Golden Anniversary





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LODGE No. 400 B. P. O. E.

MAY 12, 1948

WAUKESHA, WIS.

Hosts to the Spring Conference of Wisconsin Elks Association May 22-23, 1948

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



Dedication

O the memory of our founding Brothers, we dedicate this "Book of Memory" issued in connection with the observance of the Fiftieth or Golden anniversary of the institution of Waukesha Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 400.

At this distant date from the inception of this Lodge, we can only hope that the sketchy records kept by those earnest men, aided by the now faint memories of some of our Oldsters, will give the reader an understanding of how they labored, of how they built the fine Lodge we know today.

Thus, belatedly, we lift our glasses in honoring their memory, and express our gratitude to them for having established the firm foundation upon which No. 400 has survived through the years. Each of those founding Brothers was a loyal citizen of this nation, imbued with the ideals and principles espoused by Elkdom.

May we, and our successors, never lose sight of the beacons by which we have been guided and may the memory of those who prepared the way make us of today and the tomorrows better Elks—ever more keenly alive to our duty to our Order, to our Lodge and to our Community.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE.





GRAND LODGE BENEYOLENT ORDER OF ELKS United States of America

L. A. LEWIS Grand Exalted Ruler

> Suite 721, I. N. Van Nuys Building 210 West 7th Street LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

April 17, 1948

Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 Waukesha, Wisconsin

Dear Brothers:

Congratulations and best wishes on your Fiftieth Anniversary -- fifty years is a long, long time, yet it seems but a day when it marks fifty years of loyal and devoted service to our great Order, to your community, and to our nation.

I sincerely and deeply congratulate your lodge upon your glorious achievements in the past, and I wish for you an even greater and more glorious future in living up to all of the ideals of our wonderful fraternity and doing greater things for humanity and for America.

Sincerely and fraternally,

L. A. LEWIS,

Grand Exalted Ruler.



L. A. Lewis Grand exalted ruler



Congratulations

FROM THE

District Deputy

GRAND EXALTED RULER WISCONSIN, SOUTH



I wish to extend my congratulations to the Waukesha Elks Lodge on its 50th Anniversary. Waukesha may well be proud of its 50 years of promulgating the ideals of Elkdom. Your record of participation in the civic and charitable affairs of the community is outstanding; and your growth and progress as a lodge is to be commended. My sincerest wishes for your continued success.

Fraternally yours,

RAYMOND C. FETT,

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Wisconsin, South.

Greetings

FROM

CHARLES E. BROUGHTON

PAST GRAND EXALTED RULER



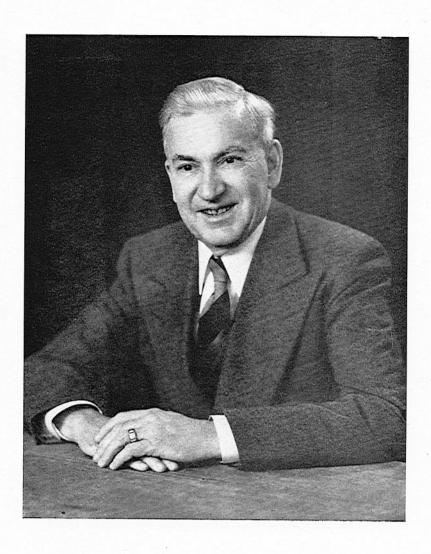
The records show that your lodge will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on May 12 and we of the Grand Lodge take exceptional pride in extending congratulations.

Fifty years is a long time in the life of an individual and it means even more when well meaning men band themselves together over a half century in the humanitarian work

for which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stands. I wish I could be with you on May 12, but this is an impossibility, although I hope to be with you at the Spring Conference of the Wisconsin Elks Association on May 22 and 23.

As you go over the membership list you will find the names of those, past and present, who have not only pioneered, but have been representative of the best that Waukesha stands for. It was my good fortune to know many of the Waukesha Elks, likewise, to follow their record of the true teachings of brotherhood.

Please convey to every member of Waukesha Lodge No. 400 my sincere wishes for this anniversary



event. To be identified with an order whose membership runs close to a million and whose benefactions have spread to all parts of the globe where our fighting men have carried the American flag is an achievement in itself. Let us uphold and defend the activities of Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis who has been touring the country and preaching true Americanism. There is no place in this country for a communist or a Ku Klux Klan — both preaching hatred and violating the one structure upon which liberty stands — our constitution.

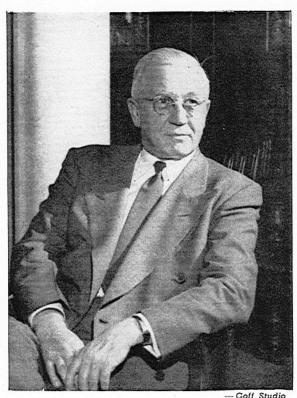
CHARLES E. BROUGHTON, Past Grand Exalted Ruler. GOVERNOR

Rennebohm

EXTENDS

Best Wishes





It has come to my attention that the Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its institution on May 12, 1948, and that you will also be host to the Spring Conference of the Wisconsin Elks Association on May 22 and 23 as a fitting conclusion to the observance of your anniversary.

Knowing something of the splendid personnel which comprises the Waukesha Lodge and of your outstanding record of public service, I want to add my hearty congratulations to the congratulations of your many friends on this important occasion. It is doubly significant that Wisconsin should be celebrating its 100th anniversary as a state during the same month when you are observing your 50th anniversary.

Please accept my best wishes as well that the Spring Conference may be a most successful one and that the wonderful progress made by the Waukesha Lodge may continue and be expanded throughout the second half of its first century of existence.

> Fraternally yours, OSCAR RENNEBOHM. Governor.

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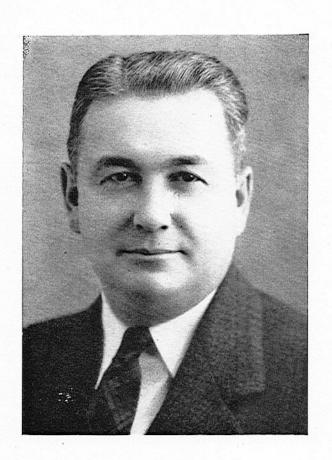
Success

AND

Happiness

FROM THE
PRESIDENT,
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION





Congratulations to Waukesha Lodge on their golden anniversary from the officers and members of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Always one of the outstanding lodges in participation in the activities of the Association, you have also been foremost in the charitable and fraternal activities of your own community.

May the good fellowship of your lodge and your adherence to the cardinal principles of our order continue forever and may continued success and happiness be yours.

A. V. DELMORE,

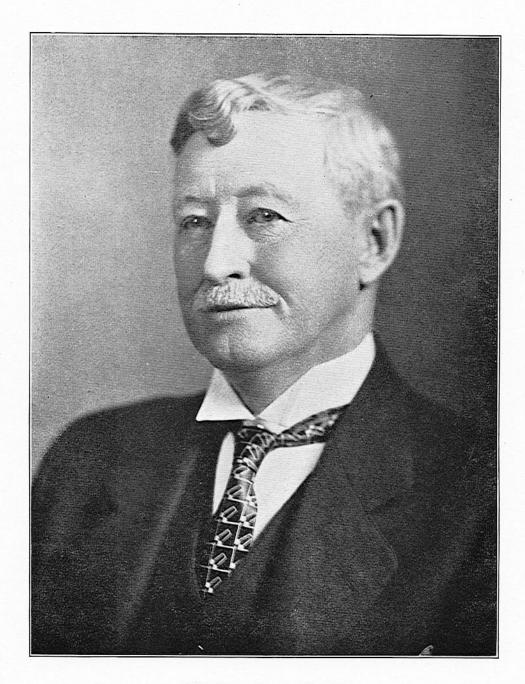
President, Wisconsin Elks Association.

our first EXALTED RULER



A. F. WARDEN

only living CHARTER MEMBER



FRED. D. ABELL

The Grand States of Alles States of America. Впотненту Соч SIDELITY Charity

... in the BEGINNING-1897-1898



WAS summer in the gay 90's. The resort hotels of Waukesha were really crowded. The blue bloods of Southern chivalry and beauty were there in great numbers. These people, quite familiar with the luxurious ease and service of the old South, yes, and other portions of the nation, came to drink of the health-giving waters so freely bubbling up from the springs hereabout.

Quite a number 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.



BASIL M. ALLEN Grand Exalted Ruler 1899 - 1900

One of the frequent visitors at the Fountain House was Basil M. Allen, a Grand Lodge Officer of the B.P.O.E. Quiet and gentlemanly in his bearing, restrained in his conversation — yet so deeply ingrained with the objectives of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was he that he soon aroused a fervor of interest among the men of our city. Brother Allen was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Birmingham, Alabama, Lodge, so you see in what high esteem his own southern Brothers held him.

Yet another event was to enter into the picture before the institution of a Waukesha Lodge of Elks could be completed.

The Wisconsin Central Railroad, previous to and during a portion of the Gay Nineties, had its car shops and division offices at Waukesha, and quite a number of the men employed there also heard of the Elks and were deeply interested. Then came a blow that shattered many a dream, but which in the end was a cloud with a silver lining for the employees of the Wisconsin Central. Almost without warning the company announced removal of the shops and offices to Fond du Lac and scores and scores of Waukesha residents were moved to that city.

Now Fond du Lac already had a Lodge of Elks — No. 57, and the germ of fraternity, implanted by the discussions in Waukesha in many of those who moved to Fond du Lac, blossomed into fruit — membership in No. 57.

Very naturally, these former Waukeshanites retained their contact with their old friends here and interest deepened.

But our Waukesha men, much as they desired a Waukesha Lodge, wanted it to express, too, their own con-

ception of Elkdom. They found that Lodges were being instituted far and wide, 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," why, that indication of belonging to the social aristocracy, the "400," made the Waukesha men want that number for their Lodge.

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.

