



The Elks Call



Wisconsin Elks Assoc. 2021 Lodge of the Year



Exalted Ruler's Message

October is here! Welcome to fall. What a busy and fun Month of September, we started the Soup for Vets back up for winter, held two Packer Game Day Parties, held two lodge dinners, and continued with Friday Trivia. It was great to see everyone that attended those events, and it'll be even better to see new faces at the Elk events. Mark your calendars, I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

The month of September also held the Wisconsin Elks Fall Conference. There was the typical committee meetings and the ever so popular hospitality room. But the weekend was topped off with the Green Bay Elks Lodge receiving the 2021 Lodge of the Year! It was a huge honor to be able to receive the award at the Fall Conference Banquet Dinner. This award goes to show that all the fun and the work that has been put into the lodge from all its members has paid off. Keep up the great work and I am excited to see what the future has in store.

With all the great events that our lodge has going on this month, it 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. If they enjoy the Green Bay Lodge, maybe they will want to join the Green Bay Lodge.

Fraternally,

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

Trustee, 1 year – Lori Ahnen

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)

Here is an article that is in the Elks Magazine from October 2021, in the Message from the GER.

And the Beat Goes On

As ELKS, we know that October is Elks National Foundation Month. We also all know that the ENF is often referred to as the "Great Heart of Elkdom." I am here to tell you that this great heart, which began beating in 1928 under then GER John F. Malley with an initial \$100,000 grant, is beating stronger today than ever.

This year, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees approved distributions for the 2021-2022 fiscal year totaling \$39.8 million. These disbursements include \$14.9 million for the ENF Community Investments Program grants, which lodges can use to provide immediate assistance to their communities; \$10.3 million for the State Charities Grants, Special Projects Grants, and Bonus Grants to help fund the charitable work of the state associations; as well as funds to support the Order's ongoing commitment to help care for the nation's veterans.

We will also continue to invest in our scholarship and youth programs. This year, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees has approved a budget of \$1.6 million to support Legacy Awards, which are available to the children and grandchildren of Elks; more than \$130,000 for Emergency Educational Grants, which are available to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks; and \$2.9 million for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship program, which provides five hundred scholarships worth at least \$4,000 each, fourteen scholarships worth \$20,000 each, two scholarships worth \$30,000 each, two scholarships worth \$40,000 each, and two scholarships worth \$50,000 each. The ENF Board of Trustees also allocated more than \$1 million to the Elks National Drug Awareness Program and \$1.1 million to fund the Hoop Shoot Program, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2022.

I know that each and every one of you will continue your commitment to supporting the foundation through your annual pledges and donations, and I have decided this year to maintain the Elks National Foundation per capita goal of \$4.80 per member. By helping to maintain and grow the Elks National

Foundation, we will continue Meeting the Challenge and show that Elks Care--Elks Share.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

T. Keith Mills

Sickness and Distress

If you would like to notify the Green Bay Elks Lodge of any sickness and/or distress, you can let us know at a Lodge Meeting and Geri McCann, Chaplain, will take the information or you can email the Green Bay Elks Lodge at gbelks259@gmail.com.

Lodge Meeting Meals

October 6, 2021 – Arlene Mathias

November 3, 2021 – Rob Downard

December 1, 2021 – Joe Gerrits

January 5, 2021 – Geri McCann

February 2, 2021 – OPEN

March 2, 2021 - OPEN

Thank you, LuAnn Schwietz, for bringing and sharing Italian Beef Sandwiches and Italian Pasta Salad, 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 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 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

Drug Awareness Program (DAP)



October is Drug Awareness Month, and every October 23 -31 is Red Ribbon Week. Like all great causes, the Elks have a part in it. Here is a little something from

the Elks website.

Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are very proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this most noble cause.

The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our

country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

For more information about the BPO Elks Drug Awareness Program, DAP, please visit <https://www.elks.org/dap/>

Grant Committee 2021-2022

The Gratitude Grant final report is submitted. The donations from the Green Bay Elks lodge to area Scout camps were greatly appreciated. Many hours of work went into this grant to benefit thousands of scouts interested in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). It was a rewarding experience to support our Chartered Troop 1363 in restoring troop equipment to assist travel to events throughout the year.

I have begun purchasing supplies for the Spotlight Grant which benefits the HUD program through the Green Bay VA clinic. The goal is to build 10 welcome home kits. I will be including the Scouts on this service project, which helps them to meet rank advancement, and other awards such as Messengers of Peace.

The Impact grant for 2021 has been denied. Grand Lodge offers excellent support which will help us to achieve this goal for next year. I received valuable feedback for the impact grant for the 2022 application. I am looking forward to developing that over the next few months.

We have a new development for Veteran Services through Wisconsin Elks. Our State President Jerry Brien has reached out to me to coordinate with the State and VA Green Bay Clinic. I am excited to help develop this valuable State Elks program.

I was able to network at the Fall Conference with Grant Committee Chairs from across Wisconsin.

They shared valuable feedback and insights to best serve our community. The support throughout the Wisconsin elks is fantastic. I appreciate all the knowledge that is shared with me as I learn to navigate this amazing program.

It's a Great Day to be an Elk!

Sarah Halverson

Grant Committee Chair

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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.

Trunk-or-Treat

The 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat is happening this year on Sunday, October 31, 2021, which is Halloween! Most trick or treating in the surrounding communities take place from 4pm to 7pm. The Elks Lodge Trunk-or-Treat will start at 1pm and end at 3pm. If you would like to decorate your trunk or hand out candy in the lodge, send an email to Joe Heimerl at bpoe.joe@gmail.com, so we can coordinate our effects. See you at the Trunk-or-Treat!

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 October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a-1230p Kids Movie Night 5p	2 Accordion Club until 2p
3 Packer Game Day Party! at 1p vs Steelers (Home)	4 Cub Scouts 6pm – 7pm	5 ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	6 Lodge Social and Dinner 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	7 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	8 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a-1230p Trivia! 6p	9 Private Event All Day
10 Packer Game Day Party! at 11a at Bengals (Away)	11	12 ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	13 Soup for Vets 11am Lodge Dinner with Event 5pm	14 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	15 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a-1230p	16 Record Show 10a – 4p
17 Packer Game Day Party! at 11a at Chicago (Away)	18 Cub Scouts 6pm – 7pm	19 ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	20 Lodge Social and Food Served 6p Lodge Mtg 7p	21 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	22 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a-1230p Witches Night Out 5p	23 Halloween Dance 6p
24 Packer Game Day Party! at 11p vs Washington (Home)	25 Deadline to get an article or write-up in The Elks Call	26 ScoutsBSA 630p – 8p	27	28 Dancing 6p All Elks Welcomed!	29 Red Cross Blood Drive 730a-1230p Kids Movie Night 5p	30
31 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat 1p – 3pm						

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