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MAY 2ND, 2009

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: I welcome you to the 2009 Saturday afternoon General Session of the Wisconsin Elks State Association Convention and I call the meeting to order. State Sergeant-At-Arms, will you please escort the Wisconsin Elks Association State Sponsor, the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler from Flora, Illinois Lodge #1659 to his seat of honor to the right of the podium. Please join me in welcoming our State Sponsor. Please remain standing. I call upon our State Chaplain, Rev. Michael Hackbarth, for the Invocation, and if you will remain standing we will Post the Colors and then Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

STATE CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MICHAEL HACKBARTH, Fond du Lac #57: Let us Pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, who has given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever. Bless, we pray, with His grace and with Your presence to delegates here assembled in Your name that this Elks Association be preserved in true faith, and Godly discipline may fulfill all that you desire of us. Guide us in our decisions that we may do what is right for the benefit of our Order of Elks and for the benefit of those whom we seek to serve. It is in Your Holy name that we pray. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Rev. Mike. I will now call upon our members of the United States Marine Corps League McCullen-Kimpel Detachment #552 of Fond du Lac, to Post the Colors. Color Guard, please Post the colors. Please salute our flag. Please join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: At ease. Please help me recognize and dismiss the Color Guard. These are members of the Marine Corps League McCullen-Kimpel Detachment #552. Color Guard you are dismissed. Please salute and show your appreciation. Thank you very much. State Secretary will you please now take the roll call of officers.

SECRETARY KEN JOHNSON: President Thomas Widzinski, President-Elect Ken Bruckner, Vice-President Northwest, Charles Notham, Vice-President Northeast, Joe Rossley, Vice-President Central, Myron Keding, Vice-President East Central, Bob Bohnsack, Vice-President Southwest, Kaye Fulton, Vice-President Southeast, Lisa Kromraj, Secretary, Ken Johnson, Treasurer Jeff Langton, the Chaplain Rev. Michael Hackbarth, Tiler Dale Heitmann, Sergeant-At-Arms Don Golembiewski, Inner Guard Dianne Kennedy, Parliamentarian Bill Forrest and Elks National Home Coordinator James Meyer. State Trustees. Todd Kostuck, Chairman, John Bennett, Secretary Glenn Friedl, Mike Rebhahn, Joe Klumb, Pat Buck and Trustee Emeritus Earle Sievwright. Our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Lou Sulsberger, our Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Bob Hackl, our Lodge Activities and State Association Committeeman, Milt Swantz. District Deputies. For the Southeast, Dave Assmann, the Southwest, Dave Crary, East Central, Kathy Brien, Central District, Myron Keding, Northwest, Steve Roberge, Northeast, Carl Morse. Mr. President, the roll has been taken.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you very much Ken. State Sergeant-At-Arms, would you please escort the City Manager of Fond du Lac and a member of Lodge #57, the Honorable Thomas Herre to the podium so that he may address the membership. Mr. Manager, welcome to the 2009 Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention.

CITY MANAGER THOMAS HERRE: Thank you very much sir. Thank you for having me today and thanks so much for being in Fond du Lac. I was handed this administrative budget for the Wisconsin Elks Association as I walked through the door. I didn't see a line in here for guest speakers. And I guess you're getting what you paid for. I'm going to adjust my remarks. I was watching the activity over at the Elks Lodge. It looked like a lot of good fellowship around the bar so if you all get done listening before I get done speaking, no problem. I'd like to tell you today that it's an honor to be able to stand up here and welcome you to Fond du Lac. I have deep roots and deep affinity for the Elks and what you all stand for and for what the Elks have done all these years. I am a native son of Fond du Lac. I was in the army for 30-plus years; retired twice and came back here to serve the city 3 ½ years ago as Manager so I feel like I have a good feeling of what goes on in cities – certainly for the Elks. They have been an instrumental part – a key part of my life. As long as I can remember my dad was an Elk and I've been in an Elks Lodge since my earliest recollection. We had funeral dinners over there, and was over there as a kid. My daughter got married and we started with a rehearsal dinner party over there. We had many class reunions there. I know all of you come from towns around Wisconsin and know what Elks means to communities and that they are so much a part of Fond du Lac. I appreciate very much your being here today. I hope you are going to have a little time to explore what we have in Fond du Lac. One of the events we have had for five years is the International Fireworks Association. You can imagine what the International Fireworks Association do when they come to town. That's good for us; we like that. Three nights they put on fireworks demonstrations. Most of our citizens really like that but there are some that aren't too keen on loud noises during the middle of the night and so in trying to assert a little revenue into the mix I told our convention persons that we can solve that. Why don't we just change the motto here from "first on the lake" to "Fond du Lac --the city that never sleeps". You may not have seen this. This is the National Geographic Adventure. They did this in September of 2007; they identified the top adventure town in each state. Now guess which was the top adventure in Wisconsin. We're compared with Las Vegas. Las Vegas is the top adventure town in Nevada. Have a good time while you're here; sample some of our places downtown. We've got some great eating establishments. I won't mention what they are; I'm not going to talk about that. I hope you get a chance to go out to Lakeside Park and see the beauty of that. That truly is the jewel of Fond du Lac. Go out and just reflect on the good life the Lord has given us. I was going to tell you a little bit about the city government, etc., but it's the same all over; we deal with the same problems. Historic preservation versus moving forward. High taxes versus services. You've all got that. Those types of challenges are what we have in common throughout the state. These are difficult times. We share those difficulties with each of you as taxpayers. But I'll forgo going into any more detail. I know you're here for other purposes. I would just like to give a word of encouragement. I've looked at your charts out here, I know what the Elks are involved in. I saw drug programs, I saw youth programs, I see veterans programs. I know there's a lot more. I know the Foundation has given out a quarter of a million dollars worth of grants. It's magnificent work. The work is not done. So today I thank you for coming to our town. I hope you have a great time. I have every reason to believe you will. I would like to give President Tom, on behalf of the City of Fond du Lac but to all of you here today, a key to the city. But I have to tell you this key only works for the churches.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you very much Mr. Herre. At this time the Chair will recognize Charles Hoornstra, Chairman of our Resolutions and Laws Committee for a presentation.

CHARLES HOORNSTRA, Madison Lodge #410: This Special Recognition Award says, "To you, City Manager Thomas Herre, and the officials and staff of the City of Fond du Lac. In grateful appreciation for the efforts and cooperation of the officials and the staff of the City of Fond du Lac in making this 2009 State Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Association successful and memorable for all in attendance. Presented this 2nd day of May, 2009 by myself, Chairman, Resolutions and Laws, and Thomas J. Widzinski, State President, Wisconsin Elks Association."

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Sergeant-At-Arms, you will please escort the City Manager from Fond du Lac and a member of Fond du Lac #57 from the podium. Thank you very much Mr. Herre. As we begin our Business Session, I ask that you remember that any time you are addressing the membership or are at the microphone for any reason, please begin by first stating your name and Lodge number. This is extremely important so that the proceedings of this session are recorded accurately. The minutes of the 2008 Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention at Sheboygan have previously been published. Are there any additions or corrections to these published minutes? Hearing none, the Chair will now entertain a motion to approve the Minutes as published.

KYLE CRONEN, Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693: Moves to approve.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You've heard a motion. Is there a second to the motion?

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland Lodge #2201: Seconds.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You've heard a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none all in favor vote by the usual sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed? Same sign. Published minutes are approved. The Chair will now recognize Don Golembiewski, Chairman of the Credentials and Elections Committee, for its preliminary report.

DON GOLEMBIEWSKI, Wausau Lodge #248: What we are going to be doing here...we have 266 registered members. After we vote, we are going to have two people come down this aisle and you will pass your vote this way and this way. And then over here we'll have two people come down and you will pass your votes this way and this way.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Don. We will now proceed directly to the election process. The Chair now recognizes PSP, William "Bill" Forrest, Parliamentarian, to explain the nomination process and election procedure.

Thank you Tom. **BILL FORREST, PSP**, Wausau Lodge #248: First of all, good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. You have recorded 266 Lodge registrants here The By-Laws of the Wisconsin Elks Association provide for the election of officers and the selection of the Convention and Mid-Winter Conference sites. The reminder is that you need to stay for the entire balloting. In case of a tie anyone not in the room will not regain admission in case there is a new ballot. The procedure for the nominations and elections are as follows: Nominations are made from the floor for all elected offices followed by the nomination site of the Annual Convention and Mid-Winter Conference for the calendar year 2011. Vice-Presidents are elected from the district they will represent. Trustees are selected to represent their respective Grand Lodge district however, and I will remind you, that you will vote for any Trustee position open regardless of district. So it is a state-wide election. I will instruct you later on any run-offs. I'm not going to be going into that detail now. At the conclusion of the instruction the President will call on the Committee of Credentials and Elections to supervise and collect the ballots. Mr. Golembiewski has already given you those instructions. Where there is one candidate for any office or a Conference of Convention site, the President will direct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for that candidate. For those contested offices your written ballot will be collected by the Committee on Credentials and Elections. When turning in your ballot it must be accompanied by the individual voting credential. After the ballots have been collected the regular business of the Convention may proceed until the committee is prepared to report the results. Upon completion of the count the committee shall report the results of the election and, pursuant to our By-Laws, the committee shall report the number of votes cast for each candidate

for office and the number of votes cast for each Lodge bidding for the sites of the Annual Convention and the Mid-Winter Conference. With respect to the nomination speeches and seconds, for President-Elect, one nominating speech of not more than three minutes and two seconding speeches of no more than one minute each are allowed. It is not required that an acceptance speech be given. Trustees and Vice-Presidents are allowed one nominating speech of not more than one minute and one seconding speech of not more than one minute. In all cases, seconding speeches are optional. They are not mandatory; they are optional. For all nominations in the Convention and Mid-Winter Conference sites one nominated speech is permitted; no seconding speeches are allowed. Mr. President, I move for adoption of these rules for nominations.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the motion, do I have a second?

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland Lodge #2201 seconds the motion.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: We have a motion and a second. Is there anything under discussion? Hearing none all those in favor of acceptance signify by using the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed same sign. Ayes have it; motion carried. The Chair now recognizes Don Golembiewski for additional final instructions to the voting delegates. Don do you have anything.

DON GOLEMBIEWSKI, Wausau Lodge #248: President Tom, no, I have no final instructions.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Very good. Thank you. With that, we will now proceed to the nominations. I will now entertain for the office of State President-Elect.

