100th Anniversary



Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Lodge No. 400
May 12, 1998
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Hosts to the Fall Conference of Wisconsin Elks Association September 18-20, 1998

"The faults of our members, we write upon the sands; their virtues on the tablets of Love and Memory"



Dedication

As the first 50 years was dedicated to the memory of our founding members and their sacrifices and accomplishments, this past 50 years is dedicated to those faithful members that have served their Lodge as well.

We will continue to support and honor our veterans. We will continue to support state and local service projects. We will continue to support those that strive to enhance the world of Elkdom at Waukesha Lodge No. 400.

We give thanks to the members who maintained the Lodge facilities on Wisconsin Avenue and then found that it was in our best interest to move to the present facility at 2301 Springdale Road.

In our 100 years, Lodge No. 400 has experienced many changes. May that experience guide us and our successors as we forge ahead into the next 100 years.

May we never forget the principles of our order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Centennial Committee

Rollo Carlson
Marion Heinisch
ER Jack and Shirley Kaepernick
Tom and Pat Laszewski
PER Lee and Bobbie Leipski
Bob Malm, PER
PER Jerry and Jeanne Miszewski
PER Ken (Chairman) and Carol Redenz
Marvin and Doris Schiller
PER Willis Schiller and Nancy Spicuzza
Carl and Kay Schroeder
PER Don and Joan Svoma
Bob Tallinger Sr., PER



Congratulations

Grand Exalted Ruler



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December 8, 1997

from the Grand **Exalted** Ruler

Willis E. Schiller, Exalted Ruler Waukesha Lodge No. 400 B.P.O. Elks 2301 Springdale Road Waukesha, WI 53816-2856

CARLON M. O'MALLEY

Dear Brother Schiller:

It is always an honor to recognize a lodge on the auspicious occasion of it's reaching a century of service to it's members, it's community and our great Order. To reach this plateau is the result of years of hard work and dedication of several generations of its members.

You can, and deserve to be, proud of your lodge reaching this milestone in our Order's great history and by reaching your 100th Anniversary, your lodge and it's members and great ladies who have always been there to help over those many years, are also responsible for our Order remaining strong and charitable in our communities during many hard times over these 100 years.

I commend each and every one of you for your contribution to your lodge and our Order.

Again my sincere congratulations and although Kay and I cannot be with you in person, we are with you in spirit on this memorable occasion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

CARLON M. O'MALLEY Grand Exalted Ruler

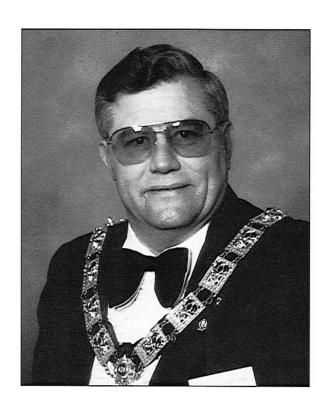
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Hon. Robert J. Sabin, PGER

Hon. James C. Varenhorst, Grand Secretary

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ELKDOM STRENGTHENS AMERICA



Congratulations

FROM THE

District Deputy

GRAND EXALTED RULER WISCONSIN, SOUTHEAST

Congratulations to the Waukesha Elks Lodge on its 100th Anniversary. I am proud to be a member of this Lodge, whose contributions to the community and to charitable organizations over the years has been outstanding. Your participation in the Grand Lodge and State Programs, along with the local veterans and youth activities programs are unbeatable. After one hundred years, this Lodge is still growing and promoting the ideals of Elkdom. Best wishes for your continued success.

Fraternally yours,

Gerald L. Crouse, Sr.

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District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

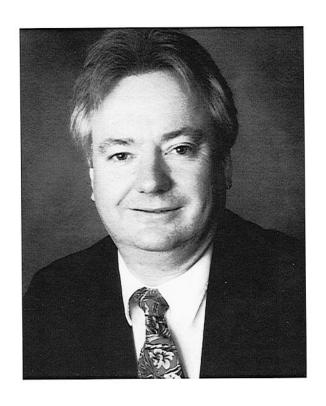
Southeast District

Congratulations

FROM THE

President

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION



As the current President of the Wisconsin Elks Association I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the Waukesha Elks Lodge on this, their 100th year in operation. The Wisconsin Elks Association and all of its members are extremely proud of this Lodge and everything that they have accomplished over the years, and so should you be. You, the people of the Waukesha area, are lucky to have such a fine group of individuals such as are the members of the Waukesha Elks Lodge. Their commitment to the community and the surrounding area cannot be surpassed by another service organization. The people of the Waukesha area should be proud to have such a fine organization as the Waukesha Elks Lodge in their community. Please come out and celebrate their 100th year of existence with them. If you are not familiar with the Elks and what we do as an organization, please ask any Elk and I know you will be surprised to see what we have to offer.

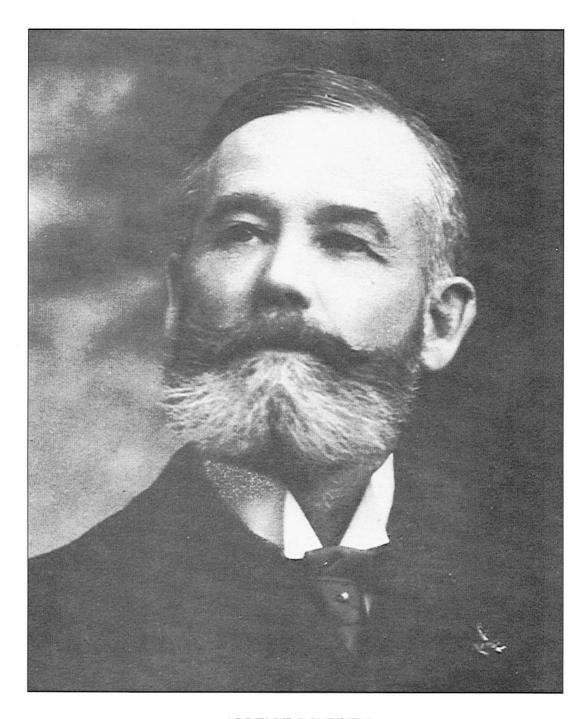
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President,

Wisconsin Elks Association

Our First Exalted Ruler . . .

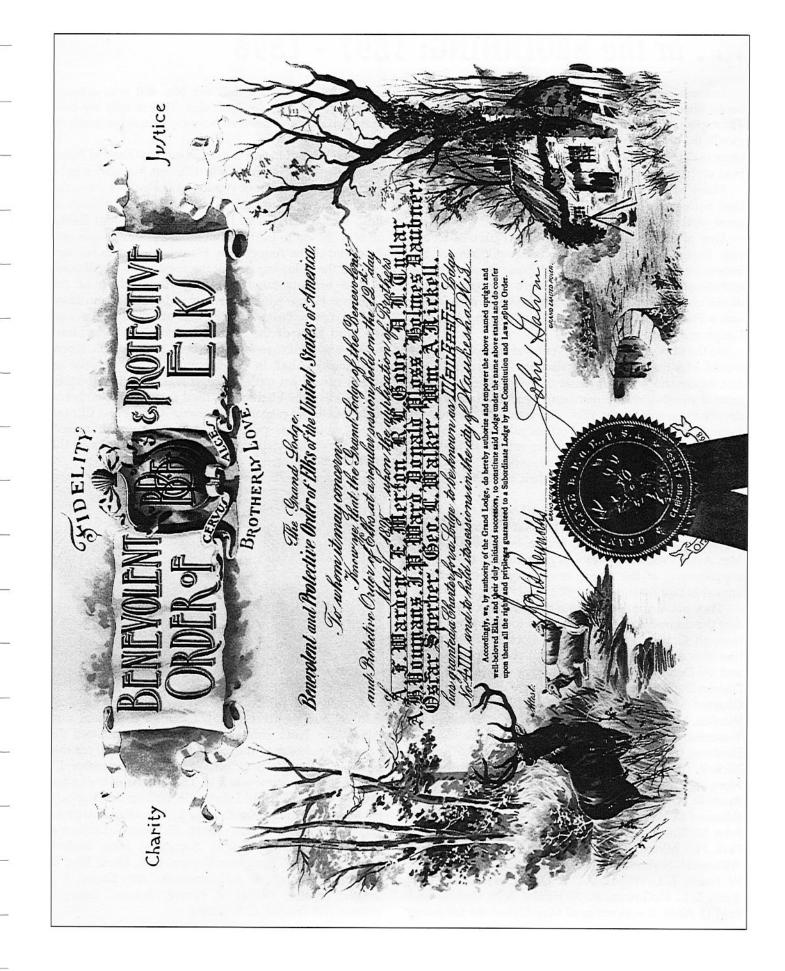


ALLEN F. WARDEN

Our Senior Life Member. . .



JOSEPH A. SIEGL Initiated April 18, 1929.



. . . in the BEGINNING: 1897 - 1898

In the summer of the gay 1890's, blue bloods from the South filled Waukesha's resort hotels in great numbers. These people, familiar with the luxurious ease and service of the old South, as well as other parts of the nation, came to drink of the health-giving waters that freely bubbled up from the local springs.

Many of the men who gathered here were Elks in their native cities and the elite of Waukesha heard of the good work the order was achieving.

One of the frequent visitors at the Fountain House was Basil M. Allen, a Grand Lodge Officer of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Because of his enthusiasm he soon aroused the interest among the men of our city to form a Lodge in Waukesha. Brother Allen was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Birmingham, Alabama Lodge and held in high esteem.

At the same time, another event was taking place that would alter their plans. The Wisconsin Central Railroad had its car shops and division office in Waukesha, and quite a number of the men employed there also were deeply interested in the Elks. The company announced the removal of the shops and offices to Fond du Lac and scores of Waukesha residents were moved to that city. Fond du Lac already had a Lodge — No. 57 — so these men joined that Lodge, but kept their contact with their old friends from Waukesha.

Our Waukesha men found that Lodges were being instituted all over the land, and that the number 400 would be available to some Lodge. Since the "400" of Mrs. Astor's social register was prominent in the Sunday supplements of the larger newspapers, there was an appeal in that listing —No. "400."

They made application for a dispensation, requesting that the desired number be assigned to their Lodge and, through Grand Lodge Secretary George A. Reynolds, that was accomplished. An interim charter was issued and on December 8, 1897, the Lodge was instituted by District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler William De Steese. Charter Members were listed as follows: Allen F. Warden, E. Merton, Richard L. Gove, D. L. Tullar, A. H. Youmans, Dr. J. P. Ward, Donald Ploss, G. Holmes Daubner, Orlow Daubner, George L. Walker, William A. Nickell, C. F. Merrill, J. C. McCue, C. E. Chilson, L. F. Horn, G. Harkness, W. H. Strachan, G. M. Gray, Jas. A. Ryan, D. K. Smith, A. W. Park, H. A. Tullar, R. J. Rogan, Edmund D. Walsh, H. T. Merriman, Frederick J. Clasen, John McKinley, Charles E. Armin, W. P. Dunlap, E. S. Park, H. J. Mjelde, G. E. Gerken, J. F. Tighe, M. J. McCoy, William H. Nicholl, C. A. Bergeler, Henry G. Morgan, C. W. Fraser, J. L. Williams, T. B. Quinn, J. J. Clark, T. E. Ryan, J. L. McGowan, R. A. Hanke, John Conner and Fred D. Abell. It was not until May 12th of the following year in New Orleans that the No. 400 was actually assigned to the Waukesha Lodge. That is why we celebrate that date and not the December one as our anniversary date.

Allen F. Warden was chosen as our first Exalted Ruler, and he had a glorious career in Elkdom. Not only was he the first Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge, but when the Wisconsin Elks Association was formed in Oshkosh in 1902, largely because of his own organizational ability, he was chosen to fill the honorable position as the first President of the Association. He was elected to succeed himself the following year at the convention in Ashland.

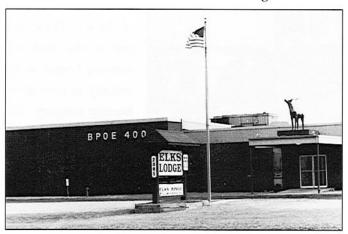
The organizational meetings took place at the Fountain House which was owned by Chicago millionaire, M. Laflin. From there the Elks obtained quarters on the third floor of the Putney building on Main Street which was their meeting place from 1897 to 1906. It was then that the hall in the Columbia Block was rented which gave them more space. It wasn't until December 24, 1913 that the Elks bought their first permanent home at the northeast corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Clinton Street which was purchased for \$9,500, paid in cash made possible by donations from Elk members to the Building Fund.



On March 6, 1924, official action was taken for expansion of our quarters and the Building Repairs and Alterations Fund grew. This committee committed the Elks of Waukesha to the expenditure of \$50,000 for this purpose. At 5:00 o'clock on Wednesday, September 17, 1924, the Cornerstone was laid. The Officers of the Lodge at this time were: Exalted Ruler, Dr. William B. Campbell; Esteemed Leading Knight, G. J. Wheeler; Esteemed Loyal Knight, William Sehrt; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Dr. R. E. Davies; Secretary, John Brehm; Treasurer, Lyle E. Douglass; Esquire, C. A. Ham; Tiler, E. A. Petry; Chaplain, L. A. Meininger; Inner Guard, J. J. Tinker; Trustee, Walter R. Frame; Trustee, Ross H. Wilbur, and Trustee, C. R. Jeffrey.

The second 50 years produced many changes in Waukesha Lodge No. 400. Many community events and activities were still happening in the Lodge on the corner of Clinton Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the 50's and 60's. The Elks sponsored Youth Band continued to play marching music and frequently marched in the city parades. Our annual Family Picnics were held at Muskego Beach with John Pugh bringing the hospital tent for cover in case of bad weather. The Wonago Rodeo was a favorite sponsored event. The eight-lane bowling alley still was the center of much activity and the huge dance hall was used by many community groups as well as the Elks due to its convenience and size. New Year's Eve parties and the Annual Charity Ball held in the dance hall were extremely popular and well attended. You could always tell when there was a large crowd by the way the dance floor would bounce or move from the weight of the people.

But as with anything when things start to age, changes have to be made. In the mid 60's there was considerable discussions about remodeling. In 1967-68 it was decided to sell the old Lodge and build a new one. A deal was made with Waukesha Savings and Loan



because they wanted to expand. As the old Lodge was being razed a fire accidentally started and the building was allowed to burn under a controlled situation. Property was purchased on the present site, 2301 Springdale Road, and construction began. During construction Lodge meetings were held at the VFW in Waukesha and at a bar named Pinochio's on the corner of Blue Mound and Brookfield Roads. Bob Villa was the architect and T. V. John, under careful leadership of Bob Lee, constructed the new Lodge. Building plans were to include bowling alleys, an outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts, but those dreams have never materialized.

Today Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400 on Springdale Road consists of two levels with the Lodge Hall, a dining room and a bar and lounge on the upper level, and the "400 Room", formerly known as the "Gold Room" occupying the lower level along with the secretary's office and plenty of storage space in the "old mud room." Having gone through two lease agreements on the upper level with Jerry and Gene's Restaurant and the Springdale Inn that did not turn out to be as successful as anticipated, it was determined that being a landlord was not for Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400. Today the Lodge Hall, bar and dining room on the upper level are catered by Tallinger's Restaurant and this arrangement is proving to be very successful.

Lodge activities have increased tremendously to include Bingo twice a month and on New Year's Eve, youth activities that include the Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest, Soccer Shoot Out, scholarship programs and a Drug Awareness Poster Contest plus annual Christmas and Easter Parties for children and adults.

As we enter our 100th Anniversary many activities have been planned for Lodge members and the community to enjoy. The following is a list of some of the planned activities for our anniversary year, 1998.

