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2008 July 6-10	Anaheim, CA
2009 July 5–9	. Portland, OR
2010 July 4–8	. Orlando, FL
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STATE MEETINGS

State Conv	. Sheboygan, May 1-4, 2008
Fall Conf	Oshkosh, Sept. 11 – 13, 2008
Mid-Winter Conf	St. Point, Feb. 5 - 8, 2009
State Conv Fond d	lu Lac, April 30-May 1, 2009
Fall Conf	$\dots 7-20,2009$
2010 Mid Winter Conf.	Feb. $4 - 7$, 2010
2010 State Conv	April 29-May 2, 2010
2010 Fall Conf	Sept. 16–19, 2010

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Todd Kostuck (2009)

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well this is it. My last article as State President. As I sit here and try to think of something inspiring to write, all I can come up with is to say "Thank you". It has been a long three years, stressful at times, but I would not trade it for anything. Each Lodge visit was unique and it gave Harriet and me a chance to renew old acquaintances and meet new members. There are so many people that have made this journey unforgettable - PSPs, State Officers, Lodge Officers and members, and so many other individuals that I would like to



name, but I know I would miss someone. I will name two people that have made this last year most memorable - Tom and Yvonne Widzinski. Words cannot describe the fun we have had this past year and I know, without a doubt, that we will have a very qualified couple representing our Association next year as Tom and Yvonne serve as our State President and 1st Lady. Good luck, Tom and Yvonne.

I hope I have 'Made a Difference' this year. I tried not to have too many goals at the beginning of my year in hopes that if I only had a couple, I might be able to accomplish them. One of the goals was to change the program/policy of the seating arrangements for the banquets. If you attend the Saturday banquets, you know what I mean. The assigned table policy has been implemented and I believe it is going quite well. Another goal was to start revising some of our State By-Laws and, hopefully, we will accomplish this at our Convention meeting.

The State President usually has the President's Annual State of the Association Report printed in this Bugle. I find it quite difficult to sum up my year by having to get this article ready in March, when final Lodge statistics aren't available until after 3-31-08 and my year doesn't officially end until May. I will say that according to preliminary reports we will again have a statewide membership loss. Our ENF donations have exceeded the GER's \$4.25 goal. Last month we were ahead of Illinois, but this month's report showed them 12th in the country, while we were still at 22. Maybe we will have a last minute sprint.

I look forward to the Convention in Sheboygan. I know the members are working hard preparing for us. They have done a number of renovations to their building and I know you will be impressed when you visit the Lodge. Have a safe trip to Sheboygan.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your State President, you have all "Made a Difference" to me.

Fraternally,

Dennis

Dennis Daley, President Wisconsin Elks Association

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRST LADY

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

You have all heard of "Queen for a day", well you have made me "Queen for a year". It has been wonderful. Dennis asked me the other day what stood out for me this past year. I couldn't answer him right away, because each and every Lodge visit was great. The Angel Museum, Madeline Island, the Children's Museum are just some of the memories. And I can't forget the knitting shops. You all know my love for knitting and charities. Then there were the jolly snowmen that I received,



and as I packed them away this year I thought of each of you that gave me one. The angels and the pictures that I received were beautiful and each was different-no doubles.

Thanks to all that bought tickets for my raffle. I should have collected about \$1300.00 which will be given to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.

Thank you again for a most memorable year. You all have "Made a Difference" in my life.

Harriet

Harriet Daley First Lady Wisconsin Elks Association

SPECIAL NOTICE

At the May Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Association, a motion to amend the By-Laws will occur. At the Mid-Winter Conference of 2008, held at Stevens Point, a motion was passed to post the amendments on the Wisconsin Elks Association web site rather than publish them in *The Bugle*. This posting should occur around April 1st. Anyone who would like a printed copy may request one from the State Secretary.

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Wisconsin Elk Members and Families:

I can't believe that another year in my life has now passed. With all of the visitations that were scheduled this year, the days and weeks just seemed to fly by. That is, with the exception of this past winter. At times it didn't seem as though it would ever end. I'm not sure which I hated most; the cold weather or the snow. All I know is that I'm glad spring and warmer weather are upon us. If I complain of how hot it is, please remind me of my feelings of not so long ago.



As I write this letter, I have mixed feelings and emotions. While Yvonne and I look forward to our year ahead as your State President and 1st Lady, I am in many ways saddened to see this year come to a close. We have become very close friends with Dennis and Harriet and will miss their company on all of those trips that take us away from home. It's been a pleasure to travel with them as they proclaimed all of the good works of our Association. I'm sure all of you have come to realize just how special these two people are. I only hope that we will be able to continue the standards that they have set. Dennis not only spoke of his slogan to all of you, but he actually lived out his words of "To make Elkdom thrive, keep Elkdom alive and Make a Difference". Through his sincerity in his works and personal efforts, he has inspired others to achieve their own success. I know that his commitment will continue as he serves our Order and Association in whatever way possible.