Perusal of the official register of Charter Members discloses the following as being entitled to that distinction:



GEO. A. REYNOLDS Grand Secretary 1898 - 1899

A. F. WARDEN	E. D. Walsh
E. MERTON	H. T. MERRIMAN
R. L. Gove	F. J. Clasen
D. L. Tullar	JOHN MCKINLEY
A. H. Youmans	C. E. Armin
Dr. J. P. Ward	W. P. Dunlap
Donald Ploss	E. S. Park
Holmes Daubner	H. J. MJELDE
Orlow Daubner	G. E. Gerken
Geo. L. Walker	J. F. TIGHE
WM. A. NICKELL	M. J. McCoy
C. F. MERRILL	WM. H. NICHOLI
J. C. McCue	C. A. Bergeler
C. E. Chilson	H. G. Morgan
L. F. Horn	C. W. Fraser
G. Harkness	J. L. WILLIAMS
W. H. STRACHAN	T. B. Quinn
G. M. Gray	J. J. Clark
Jas. A. Ryan	T. E. RYAN
D. K. SMITH	J. L. McGowan
A. W. Park	R. A. Hanke
H. A. Tullar	John Conner
R. J. Rogan	Fred D. Abell

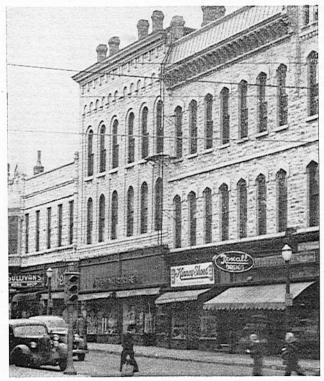
And who do you suppose participated in that ceremony, in fact, conducted the ritual that established Waukesha

Lodge as a part of national Elkdom! Of course! It was our former Waukesha friends who came down from Fond du Lac in a body, some fifty of them from No. 57, to see to it that we got started off right. Yes, that was in December, but it was not until May 12th, of the following year (1898 at New Orleans) that No. 400 was actually assigned to the Waukesha Lodge — and that is the reason why we celebrate that date and not the December one as our anniversary period. This is why we observe May 12, 1948, as our Fiftieth, or Golden, Anniversary.

This disposes of the many impressions that are circulated, both here and in other places, as to the connection of Waukesha Lodge and the number 400. It has not, as many suppose, any connection with a railroad train, nor with a local manufactured product, but is simply the choice of the founders, who wanted to belong to the "400" of Waukesha.

When, the following summer of 1898, those Southern blades and belles returned to the famed hostelries of Waukesha you can just imagine our Waukesha Elks chests as they announced that they, too, were Elks and members of the 400.

A. F. Warden was chosen as the first Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, 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, very largely because of his own organizational ability, he was chosen to fill the honorable position of President of the Association, the first man to be so honored.



The Putney Block was the scene of the first meetings held by the Elks of Waukesha, the hall on the third floor being used from 1897 to 1906.

Of course, a full complement of Lodge Officers was elected and named to serve the new Lodge, but of those Charter Members only Brother Fred D. Abell remains to talk of those early days. His head is crowned with the snows of time, but his memory of those olden days is not too thoroughly dimmed by the years. Now just past 90, he delights in recalling names and events. His enthusiasm for the benevolences and protective objectives of the order is still at high pitch and it will never be different until he, too, is mourned in the annual Lodge of Sorrow, ever to be remembered on Memorial Sunday and in the 11 o'clock Toast.

Among those who made the hegira from Fond du Lac to Waukesha for that first ceremony (and who has from time to time returned to "kwatsch" with old timers) was Dr. J. P. Hess, still a member of Fond du Lac Lodge No. 57, who is now almost 80 and has a very keen memory.



JOHN GALVIN Grand Exalted Ruler 1898 - 1899

He remembers that D. D. G. E. R. De Steese, appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler J. D. Galvin, and his fellow Elks from Fond du Lac brought their own paraphernalia in a special Wisconsin Central railroad car to take care of the initiation of the Waukesha members and the instituting of the Lodge. But, he also recalls, initiations in those days were not what they are today. There was considerable horseplay and a man had to be something of a Paul Bunyan to come through the ordeal. Those fel-

lows were not entirely of the serious type and that first initiation lasted fully four or five hours as, one by one, the candidates stepped up to that famous "jack" of which we hear so much these days. Also there was a mechanical "Goat" which was used to enliven the proceedings—considerably.

Time has mellowed the initiations, and the Grand Lodge has put the ritualistic work on a higher plane, and we are all better Elks because of it.

Maybe that greater attention to horseplay at meetings is the reason why the early records are so scant regarding actual Lodge history, but they do show that after organization work at the old Fountain House, the Lodge obtained quarters in the Putney Block, over The Enterprise, located at 601 Grand Avenue (old number), a store which had many of the features of the department store of today.

Then, in 1906, the hall in the Columbia Block was rented. Here the members had, in addition to the Lodge Room, a buffet, a card room and another room in which they installed a pool table.

It was while the Lodge was in the Putney Block that Brother A. F. Warden, then Past Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, was elected, in 1902, in the first session of the Wisconsin Elks Association, at Oshkosh, as its president. He was elected to succeed himself the following year at the convention in Ashland. Past Exalted Ruler George L. Dwinnell was the only other Waukesha Lodge Brother to be honored with the position of president of the Wisconsin Elks Association. He was elected at the 1924 convention at Milwaukee. One other Waukesha member was secretary of the association, Past Exalted Ruler T. P. Buckley, elected at the 1906 convention in La Crosse.

Our Charter Exalted Ruler, and first leader of the Wisconsin Elks Association, passed beyond the pale on September 28, 1927, but his good work continues. He had been elected as the Lodge's first honorary life member in 1914.

Not only in honors for members of Waukesha Lodge has the record of this Lodge been marked, but also by visits from the Grand Exalted Rulers. As early as 1901 this Lodge entertained the Grand Lodge Officers and Trustees. This was a big occasion and those visitors were royally entertained. Not only did the Lodge work run smoothly, but the members decorated the city and held a Carnival in the streets. Members were not content to have one parade, ah no, there was, besides the uniformed contingent in the daylight parade, a special evening event known as the "Ghost Parade" and side trips to all the Springs in and about the city. All Spring companies had displays for the visitors to view at the Fountain House and, well, besides water there were other drinks to be had, for a special motion was put through at the meeting of July 20, 1901, to the effect that the Secretary "look after keeping the sideboard open during the carnival and furnish such refreshments as his judgment dictates." of regret crept into those minutes: It seems that the Grand Lodge Officers, trustees and members of the committee on National Home made their visit a day ahead of expectation, and, "as the Almanaris were prepared on a large scale to entertain them, therefore a motion was made and carried that an expression of sympathy be extended to Brother Powers in not being able to entertain in the manner intended."

Some time later Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence H. Rupp of Allentown, Pa., and Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters visited Waukesha Lodge at the invitation of then Exalted Ruler Charles Schuetze. The grand officers were on a tour of the larger cities and it was because of previous acquaintance that the G.E.R. consented to make an exception and do his Wisconsin visiting at Waukesha Lodge. Somehow, some Milwaukee Elks got wind of the coming visit and Chauncey Yockey made an attempt to switch the itinerary. Now Schuetze played his Ace, went out of his way, met the official party and brought them to Waukesha — by-passing Milwaukee entirely. Waukesha DOES things, when it is worth-while.

Of course, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers made their stated visits to the Waukesha Lodge and, while generally approving the Lodge operations, sometimes they had suggestions to make. For instance, it was found that in a session, early in 1902, that the officers conducted Lodge session without rituals. Whether they did not know their parts, or whether they had just forgotten to bring them along or had some other reason for it, there is no record.

These District Deputies were sharp fellows and they kept the Lodge on its toes. Flag Day was (and still is) a mandatory day of observance in all Elk Lodges, but though the custom had been in effect since 1907, it was not until June 14, 1912, that the Waukesha Elks conducted their first Flag Day service. Having started compliance with the orders of the Grand Lodge, they have been careful to keep the date as occasion for annual public observance.

This first Waukesha public observance of Flag Day was held in Cutler Park and an interesting program was laid out by the committee, consisting of Louis Meininger, Holmes Daubner and John Tinker. In addition, the Lodge provided prizes for the best essays on "Origin and History of the American Flag," written by school children, with a special prize for "anyone of school age living outside of the city of Waukesha."

If a suggestion made at a meeting of Waukesha Lodge had been followed by the officers of the United States Government, there would have been no foreign "isms" preached in our country for the past several years.

This was a resolution, presented, which declared that the Lodge "views with alarm" the increasing activity of such organizations as the I.W.W. and agitators "such as the Bolsheviki, mostly of foreign birth who are endeavoring to overthrow the government of this country, and to tear down American institutions and ideals."

The resolution proposed to commit the Lodge to "respectfully, but most firmly" request Congress to amend the laws so as to "eradicate for all time this curse which is now endeavoring to thrive in our land."

Yes, Waukesha Elks were and are patriotic and observing citizens of their community.

They are, and have been, deeply interested in civic affairs.

In another resolution, of January 18, 1923, the President of the United States was to be respectfully requested to set aside a week to be known as "National Anti-Dope Week." He was requested, in the resolution, to "set in renewed action every possible governmental agency whose function it is to stamp out this evil, but that he cause to be gathered together an International Conference of competent men who will formulate plans and methods of procedure looking to the eradication of the evil, not only in the United States, but in each other country in the world."

Started with a small number of men, Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, is now fifty years old and has continued to grow, not only in numbers, but in importance in the civic and cultured life of the people of this, our city.

The past is gone, a pleasure to review. It gives us the inspiration, the courage and determination to look with hope to the future which, we trust, will find the cardinal principles of Elkdom as the symbol of a world returned to sanity.



AN ELK

"When a man can see in his brother man
More of good and less of ill,
When he can meet with fame and keep
His head upon his shoulders still;
When he can work for the sake of working,
And care not for his gain;
When he can thank God for adversity—
For strength to start again;
When he can see his business as a
Chance to serve his fellow man
And apply the Golden Rule, and make
His daily working plan.

When he can look across the muddy wallow,
And see the fragrant Flower;
When he can stay his axe and stand beside
The tree and feel its power;
When he can stalk wild game without a gun;
And learn of Nature's plan
And know that life is life and it is one
And God is in every man;
When he can sing the songs of boyhood days
And romp upon the green;
When he can share his wealth with charity,
Nor let his act be seen.

When he can pause a moment of each day
And do it without fail,

To live again in memory with the boys
Who've passed on down the trail;

When he can see his flag—the Stars and Stripes
And love it as he should;

To die for it! — but, better still, to live for it
And so be understood;

When he can bare his soul and tell the world
He lives with no regret —

Then he's an Elk, American,
A Gentleman who we ne'er forget."





