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BIOGRAPHY OF  
**PAUL D. HELSEL**  
*GRAND EXALTED RULER*  
**2008-2009**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*

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**Paul D. Helsel**, born March 9, 1941, the oldest of two children, grew up on a 250 acre farm near Trout Run, Pennsylvania with his sister Karen and parents, Paul C. and Marion F. Helsel. Working on the farm until college instilled him with the values of honesty, integrity, and hard work.

Paul attended a one-room schoolhouse in his elementary years, later graduating from Liberty Joint High School in Liberty, Pennsylvania. He earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and later a second degree in Accounting from Goldey-Beacom College.

He began his professional career in Facility Engineering and Facility Engineering Management in 1962 with E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company in Newark, Delaware. As a capable and reliable Engineer Paul distinguished himself and moved to increasingly more responsible jobs with Milprint, Wilmington Chemical Company and finally in 1979 with ATK Elkton Company (formerly Thiokol Corporation) in Elkton, Maryland. Each position he assumed with these companies provided him with valuable technical, administrative and leadership experience. After a distinguished and successful 43-year professional career, Paul retired from ATK Elkton Company on September 23, 2005.

On August 28, 1965, Paul married his lovely wife of 42 years, Jane L. Valiante in Newark, Delaware where they still reside today. They are blessed with two daughters, Diane Coleman and Janet Caruccio, and three grandchildren. Diane with her husband Joe and son Paul Joseph "PJ" (9) resides in Melbourne, Florida. Janet with her husband John, son Benjamin (8) and daughter Amanda (5) resides in Newark, Delaware.

Paul served for more than 20 years on the Board of Directors of the Triumph Industrial Park Utility Maintenance Corporation and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Steam Valley Cemetery Association. He was a Charter Member and Charter President (June 1980) of the Thiokol Chapter of the Toastmasters Club.

Paul was initiated in Newark Lodge No. 2281 on May 10, 1970. He immediately became active in the lodge and served as Exalted Ruler in 1975-1976 where he earned "All-State Exalted Ruler" honors in the Ritual. He served as the Lodge Treasurer for 15 years and for the last 11 years as a Lodge Trustee.

He remains active in Newark Lodge No. 2281 on various committees including the Board of Trustees,

PER Association, as Chairman or Co-Chairman of the House/Rental Committee, and as a working member of the Bingo Committee.

Paul became active in the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association in 1976 and has been actively involved in its operation for the past 31 years. He served on various committees including the Executive Committee of Elks Camp Barrett, the Association's Major Project, was Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission Committee for 4 years, and Chairman of the Elks Training Program for 6 years. He served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees for 2 years, as Vice President of the Northeast District and as President of the Association in 1981-1982. He served as State Treasurer for 2 years and was a certified Ritual Judge for 16 years, judging contests in his own Association, the Pennsylvania Elks State Association and the New Jersey State Elks Association. He also served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Association for at least three terms and continues to serve the Association in an advisory and leadership capacity, working closely with the elected State Officers and the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers.

In 1979, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He continued to serve the Grand Lodge on the State Associations Committee from 1989 to 1991 and in 1992 was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees where he served with distinction until 1996. He continued to serve with the Board of Grand Trustees through 1996-1997 on a Planning Committee tasked with developing a long range plan for upgrading and improving the Elks National Home.

He has been a Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the past 11 years and is currently serving in his 4th year as the group's President. He served with distinction as the Chairman of the Host Committee for the 2001 Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Paul is an Elk that has risen through the ranks of Elksdom as a result of his talents, ability to work with people, dedication and hard work. He leads by example and firmly believes that **"you get out of Elksdom what you put into it."** As he fulfills his duties as Grand Exalted Ruler his message will be one of working to build a stronger, better Order. Please join with him and be a part of **"Elks — Growing Elksdom and Strengthening America"** and demonstrating that **"Elks Care—Elks Share."**

# ***STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

As I write this letter, Yvonne and I have recently returned home from the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim. As your State President, this particular Convention kept me busy just about every minute of every day. Even with all of the things that were going on I totally enjoyed the Convention and the time that I spent in California and other than a minor glitch in our flight home, everything went off on schedule.



As others before me have said, the highlight of the trip was the night of the Opening ceremony when I had the opportunity to carry the Flag of our State as a part of the Ceremonies. This was something that I'm sure will stay in my memory for many years to come. With that said, I would like to congratulate P.S.P. Jim Meyer and his Committee for the fantastic job that they did with regards to the hospitality room in Anaheim. Since we were located in the headquarters hotel, there was always a steady stream of traffic that went through the room throughout the course of the convention. Jim and his crew of workers made sure that everything was taken care of and that all of the supplies were replenished as needed. We are all aware of the fact that Wisconsin has always had one of the nicest hospitality rooms at the Convention, but this year the word at the Convention was to make sure you visited Wisconsin.

As our Fall Conference approaches and we prepare to conduct the business of our Association at our meetings in Oshkosh, we will also have the opportunity to meet and greet our Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul, and Grand 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, Jane, Helsel from Newark, Delaware. This is a special time for members of our Association to get to know our Grand Lodge Officers on a personal basis during their stay with us for the weekend. In addition, we will have the opportunity to talk to our new State Sponsor P.G.E.R. F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife Beth as they will be taking over their duties as of this Conference. We will also have the opportunity to honor and say "Good-Bye" to a friend of Wisconsin. After many years of service to our State Association as State Sponsor, P.G.E.R. Robert J. Sabin will be retiring. Bob and Marge have been dear friends of Wisconsin Elks for many years so please make sure that you let them know how much you appreciate all that they have done for us and at the same time let them know that they will always be welcome whenever we gather.

It's hard to believe that for a long time I thought that last year's winter would never end and I looked forward to the prospect of summer, green grass and warmer weather. After many days and nights of rain and all the damage that some suffered as a result of that water, the thought of the Fall Conference and the changing colors of the leaves on the trees signals something that I'm not looking forward to: another winter! I hope that in between rain drops that you enjoyed the warm weather and had a chance to get some sunshine. Have a safe trip to this year's Fall Conference, and Yvonne and I continue to look forward to our visits to you and your Lodges as a part of our year. See you soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Thomas J. Widzinski*