DON SEARS, PSP, Fond du Lac Lodge #57: It is my pleasure to introduce a gentleman, a good Elk, a family man. I have nominated him for a number of times now, but I really think he is prepared. I remember back; I never knew him, I knew his father. He was a member of Sheboygan Lodge. He cornered me one day and he said, "Don, I'm asking you a favor." He said, "Would you sponsor my son at the Fond du Lac Lodge because he moved over there for his job." And I said, "Yes." And it's probably the best thing I have ever done for Fond du Lac Lodge #57. Because he is a go-getter. We have Thursday evening where we cook up and it got started a little before he got there but it wasn't very successful until he took over. In no time at all he a crew set for a whole year to come down and do the cooking and help in some way. He takes on any job we ask him to. One of his volunteer jobs was the city closes up one of the streets every year. And he came up with putting something up outside there where we can be selling soda and everything. We make a lot of money from that. I nominate Bob Bohnsack for President-Elect for the Wisconsin Elks Association.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. You've heard the nomination. Is there a second?

DENNIS DALEY, PSP, Watertown #666: I was honored to be asked to second this nomination. Bob served on some of these membership committees for six years and is now completing his fifth year as Chairman and he is doing an outstanding job. He has also completed a term as Vice-President, East Central District. Bob also assisted with the planning and set-up of our booth at Grand Lodge. These are just several of Bob's accomplishments on the state level. Bob is committed to Elkdom and he has the quality to serve as President of our Association and I am proud to second the name of Bob Bohnsack for President-Elect.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Are there any other seconds to that nomination?

RON BERTRAND, PSP, Waukesha #400: Although we have two fine gentlemen running for State President-Elect, Bob Bohnsack is a friend of mine for over 40 years. We have had many financial meetings. I have experienced with him a number of jobs that he has been through. I would like to second the nomination for Bob Bohnsack for President-Elect.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for President-Elect?

Good afternoon. **LANCE PLIML**, Wisconsin Rapids #693: I am honored to nominate Dave Assmann for the office of State President-Elect. Dave has done all things that should be done for someone seeking this office. As a member of the community, Bob has served as President of the Jaycees and member of the Knights of Columbus. As an Elk he has been through all the chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler 1995. He has been a member of the Board of Governors and chaired in 1994. He was a member of the Board of Trustees; two years as the chairman. At the state level, David has attended all Conferences since 1991. He has served us eight years as the Chairman of the State Major Project Committee. He is currently the District Deputy of the Southeast District. In fact, this body selected him as State Elk of the Year in 2007. He has been everything you would expect someone to be who would seek this prestigious office. But even with the qualifications previously stated, these past accomplishments are not what is paramount. What is paramount is what he has envisioned for our organization. In other words, we shouldn't care so much about what he has done as what he will do. Vision and leadership are two of the qualities exemplified in his direction of the State Major Project. Like those who held this prestigious office before him, he has a passion for the charitable works of this organization. As President-Elect and President of the Wisconsin Elks Association he will look for new and innovative ways to positively impact the lives of veterans, respite campers and school age children in the various programs which we sponsor. He has and will continue to work to explore new ways to increase the membership and to promote their attendance on various committees. Last but not least he will continue to promote the Wisconsin Elks Association as a family oriented organization. He will strive to uphold the values and to increase the number of family events. He would like to see an award for the Wisconsin Elks Family of the Year. Please join me in supporting Dave Assmann as State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that nomination?

I'm **ORA PAYNE**, Rice Lake #1441. It is a great honor to second the nomination of Dave Assmann for President-Elect for the year 2009-2010. I agree with the things that Lance just said. He has worked very hard for the State Major Project for over 10 years. He has raised money for the new Elks Building. He was Elk of the Year in 2007. Dave and his wife, Lois, will be a great asset to the Association.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Do we have any other seconds to that nomination?

PHIL CLAIBORNE, Exalted Ruler, Milwaukee #46: It is with great honor I second the nomination of David Assmann for Wisconsin State President-Elect. He is an excellent District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Wisconsin Southeast. He leads under a keen awareness of his Grand Lodge responsibilities, representing the Honorable Grand Exalted Ruler while serving the Lodges with a positive attitude that keeps us looking forward. His visits have been welcoming to the members. All of his business meetings are well planned. With a passion for charitable fundraising it is well known that Dave Assmann can and will serve the Wisconsin Elks well in the state's highest office. For these reasons and many more, I therefore second the nomination of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Assmann for Wisconsin State President-Elect.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for the office of President-Elect? Are there any other nominations for the office President-Elect? Are there any other nominations for the office of President-Elect? Hearing none, that office is closed. Nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for the District Vice-President, beginning with the Vice-President of the Northwest District.

CINDY DUFFY, Rice Lake #1441: It is my pleasure to nominate Chad Bormann. Chad was Exalted Ruler 2005-2006 in Wisconsin Rapids Lodge. He has also been active on the Public Relations Committee. He transferred to the Eau Claire Lodge last year. Central's loss is our gain. We are happy to have him as part of the Northwest District. I nominate Chad Bormann for Vice-President Northwest.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Do we have a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Northwest District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Northwest District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Northwest District? Hearing none, I close the nominations. I will now open nominations for Vice-President of the Northeast District.

JOE KLUMB, Marinette #1313: It is my pleasure to place into nomination again the name of Joseph Rossley as Vice-President, Northeast District.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the nomination, do we have a second?

PATRICK TREPANIER, Oconto Lodge #887. I would like to second the motion for Joe Rossley for Vice-President of the Northeast District.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Northeast District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Northeast District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Northeast District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for Vice-President of the Central District.

JACKIE HEITMANN, Wausau #248. It is my extreme honor and pleasure to put forth the nomination for Roman Baca Sr. of Wausau Lodge #248 for Vice-President Central. Roman joined the Order in 1999. He quickly became involved in our officer corps, serving as Exalted Ruler in 2004-2005. He has been my right-hand man for all these years. Please accept him as your Vice-President of the Central District.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Is there a second for that nomination?

MYRON KEDING, Marshfield #665, Central Vice-President, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. I second that nomination.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Central District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Central District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Central District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for Vice-President of the East Central District.

CHUCK GREEN, PSP, Oshkosh #292: It gives me great pleasure to place in nomination a man who has been an Elk for 14 years. He has been a Past Exalted Ruler and he has for two years served as the President of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association. His name is Tony Voulgaris. Tony is presently a Trustee of our Lodge; he is Chairman of the Hoop Shoot Committee and he is the Committee Hoop Shoot Director. When Tony is not busy doing Elks work he is a referee in all levels of soccer, including NCAA. He also referees high school basketball games. There is a saying that if you have a job to do, give it to a busy man. Tony is that busy man and I urge you to give him the job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Is there a second to that nomination?

NORM BEHNKE, PSP, Fond du Lac #57: Seconds the nomination for Tony Voulgaris for Vice-President East Central.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Do we have any other nominations for Vice-President East Central District? Do we have any other nominations for Vice-President of the East Central District? Do we have any other nominations for Vice-President East Central District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for Vice-President of the Southwest District.

Mr. President, **WAYNE PICKARTS**, PSP, from the great Southwest District of the State of Wisconsin. We have a gentleman from Baraboo that has been an Elk for 44 years. He served as the Exalted Ruler of Baraboo last year and he is very active in the Public Relations in

our district. He takes a lot of pictures and gets a lot of pictures in the news. His goal is to expand the public awareness of Elks through the media. I nominate Gil Schroeder as our Vice-President Southwest.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Is there a second for that nomination. Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Southwest District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Southwest District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Southwest District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for Vice-President of the Southeast District.

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland #2201: It is with great pleasure I nominate Lisa Kromraj of Milwaukee Lodge #46 who has started some great Vice-President meetings and I hope you will vote for her for next year. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the nomination. Is there a second?

GREGG VOSSWINKLE, Milwaukee #46: I proudly second that nomination for Lisa Kromraj for Vice-President. She has made great strides bringing to fruition the long-standing objective in the district and if she does get re-elected, and I think she will, you haven't seen anything yet folks.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Southeast District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President of the Southeast District? Are there any other nominations for Vice-President Southeast District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Secretary.

JOHN BENNETT, PSP, Eau Claire #402: It is very much an honor and a pleasure to nominate a very good friend, I mean a very good friend, for State Secretary from Wausau #248. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Do we have a second for that motion? Are there any other nominations for State Secretary? Are there any other nominations for State Secretary? Are there any other nominations for State Secretary? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Tiler.

GARY ALBERTS, Portage #675: My brothers and sisters, I have known my friend for more than 21 years as an Elk. The first Drug Awareness meeting I attended, Past Exalted Ruler Mike Wirth and my friend were part of that meeting. He has been a major player in drug awareness in fighting the scourge of drugs in our country. The fact is that he already has his lines memorized but this should have nothing to do with your vote. But the fact that he received the Presidential Volunteerism Award last year in Anaheim should. I proudly nominate my friend and a great Wisconsin Elk as Tiler for the Wisconsin Elks Association, Dale Heitmann.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second for that motion? Are there any other nominations for State Tiler? Are there any other nominations for State Tiler? Are there any other nominations for State Tiler? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Chaplain.

BRIAN LORRIGAN, Fond du Lac #57: It is my honor to nominate Michael Hackbarth as our State Chaplain.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Do we have a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for State Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for State Chaplain? Are there any other nominations for State Chaplain? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms.

KEN JOHNSON, Wausau #248: It is my honor and privilege, for not only is he Chairman of Credentials and Elections and working hard right now, but he has been Sergeant-At-Arms for quite a few years. And once again I have the privilege of nominating him because I am one of the few people who can say Golembiewski. I would like to nominate Don Golembiewski from Wausau #248 for Sergeant-At-Arms.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms? Are there any other nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms? Are there any other nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Inner Guard

MIKE VANDRE, Watertown #666: It is my pleasure to address this group for the sole purpose of nominating PER. Dianne Kennedy, for her re-election to the position of State Inner Guard. Watertown Lodge continues to experience the benefits and professionalism that Dianne has brought to the Lodge as she has gone through the chairs and ultimately was Exalted Ruler in 2007-2008. Dianne continues to chair the Lodge PER and Community Activities Committee as well as continuing to serve as the state Officer Training Committee Chairman. Please accept the nomination for re-election to the office of State Inner Guard, PER Dianne Kennedy.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for State Inner Guard? Are there any other nominations for State Inner Guard? Are there any other nominations for State Inner Guard? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Trustee Southwest District.

RON GILLEN, Platteville #1460: It is my pleasure to nominate Todd Kostuck from Platteville Lodge #1460 for State Trustee. Platteville Lodge #1460 wishes to endorse Todd Kostuck for the office of State Trustee Southwest District of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Todd has been a member of the Platteville Elks Lodge since 1991 and proceeded through the chairs and served as Exalted Ruler 1995-1996 and also in 2001-2002. Todd has served as Lodge Trustee from 1996-1999 and 2003-2006, including two terms as Chairman. He has also served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 1998-1999. He was honored as Elk of the Year for 2000-2001 at Platteville Lodge. Todd has served as Vice-President 2000-2001 and in 2004 Todd was appointed to complete the term of State Trustee Southwest District for Francis "Bill" Murphy, and was elected to the office of State Trustee in 2006. Todd is currently serving as Chairman of the State Trustees. With the dedication that Todd has shown over the years to the Wisconsin Elks Association, Platteville Lodge #1460 along with the P.E.R. Association, endorses Todd Kostuck to the office of State Trustee to the Southwest District and asks for your support.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Northwest District? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Northwest District? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Northwest District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now open nominations for State Trustee Southeast District.