Let me congratulate all of the new officers of our Lodges and our state. and I pledge to you that I will make every effort to prove worthy of your support. My slogan for this year is: "Lend a Hand!" I know that each of you work very hard in your Lodges and ask, once again, for your help to ensure that our State Association achieves all of the goals that we set forth. If each of our members would join together in just one project and propose just one new member, we could accomplish things that we never could imagine. Just as the trees turn from bare branches to ones full of new leaves and the brown grass turns to shades of fresh green, we breathe fresh spring air and are renewed in our strength to accomplish the goals that we have set. Our "batteries" are recharged and we're ready to go! Let us together pledge to make this year the best year yet for all of the "good works" of our Order. I want to say to each of you, that I am proud to be an Elk and even prouder to serve as your State President in the year ahead.

I thank you for all that you do and ask that you help me this year, as we serve those of our communities in the many ways that only Elks can do. Enjoy your weekend and your Convention and have a safe trip home and a fantastic year!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Thomas J. WidzinskiState President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Activity</u>
May 1-4, 2008	Thursday-Sunday	Sheboygan	W.E.A. State Convention
May 15-18, 2008	Thursday-Sunday	Springfield, IL.	I.E.A. State Convention
June 14, 2008	Saturday	Appleton	Appleton Flag Day Parade
June 14, 2008	Saturday	Appleton	Lodge visitation
June 20, 2008	Friday	Eau Claire	Lodge visitation
June 21, 2008	Saturday	Chippewa Falls	Lodge visitation
June 23, 2008	Monday	Rice Lake	State Golf Tournament
June 28, 2008	Saturday	Camp Wawbeek	Elks Day
June 28, 2008	Saturday	Portage	Lodge visitation
July 6-10, 2008	Sunday-Thursday	Anaheim, CA	Grand Lodge Convention
July 26, 2008	Saturday	Two Rivers	Lodge visitation
August 1, 2008	Friday	Superior	Lodge visitation
August 2, 2008	Saturday	Ashland	Lodge visitation
August 8, 2008	Friday	Janesville	Lodge visitation
August 9, 2008	Saturday	Walworth-Lakeland	Lodge visitation
August 10, 2008	Sunday	Beloit	Lodge visitation
August 22, 2008	Friday	Watertown	Lodge visitation
August 23, 2008	Saturday	Antigo	Lodge visitation
September 5, 2008	Friday	Racine	Lodge visitation
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
January 17, 2009	Saturday	Milwaukee	Lodge visitation
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

MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

9 And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Am'alek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Am'alek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Am'alek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua mowed down Am'alek and his people with the edge of the sword. Exodus 17: 9-13 RSV

When a leader has a mission to accomplish, the trained and trusted subordinates methodically go about their assigned tasks. Each subordinate discharges their duties to the best of their abilities. The leader hopes that the training given to the group leaders will be fruitful.

In this passage from Exodus Moses is in charge, but the strain of holding his hands (in a cruciform position) is too much for the octogenarian. Fortunately for Moses, Aaron and Hur are observant and notice the relationship to Moses' arms and the battle below. Their quick action brings victory to the Israelite army.



I am sure that many of us have watched people in leadership positions make decisions that have had desirable (or disastrous) effects on an organizations' mission. It does not matter if it was a local business, social club, or maybe a military unit; each situation demanded thinking and action on the part of the leadership and the subordinates. In either case, people worked together as a team to accomplish the task(s) and once-in-a-while quick thinking and even quicker actions may have saved the day.

A leader can do just so much in the training and management of subordinates. Most leaders are confined to developing the "big picture" and finding the "stand-up" people to accomplish the mission. The leader can only pray and hope that those in "managerial" positions are supportive of the mission and the leader.

If one thinks about one's own Lodge situation, it is not too far of a stretch see the relationship to Moses' predicament and one's own. We are in need of leadership, yet we need to look at our support positions and determine if we can muster the strength and the will to hold up the arms of our new leader.

Our mission is two-fold: "bring the charitable caring and sharing of Elkdom to others," and to **support** the person(s) who lead us. *If we* bring the "charitable caring and sharing of Elkdom" to others – we **will grow** as a service organization. *If we* support our new leadership with all our will and strength, we will provide the solid foundation for continued success in our mission. That **team** effort of continuous observance and resourceful action is what our motto: "Elks Care - Elks Share" exemplifies.

Blessinas.

Reverend Michael
Reverend Michael Hackbarth
Wisconsin Elks Association

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

GREGG A. VOSSWINKEL D.D.G.E.R.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters! Once again another Lodge year ends and a new one begins. Congratulations to all of the new Exalted Rulers and indeed to all of the new and continuing Lodge officers. I look forward to working with all of the Lodges in the district for the duration of my term as D.D.