Thomas J. Widzinski  
State President



## ***STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September 11-14, 2008	Thursday-Sunday	Oshkosh	W.E.A. Fall Conference
September 19, 2008	Friday	Wisconsin Rapids	Lodge visitation
September 20, 2008	Saturday	Wisconsin Rapids	"Harvey's Ride"
September 27, 2008	Saturday	Manitowoc	Lodge visitation
October 11, 2008	Saturday	Madison	Lodge visitation
October 17, 2008	Friday	Neenah-Menasha	Lodge visitation
October 18, 2008	Saturday	Waukesha	Lodge visitation
October 25, 2008	Saturday	Rice Lake	Lodge visitation
November 2, 2008	Sunday	Oshkosh	Lodge visitation
November 7, 2008	Friday	Kaukauna	Lodge visitation
December 5, 2008	Friday	Green Bay	Lodge visitation
December 6, 2008	Saturday	Oconto	Lodge visitation
January 10, 2009	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge visitation
<del>January 17, 2009</del>	<del>Saturday</del>	<del>Milwaukee</del>	<del>Lodge visitation</del>
January 24, 2009	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge visitation
January 31, 2009	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge visitation
February 5-8, 2009	Thursday-Sunday	Stevens Point	W.E.A. Mid-Winter Conference
February 14, 2009	Saturday	Wausau	State Hoop Shoot Contest
February 14, 2009	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge visitation
February 21, 2009	Saturday	Platteville	State Bowling Tournament
February 28, 2009	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge visitation
March 7, 2009	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge visitation
March 12-15, 2009	Thursday-Sunday	Iowa City, Iowa	Regional Hoop Shoot Contest
March 21, 2009	Saturday	Stevens Point	Lodge visitation
March 28, 2009	Saturday	Marshfield	Lodge visitation
April 4, 2009	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge visitation
April 23-26, 2009	Thursday-Sunday	Springfield, MA	National Hoop Shoot Contest
April 30-May 3, 2009	Thursday-Sunday	Fond du Lac	W.E.A. State Convention

*"LEND A HAND"*

### **WHAT IS THE GRAND EXALTED RULER?**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Order is the Grand Exalted Ruler, elected by the Grand Lodge at its annual session for a term of one year, who presides over the sessions of the Grand Lodge; appoints all its non-elective officers, the District Deputies and the members of all Grand Lodge committees; grants dispensations to organize new Subordinate Lodges; and is vested with broad powers in the administration of the Order's affairs, including the supervision of all Subordinate Lodges and State Associations, and their activities.

# ***STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE***

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

We all know too well that summer 2008 is quickly coming to an end as we all begin to plan for the up-coming Fall Conference in Oshkosh. As I reflect back on the great experiences Rogene and I have had thus far representing all Wisconsin Elks we have great memories.

Each year Flag Day starts the course of activities followed by travel to Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Rice Lake for the State Golf Tournament, Camp Wawbeek and Portage prior to traveling to Anaheim, CA for the National Convention. To all the Lodges we visited thus far, what a wonderful outpouring of hospitality and friendship provided for all visiting guests and their own Lodge members. We all know it takes a lot of hard work and effort planning any event but to Rogene and me it is truly a pleasure to see these same individuals reap the rewards of their efforts as all **Elks Care - Elks Share** in these events.



The National Convention in Anaheim was a wonderful experience visiting with many Elks and guests from other States visiting the Wisconsin Hospitality Room. Jim Meyer and his entire committee again did a FANTASTIC job on our Wisconsin hospitality room. Thanks to the entire committee for all you did to make this year a success as always, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you in Portland in 2009. To everyone who volunteered to assist the PSP's with the Wisconsin Elks Association Booth *thank you*. The highlight of the week was on Wednesday evening when Grand Exalted Ruler, Lou Sulsberger, many other Grand Lodge officers and their spouses, along with many Elks and their spouses or guests from the other States housed in our hotel joined the gathering in the courtyard outside the Hospitality Room for the Eleven O'clock toast. As we walked to the Convention Center on Thursday morning for the final session there were several Elks behind us discussing the previous evening toast and commented as to what a wonderful showing of fraternalism between States was demonstrated in that gathering.

I would like to thank everyone and the Lodges who have set their dates for their State Presidents visit in 2009-2010. My goal was to have this completed by the Fall Conference and by the looks of things it should be done and out. The State Committee Chairs I will be contacting as I plan to have these completed by the Mid Winter Conference.

Rogene and I thank everyone for your support and friendship.

Hope to see many of you in Oshkosh.

Fraternally yours,

*Ken*

Ken Bruckner, President Elect  
Wisconsin Elks Association

# ***MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR***

I was appointed as the State Sponsor in July of 1995 and my first meeting with the Association was at the Mid-Winter meeting in Eau Claire. My reputation had preceded me, indicating that I was a live, by-the- book Past Grand. As a result, I received the coldest reception on record; it was 38% below zero when I arrived!

I never had a cold reception again in the 15 years that I was your Sponsor. I found that the real warmth in Wisconsin comes from the hearts and good works of the members and those who help them! For all of those years I always looked forward to my next visit!

It warmed up! President, Jim Meyer, presented me with my red jacket that I proudly wear today and it will always remind me of the caring Elks of Wisconsin.

As Sponsor, I proposed some changes; each Past State President would receive a two year, Grand Lodge appointment as a Grand Lodge Committeeman or as the Special Deputy in recognition of their service to the State Association as President. I also suggested some other changes relative to the State Association being directed by the State Officers rather than by the Past State Presidents. Yes, I have always believed in the Grand Lodge Statutes and their enforcement, and if that means that I live by the book, it's true.

But in years that I have been privileged to be your Sponsor, I have found that the vast majority of the Wisconsin Elks are generous, dedicated members who believe in the principles of Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love, and they practice them with Fidelity!

If I was given the chance to pick the state that I would like to sponsor, it would be Wisconsin! I will always be grateful for your many kindnesses to me, but I am especially grateful for the way that you have accepted my lady, Marge, and made her a part of your family of love. She has changed my life and I thank you! At age 84 it is time for me to step back and, hopefully, have time to smell the roses.

I would not leave you to just anyone, and Lou and Beth are well known to you and will be dedicated to serving you and Elkdom.

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep all of you and I will never forget you!

Cordially and Fraternally,



Robert J. Sabin, PGER  
Wisconsin State Sponsor



# ***MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH***

<sup>26</sup> *It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; Matthew 2: 26-27 RSV*

Several Hebrew words mean “servant.” Each one has a subtle difference in the meaning of the heart of a “servant:”

**Ebed** – a love-slave/servant. This is someone who is at the complete disposal of another (Deuteronomy 15: 12-18). Nonetheless, leaders must be at the disposal of God and their people.

**Abad** -- One who gives up personal rights to work in the field or tabernacle (Numbers 18: 7, 23). Leaders must sacrifice their rights to stay focused on the “mission.”



**Sakyir** – A hired servant who works for pay by day, or by year (Leviticus 25: 39-42). A leader must somehow avoid the “look” of a “paid professional.”

**Sharath** – Someone who will perform menial tasks to accomplish an overall goal (Exodus 28: 35-43). Leaders must serve the mission.

I will wager that each one of you has seen yourself in at least one, if not more, of these servant definitions. I can personally lay claim to having been each of these at some point in my life. Being a deacon in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, as well as your WEA State Chaplain, has given me respect for the meanings of **Ebed-Abad-Sharath**, as I work to serve my parish and community. Fortunately, for me, the **Sakyir** definition does not apply.

The main thing to remember is that God calls us all to serve. Each of the servant definitions (shown above) has merit and credibility with our Lord Jesus Christ. Think about this – He washed His disciples’ feet as a **Sharath**. Why would we be unhappy at becoming an **Ebed**?

