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a fraternal organization

It is an honor to serve our great Order

Thank you one and all for your confidence and support. It is difficult for me to find words to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the opportunity you have bestowed upon me to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler. I will extend every effort to conduct the affairs of this office to an honorable and successful conclusion. Penny and I look forward to visiting you and seeing the many ways Elks make a difference in the lives of thousands of Americans.

I firmly believe that Elkdom, like patriotism, is in the hearts and souls of our Members, which is why my theme is "*Elks Give from the Heart.*" No organization



has ever given more to students who need scholarship assistance, or to children and adults with disabilities, or to our nation's veterans, or to victims of disaster. Throughout America, Elks have created a network of good deeds that has profoundly improved millions of lives.

My goal for the Elks National Foundation remains at \$4.50 per Member, and I am hopeful that every Lodge will do its best to meet or surpass this amount. ENF contributes millions of dollars each year for College Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans' Remembrance, State Charities Grants, Special

Project Grants and Lodge Promise Grants. I hope you will "*Give from the Heart*" to the "*Great Heart of Elkdom,*" ENF.

Many veterans need a helping hand and I ask every member to extend whatever support you can to the men and women who have given so much to ensure freedom and peace for America. Remember, "*So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.*"

I expect your Lodges have scheduled many activities to benefit the youth of our nation. The Dictionary Project, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Youth Golf Tournaments, Youth Fishing Tournaments, and Drug Awareness Program are some of the many activities that demonstrate to the youth of America that "*Elks Care – Elks Share.*"

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your national leader. Penny and I look forward to meeting as many members as possible in order to personally thank you for "*Giving from the Heart.*"



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2011 Fall Conference . . . Waukesha, Sept. 15-18, 2011
 2012 Mid-Winter Conf . . . St. Point, Feb 2-5, 2012
 2012 State Convention . . . Marshfield, May 3-6, 2012
 2012 Fall Conference . . . Janesville, Sept. 13-16, 2012
 2013 Mid-Winter Conf. . . . Green Bay, Jan 31-Feb 3, 2013
 Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
 2013 State Convention . . . Eau Claire, May 2-5, 2013
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FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT & FIRST LADY...



Dear Members;

Since my installation as your State President, Lois and I have visited 10 Lodges and had the opportunity and privilege to play in the Wisconsin State Golf Tournament. Chippewa Falls is to be commended on the wonderful job they did in putting on this fantastic event. The hospitality and friendship has been second to none. Thank you all.

In July we attended the National Convention in Phoenix. It was a great honor to carry our Wisconsin State Flag across the national stage. Our hospitality room was again the best in the nation thanks to Jim Meyer and the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee. Thank you to each committee member for all your hard work.

While in Phoenix, David DeRosier and I had the privilege to meet with the Missouri Delegation and present a check to the Joplin Lodge in the amount of \$5,874.00 to help them get back on their feet. Thank You to all the Lodges and individuals who donated.

September 15th through the 18th we will attend our Annual Fall Conference to be held at the Waukesha Elks Lodge #400. Please join Lois and myself in welcoming our Grand Exalted Ruler, David R. Carr, and 1st Lady, Penny. Let's show them some good old-fashioned Wisconsin hospitality.

After the Conference, Lois and I will again be on our merry way across the great state of Wisconsin to visit the next great Lodge on our schedule. See you soon and continue to **"TAKE PRIDE IN ELKDOM"**.

Yours in Elkdom,

Dave

David Assmann, President
Wisconsin Elks Association

From your First Lady....

It is great to be back in the green state of Wisconsin. Dave and I just returned from the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. It was HOT! They talk about dry heat, but in my book heat is heat. Of course they told us this was the monsoon season, but we really didn't see any rain. We did see a dust storm. It amazes me the different climates and living conditions as we have traveled over the past four years. **WISCONSIN IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!** The Convention was very busy and we had a great time. You meet so many nice people from all over the United States. One thing is for sure...no one does hospitality like Wisconsin. Our hospitality room is open all day and well into the night and it is filled from people from all over. Hats off to Jim Meyer and the entire committee. They do a fantastic job. It isn't just for a few days. These folks spend a lot of time in planning, packing, setting up and hauling. The amount of time and effort they put into this Convention could not be measured. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO!**

Now that the Convention is over, we are concentrating on our Presidential visits and the Fall Conference in Waukesha. It is going to be a fun time. The committee there has everything well under control and have been planning some fun entertainment and excellent meals. We look forward to seeing all of our fellow Elks in September.

As we travel around and meet with each of the Lodges it just amazes me the many projects and charities Elks are involved in. It truly shows that **ELKS CARE & ELKS SHARE**. Keep up the good work.

I am doing something a little different this year. Friday morning I will have a continental breakfast in our suite for all PSP's wives and all State Officers wives from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Saturday morning I will again have continental breakfast in our suite for ALL ladies attending the Conference. This gives all of the ladies a chance to get acquainted and visit.

