The costs to maintain and continue operations as they are exceed what we can sustain.

As with most lodges, our greatest asset is our clubhouse and property. Many other lodges – unable to come up with the escalating cost of repairs and maintenance – have been forced to “downsize,” and move to a smaller facility. This never has a positive effect on recruiting new members which explains why, with declining membership, many lodges have been forced to dissolve completely. I don't want that to be us and I don't believe that will be us.

We have been approached by a development team, The Neutral Project, active in our neighborhood, to revitalize the property and build something brand new for everyone to enjoy. The development proposal includes a great new space for our lodge. We have an agreement with The Neutral Project allowing them to move forward in the research needed with the City of Madison, to find out if a project of this magnitude is achievable.

We have a tremendous opportunity to carry our lodge forward, securing its success for generations to come. I am excited about what we can do together and I hope you will be, too. We hope that you will consider attending our February 8th Membership Meeting to discuss preliminary concepts and bring forward your questions. We will vote on moving this project forward on March 8th at the regular lodge meeting. Any questions, comments or concerns can be directed to elks410buildingproject@gmail.com at any time.

OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

At the January 11 membership meeting, the following members were nominated for office: for Exalted Ruler, Bridget Esser; for Leading Knight, Don Geier; for Loyal Knight, Mike Verveer; for Lecturing Knight, Scott McDonell; for 5-Year Trustee, Lance Lattimer; for Secretary, Dan Curd; and for Treasurer, no nominations. Further nominations can be made at the February 8 membership meeting and the election will be held at the February 22 membership meeting. The Exalted Ruler-Elect will appoint the Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain, Organist, and members to all committees. All those elected and appointed will assume their office on April 1.

COMING EVENTS

In a little over a month **VO5** will rock the Lodge Saturday, March 4th on the lower level. This is a much anticipated evening for many. The band will perform from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online for \$25 (a link is on our website: www.madisonelkslodge.org.) Tickets purchased at the door will be \$40. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Elks National Foundation. There are also a limited number of reserved tables of eight available online. We will offer a complete selection of drinks for purchase at the downstairs bar and the dining room and upstairs bar will also be open as well.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle returns on Saturday, March 18th. This is our major fundraiser held only once a year. Its success depends upon your generosity. Please come to dinner and bring your family and friends. The spaghetti dinner is open to the public and this is a great opportunity to introduce the Madison Elks Lodge to our community.

You should soon receive raffle tickets in the mail that we hope you will consider purchasing. If you did not receive them, they are also available for sale at the bar and at the dinner. Ticket sales generate nearly all the revenue we make from this event – we intentionally keep the price of the food low so everyone can enjoy it.

We also need volunteers. We only have limited staff working that night to reduce our overhead. Each year, the Duck Committee volunteers help make the delicious meatballs. We thank them and all those who sign up to help serve the members and guests. Please consider volunteering for one of the two-hour shifts before and during the dinner, either via the e-mail we send you or the sign-up sheet at the bar. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Elks!

Dinner will be served between 4 and 8 p.m. (there are no reservations). We will be serving homemade spaghetti and meatballs (or an Italian sausage or plant-based sausage) with salad and garlic bread for \$12 or \$6 for Children (ages 6 to 12). The raffle drawing will be at 8 p.m., but you do not have to be present to win. The bar will remain open until 10 p.m. With your help, we look forward to another successful Spaghetti Dinner!

In March, the bar will have extended hours for **March Madness**, and of course we will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day!**



ELKS CLUB

DISCO Night WITH VO5

SATURDAY MARCH 4
8:30 - MIDNIGHT
ELKS LODGE #410 - MADISON

TICKETS \$25 : MADISONELKSLODGE.ORG
ADVANCE SALES END 2/28, TICKETS \$40 AT THE DOOR



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



And Raffle

Saturday, March 18
4-8pm

Spaghetti & Meatballs (2) or an Italian Sausage*
with Salad & Garlic Bread

\$12 for Adults, \$6 for Children (6-12)
Extra Meatballs \$1.50, Extra Sausage \$3
Cannoli \$4.75

Win Cash!
\$600, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and
twenty \$50 prizes will be given away

Elks Lodge #410
711 Jenifer St.
Madison, WI

*Boca option available

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)

Jim Mueller (1990-1991)