... and they BUILDED WELL



ELCOME to the Home of the Elks of Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, Brother! Whether you be a member of this great fraternity just visiting our city, "just passing through," or a member of Old 400, you are indeed welcome.

Old 400? Yes, indeed. We are now at the half century mark and mighty pleased with our record of accomplishment.

Of course, this building was not our first home, nor is this building today just as it was when it was taken over by the Elks of Waukesha about thirty-five years ago.

Fifty years ago Elks were no different than they are today. They were indeed substantial men — men who could never be satisfied in any place except their own. They had the urge to own their home and, though the going was tough, they wanted to improve their lot. Thus, from one building to another they progressed, each time into more commodious quarters until. . . . Well, it wasn't only a matter of a suitable building — there, too, was a little thing called "finances."

Little by little a Building Fund was built up and, when the Trustees reported this had reached the unprecedented total of \$1,780.14, it was thought there was sufficient on hand to make a start on the purchase of a piece of property. Just to make the soup more binding the Secretary, J. J. G. Laing (present Waukesha postmaster), went on out and by dint of hard work and some persuasion, secured pledges totalling \$4,500 among his Brother Elks. Unobtrusively he obtained an option on two lots on which there was a good building and a barn. He brought his activities up before the Lodge and official negotiations were then begun with the owners of that property, located on the northeast corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Clinton Street. Why! That's the location of this, our present won-



Purchased in December, 1913, this was the first permanent home of Waukesha Lodge No. 400.

derful Clubhouse! Yes, indeed. Later, in recognition of his exceptional services "beyond the call of duty" Brother Laing was made the first Honorary Life Member of Waukesha Lodge.

The Trustees, Walter R. Frame, C. A. Haertel and C. A. Bergeler, on October 6, 1913, presented to the membership a studied course of action and the members, at the following meeting, October 13, voted to collect a subscription of \$3,000 to the building fund to put Brother Laing's option into full effect. Almost two months later, when the Building Committee and Bros. Laing, Haertel, and R. H. Wilbur gave their final report, the Lodge directed that the action recommended therein be followed.

This 750 word report told of the purchase price of \$9,500, which was to be made in cash within 25 days from the date of the report. Including the cash on hand, the collections from Fund subscribers and the proceeds of a mortgage, there was sufficient to complete the purchase. The committee also recommended that an additional fund be set up to provide for future additional facilities for the members.

Thus Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, became the owners of the property when, on the day before Christmas, 1913, the purchase was consummated and Mrs. Frances F. Stare and Mr. Frank T. Stare relinquished title to the property.

Having used \$4,150 of subscription money, the building fund on hand and receipts from the sale of a barn on the property, the Trustees found they still had \$459.17 to form the nucleus of a Repairs and Alteration Fund.

The splendid old building, a two and one-half story structure facing City Park and the beautiful Public Library, was between two and three blocks from the Five Points, center of Waukesha's business section, and the same distance from the Post Office. Located on a lot 113 by 110 feet in size, it was sufficient unto its day and time. The Lodge Room has now became the Card Room, while the old kitchen and dining room have been devoted to the needs of our present lovely cocktail lounge and there is a Rathskeller in the basement.

Through the years that followed, stronger and stronger became the need for expansion of our quarters and the Building Repairs and Alterations Fund grew apace. Committees were appointed to make plans and finally, on March 6, 1924, official action of the Lodge members committed the Elks of Waukesha to the expenditure of \$50,000 for this purpose.

Months of unrelenting toil went into conferences with architects and the builder, and then at 5:00 o'clock on Wednesday, September 17, 1924, with suitable public exercises, the Cornerstone was laid—Waukesha Lodge of

Elks, No. 400, was well on its way to possession of a home that was far beyond the hopes of those who, in earlier days, dreamed of the "ideal clubhouse."

Assembling about that cornerstone at the southeast corner of the building, which had been cut away to hold the sealed metallic box, the Officers of the Lodge declared the building should be devoted to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, expressing the hope that the new edifice would assume a part in fostering the cardinal principles of the Order.

Those Officers were:

Exalted RulerDr. W. B. Campbell
Esteemed Leading KnightG. J. WHEELER
Esteemed Loyal KnightWILLIAM SEHRT
Esteemed Lecturing KnightDr. R. E. Davies
Secretary John Brehm
TreasurerLyle E. Douglass
Esquire
Tiler E. A. Petry
ChaplainL. A. Meininger
Inner GuardJ. J. TINKER
Trustee
TrusteeRoss H. Wilbur
Trustee

With Morgan Butler substituting for Chaplain Louis Meininger in the invocation, Exalted Ruler Dr. W. B. Campbell, trowel in hand, recited his part of the work and Brother George L. Dwinnell, State President, and others gave short addresses as they, too, used the trowel to help keep the cornerstone in place. Secretary John Brehm read the list of articles placed in the box and Exalted Ruler Dr. W. B. Campbell sealed the crypt. Then

with the closing prayer the services had been completed.

What's in that box, now almost 24 years old? The list, as read, includes: By-Laws and Constitution of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Constitution of the United States; a copy of Memorial Services held in the years 1920 to 1923; State Lodge Proceedings at the convention in Madison in 1923; proceedings of the Grand Lodge in 1920; a copy of the Waukesha Daily Freeman of Saturday, August 20, 1920, giving an account of the election of Past Exalted Ruler George L. Dwinnell as State President of the Elks; a list of Officers of the Lodge for 1924; list of members; lists of committees; names of building committee members; names of architect and the contractor, Brother Dwinnell; copy of the Elks membership in the United States to date; list of local members; an American Flag; a picture of Waukesha County Courthouse and a report by Chauncey J. Fraser of his attendance at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in 1924 held in Boston, Mass.

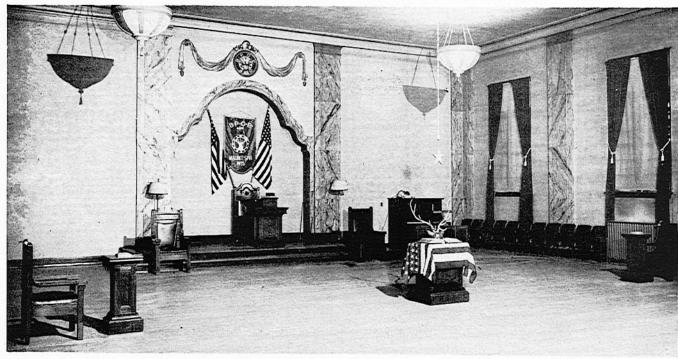
With the alterations to the Club's building and erection of an addition under way, plans were formulated and put into action for a celebration to be held when all was finished and ready for occupancy.

A Reception Committee was named, as were others on Speakers, Music and Dance, Publicity and Program and one on Decoration. Reporting each meeting, these committees formed a cohesive organization that would stop at nothing. Their work pepped up the whole city and applications for membership came pouring in—all to be carefully considered and many accepted.

Some of these members were initiated on nights when the builders were not at work and plans were made for a



The present home of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, showing the new clubhouse addition completed and dedicated on May 28, 1925.



AUDITORIUM AND LODGE HALL.

large Class for Initiation on February 19, when, it was believed, the workmen would be finished. But weather, material supplies and other conditions made it necessary for several changes to be made in the program, but the Class was initiated in the Club's own building. Though practically none of the furniture was in place, those who attended found that the floors of the original building were among the nicest in Waukesha, and perhaps many another city. They are of inlaid pattern and had been scraped and re-varnished to bring out the grain and design most vividly.

On April 25th there were 50 more Candidates to be given their obligations and this was done, not in the Elks Building, but in the Stock Sales Pavilion and was one of the largest Classes ever to be initiated into Waukesha Lodge.

By that time, too, it was possible to set an exact date for the official dedication of the completed Elks Clubhouse. A three day celebration was planned and, on Wednesday, May 27, 1925, this program got under way with the registration of visiting Elks and an automobile tour of the city and its immediate environs. Gaily bedecked cars wound in long procession and the populace gave them welcome to Waukesha all along the way.

That evening was devoted to a musical program in which the Waukesha Elks Band made its great contribution to the occasion. Headed by Ward S. Bunker, there were twenty-seven musicians—all members of Waukesha Lodge, who presented five portions of the program. There were other musical treats that evening and at 10 p. m. the audience was ready to finish the night in dancing.

The following day was cheerful in many ways, with the

sun beaming down upon a happy city, generously decorated, and throngs of visitors from practically all Elkdom in attendance. Present were Grand Exalted Ruler John G. Price of Columbus, Ohio, and Grand Secretary Fred C. Robinson from Chicago. On hand, too, were Western Wisconsin District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Otto Roemius of Wisconsin Rapids and Eastern Wisconsin District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler B. W. Arnold of Milwaukee.

With Brother Chauncey Yockey, Exalted Ruler of Milwaukee Lodge, No. 46, presiding, the dedicatory service got under way in an address of welcome by Past Exalted Ruler Henry E. Blair, at that time Mayor of Waukesha, followed by State President of the Wisconsin Elks George L. Dwinnell on "Elks Progress." Before the closing ceremony, there were musical presentations by Mrs. Mary King Sara Schoen of Oconomowoc, and by the Milwaukee Elks Chanters, led by Otto Singenberger. Hon. Martin L. Lueck of Beaver Dam, spoke on "As I View the Elks from the Outside."

With other Elks acting as Grand Lodge Officers, except for those actually in attendance, the ritualistic ceremony closed for the evening. In this the Grand Esteemed Leading Knight placed the first stone for the Altar for "Charity," followed by the Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight with the second stone for "Justice." The third stone, for "Brotherly Love," was placed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Exalted Ruler laid the fourth stone for "Fidelity." The Flag, the Bible and the Antlers were reverently placed upon the altar and the Grand Esquire proclaimed the building dedicated in the name of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. He then delivered the keys

to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, after which Grand Exalted Ruler Price declared, "this building was now an Elks Home in which shall be taught, in particular, the grand objectives of the Order."

While that simple, sincere and beautiful ritual closed the evening's observance, there was yet another day in which Waukesha Elks were to entertain their visitors. This concluded with a grand reception and Dedication Ball, with music provided by the Waukesha Elks band and also by an orchestra headed by Brother David Boyd.