Sincerely,

Lois

Lois Assmann, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012

DATE	DAY	LODGE/LOCATION	ACTIVITY
AUG 26	FRIDAY	ASHLAND	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
AUG 27	SATURDAY	SUPERIOR	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
AUG 28	SUNDAY	RICE LAKE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
SEPT 2 - 5	FRIDAY - MONDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	LABOR DAY
SEPT 10	SATURDAY	MARSHFIELD	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
SEPT 15 - 18	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	WAUKESHA	FALL CONFERENCE
SEPT 24	SATURDAY	ANTIGO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 1	SATURDAY	WALWORTH-LAKELAND	56 TH LODGE ANNIVERSARY
OCT 8	SATURDAY	MADISON	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 14	FRIDAY	NEENAH - MENASHA	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 15	SATURDAY	WAUKESHA	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 21	FRIDAY	OSHKOSH	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 29	SATURDAY	TWO RIVERS	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
NOV 11	FRIDAY	KAUKAUNA	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
NOV 24 - 27	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	THANKSGIVING DAY
DEC 2	FRIDAY	GREEN BAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
DEC 3	SATURDAY	OCONTO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
DEC 23 - 25	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	CHRISTMAS
DEC 30 - JAN 1, 2012	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	NEW YEARS
JAN 7	SATURDAY	MARINETTE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 14	SATURDAY	BARABOO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 21	SATURDAY	MILWAUKEE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 28	SATURDAY	FOND DU LAC	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
FEB 2 - 5	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	STEVENS POINT	MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
FEB 11	SATURDAY	WAUSAU	HOOP SHOOT / PRES VISIT
FEB 18	SATURDAY	EAU CLAIRE	STATE BOWLING TOURN
FEB 25	SATURDAY	BEAVER DAM	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 2	FRIDAY	MANITOWOC	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 5	SATURDAY	SHEBOYGAN	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 9 - 11	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	IOWA	REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT
MAR 24	SATURDAY	STEVENS POINT	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 31	SATURDAY	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	STATE PRESIDENTS VISIT
APR 6 - 8	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY	EASTER WEEKEND
APR 14	SATURDAY	PLATTEVILLE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
APR 26 - 29	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	SPRINGFIELD MASS	NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT
MAY 3 - 6	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	MARSHFIELD	STATE CONVENTION

"TAKE PRIDE IN EOLKDOM"

LADIES ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET

It's Fall Conference time again and the Ladies Advisory will be meeting on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 8:30 am. I would like to say THANK YOU for your attendance and support over the last three years that I served as your Advisory President. We have had many informative meetings, and have had a very successful Cancer Pin sale and made a great donation on behalf of our ladies, as well as good note card sales. Your new officers will be installed at this Conference and I know they will carry on this wonderful ladies program. All ladies are invited to join; auxiliary officers, Exalted Ruler's wives and anyone else is welcome. Thanks again. See you at the meeting on the 18th.

Sincerely,

Judie Behnke, PFL
Ladies Advisory President

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

To Members and Friends in Elksdom,

Time flies when you're having fun. That fits for Pat and I. Cannot believe the National Convention is over and we are getting ready for the Fall Conference.

We started the year with the traditional Appleton Day Parade and could not believe what a great parade it was! Next duty was three days of golf in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. (This is really a tough job) We visited Camp Wawbeek and met the wonderful staff, spent the last weekend of July in the Old West, Midwest and Hawaii and never left the state. Where else but Wisconsin can you have so much fun and be with so many wonderful people?

We traveled to the National Convention in Phoenix to experience the dry heat and visit will all our friends from Wisconsin and surrounding states! What a great Convention and what a great "Wisconsin Hospitality Room." There is no other like it in the country and I want to thank Jim Meyer and his Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for a great job.

There were many Resolutions voted on and changes made, and I know the Wisconsin Elks will do what is necessary to make those changes with a positive approach.

Thank you to the Leading Knights and Lodges that have sent me the dates of your State President's Visit for 2012-2013. If your Lodge has not done so, I will need this information no later than the Fall Conference. Any chairperson of a State Committee that has set event dates for 2012-2013, please provide me with those dates by the Fall Conference.

To the Lodge Secretaries, please be sure to put me on your mailing or e-mail list for your Lodge Bulletin if you have not already done so. My email address is nitzedsr@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Again, thank you to everyone for their hospitality and friendship as Pat and I travel to all the Lodges this year.

Hope to see you all in Waukesha!

Dave

Dave Nitze Sr., State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

"United we Stand, Together we Soar"

IS YOUR E-MAIL CORRECT?

Please go to the Wisconsin Elks Association Web Site at (wielks.org) and check your e-mail address. If it is incorrect or needs to be added, please send it to me at elksbugle@aol.com.

Ken Johnson
State Secretary
Editor of *The Bugle*

STATE SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

PLEASE REVIEW CHANGES OK'D AT GRAND LODGE SESSION

Members All,



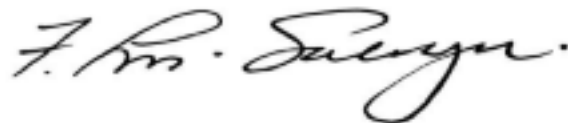
For those of you who attended the National Convention in Phoenix, I hope your trip home was safe and that you had an enjoyable time out there. I would urge all members to pay attention to the next Elks Magazine, which will go into detail about the changes that were voted on out there. I think we are all on the same page, when I say some we agree on and some we do not.