Ed Ledwidge (1994-1996)

Chuck Hoornstra (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

Kristi Barbian (2011-2013)

Steve Sasso (2013-2015)

LADIES AUXILIARY

President **LaVerne Schwengel**

Past President **Gloria Simley**

Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Jeanette May**

Treasurer **Helen Duncan**

BOARD MEMBERS

Ann Bailey

Carol Rohde



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Game 3	\$ 50.00
Game 4	\$ 75.00
Game 5	\$ 100.00
50/50 Drawing	
Game 6	\$ 125.00

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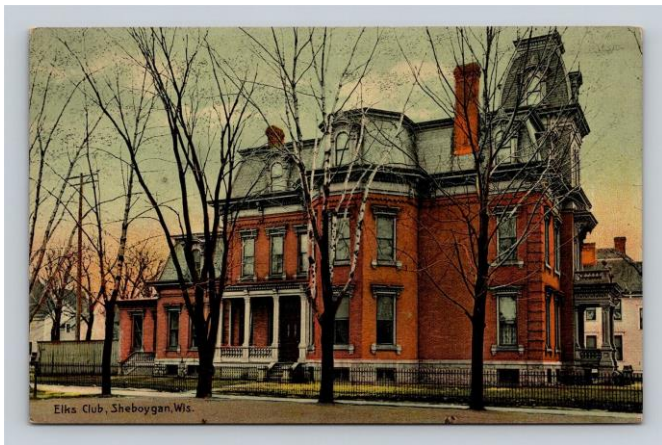
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POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



Sheboygan Elks Lodge #299 was chartered on June 6, 1896, and held meeting in rented rooms in the Geele Building on North 8th Street. The membership grew so rapidly that one year later they moved to larger quarters on the second floor of the Bank of Sheboygan. Their bowling alleys were reputed to be the finest in Wisconsin. In 1926 Lodge #299 again moved, this time to the corner of North 7th Street and Wisconsin Avenue (pictured here). Formerly the home of George End, President of the Bank of Sheboygan, it was considered “the showplace of Sheboygan.” End had died in 1905 and the Elks signed an agreement with his estate to occupy his mansion. This arrangement continued until 1926 when the members elected to purchase the property. The following year it was remodeled extensively with a blue and gold color scheme paying homage to the B.P.O.E. insignia. It soon became known for its unique cloverleaf-shaped bar. By 1956 the Sheboygan Elks could no longer afford the maintenance and repairs on the 81-year-old structure and decided to build a new home. A new structure costing \$255,000 was erected at 1943 Erie Avenue. The historic building at 7th and Wisconsin was razed.

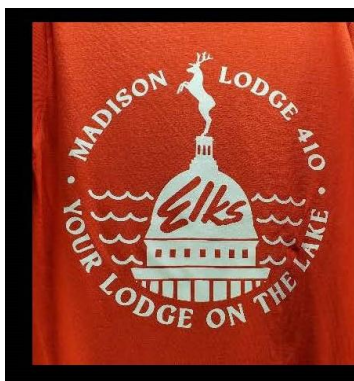
Harold Henry Puetz



1891 - 1971
Exalted Ruler
1927 - 1928

Harold Puetz was born on October 14, 1891, in Milwaukee, the son of Mathias Puetz and Adrienna Spierling. His early years were spent in Dodge County before moving to Madison. He moved to Madison in 1917 to continue his education and worked at the Blied Printing Company at 117 W. Main St. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School, he joined the Madison law firm of Kroncke & Sauthoff in 1920. There he met his future wife, Iva LaDora Clark who was a legal stenographer. They married in 1924. In 1927, Puetz was appointed a Superior and Circuit Court Commissioner. Apparently, feeling that the word “attorney” was too pretentious, Mr. Puetz always used the phrase, “Harold H. Puetz, Lawyer” for his stationery and shingle. He served as president of the Home Savings and Loan Association for many years.

Exalted Ruler of Madison Elks Lodge #410 1927-1928, Puetz was an avid curler and member of the Madison Curling Club. He was also a World War I veteran. His wife, Iva Puetz, died in 1953 and Harold died on February 17, 1971. They are both buried in Madison’s Forest Hill Cemetery.