Congratulations also to Dave Assmann, now District Deputy Designate. It has been a pleasure working with him this year. Dave will do a tremendous job promoting the Grand Lodge programs and is well equipped to advise and assist any of our Lodges with the tough issues which sometimes arise.

Thank you to the other two members of the D.D. team; Auditor, Ben Godlewski and Secretary, Lisa Kromraj, both of whom are already extremely active not only in our Lodge but in various capacities in the State Association, for taking time for extra service to our district.

Thanks also to Dave DeRosier, S.D.G.E.R., Jim Meyer, P.S.D.G.E.R., Keith Simmons, P.S.P. and area #5 Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman, and Phil Claibourne from the Grand Secretaries' office for their active participation at the D.D. Clinics.

The Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers for 2007 - 2008 of every Lodge in our district should be proud of a job well done. Several of our Lodges have achieved some major accomplishments this past year. Racine retired their mortgage and is attracting some enthusiastic young members. Watertown put the finishing touches to an extremely well planned and well executed restoration and renovation of their historic club house. Waukesha is forging ahead nicely with their efforts to make their clubhouse more attractive and energy efficient. Beaver Dam has retooled their food and beverage operation as part of their effort to build membership. Furthermore, any Lodge could take lessons from them in running a Christmas food basket program. Walworth -Lakeland continues to be a significant focal point of community service in Delevan and the surrounding area. Milwaukee has undertaken a general spruce up and facility upgrade and is increasingly involved in community outreach in some of Milwaukee's poorest neighborhoods. Indeed, in addition to consistently answering the call for participation in Grand Lodge programs, every Lodge in the district has responded well in addressing the unique needs of their respective communities truly embracing the spirit of Elks - United to Serve Others. It's amazing what a group of dedicated Elks can accomplish. Just think what we could do if there were more of us.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the Elks of Southeast Wisconsin as District Deputy. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming convention. Let's all keep working together to show our communities that Elks Care – Elks Share.

RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

I would first like to thank everyone who participated in the ritual competitions, at the Mid-Winter Conference. There were 6 ER's who performed the 11 O' Clock Toast. Sixteen performed in the 11 O' Clock Toast Open Division. Also in the open division the DDGER's defeated the V.P's. There were 11 who performed in the individual competitions. I am looking at a way to have a 3-way competition between the DDGER's, VP's and PSP's.

I apologize for not having the plaques available to the individual winners and the VP vs DDGER winners. I did not know what kind of "attendance" there would be and it happened to be way above my expectations and I just can't thank everyone enough. But, thank you!!!

Thank you to my committee. It was a long day, starting at 8 AM and ending at 4 PM. Thank you again for your time, patience and commitment.

The winners for the day were:

Lodge Team: Milwaukee #46
District Degree: East Central

Rice Lake could not participate due to some absences, but I would like to thank the members who were at the Conference and still competed in

 $the\ individual\ competitions.$

11 O' Clock Toast – ER

11 O' Clock Toast – Open

Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight

Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight

Esquire

Lisa Kromraj – Milwaukee #46

Gregg Vosswinkel – Milwaukee #46

Don Johnson – Oshkosh #292

Maynard Voelker – Rice Lake #1441

Cindy Duffy – Rice Lake #1441

Michael Hrnak – Oshkosh #292

Tom Osborne - Baraboo #688

Chaplain Michael Rewa – Madison #410

Milwaukee will represent the state, at the National Convention, in Anaheim.

I am working with the Regional Ritualistic Chairman, Ray Engelland, for the Ritualistic Clinic. The clinic will be at the Fall Conference, just like last year. I am working with Ray, to have the clinic in stages, so everyone will have the opportunity to attend a morning session, for the open book tests (word accuracy, computer and ritual) and then the actual ritual performance in the afternoon.

The Mid-Winter for 2009 will have the same format as this past year. So, start practicing!

Fraternally,

Ben Godlewski

Ben Godlewski

Ritualistic Exemplification Chairman

REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT RESULTS

IOWA CITY, IOWA MARCH 8TH, 2008

AGES 8 - 9

	GIRLS				BOYS	
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	GIRLS	AGE	S 10	0 - 11	BOYS	
NAME Lakyn Boltz Tyra Buss Chloe Wanink Kirsten Yaggie	LODGE Iowa Illinois Rice Lake #1441 Minnesota	SCORE 21/25 18/25 16/25 12/25	1 2 3 4	NAME Jordan Walker Chad Clute Grant Cooper Will Whiton	LODGE Portage #675 Minnesota Illinois Iowa	SCORE 23/25 21/25 19/25 4/5 19/25 3/5
	GIRLS	AGE	S 10	0 – 11	BOYS	
*NAME *Sara Depouw Erica Burgess Kelsey Nickerson Brooke Yaggie	LODGE Oconto #887 Illinois Iowa Minnesota	SCORE 23/25 21/25 19/25 5/5 19/25 4/5	1 2 3 4	** Gunner Anderson Kyle Crowly Adam Voss Austin Lefler	LODGE Minnesota Illinois Marshfield #665 Iowa	SCORE 25/25 10/10 25/25 9/10 22/25 5/5 22/25 4/5
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WISCONSIN NEW HOST STATE FOR REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT FINALS BEGINNING IN 2011

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Bids are now being accepted for the Regional Hoop Shoot Contest. The date of the contest will be March 11th and 12th, 2011.