- April 4th: The Installation of the Lodge Officers and the annual awards banquet. This will be the beginning of our Centennial year.
- May 12th: This is the Lodges Birthday and our Annul Youth Awards Night at which we honor all of our recipients of academic, artistic, and athletic excellence abilities.
- May 16th: Our gala Centennial Ball attendees will enjoy the big band sound of the 15-piece band Air Command Orchestra.
- May 17th: Opening of the Cornerstone and participation in the Waukesha Sesquicentennial parade.
- June 11th: The Flag Day ceremony will take place on the lawn at the rear of the Lodge. Waukesha County Executive Dan Finley will be our guest speaker.
- **July 4th:** Participation in the Waukesha Park and Recreation's Fourth of July parade.
- August 2nd: Annual Lodge Family Picnic.
- August 16th: Lodge City-Wide Picnic and Open House.
- September 18-20th: Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference.
- November 15th: Participation in the Annual Waukesha Christmas Parade.
- December 19th: Exalted Rulers Annual Christmas Party.
- April 1999: Laying of Cornerstone ceremony.

The Elks National Foundation Program Helps Thousands Yearly

"The Great Heart of Elkdom" is how many refer to the Elks National Foundation, which last year distributed \$11.3 million in support of the Orders' philanthropic works. That figure includes more than \$2 million in college scholarships, plus aid for people with disabilities, support of youth athletic and drug-education programs, and veterans service.

The Foundation was set up in 1928 with a \$100,000 grant from the Grand Lodge. The principal fund has since grown to more than \$200 million. Last year, the Order set a record

in donations to the Foundation at \$3.15 per capita. Contributions to the principal fund are never spent; only interest and earnings are used.

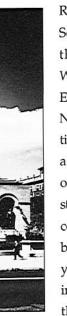
Each year, the Foundation awards \$2,056 million in college scholarships to a total of 500 plus students through the "Most Valuable Student" contest. "Most Valuable

Students" are selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and financial need. The national competition is open to all high school seniors. In addition, the Foundation awards a total of \$48,000 in scholarships to eight Eagle Scouts, and it receives \$500,000 a year for emergency educational grants for the children of incapacitated or deceased Elks.

Last year, the Foundation allotted \$3.5 million to help fund the benevolent programs of the Elks state association. These programs include children's hospitals, eye clinics, cancer and transplantation research, summer camps for disadvantaged children and children with disabilities, aid to people with cerebral palsy, and providing safe, temporary havens for abused families.

The Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees, comprised of Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the Order. The executive director of the Foundation is A. Patricia Kavanaugh. Foundation offices are located in the Elks Memorial Building, 2750 Lakeview Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois 60614-1889.

Locally, the Elks National Foundation Committee has been steered by Marlin P. Hermann, PER and Past State President for many years, and most recently by John D. Pugh, PER and Past District Deputy, Grand Exalted



Ruler, and Willis Schiller, PER. Under their leadership, the Waukesha Lodge of Elk's giving for the National Foundation causes is always at the top. In fact, it is one of the most outstanding Lodges in the country in their membership category. This year our Lodge is leading the charge to keep the Wisconsin Elks

Association at the No. 1 level for the most points.

Contributor boards acknowledging the generosity of members and friends over the years are on display in the "400 Room" of the Lodge.

For additional local information contact the Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 at 414-782-6118.

National Veterans Service Commission Program

Immediately following World War II, the Elks War Commission was dissolved and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission was established by resolution of the Grand Lodge at its session held in New York in 1946. Its purpose was to carry out the post-war patriotic efforts of the Order.

The primary project was the veterans program which consisted of rehabilitation, occupational therapy, recreation and entertainment.

The resolution creating the Elks National Veterans Service Commission provided that in addition to veterans programs, the Commission would assume responsibility for the patriotic activities of the Order. It was, therefore, deemed advisable to change the name to Elks National Service Commission. This was accomplished by resolution at the 1949 Grand Lodge Session in Cleveland, Ohio.

Wherever veterans are institutionalized, the monotony of their day-to-day existence is being eased by regular programs of entertainment provided by our State Associations, Districts and Lodges. Personal visits by Elks and their ladies bring cheer and comfort to veterans confined to VA Medical Centers and State operated facilities.

At its inception, the Elks National Service Commission was financed by funds remaining from the Elks War Commission and Lodge donations. As activities expanded, a more reliable form of revenue was needed. Thus, the Grand Lodge approved a 35 cent per capita tax. Through prudent management, the per capita tax was subsequently reduced to 20 cents.

This system of funding proved adequate until 1986 when increasing costs and declining revenues necessitated the National Foundation to take over as the primary funder. This allowed the Commission to continue providing "seed money" to local hospital committees in the form of monthly allocations.

In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers there is an Elk committee at work. Literally, thousands of Elks and their ladies give generously of their time, energy and resources so that the lives of our ill and aging veterans will be enhanced. Last year Elks who worked at our Zablocki Veterans Center and others throughout the country equaled 86,508 hours. Hours donated in dollars equaled approximately \$539,722. And total miles donated by Elks equaled 1,985,426. Total dollars donated in cash, non-cash, hours worked, and miles traveled equaled \$11,074,167.00. Hundreds of thousands of hours

and like numbers of dollars are devoted to wholesome programs which are designed to keep us true to our pledge: "So as long as there are veterans in our hospitals, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



Roger T. Bjerke, PER, has lead our Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 National Service Committee for the past ten years. The following is a list of his committee members during our Centennial year:

Chairman PER Roger and Darlene Bjerke Mel and Jean Jones Steve and Audrey Reega Donald and Elsie Devonshire Palmer and Betty Skoug Joseph and MaryAnn Hughes Karl and Sophie Schaarschmidt Ted and Vivian Stinson Charles and Jane Deisinger Kenneth and Evelyn Binder Chet and Jean Salmela Joseph and Josephine Smith Gerald and Elizabeth Gosa PDDGER John and Margaret Pugh Nick and Lillian Krmpotich Bill and Lila Melby

This committee has seen to it that a bus load of veterans have attended and enjoyed our annual picnic in the summer, enjoyed and shared our celebration of Veterans Day Dinner in November, and also traveled to Zablocki Center to provide cookouts and share each others company at various times of the year. The veterans smiles and laughter tells us that this committee has upheld the Elks pledge!

Bowling Has Long History With Elks

Until Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, got into plans for its new building in 1924, the Elk bowlers gave their all on commercial lanes. When the new addition was built, 8 bowling lanes were installed in the basement, and officially opened for use in February of 1925.

As one example of what Elks bowling was like back then, the following is a sample of an article which appeared in the Waukesha Daily Freeman two months after our lanes were officially opened.

The headline read "Wolves Lose Game in Zoo League." "The Wolves lost by default to the Donkeys in the Elks Bowling League while the Squirrel's dropped two games to the Hyena's and the Ground Hogs took two out of three from the Elephants."

Three State Elks Bowling Tournaments were held at the Elks Lodge on Wisconsin Avenue. The first was in 1928, which attracted 198 five-man teams; the second was in 1933 when only 85 five-man teams entered, and the third took place in 1942 when there were 261 teams, 282 doubles and 554 singles on the list of events.

In the eighty-four years that the State Elks Bowling Tournaments have been conducted, there have been many Waukesha bowlers who "brought home the bacon."

In 1930, at Oshkosh, Brother John R. Wright captured the "all events" by having a total score of 1,867 pins. In the Appleton Tournament in 1931, John had the high score in Singles with a score of 642. In 1933, when the tournament was hosted by Waukesha Lodge, Elk member Walter Gaw won the Singles crown with a score of 263, and J. Merten and Earl Hardy captured the high score in Doubles with 1,243 pins.

It was not until 1938, when the Elks held their State Bowling Tournament in Two Rivers, that a Waukesha Elk came in with high honors. He was J. Morrison, with 701 pins in Singles. The following year in Appleton, W. Brown was high in Singles with 725 pins and in that same tournament he was high with a 263 single game.

In Racine, in 1940, the State Elks Bowlers applauded O. Abramski, of Waukesha, for his high 680, against 523 contenders.

When our third opportunity to entertain the State Tournament came in 1942, Earl Hardy added to his laurels of 1933 by copping the High Single Game record, with 290 pins. Again in Appleton, this time in 1943, No. 400 was out in front with the prowess of Vic Fracaro with a high mark of 682. With 655 two-man teams competing in the Elks State Tournament in Beaver Dam in 1946, R. Langlas and C. Harder brought in the last cup for Waukesha Bowlers, with a score of 1,253.

Over the past 50 years the number of first places were reduced. However, the enthusiasm of our teams never

diminished after we left the sanctity of our Lodge facility on Wisconsin Avenue. After leaving the Lodge on Wisconsin Avenue the Elks League enjoyed the lanes at the Red Carpet Inn, Fox View Lanes, and the Sunset Bowl Lanes.

Since our early endeavors that have produced many winners in the bowling alleys around the state we have also enjoyed the following winners this past fifty years in the areas indicated.

State First Place In Team Events:

1957 — Rustic Inn

1993 — Couri-Lindow Insurance

State First Place In All Events:

1958 — Victor Fracaro

State First Place In Doubles Events:

1951 — Aschman/Scopp

1954 — Scopp/Fracaro

1957 — Polasky/Pastersk

1958 — Polasky/Baites

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1961 — Curler/Winzenreid

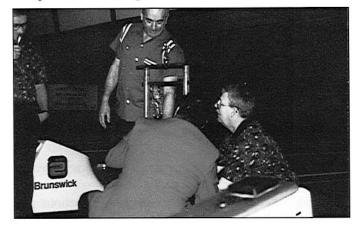
1965 — Wolf/Murphy

1990 — Dresdow/Bare

State First Place In Single Events:

1997 — Steve Gosa

With Elkdom in mind, the bowling league under the guidance of Ken Bare, Wayne Ansorge, PER and Tim Sullivan has been healthy with twelve teams active at Sunset Bowl in Waukesha. May the League always be thriving and produce the quality kegelers that the Lodge has produced in the past.



Wayne Ansorge, PER (left), Tim Sullivan (right) and David Assmann, PER (back to camera) presented Maynard Voelker (center) of Rice Lake with his own custom-made lane oiler at the State Bowling Tournament held at Sunset Bowl in Waukesha.

Waukesha Elks Lodge Youth Programs

Waukesha Elks Lodge #400 has a very solid youth program that has continued to grow in strength and numbers every year. Our Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest originally began in Waukesha in 1974 through the efforts of Bob Villa, PER and Jack Kaepernick. The Waukesha Lodge has had one National Hoop Shoot winner, Brent Palmquist in 1984. Every year Waukesha Elks Lodge #400 has had between 1300-1800 participants in the Hoop Shoot program. It has expanded from being just a city-wide event to an event with many of the schools throughout Waukesha County getting involved. Steve Podjaski has served as Hoop Shoot Director for the past eight years. The first three winners in each age category (8-9, 10-11, 12-13) receive a trophy. The first place winners have the opportunity to advance to the next levels of competition if they continue to win.



The Soccer Shoot Out has only been in existence for the past six years, but continues to become more popular every year. In our first three years the local contest was held in Lowell Park, but for the past three years we have held this event in our own back yard at 2301 Springdale Road. The Elks Ladies Organization has helped make this event grow by providing food for the contestants, their families and the volunteer workers. The first three local winners in each age category receive medallions and a red/white/blue neck banner. All contestants receive a certificate of participation. Many of our contestants have advanced to the State Contest in Oshkosh and have done very well. It is anticipated that the Soccer Shoot Out will rival the Hoop Shoot Contest in popularity and numbers in the coming years. Edgar Schiekiera and Mark Bjerke have served as Co-chairmen for this activity.

The Drug Awareness Program fosters abstinence from drugs through the creation of drug awareness posters. Elementary children are encouraged to create posters emphasizing the dangers of drugs and to foster-



ing the concept of "Say No To Drugs." Chairman, Ken Redenz, PER, has worked very hard to increase the popularity of this program. Students receive a monetary reward for the creation of the best poster.

Three scholarship programs facilitated by Exalted Ruler Jack Kaepernick, Youth Activities Director, are sponsored by our Lodge. The U.S. Constitution Contest is available to high school seniors. Participants must answer a 50 question multiple choice test at the local level. The local winner receives a \$150 scholarship and the opportunity to advance to the State level to take another 50 question multiple choice test. The State winner could win up to \$2000 in scholarship money.

Wisconsin is the only state in the nation to hold this type of competition.

The Most Valuable Student Contest is also open to high school seniors. Participants must submit a brochure listing leadership and scholarship accomplishments and financial need. This brochure is quite complex and requires an extensive amount of work. Local winners (3 boys and 3



girls) receive a \$200 scholarship. Advancing contestants have the opportunity to receive additional scholarship money at the district, state, and national level. A national winner could receive \$5000 per year for up to 4 years.

A \$500 Vocational Grant is available to any person to pursue an eligible Vocational/Technical program in a two-year Wisconsin Technical College. This grant may be used for any school related expenses.

Flag Day and the Elks

Flag Day, June 14th, what does it mean to the Elks. History reveals that the first Flag Day ceremony, written by a Wisconsin school teacher, was conducted by him on June 14, 1885, commemorating the Flag's original adoption by Congress on that date in 1777. Long before 1885, however, our Rituals within the Order had incorporated various expressions of loyalty and respect for the Flag as part of our meetings and activities year-round almost from the first day of our existence, and continued to do so while the awareness and popularity for this special observance were still in their infancy.

"The placing of the American Flag on the altar of our Lodges was a significant and far reaching act. It was a great factor in the successful growth of the Order, for it put the visible stamp of patriotism upon every Lodge and associated the banner of our country, the Bible, and our Order's emblem in an immortal trinity."

In 1904, San Diego Lodge, aware of the growing practice, held its first Flag Day observance, and in 1907 Grand Lodge encouraged all Lodges who had not done so already to follow suit. This was followed in 1911 by the requirement for mandatory observance in all Lodges, thus making the Elks the first organization in the United States to officially do so. As a consequence of our Order's efforts and others, President Wilson, in 1916, proclaimed national observance of a Flag Day, and on August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself an Elk, proclaimed June 14th as the yearly official day for nationwide observance. Our Order likewise can take great pride in the fact that the late Joseph Vrtal, an Elk from Florida, was the designer of the current 50-star United States Flag. Our Ritual presents the history and meaning of Freedom's Banner in rich narrative scenes from our past and sparkling oratory, and makes this celebration of the Flag's Birthday an unforgettable Elk experience.

Although Flag Day observance had begun in 1907,



Flag Day observance at Cutler Park bandshell.

it wasn't until June 14, 1912, that the Waukesha Elks conducted their first Flag Day service. It was held in Cutler Park. The committee organizing the event consisted of Louis Meininger, G. Holmes Daubner and John Tinker. The Lodge gave prizes for the best essays on the "Origin and History of the American Flag," written by school children from Waukesha and surrounding areas.

In recent years we have held the ceremony at the Lodge, sometimes in front and sometimes in back. In special years, we have marched down Wisconsin Avenue, or performed our ceremony in the Cutler Park bandshell. We have the honor of hosting the honor guards from various other organizations such as the American Legion, VFW Post, Vietnam War Veterans, The Order of the Purple Heart, and the Masonic Lodge. These units, along with our red-coated members, have performed majestically over the past 86 years.

The public is always invited to hear our annual salute to the symbol of freedom for our country, and for our Order. Wherever we are, the Flag and all it represents, is placed at the "right of the alter of Elkdom". May we always love and defend it!



Flag Day at the Lodge.



Waukesha County Executive Dan Finley speaking at Flag Day ceremonies at the Lodge.

Flag Presentation Program

In keeping with the tradition of patriotism and Americanism, the Waukesha Lodge of Elks has initiated a program to present "The History of the American Flag" to all of the elementary schools in the Waukesha County area. This program includes the donation to each school of the eight American flags, with stands, depicting the evolution of the American flag from its very beginning to the current 50-star flag.

Under the leadership of the Chairman, Lee Leipski, PER, the following schools have had the "History of the American Flag" presentation ceremony. Over 20,000 students and teachers have been reached through these presentations.



Waukesha Schools, Elementary:

Banting Prairie Bethesda Randall Blair Rose Glen Hadfield Saratoga Hawthorne St. Mary's Hever St. William's Hillcrest Summit View Lowell White Rock Meadowbrook Whittier Pleasant Hill

New Berlin Schools, Elementary:

Calhoun New Berlin Center
Cleveland Heights Orchard Lane
Elmwood Prospect Hill
Glen Park



Mukwonago Schools, Elementary:

Big Bend Norris Adolescent Center Clarendon Pairie View Eagleville Section

Hamilton Schools, Elementary:

Lannon Marcy Maple Avenue Willow Springs

Pewaukee Schools, Elementary:

Pewaukee

For information about this program, call 782-6118.