***What is your servants’ heart?***

**Blessings,**

**Reverend Michael**

Reverend Michael Hackbarth  
Wisconsin Elks Association



# ***VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS***

## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

**KAYE FULTON, V.P.**

Summer has finally arrived in full swing. We all have a lot of things that need to be done around the house, plus vacations are taken, there are family picnics and the kids have lots of activities to go to. People are just more active in the summer, but please remember to put your Lodge on your schedule. If everyone donated just one hour a week, just imagine what could be accomplished.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> I had my first visit with Portage Lodge #675 for State President's Night. State President, Tom Widzinski, and First Lady, Yvonne; President-Elect, Ken Bruckner, and First Lady-Elect, Rogene, were present. Also present were past State Presidents, District Deputies, several state committee chairpersons and many members and their spouses. After the meal we went upstairs to show off our singing talents. It was a fun evening. I was very impressed with Exalted Ruler, Gary Alberts, and all the members who attended.

Portage Lodge undertakes many events for children. Red Kastner has been activity chairman for 19 years. Every year for the past 24 years the Lodge has held a Kids Fisheree. Kids under the age of 12 compete for trophies and prizes but no child goes away empty handed. Red starts the event from the fire truck basket over 100 feet in the air. He definitely isn't scared of heights! There were over 300 snow cones given away that day. Two local game wardens measured the fish to determine the winners. This is definitely a way to promote quality time for families and introduce them to the Elks Association.

The Lodge also does a golf outing for the DARE Program from which they raised over \$3,000. The money was divided equally between Columbia and Portage County. They also give scholarships, have a youth week, sponsor baseball teams, Eagle Scouts and much more. In December they have Christmas with Santa, which has been a tradition for over 93 years.

Portage Lodge is definitely making a difference. The children they are working with are our future leaders in every aspect of life. They also will be the next generation of ELKS. Everything you are doing shows the kids that ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE. Keep up the good work.

Those of you that went and saw Camp Wawbeek had the opportunity to see where the State Major Project money goes. The Wisconsin Elks Association and Easter Seals Wisconsin recognized Respite as the number one need of parents and caregivers of individuals with disabilities and have teamed up to provide this unique program. Keep the fun of Wisconsin Elks / Easter Seals Respite Camp going. The need for Respite Camp offers spring, fall and winter sessions. If you have not seen Camp Wawbeek and you're in the area, please stop in. You will be very impressed.

My next visits will be to Janesville Lodge #254 on August 8 and Beloit Lodge #857 on August 10. If you are in the area, please attend President's Night. They're always great fun.

# ***DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS***

## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**CARL MORSE, D.D.G.E.R.**

Grand Lodge Convention was an exciting experience as I was installed as D.D.G.E.R. at Anaheim, CA. The Honorable Paul D. Helsel was installed as Grand Exalted Ruler. I'm honored to be his representative along with five other D.D.G.E.R.'s in Wisconsin.

The work for this fall has already begun. District Deputy Clinics and visitations are scheduled, and the Fall Conference will be here soon. I encourage all Wisconsin Elk members to make every effort to attend the Fall Conference in Oshkosh. It's your chance to meet the G.E.R., Paul Helsel, and attend the meetings that are so important to the running of a successful Lodge. A lot can be learned at these meetings. See you there. Enjoy the fall events and meetings.

## **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**KATHY BRIEN, D.D.G.E.R.**

I would like to introduce myself to the East Central District. I am Kathy Brien, P.E.R., your newly installed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. I am from Kaukauna Lodge #962 and have served three years as Exalted Ruler there. I am honored to be your District Deputy this year.

I would like to introduce my staff to you. Ken Thomack, P.E.R., P.S.P., Kaukauna Lodge #962, will be the Auditor. Ryan Swantz, P.E.R., Appleton Lodge #337 will be the Esquire. Both men will do a great job.

We are here to help the Lodges and members. We want

your Lodge to become stronger than it already is. If we can answer questions or help in any way, please contact me. I can be reached at 217 Hayes St., Kaukauna, WI 54130; gbrien@new.rr.com; or by phone at 920-766-2649.

My schedule for the East Central district is as follows:

### **CLINICS (begin at 9:00 AM)**

Neenah-Menasha – August 9, 2008

Appleton – January 17, 2009

Kaukauna – April 18, 2009

(Kaukauna clinic is at the Mariner on Hwy OO)

### **VISITATIONS**

Sheboygan – September 27, 2008

Neenah-Menasha – October 8, 2008

Appleton – October 14, 2008

Fond du Lac – October 18, 2008

Kaukauna – October 21, 2008

(Kaukauna visitation will be held at Appleton Lodge)

Oshkosh – November 5, 2008

### **WHAT ARE DISTRICT DEPUTIES?**

A District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler is appointed annually for each of the districts into which the Order is divided.

They are the personal representatives of the Grand Exalted Ruler in the Districts, and are required to perform such duties as may be assigned.

Their particular duties, prescribed by statute, are to visit each Lodge at least once annually, or as often as necessary; to attend a regular session of each; to inspect its records, to investigate its condition and activities; and to report to the Grand Exalted Ruler, with such recommendations as are pertinent.

They are also specifically empowered to institute new Lodges for which dispensations have been issued, and to install the officers of Lodges on or about April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

# ***VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS***

## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

**LISA KROMRAJ, V.P.**

Prior to learning State President, Tom Widzinski's, slogan for this year, "LEND A HAND", I embarked on a philosophy for joining our district with hands that reach into our communities. We lost funding for district scholarships. I said, "Let's unite as a district and bring this back". Better yet, let's work as a district to accomplish greater good in our district community. How can we accomplish this? We rejoin forces and human-power to raise funds. Our August district meeting, I hope, as I am writing before the fact, was a prosperous flow of ideas and commitment toward this effort. I thank all district representatives for attending and assisting with uniting the district in one forward goal.

Let us reach our hands in a larger direction as we aid those locally.

## **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**BOB BOHNSACK, V.P.**

Summer is moving on quickly. I hope you have enjoyed some "get-away" time to relax and renew. It has been a busy summer. Since the May Convention I have had the opportunity to participate in the Flag Day event with the Appleton Lodge, enjoy a Wednesday night cook-out at the Sheboygan Lodge and spend some time at my own Lodge. My travels with Marian University have also let me to other Lodges in the state. I look forward to more visits in the coming months.

Soon we will gather at the Fall Conference in Oshkosh. I

sincerely hope you will be able to join us as we welcome the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Helsel. The Fall Conference is a great time for Elks to renew friendships, share ideas and rekindle the spirit of Elkdom. I look forward to visiting with many of you throughout that weekend. Until then, remember to "LEND A HAND"!

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

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## **WHAT ARE GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES?**

The officers of the Grand Lodge are the national officers of the Order. Their respective titles are the same as those of the officers of the Subordinate Lodges with the prefix "Grand" added thereto.