The Lodge should have information related to housing, gym facility, transportation from hotel to gym, breakfast and banquet facilities. Descriptions and costs for items should be included.

For more information contact Tony Voulgaris at (920) 688-2477 after 5:00 pm. Proposals should be sent to Tony at 298 Lone Elm Avenue, Van Dyne, WI 54979.

Bids should be submitted by August 30th, 2008 for approval by the Fall Conference.

WOULD YOUR LODGE LIKE TO HOST A STATE HOOP SHOOT CONTEST?

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Bids are now open for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Hoop Shoot Contest. Tentative dates for the contests are February 12 & 13, 2010; February 11 & 12, 2011 and February 10 & 11, 2012.

Bids should have information related to housing, gym facility, transportation from hotel to gym, breakfast and banquet. Descriptions and costs for items should be included.

Bids should be submitted by December 31, 2008 for approval at the Mid-Winter Conference.

For more information contact Tony Voulgaris at (920) 688-2477 after 5:00 pm. Proposals should be sent to Tony at 298 Lone Elm Avenue, Van Dyne, WI 54979.

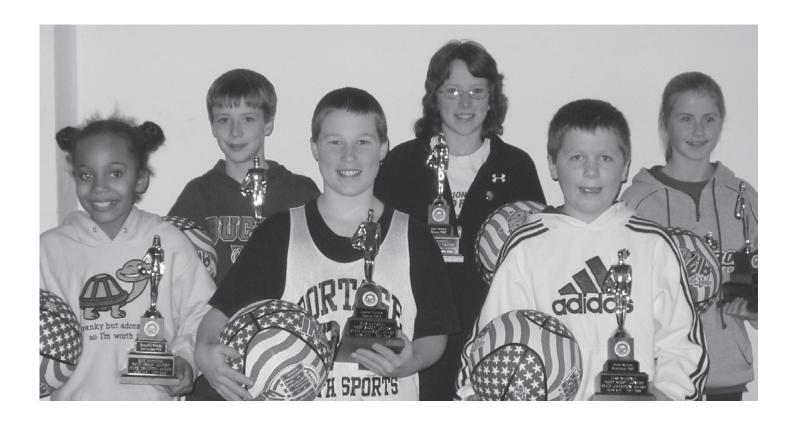
WISCONSIN REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT WINNERS HEAD TO NATIONALS

The Wisconsin Elks Association will be sending three Regional Champions to the Hoop Shoot Finals April 25-27 in Springfield, MA. They are Breahna Butler (Girls 8-9) from Milwaukee Lodge #46, Jordan Walker (Boys 10-11) from Portage #675 and Sara DePouw (Girls 12-13) from Oconto #887.

Breahna started the great day for Wisconsin by capturing the Girls 8-9 Division with a score of 18 out of 25. The score is well below her average of 22 out of 25, but it was still good enough to win the group.

In the Boys 10-11 division, Jordan shot second in his group. The first shooter got eight out of 10. Jordan got up and put the pressure on the rest of his group by sinking 10 out of 10 shots. He came back and shot 13 out of 15 for a score of 23 out of 25 to capture $1^{\rm st}$ place.

In the Girls 12-13 division, Sara had the privilege of being the first shooter. Sara didn't have any problems being the first shooter because she put the pressure on the rest of the girls by draining her first 10 shots. Just like Jordan, she also drained 13 out of 15 shots to finish with 23 out of 25 for first place. Sara was also recognized as the best female shooter with her score of 23 out of 25.

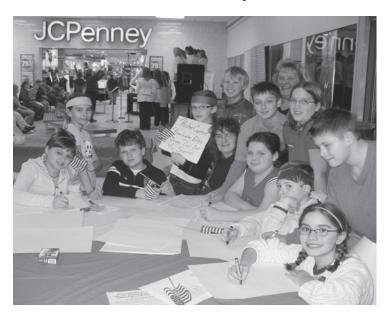


2008 WISCONSIN HOOP SHOOTERS



GREEN EGGS AND HAM???

Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 and the Rice Lake Lions Club worked together to provide a Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast for the Reading Celebration at the Rice Lake Mall recently. Many of the Lions members also belong to the Elks. After the breakfast, Rice Lake Elks helped children with posters for the Drug Awareness Contest. Approximately 500 people were in attendance for the day.