I would like to take a second to congratulate the new District Deputies. Remember that your District Sponsor or I can be called on at any time if you have any questions. I would also like to thank last year's District

Deputies for the fine job they did. Please keep up your dedication to Elkdom.

I believe it is time that we all concentrate a little harder on the membership issues that not only Wisconsin but our Order is encountering. Each Exalted Ruler should appoint a dedicated member for Membership and Lapsation to work on these Elks who have decided not to pay their dues. If this problem is not corrected in the next several years Elkdom, as we know it today, will be vastly different.

God Bless you all.



State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...

To Jim Meyer, PSP, Chairman, Grand Lodge Attendance Committee

As Chairman of the Trustees for the Wisconsin Elks Association, I would like to thank you and your committee for a job well done! The dedication of the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee is truly amazing. For the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association in attendance, the work that was done is obvious. Visiting members also had nothing but good things to say about Wisconsin hospitality. So from everyone who visited, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for another outstanding effort!

Todd Kostuck
Chairman, State Trustees
Wisconsin Elks Association

FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN...

¹⁶ *When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*
Nehemiah 6: 16 NIV

There are many attributes to leadership but one seems to stand out – commitment. Nehemiah (leader) was committed to reconstructing the protective wall around the city of Jerusalem. To be sure, there were many obstacles in Nehemiah's way: jealous subordinates, a lazy and frightened workforce, and various roving bands of louts and brigands. Because of Nehemiah's commitment, and being able to draw that commitment from others, the wall was rebuilt in 53 days. Nehemiah was so thrilled with their accomplishment that he wrote, "*---all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*"

Leaders who complete a task possess these characteristics:

Compelling purpose --- They personally commit to a great cause.

Clear perspective --- They do not let fear distort their vision of the future

Continual prayer --- They pray about everything and gain God's favor

Courageous persistence --- They move ahead despite the odds

There are many things happening in our lives today – world events, local situations, and even problems within our fraternal organization (local and national). We face challenges every day and we usually do our best to handle



them with the tools we have. If you are facing a "God-sized" challenge, cultivate the above characteristics to give yourself the best opportunity for success.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth, State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association.

HOW DOES YOUR LODGE STAND?

In this issue you will find the application for the Earle D. Sievwright Lodge Grant. As of this time, only a few of the Lodges in the State have applied for the grant.

Last year some Lodges did not apply at all and missed out on some available funds.

Please don't be one of the Lodges that doesn't apply this year.

***Ken Johnson
State Secretary***

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

SOUTH DISTRICT

BY BEN GODLEWSKI, DDGER

Thank you to all for your support, since I was appointed DD Designate, and then after being installed as DDGER, on July 14. It IS a great honor to be the first South District DDGER. Our first district meeting, in May, was a success (To me anyway!!!).

Thank you to Jim Meyer and all who were part of the Wisconsin Hospitality Room. I only heard compliments. Even when my family went to a different hotel and they found out we were from Wisconsin, they mentioned our hospitality right away.

I would also like to thank all the convention attendees and the hospitality you gave my three daughters. If it wasn't for that type of hospitality, I would not be an Elk. I may be one of a few with children, but it is great to know we are welcome!!!!!! This was **Best People On Earth** at its finest!!!

Please look in this issue on the plans, for the Ritual Committee, during the Fall and Mid-Winter Conferences. VP's and DDGER's: you are expected to do the 11 O'Clock Toast Competition, at the Mid-Winter Conference. There was only one VP, out of six last year, and there is no excuse for this.

ER's, please learn the Toast. It is a very special ritual that has a lot of meaning to many people and should be done whenever possible. Now that the initiation ritual does not have to be memorized, the Toast should be an exception. Can you tell now that I am on the Ritual Committee?

Again, thanks to all and hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY GARY SHEAHAN, DDGER



Greetings to everyone! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself, especially to everyone in our new Northeast District (Antigo, Appleton, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Two Rivers, and Wausau). I am married to my wife Ann for 16 years, and have 4 children; Amanda (Andy) Mathebie, Nicole Polzin, Sean and Michelle Sheahan. I also have one grandson, Logan, age 3 ½. I've worked for the City of Two Rivers Police Department for the past 26 years and am currently an Administrative Lieutenant.

I have been an Elk in my home Lodge #1380 in Two Rivers for 11 years. I was first drawn to the Elks by witnessing and participating in the Flag Day ceremony. I learned that many of the Elks members were also veterans. Besides the pride in their patriotism, I also learned of the Benevolence of Elks towards children. When I was asked by my sponsor if I was interested in joining, I enthusiastically said yes! I was attracted to the Patriotism, love of country, honoring what our veterans have done for us, and helping the youth in our community through a variety of programs including scholarships, Hoop Shoot, and Drug Awareness.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS (con't)

NORTHEAST DISTRICT (con't)

I started off by volunteering to wash dishes and helping the cook in the kitchen. I was then asked to be the Lecturing Knight (I had no idea what I was getting myself into) and progressed through the chairs, eventually becoming the ER during the 2009-2010 year. My Mom, Lenora Sheahan, was actually initiated into the Lodge shortly after me. However, she was ER before me, and held this position for two Lodge years in a row. She encouraged me to go to Wisconsin State Association Conventions. There I met some of the Best People On Earth (B.P.O.E.)! How many times have you heard that before, but it is so true. It was like an extended family of Fathers, Mothers, Uncles, Aunts, Brothers and Sisters. Each time you would meet them, you get a firm handshake or a big HUG!