Thus was the work of the Building Committee and all the others brought to a successful climax. The final act of the celebration was the drawing of the \$100 Grand Prize, which went to Brother Boyd, the orchestra leader.

The members of that Building Committee, who wrought so successfully and labored so diligently were: Walter Frame, Chairman; Ross Wilbur, Charles Jeffrey, Dr. W. B. Campbell, George B. Harris, M. J. McCoy, Morgan Butler, C. A. Haertel and F. B. Hoehle, Past Exalted Ruler, who died while the work of the committee was in progress.

Today, when we are in the midst of our Golden Jubilee, we look back and appreciate the work of those self-sacrificing members. For they gave us what we have today.

Here, in this beautiful structure, is our exceptionally beautiful Lodge Room, 47 by 60 feet in size, and accessory rooms. The second floor is devoted to as fine a billiard room as most Elks Lodges can boast as well as a balcony for the Lodge Room and, in the basement, there are eight alleys for Elks who are devotees of the gentle art of Bowling. Since that dedication there has been but little change in the building's interior. However, practically \$20,000 worth of furniture has been installed to make the place a Home for Elks when not at home. A buffet bar has been built, one of the finest that could be imagined, and some other slight changes have been made, but none vital in character—so well did that building committee of 24 years ago do its job.

At the time of the Dedication there were 375 members in good standing in Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, while the opening of the present Elk year found the Lodge with 575 members.

Yes, Brother, we are proud of our Home, and as you see, we have reason to be.



"There was a man who built his house on the sand. The winds and the floods came and the house fell down. Another man built his house on a rock and the floods came and the wind blew, but his house remained."

Men of Waukesha have indeed built a house on the rock of Elkdom, and it has stood the test of time.

... and they SPREAD LAUGHTER



THE Great Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is composed, essentially, of fun loving men. They may be men of all trades, professions and business, but they have one common gregarious sense. Gregarious? Yes, for no matter where you go you will find that Elks are fundamentally the same. While they believe in having a good time, doing good, living upright lives in the sight of God, their neighbors and their country, they are inherently, practitioners of the art of providing pleasure for their fellows and others.

No matter why you became an Elk—that is why you remain an Elk, and any psychologist or psycho-analyst who knows even half his business will tell you that to be a good Elk you must possess an appreciation of good entertainment and entertaining.

Just as Elks were founded by men actually in the histrionic arts, just so did the Waukesha Elks in their earliest days tend toward minstrel shows, carnivals and circuses. Not that these Elks want fun just for the sake of fun. They have a serious purpose in view, deeply ingrained in the precepts of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, however, while achieving such objectives, it might as well be done in a manner that will bring the greatest pleasure in the doing of it.

That this is a trait of human nature strongly imbued in Elks is evidenced in the motto of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (precurser of the B.P.O.E.), "Nemo Mortalium omnibus horis sapit," (mortals are not wise at all hours). It was about 850 years ago that this honorable society came to England, and there found great favour. History records membership in it of Sir John Falstaff, William Shakespeare and Sir Walter Raleigh. Through better than 2,000 years, beginning in Egypt, mysticism and display marked the history of the Buffaloes and then, in 1842, a child was born and given the name of Charles Vivian. At an early age he evidenced a love for the stage and theater. With a good voice and an instinct for mimicry, he soon made his way quite successfully. Vivian attended a meeting in which Charles Dickens espoused the benevolent and provident functions of the Buffaloes. During his tours of the music halls in the provinces Vivian held to the charitable work of the Buffs and when he reached New York City in the early 1860's he gravitated to the haunts of the men of the stage.

His enthusiasm for the ideals of the Buffaloes led him to expound their virtues and some of their practices. One of these in particular, since there is a local Waukesha coincidence, should be mentioned.

In those days the theatrical profession held informal meetings each Sunday in taverns (because there was drink, of course, and plenty of good fellowship and, best of all, room for meetings). There Vivian found a ready audience for his talks about the Buffaloes and introduced a quaint custom, foundation for his first "Society."

That society became known as the "Jolly Corks" and the initiation consisted of taking a carefully selected candidate (who had a bit of cash) to the bar and there each other "Cork" present would take from his pocket a cork from a champaigne bottle. With suitable mumbo jumbo all members and the candidate laid their personal Imperials on the bar and the candidate was informed that the last man to pick up his cork, on a given signal, would pay for the drinks for all members present. At the signal, all hands would fly to the corks, but, ah! only the candidate (not in on the secret) would pick his up, and thus being the last was thereby made a Jolly Cork and had to pay for the drinks. Neat? What?

Those were the fellows, jolly and charitable who finally on February 16, 1868, with Jolly Corks in several cities, agreed to make theirs a formal organization. After discussions of the merits of different names, the choice finally rested upon the Elk.

By some chance, or quirk of fate, one of the good Elks of Waukesha, who had considerable talent as an entertainer, was chosen for a part in the first big entertainment arranged by the Lodge in our city.

This man, like our Elk founders, had been a Cork long before he became an Elk, and though he never stopped being an Elk, he also never stopped being a Cork—his name was Charles (Tod) Cork.

Those were the days! No radios, very few, if any, autos; no movies and not many professional shows coming to Waukesha. People just had to do their own entertaining, if there was to be any.

But, there were firms that carried stocks of costumes and makeup who had a coterie of employees to coach, train and help members of churches, lodges and clubs put on entertainments.

Through one of these the Waukesha Lodge arranged to put on a Minstrel Show—at a time when minstrel shows were all the rage. Brother Cork was but one of several Elks pressed into service and they all sang, danced, recited and cracked "corny" jokes in that Minstrel Show.

Came Thursday evening, July 31, 1902, and the Silurian Casino was filed to the rafters. It was the greatest indoor crowd ever to assemble in Waukesha and the Daily Freeman commented, the next day, that this was the most successful amateur entertainment ever presented in our city. A goodly share of the Elk profit on that Minstrel Show was devoted to Charity and the rest placed in the Building Fund.

Of course, that was not the first entertainment for the public that No. 400 staged. There were the Elks Circuses, beginning in 1901 and continuing for several years, in which Elks appeared amidst the welter of animal and other imported acts. These were especially pleasing to the kiddies of our city (and who, when there is a circus, is not a kiddie?) and as a result funds were provided for various charities.

For instance, there was the Burlesque Circus, in August of 1901, held in the Silurian Casino, which through its "full house" cleared a profit of over \$500. The following

month the "Circus Photos" were ordered framed and hung on the walls of the clubrooms while a montage of them appears in these pages.

Of course, the minstrel shows were continued. That of February 5, 1903, running for three days, was recorded in the secretary's minutes: "Crowded at each performance."

The last of the minstrel shows of record seems to have been that of February 12, 1906, in which there was a profit of only \$76.50.

One of the earliest public entertainments on record was a—well, call it a social session. This brought 98 Elks from Milwaukee and was a mixed musical and literary program, which included Park's Full Orchestra and, from Milwaukee, Clauder's Brass Band.

Not that they have an itch for a personal spotlight, but because they believe an objective CAN be put "over the top" better, easier, and more certainly through entertainment, Elks are still "Jolly Corks" of the theatrical world at heart, and may the time never come when Waukesha Elks are otherwise.



A Toast to Laughter

"Here's to laughter: the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the haven of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead on the cup of pleasure. It dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy, for it is the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief. It is what kings envy the peasant; plutocrats envy the poor; the guilty envy the innocent. It is the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the waters of delight, the glint on the gold of gladness. Without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it is the glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness. Laughter."

"Are you worsted in a fight?
Are you cheated of your right?
Laugh it off.
Don't make tragedy of trifles.
Don't shoot butterflies with rifles—
Laugh it off.

Does your work get into kinks?

Are you near all sorts of brinks?

Laugh it off.

If it's sanity you are after

There's no receipt like laughter—

Laugh it off."



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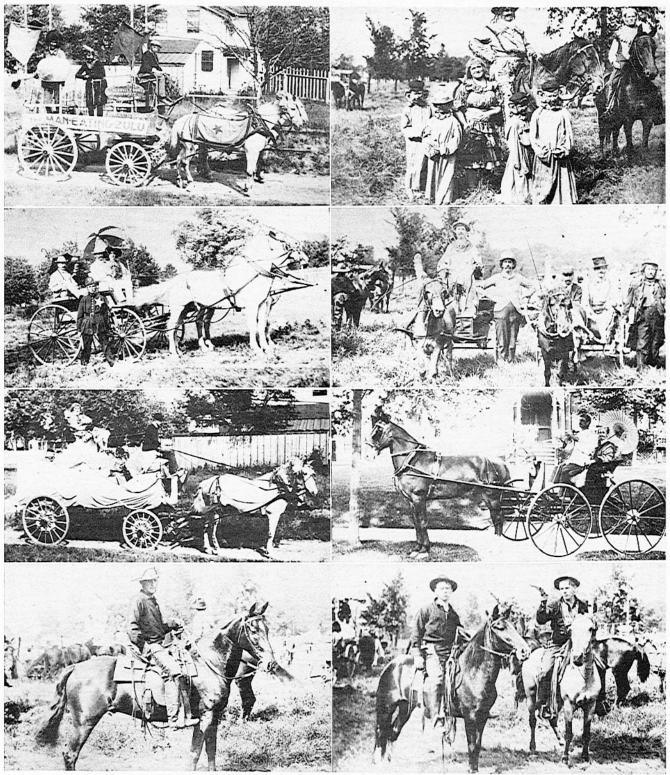
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TOP ROW (left to right): "The Man Eating Zulu," Charles N. Kingsley and Chester W. Goff. George Weis (on the horse), Thomas Allen Box (the fat lady).

SECOND ROW (seated in the carriage): A. W. Jones, John R. Burton, W. E. Kunz and Dr. Fred A. Mueller. (The "cop") Rex A. Worden. (Standing in the cart): Dr. C. L. Crossman, H. M. Buck, Herbert J. Morgan, Charles E. Chilson and Charles A. Bergeler. THIRD ROW (on the throne): George Weiss. (The mandarins) Harry J. Dreyer and Judge Gill.

BOTTOM ROW: (The cowboy) John Waite. (The bandits) William Bergman and Vernon M. Gaspar.

... and they DID GOOD



BENEVOLENCE and patriotism are twin instincts in a true Elk. Neither one really comes first, however — yet, in a measure they are inseparable, for true patriotism begets Benevolence and a bit of Brotherly Love binds them together as one with, of course, Justice. Therefore, an Elk combines them all under the heading of Fidelity — fidelity to the purposes of the Order, to the flag and progress of our country, to our Brother Elks and to the uplift and improvement of all peoples so far as we find we are able to go.