All national officers, unless otherwise noted, are elected by the Grand Lodge for a term of one year, and serve without salaries, with the exception of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

All standing committees of the Grand Lodge (with the exception of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee) are appointed by the Grand Exalted Ruler. They cover the full range of programs carried on by our Lodges, Districts, State Associations and nationally in service to our fellow citizens, our youth, our veterans and our communities, as well as the necessary operational guidelines so that we may continue our existence as a benevolent organization.

**LODGE DONATIONS TO THE  
144<sup>TH</sup> GRAND LODGE CONVENTION  
ANAHEIM, CA  
JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

<u><b>LODGE</b></u>	<u><b>DONATION</b></u>	<u><b>LODGE</b></u>	<u><b>DONATION</b></u>
Antigo #662	\$ 86.00	Milwaukee #46	\$100.00
Appleton #337	\$ 0	Neenah-Menasha #676	\$100.00
Ashland #137	\$ 0	Oconto #887	\$100.00
Baraboo #688	\$100.00	Oshkosh #292	\$100.00
Beaver Dam #1540	\$100.00	Platteville #1460	\$100.00
Beloit #864	\$100.00	Portage #675	\$100.00
Chippewa Falls #1326	\$ 50.00	Racine #252	\$100.00
Eau Claire #402	\$100.00	Rice Lake #1441	\$100.00
Fond du Lac #57	\$100.00	Sheboygan #299	\$100.00
Green Bay #259	\$100.00	Superior #403	\$ 50.00
Janesville #254	\$100.00	Two Rivers #1380	\$100.00
Kaukauna #962	\$100.00	Walworth-Lakeland #2201	\$100.00
Madison #410	\$100.00	Watertown #666	\$100.00
Manitowoc #687	\$ 0	Waukesha #400	\$100.00
Marinette #1313	\$100.00	Wausau #248	\$100.00
Marshfield #665	\$100.00	Wisconsin Rapids #693	\$100.00

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**A NOTE OF THANKS...**

Well, another Grand Lodge Convention has come and gone and all who attended had a great time, I hope. Ellen and I want to thank all the people who helped with the booth during the week. We had a great time working the booth and gave out over 4,000 cheese stickers. We also sold our State Major Project pins and did well on those. A big thanks to Norm for all his help putting it all together. *Thanks!* We received a 4-Star Award again.

A Grand Lodge Convention would not be complete without a hospitality room to go and relax in and, boy, did Jim out-do himself this year! Jim could not do this alone, and on behalf of Ellen and I and all the Wisconsin delegates we say *THANK YOU* to Jim and his wonderful group of dedicated workers for a great job. *THANKS!*

I was also impressed with how great our Wisconsin Elks looked as they attended the sessions; white pants, red coats with shirt and tie. SHARP.

*Ron*

Ron Bertrand, P.S.P.



**WISCONSIN PAST STATE PRESIDENTS ATTENDING THE**

**144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**

**ANNAHEIM, CA – JULY 6 – 10, 2008**

Jon Laflin (1982-83)	Milt Swantz (1998-99)
William Forrest (1993-94)	Kenneth Thomack (2002-03)
James Meyer (1995-96)	Norman Behnke (2003-04)
Keith Simmons (1995-96)	David Madson (2004-05)
David DeRosier (1996-1997)	Ronald Bertrand (2005-06)
Robert Hackl (1997-98)	Dennis Daley (2007-08)

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Thank You!

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

The Wisconsin Hospitality Room at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim was truly amazing! Jim Meyer and Dave Nitze out-did themselves transporting the full trailer 2,100 miles. The committee worked hard setting up the room and keeping it well stocked for our Wisconsin Delegates to enjoy. We can all be very proud of the compliments the Committee received from visiting State Associations. Wisconsin certainly knows the true meaning of hospitality and fellowship. The Wisconsin party on Tuesday evening was the highlight of the week and one of the best ever. The red and white theme was a beautiful sight. On behalf of all the Trustees and the Wisconsin Elks Association, I would like to thank the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for all the hard work and dedication it took to host the hospitality room at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim. I know everyone is looking forward to Portland next year.

***Todd***

Todd J. Kostuck, Chairman  
Wisconsin Elks Association State Trustees

**INDIVIDUAL MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE**

**144th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**

**ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA**

**JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> thru JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

<b><u>DELEGATE</u></b>		<b><u>LODGE</u></b>	<b><u>DONATION</u></b>
ALBERTS, GARY – JULIE	675	PORTAGE	\$50.00
ASSMANN, DAVID –LOIS	400	WAUKESHA	\$40.00
BAKER, NICK – CAROL	403	SUPERIOR	\$50.00
BAINBRIDGE, JAMES W.	2129	PRINCETON, NJ	\$20.00
BEHNKE, NORMAN – JUDIE	57	FOND-DU-LAC	\$50.00
BERRES, ROBERT – BARB	252	RACINE	\$40.00
BERTRAND, RONALD – ELLEN	400	WAUKESHA	\$50.00
BETZ, DORIS	864	BELOIT	\$20.00
BITTORF, FRED	662	ANTIGO	\$25.00
BITTORF, SHIRLY	294	OSHKOSH	\$25.00
BOWEN, DAVID – ROSEMARIE	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
BRIEN, KATHY – GERALD	962	KAUKAUNA	\$40.00
BRUCKNER, KENNETH N. – ROGENE	299	SHEBOYGAN	\$100.00
BRUNO, JOHN – SEAMARS, DONNA	400	WAUKESHA	\$40.00
BUCK, PATRICK	676	NEENAH-MENASH	\$25.00
BURMEISTER, JAMES	1313	MARINETTE	\$60.00
CLAIBORNE, PHIL - ANNETTE	46	MILWAUKEE	\$60.00
CLARKSEN, ARLYN – MARY	400	WAUKESHA	\$40.00
CONWAY, DAVID – JANICE	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
COOK, TIMOTHY – PEGGY	299	SHEBOYGAN	\$40.00
CRARY, DAVID – ADELE	410	MADISON	\$75.00

**INDIVIDUAL MONETARY DONATIONS (continued)**

CRONAN, KYLE	693	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	\$30.00
DALEY, DENNIS – HARRIET	666	WATERTOWN	\$100.00
DERGA, AL – CAROL	252	RACINE	\$40.00
DEROSIER, DAVID – KATIE	46	MILWAUKEE	(\$136.00) SUPPLIES
DREBLOW, JIM – LOIS	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
DUFFY, CINDY LOU	1441	RICE LAKE	\$25.00
ENGLESON, ALBERT – JEANNE	864	BELOIT	\$40.00
FORREST, WILLIAM – PEGGY	248	WAUSAU	\$50.00
FRIEDL, GLENN – BARB	666	WATERTOWN	\$60.00
GENGLER, MARK - VALERIE	46	MILWAUKEE	\$50.00
GNACINSKI, JAMES – PAT	662	ANTIGO	\$50.00
GROLL, TIMOTHY	887	OCONTO	\$50.00
GRUBE, DOUGLAS – JULIE	299	SHEBOYGAN	\$40.00
GUITHUES, BERNARD “JOE”	662	ANTIGO	\$25.00
HACKL, ROBERT L.	1380	TWO RIVERS	\$25.00
HEITMANN, DALE	248	WAUSAU	\$25.00
HOLBROOK, AARON	1540	BEAVER DAM	\$25.00
HOUGHTON, STEVE	410	MADISON	\$40.00
JOHNSON, KEN – NAN	248	WAUSAU	\$200.00
JOYCE, RICK – KATE	2282	COLONIAL, NJ	\$25.00
KOSTOCK, TODD – LEAH	1460	PLATTEVILLE	\$50.00
KROMRAJ, LISA	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
LAFLIN, JON – NANCY	676	NEENAH-MENASHA	\$250.00
LONIEN, KEVIN	46	MILWAUKEE	\$20.00
MADSON, DAVE – CAROL	299	SHEBOYGAN	\$50.00