When my Mom became the District Deputy last year, she asked me to be her Esquire. This afforded me the dual opportunity of spending some time with my Mom, and visiting Lodges to see how they operated. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and witnessed, first hand, the dedication and hard work members put into their lodges and their programs.

I am proud and honored to serve as the District Deputy for the Northeast District for 2011-12 and look forward to my visits to each of your Lodges. There will only be two DD Clinics; August 27th, 2011 and April 7th, 2012. Both are on a Saturday and will be held at the Green Bay Lodge starting promptly at **9:30 am**. Because we are only meeting twice for clinics, please plan on making the most out of these meetings. I am! We will spend some time on the agenda, especially focusing on membership. (Hint! The first three paragraphs of this article will be the start of the discussion), the Future of Elkdom, and programs. I received a lot of good information at the National Grand Lodge Convention and will pass it along to you. Hoop Shoot packets

will be available for pick up and there will be new and interesting information from the Drug Awareness program. At the clinic, we will also confirm and adjust any of my Lodge visitation dates.

My Esquire this year is Ken Johnson, our State Association Secretary/Bugle Editor and member of Wausau Lodge #248. My Auditor will be Lenora Sheahan (Mom) and member of Two Rivers Lodge #1380.

Please feel free to contact me by email at gsheahan@charter.net



Pictured above is State President Dave Assmann carrying the Flag at the Opening Ceremony at the Grand Lodge Convention held in Phoenix, AZ.

Kids In Church...

From a 3-year-old:

*"Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.*

Amen"

EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/11 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

(A maximum reimbursement of \$2 per member per fiscal year) or \$200.00 per Lodge)

When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date _____

Lodge Name & Number _____

Choose either A or B.

A

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to seek reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed - charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the cancelled checks for which we are seeking reimbursement.

B

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to have the Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (***absolutely no more than three***):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Total amount requested: _____

EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/11 – NO EXCEPTIONS

*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Trustees to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2011.

Signed

Title

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
2011 FALL CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Note: Meetings are at the Marriott Hotel or the Elks Lodge

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15TH

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Elks Lodge
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lodge Dining	Elks Lodge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16TH

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Elks Lodge Upper Level
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Benevolent Fund	Elks Lodge Upper Level
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Elks Lodge Lower Level
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	PSP Advisory	Marriott Sussex Room
4:00 PM	Lodge Dining - Fish Fry Entertainment	Elks Lodge Upper Level Elks Lodge Upper Level

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17TH

7:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Registration	Elks Lodge Upper Level
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Executive Committee	Marriott Geneva Room
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Marriott Wisconsin Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention Committee	Marriott Bayside Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism Committee	Marriott Chippewa Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices Committee	Marriott Portage Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance Committee	Marriott Milwaukee Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot Committee	Marriott Wisconsin Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification Committee	Elks Lodge Lower Level
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Secretary/CLMS Training Committee	Marriott Geneva Room
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Recreation at State Convention Committee	Marriott Sussex Room
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor, DDGER, Esquire, VP	Marriott Madison Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee For The Disabled Committee	Marriott Chippewa Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory Committee	Marriott Portage Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Golf Committee	Marriott Milwaukee Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development Committee	Marriott Wisconsin Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S. Constitution Contest Committee	Marriott Wausau Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities Committee	Marriott Private Dining Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Public Relations Committee	Marriott North Bay
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service Committee	Marriott Shorewood Room
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	WEA Major Project Committee	Marriott Bayside Room
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification Clinic (Open To All Members)	Elks Lodge Lower Level
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling Committee	Marriott Chippewa Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Conferences & Conventions Committee	Marriott Portage Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming Committee	Marriott Milwaukee Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training Committee	Marriott Wisconsin Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Committee	Marriott Geneva Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	ENF Scholarships Committee	Marriott Wausau Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership & Lapsation Committee	Marriott Private Dining Room
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drug Awareness Committee	Marriott North Bay
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch At The Lodge	Elks Lodge Lower Level Bobbo's Grill
10:30 AM	Ladies Social Hour (Lunch @ 11:30 AM)	Marriott Superior Room

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
2011 FALL CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CONTINUED)**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing Committee	Marriott Madison Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling Committee	Marriott Chippewa Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks National Foundation Committee	Marriott Portage Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities Committee	Marriott Milwaukee Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training Committee	Marriott Wisconsin Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. Committee	Marriott Bayside Room
12:30 PM	WEA Luncheon	Elks Lodge Upper Level
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification Clinic (Initiation Ritual)	Elks Lodge Lower Level
2:00 PM	ER Pictures w/GER	Elks Lodge Upper Level
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer w/Rev. Michael Hackbarth	Marriott North Bay
6:00 PM	Social Hour	Elks Lodge Upper Level
7:00 PM	WEA Banquet	Elks Lodge Upper Level