The American Flag occupies a prominent place on the altars of all Elkdom. And it should be that way . . . for this land in which we live is America. In a great portion of the world such organizations as ours are not only tabu, but any one having the ideas which form the basic principles of our great order are quietly liquidated. Elkdom is utterly impossible behind the iron curtain of absolutism.

The Bible is placed below the Antlers on our altars to remind us that there is a higher power to which we, not only as Elks, but as human beings, are responsible. Also, since we as American Elks do acknowledge God, we would not be allowed to function as Elks in a country where there is nothing but state dictatorship.

Through the ages, man has struggled to improve his conditions. Through the years, since Elkdom was founded, Elks have participated in that struggle. Some have served their country in uniform when the call was for that service. Others have served behind the lines, giving of their time, their abilities and their money to build morale, to uphold the American traditions and to help growing youth to know, understand and appreciate what this is that we call America.

Waukesha Lodge of Elks was founded, or rather instituted, just before the sinking of "The Maine" brought our people into the highest raptures of patriotism. That flame of patriotism has never, in the Lodge of Elks, No. 400, been allowed to dwindle.

When in 1918 our Boys were in the trenches of France, there was a need for patriotism of an added kind. The Salvation Army, marching with the Boys, supplied them with coffee and doughnuts as they came out of the trenches in front of "no man's land." Here, in Waukesha, the Elks took charge of the campaign to provide these Boys with that hot coffee and doughnuts and the Salvation Army did the distributing. The sum of \$2,225 used for this purpose was collected in a very short time.

When, in 1922, the Salvation Army required personnel to handle its Waukesha County drive for funds, Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, promptly offered its services and, donating all expenses incurred in the drive, handled it with complete success.

The American Red Cross, organization of mercy, receives considerable support from our membership, and the Boy Scouts, too, are on our program of assistance ever since we purchased a tent for their use back in 1939. The Boy Scouts of today are the men of tomorrow, and Scouting has come to be appreciated as a training ground for our youth in the principles of American democracy — sound minds in sound bodies.

Not forgetting the other children of our city and their need to know and understand the foundation of this government, the Waukesha Elks in 1940 purchased and distributed to all the school children of the city "Constitution Booklets" for them to read and study. Though that was only eight years ago, already the benefits in better Americanism are being noted.

When, in 1917, our country became embroiled in the first World War, a Waukesha company was organized, known as Company L; and in this were, naturally, a number of Brother Elks. In fact, it was one of our members who really led the formation of that company, Major D. J. Martin. Company L was not allowed to forget their city, nor the Elks, for the Lodge purchased a silk flag for that company, and it was that flag that was carried ahead and aloft by those men all through their arduous campaigns.

Since the Elks, by official sanction of the Lodge, during World War I, raised \$1,822.25 for providing luxuries and necessities for soldiers going into battle, it was only natural that the Boys of World War II should get Elk attention. One feature of this was the mailing of paid-up membership cards to all Waukesha Elks in the service of their country while away from their Lodge.

But since a generous government, watchful of all the details of a service man's daily life, takes better on-the-spot care of them than can we so far away, Waukesha Lodge of Elks has turned its attention to the Boys who came home, broken in body and health through their efforts to win a war to establish democracy throughout the world and to win the war to end all wars.

Just because it is so different from the activities of 50 years ago, let us here record that Waukesha Lodge does remember. It always will remember, so long as a single veteran remains who needs our attention in the federal hospitals.

Before the advent of the plan by which the Wisconsin Elks Association sponsored entertainment for Veterans in all five of the U. S. Government Facilities in Wisconsin, Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, had gone ahead on its own

and provided entertainment for the Veterans in the Veterans Facility at Waukesha, formerly known as Resthaven.

Since the state Elks association has carried this plan into the field of all Lodges in Wisconsin, Waukesha Lodge is proud to state that it has met all its responsibilities—and maybe more, to give the Boys who gave so much for us and who are still affected by their service, such evidence of friendship as can be expressed by entertainment.

Fifty years ago huge crowds stood in front of newspaper offices and watched election returns as they flashed on a huge cloth screen from a so-called magic lantern.

Last month you got your election returns at home, and by 10 p. m., you knew more about the election results from all over Wisconsin than did the Elks who stood in the rain at midnight fifty years ago.

Fifty years ago blocks of creosoted pine paved our streets, at least a few of them. There were fifty times as many horses as there were autos. Fifty years ago mustachios were the order of the day . . . also beards.

Almost fifty years ago the Elks of Waukesha Lodge established the practice of distributing Christmas Baskets to the needy and — thank God, they have kept that one old practice in vogue ever since. They were the first in Waukesha to do this, and they did it quietly, without fanfare or hope of recognition. Well, that's the way of so many of our charities. Elks are charitable, but not for the attention of the klieg lights.

Christmas is a time for giving and Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the kiddies. So, several years ago, Waukesha Lodge of Elks went all out for Christmas Parties on a grand scale. Each year a huge party is still held around the Elks Christmas Tree. All the children of the city are invited and hundreds of them receive their gifts from the Elk Santa. Of course, there is a program—this is a party! There are circus acts. There are trained dogs on the platform. There are ponies doing their tricks and, even at Christmas time, there are clowns, many of them (all Elks), to entertain the kiddies.

The Elks presented one outstanding entertainment for the people of Waukesha on November 2, 1911, a fanciful comedy entitled "Careless Cupid." The objective was the furnishing of a Hospital Room to be known as the Elks Room. That entertainment resulted in about \$307 being raised, through the efforts of our Elks members of the

cast, and given to the Waukesha Hospital Committee for that purpose.

In addition, there have been charity football games in which the Waukesha High School team played against the old Delavan Deaf and Dumb School players as well as other games in which the Des Plaines High School contingent provided the competition.

Providing milk for school children of Waukesha is another municipal activity that had its start within our Lodge hall. The Elks made the original contribution in March, 1921, when they provided \$10.00 monthly for this purpose. When the city went ahead and enlarged the plan, the Elks turned their attention to something else.

Excellence of scholarship and connected activities is encouraged by our Lodge, too. On October 22, 1936, Waukesha Lodge was one of the trail blazers in conducting a scholarship competition based on the knowledge of the United States Constitution, and how it affects the lives of the people, possessed by the High School pupils of Waukesha. This plan is now in national operation, with a statewide competition held each year in Wisconsin to select the Badger representative in the national contest. Waukesha Lodge still awards \$100 in scholarship money to the winners of the annual local competition.

There are many angles to this matter of Elk benevolence, but even though we of Waukesha Lodge No. 400 might be willing to list them all here, that would be impossible, for though the occasions of charitable giving are many, there is no open record of them kept.

We do, however, wish to thank all the good people of our city for coming to the front when we do have a chance to call on them for participation in an Elk sponsored charity.

Fifty years ago charity was largely a matter of personalities. Today, with so many agencies watching every activity, there are still many opportunities for the generous to distribute their bounty, and although the methods have been changed through the years, still the idea is to ease the lives of the less fortunate, to provide opportunities for outlet of abilities that deserve encouragement and so forth.

Many things have changed in fifty years, but the hearts of the Elks of today are just as deeply engraved with the basic principles of benevolence as were the hearts of those Elks of a half century ago.



"Be kind to your fellows; envy not your successful neighbor; boast not of your own deeds; think no evil of others. Be glad in the truth. Let no barriers of wealth or poverty or politics or religion interfere with your duties to your fellows."

.. and they MADE MUSIC



F you will look around a bit, or listen for a pleasant sound, you will quickly discover that Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, has a band. It is a fine band which gives forth the most excellent music ever rendered by any Elks Band, anywhere. This is how we of No. 400 feel about our band.

It is only natural that old 400 should have a band, for this is a musical city. Bandsmen have been trained for years in the city's high school. Music is prominent in the curriculi of our other educational institutions and, therefore, Waukesha people know and appreciate music.

Why, way back in 1838, A. B. Parsons organized a singing school which began with 35 pupils. That group stuck together several years and started this community on a career of music that time has not been able to dim. And, when in 1848, the first piano from Germany arrived at the home of George Diessner, music received a tremendous impetus, which previously (and also later) had depended on the French horn of Gordon Cole and the fiddle of Daniel Thompson to nurse it along. Thompson, history records, had all the fiddling he cared to do.

Love of music was so deeply ingrained into the consciousness of the early settlers of Waukesha that when the Wisconsin School for Boys was just a few years old, it was realized that, if the youths could be supplied with instruments and taught to play them, that would be a big factor in building their morale, and with that thought in mind a cornet band was organized there.

Elks and music always seem to go together, for was it not among the music hall people of the old East that Elkdom was founded and flourished more than 80 years ago? That is why to a large extent, the Elks of Waukesha and many another place have taken to music and to the organization of bands.

First evidence of a Waukesha Elks Band is seen in an old announcement (without date) that a group of instrumentalists who had been with the Woodmen joined the Elks enmasse. These men stayed with the Elks for a duo or trio of years and then, just as they came, they departed. As soon as players were available, another group of musicians banded together and then they, too, disbanded. But that is nothing new in the world of music. For, from the greatest singers in the world, the greatest pianists and violinists, on down through the scale of musicians, they have always been noted for their temperamentalism, and the Waukesha bandsmen have not been an exception to that reputation.

Yes, Waukesha had plenty of musicians, four of them being noted leaders of orchestras who were among the Charter Members of this Lodge. There was T. S. Parks, whose orchestra provided the evening dance music for those attending the evening affairs at the time of our new building dedication, and there were H. A. Tullor, C. A. Keebler and Eugene Abbott, making a quartet of orchestra leaders who could not be excelled in those early days - and possibly could not be equalled today.

Another band was organized among Brother Elks in December, 1924, with Ward S. Bunker as director, and gave its first of a series of Band Concerts in the Elks Lodge Room on March 16, 1925. This was a successful affair as a large number attended to hear the ten selections which were presented and the applause was generous.