The Elks Drug Awareness Program

Founded in 1983, the Elks Drug Awareness Program is a logical extension of the Elks long-standing commitment to youth activities. The program is designed to impart knowledge of the dangers of drug use to youths and their parents.

"We knew we were not the experts," says the founding director of the program, Dick Herndobler of Ashland, Oregon," but we had the resources to obtain accurate and credible information, and we had the facility to distribute the material. "The Elks Lodges occupy a place in their communities that makes them an ideal catalyst, able to bring together diverse groups with a common objective," Herndobler notes.

Working closely with such groups as the National Family Partnership and the Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE), the Elks have been able to not only continue their program, but to expand it. To date, the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program has printed and distributed more than 103 million pieces of literature, free of charge, in the ongoing campaign. Information has been derived from the groups with which the Order works. The Elks are also part of a greater coalition that includes the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, DEA, FBI, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. State Department, United Nations Drug Control programs, and many other federal and state agencies.

Andy Milwid of Jackson's Gap, Alabama, is the

national director of the Elks Drug Awareness Program. He says, "We have yet to win the war on drugs, but it's a battle that must continue to be fought. The Elks are committed to be in it for the duration."

Milwid notes that the fraternity sponsored more than 7,000 programs last year, reaching six million children and two million parents. Especially in today's environment of alcohol and other drug use by youths, positive and productive alternatives are needed. The Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest attracts more than three million boys and girls every year. Throughout the country, Elks sponsor athletic teams, Scout and Campfire groups, Boys and Girls Clubs, and promote youth activities in myriad ways.

"Investing in the future of our country by providing opportunities for children has always been a hallmark of the Order of Elks," says Milwid.

Locally, under the leadership of Chairman Kenneth Redenz, PER, the Waukesha Elks Lodge distributes over 15 thousand pieces of drug awareness material per year, and promotes the drug awareness Poster Contest to all elementary schools in Waukesha County.

Lately the addition of the PRIDE program and the Red Ribbon Book program have enhanced the prospects of Drug Awareness in the Waukesha County area.

Waukesha Lodge of Elks Partnership

The Waukesha Cerebral Palsy Parent Support Group was formed in 1985 with two families (which are represented by the two hearts in our logo). We needed a place to go where we could share our feelings, problems, experiences and to know we were not alone. Since then, we have grown not only in the number of families but in knowledge, ideas, and friendships. Parents need other parents to talk to with similar problems and so the Waukesha Cerebral Palsy Parent Support Group was born.

The Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400 invited us to use their facility for our annual Christmas parties, dances, and other activities. The Wisconsin State Elks Association donates money for our group and activities. The Waukesha Lodge of Elks waives the hall fee and they also donate soda and snacks for our parties. The Elks Ladies donate money to pay for raffle prizes for our dances. The Lodge has been providing their services

each year since 1987.

Since 1993 the Waukesha Elks have sponsored children in our group so they may attend the Easter Seal Camp in the Wisconsin Dells area. Last year they sponsored four children. Each camper had a week of camp and their own personal counselor to assist them. The total dollars to send them to camp was \$2,400. The children loved it!

The only words the Waukesha Cerebral Palsy Parent Support Group can say to the Waukesha Elks is: THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND AND HELPING OUR CHILDREN, AND BEING GENEROUS TO OUR SUPPORT GROUP!

History of Camp Wawbeek, Respite and Wisconsin Elks Association

In 1855, the grandfather of Horace J. Upham, camped on the land that is now Camp Wawbeek.

In 1897, Horace, a Milwaukee attorney, who loved the scenic vista as he overlooked the Wisconsin River, purchased the land. Soon after, in 1899, he built the "Castle" for a summer home and called the estate "Wawbeek," from the Ho-Chunk language meaning "great rock." For the next 39 years he and his family took the train back and forth from Milwaukee to what was then known as Kilbourn City. In order to enjoy the experience year-round, he bottled and had shipped to Milwaukee glass jars of "Wawbeek water."

In 1938, Elizabeth Upham Davis and Caroline Upham Keene donated their family treasure to Easter Seals. Located near Wisconsin Dells on Wisconsin Highway 13, Wawbeek had been the Upham's vacation home and the family had spent many happy summers among its 400 rolling acres. The sisters wanted Wawbeek to live on, as a lasting tribute to their parents and as a recreational opportunity for others. Easter Seals gratefully accepted the offer and "Easter Seal Camp Wawbeek" was born.

Camp Wawbeek, observing its 60th year of operation this year, is the oldest Easter Seal Camp in the nation and has had a long history of activity, including the time nearly 60 years ago when President Franklin D. Roosevelt was planning an overnight visit to Wawbeek to see first hand what benefits this camp had for people with disabilities. Sadly enough, World War II interfered with his plans and he was never able to visit Wawbeek. However, one of the programs he started, the National Youth Administration, was instrumental that first year in converting the estate into an accessible facility that could accommodate the many crutches and wheelchairs that our first campers used to navigate the main camp area known simply as the "hill."

In the early days, a Wawbeek experience was an opportunity available only to children. Campers lived in and ate meals in the Castle building with staff staying in what is now the office/nurses station and some staff even stayed in a water tower that was remodeled into bedrooms. Programs offered included such things as croquet, horseshoes, boat trips, and listening to lectures while the girls were trained in stenciling, weaving and rake knitting. Everyone had a chance to swim in what only could be described as a "cement pond!" The first summer of 1938 had an attendance of 91 boys and girls

with physical disabilities. Since then, with extended sessions, serving adults, and adding new programs, we have served more than 40,000 individuals.

Camp Wawbeek today provides experiences for hundreds of children and adults with physical disabilities each summer. Campers come to hike, learn about nature, sing around the campfire, try adventure programs on the ropes course, swim in the pool, make craft items, visit the archery and rifle range, sleep under the stars, and begin lifelong friendships that start at camp. Campers are encouraged to participate in all activities and are supported by a well-trained staff.

In 1976, the Wisconsin Elks Association, through the Elks Major Project Committee, voted \$80,000 to build the Elk Lodge at what was to become our Pioneer Camp. This camp was a smaller year-round facility that was going to be the base for an outdoor-based adventure program. This first combined Elk/Easter Seal venture was well received and soon became a success. A large part of the accomplishments of Camp Wawbeek and its Pioneer Camp is directly related to the ongoing commitment of the Wisconsin Elks Association. The Elks Major Project Committee had made available, starting in 1982, a full 12-day campership to every lodge in the state. Lodges have not only selected individuals to attend camp, but many Lodges and their Elk Ladies have sent additional individuals to camp at Lodge expense. Several Lodges have made donations to Camp Wawbeek to build ramps to improve accessibility, decks for campers to walk on, improved the archery range, and other welcome improvements around camp.

In 1991, Wawbeek started an experimental one-week session to determine if a new program called "Respite" had a future at camp. That first summer the one-week session was scheduled and it filled with 10 children almost overnight. A second week was added, that filled just as quickly. The necessity for parents to have a quality camp for their more severely disabled children that could provide a safe, caring environment was obvious. The program not only provided a much needed break for the parents (Respite is often stated by parents to be the single most important factor enabling them to keep their disabled children at home), but also provides a unique, individualized one-on-one program for recreation and personal care.

In 1992, Respite served 73 campers utilizing

Wawbeek and began providing respite care at Pioneer Camp during selected summer weeks and a few weekends throughout the rest of the year. In 1993, the total number served climbed to 97 respite campers. At this point it was concluded that Respite care was a critical long-term need for parents and their children. The Respite program had to expand to fill the necessity for respite.

Both the Wisconsin Elks Association and Easter Seals understood the need for respite care to help parents and families receive a break from the daily personal and mental care that families have to give every day to their children. At this time, both organizations were exploring ways to make year-round respite a reality. In late 1993, Easter Seals was asked to present a respite proposal to the Wisconsin Elks Major Project Committee. After this presentation, because of our long joint history and the acceptance of our proposal, it was agreed that Elks and Easter Seals would work together to provide a quality respite program to the people of Wisconsin.

Since that time, Easter Seals and the Wisconsin Elks Major Project Committee have worked together quite well to provide a very successful respite program that has benefited hundreds of families in Wisconsin! The Elks/Easter Seal Respite and Recreation put together a solid priority plan to develop facilities that would allow Respite to grow and expand.

In 1995, the Respite Cabin was built through donated Elks Major Project funds that is the center of the Respite operation. This cabin, connected to existing cabins, became the focus of the program. The bedrooms, showers, and bathrooms were specifically designed for the one-to-one supervision needed for the program. The vaulted ceilings and airy lounge area give lots of space for campers to play and enjoy the beautifully wooded grounds. This addition allowed Respite to operate side-by-side with the summer Pioneer Camp. Signs were added to the camp and the highway indicating where to go to locate the Elks/Easter Seal Respite and Recreation program.

In 1996, the Elks bought a special wheelchair accessible van for the program. This van, equipped with a wheelchair lift, is used during the respite session to take campers to the pool, camping, and other programs. The van is additionally used to pick up respite campers throughout the state on a scheduled basis for weekend sessions. The Elk districts and individual Elk lodges are used for the pick-up/drop-off points which gives each Lodge a chance to be more active in the program.

In 1997, the Elks provided funds for additions to the original Elk Lodge. The kitchen and dining hall areas were enlarged to better serve and add more respite campers to the program. By this time, Respite had grown so fast that Easter Seals decided to totally dedicate the Pioneer Camp during the summer to Respite which allowed Respite to double the amount of families served.

This year, 1998, additional funds have been provided to build a small housing area that will allow the Respite Coordinator and the nursing staff a place to live during the respite sessions and gives Respite the opportunity to grow even as Respite plans for a very bright future.

The Wisconsin Elks Association, through the Elks Major Projects Committee, has truly partnered with the Easter Seal Society to make Respite a reality. Thousands of hours have been spent by Elk members in planning. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been given for buildings, vans, maintenance funds, printing, and yearly support for direct Respite expense. Elk Days at camp have become very successful as individual Elks come to see what has become "their" statewide project.

The history of Camp Wawbeek, the Elks/Easter Seal Respite and Recreation Center, and the Wisconsin Elks Association has been long and fruitful. Through the support of the Wisconsin Elks Association, the Major Project Committee, thirty-five Elk Lodges and Elk Ladies Clubs and thousands of individual Elks, the lives of hundreds of Wisconsin residents have been and will continue to be positively influenced. Thanks, Elks, for helping to make a difference!



Campers enjoying their stay at Camp Wawbeek.

And the Ladies Helped . . .

The Waukesha Elks Ladies organization was formed in October 1953 at the request of Lodge secretary, Charles Kendall for the purpose of assisting in social events. Irene Oettinger was chosen as chairman; Helen Kendall, secretary; and Win Zimmerman, treasurer. The first events held by the ladies were card parties once a month and pot luck suppers in order to raise funds to purchase needed equipment to outfit the kitchen.

The main purpose of the Elk Ladies is to support and lend whatever aid we can to the men of Waukesha Lodge No. "400".

Membership in the Elks Ladies organization is open to wives, widows, mothers, unmarried daughters, and lady friends of Elk members in good standing.

The Ladies currently meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August. Dinner with the men may be enjoyed prior to each meeting.

Our funds are generated from Bingo bake sales, raffles, sales of Entertainment coupon books, and donations. The biggest source of income during this past year was from the Bingo bake sales where the work of over 90 volunteer bakers and 20 volunteer workers have taken bakery and turned it into funds to buy camperships for two children for a week, donated seven polaroid cameras to the Cameras for Cops program, donations to the Waukesha Cerebral Palsy Support Group, the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, alcohol free Prom night for four Waukesha high schools, plus many

smaller donations.

The current officers of the Waukesha Elks Ladies are: Doris Schiller, president, who presides at all business and committee meetings; Nancy Spicuzza, vice-president, who serves as chairperson of the Program Committee; Margaret "Bobbie" Leipski, secretary, who takes all minutes of the meetings, sends all correspondence, and also serves as Sunshine chairperson; and Joanne Walder, treasurer, who is responsible for all monies collected and disbursed.

In 1979, several ladies got together and decided to create the Elk Lady of the Year award to honor a lady who has shown outstanding qualities during the past year. A list of the ladies who have received this award follows:

Pat Laszewski
Jean Jones
Marlene Crouse
Shirley Wasik
Joyce Ristow
Betty Malm
Marion Heinisch
Linda Hermann
Joan Svoma
Shirley Kaepernick
Darlene Bjerke
Jeanne Miszewski 1990-1991
Ruth Jenson
Doris Schiller
Sophie Schaarschmidt1993-1994

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Past Exalted Rulers Association

1932-42. . L. A. Peterst

1942-43. . Vincent J. Collins†

The purpose of the Past Exalted Rulers Association is to foster the spirit of good fellowship between the members of the Lodge, and to render experienced counsel and assistance to the Lodge, thereby keeping the administration of the Lodge in safe and capable hands, and to make the Lodge a credit to the community and the Order.

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190	01-02 Charles E. Armin†	1949-50 Leslye G. Winchester†	1982-83 Herbert S. Klein	
190	02-03 Frederick Phelps†	1950-51 Richard S. Hippenmeyer†	1983-84 Robert L. Malm	
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190	08-09 Hawley W. Wilburt	1958-59 Paul C. Steinert†	1989-90 Patrick A. Mehling	
190	09-10 Marcus A. Jacobson†	1959-60 John D. Pugh	1990-91 Nicholas J. Pugh	
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191	11-12 Jay G. Laing†	1961-62 John D. Pugh	1992-93 Donald D. Svoma	
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191	16-17 Henry E. Blair†	1964-65 George W. Pearce	1995-96 Conrad G. Farner	
191	17-20 George L. Dwinnell†	1965-66 Thomas W. Pauer†	1996-97 Robert J. Tallinger Sr.	
192	20-22 G. Holmes Daubner†	1966-68 Roger P. Murphy	1997-98 Willis Schiller	
192	22-24 Chauncey J. Fraser†	1968-69 John R. Wright†	† With reverence we salute those who have answered the Final Roll; With sincere appreciation we acclaim those who remain with us today.	
192	24-26 William B. Campbell†	1969-70 Robert G. Lee		
192	26-27 William F. Sehrt†	1970-71 James V. Collins†		
192	27-28 Morgan R. Butler†	1971-72 Emil E. Havlik Sr.†		
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Past Exalted Rulers ... 1898 - 1998

Allen F. Warden, PDDGER, PSP



Allen Francisco Warden was born in Beloit, Wisconsin on March 20, 1852. After graduating from Wisconsin University with a degree of philosophy, he became principal of Plymouth High School from 1873-1875. In 1875 he purchased the Plymouth Reporter, and was editor until 1890. In 1890, Mr. Warden was elected to the State Assembly representing Sheboygan County, and served on the committees of State Affairs and

Education. He was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Sheboygan County in 1891, and re-elected in 1894. He moved to Waukesha in 1895 and purchased the Waukesha Dispatch.

Mr. Warden was elected as Waukesha's second Mayor on April 7, 1897 and served a two-year term. There had been talk about forming an Elks Lodge in Waukesha, and on December 8, 1897, Allen F. Warden was elected as the first Exalted Ruler. Because of his excellent organizational skills he was instrumental in forming the Wisconsin Elk's Association. He was elected as its first president at a meeting in Oshkosh and succeeded himself after being elected in Ashland. Allen was elected as the first honorary life member in 1914.

He was a member of St. Matthias Church in Waukesha, Britton Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons and a charter member of Hiawatha Council of the Royal Arcanum at Plymouth, and became Grand Regent of that order in Wisconsin in 1883. He also was a member of the Burr Oak Camp, Woodmen of the World.

