



# The Elks Call



## Wisconsin Elks Assoc. 2021 Lodge of the Year



### Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello Green Bay Elks Lodge Members!

The BPO Elks year is quickly coming to close. The new officers have been nominated and elected and are awaiting installation. The 2021-2022 grant season has ended. This past year was a great time to be a member of the Green Bay Elks Lodge. During this past year Lodge Trivia started back up, the line dancers continued to dance, Soup for Vets started back up and every month there are more and more veterans and lodge members attending dinner. Green Bay had a strong presence at the National Convention. The Lodge held some very well attended events such as a Trunk or Treat, a Breakfast with Santa, and a Polar Express Movie Night. The Candy Cane Ball made a comeback this year, which went great. We held a wildly successful Friday night dinner during the Mid-Winter State Conference while it was in Green Bay. One of the programs that Green Bay Lodge started this year was a Kids Free Movie Night. Kids Free Movie Night has also seen more and more people attending each month. This year the lodge events and activities will be no different than last year. This year the lodge calendar is filled out through the end of the next Elks year. But with all this volunteer work that we are putting into the Green Bay Lodge. It would be nice to see more of the members attend the social functions. To wrap this up, the Green Bay Elks Lodge is making some changes, not all change is bad. Some change is needed to move forward and grow. And I look forward to everyone being a part of it.

Joe Heimerl  
Exalted Ruler

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler .....	Joe Heimerl
Leading Knight .....	Sarah Halverson
Loyal Knight .....	Kelly Downard
Lecturing Knight .....	Alison Luethy
Secretary .....	Rob Downard
Treasurer .....	Marta Ehlert
Trustee, 1-year .....	Lori Ahnen
Trustee, 2-year .....	Dave Siewert
Trustee, 3-year .....	Jeffrey Martinson
Tiler .....	Ben Vandenzelen
Esquire .....	Jordan Melville, PER
Chaplain .....	Geri McCann
Inner Guard .....	Brett Cisler

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Nominated and Elected Officers for 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler .....	Joe Heimerl
Leading Knight .....	Sarah Halverson
Loyal Knight .....	Kelly Downard
Lecturing Knight .....	Chris Brown
Secretary .....	Joe Schorr
Treasurer .....	Rob Downard
Trustee, 1-year .....	Dave Siewert
Trustee, 2-year .....	Jeffrey Martinson
Trustee, 3-year .....	Lisa Dahl
Tiler .....	Brett Cisler
Esquire .....	Jordan Melville, PER
Chaplain .....	Geri McCann
Inner Guard .....	Lori Ahnen

## Nominated and Elected Officers, Continued

The nominated and elected officers for the 2022-2023 Elks year will be installed on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, this is a regular Lodge Meeting. The Lodge will open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6:00 pm, and the Lodge Meeting/Installation starts at 7:00 pm.

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 2022-2023 Committee Chairpersons

Here is a list of the Green Bay Elks Lodge 2022-2023 Committee and Sub-Committee Chairpersons. The Committee names are in **bold**, the Sub-Committee names are not.

### **Auditing and Accounting Committee Chairperson**

.....Marta Ehlert

### **Public Relations Committee Chairperson**

.....Geri McCann

### **Activities Committee Co-Chairpersons**

.....Sarah Halverson

.....Lisa Dahl

### **Community Project & Activities Chairperson**

.....Joe Heimerl

### **Youth Activities Chairperson**

.....Lori Ahnen

### **Drug Awareness Chairperson**

.....Kelly Downard

### **Fraternal Committee Chairperson**

.....Joe Heimerl

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- Americanism Co-Chairpersons  
 .....Jordan Melville, PER  
 .....Lisa Dahl
  - Elks National Foundation Chairperson  
 .....Kelly Downard
  - Flag Day Chairperson  
 .....Lisa Dahl
  - Elks Memorial Day Chairperson  
 .....Joe Heimerl
  - Membership Chairperson  
 .....Kelly Downard
  - Lodge Activities Chairperson  
 .....Joe Heimerl
  - Veterans Service Chairperson  
 .....Sarah Halverson
  - Accident Prevention Chairperson  
 .....Joe Schorr
  - PER Association President  
 .....Jordan Melville, PER
  - Government Relations Chairperson  
 .....David Siewert
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a chairperson.

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Meeting Meals

- April 6, 2022 .....Joe Heimerl
- April 20, 2022 .....OPEN
- May 4, 2022 .....OPEN
- June 1, 2022 .....OPEN
- July 6, 2022 .....No Meeting

Thank you, Joe Schorr, for bringing in Bar-B-Q pulled pork and shamrock cupcakes at the Wednesday, March 16, 2022, Lodge Meeting. They were delicious. If you would like to bring a meal to the lodge, let us know. You can let the lodge know by attending a meeting or by sending an email to [gbelks259@gmail.com](mailto:gbelks259@gmail.com).



Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at  
[enf.elks.org/MyLodge](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Membership

Membership as of April 1, 2021.....	54
Increases .....	15
Decreases .....	(5)
+/-.....	+10
Total Current Membership .....	64
Applications on Hand.....	2

## Secretary's Corner

Have you moved? Do you have a new email address or phone number? Please make sure you update your contact information with me when these things change. It's important to update our membership records when changes occur. There are also several members with no email address in our records.

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Please let me know at gbelks259@gmail.com or at (920) 983-9259, if you have any updates. You can also catch me at any Lodge meeting.

Speaking of Lodge meetings, we're serving meals before Lodge meetings. If you would like to sign up to prepare a meal, let the lodge know. Remember, the club opens an hour before every meeting. Come join us and socialize over a nice meal before Lodge meetings.

Rob Downard  
Lodge Secretary

## Elks Partner with Donate Life America

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes, and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is asking all Elks to join the Organ Donor Program to make these life-saving donations.

Even though 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor, only 54% of the U.S. adult population, are registered organ, eye, and tissue donors. Nationally, nearly 33,600 patients began new lives in 2016 thanks to organ transplants. 683,000 have taken place since 1988. Every year 1.5 million tissue transplants are performed. 48,000 patients have their sight restored through corneal transplants each year and 1,500,000 since 1961! Unfortunately, 119,000 men, women and children currently need life-saving organ transplants. Then, add another

name to the national organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes. No wonder an average of 22 people die each day from the lack of available organs for transplant!

We Elks Members can help close the gap! For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, log on to [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net).

This is a great way to show that *"Elks Give from the Heart."*

## Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Grant Committee 2021-2022

**Gratitude Grant.** Recently Green Bay Lodge has started a Veteran's Project group. Partnered with 4th H.O.O.A.H. and the Warrior Wellness Program. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the lodge. This is a fun relaxed group giving veterans a positive place to be around like-minded people.

**Soup for Vets.** Soup For Vets continues the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Soup for Vets is once again gaining traction, since it was started back up after the COVID-19 break. Great Harvest Bread Company, 802 George St, De Pere, WI 54115, has partnered with the Green Bay Elks Lodge to provide their wonderful bread and desserts.

**Beacon Grant.** The Green Bay Elks Lodge relationship with Great Harvest Bread Company continues to grow using our Beacon Grant. We, the Green Bay Elks Lodge and Great Harvest Bread

Company, are partnering together to provide fresh bread to St. John's Homeless Shelter, The Micah Center, and Wellspring.

### **A word from the Grants Chairperson.**

The 2021-2022 Grant season has come to an end. The Green Bay Elks Lodge has helped supply food, and other necessary items to various veteran organizations, people in shelter care, youth, and local food pantries. It was challenging year learning so much, and bittersweet trying to fill Dave Crevcoure's shoes. I am grateful I got involved with the ENF Grants over the last couple of years, it helped to navigate this new role.

I hope I served and represented the Green Bay Elks Lodge well in this 2021-2022 Grant year. Elks National does have changes for us to adapt to for the upcoming 2022-2023 Grant season.

Sarah Halverson  
Leading Knight

If you would like to help participate in the 2022-2023 Grants, please contact Sarah Halverson, Grant Committee Coordinator, at bshalverson7@gmail.com or at a Lodge Meeting.

## **Green Bay Elks Lodge #259**

### **Good of the Order**

The Ashwaubenon City Wide Rummage sale is happening on Saturday, April 30, 2022. If you would like to donate something for the rummage sale to the Elks Lodge to sell, please contact the Elks Lodge at (920)983-9259 or through email at gbelks259@gmail.com. Last year's rummage sale went pretty, hopefully this year's rummage sale will be even better.

## **Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Sickness and Distress**

If you would like to notify the Green Bay Elks Lodge of any sickness and/or distress, please do. You can let us know by calling us at (920)983-9259, or you could email the Green Bay Elks Lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com, or come to a regular Lodge Meeting and Geri McCann, Chaplain, will take down the information.

## **The Elks Call Future Submissions**

If there are pictures or a write-up that YOU would like in this newsletter, The Elks Call, please submit them to Joe Heimerl, Exalted Ruler. You can let us know by calling us at (920)983-9259, or you could email your story to Joe at bpoe.joe@gmail.com or the Green Bay Elks Lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com. You could also submit the story at a regular Lodge Meeting and Joe Heimerl, Exalted Ruler, will take down the information given. The members of the Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 would like to see what you have going on in the world of elkdom.

## **Green Bay Elks Lodge #259 Calendar of Events**

Besides being located here in The Elks Call, the Green Bay Elks Lodge Calendar is now online and always up to date. It's easy to find. Go to www.gbelks.com and you will find our lodges calendar, and it will always be up to date.