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WELCOME TO SHEBOYGAN LODGE #299



Greetings Fellow Elks!

The officers and members of Sheboygan #299 would like to welcome you to our Lodge and our great city, home of the nations tallest flag pole, Bratwurst Capitol of the World, and the best Elks Lodge in the country. The doors of our Lodge are always open to all visiting Elks, spouses and guests. Come on in and enjoy the hospitality and friendship!

We are very proud of our Lodge, and hope you will enjoy your stay with us. We have done a lot of work in our Lodge this past year. The new

carpet, wall covering, lighting, TV's and ceiling in the Bar room make for an extremely relaxing atmosphere, and the complete renovation of our bowling lanes, which included installing underground ball returns, new lanes, automatic scoring, seating, tables, and hosting the 2008 Wisconsin Elks State Bowling Tournament, has been the pride of our Lodge.

This work could not have been done without the dedication of our members and staff, who donated time, money, blood, sweat and tears, to make this Lodge a home.

I would like to extend a very special greeting to our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Robert J. Sabin, PGER, and Marge, of Des Plaines, IL, Lodge #1526. Also, a special welcome and thank you to State President Dennis Daley of Watertown Lodge #248, and his wife, Harriet, for their leadership and representation of The Wisconsin Elks for the past year and a job WELL DONE! To President-Elect, Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh Lodge #292, and his wife, Yvonne, welcome. Rest assured that you have the support and resources of the members you need to fulfill your obligations as State President.

Thank you to our Convention Committee and the members of Lodge #299, who have had the dedication to work long and hard to make this a comfortable, enjoyable and productive Convention. Take the time to create new friendships and to renew established friendships from days gone by. Please enjoy our bar, our restaurant and the entertainment we have scheduled for this weekend. If you have any questions, please seek out any of our officers, members or staff. We will be more than happy to assist you. Have a safe trip as you travel to Sheboygan, and as you return to your homes.

On behalf of my wife Julie, myself, the members and the staff of Sheboygan Lodge #299, welcome, and enjoy.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Douglas Grube
Exalted Ruler
Sheboygan Lodge #299

WEA - 2008 STATE SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Note: Meetings are at First United Lutheran Church (FULC) or the Lodge

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS ARE SMOKE-FREE

<u>Thursday, May 1</u> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Registration Socialize - Sandwiches - Lodge Bingo Night	Lodge Lodge
Friday, May 2		
8:30 AM	State Trustees	Genzler Room - FULC
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Genzler Room - FULC
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Lodge
1:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Genzler Room - FULC
3:00 P.M.	State Trustees - if required	Genzler Room - FULC
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dining	Lodge
7:30 PM - 11:30 PM	Entertainment	Lodge
Saturday, May 3		
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration	Lodge
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Genzler Room - FULC
7:40 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Room 4 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Fellowship Hall (East) - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Room 9 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Room 12 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Room 15 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Youth Room - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Recreation at State Convention	Lodge (Always @ the Lodge)
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Genzler Room - FULC
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Fellowship Hall (East) - FULC
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Fellowship Hall (North) - FULC
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Room 4 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Room 7 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	Room 9 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Room 12 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Room 15 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Youth Room - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Elks National Foundation	Room 7 - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Youth Room - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	Room 12 - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarships	Room 15 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Room 4 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Room 9 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Room 11 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	Library - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Room 4 - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Room 9 - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Room 11 - FULC

WEA - 2008 STATE SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Note: Meetings are at First United Lutheran Church (FULC) or the Lodge

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS ARE SMOKE-FREE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Publicity and Public Relations Genzler Room - FULC

12:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	City Streets Riverside
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Lodge
1:30 PM	General Session	Fellowship Hall - FULC
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Genzler Room - FULC
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Lodge
7:00 PM	Banquet	Lodge Dining Room

Sunday, May 4

8:30 AM	General Session	Lodge Dining Room
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Lodge Lounge Room

Immediately Following the General Session:

Memorial ServiceLodge Dining RoomInstallation of OfficersLodge Dining RoomCritiqueBowling Alley Area

