



The Elks Call



Exalted Ruler's Message

Welcome to September! I hope everyone will have a great Labor Day Weekend. And for everyone else that reads this after Labor Day Weekend, I hope you had fun too. Our Green Bay Lodge had another great month in August, and wow were we busy. We had our two regular meetings, our lodge hosted the District Deputy Clinic for the Northeast District, we hosted a Drug Awareness Program booth at the Brown County Fair for 5 days! Keep up the great work.

With the momentum that we built in August, let's keep it rolling into September. September is shaping up to be another great month at the lodge for the Elks members. On the calendar we have scheduled 2 lodge meetings, both serving food, a dinner and bingo night and a dinner and casino night, trivia, and 3 Green Bay Packer Game Day Parties. Plus, there is the Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference in Appleton. For a complete calendar list please see page 4 in this newsletter. All this means that there are lots of opportunities to come out to and show your support. I'd love to see you there, at the lodge.

With all the great events that our lodge has going on this month, this would be a great time to invite friends out to the lodge. When you do bring guests into the lodge, please have them sign our guest book. Let's keep our membership going and our lodge growing.

Elks Care, Elks Share,

Joe Heimerl

Exalted Ruler

Green Bay Elks Lodge 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
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- Trustee, 2 year – Dave Siewert
- Trustee, 3 year – Jeffery Martinson
- Tiler – Ben Vandanelzen
- Esquire – Jordan Melville, PER
- Chaplain – Geri McCann
- Inner Guard – Brett Cisler

Elks National Foundation (ENF)

ENF is going well. We have a per member giving goal of \$4.80 per person and our lodge is currently at \$5.61.

If you are not familiar with the ENF Chair Challenge, it is a challenge to all lodges and rates our composite score with the average score in the District, State and Nation. It also lists the number of members in each lodge. Our lodge can do things to increase our score in several ways. New members donating to ENF, existing members donating to ENF. Members

who used to donate and stopped start again, members who donate more than once in a fiscal year, etc. Anyway, we are second in the state. Number one is Sheboygan, and we will probably never beat them as Don Benke (the state chairman for ENF), is their ENF chairman.

Our district score average is 282.688, the state average score is 205.534 and the national average score is 157.307. Sheboygan's score is 822.00 (Way to go Sheboygan!!), our score is 538.500 (Woo-hoo Green Bay!!) and in third place is Wausau with 508.000 (Yikes, they are sneaking up on us!). But when you look at the number of members in each lodge it gives a bigger picture. Sheboygan has 517 members, we have 54 members (this goes off of our April 1, 2021, member count) and Wausau has 539 members. I am so very proud of Green Bay #259. We are doing a remarkable job!

The ENF provides us with grant money, scholarship money, our drug awareness literature, hoop shoots and so many other things. They may only be a few \$5, \$10 or \$50 donations, but so many good things happen when it is added to everyone else's donations. If you want more information on the ENF, please contact me at kelly@thedownards.com

Kelly Downard

Loyal Knight

If you would like to help participate in the Elks National Foundation, please contact Kelly Downard, ENF Chair at kelly@thedownards.com or at a Lodge Meeting.

Sickness and Distress

To notify the Green Bay Elks Lodge of any sickness and distress, you can come to a Lodge Meeting or email the GB Elks Lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com.

Lodge Meeting Meals

September 1, 2021 – LuAnn Schwietz

October 6, 2021 – Arlene Mathias

November 3, 2021 – Rob Downard

December 1, 2021 – Joe Gerrits

January 5, 2021 – OPEN

February 2, 2021 – OPEN

Thank you, Brett, and Marta Cisler, for bringing and sharing sloppy joe sandwiches. They were delicious. If you would like to bring a meal, let us know. You can do that by attending a meeting and letting us know or send me an email at bpoe.joe@gmail.com.