DENNIS DALEY, PSP, Watertown #666: I would like to nominate Glenn Friedl from my Lodge for State Trustee Southeast District. Glenn is a committed and dedicated Elk. Even though we have had our heated discussions I know he will continue to do a fine job representing our organization as a Trustee.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second for that nomination? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Southeast District? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Southeast District? Are there any other nominations for State Trustee Southeast District? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now entertain nominations for the 2011 Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference.

JAYE FRANKLIN, Marshfield #665: I would like you to consider Marshfield Lodge for the Mid-Winter Conference 2011. We want you to come someplace warm and enjoy the fall.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that nomination? Are there any other nominations for the 2011 Mid-Winter Conference?

WAYNE PICKARTS, PSP, Madison #410: Madison is willing to host the Mid-Winter Conference in Madison. It is a bright stand-out city of the state and we hope that you choose to come to Madison. We guarantee you a great time. We will have you booked under one hotel if you choose to come to Madison and I'm sure you'll have a great time. So I submit Madison #410 as the site of the 2011 Mid-Winter Conference.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that nomination? Are there any other nominations for the 2011 Mid-Winter Conference? Are there any other nominations for the 2011 Mid-Winter Conference? Are there any other nominations for the 2011 Mid-Winter Conference? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will entertain motions for the 2011 State Convention.

SCOTT KOVATCH, Stevens Point #641: I would like to put in the nomination for the 2011 State Convention. Our Lodge has put together a number of Conferences and we thought we would take a shot at a State Convention. We have a facility that will have everybody under one roof and the convenience of being located centrally in the state, and we have actually looked at putting a room package together at a very reasonable at \$87.00 apiece. The hospitality rooms are \$157.00 which would all be in the atrium and that means we can have approximately 260 for an 11:00 Toast in one building, which I think would be very cool. We have the ability to run a first class Convention.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that nomination? Are there any other nominations to host the 2011 State Convention?

BOB HENNING, Wausau #248: I respectfully, on behalf of the members of Wausau Lodge #248, submit the name of Wausau Lodge for the 2011 State Convention. After we found out that there was no one bidding at the Mid-Winter we had a meeting back at the Lodge right after that and the rationale is that we are doing the 2010 and we have the committees in place and they would put all the hotels together like we have in 2010. That was the rationale that was presented on the floor so I respectfully submit the name of Wausau #248.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that nomination? Are there any other nominations to host the 2011 State Convention? Are there any other nominations to host the 2011 State Convention? Are there any other nominations to host the 2011 State Convention? Hearing none, nominations are closed. I will now entertain a motion to order the State Secretary to record the unanimous ballot for all the candidates and sites that were nominated without opposition, with the exception of the office of the State Secretary. The Chair recognizes Past State President and Parliamentarian, Bill Forrest, for that motion.

UNKNOWN: Mr. President, I don't think we did the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is a two year term. The Secretary and Treasurer both will be elected in alternating years. We appreciate your bringing that up. Mr. President, **BILL FORREST, PSP, PARLIAMENTARIAN,** Wausau #248: It is my pleasure to put in a motion for casting a unanimous ballot for all offices with the exception of the State Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the motion. Do I have a second?

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland #2201 seconds.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Motion carried. The Chair will now call upon our State Trustee Chair to entertain a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the unopposed office of State Secretary to be recorded in the record by the current State Secretary.

TODD KOSTUCK, Platteville #1460 so moves.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that motion?

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland #2201 seconds that motion.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there any discussion? All in favor please signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Ayes have it. Motion carried. We are about to start the voting process. As a reminder to every one of you casting a vote for the various positions, there may be more than one candidate for some positions. I would ask that all of those that are seeking an election to an office that have others running in opposition please come forward so that the members can recognize those who are seeking their support. We have two candidates for the office of President-Elect; Dave Assmann and Bob Bohnsack would you please come forward and be recognized. Ladies and gentlemen on

behalf of those individuals that are seeking your support I thank you very, very much for your help. The Chair now recognizes Don Golembiewski for final instructions for the voting delegates.

DON GOLEMBIEWSKI, Wausau #248: The main thing is, when you vote on your pink ballot be sure to send it to the aisle to be turned in. Tear this little slip off of the credential and send it in with the ballot, and make sure you get the right slip. There are two slips. One is for a run-off ballot. Please pass the ballots to the aisle. I ask that you stay in the room and do not leave because once you leave this room you will not be permitted to re-enter until the voting has been completed. It is very important that you do not just write down the individual's first name. You must identify the person by the first and last name so the committee knows who you are voting for. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: While we are waiting for the results of the voting from the Credentials and Elections Committee we will continue with the General Session. We will begin with the report from the State Trustees for the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 year. Upon that completion we will continue with the committee reports. All committees will be called by their numerical order as they are listed in the Directory. The Chair now recognizes Todd Kostuck, Chairman of the Trustees for their report.

TODD KOSTUCK, Platteville #1460, Chairman of the State Trustees: We had a meeting Friday morning. We reviewed the requests for budget. We are going to start out with the Administrative Budget. We will start with the carry-over from last year is \$12,975.00. Per capita dues income was \$41,260.00. Investment income projected at \$16,000.00 for a total of \$70,235.00. If you look down to the different accounts and then down to the bottom you will see that we have a balanced budget of \$70,235.00. Then if you look at the next page, if you turn it over, you will see the Charitable Accounts. We had requests that we got for \$47,000.00, which is what we have spent. If you look at Elks National Veterans Commission we had requests of \$13,880.00 . Special Projects Grant of \$139,960. State Charity Grants \$72,810.00. Bonus Grants of \$12,050.00. And projected income from Wisconsin Elks Association Benevolent Fund is \$90,000.00. We have carry-over from last year of \$27,550.39, for a total income of \$356,250.00. Everybody can review our accounts to see how much each committee is getting for a total of \$356,250.00 for a balanced budget. For the purpose of this Convention I so move for the adoption of the Budget.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the Budget is there a second.

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland #2201 seconds.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Is there any discussion?

UNKNOWN: ...with a question. I was wondering why the Drug Awareness Committee is actually seeking \$1,000.00 less than the year before. Since this is such a great committee, is very functional and does a lot for the state, I was just curious as to why it was a \$1,000.00 less than last time.

TODD KOSTUCK, Platteville #1460, Chairman of the State Trustees: The reason why the Drug Awareness Committee is \$1,000.00 less is, what happened at the end of last year, we usually give...there is an amount that is given to Kaukauna Lodge for the Pride Awareness Booth that actually came out of the Trustees Contingency Fund.

UNKNOWN: I guess that may have been requested and approved by the Drug Awareness Committee at the February Conference. Should the Drug Awareness Committee be penalized for that because it was approved at the February Conference?

TODD KOSTUCK, Platteville #1460, Chairman of the State Trustees: It is a very important committee but they did do at the end of the year. In the last week of the year they did spend over \$10,000.00 for supplies.

Mr. President, **DAVE DEROSIER, PSP**, Milwaukee #46: Taking a look at the last year's Trustees Contingency Charity Account budgeted at \$14,519.00 last year. This year there is only \$4,000.00. They have \$10,000.00 less. That means they are moving funds from the contingency. I don't always agree with everything, Todd, but I move for adoption of this budget.

GARY ALBERTS, Portage #675: I am looking at the numbers here and we all know that the rest of the country and the state is going through trying times and with everything that is going on in the state we are lucky that we are only looking at about less than \$1,000.00 here. I think that it is a good budget and I think that our Trustees of our Association are working to be sure that we do give our dollars to where they need to go and I hope you support it.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Any other discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor vote by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed same sign. Ayes have it. Motion is carried. Proposed Budget is passed. Thank you very much. We will proceed to move forward with the committee reports again. They will be in numerical order as they appear in the Directory. We recommend that as a measure to conserve time we will ask the members to approve all of the reports at the conclusion after they are given. I would like to remind you that any action regarding expenditures, budgeting, or any other action requiring a motion, the committee chairman or the person who is giving the report at that time will need to make that separate motion at the conclusion of the report. If there are no objections to this procedure we will continue with the reports. Please make sure you keep the reports brief and to the point, but do not omit anything of importance. I will start out with the Advisory, followed by the Auditing.

RON BERTRAND, PSP, Waukesha #400: We had a full slate of Past State Presidents at our meeting. We were thankful for that. We got something done. As far as District Deputies go, it will stand as it always has. A Past State President will not be allowed to become a District Deputy. This has been a question and something that Bob Sabin always stood for and permitted. The rest of my report is on file. I am stepping down from the Chairman of the President's Committee. This past year I found it very enjoyable and I appreciate all the help from all of the Past State Presidents. Thank you very much and the rest of my report is on file.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Auditing followed by Resolutions and Laws.

UNKNOWN: I don't believe our Chairman is here so I am reporting. We did have assistance from a man from Milwaukee and then we did discuss ongoing problems with auditing. The balance of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: If I could ask for your name and Lodge number for the record.

CHUCK GREEN, P.S.P., Oshkosh #292

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Resolutions and Laws followed by Membership and Lapsation.

CHUCK HOORNSTRA, Madison #410: Discussed practical problems of having the committee review Grand Lodge resolutions. They are discussed at the Conventions. They don't usually come from Wisconsin. The Conference and Convention Manual is completed and the By-Laws should be done by the September or February Conference.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Membership and Lapsation followed by Lodge Development.

BOB BOHNSACK, Fond du Lac #57 for the Membership and Lapsation Committee: We met this morning and had a very lively discussion. We welcomed a new member from the Madison Lodge. He asked a lot of good questions. We discussed the good things happening in our Lodges. We need to rekindle the spirit of our members who have not been to our Lodges in awhile. Invite them to your Lodge and find out why they became Elks. Light their fire again and this organization will grow.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Lodge Development followed by Business Practices.

STEVE ROBERGE, Rice Lake #1441: We met this morning with new faces. We had further discussion on LaCrosse. We are waiting for Grand Lodge to get us the stray Elks list so

we can get our first mailing out. We talked about other possible areas and how we can help our own Lodges that are struggling. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Business Practices followed by Publicity and Public Relations.

TERRY SHOEMAKER, Fond du Lac #57, Chairman of the Business Practices: We had a very interesting meeting this morning and the rest of my report is on file with the Secretary and I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Publicity and Public Relations followed by Conferences and Conventions.