The files of the Lodge contain a card showing the names of the "original band" to be as follows:

Louis Meininger Rudy Frank Claude Smith Fred Schuman Edwin Ackerknecht W. S. Bunker Walter Rhine Fred Delzer Elmer Neu Clarence Meider

Charles Bender Ross Gerken Alvin Redford Dave Boyd Sam Thompson Joe Curtis Jack Pelnar Charles Meissner Jule Derthick George Bahr

Fred Marose Wm. Hathaway Ernest Peters Claude Fulmer Peter Bahr Harry Bahr Jack Valiquet Vernon Cornelius



Members of Original Waukesha Lodge Band organized in December, 1924, by Ward S. Bunker are, from left: Louis Meininger, Rudy Frank, Claude Smith, Fred Schuman, Edwin Ackerknecht, Walter Rhine, Fred Delzer, Elmer Neu, Clarence Meider, Charles Bender, Ross Gerken, Alvin Redford, Dave Boyd, W. S. Bunker, Director; Sam Thompson, Drum-Major; Joe Curtis, Jake Pelnar, Chas. Meissner, Geo. Bahr, Fred Marose, Wm. Hathaway, Ernest Peters, Claude Fulmer, Peter Bahr, Harry Bahr, Jack Valiquet, Vernon Cornelius, and Jule Derthick.



The Community Band of Waukesha, composed of the High School Band and No. 400's Band, participated in the Chicagoland Music Festival on August 19, 1939, acquitting themselves nobly under the Honorary Sponsorship of Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400. At the extreme left is Ward S. Bunker, founder and director of the Waukesha Lodge Band, and in the center is Otto W. Weller, its present Director.

Those Band Concerts were but a sort of rehearsal for more important events to come. For it was in the month of May, 1925, that Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, held a three day observance of the completion of an addition to our Clubhouse, with dedication services that attracted an audience from many cities and states. During those three days the Elks Band was prominent in the Club's own property and in the parades and other festive gatherings and made a deep and favorable impression everywhere.

One of the outstanding appearances of this band was on May 6, 1926, when it gave a concert at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, formerly Resthaven, here in Waukesha. It has been given plenty of opportunity since then for playing at conventions, parades and civic affairs.

Because of Waukesha's deep interest in things musical, this band was amalgamated with the Waukesha High School band to appear, under the sponsorship of the Lodge, as the "Community Band of Waukesha" in the Chicagoland Music Festival at Chicago, Illinois, on August 19, 1939, under the leadership of Otto W. Weller. There it presented some of the most outstanding music heard at the festival.

The Elks Band was reorganized after that festival and, while previous bands had appeared without other uniforms than special caps and colored sashes, the Lodge appropriated, on August 20, 1946, the sum of \$500 for the purchase of suitable uniforms for the bandsmen, plus a supply of music and a cabinet in which it could be kept.

When you hear this band at the 1948 Spring Conference of the Wisconsin Elks Association, remember that it has an honorable background as well as a full complement of excellent performers on their various instruments. Even though you may not know about the technicalities of music, you will appreciate their work.



"Music hath charms to soothe

The savage breast,

To soften rocks, or bend

A knotted oak."

—Congreve.

.. and they HAD FUN



A LL royal good fellows are Bowlers, and in this the Elks of Waukesha are no exception. Also, we admit, there are bowlers, too, in all the other cities in which Elks Lodges have been chartered. This we have learned from experience as well as by observation.

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. There were so many kegelers ("bowlers" to you) in No. 400 that there was a real hue and cry raised that facilities for this sport be installed in our own building. This demand was answered by official action of the Lodge in decreeing, on December 4, 1924, many years after we had moved into our own building, that when the addition to our home was made, it should include eight lanes of bowling alleys. The sum of \$10,000 was provided for that purpose.

When the alterations to our old home and the addition to it were completed in 1925, those alleys became one of the most popular places in all Waukesha. Bowling was popular in other Lodges, too, and though No. 400 entered whole-heartedly in the State Elks Bowling Tournaments, it was not until 1928 that our alleys were the scene of the first of the State Tournaments to be held in our city.

As one example of what Elks really can do in bowling, an item which appeared in the Waukesha Daily Freeman of April 24, 1925, two months after our lanes were officially opened for bowling, is enlightening. This item reveals that the Elks chose zoological names for their league teams and—well, here is the story:

"Wolves Lose Game in Zoo League." (That was the heading.) "The Wolves lost by default to the Donkeys in the Elks Bowling League while the Squirrels dropped two games to the Hyenas and the Ground Hogs took two out of three from the Elephants."

"The Polecats and the Giraffes, Monkeys, Kangaroos, Lambs and Polar Bears are among the teams in the Saturday League."

"The Friday League consists of Wild Cats, Tigers, Camels, Owls, Ostriches and Lions."

"The Zoo League started league bowling on March 12, 1925, and Earl Hardy has been high with 202, 211, and 201 for a total of 614."

Altogether there have been three of these State Elks Bowling Tournaments held in Waukesha, the first, in 1928, attracted 198 five-man teams to the fray. In that sad year of 1933 there were only 85 five-man teams entered in the second Elks Bowling Tournament in Waukesha, but when No. 400 was host to the Elks Bowling Tournament in 1942 there were 261 teams; 282 doubles and 554 singles in the lists of events.

In the thirty-four years that the State Elks Bowling Tournaments have been conducted, there were exactly ten in which Waukesha bowlers "brought home the bacon."

In 1930, at Oshkosh, Brother J. Wright captured the "all events" by having a total score of 1,867 pins, adding to the lustre of our bowlers. In the Appleton Tournament in 1931, this same bowler made the high mark in the Singles event, bringing in 642 pins against a field of 406 entrants in that class. In 1933, right here on our own lanes, Walter Gaw caught the Singles erown with 263 pins for High single and, in that same State Elks Bowling Tournament, our two-man team of J. Merten and Earl Hardy, captured the High score of 1,243 in the doubles.

It was not until 1938, when the Elks held their State Bowling Tournament at Two Rivers, that a Waukesha Elk came in with high honors. He was J. Morrison, with 701 pins against 395 other bowlers in the singles play. The following year, at Appleton, W. Browne was high, against 565 other single event kegelers, with 725 and in that same tournament he came in tops with 263 for a single game.

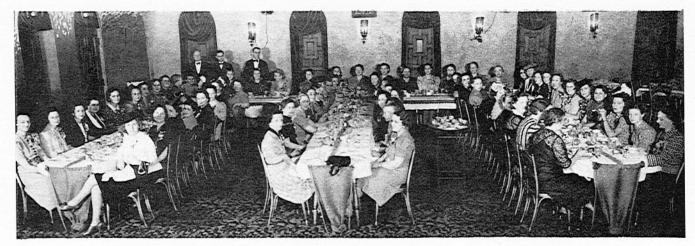
At Racine, in 1940, the State Elks Bowlers applauded O. Abramski, of Waukesha, for his high of 680, against 523 contenders.

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 through the prowess of Vic Frocarro, 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.

But Bowling here at home and in State Tournaments is not the only recreational and good fellowship opportunity afforded the pinsplitters of Waukesha Lodge.

There are all about us Lodges which envy our bowling ability. They issue challenges and, in return, get them



WAUKESHA ELKS LADIES BOWLING BANQUET AT CLOSE OF 1940 SEASON

and the result is a cementing of friendships between all these competing team members that is in itself lovely to know.

Take that important city to our East. There, in a beautiful Clubhouse, they have ten alleys and a great Elk bowling fraternity. Times almost without number, these haughty kegelers have come to the Spring City and tried to show us up. Almost as numerous, too, have been our return visits to the Milwaukee lanes and there have jousted with No. 46 bowlers, seldom coming out second best. These interchanges of bowling competition are always con-

ducted in the highest spirit of sportsmanship and friendly rivalry.

Our Elks Ladies are good bowlers, too, and have proved their ability on many a lane, in and outside of the Waukesha Elks lanes.

If ever there was a good sport that highlighted the fact that Elks are better Elks through participating in it, that sport is bowling—unless it be that golf can be said to be almost as good for the purpose of really getting Elks together outside of club or lodge rooms.



Eight lanes provide much activity in the lower level of the Club House for our men and women bowlers.

... and they SERVED NOBLY





1897-98...A. F. WARDEN & 1898-99...R. L. GOVE & 1899-00...F. J. CLASEN & 1900-01...T. E. RYAN & 1901-02...C. E. ARMIN & 1902-03...FRED PHELPS 1903-04...A. W. JONES & 1904-05...E. D. WALSH & 1905-06...J. N. WIGGINTON & 1906-07...C. H. DAWNYN & 190

1906-07...G. H. DAUBNER **‡**1907-08...T. P. BUCKLEY **‡**1908-09...H. W. WILBUR
1909-10...M. A. JACOBSON

1910-11...Paul S. Kimball

1911-12...J. G. LAING 1912-15...F. B. HOEHLE *

1915-16...G. B. HARRIS #

1916-17...H. E. BLAIR

1917-20...G. L. DWINNELL #

1920-22...G. H. DAUBNER ♣

1922-24...C. J. Fraser

1924-26...W. B. CAMPBELL

1926-27...WM. F. SEHRT

1927-28... MORGAN BUTLER

1928-29...W. B. CAMPBELL

1929-31...C. F. SCHUETZE

1931-32...S. D. THOMPSON

1932-42...L. A. Peters 4

1942-43...V. J. Collins

1943-46...C. F. SCHUETZE

1946-47...RAY KURTZ

1947-48...G. S. THOMAS

"And ye shall succor men:
"Tis nobleness to serve;
Help him who cannot help again:
Beware from right to swerve."
—EMERSON.

₩ With reverence we salute those who have answered the Final Roll; With sincere appreciation we acclaim those who remain with us today.

... and they DIED HEROICALLY

· WORLD WAR I





MAI. DANIEL J. MARTIN

Each night at 11 o'clock, Waukesha Elks pay silent homage to their absent brothers and once a year, on Memorial Sunday in December, Waukesha Elks remember their Brothers who have gone to their reward. Though, in the fifty years of the life of Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, that list has grown to 200 names, there are two names of Brother Elks who are especially honored by all patriotic Waukesha citizens. They are the names of men who made the last, supreme sacrifice while serving in uniform defending their country from the advance of dictatorship in World War I.

Those men are Maj. Daniel J. Martin and Dr. William T. Murphy.

Both became memorialized in Waukesha history in the same month.