Allen Warden married Miriam É. Eastman at Plymouth on December 3, 1877, who died in 1884. In 1886 he married Eva F. Hanson of Milwaukee. Mr. Warden had two children, Reginald (Rex) A. and Lillie E. Mr. Warden and his family lived at 108 Wright Street. He died on September 28, 1927 and is buried in Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Richard L. Gove, PER



Richard L. Gove was born in Ludlow, Vermont on June 18, 1833, the son of Elijah and Emeline E. (Wright) Gove. In 1843, his family migrated to Prairieville. As a young lad, he convinced his father that he should be allowed to care for himself. He clerked in a local store receiving an annual salary of \$25.00 which included room and board, and the privilege of attending Prairieville Academy. In 1852 he moved to Detroit,

Michigan where he graduated from Gregory's Commercial College. At the close of 1854, he moved to Port Washington, and established the Ozaukee County Advertiser. He remained editor for eight years while also acting as Postmaster. He was appointed Postmaster by President Pierce before his 21st birthday.

Gove offered his services in the Civil War as a Lieutenant and recruited men for the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry in Ripon. He served mainly in southeastern Missouri. Upon returning to Waukesha in 1871, Mr. Gove purchased a building at 329 W. Main Street and opened a shoe store. He also became involved in real estate, opening an office in Milwaukee.

On May 1, 1859 Richard L. Gove married Jennie A. Stone from Rochester, New York. They had five children, Ione, Richard, Jennie May, Belle and Jay. College Avenue was once called Gove Street after the Gove family.

Mr. Gove was elected President of the School Board, was a

Supervisor, and elected President of the Village Board in 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1869. Socially he was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows, Waukesha Lodge of Elks, Young Men's Republican Club, the Waukesha Silver Cornet Band, and also the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, with a certificate of membership signed by Rutherford B. Hayes in 1888.

Richard L. Gove was Exalted Ruler in 1898-99.

Frederick J. Clasen, PER



Frederick J. Clasen was born November 10, 1867 in Brookfield, Wisconsin. His parents, Henry and Mary (Weis) were from Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. As a young lad, he attended parochial schools, then Markham's Academy in Milwaukee. After graduating, he taught school for a time until he decided to enter the law department at State University in Madison where he graduated in 1890. Frederick became a member of the law firm of Carney, Clasen & Walsh. He was also proprietor of the National Hotel in Waukesha.

Frederick was active in Democratic politics and served as county chairman for 10 years. He ran for Municipal Judge in 1907 with fellow Elk members Charles E. Armin and Vernon Tichenor, but lost by 19 votes to Mr. Armin. He was a popular member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks, and served as Exalted Ruler in 1899-1900. He was a member of the Burr Oak Camp, Woodmen of the World. He was fluent in High and Low German.

Mr. Clasen married Emma Sparber in Waukesha. They lived on his father's 50 acre family farm in Brookfield for several years. He died May 7, 1932.

Timothy E. Ryan, PER



Timothy Edward Ryan was born in Greenwich, New York on January 10, 1859. His parents, Jeremiah and Johanna came from Ireland in 1850, then later relocated to Pewaukee in 1872. Tim attended Greenwich Academy as a youngster in New York and the village school in Pewaukee. Mr. Ryan attended the Spencerian Business College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After teaching school in Waukesha for five winters, he took a law course at the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1885. He began a practice in Waukesha with

Ernest Merton on October 5, 1887. He was appointed Postmaster by President Grover Cleveland.

Tim Ryan married Mary E. Bannon. They had four children, Margaret E., Katherine F., Agnes J., and Timothy E. Jr.

Tim served as town clerk in Pewaukee for five years, and village attorney for one year. Mr. Ryan founded the Waukesha Dispatch Publishing Company in 1891 which later merged with the Freeman. Mr. Ryan was active in politics for 30 years having run for Congress, Governor, and the U.S. Senate. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights, Woodmen of the World, and Waukesha Lodge of Elks, where he served as Exalted Ruler from 1900-1901.

Timothy Ryan died July 19, 1910 while attending a board meeting at Resthaven.

Charles E. Armin, PER



Charles Eldridge Armin was born in DaKalb, New York, the son of Lott W. and Abbie J. Armin. The family immigrated from Yorkshire, England.

Charles attended school until he was 16, then went into the drug store business and became a pharmacist. He later attended Postdam Normal School where he won a considerable reputation as a debater. Upon leaving school he taught for several years

before becoming a law student in the office of Judge H. L. Knowles to prepare himself for the legal profession. He remained there until 1870, when he traveled to Wisconsin to complete his studies. Charles worked in drug stores in Milwaukee and Waukesha while earning his law degree. Mr. Armin was admitted to the bar in February of 1883. By September he was admitted to practice law in the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Later he formed a partnership with Vernon H. Tichenor, and shortly thereafter was elected District Attorney in Waukesha. Mr. Armin was elected as a Municipal Judge April 2, 1907.

Mr. Armin was Past Chancellor and District Deputy of the Knights of Pythias, a member of Woodmen of the World, Equitable Fraternal Union, Sons of Veterans, and Waukesha Lodge of Elk's where he served as Exalted Ruler in 1901-1902.

Charles Armin married Flora Butterfield on February 15, 1880. They had two children, Cora A. and Reginald K.



Frederick Phelps, PER



Frederick Phelps was born in Lewistown, Illinois on September 4, 1866. His father, Myron, was an Indian trader, and built the first frame house in Fulton County. Fred received his early education in Lewistown. After the departure of the Indians, father and son entered into a general mercantile business until Myron's death. Fred moved to Waukesha where he attended Carroll College. He attended the

University of Wooster in Ohio, graduating in 1889. When he returned to Waukesha he invested in the Arcadian Spring which opened in 1885. In 1891, he formed Phelps & Company, and purchased the spring which was incorporated in 1893 with capital of \$50,000. Mr. Phelps was proprietor of the Park Hotel. He played the position of outfielder on a baseball team sponsored by the hotel.

Fred Phelps married Anna M. Lehman on November 18, 1890. They had three children, Frederick Jr., Kenneth P., and Helen L. The family home was at the corner of Arcadian and North Hartwell.

He served as President of the Village Board in 1894, and as Secretary on the Water Commission. He served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA. Mr. Phelps was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, Master of the Mason's Lodge, member of Mystic Shrine, Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler in 1902-1903, and also was a member of Woodmen of the World.

Fred Phelps died October 3, 1957 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A. Wirth Jones, PER



Alfred Wirth Jones was born in 1871. After attending local schools, he attended and graduated from law school in Chicago, Illinois. Upon returning to Waukesha, he became manager of the Bethesda Mineral Spring Company, a position held previously by his father, the well-known Senator Alfred M. (Long) Jones who was credited with much of the success of saving Bethesda Springs as a famous summer resort. At the

time of his death he was a collector of internal revenue.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Waukesha Lodge of Elks, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1903-1904. He also was a member of the Knights Templar and Wheelmen Club. He served as Chairman of the Waukesha County Board.

A. W. Jones died April 10, 1936 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Edmund D. Walsh, PER



Edmund Walsh was born in Burlington, Wisconsin in 1866. After graduating from high school he attended Notre Dame College and graduated with a law degree. Upon returning to Waukesha he opened a law office at 831 N. Grand Avenue.

Edmund was active in county government and served on the school board. He was a member of the Country, City, and State Bar Association. He was the oldest practicing

attorney in Waukesha at the time of his death on March 17, 1943 at the age of 77 while on vacation in Phoenix, Arizona.

Edmund was called the "God Father" of CYO activities in the city, managing baseball teams and other CYO activities. He was a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler in 1904-1905. Mr. Walsh was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and the Holy Name Society. He resided at 123 S. East Avenue in Waukesha.

Edmund died March 17, 1943 and is buried at St. Joseph Cemetery.

John N. Wigginton, PER



John Nelson Wigginton, son of Dr. John M. and Mrs. R. N. Wigginton, was born in Madison, Wisconsin on October 31, 1874. Upon graduating from high school, he attended dental school at the Milwaukee Medical College in 1897. He set up a dental office in Waukesha.

Mr. Wigginton was a charter member of the Waukesha County Dental Society. He was elected President of the County

Association, and was also a member of the State Dental Association. Mr. Wigginton was a Life Member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, having served as its Exalted Ruler in 1905-1906. He was a member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church. John played first base on a local baseball team.

John Wigginton married Florence E. Kerr in Alpena, Michigan on April 18, 1906.

Dr. Wigginton died December 29, 1932. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery. The Elk's ritual was performed at the grave site.

G. Holmes Daubner, PDDGER



G. Holmes Daubner was born February 12, 1867 in Brookfield, Wisconsin, where his parents George H. and Frances Marion (Woodcock) were pioneer residents. Young Holmes attended local schools and Prairieville Academy. After graduating, he enrolled in law school at the University of Wisconsin in 1893. Upon graduation, he returned to Waukesha to open a law firm.

Mr. Daubner was a member of

Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served his first term as Exalted Ruler in 1906-1907. His second term was from 1920-1922. A few years later was elected District Deputy of the Wisconsin Elks Association. He was also Past President of the Eagles Lodge.

A life-long Democrat, Daubner was known throughout the county. In 1909, he served on the City Council. In 1914, he was elected City Attorney, an office he held almost continuously until 1932. In 1933, Daubner began his five-year term as Postmaster having been appointed by President Roosevelt. He also served on the local school board.

On August 20, 1919, Holmes married Gertrude Maude (Cleveland) Rowlands at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He had one daughter, Frances Marion, and two step-daughters, Violet and Grace. The family lived at 430 Maple Avenue.

G. Holmes Daubner died December 28, 1941 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.





Timothy P. Buckley, PER

Timothy Patrick Buckley was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1882. He attended St. Joseph's grade school, and Waukesha High School. In his senior year, he was captain of the championship football team.

Tim was a rising young political figure in his youth. He was the youngest City Clerk ever to be elected, and served from

1904-1908. After he left city hall, Mr. Buckley was employed by the Wilbur Lumber Company. He worked as a traveling salesman for almost 35 years. Tim was also active in the Elks' Minstrels Chorus in 1907, performing at the Silurian Casino in Waukesha.

Mr. Buckley was active in the Waukesha Lodge of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus. At the Elks Convention in La Crosse in 1906, Tim was elected secretary of the Wisconsin Elks Association. He served as Exalted Ruler of Waueksha Elks Lodge No. 400 in 1907-1908.

Tim Buckley married Gertrude M. (Brehm). They lived at 714 Arcadian Avenue.

Mr. Buckley died April 27, 1941 and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Hawley W. Wilbur, PER



Hawley W. Wilbur, the son of George W. and Jennie Marie Wilbur was born on November 10, 1882 in Burlington, Wisconsin. Hawley attended schools in Burlington and Waukesha. His father, George started his first lumber yard in Burlington in 1875. In 1890, he opened the Wilbur Lumber Company in Waukesha on the present site of the Waukesha State Bank. The Wilbur family moved to

Waukesha in 1892. Hawley attended Carroll College and then University of Wisconsin in Madison. At the University he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. After graduation, he went to work full time at this father's lumber company. He became Secretary-Treasurer of the company in 1922, and President in 1947.

Hawley was elected Mayor of Waukesha in 1912-1913. He served as President of the Wisconsin Retail Lumbermen's Association in 1926-1927.

Locally, Wilbur served as President of the Spring City Land and Investment Company, which developed Merrill Hills Country Club. Wilbur was a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1908-1909. He was also a member of the Waukesha Masonic Lodge, University Club of Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association. Hawley was the first Commander of the D. J. Martin Post, American Legion.

Mr. Wilbur married Avis (Dement) of Dixon, Illinois. They had two sons, George H. and C. R. Wilbur. They lived at 423 S. East Avenue, and were members of St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Hawley died April 10, 1959, and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Marcus A. Jacobson, PER



Marcus August Jacobson was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1878. He attended Union Grade School and Waukesha High School. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1899, and Harvard University Law School in 1903. Marcus began as a junior member of the law firm of Ryan, Merton and Newberry. He eventually established his own law firm taking in two partners, Donald B. Malone and Richard S. Hippenmeyer.

Mr. Jacobson married Vivian Hodgson of Waukesha. They had two children, Joan and James. They resided at 109 East Avenue in Waukesha.

Marcus was president of the Wisconsin State Bar Association, the University of Wisconsin Board of Visitors, and a member of Waukesha Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees at the time of his death. Attorney Jacobson was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1909-1910. He was past president of the Waukesha Bar Association, past president of Merrill Hills Country Club, and a member of the Waukesha Masonic Lodge.

PER Marcus Jacobson died February 27, 1948. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Paul S. Kimball, PER



Paul Stone Kimball was born in 1885 in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Frank and Jenny (Stone) Kimball. He attended local schools. After high school he took a job at the Waukesha Motor Company where he later became a checker.

Paul and his wife, Marie, had one daughter, Julia.

He was a Life Member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served in all chair positions. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1910-1911. Paul was a member of the Elks' Minstrels Chorus which performed at the Silurian Casino in Waukesha. He also was a member of the Waukesha Gun Club.

Paul Kimball died April 6, 1963 and is buried at St. Joseph 's Cemetery.



Jay G. Laing, PER



Jay Gillies Laing was born on November 14, 1879 on a farm in the township of Vernon. After a farm up-bringing, Laing attended Waukesha schools. He began working as an apprentice with Schaeffer and Geisler, a grocery store at the corner of East Main Street and White Rock Avenue. At the age of 28, Laing was elected to the city council. When the city bought the water utility, Laing joined the board of

water commissioners. He was president of that commission at the time of his death.

In 1914, an ardent Democrat, he was sent to Madison as an Assemblyman. In 1919, he served on the school board that named J. E. Worthington as principal of Waukesha High School. Jay was interested in business and opened a clothing store in partnership with Levine Brothers, which later became Jay Laing and Sons, and was located at 321 W. Main Street.

Jay Laing was a member the Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler in 1911-1912. He also was a member of the Waukesha Blue Lodge of Masons. Jay was a member of the Elks' Minstrels Chorus which performed at the Silurian Casino in Waukesha.

He was appointed Postmaster by President Roosevelt and served for 13 years. In 1940, he was elected president of the State Postmaster's Association.

Jay and his wife, Margaret A., had two sons, Gillies and William. They resided at 202 McCall Street.

Jay Laing died February 18, 1950 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Frank B. Hoehle, PER



Frank Hoehle was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1876. He was educated in the local schools, and as a young man, graduated with a degree in pharmacy. He was employed in drug stores in several cities in Wisconsin before locating in Waukesha. He opened Hoehle Drug Company at 801 N. Grand Avenue.

Frank was an active member serving in all chair positions at the Waukesha Lodge

of Elks, including three years as Exalted Ruler from 1912-1915. He also served as a Trustee.

Frank served several years as a member of the Fire and Police Commission and was serving as president at the time of his death.

Frank and his wife, Marcelette had two children, Frances and William. Frank died April 19, 1926 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

George B. Harris, PER



George Blaine Harris was born in Antwerp, New York on February 10, 1861, the son of James Bowie, who came to the United States from Scotland, and Rachel Lucretia Emmons Harris. He attended common schools in Antwerp. He learned the cheese making business from his father. It was that knowledge that brought him to Wisconsin in 1881, where he entered the employ of a cheese factory at Clinton,

Wisconsin. In later years, he and his brother, John, acquired 15 cheese factories which were incorporated under the name of Wisconsin Butter and Cheese Company. One of their operations was located on Barstow Street known as Harris Brother's Cheese and Creamery.

George was a member of the Village Board from 1888 to 1890. He was elected president of the School Board in 1912 and re-elected in 1914. In 1915, Governor E. L. Philipp appointed Mr. Harris to a five year term on the State Board of Control. He served under John J. Laine and was re-appointed by both Governor Fred R. Zimmerman, and later by Governor Walter Kohler.

Mr. Harris was a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler in 1915-1916. He held all offices in the Masonic order. He was a charter member of the Blue Lodge Council, as well as a charter member of the Wheelmen Club, and the Waukesha Automobile Club. He was a life-long Republican and attended nearly every state and national convention.

George Harris was married to Alma A. (Coman), and they had one daughter, and four sons. He died July 3, 1940 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.



Henry E. Blair, PER



Henry E. Blair, son of William and Henrietta Blair, was born January 2, 1863 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He attended local schools. While attending Carroll College, he worked part time as errand boy for the Waukesha National Bank and quickly moved up to Cashier. In 1904, he worked for the Waukesha Motor Company.