CINDY DUFFY, Rice Lake #1441, Publicity of Public Relations: We had a very good discussion about what the Publicity and Public Relations Committee is. It is every single one of us. Just like membership. Just like all of the committees we use. We have to promote what we do to our members, to our friends, and everybody. This includes the web site, your newsletters and everything that we do. If you noticed out in our entryway when you came in, there is a thing that for, like, you could use it for the State Teachers Convention. This is available to any Lodge that would like to use it for any function. State Teachers Convention, Church groups, leave it in the lobby, put Drug Awareness material out there, etc., it is available. It is going to Waukesha after Convention, so let me know and we will get it to you. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Conferences and Conventions followed by Lodge Activities.

FRANK HAFFNER, Madison #410: We met this morning. We had six members and seven guests. We discussed revisions in the Conference and Convention Manual. The committee voted conditional approval with final approval at the 2009 Fall Conference. The rest of my report is on file with the State Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Lodge Activities followed by Officer Training.

DAVE NITZE, Janesville #254: The discussion was activities at the Lodges and one of the biggest ones was Wii games going on at the Lodges and the rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Officer Training followed By ER/Leading Knight Advisory.

DIANNE KENNEDY, Watertown #666, Chair for Officer Training: We had a very interactive meeting where attendees showed extreme interest in an active State Officer Training Program, either by district or individual Lodge. The group requested a training session be offered on the Saturday afternoon at the Fall Conference. The Committee Chair and Vice-Chair will move forward to design a train-the-trainer program to be rolled out at the District levels. The rest of my report is on file.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: ER/Leading Knight Advisory followed by Drug Awareness.

JACK MADSON, Sheboygan #299, Chairman: We had five guests. We had an outstanding turnout of ER's and Leading Knights. We discussed a lot of things that are happening in the Lodges and the rest of my report is on file.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Drug Awareness followed by Ritualistic Exemplification.

DALE HEITMANN, Wausau #248, Drug Awareness: We met this morning at this great meeting place right here. We re-lit the fires of Drug Awareness because our people are charged up. We determined that we had 158 years of experience sitting in this room this morning. What we did for the first hour is we reviewed Grand Lodge DAP 125 Committee chairman's Book and reviewed what our job is and we determined we are going to go out there and we are going to fire up people on the streets. We're going to start knocking on the doors, talking to educators, talking with the people out there; tell them that there is a problem out in the streets. Fourth

graders know more about the drugs than we do and we have to get these people out there in force. Prevention through education. That is our job. We have the materials. We have to get out there and get the materials in the hands of the people so that they know; so that they are informed and educated. That's our job. So, that's what we are going to start doing. The second hour of our meeting this morning was judging the Poster Contest and we've got the posters out there. Please take a look at them. It's unbelievable what some of these young people can do. When you look at some of these posters from kindergarteners, you aren't going to believe it. Ken has a list of the winners. He will be getting the checks out to me, hopefully this week, so that we can get them out to the Lodges so you can award them. I do have a witness that saw him take the list out of my hand. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Ritualistic Exemplification followed by Grand Lodge Attendance.

GREGG VOSSWINKLE, Milwaukee #46: Ben couldn't be here this afternoon so his report will be on file with the Secretary. A Ritual Clinic will be conducted at the Fall Conference by the Grand Lodge Committee and the Grand Lodge Committee Chair. There will be a Ritual Contest at the Mid-Winter, with individuals competing in the morning and teams competing in the afternoon. So start practicing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Grand Lodge Attendance followed by Elks National Veterans Service. Elks National Veterans Service followed by Americanism.

DICK KOHLBECK, Wausau #248. Mr. President, my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Americanism followed by Elks National Foundation.

MYRON KEDING, Marshfield #665, Americanism: I want to thank the Wisconsin Trustees for allowing us to have \$6,500.00 for our committee to do the good things we do for Americanism. I have a check up here for Waukesha from the Essay Contest in the state. Also I would like to congratulate Baraboo Lodge for a national and state essay. And if time permits, I would like to have my wife read that essay winner. I have been the Americanism Chairman for the last four or five years. I've been on the committee for the last 14 years. We have not had an essay winner during that time. We may have had one prior to that. I'm very happy to see that happen here in these Lodges. Also, in the last two years we have had 100% participation in Flag Day. Thirty-three Lodges out of 33 in the last two years. At this time I would like to have my wife read that essay from the winner. And I am expecting that from this body again so don't let this state down. This is a great state. So I will be looking for your report. If time permits I would like to have my wife read that essay winner, Tom, if you would grant it.

KIM KEDING, Marshfield #665: Would you like to read it at this time? On behalf of Jordyan Schara, I believe, and Baraboo Lodge she was the \$1,000.00 National winner. And I will read it word for word. He was crying. As I watched closely out of the corner of my eye I couldn't believe it. Those were actual tears running down his face. I bit my lip trying to figure what I was supposed to say at the moment. We were at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. on a family vacation. And while I was looking forward to seeing the Memorial, I never expected this. I walked over to my grandfather and silently put my arms around him as he clumsily wiped his eyes. His other hand was pressed against the wall as if just by touching it he could feel something; a connection to the past or support in the present. I was still struggling to say something when he said in a crackling voice, "For years I have been waiting for this moment and now that I am here I don't know if I can do this." My uncle Mark was killed in Viet Nam at the tender age of 19, and I always felt that grandpa had never been able to get past the tragedy. Now I expected to hear him vent and rage against the war that stole his son, but instead, in a slightly wavery voice he said, "Jordyan, never forget that freedom is precious, but it is not free. Every name on this wall is here to remind us that freedom is always worth defending." It was then that I finally understood what freedom means to me. Amen.

MYRON KEDING, Marshfield #665: The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Elks National Foundation followed by the Executive Committee.

LANCE PLIML, Wisconsin Rapids #693, Elks National Foundation Committee: This year's Wisconsin's \$7.00 per member is good but it is not good enough. We would like to see \$10.00 per member out of this state. The other thing we would like to see is every Lodge in the state meet the GER's goal. We have never done that. We have come within one Lodge before; this year we're a little short. We had 26 Lodges reach goal. If I could I would like to read the district winners here. In the Northeast District we had Oconto at \$11.91. East Central we had Kaukauna \$22.23. The Northwest District, Chippewa Falls at \$12.80. Central District, Wisconsin Rapids at \$9.36. The Southwest District, Beloit at \$14.61 and the Southeast District, and #1 in the state, Racine at \$23.32. That's a tremendous, tremendous goal in that one. All I can do is urge you to participate; to get those contributions up because think about what you just heard and think about where those dollars go. A lot of those go to our veterans programs and the rest of my report is on file. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Executive Committee followed by Government Relations.

KEN BRUCKNER, Sheboygan #299. Executive Committee met this morning at 7:30 with all of the Vice-Presidents except one being excused for the CLMS. The Vice-Presidents all reported on their districts. Each of the Lodges within their districts is doing quite well. It was noted that some have issues but those are being addressed at this time. The rest of my report is on file. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Government Relations followed by Hoop Shoot.

TERRENCE J. GAFFNEY, Fond du Lac #57, Government Relations Report. We did not meet. Mr. Hoornstra and I did talk. One of the most important things is do not get Swine Flu. If you get it, do not pass it on. That comes from the National Government Relations Committee. Thank you. That is my report.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Hoop Shoot followed by National Foundation Scholarships.

TONY VOULGARIS, Oshkosh #292, Hoop Shoot Committee. Our committee met Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. We discussed the Regional Hoop Shoot held in Iowa City March 14th. Last week the National Finals were held in Springfield, MA. We had a young boy from Portage, Jordan Walker, which is a repeat National Finalist compete in the 12 and 13 year-old age group. Great competition. The young gentleman shot 23 out of 25 which tied for 1st Place with three other kids. They went to a tie-breaker, which is shots of five and he made four out of five which took third. The two other kids shot five out of five but they shot around fifteen tie-breakers. They shot 75 free throws to win the National Championship. They shot 97 out of 100 to take 1st Place. There was some great competition out there. The National meeting we had out there. We were one of 13 states with 100 percent participation. Thank you to all the Lodges and their local Directors for giving the opportunity to your youth in your community to host the Hoop Shoot Program. Overall, nationally, we had over 3,076,000 kids that participated in the Hoop Shoot Program this past year. We discussed and approved our committee budget for 2009-2010. Thank you to the Trustees and to the members for your financial support to run this program. Exalted Rulers, at your DD Clinic in August, please, it's very important that we get the Hoop Shoot packet from your district directors and please give it to your local directors so they can get the program started with their school programs. And, finally, I would like to present a plaque for our most improved Lodge for 2008-2009, and it goes to Beloit Elks Lodge with their local director, Ron Guaginte. Is Ron available? Beloit Elks Lodge had over 3,000 kids participate in their Hoop Shoot Program in their Lodge, so congratulations. The rest of my report is with the Secretary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: National Foundation Scholarships followed by Committee for the Disabled.

ANDY OLANDER, Marshfield #665: I started out the meeting thanking everybody that came to the state judging. You may not realize this, but this committee counts on people to do things outside of our normal committee meetings; the actual meeting with schools and doing other things during the year, and then having to judge the Most Valuable Student Contest Brochures on a Saturday during the month of February. We also discussed the results of the National Contest. Those results are now out on the internet under the National Foundation login. The Technical College scholarships were discussed and turned in and those results will be to the Lodges and the committee members by Wednesday. The other results of the Legacy Scholarship are also out on the National Foundation screen. We had other discussions about the committee, how we might want to look at how to give Milwaukee a little bit more option to get more applications in to the spectrum because they have 70 schools that are in the Milwaukee grouping. Other Lodges may have four; they may have up to 20. But Milwaukee has the most. The other thing we talked about was some of the history of the scholarship. This came about as a result of the budget. The budget for the committee is remaining the same and we are very pleased about that. And then Keith Simmons brought in some of the history of how we grew into where we are today with all of our four-year scholarships and with our number of scholarships. In the old days we had nine scholarships. That would be about 20 years ago. We had nine scholarships. Now we have 132 scholarships; 20 of which go on to National judging. We also talked about the Technical scholarship. In the old days the National had a program for Technical Colleges. When that program went away we brought it back into life here in Wisconsin and kept it going. And that is all a result, again, of the National Foundation donations that you make, and we're very pleased that we can give to students coming out of high school and also to those people who need retraining an opportunity to get that training so they can go on to be more profitable in our society. Again, I want to remind all of you that we work hard. We're all volunteers and the people on this committee, I really thank you all, because you make my job easier and you make it very profitable for the State of Wisconsin. Thank you all. The rest of my report is filed with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Committee For The Disabled followed by Youth Activities.