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. 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 us 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

Drug Awareness Program (DAP)

It was a great month for Green Bay Elks #259 regarding Drug Awareness! We were at the Brown County Fair from Wednesday Aug 18-Sunday Aug 22. During that time, we talked to about 350 kids and their parents. We handed out lots of coloring books, bookmarks, candy, and yoyo's (or silly putty, beads, sunglasses, etc.). We handed out drug awareness literature too. The most popular flyers were those related to bullying, vaping and prescription meds. We used the slogan "Be a smarty not a Dum-Dum" to go along with our Smarties candy and Dum Dum suckers.

We met very talented entertainers from the Nick's Kid Show and Miller and Mike booths, which were right across from us. Between shows we realized we all have a passion for helping children. Miller and Mike are Barnum and Bailey trained circus performers and Daryl from the Nick's Kids Show has been working in his trade for many years. They are interested in getting together this winter to hold a fundraiser for kids in need. They are willing to donate their time and talents if we provide the facility. We're still working out the details, so if you want to help with this, please let me know.

Thanks to all who helped with the Drug Awareness booth at the Fair.

Kelly Downard
Loyal Knight

If you would like to help participate in the Drug Awareness Program, please contact Kelly Downard at kelly@thedownards.com or at a Lodge Meeting.

Grant Committee 2021-2022

Recently I visited the Center for Veterans Issues, CVI. They are a wonderful organization helping our veterans. They work directly with the veterans' residents at Veteran Manor, and veterans who come in off the street looking for help.

I enjoyed a tour of their office, which is located downtown Green Bay at 201 W Walnut St.

We discussed veteran needs, and how the Elks Lodge Freedom Grant can best support CVI supporting veterans. We identified rarely donated items that could make a great difference in the daily life of homeless and at-risk veterans.

They have a storage closet, so we will begin giving to CVI smaller, timed out donations. This will also help us stay up to date with the ever-changing needs that comes with the changes in the seasons.

The Gratitude Grant was able to help the Boy Scouts of the Green Bay Elks Lodge in Troop 1363 purchase a new troop trailer, after theirs was stolen around the beginning of the year. The Gratitude Grant donated \$1000.00 towards the purchase of the new trailer, and most of the funds was earned through fundraising by the troop. It was incredible to see how excited the Boy Scouts were to see their new troop trailer for the first time. I am very proud for the families who pulled together, giving up much of their time to make this happen.

Sarah Halverson
Grant Coordinator
Leading Knight



Pictured above is the Grant Chair and Troop 1363



Pictured above is (from left to right) Rob Downard, Kelly Downard, Joe Heimerl, Sarah Halverson, and Brett Cisler

If you would like to help participate in the 2021-2022 Grants, please contact Sarah Halverson, Grant Committee Coordinator, at bshalverson7@gmail.com or at a Lodge Meeting.

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 at bpoe.joe@gmail.com or drop them off at the bar when the lodge is open. We would like to see what you have going on in the world of elkdom.

Calendar of Events September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lodge Social and Dinner 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	2 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	3 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a – 1230p	4 Accordion Club until 2p Labor Day Weekend
5 Labor Day Weekend	6 Baylanders 6p – 7p Labor Day	7 Scouts 630p – 8p	8 Soup for Vets 11am Dinner and BINGO! 5pm	9 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	10 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a – 1230p Trivia! 6p	11
12 Packer Game Day Party! Open at 12p at Saints	13	14 Scouts 630p – 8p	15 Lodge Social and Food Served 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	16 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed! WI Elks Fall Conference - Appleton	17 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a – 1230p WI Elks Fall Conference - Appleton	18 Deaf Club 5pm – 10pm WI Elks Fall Conference - Appleton
19 Private Event 8am – 3pm WI Elks Fall Conference - Appleton	20 Packer Game Day Party! Open at 5pm vs Lions	21 Scouts 630p – 8p	22 Deadline to get an article or write-up in The Elks Call	23 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	24 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a – 1230p Dinner and Casino Night 5pm	25
26 Packer Game Day Party! Open at 12p at 49ers	27	28 Scouts 630p – 8p	29	30 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!		

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