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

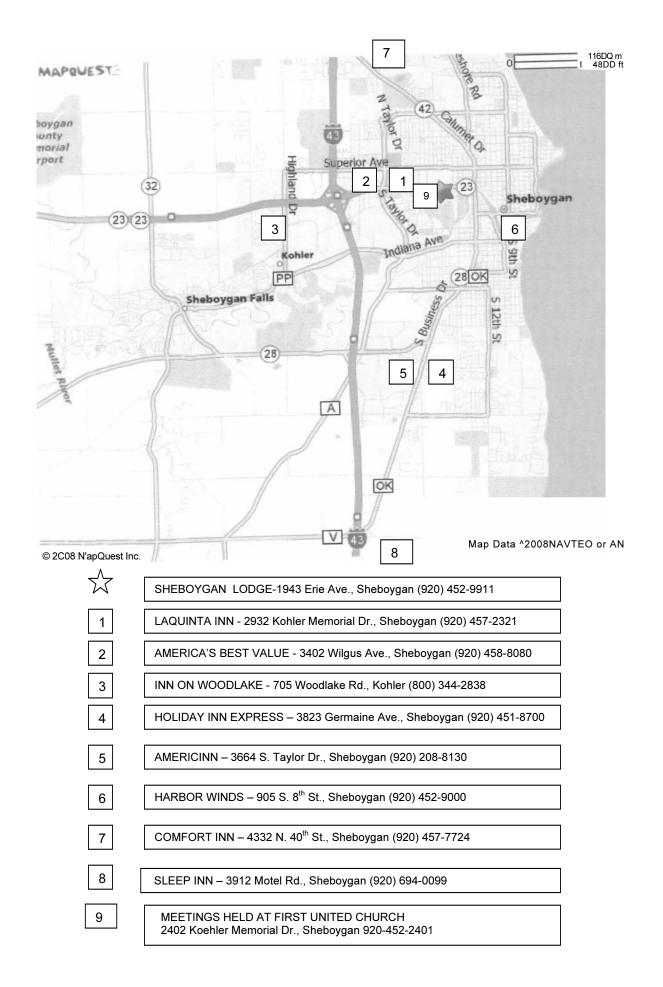
The position of State Secretary is not open this year. It is a two-year term.

Did you know that the Grand Lodge Trailer is available to your Lodge for your various functions? Contact Jim Meyer, Grand Lodge Committee Chairman, for available dates.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE IN THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

TO ALL CANDIDATES: PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your black tuxedo to the Convention for Installation during the Sunday morning program.

TO THE SPOUSES/GUESTS of the candidates: Please bring proper attire as you will be part of the Installation program.



HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE

The officers and members, along with the Past Exalted Rulers Association of Wausau Lodge #248, proudly endorse Mike Rebhahn for the position of State Trustee for the Central District of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Mike and his wife of 42 years, Peggy, have lived in Wausau since 1969. He has recently retired after 38 years of teaching World History at Wausau East High School. He continues to teach by being a substitute in the Wausau District and by chairing the Orientation Committee for the Wausau Lodge.



Mike has been a member of Wausau Lodge #248 for the past 18 years. He became Inner Guard shortly after joining and advanced through the Chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler for the year 1995-1996. Mike remained involved and served as Secretary/Treasurer, VP, and President of Lodge #248's Past Exalted Rulers organization. He received "Elk of the Year" for Lodge #248 for 1996-1997. He was elected and served as State VP for the Central District for the year 1998-1999.

Mike is an active helper in numerous Lodge events, including the annual Smelt Fry, Kids Fishing Contest, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Handicap Ramp Building, as well as Chair for the Lodge U.S. Constitution Committee for the past 12 years.

On the state level, Mike has been active at Conventions and Conferences for many years. He has served as Housing Chairman for the last three Conventions held in Wausau. He is a member of the U.S. Constitution Committee and serves as Vice-Chair of that Committee for the Central District. He has also served as Auditor for District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dale Heitmann.

Mike is known at the Lodge as being dedicated, hard working, capable and one who can be called upon to assist with any project. We ask that you support his candidacy for the position of State Trustee, Central District.

Robert Henning Exalted Ruler Wausau Lodge #248 Jim Ludwig President, PER Association Wausau Lodge #248

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE INNER GUARD



The officers and members, along with the PERs of the Watertown Lodge #666, proudly endorse Dianne Kennedy for the position of State Inner Guard for the year 2008-2009.

Dianne has been a member of the Watertown Lodge for seven years. She has served as an officer for the past four years and has just completed this year as Exalted Ruler 2007-2008.

On the state level, Dianne has served on the Officer Training Committee for four years and has just been appointed chair of the Officer Training Committee for 2008-2009.

Dianne is known at the Lodge as a dedicated and spirited member. We strongly support her candidacy for State Inner Guard of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Glenn Friedl Secretary Watertown Elks Lodge #666 Clyde Kennedy President, PER Association Watertown Elks Lodge #666

The Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of Janesville Lodge #254 would like to submit a recommendation that Terry Thompson be considered for the position of State Inner Guard.

Terry has been a member of the Janesville Elks Lodge for 17 years. He has served as Chaplain, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and became Exalted Ruler for the 1998-1999 years. He has further served his Lodge as a five-year trustee.



As a past Exalted Ruler and Lodge Trustee, Terry has served on local and state levels on most all of the committees, charitable, financial and social. His last state-level position was to serve as Vice-President for the Southwest District in 2006-2007. He is currently serving as a #254 Lodge Representative for the Government Relations Committee, and has been serving this year as Secretary to the District Deputy Grand Exalted ruler for the Southwest District.