GREG TALECK, Racine #252, Committee For The Disabled: We had four applications from two Lodges. We expended \$515.00 and there were three applications from Waukesha Lodge for Camperships and we will be holding back two of those until Mid-Winter. I just need to bring a point out, is that you have to be present to present your application to have it approved. And also, when you send checks, make sure they are readable. I received one that was half the size of a credit card. I tried to enlarge it and it looked just as bad as it was small so make sure they are legible. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Youth Activities followed by U.S. Constitution.

CARL KNUESE, Stevens Point #641: Our meeting today was a pivotal meeting for me and for the committee, transferring the leadership to Lisa Kromraj. We had a little bit of a review of what we did right and what we did wrong and were happy that most of it was right. We want to remind everybody, though, that we are going to need the numbers that the Hoop Shoot people have for Soccer Shoot for it to stay around. So please get on board with that. We want to remind everybody that we have an excellent Dictionary Program and the prices are probably going to be going up soon so get on board with that. We are going to have the Youth Golf Tournament again and that continues to be a really big deal for a lot of the kids. The other thing that we constantly have questions about, and this will be the last time I will tell you about it, is getting funds for the unfunded youth activities. If you do need money for an unfunded activity, no matter what it is, if you send a letter to the new chairman of the committee, to Lisa, and explain to her in the letter what the project is and also explain the expenses and put a copy

of either a cancelled check or an invoice paid, the funds will be there in a timely fashion. I expect that with the budget we have it will be about \$350.00 that you will be able to get. If you do it timely there are some Lodges that have been able to go back and get a second round of funds and we just hope everybody at least gets their one shot at it. And with that thank you; it has been a good run.

RED KASTNER, Portage #675: I may be out of order but I have been on the Youth Activities for 20 years. Carl has been a mentor for 22 years he has put his life into the Youth Activities and I would just like to have it on the record that we appreciate everything that he has done. Thank you Carl.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: U.S. Constitution followed by Elks Major Project.

JEFF JULKA, Fond du Lac #57, Chairman, U.S. Constitution: I was pleased to announce this morning the results of this year's State U.S. Constitution Contest. We distributed \$24,500.00 in scholarship funds this morning. The winner was from DeForest High School. That falls under the Madison Lodge area of jurisdiction. That young person received a scholarship of \$2,900.00. The Honorable Mention scholarships, in other words, the minimum scholarship awards to each of the participating students was \$500.00. There were six Lodges from the state of Wisconsin that did not participate. You Lodges denied your students in your area the opportunity to share in this \$24,500.00 in scholarship funds. I encourage you to participate next year. We had 27 of 33 Lodges participating. I am looking for 100% next year. Please make the Trustees as well as the committee proud by participating in this program. The balance of my report will be filed with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: I see that the Chairman of the Credentials and Elections Committee is back in the room. I will now suspend the committee reports and call on Don Golembiewski to announce the results of the election.

DON GOLEMBIEWSKI, Wausau #248: State President-Elect -- Bob Bohnsack 115, Dave Assmann, 102. Mid-Winter Conference -- Madison 90, Marshfield 84. Annual Meeting -- Wausau 134, Stevens Point, 63.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you very much Don. I would like to thank you and your committee for a job well done. I now ask all of the newly-elected State Officers please stand and be recognized. Ladies and gentlemen these are your new State Officers. I would like to congratulate all of the officers for the 2009-2010 year. I wish you all a very good year in office. I urge you to please remember the faith and trust that the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association have now placed in your keeping. May you always strive to serve our members in the highest standards. Having suspended our committee reports for today I will entertain a motion to accept all of the reports that have been given thus far.

KEITH SIMMONS, PSP, Walworth-Lakeland #2201 does make this motion.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there a second to that motion?

RON BERTRAND, PSP, Waukesha #400 seconds that motion.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Is there any discussion?

Mr. State President, **GARY ALBERTS**, Portage #675: In honor of the Americanism report, I am still trying to dry my right eye. I am the son of a World War II Vet. My brother is a Vietnam Veteran and retired Army. I am a Navy Veteran. My son is a Navy Veteran. My sister is an Air Force Veteran. I have got two nephews that are in the Air Force and the Coast Guard at this time. I would make a motion, and if it doesn't go any farther than this, I will volunteer to pay for the hotel rooms. If we don't invite the young kid that wrote that Americanism report and her family to attend the Fall Conference and give them some honor we are definitely remiss and if the State Association doesn't have the money for it you send me the bill and I will pay for the hotel rooms for those people because, like I said, I am still wiping away the tear in my eye because that was a wonderful report.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: I believe that those arrangements are already in the process, Gary, but I am certain that the Trustees might take you up on your offer and I thank you very much. We have a motion and a second on the floor to approve all of the reports given thus far. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none I would ask that all in favor please vote by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Ayes have it. Motion is carried. We will continue with the balance of the committee reports starting promptly tomorrow morning at the General Session at 8:30 a.m. If you look in the booklet you will notice on the page insert, the middle page, that there was no Sunday time schedule, however, inside on the very first page down at the bottom it does give the times there that the General Session will begin promptly again at 8:30 a.m. Likewise, the Ladies Advisory will begin at the same time in the Fond du Lac Room. The General Session will be held in the Ballroom at the Lodge. Immediately following that General Session will be the Memorial Service, Installation of Officers and Critique. It is now my pleasure and honor to introduce to you the man I am sure is very proud to call himself the Sponsor of the Wisconsin Elks Association, please help me welcome, from Flora, IL Lodge #1659, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger.

Thank you. Sit down. I'll make this short because I know all of you are in the same shape I'm in. **LOU SULSBERGER, PGER, STATE SPONSOR**, Flora Lodge #1659 in the great state of Illinois. I've been coming up here since 1995 and I remember the first trip. There was this little, short, bald-headed guy who had a real funny laugh. And I just figured out today he finally figured out where he is at. I do want to make one remark about CLMS. It's been a fight, looking at Phil right here in the front row and all of the people that he works with in Chicago and what have you, but, I look after 105 Lodges; the ones in Illinois and the ones up here. And out of those 105, 97 hit the Annual Report right on the money. I think that is quite an accomplishment because there were people four to five months ago saying this isn't going to work. It's working and that's the hard work of the secretaries and the cyber assistants out there doing a heck of a good job. And you are very lucky to have guys like Phil and others and I'm forgetting two or three, I know, but I think it's going to work. I think it's going to be a big benefit to our secretaries but it's going to take a day or two. A day or two more. I think we ought to all leave here and go to Church because as hot as it is in here if we don't straighten our acts out we're going to go someplace a hell of a lot hotter!

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Lou. It's my pleasure to introduce to you our current President-Elect for a few remarks. This gentlemen will be following me as your State President in a matter of hours. Please help me welcome Ken Bruckner from Sheboygan Lodge #299.

PRESIDENT-ELECT KEN BRUCKNER, Sheboygan #299: Thanks Tom. At this time all the newly-elected officers congratulations. I am looking forward to working with you next year. To Dave, I enjoyed the travels that we had together this year and I look forward to continuing to work with you and your project next year and thanks again for everything that you've done for us. At this time, I need to say no more. I'm sure everybody wants to get out of here. I'll have a little bit of a speech in the evening. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Ken. I would call upon our newly-elected President-Elect Designate and ask if he would like to say a few words.

PRESIDENT-ELECT DESIGNEE BOB BOHNSACK, Fond du Lac #57: I am truly humbled by your vote of confidence in me. This has been a very exciting year. I sincerely thank Dave. I think that we have run a clean campaign, unlike those that you see in most other venues these days and I sincerely appreciate that and his friendship. We have not had any harsh words nor will we. I just want to say thanks. I am humbled by this. I don't know what else to do other than to say I will not let you down. I will serve this organization because I love this organization. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you, Bob. Remember that our State Chaplain, the Reverend Michael Hackbarth will conduct a prayer service at 4:00 p.m. so that

doesn't leave you a whole lot of time. It will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral just west of the Ramada Hotel. The Banquet this evening will be held in the Fond du Lac Elks Lodge Ballroom. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Banquet starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Attire for the evening will be dark business suit or red jackets for men and appropriate dress for the ladies. Are there any other announcements at this time?

RYAN SWANTZ, Appleton #337: Hopefully I got to most of you as you were coming in the door. We were passing out invitations to the Appleton Elks Flag Day Parade and State President Visitation. At 9:00 a.m. we open up the doors to the Lodge. We will have coffee and donuts until 11:00 a.m. From about 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. we will have lunch and hors' d'oeuvres. The Appleton Flag Day Parade runs from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. down College Avenue in Appleton and then from approximately 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. we will be serving a good old fashioned American barbeque featuring barbequed ribs and chicken with all the sides. We are going to have some great door prizes and live entertainment. It's been a blast in the past and we hope to continue on this year. It is going to be \$18.00 apiece. If you are interested and did not get an invitation please see me yet this weekend. I've got plenty more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you very much. I'll now call upon our State Chaplain the Reverend Michael Hackbarth for the Benediction. Please rise.

STATE CHAPLAIN REVEREND MICHAEL HACKBARTH, Fond du Lac #57: Heavenly Father, You manifest in Your servants the signs of Your presence. Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that is companionship with one another so that Your abounding grace may increase among us. Amen.

ALL: AMEN.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: This concludes the Saturday Afternoon General Session of the 2009 Wisconsin Elks Association Convention. I look forward to seeing everyone this evening. Thank you.

BUSINESS SESSION

SUNDAY MORNING

MAY 3RD, 2009

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Good morning. I would also remind you once again, make sure your cell phones are turned off and as a reminder, when you give any of the committee reports or come to the microphone for any reason please state your name and Lodge number when addressing the body. I now call this Sunday Morning General Session of the 2009 Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention to order. State Sergeant-At-Arms...never mind. I see our honored guest from Illinois is already seated behind me at a place of honor so help me welcome, please, from Flora, IL Lodge #1659 the State Sponsor of the Wisconsin Elks Association, PGER the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger. I now ask the State Chaplain, the Reverend Michael Hackbarth to please give the Invocation. After the Invocation would you please remain standing as we present the Colors and do the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Mike.

STATE CHAPLAIN REVEREND MICHAEL HACKBARTH, Fond du Lac #57: Please pray with me. Oh God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises up in darkness for the Godly. Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what You would have us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices and that in Your light we may see light and in Your straight path may not stumble. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Reverend Mike. I now call on the Color Guard from the Marine Corps League McCullen Kimpel Detachment #552 of Fond du Lac to Post the Colors. Color Guard Post the Colors. Please salute our flag. As we are reminded this day that members of our service men and women around the world serve to protect the freedoms that we enjoy, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: At ease. Color Guard you are dismissed. Please join with me in recognizing the Marine Corps League Detachment #552 of McCullen-Kimpel. They are Bill Drexler, Commander, Roy Brunette, Sergeant-Major, Don Luebbe, Gunnery Sergeant, Don Wagner, Staff Sergeant, Earnie Sipple, Sergeant, and Dan Garaft, Private First Class. Our hats off to Roy Brunette, a Past Exalted Ruler and Past District Deputy of Lodge #57. Thank you gentlemen. The State Secretary will now please take the roll call of officers.