**INDIVIDUAL MONETARY DONATIONS (continued)**

MAGNAN, HAROLD JR. – MARGARET	666	WATERTOWN	\$40.00
MATUSINEC, JOE	292	OSHKOSH	\$300.00
MAZUR, GREG	1326	CHIPPEWA FALLS	\$25.00
MEYER, JAMES L. – CAROL	666	WATERTOWN	\$100.00
MORSE, CARL – MARSHA	887	OCONTO	\$100.00
NITZE, DAVE - PATRICIA	254	JANESVILLE	\$40.00
NOWACKI, RONALD – BETTY	641	STEVENS POINT	\$40.00
POTTER, KEITH – SUSAN	299	SHEBOYGAN	\$40.00
RENNELLS, ROBERT – KATE	665	MARSHFIELD	\$40.00
ROBERGE, STEVE – SANDY	1441	RICE LAKE	\$50.00
RYBA, JOHN	259	GREEN BAY	\$00.00
SABIN, PGER, ROBERT J. - MARGE	1526	DES PLAINES, IL	\$25.00
SCHALLER, KENNETH	402	EAU CLAIRE	\$25.00
SCHNEIDER, ED	864	BELOIT	\$20.00
SCHROEDER – DOLLY	688	BARABOO	\$40.00
SEIDNER, DARLENE	46	MILWAUKEE	\$20.00
SHANNON, MYRON “RON” – NIKKI	675	PORTAGE	\$100.00
SHARKUS, PATRICK – LINDA	57	FOND-DU-LAC	\$40.00
SHEAHAN, LENORA	1380	TWO RIVERS	\$50.00
SIMMONS, KEITH - DOROTHY	2201	WALWORTH-LAKELAND	\$100.00
SOMERS, BRUCE – DONNA	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
SWANTZ, MILT – NANCY	57	FOND –DU-LAC	\$40.00
TALECK, GREG – GAIL	252	RACINE	\$40.00
THOMACK, KENNETH	962	KAUKAUNA	\$50.00
TREPANIER, PATRICK – JULIE	887	OCONTO	\$80.00



**INDIVIDUAL MONETARY DONATIONS (continued)**

VANDRE, MICHAEL – FRAN	666	WATERTOWN	\$40.00
VOSSWINKEL, GREGG – CHERYL	46	MILWAUKEE	\$45.00
WEAVER, JAMES – JEAN	248	WAUSAU	\$40.00
WIDZINSKI, THOMAS – YVONNE	292	OSHKOSH	\$100.00
YOST, ROBERT – MILLIE	676	NEENAH-MENASHA	\$200.00

**DONATIONS, BUT NOT ATTENDING**

BENNETT, JOHN – KAREN	137	ASHLAND	\$50.00
HARTMAN, EDWARD “SKIP” – MARIE	259	GREEN BAY	\$40.00
RICH, STEVEN – PAULA	292	OSHKOSH	\$40.00
SEARS, DONALD – LYNNE	57	FOND-DU-LAC	\$40.00
STERN, AL	46	MILWAUKEE	\$40.00
WIXOM, RICHARD – JOANN	254	JANESVILLE	\$40.00

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**WHAT IS THE GRAND LODGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE?**

Once an individual has held the unique position of Grand Exalted Ruler, our Order's chief executive office, and dealt with the myriad details pertaining to Elkdom's vast operation, such a person acquires singular and irreplaceable experience which cannot be permitted to go unused in guiding the destiny of our organization through the uncertainties of each new tomorrow. For this all-too-apparent reason, each national leader achieving the status of Past Grand Exalted Ruler at the end of the term of office is automatically given membership in this austere body. Collectively, this body advises with and extends its invaluable counsel to all Grand Lodge Officers, Commissions, Committees and agencies. Their continuing dedication, service and recommendations supply our Order with a living treasury of Elks wisdom which has demonstrably been a key ingredient in our success.

**Wisconsin Elks Association**  
**2008 Oshkosh Fall Conference**  
**September 11-14, 2008**  
*Meeting Schedule*

**Thursday September 11, 2008**

Registration	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Oshkosh Lodge #292
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**Friday September 12, 2008**

Registration	12:00-8:00 p.m.	Oshkosh Lodge #292
State Trustees	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room
Benevolent Fund	10:30-11:30 a.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room
P.S.P. Advisory	1:00-3:30 p.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room

**Saturday September 13, 2008**

Registration	7:30-11:30 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Entrance
Executive Committee	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room
Resolutions & Laws	7:40-8:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Conference Room
Accident Prevention	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Conference Room
Americanism	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Vette Theater
CLMS program for Secy's	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Batten Board Room
Business Practices	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Staff Lunch Room
Grand Lodge Attendance	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Leadership Center 1st Floor Computer Lab
Hoop Shoot	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Air Academy Lodge Distance Learning Center
Recreation at Conventions	8:00-11:30 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Entrance
Ritualistic Exemplification	8:00-9:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Conference Room
State Sponsor/DDGER's/Esquires	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room
Committee for the Disabled	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Staff Lunch Room
E.R./Leading Knight	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Batten Board Room
Golf	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Air Academy Lodge Board Room
Lodge Development	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Conference Room
U.S. Constitution	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Leadership Center 1st Floor Computer Lab
Youth Activities	9:00-10:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Vette Theater
Elks National Service	9:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Air Academy Lodge Distance Learning Center
Drug Awareness	9:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Fergus Plaza
WI. Elks Assoc. Major Project	9:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Conference Room
WI. Elks Assoc. Benevolent Fund	10:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Leadership Center 2nd Floor Conference Room
Bowling	10:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Staff Lunch Room
Legalized Gaming	10:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Batten Board Room
Officers Training	10:00-11:00 a.m.	EAA Museum Front Conference Room
Conferences/Conventions	10:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Air Academy Lodge Board Room
Elks National Found. Scholarships	10:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Leadership Center 1st Floor Computer Lab
Membership and Lapsation	10:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Vette Theater

**Wisconsin Elks Association**  
**2008 Oshkosh Fall Conference**  
**September 11-14, 2008**  
*Meeting Schedule (continued)*