Later, Mr. Blair became co-founder and president of the Spring City Foundry. It

was later sold to the Grede Foundry in 1927.

Henry Blair was appointed Postmaster in 1907 and held that position until 1915. He served as Mayor of Waukesha from 1922 to 1926. He was a member of the Water Utility Commission, and served on the Board of Directors at Waukesha Motor Company and Waukesha National Bank. A few years before his death, he resigned his position with the bank and became involved with Dr. Roberts' Veterinary Remedy Company.

Mr. Blair was a Mason belonging to the Waukesha Masonic Lodge, a member of the Tripoli Shrine organization in Milwaukee, and Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as the Exalted Ruler in 1916-1917.

Henry Blair married Alice E. Culver on October 2, 1888. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died July 17, 1957 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Chauncey J. Fraser, PER



Chauncey J. Fraser was born in 1872 in Vernon, Wisconsin. After attending local schools, he entered Carroll College and graduated in 1890. From 1902-1908 he served as Waukesha County Clerk of Courts. He then went into the insurance business for a number of years. Chauncey served as Republican Party County Chairman from 1914 to 1918.

He was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, and served as Exalted Ruler from 1922-

1924. Chauncey attended the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in 1924 which was held in Boston, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the Waukesha Masonic Lodge.

He was married and had two daughters, Janet and Mrs. Clinton R. Brown. The family lived at 507 N. East Avenue.

He died May 16, 1965 and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.



George L. Dwinnell, PER, PSP



George L. Dwinnell was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin in 1864, the son of Arunah and Ida (Morrill) Dwinnell, of Erie, Pennsylvania. He came to Waukesha as a young man learning to be a carpenter. He soon went into the contracting business and helped build many of Waukesha's finest homes and buildings. He was a contractor for the Union High School in 1919, the Waukesha County Asylum, Waukesha

Public Library, the Ovitt Block, and a high school in Milwaukee, as well as Stevens Point and LaCrosse. George cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland for President in 1884. He served as Under-Sheriff of Waukesha County for eight years until he was elected Sheriff on January 7, 1907. He was a prominent Democrat having been elected as a Wisconsin delegate or alternate and sent to National Conventions for nearly thirty years.

Mr. Dwinnell served as the first president of the Association of Commerce and was awarded a silver Loving Cup from the organization in 1921 in recognition of his services. He was president of the Spring City Building and Loan Association.

George was a charter member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1917 and served until 1920. He also was elected president of the Wisconsin Elks Association in 1925-1926. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Waukesha Kiwanis Club, and Merrill Hills Country Club.

George Dwinnell married Lydia Janet (Fletcher) in November of 1888 in Waukesha, and lived at 448 W. College Avenue. They were members of the First Baptist Church.

George L. Dwinnell died April 14, 1939. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

William B. Campbell, PER



William B. Campbell was born June 3, 1878 at Random Lake, Wisconsin. He attended grade school in Oconomowoc. He went on to attended medical school in 1898 in Milwaukee. He later received his degree in medicine from Physician's and Surgeon's College in Chicago. Dr. Campbell interned at Trinity Hospital in Milwaukee. His first practice was established in Menomonee Falls in 1899, where he served until 1917

when he entered the Army Medical Corps as a Captain. While in Menomonee Falls he assisted in the organization of the village library. He served as village president.

After leaving the service, Dr. Campbell settled in Waukesha and practiced medicine here for 46 years. His speciality was Obstetrics. Dr. Campbell served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the Waukesha County Medical Society. He was instrumental in organizing St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Dr. Campbell was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served two terms as Exalted Ruler. The first was from 1924-26, and the second from 1928-1929. He was also a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and a charter member of Merrill Hills Country Club.

Dr. Campbell married Isabelle Bannon and they had three sons, John W., Paul E., and William B. Jr. They lived at 326 Windsor Drive.

Dr. Campbell died September 24, 1966. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

William F. Sehrt, PER



William Frederick Sehrt was born on November 21, 1871 in the village of Waukesha, Wisconsin, the son of Conrad and Louise (Eslinger) Sehrt.

Mr. Sehrt attended local schools. In January of 1892, he worked at the Waukesha Post Office as one of the city's first mail carriers. He retired after 26 years of service in 1918. Mr. Sehrt then went to work for Waukesha Motor Company as a

stockroom clerk until his second retirement occurred in 1948. He played third base on a baseball team sponsored by the Post Office.

Bill was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler in 1926-1927.

William Sehrt married Jane Hughes. At the time of his death they lived at 729 W. Broadway. Mr. Sehrt was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died May 21, 1953 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.



Morgan R. Butler, PER



Morgan Butler was born March 6, 1887 in Jamaica, Long Island, New York, the son of Henry and Kate C. Butler. He attended Jamaica High School, later graduating from New York University in 1905 with a degree in civil engineering. He relocated to Waukesha, where he ran surveys for the Electric Company in the area of Burlington and Watertown. Butler was elected City Engineer in 1910. In 1926, he was elected

Mayor of Waukesha, a position he held until 1934. He became a member of the Board of Education in 1936, became president in 1947 and held that position until 1963. He headed a drive to raise funds for a new YWCA. Mr. Butler founded Butler Bin Company in Waukesha in 1922. He continued as president of the company until 1964, then became Chairman of the Board. He served on the Board of Directors at Waukesha Motor Company.

In 1925, he served as president of the Waukesha Chamber of Commerce, receiving its first Community Service Award. Morgan was a member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Masonic Lodge No. 37, and the Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1927-1928. The Waukesha Teacher's Association awarded him a service citation in 1949. He had served as president of the school board from 1947 to 1963.

At the age of 28, Morgan Butler married Mary W. Broadhurst of Waukesha on April 14, 1915. They had two children, a son, Morgan Butler Jr. and a daughter, Mrs. Carl Huppert. The family home was at 420 E. Roberta Avenue.

Morgan Butler died May 14, 1965 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Charles F. Schuetze, PDDGER



Charles F. Schuetze was born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin on January 28, 1875, the son of William and Louise (Hartung) Schuetze. He attended local schools, and as a young lad, worked at his father's grocery store.

In 1908, Schuetze founded Manitowoc Church Furniture. In 1913, he moved his business to 1214 Lincoln Avenue in Waukesha.

He became chairmen of the city's first park board in 1926. Mr. Schuetze guided the development of Buchner Park which had the first in-ground swimming pool. His family jokingly referred to it as "Grandpa Schuetze's bathtub". He headed the Waukesha County Park Commission in 1926. In 1933, Schuetze headed a commission on preserving undeveloped land for the enjoyment of future generations. He served as a member of the Board of Vocational Education from 1928 until 1939. He pushed for the construction of the Lindholm Vocational School where he sponsored night classes for displaced persons. Mr. Schuetze was also instrumental in developing the Waukesha County Airport. In 1957, he received a commendation from the Airport Commission for his efforts.

In 1900, he married Ruby May Melend. They had three sons, Russell, Reuben, and Ellsworth, and two daughters, Virginia L. and Edith. The Schuetze family lived at 1202 E. Broadway.

For forty years he was a member of the Manitowoc Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Waukesha Chapter. He was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler from 1929-1931, and again from 1943-1946. He also served as District Deputy of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Charles F. Schuetze passed away on December 24, 1958 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Samuel D. Thompson, PER

Samuel Dean Thompson was born March 31, 1902 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Livingston A. and Minnie Thompson. At the age of eight years old the family moved to Waukesha, the same year his father moved his business, the Thompson Malted Milk Company to 1171 Riverside Drive. Sam attended Waukesha high school, and Carroll College. During his school years, he worked at Thompson's store at 330 W. Wisconsin Avenue. After graduating from college, he was named sales manager. He held this position until 1929 when he was promoted to vice president.

Sam was a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks, serving in all chair positions, including Exalted Ruler in 1931-1932.

Samuel and his wife, Edna lived at 836 Martin Street.

In October of 1928, Thompson Malted Milk Company was bought by Borden Company of Scarsdale, New York. Two years after the sale the company name was changed. Sam and his family moved to New York where Sam became Vice President of Sales for the Borden Company.

L. A. Peters, PER



L. A. Peters was born in North Bend, Wisconsin on December 3, 1885. As a young lad he attended primary school in North Bend, and graduated from Black River Falls High School. He taught grade school in Black River Falls.

Mr. Peters brought his family to Waukesha in 1910. He took a job as grade school teacher at the Wisconsin Industrial School. After teaching for 10 years, he

accepted the position of secretary at the Waukesha County Asylum on February 5, 1920. He held that position until the time of his death.

Mr. Peters was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1932. He holds the distinction of holding that position the longest as his term ended when he passed away March 6, 1942. To date, he is the only Exalted Ruler to die while in office. Mr. Peters was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Waukesha Knights Templar, and Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Peters served as president of the Waukesha County Holstein Breeders Association.

L. A. Peters was married to Henrietta Hayes. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.



Vincent J. Collins, PER



Vincent John Collins was born January 10, 1905, the son of John and Julia (Burke) Collins of Fond du Lac. He attended grade school in Fond du Lac. His family moved to Waukesha, where he graduated from high school. Vince graduated from Marquette University and Marquette Law School. Upon graduation, he joined the law firm of Collins, Collins & Tichener.

Vincent served on the Waukesha Police and Fire Commission, was a member of the Waukesha Optimist Club, Past Grand Knight of the Waukesha Knights of Columbus Council 1825, and a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler in 1942-43. On April 6, 1932 Vincent defeated George Holmes Daubner, PER for the office of City Attorney in his first attempt at public office. He was elected to serve as a delegate to the Elk's National Convention in 1971.

Vincent J. Collins married Lois Kuenzli. They had one son, James V., and six daughters, Patricia, Mary Jo, Lois, Michaele, Janet, and Martina.

Vincent passed away on July 22, 1980 and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Waukesha.

Raymond Kurtz, PER



Raymond Kurtz was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on May 18, 1908, the son of James and Johanah (Schauer) Kurtz. He attended St. Vincent Catholic School. After graduation he enrolled in a two year business course. Upon completion of this course, Ray was employed by the Soo Line Railroad in Oshkosh in 1928. In 1930, he transferred to the Waukesha Soo Line. He had worked as cashier for 45 years until his

retirement in 1973.

In 1933, Raymond married his wife, Delores in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They have two children, Gerald and Gail. The family home is at 313 Barney Street. Ray was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waukesha.

Ray and Delores were members of the Soo Line Sheepshead Club. For many years he was secretary and treasurer of the Elks Bowling League. He was also very active working Bingo Sunday's at the Lodge. Ray was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler in 1946-1947. He received the Lodge Elk of the Year award in 1966-1967.

Raymond Kurtz died April 12, 1981 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Gerald S. Thomas, PER



Gerald Spencer Thomas was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, February 24, 1898, the son of Evan and Grace (Spencer) Thomas. He graduated from Waukesha High School. Gerald served with the 32nd Infantry Division in France during World War I. After returning to Waukesha, Gerald attended Carroll College where he received his B.A. degree in 1923. He also did post-graduate work in economics at

the University of Wisconsin in 1924. He was a member of the

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

While working at Western Electric Company in Chicago, he married Thelma Copeland on July 24, 1926. In 1936, he and his family returned to Waukesha where he entered into a partnership with his father, Evan, founder of Thomas Press, Inc. in 1906. They had two daughters. Their home was at 817 Arcadian Avenue.

Mr. Thomas was a member of First Church of Christ Scientist where he served in various capacities including First Reader from 1950 to 1952. Other organizations included the Waukesha Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler in 1947-1948, D. J. Martin Post No. 8 of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masonic Lodge, and Toastmasters

Gerald S. Thomas died January 10, 1963 and is buried at Wisconsin Memorial Park.



Herbert S. Klein, PER



Herbert Klein was born December 13, 1916 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the son of William and Jenny (Roberts) Klein. He started school in Chicago, Illinois. The family moved to Waukesha in 1928, where he attended Randall School, Junior High and graduated from Waukesha High School in 1935. Herb was active in sports, mainly football. Herb was All Suburban Center in 1935. He served in the United States Navy

from 1943 to 1946.

Herb was employed as a machinist with National Parts Company, and Reed & Company as a salesmen. He has one daughter, Barbara.

Herb became a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks December 16, 1937. He served in all chair positions, and was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1948-1949 as the Lodge was celebrating its 50th Anniversary. He had the honor of presenting a plaque to the oldest living charter member, Fred D. Abell. Herb also presided over the Elks Spring Conference held in Waukesha in 1948. He had the honor of representing Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennslyvania in 1949.

Herb's second term as Exalted Ruler occurred in 1982-1983. That year he represented the Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Herb is retired and lives in Ft. Pierce, Florida.



Leslye G. Winchester, PER



Leslye "Les" Winchester was born February 14, 1912 in Petaluma, California. During World War II, he served as a heavy bombardment crew member in the 8th Air Force in England, earning a Bronze Star. He had previously received his direct commission as Lieutenant after completing 20 combat missions as a radio operator, plus training radio operators who flew in fortresses over occupied Europe.

In 1949, while living in Waukesha, he was employed as a car salesman, first for Fred Howe Motors, then for Jack Griffin Ford, retiring after 40 years of service.

Les was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler in 1949-1950. He was also a member of American Legion Post No. 8, Veterans of Foreign War No. 721 Soat-Vergenz Post, and Waukesha Masonic Lodge No. 37 F&AM. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1969

Les and wife, Mabel (Bloede) were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Waukesha, and lived at 1422 E. Racine Avenue.

Les died December 2, 1989 in Stuart, Florida, and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Richard S. Hippenmeyer, PER



Richard Hippenmeyer was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1911. He attended local schools, and graduated from Waukesha High School, the University of Wisconsin and its Law School. In World War II he was a Navy Lieutenant Commander, and an air combat intelligence officer.

In 1946, while serving as Muskego's City Attorney, he was elected Waukesha City

Attorney and served four two-year terms. He joined the law firm of Jacobson and Malone, then later was in partnership with William S. Callow, who went on to become a State Supreme Court Justice. He was the founder of the law firm of Hippenmeyer, Reilly, Arenz & Molten.

Mr. Hippenmeyer was a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Director of the Insurance Trial Counsels of Wisconsin, and the Waukesha Lodge of Elks, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1950-1951.

Richard Hippenmeyer and his wife, Lois, had two children, Stephanie and Charles. They resided at 609 Downing Drive. He died October 16, 1979 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Theodore M. Oettinger, PDDGER



Theodore "Ted" Oettinger was born February 7, 1910 in Crandon, Wisconsin. He attended St. Lawrence Seminary in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. Ted came to Waukesha in 1928.

Ted was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, and served two years as Exalted Ruler from 1951-1953. He was also active in the State Elks Association serving as Vice President Southeast, and was District

Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

Ted Oettinger married Irene Weber on August 28, 1940 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waukesha. They have one son, Lee, and two daughters, Jean and Laurie. The family home is at 304 Oxford Road in Waukesha. He retired in 1970, after having been the owner of Tool Service Company in Milwaukee. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Ted Oettinger died January 28, 1998 and is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.



Joseph A. Siegl, PER



Joseph "Joe" Siegl was born in St. Louis, Missouri. At the age of 10, his family moved to Germantown, Wisconsin. Joe attended school in Menomonee Falls and Wisconsin Commercial Academy in Milwaukee. His father was a brewmaster in St. Louis and when he came to Germantown, he became a tavern owner. Joe was employed by Butler Bin where he retired after forty-five years of employment. He also sold stokers and was known

as "Stoker Joe".

Joe became a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in April of 1929. Shortly after joining, he became Esquire and served in that position for 9 years. He served as Secretary of the Lodge from 1960-1973. Joe initiated a newsletter for the Lodge, calling it "Elks Nooz" and was the editor for many years. He designed new records sheets and cards that the Elks still use today in the office. He formed the "Oldtimers" group along with Brothers Ray Kurtz and Bill Zimmerman. Joe served in all chair positions in the Lodge, including two terms as Exalted Ruler from 1953-1955. In 1983, Joe served a few more years as Secretary of the Lodge. He had the honor of representing Waukesha Elks Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Los Angeles, California in 1953 and St. Louis, Missouri in 1954. Joe has bowled in the Elks bowling league since 1929 and attended all state tournaments. He was inducted into the Waukesha Bowling Hall of Fame in November of 1997.

