



**KAUKAUNA ELKS #962
ENDORSES**

JERRY BRIEN

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The officers and members of Kaukauna Elks #962 and the Past Exalted Rulers of Kaukauna Elks #962 proudly endorse and support Jerry Brien for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Jerry became an Elk member in 1983 and is a life member of the Kaukauna Elks. He quickly became involved heading the local Drug Awareness and Americanism Committees. After progressing through the chairs he became Exalted Ruler. During his years he has served seven terms as Exalted Ruler. He continues to serve on several local committees. As the local grant coordinator, he has secured over \$90,000 from the Elks National Foundation and State grants. He has been selected Elk of the Year twice. He currently is a trustee and serves as the Chairman of the Kaukauna Past Exalted Ruler Association.

At the state level Jerry served three terms in the old Northeast District from 1991, 1992, and 1993. He has served on several state committees including ER-Leading Knight, Drug Awareness, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Accident Prevention. Jerry previously served as Chairman for Accident Prevention. He currently serves on the Americanism and Drug Awareness Committees. He has been the Chairman of the Drug Awareness Chairman for the past five years and was Vice Chairman for five years. Under Past President Rob Radig, Sr. Jerry was appointed as the Wisconsin Elks Grant Coordinator and currently continues in that capacity. Previously to his appointment he assisted four other lodges in securing over \$15,000 for their lodges.

Jerry was appointed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1996-97 Elk Year where he served the old East Central District. As the state Drug Awareness Chairman, he has attended special seminars ahead of the Grand Lodge Convention. Jerry was recognized by the National Drug Awareness leadership as the National Rookie of the Year in 2015. He was also recognized by both the National Drug Awareness leadership and the Drug Enforcement Agency for his work with DEA 360 project which included Milwaukee, WI. Jerry was recently singled out at the Grand Lodge Convention when the National Drug Awareness Chairman recognized for his efforts in Wisconsin with the Take Back Events in Wisconsin. He has also been asked to help mentor new state chairmen. Jerry has attended twenty Grand Lodge Conventions and has spoken twice when addressing Resolutions to be voted upon.

Jerry is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist working 35 years in the Kaukauna School District. He will now be entering his 10th year subbing in the district. Jerry was selected Kaukauna Teacher of the Year, Herb Kohl Fellowship Winner, and a semi-finalist for State Teacher of the Year. He was also the Head Cross Country and Track Coach at Kaukauna earning several FVA Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year Awards. He also served 6 years as Athletic Director. He continues to work athletic events at several area schools. He has served on his church Parish Council and School Board. Jerry has been selected as a leader in several community and school organizations. He has been awarded awards including Barbershopper of the Year, District 4 Athletic Directors Award, Kaukauna High School Alumni Award, Kaukauna Athletic Hall of Fame and Kaukauna High School Performing Arts Hall of Fames, Presidential Volunteer Service Award, Outagamie County Drug Awareness Award, and Kaukauna Service organization Volunteer of the Year.

Jerry is a living donor having donated a kidney to his brother 36 years ago. He continues to participate in several organ donation events. He is also an active blood donor of 19 gallons of blood and 397 units of platelet donations.

Jerry is married to Kathy, an Elk Member, for 43 years. They have 3 married girls; including 2 who are Elk members and one son-law as a member. They have 2 grand kids and 2 step-grand kids.

Nathalie Kramer
Exalted Ruler

Charlie Fuller
Past Exalted Ruler, Secretary