**Saturday September 13, 2008 (continued)**

Elks National Foundation	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Fergus Plaza
Auditing	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Leadership Center 2nd Floor Conference Room
Curling	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Front Conference Room
Lodge Activities	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Staff Lunch Room
Lodge Trustee Training	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Air Academy Lodge Distance Learning Center
Publicity and Public Relations	11:00 a.m.-noon	EAA Museum Batten Board Room

<u>Ladies Luncheon</u>	10:30-11:30 a.m. Social	LaSure's Hall at the Hawthorn Inn & Suites
	11:30-1:30 p.m. Luncheon	LaSure's Hall at the Hawthorn Inn & Suites

<u>Association Luncheon</u>	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Oshkosh Lodge #292
<u>Grand Exalted Ruler/Exalted Ruler Pictures</u>	following Association Luncheon	Oshkosh Lodge #292

<u>Ritual Testing</u>	10:00-noon	Comfort Suites Banquet Hall
<u>Ritual Clinic</u>	2:30-4:30 p.m.	Comfort Suites Banquet Hall

<u>Mass with Rev. Michael Hackbarth</u>	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Comfort Suites Banquet Hall
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<u>Saturday Night Banquet</u>	6:00 p.m. Social	Oshkosh Lodge #292
<u>(Dress Code for Banquet: Winter Formal Tux, Dark Suit or Red Coat)</u>	7:00 p.m. Dinner	Oshkosh Lodge #292

**Sunday September 14, 2008**

General Session	8:30 a.m.-noon	Oshkosh Lodge #292
Ladies Advisory	8:30-10:00 a.m.	Comfort Suites Board Room
Critique	following General Session	Oshkosh Lodge #292

**Thanks for coming to Oshkosh! Have a safe and pleasant trip home.**

Ole and Lena...

"Now, Ole, don't yew get me anything expensive for my birthday. I'd rather have something dat yew made yerself!"  
said Lena.

"Such as vat?" asked Ole.

"Money!" was Lena's reply.

## **WELCOME TO OSHKOSH!**

Dear Wisconsin Elks Association:

Thank you for choosing Oshkosh to hold your fall conference from September 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. The entire city is proud and pleased to have you here!

I wish to welcome you to our community. Oshkosh is a city that has long been known for its hospitality and we hope to live up to our reputation as being “warm and friendly”.

We are a progressive and thriving community, with many fine dining and lodging accommodations. I’m sure you will find that these and numerous recreational activities will satisfy the needs of your fine group.

You will also discover the many other fine things about Oshkosh such as our parks, Public Museum, Paine Art Center and Arboretum, our University, and the Experimental Aircraft Association Headquarters and Museum.

Being centrally located, we are only a few hours travel time from nearly every area of the state and I hope your attendance at this convention breaks all records because of this fact.

If there is anything the city or I personally can do to make your stay in Oshkosh more enjoyable, please feel free to contact me.

Again, I sincerely thank you for coming to Oshkosh and I extend to you our heartiest welcome!

Very truly yours,

*Frank*

Frank Tower  
Mayor

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Dale T. Heitmann from Wausau Lodge #248 was one of the recipients of a “President’s Volunteer Service Award” at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim, CA. Pictured left to right are: Kent Gade, Elks National Drug Awareness Chairman; Dale Heitmann, WI Elks State Drug Awareness Chairman; Henry Lozano, Assistant Deputy Director to the President of the United States and Tom Widzinski, WI Elks State President.



## **WELCOME TO OSHKOSH LODGE #292**

Welcome Fellow Elk Brothers and Sisters!

Please accept this personal welcome to the 2008 Fall Conference from the Officers and members of Oshkosh Lodge No. 292. I encourage everyone to take a moment and explore all that our fine city has to offer. From the EAA Museum to the Paine Art Center, from the Outlet Mall to the historic architecture, The City of Oshkosh has something for everyone. We hope that you enjoy your stay with us, and please let my wife Paula or myself know if there is anything that we can do to make this the most memorable Wisconsin Elks Association Conference.



This weekend we will have the honor to welcome several special Elks into our Lodge. Please join me in extending a very special greeting to Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Helsel and his wife, Jane, PGER F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife, Beth, Grand Lodge State Sponsor Robert Sabin, PGER, and Marge, and to our State President Tom Widzinski and his wife, Yvonne.

The doors of our Lodge are always open to all visiting Elks, spouses and friends. Please take time to renew old friendships and create new while visiting our Lodge. I trust that our members and staff will make you feel "at home". Also, we are very proud of our newly re-modeled Lodge room, so drop on in to see it for yourself.

Have a safe trip as you travel, and welcome to Oshkosh Lodge No. 292.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

***Steven T. Rich***

Exalted Ruler  
Oshkosh Lodge No. 292

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## **AN INTERESTING SENIOR MOMENT...**

A very self-important college freshman who was attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said. "Young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships having visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing...and...paused to take another drink of beer.

The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young...so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little pipsqueak, what are you doing for the next generation?"

Ya gotta love senior citizens!

**2008 FALL CONFERENCE  
EVENTS AND MENUS  
OSHKOSH ELKS LODGE #292**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

OSHKOSH LODGE - 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Broasted Chicken (1/2), Coleslaw, Roll  
w/Butter, Choice of French Fries or Potato Salad  
and Brownie for dessert  
\$8.95 (plus tax and tip)

**FRIDAY, SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup>  
NOON LUNCHEON**

OSHKOSH LODGE - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Brat - \$4.50 (tax and tip included)  
Burger - 4.50 (tax and tip included)  
Chicken Breast - \$5.50 (tax and tip included)  
All served on a bun with chips and pickle

**DINNER BUFFET**

OSHKOSH LODGE - 5:00 pm to 9:00pm  
Broasted Chicken, Tenderloin Tips w/Noodles,  
Ham, Shrimp, Tilapia, Tossed Salad w/Assorted  
Dressings, Roll w/Butter, Potato Wedges, Green  
Beans, Corn  
\$12.95 (plus tax and tip)

Music by Karl Seidl 7:30 – 10:30 PM

**SATURDAY, SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>  
LADIES LUNCHEON**

Cocktails 10:30 am, Luncheon 11:30 am  
LaSure's Hall @ Hawthorne Inn & Suites Hotel  
Sirloin of Beef, Country Ham, Wild Rice Blend,  
Fresh Fruit, Assorted Bars, Coffee and Milk  
\$17.00 (includes tax and tip)

**SATURDAY, SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>  
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON**

OSHKOSH LODGE – 12:30 PM  
Baked "Greek" Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Pilaf,  
Fruit Salad, Green Beans, Assorted Bistro Bars  
and Coffee  
\$12.00 (includes tax and tip)

**SATURDAY, SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>  
NOON LUNCHEON**

OSHKOSH LODGE OUTDOOR PAVILION  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Brat - \$4.50 (tax and tip included)  
Burger - 4.50 (tax and tip included)  
Chicken Breast - \$5.50 (tax and tip included)  
All served on a bun with chips and pickle