Bro. Martin aided materially in the formation of Company L of the Wisconsin National Guard and was its Captain when it left for the front. France had already conferred on him the distinguished Croix de Guerre, and his commission as Major was on its way when, in the fighting in the Battle of Argonne, he received the wound which took his life. He died, just two days after the

signing of the November 11 Armistice, on November 13, 1918.

Memory of Bro. Maj. Martin also is honored through his name having been chosen by the Waukesha American Legion members

in naming their post, the Daniel J. Martin Post No. 8.

Bro. Murphy gave up a lucrative medical practice in Waukesha to go with the troops to take care of their health. Long hours of self sacrificing service to the ill, wounded and broken in spirit. drained his vitality and when he was stricken with influenza, he was too weak to survive. His death in England occured on November 2, 1918.

Though these are the only fatal war casualties suffered by Elks of Waukesha Lodge, there were many other Elks in the uniform of their country, not only in World War I, but in the later World War II who have since come back to be with us, but we honor, and always will remember these two who so earnestly lived the principles of our great Order, and who so bravely served and died so heroically.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Come, drink to our absent Brothers,
But, ere we our glasses fill
In the hush of a breathless silence,
Our hearts and our pulses thrill
For a wave of tender feeling
Sweeps over us, one and all,
And we think of our absent Brothers,
Forever beyond recall.

On memory's spotless tablets
Their virtues in love we write;
While drifting sands of forgetfulness
Bear all their faults from sight.
Tossing in pain or illness,
Roaming in distant lands,
When the clock chimes forth eleven
In spirit we grip their hands.

-By Maj. John B. Jeffery.



DR. WILLIAM T. MURPHY

... and they FOUGHT VALIANTLY

· WORLD WAR II



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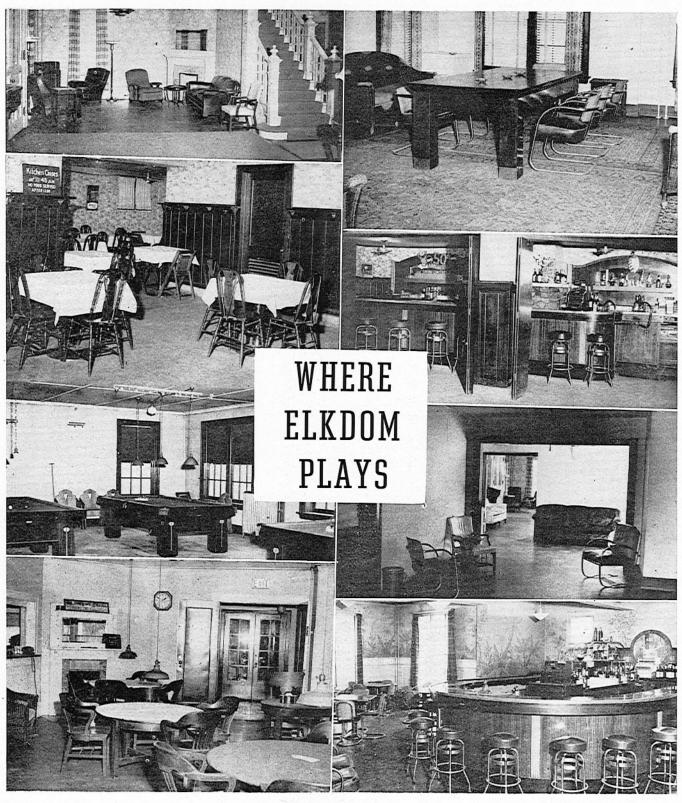
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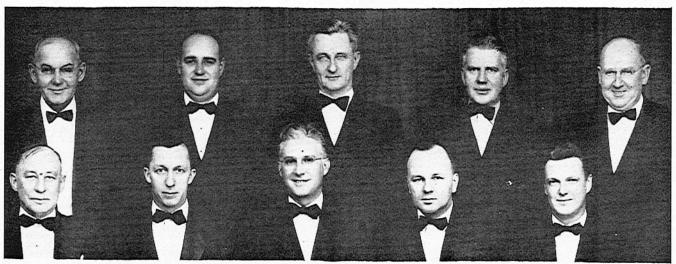
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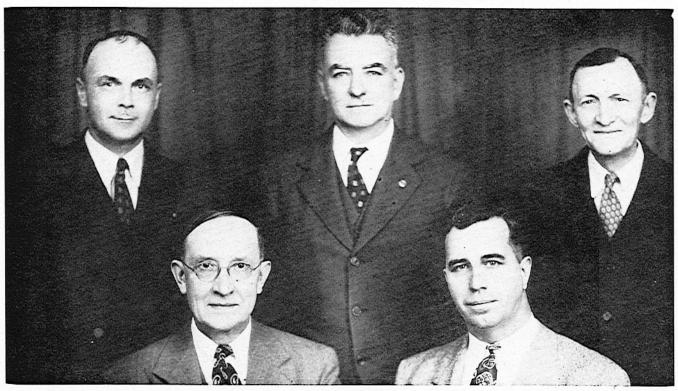


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Directing the destinies of Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 are our Trustees, from left: Claude Hey, Joe Morrisson, Marcel Kelly, Ray Kurtz and Henry Leitzke.



Eleven O'Clock Toast

My brothers, 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 Brothers"



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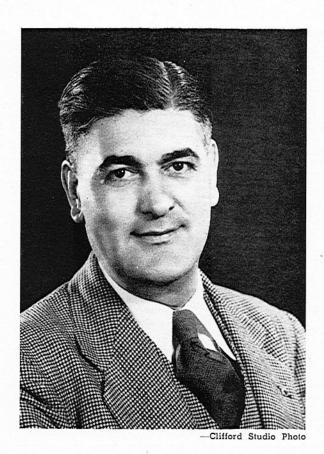
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At this time it is only proper that we recognize our Past Exalted Rulers and many more who are not with us any more who made it possible for us to have an enviable reputation in our national organization.

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Waukesha, the western end of the first railroad in Wisconsin, which has since become the gigantic Milwaukee road system, has had a colorful history and possesses a most glorious future. Planted amidst a land of lakes, this city early became the mecca of recreation seekers from all over the world. Because of its subterranean structure, the city and neighborhood is stocked with the purest water in the country. The city's own water works draws nature's nectar from pools far underneath, healthful and tasty.

Nearby springs gave this city its greatest population impetus. Claimed to be capable of curing the diseases of the wealthy these springs, supplied with a wide variety of mineral salts, brought thousands here to drink from them.

"Saratoga of the West," they called our city. Great hotels were built to house the throngs, at one time estimated to have brought 2,500 visitors to Waukesha in a single summer. One hotel, the Fountain House, had 800 guest rooms, a building in which positively no expense had been spared to make it the summer home of the monied people of the Gentle South and the effete East.

Beautiful horses, drawing the finest examples of the buggy makers art, the equipages driven by somber coachmen, went from hotel to hotel, and from spring to spring at the whim of their lovely and courteous owners. All was gaiety and fashion. Owners of the springs built pergolas, canopies and arbours over their springs, with silver cups ready for all to use, each trying to outdo the others in splendor and appeal.

Beautiful parks now exist about many of those old spring sites of the Gay Nineties. Our fine Public Library is located on the edge of one of those parks—just about three and a half blocks from the Waukesha Elks Clubhouse.

Only a few of those springs are still purveying water to the people of the country, but the memory of the Almanaris, Arcadian, Bethesda, Clysmic, Eocene, Hygeia, Horeb, Lithia, Mineral, Roxo, Silurian, and White Rock, still lingers. Oh, they gave their springs appealing names and business flourished. Even King Edward VII of England was served with Waukesha spring water, at his coronation in January, 1901. Visitors to Waukesha included Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, President U. S. Grant,

Vice-President Adlai Stevenson, Supreme Court Justice Salmon P. Chase, many senators, governors, ecclesiastics and educators.

Fashions change, but Waukesha remains a Health Center. The Spa, Waukesha Springs Sanitarium, and the Moor Mud Baths are noted. The Mud Baths are located where a vast deposit of spring-fed earth has very similar mineral qualities to the famed health mud of Bad Nauheim. Because of its equable climate, Waukesha is the location of "Resthaven" which was used by the federal government after the first world war as a hospital, and is now occupied by veterans of World War II — regaining their health in this city's serene atmosphere.

The city's natural advantages have also appealed to educators. The territorial legislature established the Industrial School, and the state has since improved and continued the Wisconsin State School for Boys, as it is now known, here. The old Prairieville Female Academy (for Waukesha until 1841 was known as Prairieville) is now the noted Carroll College, named for a wealthy and benevolent resident of Brooklyn, New York.

Summer Camp Meetings of many church denominations are held in this city, further attesting to the delightful climate enjoyed here. That the people of Waukesha are deeply religious is shown by the fact that some of the earliest church congregations in the state have their fine buildings here. The oldest Congregational Church in Wisconsin is in Waukesha. The Waukesha Baptist Church has occupied its present location since 1839, the year in which the Methodists opened their first house of worship here.

In 1905 yet another religious church organization came to Waukesha to add to the variety of Christian organizations here. It purchased the old Fountain House, moved its many departments from Chicago and now directs its world-wide enterprise from here, the headquarters of the Metropolitan Church Association.

Influential and wealthy men, brought here because of the many charms possessed by Waukesha, have brought to this city their great industrial plants, giving year round employment to great numbers of people.

Now, though Waukesha is the home of various fraternal bodies, religious organizations, and patriotic societies galore, it is an odd whim of fate that the city did not really begin to attain its present social, industrial, merchandising and residential importance until the establishment of Waukesha Lodge of Elks, No. 400, just fifty years ago.

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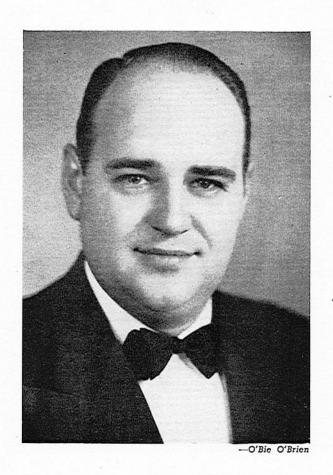
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It is with a feeling of being honored that we welcome to our city and Lodge Hall the officers and delegates to this Spring Conference, yet it is altogether fitting on this happy occasion that the Conference should be held in the Spring City.