Joseph Siegl married Theresa Marten in 1931. They have two children, Louise and John, 6 grandchildren and 7 greatgreat-grandchildren. They live at 921 Rosemary Street in Waukesha.

Carl Townsend Ekstrand Jr., PER



Carl "Tom" Ekstrand was born June 13, 1913 in Virginia, Minnesota, the son of Carl T. and Winifred (Leach) Ekstrand. When a young lad, his father packed the family in a 7 passenger Case Touring Car and headed for California. They got as far as Montana and decided to stay. Tom attended grade school and Park County High School in Montana. Tom moved to Waukesha in 1934. In 1957, he became an independent insurance agent under the name of Ekstrand

Insurance.

On February 18, 1939, Tom Ekstrand married Lucile Poetsch in Waukesha. They have two children, Terry and Deborah.

Tom has been a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks since 1942. Tom served as Exalted Ruler in 1955-1956. He has been the Organist for the Lodge for nearly 50 years except for a short time when the organ was being refurbished, and still holds that position today. Tom attended two National Conventions, Philadelphia and Chicago. He was most pleased to have been successful in increasing membership at the Elk's Lodge during his time as Exalted Ruler. In 1979, he won first place in a huge Cribbage Tournament held at the Elks Lodge. In 1995, Tom received the Past Exalted Ruler's Award. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Tom received the Mason of the Year Award in 1996.

Tom Ekstrand retired from the insurance business in 1997 and lives at 500 Scott Street in Waukesha with his wife, Lucile.

Gaylord Luke, PER



Gaylord Luke was born December 15, 1908, the son of Henry and Margaret Luke. He attended grade school locally and Waukesha High School.

Gaylord was heavily involved in public service in Waukesha. He was elected as alderman of the 12th Ward and served as such for 23 years. He also served as a member of the Police and Fire Commission from 1954 to 1959. Gaylord was a member of the Board of

Public Works, and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. He was also a member of the Common Council. Gaylord worked as a labor relations supervisor for 40 years at Waukesha Motor Company. He was a charter member of the Waukesha Optimist Club, and also a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1956-1957.

Gaylord Luke married his wife, Madeline at St. Joseph's Rectory in Waukesha. They have one son, Dr. Allen B. Luke, deceased.

Gaylord Luke died April 10, 1968, and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

Donald J. Tikalsky, PER



Donald Tikalsky was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Don attended Marquette University where he received a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree in 1948, and a Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1951. He is currently senior partner of the law firm of Tikalsky, Raasch & Tikalsky, Attorneys in Waukesha.

Don served in all chair positions including Exalted Ruler in 1957-1958. He served on the Membership and Social

Committees. He had the honor of representing Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in San Francisco, California.

In the community Don has served as chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, chairman of the Waukesha County Housing Commission, past president of the Waukesha Area Chamber of Commerce, served on the Board of Directors of Bank One Waukesha, Marine Bank, Bank One Trust Company, Waukesha County Marine Bank, Kettle Moraine Bank, Finer Waukesha Committee, Milwaukee Art Center Friends of Art, Waukesha Symphony Orchestra, and local and national director, as well as president of the Waukesha Jaycees. He served as president of the Serra Club. Don also served as chairman of the Waukesha County Airport Review Committee, Friends of Waukesha County Technical College and member of the Long Range Planning Committee and as a Regent at Mount St. Paul College.

Professionally Don is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Wisconsin Banking, Business Law and Insurance Committees; Waukesha County Probate Committee; International Association of Insurance Counsel, and Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin. He served as president of the Wisconsin Law Foundation, served on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin, and past president of the Waukesha County Bar Association. He is a court commissioner for Waukesha County

Don and his family live at 1208 Grant Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Paul C. Steinert, PER



Paul Steinert was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin on June 5, 1914. He graduated from Carroll College in 1935.

Mr. Steinert was a salesman for an electrical distributing firm. Paul was elected 3rd Ward Alderman in 1952. He served until 1956 when he was elected Mayor of the City of Waukesha. He was re-elected in 1958. In 1960, he was instrumental in getting the city to designate a large tract of

land near Prairie Home Cemetery for an Industrial Park. When he moved to Hales Corners, he became village manager.

Paul and his wife, Myrtle had two children, Paul III, and Marcia. When his son, Paul III, died in March of 1958, Mr. Steinert set up a scholarship fund at Waukesha South High School in his memory. Each year the Steinert Award was given to the most promising Sophomore swimmer.

Paul Steinert was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1958-1959. PER Steinert also was a member of the Waukesha Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, and Hales Corners Professional Businessmen's Club, and Heritage Presbyterian Church of Hales Corners.

Mr. Steinert died May 11, 1967. He is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.

John D. Pugh, PDDGER



John Daniel Pugh was born in the Township of Delafield on January 28, 1920, the son of Daniel and Nettie Pugh. He began grade school at Hyland View Elementary School, then moved on to Jerusalem School. John graduated from Moriah School in 1933. He finished his schooling at Waukesha High School, where he graduated as president of his Class of 1937. John began working for Waukesha News Store. From there he

worked at Davies Brothers garage. John ran his own gas station until 1942, when he entered the U.S. Army. After his discharge he was employed by Hendrikson & Compton Auto Parts until 1952, at which time he became a sales agent for Hardware Mutual Insurance Company. That company later became Sentry Insurance Company where John retired from on February 1, 1983.

John was an active member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. In 1959-1960 he served his first term as Exalted Ruler. His second term was in 1961-1962. John attended two Elks National Conventions, Chicago and Miami. He was elected Vice President-Southeast by the Wisconsin Elks Association. John was elected District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1969-1970.

Close to John's heart were the Veterans. He served on the National Veterans Service Committee for 25 years or more, as well as being state Veterans chairman and Lodge Veterans chairman. He is a Life Member of the American Legion, and served as Commander in 1955. He continued on the Firing Squad until 1990.

In 1942, John Pugh married M. Lois Vick. They had 6 children, Betsy, Daniel, Robert, David, Nicholas and Lora. Lois died October 26, 1986. On June 13, 1987, John married Margaret Demming. They live at N29 W27483 Peninsula Drive, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

Aloysius A. Cole, PER



Al Cole was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1920, the son of Walter and Aloise Cole. He graduated from high school in Cedar Rapids. Al attended Loyal University, and graduated from Illinois Institute of Engineering Technology receiving a degree in mechanical engineering.

Al served in the Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946. In 1943, he married

Kay Terry in Chicago, Illinois. They have two daughters, Diane (Cole) Pugh and Nancy (Cole) Johnson. They were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Cole was a chief engineer at Alloy Products for 24 years. He was a member of the Illinois and Wisconsin Professional Engineers, past president of the Waukesha Jaycees and Waukesha Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1960-1961. Al served 5 years on the Board of Trustees. He was involved in drafting plans for remodeling of the Elks Lodge on Wisconsin Avenue. Al was a member of Lapsation Committee, Veterans Committee, and was an avid bowler.

Al A. Cole died May 7, 1970.



Robert A. Mielke, PER



Bob Arthur Mielke was born in Vernon Township, the son of Hugo J. and Maida (Tews) Mielke. Bob retired from Waukesha Foundry.

Bob has been a member of Waukesha Lodge No. 400 for 38 years. He served on the Wonago Rodeo Committee, under the chairmanship of PER Roger Murphy, which realized a profit for the first time. Bob chaired the State Baton Twirlers

Contest at the Wisconsin Avenue Elks Lodge. He enlisted the Elk Ladies to serve a meal for contestants, parents and guests, which turned out to be a tremendous event. Bob also was in charge of the youth bowling program, which included giving lessons and bowling tips to the young people in the program. He also chaired Friday evening dances for high school students.

Bob served in all chair positions in the Lodge, including Exalted Ruler in 1962-1963. He attended the Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. He also served on state committees. Bob is a Life Member of American Foundry Society and Waukesha Elks No. 400.

Bob and his wife, Doris (Goff) Mielke have four daughters, Sandra Cadd, Jo Ellen Vangorter, Kari Hertel and Sara Jensen, and one son, Robert Goff Mielke. Bob and Doris reside at 430 Kimberly Drive, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Douglas H. Zellmer, PER



Douglas Zellmer was born in 1923 in Fairwater, Wisconsin. He attended grade school in Fairwater. His family relocated to Waukesha where he graduated from Waukesha High School. He was employed by Pabst Brewing Company in Milwaukee working in the bottling department.

Mr. Zellmer was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1963-1964.

Douglas and his wife, Mona M. lived at 1120 Grandview Boulevard in Waukesha. They had one son Barry P.

Douglas Zellmer died May 8, 1979 and is buried at Fairwater Cemetery, Fairwater, Wisconsin.

George W. Pearce, PER



George Pearce was born April 13, 1927 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Waukesha High School. After graduation, he joined the U. S. Navy serving during World War II.

George served in all chair positions, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1964-1965. He was on the board when the decision was made to sell the Lodge on Wisconsin Avenue and build a new lodge. George

became a Life Member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in March, 1992.

On June 29, 1948, George married Vivian M. Heckler. They have three daughters, Linda, Almeg and Peggy, and four grandchildren.

George worked for Waukesha Foundry. He retired in 1987 and moved to Florida in 1989.



Thomas W. Pauer, PER



Tom Pauer was born December 27, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Edward and Beatrice Pauer.

Tom married his wife, Mary Etta on May 11, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Burlington, Wisconsin. They had three daughters, Mary Beth, Michelle, and Tracy.

Mr. Pauer was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1965-1966. Tom was an avid bowler. He

enjoyed bowling in the Waukesha Elks Bowling League and participated in many State Elks Bowling Tournaments. Tom and his family were members of St. William's Catholic Church.

Thomas W. Pauer died October 20, 1992.

Roger P. Murphy, PER



Roger Murphy was born October 17, 1923 in Lancaster, Wisconsin, the son of Frank Earl and Alice (Petty) Murphy. Roger attended the local grade school. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1941. Roger served in the U. S. Army Air Corps as navigator in B-17 European Theatre, flying 29 missions. He was discharged in November of 1945. Roger graduated from the University of Wisconsin-

Madison in 1948, and from law school in the summer of 1951. Roger worked as a claims adjuster for Rural Mutual Insurance Company from 1951 to 1956. In 1956, he began a private law practice in Waukesha.

Mr. Murphy became active in the Republican Party in 1952. In 1958, he came in second in a field of five for Waukesha County District Attorney. Roger ran again in 1960, was elected, and served a total of 10 years.

In 1964, Roger married Arlene J. Laubenheimer. They have three children, Margaret Jane, their handicapped Downs Syndrome child, Mark Patrick, and Thomas Earl. He has recently acquired two daughters-in-law, Jennifer and LeAnne.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association from 1960 to 1970. He was elected president of the association in 1967. Roger was a member of the Wisconsin Young Republicans from 1952 to 1970, serving as State Chairman in 1958. He also was a member of the National Young Republican Federation, serving as Region VIII Chairman in 1959.

Roger served two years as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks from 1966 to 1968. Exalted Ruler, Murphy, along with other progressive thinking Elks, persuaded the Lodge members to sell the Elks building on Wisconsin Avenue. In 1968, acting on behalf of the Lodge, he purchased the land that the present Lodge sits on today. On March 24, 1970, Roger had the honor of witnessing one of the largest Initiation classes of new members, which followed the opening of the new Lodge on Springdale Road.

In 1970, Roger was elected as State Senator for the 33rd District. He served 10 years in that capacity. He was appointed Waukesha County Circuit Judge by Governor Lee S. Dreyfus in April of 1980. Roger won election to that position in 1981. He served two six-year terms for a total of 11 consecutive elections to public office. His current term expires August 31, 1999.

The Murphy family reside at 1012 Hawthorn Circle in Waukesha.

John R. Wright, PER



John Wright was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 2, 1937. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Waukesha.

thereafter his family moved to Waukesha. John attended Randle School and Waukesha High School. After graduating from high school, he attended Ripon College. He came back to Waukesha and became a salesman at Waukesha Foundry which was founded by his grandfather, Corwin C. Smith.

He was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler in 1968-1969. After the foundry was sold, John left Waukesha in search of a new business adventure.

John married Mary Jane Ernst, his college sweetheart. They had one daughter, Lisa H., now living in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

John Wright died February 4, 1988, and is buried in Roswell, Georgia. A memorial service for John was held in Waukesha at the Waukesha Bible Church.

Robert G. Lee, PDDGER



Robert G. Lee is the son of Tom and Agnes Lee, who came to the United State from London, England. He attended public schools in Milwaukee and Waukesha, graduating from Central High School. He attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1940. Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force in January of 1942. He served until September of 1945. He attended Milwaukee Technical School in

1947, graduating as an construction estimator. In 1948, he enrolled in an engineering course at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Bob was part owner and vice president of estimating at T. V. John & Son, Inc. of Elm Grove. He retired in 1982 and moved to Florida in 1983.

Bob served his first term as Exalted Ruler in 1969-1970 and his second term in 1974-1975. During his first term, he worked diligently on plans for the new lodge. T. V. John & Son was the building contractor. Bob served on the local and state Youth Activities Committee's, and chaired both the Membership and Lapsation Committee's. PER Lee attended 9 consecutive Elks National Conventions, plus several in Chicago and Las Vegas.

PER Lee received the Lodge Elk of the Year Award in 1974 and again in 1980, was Exalted Ruler Champion (State 1974) Ritual Team, elected as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Wisconsin Elks Association in 1977-1979. Bob was named acting DDGER in 1978-79 to complete the term of deceased District Deputy D. D. Tuttle of Racine.

Bob and his wife, Lucille live in Jupitor, Florida.



James V. Collins, PER



James Vincent Collins was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on May 22, 1931, the son of Vincent J. and Lois (Kuenzli) Collins. After graduation from Waukesha High School, he attended Marquette University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954, and his law degree from Marquette Law School in 1957. Mr. Collins practiced law in Milwaukee and Waukesha for 38 years. He served as Assistant District

Attorney of Waukesha County from 1964 to 1967, working under then District Attorney, Roger P. Murphy.

In the community, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council Post 1825, and Waukesha Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler in 1970-1971. Jim had the honor of being installed by his father, Vincent J. Collins, PER. Following the installation, Exalted Ruler Collins presented this father with a Life membership. Mr. Collins was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

James V. Collins and his wife, Roseann had one son, Kelly, and three daughters, Theresa, Carol, and Susan.

Mr. Collins died February 14, 1996.

Emil E. Havlik III, PER



Emil Edward Havlik III, the son of Emil E. and Kathryn Hart Havlik, was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on January 24, 1939.

He grew up in Waukesha, graduating from high school in 1957. While in high school Emil participated in basketball, golf, football and Senior Student Council.

On June 3, 1961 Emil married Elizabeth Anita Weber of New Berlin. They have four children, Jane Marie, Theresa Lynn,

Bea Ann and Emil E. IV. They resided at 201 Frame Street in Waukesha.

Emil was a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served in all chair positions, including Exalted Ruler in 1971-

Mr. Havlik currently resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Floyd C. Dahlke, PER



Floyd C. Dahlke was born in 1923, the son of Albert and Elsie Dahlke. He moved to Waukesha in 1963. He graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Mr. Dahlke was a U. S. Marine veteran and served as an intelligence officer in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1990, he organized a letter writing campaign for the soldiers in the Middle East because he never forgot how he appreciated the letters

from home when he was in the service.

Politics held a high level of interest to Floyd. Whenever national Republican candidates came to town, Floyd usually would drive in the motorcade and rub shoulders with the candidates, including Ronald Reagan and George Bush. He also campaigned for William G. Callow of Waukesha when he was a candidate for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. He was a delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Dahlke was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks serving two terms as Exalted Ruler from 1972 to 1974. PER Dahlke was a member of the State Champion Ritualistic team in 1974. He was chairman of the National Public Relations Committee of the Grand Lodge Order of Elks, and helped promote the organizations National Hoop Shoot competition. He received the Elk of the Year Award posthumously in 1996.