STATE SECRETARY KEN JOHNSON, Wausau #248: President Tom Widzinski, President-Elect Ken Bruckner, Vice-President Northwest Charles Notham, Vice-President Northeast Joe Rossley, Vice-President Central Myron Keding, Vice-President East Central Bob Bohnsack, Vice-President Southwest Kaye Fulton, Vice-President Southeast Lisa Kromraj, Secretary Ken Johnson, Treasurer Jeff Langton, Chaplain, the Rev. Michael Hackbarth, Tiler Dale Heitmann, Sergeant-At-Arms Don Golembiewski, Inner Guard Dianne Kennedy, Parliamentarian Bill Forrest, Elks National Home Coordinator Jim Meyer, State Trustees: Todd Kostuck, John Bennett, Glenn Friedl, Mike Rebhahn, Joe Klumb, Pat Buck. Our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lou Sulsberger, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Hackl and the Lodge Activities and State Association Committeeman Milt Swantz. District Deputies: Southeast Dave Assmann, Southwest David Crary, East Central Kathy Brien, Central Myron Keding, Northwest Steve Roberge, Northeast Carl Morse. Mr. President, the roll has been taken.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you, Ken. State Sergeant-At-Arms would you please escort the County Executive of Fond du Lac and a member of Fond du Lac #57, the Honorable Allen Buechel, to the podium so he may address the membership. Mr. Buechel, on behalf of the Wisconsin Elks Association I welcome you to our 2009 Convention.

HONORABLE ALLEN BUECHEL: Thank you. It's a privilege to be here. An orderly group. Before I started I did check with the police department this morning and there were no disturbances involving Elks last night so you will be happy to know that. The other thing is as I look across this room with all the red coats I think about how George Washington would have felt had he come into a room like this with all the red. It would probably made his blood run a little cold. One of the privileges I get as a County Executive, I've been County Executive of Fond du Lac County for 16 years and there are 11 County Executives across the state. It is one of the options counties have. One of those privileges is I get to come to events like this and welcome the distinguished groups such as the Wisconsin Elks and I certainly want to welcome you this morning. You are a fine group of people and you do a lot for your communities. I just want to talk a little bit about Fond du Lac County. Fond du Lac County was founded in 1836 but I don't want to get boring here. Just bring you up to date very fast. There are a lot of things going on here. Even though we have a recession going on out there we still are moving forward. As you could see when you drove in this weekend we have an outstanding highway system. In the last 15 years every highway in this county that has a number on it (23, 41, 151) has had a major improvement. We now have four lane highways where we had two lanes in the past. Highway 151 from Waupun to Fond du Lac is an example and that will continue. As you see on 41, there is continued upgrades there. So the community is thriving from the standpoint of it's transportation infrastructure. We have had many improvements out at our airport, culminating in the airport terminal this year. The other thing we have done at the airport is open an industrial park so we are preparing for the economy as it begins to improve. We put that together very quickly. For a tenant who wanted to come to our airport we did not have an airport industrial park but within 15 months we went from not owning any land in that area, we had no industrial park, to having our first tenant functioning and operating out in that industrial park. To quote the gentleman who owns that company, he said Fond du Lac County truly moves at the speed of business. So we're proud of that kind of record here in Fond du Lac County. We understand that transportation is important for our economy. It is important for our businesses. We also understand recreation is important for all of us as well. To keep our economy going and also keep our quality of life where it needs to be so we can attract the kind of workers here that we need for our economy. We've added to our park system. We have over 700 acres of county parks, including two on the shores of Lake Winnebago on the east shore. We have a trail system around the county which extends almost 60 miles and when 23 gets upgraded to four lanes from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac there will be a biking/hiking trail from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac as well. Eventually as we go west, we hope that at one point the counties to the west will create the trail system so that you could go from Sheboygan on the east coast all the way to the Mississippi River on the west coast on the bicycle trail system. We have the infrastructure mostly in place already to do our part here including a pedestrian bridge across Highway 41 for the purpose of crossing for hiking and biking. So we recognize that recreation is important. We also know that education is important here in this community. In addition to what the public schools have done here, Marion College is here, Ripon College is here, and a few years ago Fond du Lac County did a total remodel of UW-Fond du Lac. Now the 13 two year campuses across the state are owned by the counties or by the cities. In this case, Fond du Lac County owns it so it is our responsibility to improve the facilities. So we totally remodeled that facility and added a new student center so that education would be something that was available to the people of this community as well so they didn't need to go outside of this community for their education. So it is an affordable education close to home. We also find that those people tend to stay in Fond du Lac if they get their first years of education here in Fond du Lac. And, again, we need the workers here. Some of the other things we have in this community, of course,

is the beautiful Lakeside Park. If you haven't been there it's nice and greened up. The lake is beautiful this morning. Before you leave town if you haven't seen it, go out and see it; it's on the north end of Main Street. We also have some other amenities in this community such as St. Paul's Cathedral. It's a beautiful church that was built over 100 years ago. It has got some of the greatest architecture of any church in the state of Wisconsin. It's just beautiful. A lot of it actually comes from Europe, a lot of the fixtures, a lot of the architecture, that was imported for this church so it is really something that is worth seeing. We also have the Galloway House and Village here in Fond du Lac. It's not only the Galloway House, which is a Victorian era house, we have a village surrounding it where we bring in all kinds of historical facilities in their structures but it is a town hall, a firehouse, a reporter office, all of the types of things that are no longer in use, we are actually locating those on the Galloway House and grounds. So it would really be an interesting thing for you to take the time to go there and take a look at what we have to offer in that area. In addition to that, this is just a nice community. It is kept very clean, as you can see, and I hope you have had a good time since you have been here. I hope you enjoy the rest of your stay here. Fond du Lac is a very nice community with very nice people and I hope they welcomed you. I just want to say, before I close, that as Elks you should be proud of yourselves because you are committed to your communities and the things that you do improve your communities. Your communities are better off because of your involvement in the Elks and the things that you do. It has not only impacted our charities, by the way, I am an Elk. I have been an Elk for 15 years. But it is also the impact of this social environment that you create; to just make your communities a better place to live. So you can be proud of yourself and congratulate yourself for your involvement in Elks and the things that you do on behalf of your communities. So, again, welcome to Fond du Lac. I hope you enjoy your stay here, and I'm proud to have you here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Mr. County Executive. The Chair now recognizes Charles Hoornstra for a presentation.

CHARLES HOORNSTRA, Madison #410: County Executive Buechel, this lovely May day typifies the wonderful experience we have had in your county the past two days. And to mark this occasion it is my honor to present to you this Special Recognition Award in the 2009 State Convention to you as the County Executive and the officials and staff of the County of Fond du Lac in grateful appreciation of the efforts and cooperation of the officials and staff of the County of Fond du Lac in making this 2009 State Convention of the Wisconsin Elks Association successful and memorable for all in attendance. Presented this 3rd day of May, 2009 by myself as Chair of the Resolutions and Laws Committee and Thomas J. Widzinski, President of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Thank you and congratulations.

HONORABLE ALLEN BUECHEL: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: State Sergeant-At-Arms, would you please escort the County Executive from the podium. Again, thank you Mr. Buechel. The Chair now recognizes Brian Lorrigan, the Exalted Ruler of Fond du Lac Lodge #57 for his closing remarks. Brian.

BRIAN LORRIGAN, Fond du Lac #57: Thank you, Tom. Well I hope everybody had a wonderful time. Those of you that golfed, the weather was good. Today is beautiful. Once again, I would like to thank our committee. We had people here at 6:00 in the morning helping people get around and couldn't have done it without them. So thank you all very much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Thank you Brian and, again, on behalf of the Wisconsin Elks Association I thank you and the members of Fond du Lac #57 for the marvelous job that you have done with this Convention weekend. I'm sure that everyone in attendance has had a good time and looks forward to coming back. Prior to continuing with our committee reports this morning we have a couple of raffles and I would like to do those first. I know that some of you are in the process of checking out of hotels and what not and I would like to make you aware of the winners so if you are one you can pick up your prizes prior to leaving and departing from town. So I've got the raffle from Fond du Lac Lodge here and I will

announce those winners. We have some cash awards. First winner-Todd Kostuck. Second winner-Ron Shannon. Ron Raddeman and Kenneth Thomack, Past State President. Those are all cash winners. The wheel barrel of booze-Ivan Craig Jr. Waterford Crystal Vase-Sarah Despina, Racine. Complete set of Superhawk Irons and Woods- the initial "C" Bilke, Beaver Dam. Nascar prints-Jake Gaffney, Fond du Lac. Wisconsin Badger and Packer prints-Thomas Widzinski. David, would you like to do the State Major Project winners at this time? Let's do them and make everyone aware of who they are as well.

Thank you, President Tom. **DAVE ASSMANN**, Waukesha #400, Chairman of State Major Project. Raffle drawing was held just a few minutes ago before we started. Our State President and State President-Elect did the drawing so I have no responsibility other than to read the names. First Place, \$1,000.00-Ken Goral, Watertown. Second Place, \$500.00-Ken Notchreiner from Monona, Third Place, \$250.00-Paul O'Brion, Portage. Fourth Place, \$150.00-Ray Wins in Menasha, Fifth Place, \$100.00 is Sherry Brown from Baraboo. We thank everybody for your generous donations. Our raffle is down a little bit so it is going to make our Major Project a little bit rougher this year but we will come back. I know you people will still support us so thank you so much for all that have gotten involved. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Also, as a matter of housekeeping, we announced the results of the election yesterday. At this time I would entertain a motion to destroy the ballots.

BILL FORREST, PSP, Wausau #248: As a procedural matter, I move that we destroy the ballots at the conclusion of today's meeting.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have heard the motion. Do I have a second?

RON BERTRAND, PSP, Waukesha #400 seconds that motion.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: We have a motion and a second. Is there anything under the question? Hearing none, all in favor signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed same sign. Ayes have it. Motion is carried. We will continue with the committee reports where we left off yesterday. I will start with the Credentials and Elections Committee followed by Grand Lodge Attendance.

DON GOLEMBIEWSKI, Wausau #248: Credentials and Elections Committee report. Grand Lodge Sponsor Honorable Lou Sulsberger; visiting Vice-President John Horkay, Galena, IL #882; Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Hackl, Past State President, Trivers #1380; Grand Lodge Activities, Milt Swantz, Past State President, Fond du Lac #57. Lodges present: 32 out of 33. I can't account for Superior. Total members present: 266. Ladies present: 65. Fond du Lac ladies: 25. Total registration money: \$3,328.00. Voting: State President-Elect: Bob Bohnsack 115, Dave Assmann 102. 2011 Mid-Winter Conference: Madison 90; Marshfield 84. 2011 Annual Meeting Convention: Wausau 134, Stevens Point 63. This concludes my report.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you, Don. For those of you from Illinois, our First Vice-President and soon to be President of the Illinois Elks Association is from Galena. John, thank you for being here with us this morning. Grand Lodge Attendance followed by Elks National Veterans Service.