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

8:30 AM	General Session	Elks Lodge Upper Level
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Elks Lodge Lower Level
	Critique to follow General Session	

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION HOOP SHOOT REDISTRICTING

DISTRICT:	NORTHWEST	DISTRICT:	NORTHEAST
<u>LODGE</u>	<u>LODGE NO.</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>LODGE NO.</u>
	Ashland #137	Antigo #662	
	Chippewa Falls #1326	Appleton #337	
	Eau Claire #402	Green Bay #259	
	Marshfield #665	Kaukauna #962	
	Rice Lake #1441	Manitowoc #687	
	Stevens Point #641	Marinette #1313	
	Wisconsin Rapids #693	Oconto #887	
	Superior #403	Two Rivers #1380	
		Wausau #248	
DISTRICT: SOUTH		DISTRICT: CENTRAL	
<u>LODGE</u>	<u>LODGE NO.</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>LODGE NO.</u>
	Platteville #1460	Portage #675	
	Madison #410	Baraboo #688	
	Janesville #254	Watertown #666	
	Beloit 864	Beaver Dam #1540	
	Milwaukee #46	Fond du Lac #57	
	Walworth-Lakeland #2201	Sheboygan #299	
	Waukesha #400	Oshkosh #292	
		Neenah-Menasha #676	

WELCOME TO WAUKESHA ELKS LODGE #400

The members of Waukesha Elks' Lodge #400 welcome all Wisconsin Elk's Association members and their guests to Waukesha September 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2011 for the Fall Conference. State President Dave Assmann and his wife Lois who are #400 members along with Grand Lodge sponsor F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife Beth also welcome everyone to Waukesha, Wisconsin.



Elks #400 is honored to host this year's Fall Conference! Our Lodge has recently renovated its upstairs lounge which is now affectionately called the "Jolly Cork" and it is becoming a popular place for meetings, fish fries and entertainment. Our staff and members will ensure all attending the conference will have a great time.

For those who wish to golf we will be offering an 18-hole event open to all WEA members on Friday, September 16. Please see the Bugle entry form for more information.

The Waukesha metro area has worked together with our Lodge to provide first class accommodations at the Marriott Hotel (headquarters Fall Conference). Lodge #400 members will of course be providing transportation between Marriott and the Lodge. Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas and his staff stand ready to welcome attendees to our fine area.

We all know change can be difficult but it can also offer new opportunities. Please keep this in mind as we all adjust to our new districts.

If you have any question or need help please let me or our members know.

See you in the Fall.

Yours in Elkdom,
Frank J. Bahleda
Est Leading Knight Waukesha #400



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Jeff Scrima, Mayor
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September 1, 2011

Welcome Wisconsin Association of the Elks!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome members of the Wisconsin Elks to the 2011 State Conference in Waukesha!

During your visit to Waukesha, I hope you will have some free time to visit the outstanding recreational venues, historic attractions, as well as our beautiful Historic Downtown Waukesha for its shopping and Riverwalk. At each of these venues, you will find warm and friendly staff, eager to assist you in any way.

If you need any assistance during your visit, please feel free to contact our Convention and Visitors Bureau at 542-0330. They can provide you with maps, directions, and further information on the many recreational opportunities in our community.

Thank you for selecting Waukesha to host your conference. I hope you find your meeting to be successful and enjoy the first class hospitality service you will experience.

We hope you will come back and visit us again soon!

Sincerely,

Jeff Scrima
Mayor
City of Waukesha





September 1, 2011

Dear Members of the Wisconsin Association of the Elks:

Welcome to Waukesha County! Recognizing that the Elks are one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations, it is truly our honor to host the Wisconsin Elks Fall Conference in our county.

You will discover in a matter of minutes that in Waukesha County, you are able to go from scenic, rural treasure to urban convenience. Home to thousands of acres of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the historical culture of Broadway giants Lunt and Fontanne at Ten Chimneys or the lifestyle of Wisconsin's earliest settlers reflected at Old World Wisconsin, the outdoors offer something for everyone. For those who prefer to hunt for an elusive bargain or special memento of their trip, a shopper's paradise awaits you.

More importantly, you will find the hospitality industry in Waukesha County to be outstanding. The thoughtful details and care of our visitors makes a trip to Waukesha County one that will not soon be forgotten.

I hope you find your conference to be beneficial to your mission and enjoyable, as you share time with your fellow Elk members from across Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Vrakas', written over a faint circular stamp.