Waukesha Lodge gave its own original Exalted Ruler to the State association as that body's first president, A. F. Warden. Again, in 1925, a Past Exalted Ruler of Waukesha Lodge, George L. Dwinnell, served as president of the Wisconsin Elks Association. This Lodge has, in many ways, contributed much toward the success and leadership of the association. Past Exalted Ruler T. P. Buckley, of this city, was chosen Secretary of the association at the La Crosse Convention in 1906 and so had in hand all the preparations and much of the details connected with conducting the State Convention held in our city in 1907.

In addition, members and officers of Waukesha Lodge have been assigned to important Committees, serving gladly and efficiently on any assignments given them ever since the formation of the association in 1902 at Ashland.

Seed for the beginning of a state association of Elks Lodges in Wisconsin was sown by then Exalted Ruler M. E. Dillon, of Ashland Lodge in February, 1902. Having the approval of his Lodge, Bro. Dillon wrote each other Lodge in the state in regard to the formation of such an organization and it was our own Past Exalted Ruler Warden, who gave him prompt and continuous support. Together they obtained the hearty endorsement of all Lodges then existing in the state.

The delegates met in Ashland on April 21 and 22, 1902, and completed their organization. They selected Oshkosh as the host to the first state Elks convention, to be held the following June. The name adopted for the organization was "The Wisconsin Association of B.P.O. Elks," and its objects were set forth in the constitution as follows:

"To promote the interests of the Order of B.P.O. Elks in this state, to cultivate a more intimate acquaintance and greater sociability among the members thereof and to be an auxiliary to the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of this Order in carrying on their work."

Though the Wisconsin Association of B.P.O. Elks carried on its work, conducting the state-wide convention at Oshkosh and at Ashland, it was not until 1904 that the Wisconsin organization was given official recognition by the Grand Lodge.

In 1906, at the Green Bay Convention, the present name was adopted: "Wisconsin Elks Association."

As mentioned above, Waukesha Lodge, No. 400, was the host to the 1907 state Elks Convention. But, most unfortunately, only the most scanty records of that year's deliberations are available. Convention time, in those years, was a brief period in which Elks devoted themselves more to fun than to serious business.

Our streets were crowded by visiting Elks. There were parades by Elks in colorful uniforms with bands in brilliant uniforms marching under the city's tree-lined avenues and the spreading arches, electrically lighted, which made the nights as bright as day. Forty-one years ago even the Elks were hard put to it to find ways of financing such a convention. But they were equal to the task, viz.: A stockade was erected in the midst of the busy downtown area and luckless Elks were picked up by vigilant "officers" and held for a "kangaroo court," which was in continuous session. There they were fined according to the charge trumped up against them (and to their ability to help the convention financing). There were other means of collecting the money to defray expenses, but many of them are not acceptable in these days.

Perhaps the only souvenir of that great conclave of Wisconsin Elkdom known to exist today, is a beer mug which is carefully kept in state in our Rathskeller. Also held in reverence is one photograph of the "Stockade" and its quaintly uniformed "minions" that contributed so well to the jollification of that convention. Otherwise only memory recalls that conclave.

Not only in the formation, continuation and success of the Wisconsin Elks Association has Waukesha Lodge always done its part, sending delegates and representatives to all state conventions, and to the many conferences of the association, but Waukesha Lodge, too, has sent delegations to the Grand Lodge Conventions of the Elks.

Yes, Waukesha Lodge has its reasons for welcoming to our city and to our building the honored representatives of Wisconsin Elkdom, not only to our Golden Jubilee observance, but to the Spring Conference. Greetings . . .

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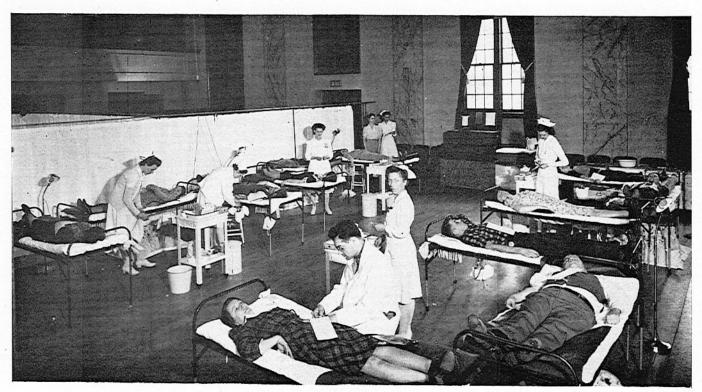


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SATURDAY, MAY 22

10:00 A.M. Registration of Delegates, Committeemen Visting Elks and Ladies at the Elks Club

2:00 P.M. Ritualistic Contest - State Finals

7:00 P.M. Twilight Parade — Bands, Plugs, Marching Units and Delegates

9:00 P.M. Spring Conference Dance at the Club House

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8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast in the Rathskeller — "On the House"

9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. — Lodge Hall

General Meeting of State Officers and Committeemen, Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges and other visiting brothers.

10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Committee Meetings and other group meetings at places to be announced at the general meeting.

11:30 A.M. — Lodge Hall

General Meeting resumes to hear reports of Committees and other groups and to hear Announcements.

1:00 P.M.

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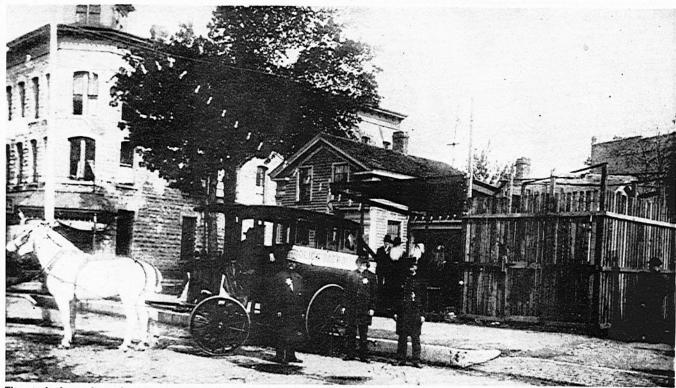
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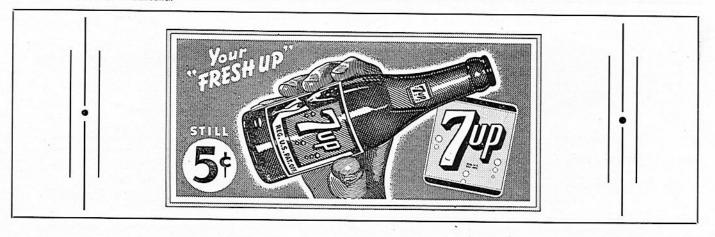
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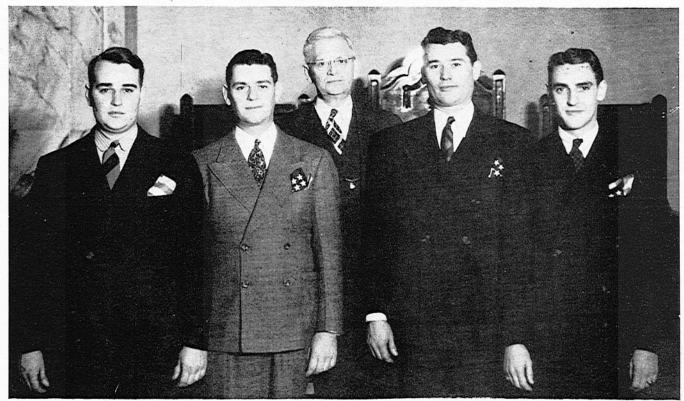


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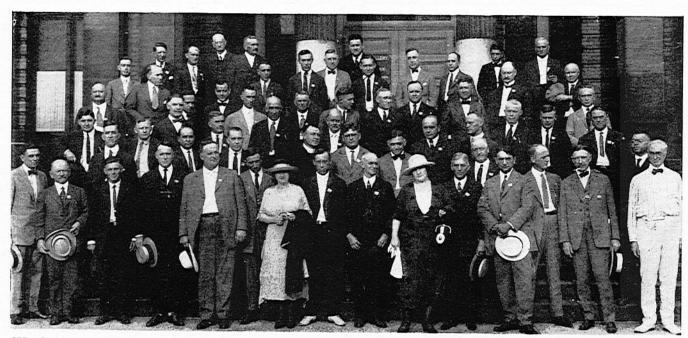
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Some Milwaukee notables in the front row, from right, are Pat Kelly, Wm. Schad, Frank L. Fawcett and Fred Heider. Chauncey Yockey is fourth from right in the top row and Charles Hellberg is second from right in row below.

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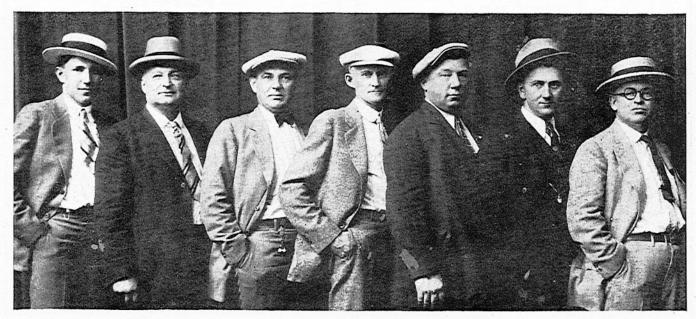
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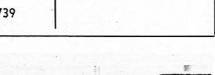
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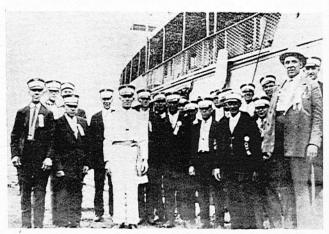
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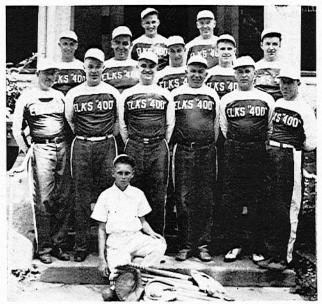


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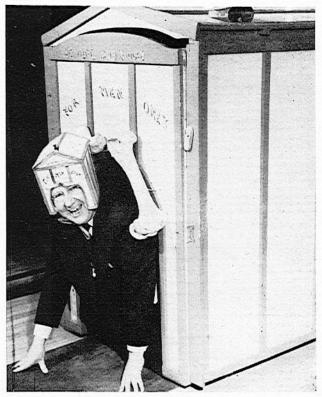
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