Terry designed our State Major Projects pin that was made and used to support the fundraiser for Camp Wawbeek at the Grand Lodge Convention this past July in Charlotte, NC.

Due to the experience and dedication that Terry has shown, the Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of Janesville Lodge #254 feel that he would be a great representative to the state organization and would serve with honor as an officer of the Grand Lodge as State Inner Guard.

Mick Lamendola Chairman of the Board & PER Marion Matteson Lodge Secretary Kay Fulton Exalted Ruler



Elect Dave Bowen For Vice President S.E. District Experience Matters!

- ✓ Past Exalted Ruler Milwaukee Lodge #46 1999-2000.
- ✓ Member of The Elks for 28 years.
- ✓ Secretary Milwaukee Lodge #46 2001-2008.
- ✓ Special Events Manager at Sprecher Brewing Co.
- ✓ <u>Active Fund Raiser For</u>: Elks Charities, MACC Fund, Special Olympics, Gilda's Club, Dyslexia, Wisconsin Heart Association, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, United Cerebral Palsy, Shriners Hospitals.
- **✓** Event planner for several Wisconsin Businesses.
- ✓ Vision for our S.E. District: I plan to work in our district to expand public awareness of The Elks through the media and corporate relationships.

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Candidate for the Office of

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Wisconsin Elks Association

KEN BRUCKNER

Sheboygan #299

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE CHAPLAIN



Candidate for the Office of STATE CHAPLAIN Wisconsin Elks Association REV. MICHAEL HACKBARTH Fond du Lac #400

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TREASURER



Candidate for the Office of STATE TREASURER Wisconsin Elks Association JEFFREY LANGTON Waukesha #400

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Candidate for the Office of STATE TILER Wisconsin Elks Association DONALD GOLEMBIEWSKI Wausau #248

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Candidate for the Office of

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Wisconsin Elks Association

DALE HEITMANN

Wausau #248

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Candidate for the Office of
VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTHEAST
Wisconsin Elks Association
LISA KROMRAJ
Milwaukee #57

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE

Candidate for the Office of STATE TRUSTEE Wisconsin Elks Association PATRICK BUCK Neenah-Menasha #676

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Candidate for the Office of
VICE-PRESIDENT EAST CENTRAL
Wisconsin Elks Association
BOB BOHNSACK
Fond du Lac #57

MID WINTER CONFERENCE RAFFLES WINNERS

K. Kalhagen

Red Raffle:		
His/Hers Bikes	David Crary	(Madison)
5 Pc. Luggage	Jim Kasten	(Mosinee)
Binoculars	Darrell Timmerman	(Platteville)
Pocket Watch	Doug Noskowiak	(Plover)
4 Chair –In-A-Bag	Ray Dabler	(Wausau)
Wine Refrigerator	Scott Kovatch	(Stevens Point)
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Ladies Jewelry

Bocce Ball Set

Outdoor Grill

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(Portage)

White Raffle:

Welcome Wagon Booze Raffle:

Ladies Jewelry	Fran Orella	(Stevens Point)
Dome Tent	Ray Bartkowiak	(Stevens Point)
Marble Service Bar	Norbert Kirschling	(Stevens Point)
Collapsible Cooler	Tim & Peggy Cook	(Sheboygan)
Fire/Ice Combo	Deb Ponzio	(Madison)
Money clip/Watch	Ed Whitman	(Stevens Point)
DVD Home Theatre	Earle Sievwright	(Stevens Point)
Lawn Golf Game	Joe Distasio	(Stevens Point)
Holiday Inn Package	Fred LaRosa	(Plover)

Blue Raffle

His: Large Screen TVEd Whitman(Stevens Point)Hers: PendantKaren McDonald(Stevens Point)Theirs: Diamond watchesClarence Weisbrod(Stevens Point)

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- -To all the wonderful Elk families who participated in these raffles at a record setting level. Your benevolence continues to support our Lodge and our benevolent community activities.
- -To Jackie Heitmann VP Central District (Wausau Lodge #248) for drawing all of the above raffle winners. Please remember to give her a hug if she pulled your name.
- -To all of the wonderful Mid-Winter Conference Raffle volunteers from Stevens Point Lodge #641.
- -To the Fonti family and Furniture & Appliance Mart (Rhinelander, Wausau, Plover, Oshkosh, De Pere)
- -To Lee Ayers and & Thomas Dailing of Lee Ayers Jewelers and Thomas Dailing Designs (Stevens Point).
- -To Charlie Grubba of Grubba Jewelers Inc. (Stevens Point)

Joe Distasio – ER & Raffle Co-Chair

Ed Whitman – Treasurer & Raffle Co-Chair

(Madison)

TWO RIVERS ELKS DELIVER VALENTINES DAY GIFTS TO VETERANS

Members of the Two Rivers Elks Lodge No. 1380 Veterans Services Committee delivered annual "Love-A-Vet" Valentines Day gifts to veterans and one Gold Star Mother living in Two Rivers assisted living and nursing homes.