NEW 410 Apparel

Available for sale NOW at the Lodge are t-shirts and sweatshirts that feature an original design by Bradley Grochocinski. They can be purchased at the bar in sizes Small to XXX Large. The cost (including tax) is \$15 for t-shirts and \$30 for sweatshirts.

TIME TO RENEW

The Grand Lodge is mailing out dues statements for 2023-2024. If you haven't received one, you should soon. If not, make sure we have your current mailing address. The Madison office will begin to mail out new membership/identification cards and key cards in March. Widows will also be mailed identification cards in March. Sometime after April 1 the locks will be changed on the outside doors and you will need your new keycard. (The exact date will be published in the March *Elkliner* and sent out via email to members.) Any member who will be dropped for nonpayment of their 2022-2023 dues will be notified by mail this month. If you are delinquent, please pay your dues now! Credit and debit cards can be used to pay your dues but only using the link printed on your dues statement, or the link on our webpage, or click [HERE](#). (You must register first to use this service.) Please consider making an optional donation to one of the funds (Elks National Foundation, Madison Elks Charities, Lodge maintenance, etc.) listed on the statement. If you have a question, please contact the Secretary: secretary@madisonelkslodge.org



Toys for Tots coordinator Gunnery Sergeant Michael Cucinotta presents Madison Lodge Secretary Dan Curd with the Commander's Award, recognizing our outstanding participation in the 2022 Toys for Tots campaign. This is the second year our Lodge has received this award.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TACO NIGHT

TACOS * QUESADILLAS
FAJITAS * NACHOS
TACO SALAD

3 SOFT OR HARD TACOS SERVED WITH MEXICAN RICE AND REFRIED BEANS...\$13.00
TACO SALAD SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM AND SALSA...\$13.00
CHICKEN OR STEAK QUESADILLAS SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM AND SALSA...\$13.00
CHICKEN OR STEAK FAJITAS...\$14.00
CHICKEN OR BEEF NACHOS...\$13.00
SHRIMP NACHOS...\$14.00
VEGGIE NACHOS...\$11.00



Buy your VO5 Tickets today...before they sell out [HERE](#). A limited number of tables for eight are also available.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 James Capaul, Don Geier
- 2 Timothy Turino
- 4 Jacob Daniel Smith
- 5 John Miller, Michele Miller Hayes
- 6 Philip Klein
- 7 Curtis Hossman
- 8 Eric Fitzgibbon, Bradley Fox
- 9 Wayne Simon, Mark Sweeney, Steven Tinker
- 10 Paul Steinmetz
- 11 Ronald Barman, Thomas Clauder, Glenn Harvey,
Richard N. Olson, Daniel Schultz
- 12 Paul Greisen
- 13 Kenneth Kruska, James Shunk
- 14 Ronald McLean, Kimberly Nelson
- 15 Dan Curd, David Lynett, James Ottum
- 16 Donald Swinton
- 17 Beverly Klondland
- 18 Conrad Marks, Darlene Noggle
- 19 Dan Brummel
- 20 Loretta Blankenheim
- 21 Mark Gladue
- 22 Stephanie Pahl, Patrick Sullivan
- 24 John Kollath
- 26 Nicole Marie Bell, Stephen Sasso, Patricia Whitely
- 28 Maria Antoinette Cannarella, Sabrina Sims,
Andrew Thompson
- 29 Mathew Cizik

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Initiated January 11, 2023:

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Michael Knetter



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FEB 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				Groundhog Day		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Lodge Meeting, <i>Lower Level,</i> 7 p.m./ Euchre, Wis. Rm. 5:30 p.m.		Lois at the Piano, <i>Dining Room</i>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Valentine's Day		Music Bingo, <i>Bar,</i> 6 – 8 p.m.	B.P.O.E. Founder's Day	W.E.A. Mid- Winter Conference <i>begins, Green Bay</i>	Euchre, <i>3 p.m.</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
W.E.A. Mid- Winter Conference <i>ends, Green Bay</i>	Presidents Day	Mardi Gras	Lodge Meeting, <i>Lower Level,</i> 7 p.m./ Euchre, Wis. Rm. 5:30 p.m.		Lois at the Piano, <i>Dining Room</i>	
26	27	28				

On **February 16, 1868**, the Jolly Corks, a group of actors, established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the B.P.O.E. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.





Spaghetti Dinner 2022

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 and Friday 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.

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