Daniel P. Vrakas
County Executive
Waukesha County

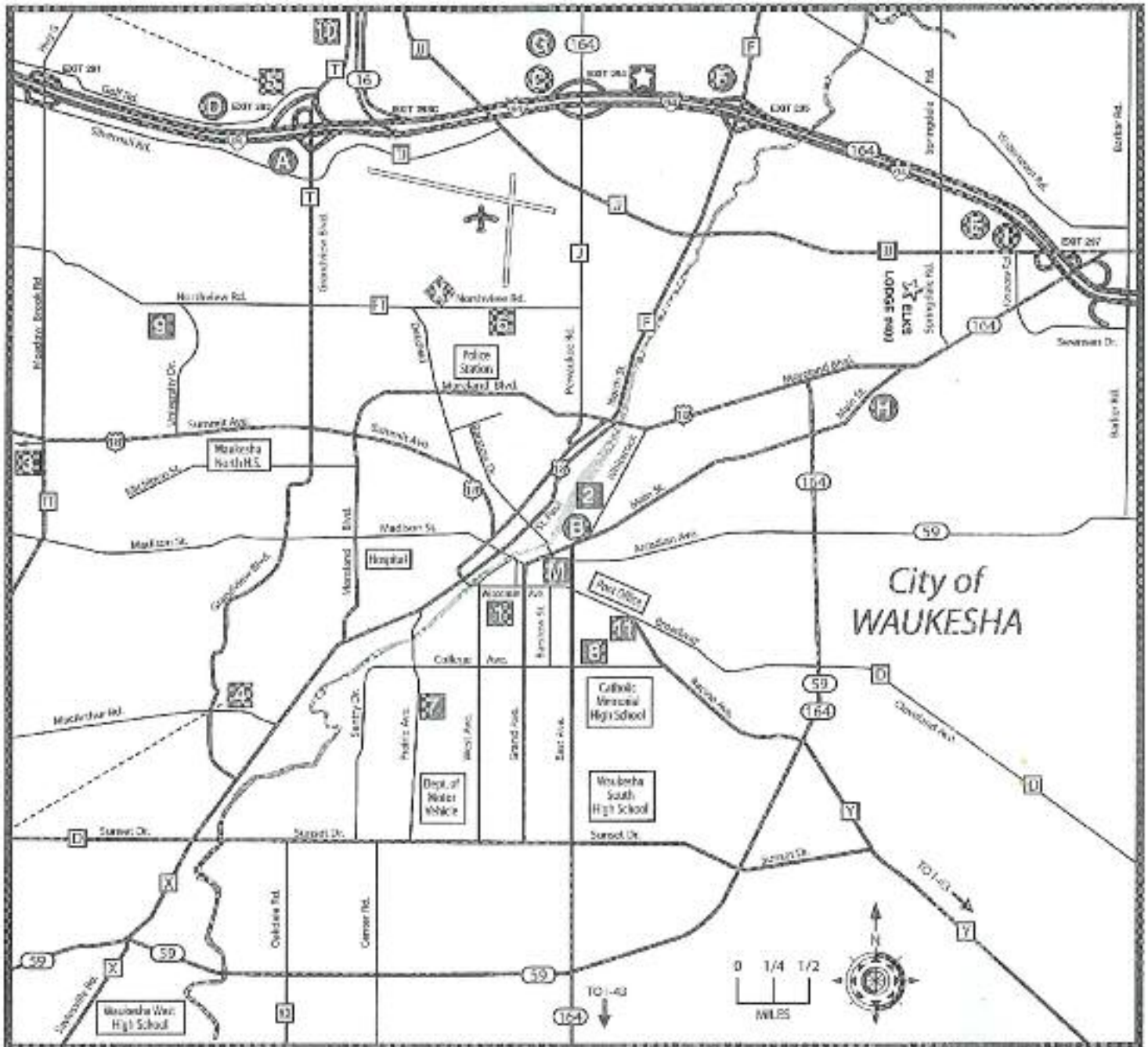
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LEGEND	1 Culler Park & Library	2 Carroll College
	3 Frame Park - Riverwalk	4 U.W. Waukesha
	5 Retzer Nature Center	6 WCTC - Pewaukee
	7 Glacial Drumlin State Trail	8 WCTC Downtown
	9 Lake Country Recreation Trail	9 Waukesha County Museum
	10 Center Court Sports Complex	10 Waukesha County Expo Center
	11 Saratoga Baseball Complex	11 Waukesha Elks Lodge

ACCOMMODATIONS	A Best Western	B The Corrie	C Radisson
	D The Elks Lodge	E Extended Stay America	F Ramada Encore
	G The Elks Lodge	H Marriott Milwaukee West	I Sheraton



Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400
a fraternal organization

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Phone (262) 717-9488 - Fax (262) 782-0225 - Email - elkslodge400@shcglobal.net

2011 Fall State Conference
State President Golf Outing
Waukesha Elks Lodge #400
Fri. Sept. 16, 2011

Location: Morningstar Golf Course
S77W26285 Prairieside Dr.
Waukesha, Wi. 53189
262-662-1600

Date: Friday Sept. 16, 2011

Event: 18 Hole Shotgun Scramble
9:00am - Registration and Check-in
10:00am- Shotgun Start

Format: This golf outing is open to all Elk members including wives/husbands of members. A foursome can be all men, all women or any mix. Lunch is included and will be served at the turn. It can be picked up on the deck outside the pro shop on the way to the 10th tee.

Entry Fee: \$68.00 per golfer
This includes your cart, golf, awards, lunch on the go at the turn and a fish fry dinner at the lodge from 5:30- 7:30 that night.