According to Ross Kjelstrup, he and Edna have been married ever since they met in 1947 while they were both stationed in San Diego serving in the United States Marine Corps. The Kjelstrups reside at Northland Lodge.

The Two Rivers Elks thank those who donated to this year's project: Aurora Medical Center, Holy Family Hospital, The Lighthouse Inn, Dr. Michael Furlong, Paczkowski Family Dental, Domnitz Flowers and the knitters and quilters from the Two Rivers Senior Center, St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, Grace Congregational Church and United Methodist Church.



Two Rivers Elks Bob Bergeon and Marlene Markowski with Edna(seated) and Ross Kjelstrup.



Two Rivers Elks Bob Gergeon and Marlene Marlene Markowski with (seated) Veteran Norman Hartlich and Gold Star Mother Julitta Wagner, residents at Hamilton Home.

LADIES ADVISORY TO HOLD MEETING

The Wisconsin Elks Ladies Advisory Committee meets on Sunday morning at 8:30 AM during the Elks General Session at all Conferences and Conventions. All ladies attending the Conferences or Conventions are invited to attend. Ideas are shared about projects which have and have not been successful in ladies groups.

Call Marlene Crouse, President, Ladies Advisory Committee at (262) 542-8598 with any questions.

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Articles and pictures submitted to "The Bugle" are preferred in an electronic format. If possible, please send in MS Word and jpeg.

Ken Johnson, Editor The Bugle 144th Elks Grand Lodge

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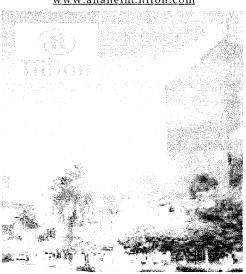
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"Fall Golf Outing"

In conjunction with the 2008 Wis. Elks Association Fall Conference For all Elk members and guests

Friday September 12, 2008 Westridge Golf Club 8130 Golf Course Drive, Neenah

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Starting time: 9:00 a.m. (Registration deadline: Thursday August 28, 2008)

\$55.00 per person

Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart
Free range balls, sandwich and soda at course and
Dinner ticket for Friday night buffet at Elks Lodge #292
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Send reservations to:
Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292
175 W. Fernau Avenue P.O. Box 942, Oshkosh WI. 54903
(Make checks payable to: Elks #292 Golf)

Name (please print)	Registration Form	
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4Number of golfers	times the \$55.00 registration fee = \$	total enclosed.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2, 2008

FALL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 2008 OSHKOSH ELKS LODGE #292 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. FALL CONFERENCE

(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT) (ONE FORM PER MEMBER, PLEASE)

FIRST NAME: LAST NA	ME:	
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ADDRESS:		
LODGE NAME:		
SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME):		
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	NO. TICKETS 1 @ \$10.00	\$\frac{\text{COST}}{10.00}
REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 30, 2008	@ \$15.00	\$
LADIES' LUNCHEON BEEF & HAM (at the LaSure's Hall, Hawthorne Inn & Suites Hotel)	@ \$17.00	\$
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON BAKED GREEK CHICKEN BREAST (at the Lodge)	@ \$12.00	\$
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET PRIME RIB AU JUS & LEMON BUTTERED HADDOCK (at the LaSure's Hall, Hawthorne Inn & Suites Hotel)	@ \$19.95	\$
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP	ТОТА	L \$

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

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Sirloin of Beef, Country Ham, Wild Rice Blend, Fresh Fruit in Season, Assorted Bars, Coffee, Milk

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Fruit Salad, Roll w/Butter, Baked "Greek" Chicken Breast (Marinated in Olive Oil, w/Lemon and Oregano), Wild Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Assorted Bars, Coffee

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Caesar Salad, Roll w/ Butter, Prime Rib Au Jus, Baked Lemon Buttered Haddock, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Candied Baby Carrots, Cake & Coffee

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 2, 2008 WILL BE FORWARDED TO OSHKOSH AND LATE FEES WILL APPLY

Wisconsin *Elks* Association Fall Conference September 11 – 14, 2008 Hosted By Oshkosh *Elks* Lodge #292

Hawthorn Inn & Suites (Convention Headquarters) 3105 S. Washburn Street (920) 303-1133	36 Rooms Available Indoor Pool Hot Breakfast Buffet	\$109.90 (Both Smoking and Non-Smoking)
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All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotels/motels directly for all of your reservations. Rooms will be held until August 11, 2008.

If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after you arrive, you may contact the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 at (920) 235-1550.

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