JIM MEYER, PSP, Watertown #666: Grand Lodge Attendance. Anybody that has not given me a reservation form please get it to me today yet, if possible, otherwise mail it to me by the end of the week. The reservations are going in. My 80 rooms are booked. The great state of Illinois has graciously turned over 10 of their rooms to me so I have seven left. I was three overbooked on rooms. Donations. Go back to your Lodges and, please, have your secretaries or whoever writes the checks there get that Lodge donation to me as soon as possible. I cannot cash a check out in Portland. We definitely need the funds. My report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Elks National Veterans Service followed by Elks Major Project.

DICK KOHLBECK, Wausau #248: We had two items of interest that took place at the meeting yesterday. One was the deer hide program and I am pleased to report that we had double the number of Lodges participating. The number was 12. Last year we had 238 hides which was four pallets. We passed out certificates for those that have collected the deer hides and, hopefully, more will participate next year. I do have one certificate left and that is from Baraboo. Is anyone here from Baraboo? The other item of interest is the Veterans Remembrance Reports. These reports are, at the end of the year, the Annual Report. They are really the report for the Veterans Programs for the Lodges for the State of Wisconsin. Thanks to all the District Deputies we had 100% participation. At this time I would like to present the certificates to all the District Deputies. Would they please come forward. Thank you for your assistance for that 100% participation. At this time I would like to present the awards for the 1st Place Lodges and this is based on membership. These are the Lodges that scored the most points on this Veterans Remembrance Report. For 1st Place, and this is for membership 300 or under, Green Bay, WI Lodge #259. Is the Exalted Ruler here from Green Bay? This is the 1st Place Lodge, 301 to 500, Milwaukee, WI Lodge #46. Is the ER here from Milwaukee? This is membership 501 to 700, 1st Place Lodge, Rice Lake, WI Lodge #1441. The 1st Place Lodge for membership 701-1,100, Wausau, WI Lodge #248. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Elks Major Project followed by Recreation at State Convention.

RAY DABLER, Wausau #248, Vice-Chair of the Major Project Committee. At yesterday's meeting, it was announced we will have Elks Day on June 27th, Saturday, down at Camp Wawbeek at the Respite Center. We encourage everyone to come down and bring some friends and members along. Also, on May 9th, which is a Saturday, they will be having camp clean-up day at Camp Wawbeek, so we really need some help with that. Bring your buckets and brooms and tools. We'll be doing some clean-up so that is on Saturday, May 9th. On the raffle this year when we opened envelopes we had approximately \$16,500.00 compared to about \$20,000.00 last year so we are down almost \$4,000.00. We will be sending eight respite campers to the Respite Center this summer. We approved the budget and this morning immediately after the General Session would all of the Major Project, including the new Vice-Presidents, we're having our short 10-15 minute meeting in the Fond du Lac Room on the first floor next to the fireplace to elect a new board. So while they are setting up for the Memorial Service if all the new Vice-Presidents and all of the members of the Major Project would go there immediately so we can get that taken care of and we can get back to the rest of the program. Thank you very much. The rest of my report is on file.

DAVID ASSMANN, Waukesha #400, Chairman of the State Major Project. Two things I want to bring up. One is the generator is in and should be installed shortly. They are waiting for the concrete bed to be put down and then that will be put in. Hopefully, we will have that installed in the next couple of weeks. We want to thank Lee Carr from Milwaukee. He has graciously donated his time to put in the generator and set it up with the specifications from Kohler and from Total Energies. Mr. Styles has set that up for us. Saved us a few bucks. As far as the money coming in from all of the Lodges, we have everybody's money except for four Lodges which we have contacted and they have told us that they will try to get it in as soon as possible. So we should have 100% participation and we definitely thank every Lodge for all of that help for our kids. We want to make sure that they are safe. And last, but not least, we want to thank Yvonne for her tie program. There was \$1,700.00 that she donated to the Major Project. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Yvonne sends her greetings and I, on behalf of her, would thank everyone for your participation in her fundraiser this year. With the matching checks between the State Major Project and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, with your help, she

was able to raise \$3,400.00 this year. Thank you again for your help. Recreation at State Convention followed by Bowling. Bowling followed by Golf.

DAVE LANG, Milwaukee #46: At our meeting we gave out two checks of \$100.00 apiece to Platteville and Madison. They requested the money for the youth. The game that we played yesterday was the toon toss and the winner was Ron Bertrand. In September we will be running the golf pitching golf game, weather permitting, otherwise we will be doing the dice game like we did last year. And the rest of my report is on file with the Secretary.

Bowling. **DAVE LANG**, again, Milwaukee #46: We met yesterday. Platteville ran the state tournament. We had 47 teams. Ron Gillen passed out all of the awards. Antigo was the winning team. The 2010 Tournament is going to be held in Antigo. The 2011 Tournament is going to be in Marinette and we did have a discussion on the handicap. Because we had a lot of problems with the handicap, we are going to, next year, if anybody does not have an average they will be bowling and at the end of the Tournament they will come up with their average. The rest of my report is on file with the Secretary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Golf followed by Curling.

KIERAN "JOE" PURCELL, Antigo #662. Just a reminder that the State Tournament will be held in Marshfield Monday, June 22nd. We are doing something a little different this year. They are going to have a banquet after the morning shift and award all their prizes then. The only ones they won't be able to receive will be the team events, which will come at the later banquet. I have some handouts for this tournament for Appleton, Ashland, Baraboo, Beaver Dam, Beloit, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Marinette, Platteville, Racine, Superior, and Two Rivers. They are on the bar in the back. In Sheboygan, at the Fall Conference, we are going to have a golf outing on Friday, September 18th. We would like to do it a little different this year. I have mentioned. I don't know how many times. about the Past State Presidents and the current President not being able to play in this. So Sheboygan has set up a deal. We have three separate nine holes on this course. And they would like to set up a nine hole tournament for the Past State Presidents and the current President. So if you don't mind, at this time, if I could just get a raise of hands of the ones who would be interested so we have some idea of what is going on. Past State Presidents who would like to play in that nine hole tournament. Wayne will be contacting all of the Past State Presidents to give you the information. Thank you very much. The report is on file.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Curling followed by Legalized Gaming. Legalized Gaming followed by Accident Prevention.

CAROLYN ROWLAND, Portage #675: Chairman of Legalized Gaming. Yesterday we had 15 members and seven guests and we'd asked Randall Bosley, Auditor of the State Office of Charitable Gaming, to attend and he had to decline because of the cutbacks with the State so it is hard for us to get a speaker. We held a roundtable discussion and we discussed bingo and all the raffles and stuff and then I handed out literature on the rules of holding the different raffles and stuff. That would be it.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Accident Prevention followed by Benevolent Fundraising.

MARION "BUD" FLOOD, Stevens Point #641, soon to be ex-Chairman of Accident Prevention. I just want to report that we had eight accidents. Seven were slip and falls and several of those were weather-related because of our severe winter last year, I guess, so it just couldn't be prevented. I just have reflected back on the Accident Prevention and the years I have served and the program is one which the Grand Lodge started back in 1985. Back then the first few years Wisconsin had as high as 25 reported accidents. In 1992 I became the Accident Prevention Chairman and that's when they instituted the State Chairmen people and because of the good work of all of you folks here in this room, all of you, the number of accidents have continued to decline over the years and you've had several years with as low as two reported accidents. But it is because of the work of everybody. Mike Wirth will be taking over the

committee. He was my Vice-Chairman. It has been a fun ride. I have met a lot of nice folks over the years and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Elks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Benevolent Fundraising followed by Lodge Trustee Training.

JACKIE HEITMANN, Wausau #248. We held our meeting yesterday. We were going to try to do another hot picks. Because of the spread out of the Lodges we were unable to do that yesterday but for Fall Conference we are going to do "Guess how many WBF pins are in a jar", so please look for that at the Fall Conference. Our committee approved a joint raffle with the State Major Project again, also, for the Fall. I was happy to report that we had a little bit more participation yesterday. I encourage the ERs and Leading Knight,s in their meeting, to make sure that representatives for the Benevolent Fund start coming and we need to work together and keep the word going out so we can continue to contribute to the Charitable side of the budget. My report is on file with the Secretary.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Lodge Trustee Training followed by Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, Inc.

DAVE MADSON, PSP, Sheboygan #299: At our Trustee Training meeting yesterday we had Dave Owen from Milwaukee stop in and tell us the procedures that they went through with the IRS Audit. It was very informative and from what I understand he will be putting some synopsis together of what they all went through and try to get it to all the Lodges so if sometime down the road you know you are going to have an audit by the IRS, at least you will know what they will be looking for. The rest of my report is on file with that Secretary over in the corner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, Inc., followed by Wisconsin Elks Web Site.

KEITH SIMMONS, P.S.P., Walworth-Lakeland #2201: We met Friday. The report on the fund. At the low point the fund was down to 1.175 million. Today it is 1.333 thousand dollars plus after \$30,000.00 was taken out. We voted to approve \$30,000.00 to the Wisconsin Elks Association Charitable works. At the time, with last night, with the donations that your lovely wife (Yvonne) and what some other people gave me we started out for the year at \$46,179.00 was donated this year. That included the raffle between the Benevolent Fund and the State Major Project. And right now the total is \$48,109.00 was donated or contributed to the Fund. This year, on June 2008, from what we had from 2007 and 2008 we wrote a check for \$37,000.00 to Wachovia. On April 2009 another \$40,000.00 to Wachovia. So this year, with your kindly donations over the past two years we have been able to reinvest \$77,000.00 to the Fund. I would just like to say something personally from the Directors and the Fundraising Committee. We thank each and every and member and each and every Lodge for their donations to make this go better and better for this state. Is there a Trustee in the house? Mr. Kostuck, you're Chairman of the Trustees, would you like any money? At this time I will give you \$30,000.00 for your charitable works. Do well with it. Thank you. That's my report.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Wisconsin Elks Web Site.

KEN JOHNSON, STATE SECRETARY, Wausau #248: On the web site, it is wielks.org. A lot of people have said, "I didn't know you even had one." It's there. There are a lot of forms, a lot of information. And if you have something you would like to get on the web site if you get it to us we'll try to get it on. The rest of my report is on file with myself.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you. Just as we did yesterday at the conclusion of all of the committee reports, I will entertain a motion to approve the committee reports that were given this morning.

RYAN SWANTZ, Appleton #337 so moves.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Do I have a second to that motion.