Special Note: Registration Dead Line is Friday, Sept. 2, 2011
A \$5.00 fee will be imposed to each golfer who registers after the September 2 cut off date. If you have any questions call or email Ken Bare at kbare@wi.rr.com or call 1-262-642-7478

PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept 2, 2011 PLEASE PRINT

Registration: Lodge name and number:

Contact person and telephone number _____

Players: 1) _____ age _____ 2) _____ age _____
3) _____ age _____ 4) _____ age _____

If you do not have a foursome, you will be paired with another group.

Number of golfers _____ @ \$68.00 - Golf, Lunch, Dinner

Number of dinners only _____ @ \$10.00

Mail to: Ken Bare
2820 Edwards St. Unit D
East Troy, Wi. 53120

RESPIRE CAMP FAMILY SAYS THANKS...

Following are the contents of an e-mail received from the father of the 14 year old boy sponsored July 24th thru July 29th to the Respite Camp during its annual 2011 Asperger's Week Program addressed to all the members who supported PSP Bob Bohnsack, Ken Bruckner, and their Past First Ladies project of raising funds to provide the opportunity for individuals who otherwise would never be able to experience this wonderful opportunity because of financial hardship.

THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

Please, accept our heartfelt and deeply profound gratitude for your extraordinary kindness and remarkably generous act of compassionate charity in your sponsorship of our son, Ivan (John) Dziadowicz attendance of Easter Seals camp during its annual Asperger's Week in July 2011. Your organization has given us another ray of hope on this, often, challenging journey.

We can only pray and ask the Lord for the opportunity to reciprocate and offer HIS words, "Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

Your action has just made the world a better place by allowing yet another disabled child to joyfully experience its fullness.

Ivan (John) Dziadowicz is an engaging 14 year old boy, diagnosed with Autism. He lives in Milwaukee with his parents, an older sister and brother. He enjoys spending time with his family and loves swimming, biking, singing, drawing, computer games and videos, as well as, trips to the local library and going grocery shopping. Despite his disability, Ivan has been able to play piano and participate in the Church and school choirs.

This was the first ever opportunity for Ivan to spend time away from home and the prospect of going to camp made him radiant with joy and excitement. We are looking forward to sharing in his happiness!

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, on behalf of my entire family.

With Gratitude,

Witold Dziadowicz
(Veetold Jadovich)

The above heartfelt expression of appreciation for what we, as ELKS provide to the less fortunate, truly makes all the time, effort and financial support provided a very gratifying reward for everyone. Thanks to all of you for supporting us on this very rewarding endeavor.

*Ken Bruckner & Bob Bohnsack, Past State Presidents
Rogene Bruckner & Char Bohnsack, Past First Ladies
Wisconsin Elks Association*

FALL AND MID-WINTER CONFERENCE RITUAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1) Ritual Clinic:

a) Saturday, September 17, at the Fall Conference, at the Waukesha Elks Lodge, in the lower level:

- This will be conducted by John Heltzel, Area 5, Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman.

b) This clinic is open to any Elk member in good standing:

- Even if a member does not want to be a judge, they are welcome to learn about ritual.
- Only PER's are eligible to be a performance judge, but any member, in good standing, is eligible to be a word or computer judge.
- To become a performance judge, a member has to pass the test twice and this must be consecutively, but current ER's can take the performance judging test for first approval.

c) Times:

8:00 AM – 9:00AM: Ritual Committee meeting (Please look in Bugle for place)

1:30 PM – 5:00'ish: Ritual Clinic (Waukesha Elks Lodge, lower level)

- Questions/comments are welcome.
- There will be 2 tests given (word and computer). A member is **NOT** required to take these to attend. It is recommended but not mandatory.

4:00'ish:

The actual ritual competition judge testing will take place, with Milwaukee performing the ritual initiation. This will not be an open period like the testing. Once the performance/judging starts, no one will be allowed to enter the room.

2) Mid-Winter Competitions:

a) Team competition for Lodges:

- Saturday afternoon (Times and place to be announced).

b) 11 O' Clock toast:

- Saturday morning 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Location to be announced)
- Whenever a person is available, they can sign up and perform. There is **NOT** a set time for anyone. Whenever you can make it, please register and compete.
- If desired, the performing member may bring in another member to give the charge to.
- There are three (3) divisions:
 - Exalted Rulers Only; Open (for any Elk member); DDGER vs. Vice Presidents (no more PSP's)
 - Once someone wins in any category, they are allowed to "defend" their title.
 - If a member won the previous year as a DDGER/VP and are not competing in that category again, they are welcome to perform in the open division.
 - DDGER's vs. Vice Presidents:
 - The highest performing DDGER/VP team, will receive plaques.
 - **ALL are EXPECTED to perform. What is always said about preaching to the choir? Well, the choir should set an example!!!**
 - The highest performing individual will also receive a plaque.

c) Individual positions (ER, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Esquire and Chaplain):

- This will be the fifth (5th) year of doing this competition.
- The rules are attached.
- Time of competition: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - This will coincide with the 11 O' Clock toast.
 - Again, there is not a set time to perform. Whenever someone is available, they can sign up and perform.