Mr. Dahlke was a member the Waukesha County Republican Party Executive Committee for 18 years, campaign chairman for 8 years, vice chairman of the 4th Congressional District for 4 years, and member of the Wisconsin State Executive Committee for 5 years. Professionally, Floyd was in insurance sales for 36 years. He was Regional Sales Director of Midland National Life Insurance at the time of his death.

Floyd Dahlke married Joyce E. (Jo) (Hodgman) in 1944. They have three children, Steve, James, and Lea Ann, and proud grandfather of five granddaughers. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 33 years.

Floyd died March 1, 1996 and is buried at Prairie Home Cemetery.



Timothy R. Poshek, PER



Timothy R. Poshek was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Raymond and Stella Poshek. He graduated from South Division High School and the University of Wisconsin.

Tim and his wife, Kathleen (Boyle) have two children, Jennifer (Ronald) Ogren and Katherine. He is currently employed as the Training and Development Manager at the Journal-Sentinel, Inc. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Tim served in all chair positions in Waukesha Lodge of Elks, including Exalted Ruler in 1975-76. He served two terms as Trustee. Tim developed the Youth Awards Recognition Program and annual banquet, which included participation from all high schools in Waukesha County. He was a member of the Ritualistic team representing the State of Wisconsin as the State Ritualistic champions at the Elks National Convention in Dallas, Texas. He enjoyed attending state conferences and Grand Lodge conventions.

Tim and his wife, Kathy reside in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Roger T. Bjerke, PER



Roger Tilfred Bjerke was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota, the son of Henry J. and Alfina Christene (Ingralson) Bjerke. He graduated from Decorah High School in Iowa.

Mr. Bjerke married Darlene Ruth (Barth) on July 27, 1954. They have four children, Todd, Julie, Mark and Jeffrey.

Roger was Ritualistic Champion Loyal Knight on the Wisconsin Elks Association Ritual Contest Champions team in 1974-75.

He also was a member of the team that competed in the National Ritual Contest in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Bjerke served as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1976-1977. Roger attended the Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. He was chairman of the Lodge Americanism Committee for many years.

PER Bjerke received the Lodge Elk of the Year award for 1988-1989, the State Elk of the Year award for 1991-1992, as well as the Wisconsin Elks National Veterans Service Committee Man of the Year Award. Roger is currently serving as chairman of the Veteran's Committee

Roger Bjerke is a member of the American Legion Post No. 8, and was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 137.

Roger and his wife, Darlene, reside at 808 Madison Street, Waukesha.

Richard T. Fennig, PDDGER



Richard "Dick" Fennig was born in Milwaukee on July 11, 1930, the son of Thomas L. and Mary A. (Elent) Fennig. He attended grade school in Milwaukee, graduated from Marquette High School, and Loras College.

On May 2, 1959, Richard Fennig married Lucy M. Ecker. They have three daughters, Susan Judith, Judith Mary, and Mary Beth.

Mr. Fennig was heavily involved in the Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He was a member of the House Committee. Richard initiated the Youth Activities Banquet in 1972, and was chairman of three banquets. He was also a member of the State Elks Youth Activities Committee for two years.

Richard has been a member of the Wisconsin State Ritualistic Committee since 1974. He coached the Waukesha Ritual Champs in 1981 and traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete. His most memorable years occurred while he served as chairman of the Scholarship Committee for three years, aided by PER's Robert Lee, Floyd Dahlke and Robert Villa. He was on the winning Ritualistic Team as Lecturing Knight in 1973-1974. He traveled with the Waukesha State Ritual Champions in 1975 to the Dallas, Texas Convention. PER Fennig also attended the National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

Richard Fennig served as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1977-1978. He became a Grand Lodge Ritualistic Judge in 1978. He participated as a Grand Lodge Ritualistic official in Chicago in 1982. PER Fennig was elected District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Wisconsin-Southeast in 1985-1986. He was appointed as Wisconsin State Ritualistic Chairman for three years, and was elected to the State Trustee Committee for 10 years.

Dick was chairman of the Society of Manufacturing Engineer's, and the American Leather Chemist's Association. He served on the Executive Committee in 1995. Mr. Fennig is a member of the American Legion, Post 449, Catholic War Veterans, Post 1329, and Unlimited Jazz Limited. He is a member of the Christ King Catholic Church in Wauwatosa.

Dick and his wife, Lucy, reside in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.



Edward P. Pleva, PER



Edward Pleva was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended Marquette High School, Boston College, and graduated from St. Peter's College in New Jersey, earning degrees in labor law and sociology. Ed was captain, and star quarterback of his college football team.

Mr. Pleva followed in his father's footsteps in the baking industry. He worked for the bakery division that supplied local

A & P grocery stores, before becoming General Manager of the Crestwood Bakeries, which supply bakery to Sentry Food Stores. Mr. Pleva played a role in persuading the Milwaukee Public Museum to add a bakery to its Streets of Old Milwaukee exhibit, in recognition of the hundreds of small bakeries that once filled Milwaukee. He had a soft spot for the poor. President Richard Nixon named Pleva to a commission to develop the federal Feed the Hungry program. He also worked to develop the international Day of Bread program.

Edward was a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, serving as Exalted Ruler in1978-1979. PER Pleva served in the Lodge in many areas, and was Chaplain locally, and State Vice-Chairman of Lodge Development at the time of his death. He also was a member of the West Allis Chamber of Commerce, Production Club, Wisconsin Baker's Association, first vice president of the Waukesha Bowling Association, coached Little League Baseball, and was active in Boy Scouts.

Edward Pleva and his wife, Rita, have 3 children, Edward, John and Karen. The family home is at 1415 Garfield Avenue, Waukesha.

Edward Pleva died November 12, 1997 and is buried at Arlington Park Cemetery in Milwaukee.

Wilmer W. Ristow, PER



Wilmer Ristow was born in the Town of Greenfield, Wisconsin, the son of Arthur and Elizabth Ristow who operated a truck farm. He attended Waterford High School and graduated from Pewaukee High School.

Will married Joyce Carmichael in 1949. They have 8 children, 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Will has been a member of Waukesha

Lodge of Elks for 35 years. He served in all chair positions, including Exalted Ruler in 1979-1980. He served as Trustee of the Lodge. Will had the honor of representing Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Dallas, Texas in 1980.

Will is retired and he and his wife, Joyce spend their time between Florida and Phillipsburg, Missouri.

Robert E. Villa, Sr., PER



Robert Villa was born in Cudahy, Wisconsin in 1934. Bob is the son of Joseph and Martha Ann (Miller) Villa. He attended Greendale and West Allis Central High School. Mr. Villa received a Bachelor of Civil Engineering Degree from Marquette University in 1957. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His final position in the Army was as Adjutant 961st Engineer Battalion

Construction, with a rank of Captain.

Mr. Villa is a professional engineer, registered in ten states. He currently is employed as Engineer of Record for Newell Company, Freeport, Illinois, and Senior Facilities Engineer for Kirsch Division, Newell Company, Sturgis, Michigan.

Robert Villa married Bonnie Lee (Stefen) Martin in 1985. He has five children, Kay, Randy, Joel, Karrie, and Robert Jr.

Mr. Villa is a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1980-1981. He had the honor of installing his brother, Thomas, as Exalted Ruler in Phoenix West Lodge No. 2729 in 1991. Bob was on the Building Committee, and engineer of record with the State of Wisconsin for the construction of our present Lodge. He attended the Elks National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

Mr. Villa enjoyed youth activities both on a local and state level. He served on the State Most Valuable Student Committee from 1965 through 1989, the last three years as Chairman. Bob was Chaplain on the winning 1972-1973 State Ritualistic Team. His most memorable moments occurred while representing Waukesha Lodge No. 400 and the State Association as the Exalted Ruler on the State Ritualistic Team competing in the 1981 national competition in Las Vegas.

Bob Villa is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He served as State Society Director from 1977 to 1979, and State Treasurer from 1979 to 1981. He served as Waukesha Chapter President 1975-1976. Bob is also a member of the Association for Facilities Engineers.

Bob and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Bristol, Indiana.

Marlin P. Hermann, PSP



Marlin was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Max O. and Catherine Hermann. He graduated from Muskego High School in 1961. Marlin has been employed by Waukesha Cutting Tool for 36 years.

Marlin served as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1981-1982. He served on the State Ritual Champion team that competed in Las Vegas. Locally,

Marlin served in all chair positions, and was chairman of the Lodge National Foundation Committee for many years. He was instrumental in starting the Easter programs at the Lodge. Marlin was named Lodge Elk of the Year in 1983-84.

In 1985-1986 he was elected Vice President Southeast, State Inner Guard in 1987-1988 and 1989, state President-elect in 1990-1991. In 1991-1992 he was elected as president of the Wisconsin State Elks Association. His most memorable moment was winning the 11 O'clock Toast competition at state competition.

Marlin and his wife Linda, have two daughters, Dawn and Brenda. The family home is at 1310 Meadow Lark Lane, Waukesha.

Robert L. Malm, PER



Robert Malm was born in Phillips, Wisconsin, the son of B. W. and Leda Malm. He graduated from Phillips High School in 1936, and Carroll College in 1940. Bob served in the Field Artillery from 1941 to 1946.

Bob served as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1983-1984. During this time he was instrumental in increasing Lodge membership, and initiat-

ing the improvements in the "400 Room." Bob attended the Elks National Convention held in Hawaii in 1983. He received the Lodge Elk of the Year Award in 1975-1976. Bob served on the Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1978.

PER Malm was a member of the 1981 Ritualistic Championship Team and Grand Lodge participant in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was involved in Lodge activities as Chaplain, Trustee, all chair offices, Secretary of the Lodge, Elks Nooz editor, Chairman of the Lodge National Foundation Committee and Honorary Founder Contributor, and Chairman of the Membership Committee. He served on the Lodge's 75th and 100th Anniversary Committees. Mr. Malm had the honor of presenting the "Kids From Wisconsin" at a fund raiser for Cerebral Palsy recipient Julie Einarson. Bob is serving as chairman of the PER Officer Training Committee and Lodge Memorial Committee. He has been active in the Oldtimer's group for many years.

Robert is a member of the Wisconsin Independent Agents Association, and served as Director. He is a past president of the Waukesha County Insurance Agents Association. Bob is past treasurer of the friends of Retzer Nature Center and is currently a member of the Board. He is a past treasurer of Boy Scouts of America. Bob retired from the insurance business in 1993.

Bob married Elizabeth Hannon February 14, 1947. They have four children, Mary Beth, Bruce, Terry (deceased) and David. The Malms live at 620 Tenny Avenue in Waukesha.

Gerald A. Miszewski, PER



Gerald "Jerry" Miszewski was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Alois and Agnes Miszewski. He attended St. Vincent DePaul Grade School, graduated from Pulaski High School in 1955, and Spencerian College in Milwaukee. Jerry worked in a foundry after high school, then left to become a sheet metal journeyman in 1966. He retired from that profession in 1992.

Jerry has been active in the Elks for many years. He served as Inner Guard and Esquire in the Lodge. Jerry has served on the Bingo and Fund Raising Committees, and hosted many Social Committee events. He was chairman of the Friday Night Fish Fry's for several years. In 1988, he formed the Elks Couples Bowling League. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1991-1992. During his term as Exalted Ruler, he had the honor to have Elk member Marlin Hermann, PER serve as president of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Marlin was the third Elk from our Lodge to become president of the State Association. Jerry also hosted the State Fall Conference in September of 1991, and enjoyed seeing our members pull together as one to assure a successful conference. His most memorable moment occurred when he represented Waukesha Lodge at the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Jerry has served as secretary of the Lodge since 1995.

Jerry was named Elk of the Year in 1986-1987. He served as Wisconsin Elk's Association State Inner Guard from 1995 to 1997. In 1992-1993, he received the Past Exalted Ruler annual award jointly with his wife, Jeanne.

Besides being a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elk's, Jerry was president of Honest Brothers Ltd., vice-president of Waukesha Area REACT. He also served on the executive board and later was vice-president of Sheet Metal Workers Local 18. He is a member of the Elm Grove American Legion Post #449.

In 1957, he married Jean Reinhard. They have two children, Cheryl and Tim. Jerry and Jeanne reside at W235 S5511 Big Bend Road, Waukesha.

Donald D. Svoma, PER



Donald Svoma was born in the Town of Arthur, Wisconsin. He is the son of John and Letitia Svoma. Don attended Elmdale Grade School, Holcombe Junior High, and Holcombe High School. He was in the Air Force from 1957 to 1960.

In 1959, Don married Susan Sherman. They had six children, Michele, Kyle, Mike, Kristine, Melissa, and Andrea. He married his present wife, Joan Murphy in 1981. She

brought to the family Michael, Julie, Kathleen, and Timothy.

Don was employed by Western Electric for 27 years. He currently is employed by Norstan Communications as a service technician and has been with the company for 15 years.

Don was initiated into the Superior Lodge of Elks No.403 in 1982. He transferred to the Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1984. Don has held chairs of Chaplain, Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and Trustee. He was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1992-1993. He is currently on the State Credential's & Election's Committee as Vice Chairman. PER Svoma started the Social Committee under Exalted Ruler Gerald Crouse Sr., PER.

Don attended the Elks National Convention in Dallas, Texas. He has enjoyed being on the Ritualistic Committee as word judge, and Drug Awareness Committee. Don also served as State Inner Guard. His proudest moment occurred when he was installed as Exalted Ruler by his classmate and Past State President, Harvey Gygi.

Don and Joan reside at 1447 S. Grand Avenue, Waukesha.

Lee F. Leipski, PER



Lee Leipski was born on April 14, 1939 in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to Karl and Freida Leipski. He attended and graduated from Waukesha High School and Waukesha County Technical College. He worked as a bricklayer and Real Estate Agent.

Lee married Margaret Assmann on June 9, 1962. They have five children, Stephanie, Tammy, Matthew, Mark, and

Christopher.

Lee is a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served in all chair positions, including Exalted Ruler in 1993-1994. Lee was proud to represent the Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Portland, Oregon. During his term in office, he increased dues and chaired the program of presenting a set of flags to Waukesha area schools. He served as chairman of the picnic for many years, chairman of the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and started the Easter party at LindenGrove Nursing Home. Lee also served as Trustee for one year.

Lee received the Grand Exalted Ruler's Commendation Award for 1994-1995. and the Lodge Elk of the Year Award in 1995-1996.

Lee and Bobbie reside at 1715 Center Road in Waukesha.

David Assmann, PER



David Assmann was born July 10, 1948, the son of Leonard and Maizie Assmann. He attended Waukesha schools and graduated in 1966. He attended the University of Whitewater for one year, transferred to Racine Tech and graduated in 1969 with a degree in Civil Technology.

Dave is a third generation Elk, and his son Jim makes the 4th generation, in the Waukesha Lodge. He has served in all

chair positions, and three years as Trustee. Dave served as Exalted Ruler in 1994-1995. During his term, he presided over the controversial contemplated sale of the Lodge which attracted the largest membership meeting attendance in recent years. He also established the Building Restoration Account and the Wall of Honor recognition boards which raised over \$33,000. Dave assisted in the reopening of the upper level of the Lodge. He acted as one of the sub-committee chairmen for the 1992 Fall Conference overseeing the bar operation, and also acted as security guard during the event.

In 1996, Dave was appointed chairman, Southeast District for the Wisconsin Elks Major Project. He has received the National Memorial Certificate of Appreciation, and Exemplary Elk Award for the past six years. In 1997, he was appointed DDGER Secretary. Recently he was elected chairperson of the Trustee's for the Lodge year 1998-1999.

His fondest memories are of the State Presidents' visit and participating in the State Bowling Tournament which was hosted by our Lodge.

Dave married Sandie Hanson in 1992. He has two children and four step-children.

Dave is president and owner of Title Underwriters, Inc. He resides in Lake Mills, Wisconsin with his wife Sandie.

Conrad Farner, PER



Conrad "Connie" Farner was born May 1, 1915 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended grades 1-8 in a one room school in the Town of Vernon, Wisconsin. He graduated from West Division High School in Milwaukee. Connie graduated from Carroll College in 1940.

Conrad and Marge were married in June of 1941. He received a scholarship to Carroll College, graduating in 1941.