# Calendar of Events April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Card Club 12p - 430p Warrior Wellness Project Group 6p – 8p	ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	Budget Meeting 6p – 8p	Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	Red Cross Blood Drive 730a–1230p Free Kids Movie Night 5p	Accordion Club 7a - 2p
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Constitution Contest 11a – 1p	Card Club 12p - 430p Cub Scouts 6p – 7p	ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	Lodge Social and Dinner 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	Red Cross Blood Drive 730a–1230p Trivia 7p	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Brat Barn, De Pere Festival Foods 8a – 6p	Card Club 12p - 430p Warrior Wellness Project Group 6p – 8p	ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	Soup for Vets 4p – 7p Lodge Dinner 5p – 7p	Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	Red Cross Blood Drive 730a–1230p	Easter Brunch, Green Bay Lodge 10a – 1p
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Happy Easter!	Card Club 12p - 430p Cub Scouts 6p – 7p	ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	Lodge Social and Dinner 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	Red Cross Blood Drive 730a–1230p	District Deputy Clinic at Green Bay Lodge 10a – 12p Easter Dance 6p
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Card Club 12p - 430p Warrior Wellness Project Group 6p – 8p	ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p		Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!  WEA Spring	Red Cross Blood Drive 730a–1230p  Convention	Rummage Sale 7a – 4p  in Appleton

# Calendar of Events May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>WEA Spring Convention in Appleton</b>	2 <b>Card Club</b> 12p - 430p <b>Cub Scouts</b> 6p - 7p	3 <b>ScoutsBSA</b> 630p - 8p	4 <b>Lodge Social and Dinner</b> 6p <b>Lodge Mtg</b> 7p	5 <b>Dancing</b> 6p <b>All Elks Welcomed!</b>	6 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 730a-1230p <b>Free Kids Movie Night</b> 5p	7 <b>Accordion Club</b> 7a - 2p
8 <b>Mother's Day Breakfast</b> 8a - 12p	9 <b>Card Club</b> 12p - 430p <b>Warrior Wellness Project Group</b> 6p - 8p	10 <b>ScoutsBSA</b> 630p - 8p	11 <b>Soup for Vets</b> 4p - 7p <b>Lodge Dinner</b> 5p - 7p	12 <b>Dancing</b> 6p <b>All Elks Welcomed!</b>	13 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 730a-1230p <b>Trivia</b> 7p	14 <b>Warrior Wellness Retreat</b> 7a - 6p
15 <b>Warrior Wellness Retreat</b> 7a - 6p	16 <b>Card Club</b> 12p - 430p <b>Cub Scouts</b> 6p - 7p	17 <b>ScoutsBSA</b> 630p - 8p	18 <b>Lodge Social and Dinner</b> 6p <b>Lodge Mtg</b> 7p	19 <b>Dancing</b> 6p <b>All Elks Welcomed!</b>	20 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 730a-1230p	21
22	23 <b>Card Club</b> 12p - 430p <b>Warrior Wellness Project Group</b> 6p - 8p	24 <b>ScoutsBSA</b> 630p - 8p	25	26 <b>Dancing</b> 6p <b>All Elks Welcomed!</b>	27 <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 730a-1230p	28 <b>Private Event</b> 8a - 10p
29	30 <b>Memorial Day Parade</b> 8a - 12p	31 <b>ScoutsBSA</b> 630p - 8p				

# Breakfast with the Easter BUNNY

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**

**10 am - 1 pm**

*Brunch Buffet Includes*

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Ham,  
Cheesy Potato Hotdish & Fruit**

**\*\*Gluten & Dairy Friendly Options Available Upon Request\*\***

**Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice Included**

**Mimosa's and Bloody Mary's Available for Purchase**

**Kids Craft Activity and Grab a Picture with the Easter Bunny!**



**Brunch Prices:**

Adults \$10.00  
Kids Ages 3-10 \$6.00  
Kids 2 & under FREE

**Hosted by:**

Green Bay Elks Lodge #259  
3195 South Ridge Rd  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
(920)983-9259

*Proceeds to Benefit Green Bay Elks Lodge Charitable Donations and Lodge Activities*



# Soup for Vets



Second Wednesday of the Month at the Green Bay Elks Lodge  
Except for the month of July  
4 pm - 7 pm

All military and veterans welcomed. Open to the public. Come grab a hot meal and have some fun and fellowship.

### The dates meals are being served

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| April 13, 2022     | November 9, 2022  |
| May 11, 2022       | December 14, 2022 |
| June 8, 2022       | January 11, 2023  |
| August 10, 2022    | February 8, 2023  |
| September 14, 2022 | March 8, 2023     |
| October 12, 2022   | April 12, 2023    |

No reservation is needed, just show up and enjoy some dinner!

**Hosted by and Served at:**  
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Green Bay, WI 54304  
(920) 983-9259

**Fresh Bakery Products  
Provided by:**  
Great Harvest Bread Co.  
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De Pere, WI 54115  
(920) 336-9111



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