**SATURDAY, SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>  
BANQUET**

OSHKOSH LODGE BANQUET HALL  
Cocktails at 6:00 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm  
Baked Lemon-Buttered Haddock, Prime Rib au  
Jus, Caesar Salad, Roll w/Butter, Parsley  
Buttered Potatoes, Candied Baby Carrots, Cake  
and Coffee  
\$19.95 (includes tax and tip)

*Seating Limited to 250 People  
Including Dignitaries and Members*

*DRESS:  
State Officers – Winter Formal Tux  
Members – Dark Suit or Red Coat*

**SUNDAY, SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup>  
LIGHT NOON LUNCHEON**

OSHKOSH LODGE  
APPROX: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Grilled Steak Sandwich Served on a Bun, Steak  
Fries, Pickle Spear, Chocolate Chip cookie  
\$8.95 (plus tax and tip)

**SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER....**

By far the most significant way to experience the richness of Elks Initiation is to be the sponsor of a friend into our organization. This is another privilege which comes to you through your valid membership card. Because our Order is selective, to maintain the quality of our membership and, thereby, perpetuate the good works that stem from our rigorously-guarded good character, no person can simply walk into one of our Lodges and join in the same manner as subscribing to a newspaper or enrolling in a book-of-the-month club. Only through the sincere invitation and character endorsement of one who is already an Elk can one become an Elk: and we give NO honorary membership to outsiders.

# Welcome to Oshkosh and the 2008 Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference

## Elks Lodge

1. Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292  
175 W. Fernau Avenue  
(920) 235-1550

## Hotels

2. Hawthorn Inn & Suites  
3105 S. Washburn Street  
(920) 303-1133
3. Comfort Suites (Conference Headquarters)  
400 S. Koeller Street  
(920) 230-7378
4. AmericInn Lodge & Suites  
1495 W. South Park Avenue  
(920) 232-0300
5. Hilton Garden Inn  
1355 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(920) 966-1300
6. Marriott Fairfield Inn  
1800 S. Koeller Street  
(920) 233-8504



## Points of Interest

7. Paine Art Center and Gardens  
1410 Algoma Blvd.  
(920) 235-6903
8. The Outlet Shoppe's at Oshkosh  
3001 S. Washburn Street  
(920) 231-8911
9. Oshkosh Public Museum  
1331 Algoma Blvd.  
(920) 424-4730
10. EAA Air Venture Museum  
3000 Poberezny Road  
(920) 426-4818



# Convention Highlights





## WEA RITUAL CLINIC AND RITUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR 2008 – 2009

I would like to take this time to let all members know the plans, of the Ritualistic Committee, for the upcoming year. Please take this information and pass it on to all members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

Ben Godlewski  
WEA Ritualistic Chairman  
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bgodlewski@centonline.com

### 1) **RITUAL CLINIC:**

a) Saturday, September 13, at the Fall Conference (Please look in the Bugle for time and place).

- This will be conducted by Ray Engelland, Area 5, Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman

**b) This clinic is open to any Elk member.**

- Only PER's are eligible to be a performance judge, but any member 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:**

8:00AM – 9:00AM: Ritual Committee meeting

10:00 AM: Ritual Clinic starts

- Open book performance test, word test and computer test:
- Members are welcome to take one or multiple tests, but not required.
- The word and/or computer tests can be taken any time during this period. By any time, I mean any time (10:30, 10:35, 10:48, 11:10, 11:22, 11:47, etc). Expect each test to take at least 1/2 hour. The last test will be handed out at 11:59:59.
- The performance test will be given out at 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30. Ray would like 30 minutes before taking the test, for discussion. The actual test could take 30 – 45 minutes. Note: This test is open book.

2:30 – 4:00: We will start with opening comments/questions/etc and then have the actual ritual competition judge testing, with Sheboygan performing the ritual.

This will not be an open period like the testing. Once the performance/judging starts, no one will be allowed to enter the room.

## **WEA RITUAL CLINIC AND RITUAL COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR 2008 – 2009**

### **2) MID-WINTER COMPETITIONS:**

#### **a) Lodge and Degree teams:**

- Saturday afternoon (Times and place to be announced).
- **Entry deadline: Friday, October 31, 2007 must receive entry forms by Monday 3, 2007**
- Degree teams:
  - Each Lodge should be represented, from your district.
  - **Every person interested should have the opportunity to try out for the team.**

#### **b) 11 O' Clock toast:**

- Saturday morning 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Place to be announced)
- Whenever a person is available, they can sign up and perform. There will NOT be a set time for anyone.
- If desired, the performing member may bring in another member to give the charge to.
- 3 Categories:
  - ER's Only, Open (for any Elk member), DDGER vs. Vice Presidents vs. PSP's:
    - Once someone wins in any category, they are allowed to "defend" their title.
    - New this year will be the DDGER vs. Vice Presidents vs. PSP's:
      - They will be considered, in the open category, but the highest performing DDGER's, VP's or PSP's, will receive a plaque. ALL are EXPECTED to perform, even if someone won in the competition before.

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

- The state of Illinois does this and I believe it is a great idea.
- 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.

### **LADIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET**

The Wisconsin Elks Ladies Advisory Committee will be meeting on Sunday morning at 8:30 am during the Elks General Session at the Fall Conference in Oshkosh. All ladies attending the Conference, especially those that are officers of a Ladies Auxiliary or an active member, are invited to share their ideas with the group. Any ER's wives would also be very welcome.

I am proud to announce that over the past few years our "Wisconsin Elks Ladies Fight Cancer" pins were sold out and we donated \$650.00 to the Wisconsin Cancer Association in memory and honor of our Wisconsin Elks ladies. We are looking to find a new project, so bring your ideas and join us on Sunday morning.

Call Judie Behnke, President, Ladies Advisory Committee at 920-922-5962 with any questions.

## **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 will have to be spoken).

b) Esquire

The charge given to the candidate when the Esquire is half way 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.

e) 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 WILL be 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.

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### **Ole and Lena...**

Ole and Lena decided to take a weekend trip so they went to Oshkosh, WI, and they stayed in a beautiful motel...Oh my, it was so pretty. When it was time to leave, Ole was presented with such a big bill! It was atrocious, huge, out-of-site...Well, it was a heck of a bill so Ole asked for an explanation.

"It says here, \$10.00 extra for room service; ve didn't call room service." "Well," said the desk clerk, "that's too bad. It was here if you wanted it, so you must pay."

It says here \$10.00 extra for laundry service; ve didn't call laundry service," Ole said. "Well," said the desk clerk, "that's too bad. It was here if you wanted it, so you must pay."

"It says here \$10.00 for extra car rental; ve didn't rent a car," said Ole. "Well," said the desk clerk, "that's too bad. It was here if you wanted it, so you must pay".