Carroll College, graduating in 1941. Connie entered Marquette Law School in 1942 and enrolled in the Navy V7 program. He was ordered to Northwestern officers cadet school, and received his commission July of 1943. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of World War II. Connie returned to civilian life in 1946, and re-entered Marquette University where he received his degree. Mr. Farner worked for the Milwaukee School System while earning his Masters Degree. He was called back into active duty in 1950, returning to civilian life again in 1952.

After becoming a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, Connie worked the Friday Night Fish Fries, and served as Bingo Chairman. Connie received the Lodge Elk of the Year Award in 1976-1977. In 1978, Connie retired and bought a home in Florida. After 12 years, he and his wife, Marge returned to Waukesha. Connie became active once again in Lodge activities, served in all chair positions, and was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1995-1996. During his term as Exalted Ruler, Connie along with the assistance of office secretary, Jeanne Miszewski, restructured the bookkeeping process to comply with Internal Revenue System rules. In 1998, Connie was elected to serve as Trustee.

Conrad and his wife, Marge live at 1238 Wedgewood Drive,

Robert J. Tallinger Sr., PER



Robert "Bob" Tallinger Sr. was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, the son of Joseph and Amelia Tallinger who were also member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He attended St. Joseph's grade school and graduated from Waukesha High School. Bob is a licensed Real Estate Appraiser and restaurant co-owner.

Bob married Janet Witmeyer and they have one daughter, Aurora, and two boys,

Robert Jr. and Ronald. Janet runs our Restaurant and catering service. She caters the Waukesha Elks Friday Night Fish Fries, and is the exclusive caterer for the upper level.

Bob served in all chair positions, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1996-1997. He enjoyed serving on various committees and assisting in special projects. PER Tallinger had the honor of representing Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Las Vegas. He assisted in installing newer ceiling tiles in the Lodge Hall. Bob had the honor of installing his son, Rob as Esteemed Loyal Knight. Bob is currently serving as Trustee.

Bob serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and assisted in delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas basket to over 400 families since 1995. He has been elected to serve as Town of Waukesha Supervisor for the past 9 years and is Sergeant at Arms in the Early Riser Kiwanis Club.

The Tallinger family home is in the Town of Waukesha.

Willis Schiller, PER



Willis Schiller was born in Pittsville, Wisconsin on March 1, 1929, the son of Max and Elsie (Werth) Schiller. He attended grade school in Marshfield, and graduated from high school in 1948. He moved to Waukesha in 1950.

Willis took a job at Waukesha Motor Works, now Waukesha Engine Division of Dresser Industries from which he retired in 1991

In 1952, he married Gladys Hunkins who passed away in 1993. In 1996, he married Nancy Spicuzza. He has 5 stepchildren

Willis is a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He has served in all chair positions, and the Building and Grounds Committees. Willis served as Exalted Ruler in 1997-1998. He has worked Bingo at the lodge. Willis has been involved in Bingo at the Lodge for many years, currently serving as a Bingo Caller. During his term he oversaw the remodeling of the upstairs bar area and installation of new carpeting. He had the honor of representing Waukesha Elks Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

PER Schiller is currently serving as National Foundation Chairman for 1998-1999. Will and his wife, Nancy live at 710 Crestwood in Waukesha, Wisconsin.



Joseph R. Schoenwalder, PDDGER



Joseph R. Schoenwalder is the son of late Joseph B. and Mae Schoenwalder.

Joe worked in the family business of Schoenwalder Plumbing Inc. which was founded by his father in 1945. He purchased the business in 1968, and sold it in October of 1998.

Mr. Schoenwalder has served as a Lodge officer for more than 20 years. Joe served in all chair positions. He was installed as

Exalted Ruler in 1984-1985. PER Schoenwalder served as Lodge Secretary, and two terms as Lodge Trustee. He has also served as Chairman of the State Association Officer's Training Committee. He has been a Bingo Chairman, and Social Committee Chairman. Joe received the Lodge Elk of the Year Award in 1985-1986, and Past Exalted Ruler Award. He had the honor of initiating Governor Tommy Thompson into Waukesha Lodge No. 400. Mr. Schoenwalder was a member of Waukesha Noon Optimist, and serves on the Board of Directors. He also is a member of the Wisconsin Master Plumbers Association, and was Waukesha County Association Past President.

Joe Schoenwalder married Maureen Dunne in 1953. They have three children, Kim, Kyle and Todd and seven grand-children. The family home is located at 625 North Hine Avenue, Waukesha.



William J. Graffin, PER



William Graffin is the son of Lester and Wilma Graffin. He attended and graduated from Madison East High School, and Madison Business College.

Mr. Graffin is a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1985-1986. PER Graffin was honored to represent Waukesha Lodge #400 at the Elks National Convention in Seattle, Washington.

Bill Graffin is married to Lenna. He has two sons, Bill and Scott.

Mr. Graffin has been an Allstate Insurance Agent for 31 years. He is a Past President of the Waukesha Jaysees, and served as chairman of City of Waukesha's Bicentennial Committee.

Gerald L. Crouse Sr., DDGER



Gerald Crouse Sr. was born October 22, 1938, in Waukesha, Wisconsin to Nelda and George Crouse. He is a 1956 graduate of Waukesha High School.

Mr. Crouse joined the Elm Grove Police Department in 1965. He received his Associate Degree in Police Science from Waukesha County Technical Institute in 1974. In 1992, he retired from the police department after 27 years, as a

corporal.

Gerald Crouse has been a member of Waukesha Lodge of Elks for more than 19 years. During his term as Exalted Ruler, twenty-two new members were initiated into the Lodge. The Lodge also went through extensive remodeling. Gerald saw the start of Fish Fries at the Lodge and the donation of a player piano to Zablocki Center. Tommy Thompson, a member of our Lodge was elected Governor.

On the local level, Mr. Crouse received the Elk of the Year Award in 1982-1983. Mr. Crouse was installed as Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1986. PER Crouse is now serving his second five-year term as Trustee of the Lodge, having also served as Chairman. Gerald is a past president of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association and current treasurer.

On the state level, Mr. Crouse received the Wisconsin Elks Major Project Award for outstanding contributions to Elkdom from 1991-1994. He also received the State President's Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and Wisconsin Elks Association Elk of the Year Award in 1997. Mr. Crouse served as a member of the State Resolutions and Laws Committee, vice chairman and chairman of the State Major Project Committee. He was also a member of the Major Project Development Special Committee and "Project 2000" Committee. PER Crouse was Vice President Southeast from 1987-1988. He served as State Inner Guard from 1989 to 1995, Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1996-1997 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 1997-1998.

PER Crouse is a member of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, member and past president of the Elm Grove Professional Policeman's Association, past board member of the Elm Grove Emergency Medical Service, past chief advisor of the Elm Grove Explorer Post, past member of the Elmbrook Vandalism Committee, member of the International Juvenile Officers Association, Life member, past president, secretary, and treasurer of the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association, member and past president of the Waukesha County Juvenile Officers Association, member of the Milwaukee County Juvenile Officers Association, and member of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

On November 7, 1959, Gerald Crouse married Marlene Spelich. They reside at 2209 Allen Lane, Waukesha. They are members of the First United Methodist Church. They have two sons, Gerald Jr. and James, who are also members of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Crouse works part-time for Randle Dable Funeral Home and United Parcel Service.

Wayne H. Ansorge, PER



Wayne Ansorge was born on January 6, 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is the son of Henry and Catherine (Cook) Ansorge. He attended Wales State Grade School and Waukesha High School.

Wayne has been a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks since 1982. He served in all chair positions in the Lodge, served as Esquire for five years and was a member of the Youth Activities Committee

for five years, both local and state level. Wayne has been chairperson of the State Conference and Convention Committee for three years. He was involved in the Lodge renovation which was completed on the eve of his installation as Exalted Ruler on April 11, 1987. That year he was proud to represent Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The Elks conference was held in Waukesha with Wayne as chairperson of the Conference Committee. Wayne received the \$1,000 Membership Award from the National Foundation and the State President's Distinguished Service Award. He was named Lodge Elk of the Year in 1995.

Wayne has served as United Way Company Campaign chairperson for 17 years, was a Loaned Executive for one year and served as chairperson of the Commercial Division for one year. He was named chairperson of the Year in 1983 and again in 1996. He is serving on the Waukesha County Board of Directors for the United Way.

On the eve of his installation, April 10, 1987, Wayne married Sandra Jean in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He has one son, David Wayne. Wayne and Sandra live in Waukesha.

Wayne is currently chairperson of the Conference Committee for the Fall Conference to be held at our Lodge in September, 1998.

Kenneth R. Redenz, PER



Kenneth R. Redenz was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Oscar and Estelle Redenz. He attended elementary and high school in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Ken took pre-engineering courses at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He received a Bachelor of Industrial Technology degree at Milwaukee School of Engineering. The first half of his working career was spent in the electronics engi-

neering vocation and the last half was spent in controls engineering for the material handling automation industry.

Kenneth Redenz married Carol Jean Davies in 1959. They have two children, Mark and LeAnn, and 4 grandchildren.

Ken has been a member of the Waukesha Lodge of Elks for more than twenty years. He was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1988-1989. Ken is pleased to be the last Exalted Ruler to record a membership increase. He established a successful local Elks Memorial Fund. Ken was also instrumental in computerizing the administrative office operations, and of establishing financial savings by providing spreadsheets for the bar room financial and balance sheets. Ken also initiated a successful program for presenting a set of eight flags representing the history of the flags to all schools in the Lodge area.

Ken Redenz enjoyed attending the Elks National Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ken served as Trustee of the Lodge, which included two years as chairperson. His most important contribution to the Lodge was in two critical areas:

Drug Awareness and Business Practices. Ken's most memorable moments are when a large number of members come out to functions, enjoy the activities, and share the good times with open hearts and willing hands.

In the community, Ken was president of the local Nelson Half-Way House Board, president of St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council, and president of the Greater Milwaukee Professional Engineer's in Training Group. Ken also served as chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee in 1998.

Ken and his wife, Carol, reside at W250 S3337 Hemit Avenue, in the Town of Waukesha.

Patrick A. Mehling, PER



Patrick Albert Mehling was born May 14, 1943, the son of Robert C. and Eunice M. (Cull) Mehling of Hartland, Wisconsin. He attended Swallow Grade School and gradulated from Arrowhead High School in Hartland, Wisconsin. Pat went into the United States Air Force for four years. Upon leaving the service he sold insurance for Allstate and American Family Insurance for nine years. He then joined

the Metz Baking Company (Jaeger Division) in Milwaukee as an Account Manager.

Pat married Vicki K. (Luedtke) on June 15, 1963 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hartland, Wisconsin. They have one daughter, Kim and two sons, Todd and Tim.

Pat served in all Lodge chair positions including Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge of Elks in 1989-1990. During his term in office, PER Mehling represented Waukesha Lodge at the Elks National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. He served as Esquire for four years, was a member of the Bingo Committee, worked on the Christmas Basket program, Easter program, and was active at the Annual Family Picnics. He also participated in the Veterans fishing outing on Pewaukee Lake.

Pat served as president of the St. Charles Holy Name Society. He also served as director, secretary, and treasurer for the Milwaukee Grocery Manufacturer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pat and his wife, Vicki live at 1920 Cliff-Alex Court North, Waukesha.

Nicholas J. Pugh, PER



Nicholas John Pugh was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, the son of John D. and Lois Pugh. He attended local schools and graduated from Waukesha High School.

Nik had the honor of being installed by his father PER John D. Pugh. He served in all chair positions in the Lodge, including Exalted Ruler in 1990-1991. PER Pugh attended the Elks National Convention in

Las Vegas. During his term in office, membership stayed even, and the Lodge prospered. The Lodge sponsored a very successful party for the Waukesha County Cerebral Palsy Support Group. Nik was involved in sponsoring the Kids From Wisconsin at the Lodge. He is on the Fall Conference Planning Committee for 1998.

In the community, Nik was a volunteer in the city glass recycling program, and currently a driver coordinator for Meals on Wheels. He is a member of the Waukesha Masons.

Nik has two sons, Mason and Justin, and lives in the Town of Pewaukee.

Lodge Officers . . .



1998 Lodge Officers: (back row, 1 to r) Tiler, Rollo Carlson, Chaplain, James Walder, Secretary, PER Gerald A. Miszewski, Treasurer, Phillip A. Woodin, Inner Guard, Carl Schroeder, Esquire, Robert Bocher, Organist, PER C. Tom Ekstrand Jr.

(Front row, l to r) Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Ronald Bertrand, Exalted Ruler, John A. A. Kaepernick, Esteemed Leading Knight, Thomas G. Laszewski, and Esteemed Loyal Knight, Robert J. Tallinger Jr.

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Eau Claire Lodge #402	Exalted Ruler, Charles Edson	Secretary, Albert Hanson
Fond du Lac Lodge #57	Exalted Ruler, Terrence Lemke	Secretary, Richard Schorse
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Eleven O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To Our Absent Members"

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May 12, 1998

To Members of the Waukesha Elks Lodge 400:

Congratulations Waukesha Elks Lodge 400 during this historic time, your 100th birthday. Your continual support of the Waukesha community through your youth programs: the Hoop Shoot Free-throw contest, Drug Awareness Poster Contest, Soccer Shoot Out, and scholarship programs is outstanding. I am also aware of the work you do for the DAV and patriotism programs for our residents.

My best wishes for many more years of success, both as an organization and, more importantly, as a positive force in the City of Waukesha.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Lombardi

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Mayor



"Welcome"

FROM THE

Exalted Ruler
(1998 - 1999)

OF

WAUKESHA LODGE NO. 400



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY WAUKESHA ELKS LODGE 400!

What a wonderful and historic time! Many events have been planned to commemorate this memorable time such as the Centennial Ball, the opening of the cornerstone and hosting the Fall Conference.

A warm welcome is extended to Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Valentine Bates, State Sponsor Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Sabin, and Wisconsin State President Milt Swantz for the Fall Conference.

I hope our hospitality and friendship will radiate throughout the year and make a lasting impression on everyone.

Fraternally yours,

John (Jack) Kaepernick Exalted Ruler Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400

1998 Fall Conference



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Program

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

5:00 - P.M.

Registration (Credentials and Elections)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

12:00 P.M.

Registration (Credentials and Elections)

1:30 P.M.

Presidents Advisory

State Trustees to follow

3:00 P.M.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1998

7:00 A.M.

Registration (Credentials and Elections)

8:00 A.M.

Committee Meetings

11:00 A.M.

Ladies Luncheon

12:30 A.M.

Exalted Ruler, Leading Knights & Secretaries Luncheon

7:00 P.M.

Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1998

8:30 A.M.

General Session

Critique to follow

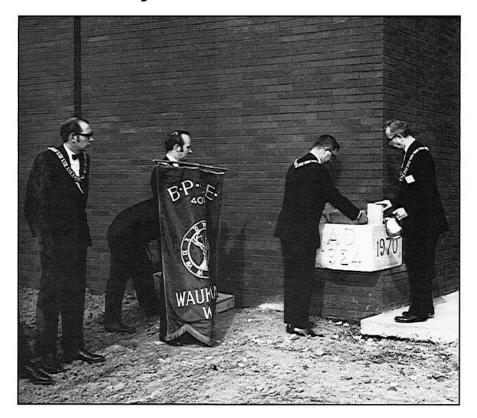
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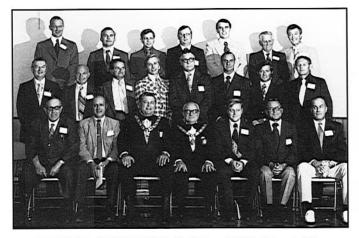
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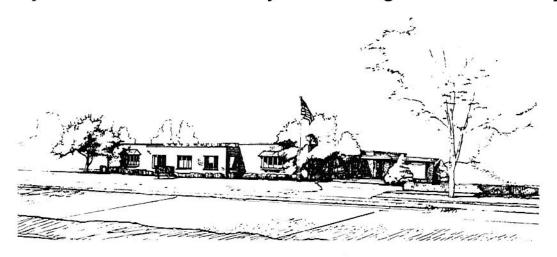
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