RULES FOR NEW RITUAL COMPETITION AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

1. Positions and parts that will be judged:

a. Exalted Ruler

The charge given to the candidate, when the ER is at his/her station and the candidate is at the Alter, up until the time the three raps are given.

(The raps will not be done, but the two questions have to be spoken, with no response, unless a member is brought in as a candidate.)

b. Esquire

The charge given to the candidate when the Esquire is halfway between the candidate and the Esquire's chair.

c. Chaplain

Prayer given at the Alter.

d) Lecturing Knight

Charge given to the candidate, when the candidate is at the station.

c) Loyal Knight

Charge given to the candidate, when the candidate is at the station.

f) Leading Knight

Charge given to the candidate, when the candidate is at the station.

2. The parts will be judged on impressiveness, pronunciation and word accuracy

- Just like the 11 O'Clock Toast.

3. The competition is open to any member in good standing.

4. A member can do any part they desire:

- Once a member wins a position, they are allowed to "defend" their title.
- A member who has won at a position, at the actual State Ritual Competition, is not allowed to do that position.

5. A member can do more than one position.

6. If desired, the performing member may bring in another member to give the charge to.

PLEASE, PLEASE pass all the information on to your officers and members, at Lodge meetings, in your newsletters and at the DD Clinics, so all members will have the opportunity to be involved. THIS IS NOT BEING DONE BECAUSE I AM GETTING QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT OFFICERS, DURING THE COMPETITIONS, WHAT WE ARE DOING. PLEASE BE FAIR AND GIVE EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Ben Godlewski

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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 2, 2012

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 2-5, 2012
STEVENS POINT ELKS LODGE #641

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)
(ONE FORM PER MEMBER, PLEASE)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
(AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE)

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME): _____

(if name badge is requested)

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 2	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES' LUNCHEON		
TRADITIONAL LASAGNA	_____ @ \$16.00	\$ _____
PASTA PRIMAVERA	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON		
TRADITIONAL LASAGNA	_____ @ \$16.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET		
PORK CHOP	_____ @ \$27.00	\$ _____
CHICKEN EN'CROUTE	_____ @ \$26.00	\$ _____
WALLEYE ALMONDINE	_____ @ \$26.00	\$ _____

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

TOTAL \$ _____

Make CHECKS payable to WEA and send to: Ken Johnson, State Sec., WEA, 1602 Foothill Ave, Schofield, WI 54476

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Traditional Lasagna—Layers of pasta with homemade meat sauce and a blend of ricotta and mozzarella cheeses. Served with green beans and roasted red peppers.

Pasta Primavera – Egg & Spinach Fettuccini tossed with Herbs, Tomatoes, Olives, Artichokes, Zucchini, Red Peppers with Parmesan Cheese.

Accompanied by: Iceberg and Romaine mix salad with tomato, cucumber, bleu cheese dressing, ranch dressing and French dressing & White Chocolate Mousse.

ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Traditional Lasagna—Layers of pasta with homemade meat sauce and a blend of ricotta and mozzarella cheeses. Served with green beans and roasted red peppers.

Accompanied by: Iceberg and Romaine mix salad with tomato, cucumber, bleu cheese dressing, ranch dressing and French dressing & White Chocolate Mousse.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Pork Chop—Thick cut pork chops with bourbon-maple sauce. Served with potato au gratin, roasted zucchini and summer squash.

Chicken En'Croute—Chicken breast filled with mushrooms and spinach wrapped in puff pastry served with a mushroom cream sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetable medley.

Walleye Almondine—Roasted Walleye Filet topped with Almond Butter and served with Rice Pilaf, Peas and Carrots.

~ Banquet Entrees are Accompanied by ~

Baby greens with mandarin oranges, walnuts and raspberry vinaigrette,

Warm Rolls with Butter,

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soda

& Triple Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER JANUARY 2, 2012 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.

YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

February 2-5, 2012

Hosted by Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641

RAMADA

1501 North Point Drive

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: (715) 341-1340 or (800) 998-2311

Fax: (715) 341-8369

25 Rooms available (Thursday)

150 Rooms available (Friday & Saturday)

(Please let them know you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association and if you need handicap accessibility.)

\$ 87.00 + tax Single/Double

\$ 97.00 + tax Triple/Quad

\$ 87.00 + tax Pool-Side Room

\$102.00 + tax Deluxe King Room

\$150.00 Hospitality Rooms

All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotel directly for all of your reservations. State and local taxes will be added. Thank you for supporting this facility during the Midwest Conference. If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after your arrival, you may contact Scott Kovatch at (715-572-4725).

Please Do Not Delay with your room reservations – they will go quickly!

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
MARCH 1

SUMMER ISSUE
JUNE 1

Mail all news articles and photos to Editor Ken Johnson, 1602 Foothill Ave., Schofield, WI 54476. Photos will not be returned unless requested. Use coupon printed at right to make changes in address, lodge or telephone number. Your cooperation will help us keep our address list current and save the Association address correction fees made by the Postal Service.



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