"Vell, okay, said Ole, "I'll pay...but I'm going to subtract \$30.00." "Why?" asked the desk clerk. "For kissing my vife, Lena," says Ole. The desk clerk was furious. "I didn't kiss your wife, Ole!" "Vell," said Ole, "too bad...she was here if you vanted to...you must pay."

## **WISCONSIN RAPIDS LODGE #693 REPLACES PARK FLAG POLE**

In April of 2005, the City Parks and Recreation Department for Wisconsin Rapids approached the Wisconsin Rapids Elks Lodge regarding a flag pole in one of the city parks. The flag pole, which had been originally installed in 1941 by the members of Lodge #693, had cracked and needed to be removed by the city. At that time, the members of the Lodge resolved to raise the funds to install a new pole in the same location. Over the next three years, the members of Lodge #693 led a community effort to replace the flag pole. With contributions of members, a grant from the Wisconsin Rapids Community Foundation, support from the local Knights of Columbus, and in-kind work from many others, the project became a reality. In total to date, the Lodge members have raised about \$10,000 for the pole.



On June 14, 2008 as part of the traditional Flag Day Ceremony, the new pole was dedicated and presented to the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Mary Jo Carson and City Council Member Maynard Paterick were on hand to receive the key to the flag pole which towers approximately 60 feet above the Wisconsin River in a city park directly across the river from the Elks Lodge.

The original dedication plaque from 1941 was re-installed and added features include flag pole holders in order to display the historic flag set used during the Flag Day Ceremony.

In addition to the city officials present at the ceremony, members of the American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts were also present. During the ceremony, musical selections were provided by local school students Victoria Gurtler and Phil Gurtler.



After the ceremony and dedication, the Wisconsin Rapids Elks Lodge hosted a picnic dinner at the Lodge for those attending the ceremony.

Future work on the flag pole site includes adding another plaque, extending the sidewalk, and landscaping.

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION  
2008 GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD JUNE 23, 2008  
SPONSORED BY RICE LAKE ELKS LODGE #1441  
HELD AT TURTLEBACK GOLF COURSE, RICE LAKE**

The weatherman provided one of the best days we've had this summer for the 2008 Wisconsin Elks State Golf Tournament. We had 44 local golfers participating in the event with 91 more coming from around the state, bringing the total to 135.

There were 12 hole prizes on each shift, along with the 4 "Hole In One" shots that kept things interesting for both the AM and PM shifts. Unfortunately we did not have any aces, but it was nice to have a shot at a major prize.

The golf was followed by a banquet and awards presentation at the Lodge.

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**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION  
2008 GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

Team Low Gross – 344	Marshfield Lodge #665
Team Members: Larry Sholes, Don Creola, Joe Kollross, John Poppy	
Team Low Net – 293	Rice Lake Lodge #1441
Team Members: Vern Peterson, Bill Burdick, *Steve Mewhorter, *Bill Sazama (* Members of Chippewa Lodge)	
Individual Low Gross – 72	Manitowoc Lodge #687
	Name: Kevin Kotarek
Individual Low Net – 69	Rice Lake Lodge #1441
	Name: Ross Mickelson
Senior Individual Low Gross – 79	Rice Lake Lodge #1441
	Name: Richard Haugen
Senior Individual Low Net – 72	Rice Lake Lodge #1441
	Name: Mike Witowski
Super Senior Individual Low Gross - 85	Rice Lake Lodge #1441
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	Name: Jerry Brown



**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JR. GOLF TOURNAMENT  
HOSTED BY MARSHFIELD ELKS LODGE #665**



**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE TEAM**  
CHIPPEWA FALLS LODGE #1326  
(L to R) Austin Byrd, Chris Facklem,  
Jamie Krula and Ryan Heck



**AWARD WINNERS**  
(Front Row, L-R) Mike Josephson, Marshfield;  
Ron Shlimovitz, Portage; Luke Mahoney,  
Marshfield and Abby Coleman, Marshfield.  
(Back Row, L-R) Austin Byrd, Chippewa Falls;  
Larry Wetzel, Wausau; Chris Facklem, Chippewa  
Falls; Jamie Krula, Chippewa Falls; David  
Schrwelde, Oconto and Ryan Heck, Chippewa Falls

**AWARD WINNERS**

**GIRLS 12-13**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 128 – Abby Coleman, Marshfield

**BOYS 12-13**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 83 – Ryan Heck, Chippewa Falls

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 101 – Rob Schlimovitz, Portage

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 105 – Luke Mahoney, Marshfield

**BOYS 14-15**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 76 - Austin Byrd, Chippewa Falls

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 85 – Larry Wetzel, Wausau

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 87 – Michael Josephson, Marshfield

**BOYS 16-18**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 77 – Chris Facklem, Chippewa Falls

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 79 – Jamie Krula, Chippewa Falls

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 83 – David Schrwelde, Oconto

**TEAM**

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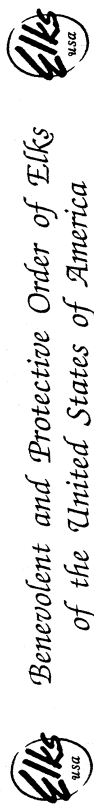
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**Chicken Aristo-Crat**—Roasted Chicken Breast filled with Wild Mushroom Ragout in Puff Pastry on a pool of Hunter Sauce.

~ Banquet Entrees are Accompanied by: Salad, Double Baked Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter & Double Chocolate Layer Cake.

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## Elks National Foundation News Release

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July 14, 2008

*For immediate release*

### **Emergency Educational Grants Encourage Elk Families**

CHICAGO, Ill.—Applications are now available for the 2008-09 Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant program.

The Elks National Foundation recognizes the distress families experience when a parent dies or becomes totally disabled, and is committed to reducing the number of Elks families who have major concerns about funding college. Emergency Educational Grants provide financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, who wish to obtain or further their college education.

Two recipients of the Emergency Educational Grant, sisters Kaylan and Dana Chapman, faced a heavy burden after their father died in a car accident. "My dad believed a good education makes a strong foundation for your life," says Kaylan. The sisters turned to the Elks National Foundation for help, and each received an Emergency Educational Grant.

"The support given by the EEG program has allowed me to do what my father wanted," Dana explains. "Get an education in a field where I can make a difference."

For 2008-09, the Elks National Foundation reserved \$350,000 for the EEG program. Applicants must demonstrate financial need to qualify for a grant. In addition, the applicant must be unmarried, under the age of 23 at the time of applying, and be attending a U.S. college or university as a full-time undergraduate student.

New applications should be filed between July 1 and December 31. Renewal applications must be filed between July 1 and October 31. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. The grant is for educational assistance only and not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education.

Emergency Educational Grants are for one year, but are renewable up to three times. Grant amounts can range up to \$4,000.

For more information, or for an application, contact the ENF scholarship office at [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org) or by phone at 773/755-4732. Visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eefgrants.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eefgrants.cfm) to learn more about the program.

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All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotel directly for all of your reservations. All rooms will be held until January 17! State and local taxes will be added. Thank you for supporting this facility during the Mid-Winter 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!**

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