DAVE MADSON, PSP, Sheboygan #299 seconds.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: You have a motion and a second before you. Is there any discussion. Hearing none all in favor signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Ayes have it. Motion is carried. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the chairpersons and the committee members for their dedication to the Association and our members this past year. You have truly exhibited leadership within our Association in lending a hand to the programs of our Order as we work together for the betterment of our communities. At this time I would like to announce the recipients of the awards that were given out at the Banquet last night so that their names can become a permanent part of these proceedings. 2009 Elks National Veterans Service Award, Robert F. Burgeon, Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380, recipient. 2009 Secretary of the Year, Karl Seidl, Two Rivers Elks lodge #1380, recipient. Exalted Ruler of the Year, Aaron Holbrook, Beaver Dam Lodge #1540, recipient. 2009 Lodge of the Year, Platteville Lodge #1460, recipient. 2009 Elk Lady of the Year, Judy Behnke, Fond du Lac, recipient. 2009 Elk of the Year, Jackie Heitmann, Wausau Lodge #248, recipient. I gave out two special recognitions last evening as well. The first was to Bud Flood for 17 years of dedicated service to the Association as our state Accident Prevention Committee Chairman, the second was to Carl Knuese in recognition of 22 years of dedicated service as State Youth Activities Committee Chairman. We also handed out two 2009 Grand Exalted Rulers Special Citations for Unselfish Devotion of Time, Effort and Expertise as Wisconsin CLMS Coordinators to Karl Seidl of Two Rivers and Steve Schultz of Marshfield, recipients. Congratulations, again, to all of the award recipients. Would anyone like to give a report on the Fall Conference in Sheboygan?

JACK MADSON, Sheboygan #299: Everything is going smoothly right now. Just everybody get your reservations in for the hotels and we'll see you in September.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Jack. Is there a report from the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point?

MIKE KINNEY, ER, Stevens Point #641. This will be the third and final year to hold the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point and those of you who remember where it was last year at the Ramada, that's where it will be again. We're looking forward to bettering the other two times and wish everybody a happy season for the winter and also be sure to mark your book for the first weekend in February. Thank you.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Mike. It is now my pleasure, for the last time in this position, to introduce to you a very special friend of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Please help us greet our State Sponsor from Flora, IL #1659, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger. Lou.

PGER HONORABLE F. LOUIS SULSBERGER, STATE SPONSOR, Flora, IL #1659: I hope you are all feeling better than I am this morning. I'm not going to say a lot this morning. This is one of the joys I get in this position is to be able to come and visit with you folks. Sure, we have had headaches with our Lodges with problems and this and that and everything else, and with the help of the Geezer back here we get through it all. But this is the highlight and two weeks from now we will be down in Springfield, IL. And that will be a highlight. John will be going in as State President and you folks make it so fun. You're fun-loving; you work hard and you play hard and I like that. I like that combination. I want to thank my District Deputies this last year. You all did a great job and I look forward to the new bunch coming in. Tom, you did a great job this year. Thank you. I know, Ken, you will do a great job next year. We will work together, closely. This Order is tremendous, and the people who sit back and say, "The Elks is doing this and the Elks is doing this", and I remember a figure they threw out last year. The time, money and hours we spent donated was \$320,000,000.00 last year. It was over \$320.00 per every member in this Order nationwide. If you can't take some pride in that! And people say, well, "What do you people do?" In this day and age of trillions, I guess, that doesn't mean much. But \$300,000,000.00 is a lot of money. Each and every one of us can be very, very proud of that. I am damned proud of it. How many people we touch in our committees, how many kids we help with scholarships and how many veterans we help and we

put a smile on their face. It is my pleasure to be your Sponsor. My phone is always on, or my answering machine. Thank you for the privilege of coming up. Maybe next time I will bring the better half with me. With that said, God Bless you all and all of you have a safe trip home, okay? God Bless.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you, Lou. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity this year and be present to welcome you into the Association. Now I would like to introduce to you the gentleman who, in an extremely short amount of time, will take over as your State President and, for the last time this year, it is my pleasure to introduce to you our current President-Elect. From Sheboygan Lodge #299, Ken Bruckner.

PRESIDENT-ELECT, KEN BRUCKNER, Sheboygan #299: Thanks Tom. Good morning everyone. It is a pleasure to stand up here and be able to say “thank you” to all of you for your support this past year. I am looking forward to working with all of you again next year and I am asking all of you to, again, stand behind us and as we move forward in the coming year. At this time, as you travel, have a safe trip. Thank you very much for everything.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Ken. Would our President-Elect Designate, Mr. Bohnsack, care to say a few words?

PRESIDENT-ELECT DESIGNEE, BOB BOHNSACK, Fond du Lac #57: As I said before, I am humbled by this opportunity and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is really going to be a great ride for Char and myself. We look forward to serving all of you in any capacity that we can along the way. I look forward to visiting with all of you. I would be remiss, again, if I didn’t say thank you to a few people. Especially to Don Sears and to Lynn Sears as my sponsor who, without him, I wouldn’t be here. Also to Norm and Judie Behnke who were very instrumental and very helpful mentors this last year in keeping us on the straight and narrow. I think the campaign was outstanding in the sense of being very non-confrontational; not what you see in the national venues these days. So thanks to Dave. I sincerely appreciate your friendship and I look forward to continuing that. I would also like to say thanks to Ron Bertrand and Dennis Daley, who also have been mentors of mine; Ron for over 40 years. I thank you very much for the things you say; some of the things you don’t say. And probably will say along the way. But anyway, I thank you very much and, Lou, I look forward to more time spent with you as well. Again, thanks to everybody. I don’t know what else to say, but it’s going to be a great year. Thanks.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Bob. Are there any other announcements or any other business that needs to be brought before the membership before we adjourn? I will announce that as soon as the room is ready the Memorial Service will follow this session. Immediately following the Memorial Service will be the Installation of Officers and the Critique will wrap up the morning, so I urge you to stick around and attend all of these sessions. Again, it is my pleasure and honor to have served our membership and I thank you very, very much for a great year. I now call on our State Chaplain, the Rev. Michael Hackbarth, for the closing prayer.

STATE CHAPLAIN, REV. MICHAEL HACKBARTH, Fond du Lac #57: Please pray with me. Heavenly Father, our Business Session is at an end. And with Your guidance, this Association of Elks has made decisions that will affect the lives of many people throughout the State of Wisconsin. Stay with us and fill our hearts with Your love as we prepare to remember our deceased brothers and sisters in Elksdom. Amen

ALL: Amen.

PRESIDENT THOMAS WIDZINSKI: Thank you Rev. Mike. This concludes the Sunday General Session of the 2009 Wisconsin Elks Association Convention. I hope, again, you are able to stay for the Memorial Service and the Installation of Officers. I thank you for your service and please have a safe trip home.

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION		ADMIN. BUDGET					
Budget-2008-2009							
		2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2007-2008	2008-2009
Acct. :	Budget Item	actual	actual	actual	BUDGET	actual	BUDGET
11	Accident Prevention Committee	\$9.50	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$28.83	\$50.00
13	Ritual Judges	\$0.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00
14	Ritual Committee Expense	\$810.76	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,609.91	\$1,135.00
15	Ritual Team to Grand Lodge	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,920.00
16	Credentials And Elections Committee	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$41.00	\$50.00
19	Lodge Development Committee	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
20	Business Practice Committee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
21	Legal Expense	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
22	Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm.	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
23	Grand Lodge Committee Exp.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,649.75	\$5,000.00
24	State Conferences and Committee Exp.	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
25A	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$11,000.00	\$13,400.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$11,552.63	\$12,000.00
26	Convention Proceedings	\$2,488.02	\$2,650.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,522.90	\$2,800.00
27	Office Expense	\$3,998.74	\$4,200.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,096.72	\$7,000.00
28	Publicity and Public Relations Comm.	\$1,111.75	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,135.00	\$1,300.00
29	President's Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
30	President's Grand Lodge Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
31	President Elect's Allowance	\$1,600.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
32	Secretary's Allowance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
33	Secretary to Grand Lodge	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
34	Treasurer's Allowance	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
35	Trustees Contingency Fund ADMIN*	\$5,887.50	\$6,446.40	\$5,128.00	\$6,680.13	\$9,689.58	\$11,860.00
36	Lodge Activities Committee	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
37	Officers Training Committee	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$39.62	\$200.00
38	Laws and Resolutions Committee	\$463.05	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$473.60	\$700.00
39	Membership and Lapsation Committee	\$376.93	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$588.64	\$1,000.00
40	GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
41	Office Equipment	\$817.73	\$712.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
42	Legalized Gaming	\$82.04	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	Transfer from Regular Money Market						
	Totals-----	\$52,446.02	\$63,118.40	\$61,938.00	\$66,115.13	\$65,228.18	\$74,980.00
	Total Proposed Admin.2008-2009 Expense Budget-----						\$74,980.00
	Proposed Income			2006-2007	2007-2008	2007-2008	2008-2009
			2005-2006	Administrative			
			Actual	Budget	BUDGET		BUDGET
	checking from MM				\$5,439.13	\$5,439.13	\$15,000.00
	Per-Capita Dues		\$47,172.00	\$45,388.00	\$42,480.00	\$43,676.00	\$42,480.00
	Investment Income		\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$19,500.00	\$17,500.00
	TOTALS-----		\$63,172.00	\$62,388.00	\$64,919.13	\$68,615.13	\$74,980.00
	Total Proposed Admin. 2008-2009 Income Budget-----						\$74,980.00
	Money Market Index Account....REGULAR						\$13,846.44
	A.C. Edwards (Investments).....						\$198,259.19
	cking carry over						-\$1,987.21
	total						\$210,118.42
	Grand Lodge Trailer escrow						\$2,400.00

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION			Charitable	Account				
Budget-2008-2009								
			2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2007-2008	
		2003-2004	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD	2008-2009
Acct. :	Budget Item	actual	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Spent	BUDGET
1A	Elks National Vets. Service	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$11,210.00	\$11,210.00	\$12,330.00
1B	WEA Veterans Commission	\$20,110.00	\$23,623.00	\$20,500.00	\$17,810.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
2	WEA Veterans Commission Expense	\$231.88	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$304.91	\$500.00
3	Committee for the Disabled	\$14,989.00	\$11,477.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,329.00	\$12,000.00
4	Drug Awareness Committee	\$19,200.76	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,560.49	\$16,000.00
5	Wisconsin Elks Major Project	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$35,000.00
6	Scholarship Committee	\$169,500.00	\$170,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$165,000.00
7	Scholarship Committee Expense	\$1,675.07	\$1,782.85	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,392.15	\$1,800.00
8	U.S. Constitution Contest	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
9	U.S. Constitution Committee Expense	\$948.61	\$1,011.85	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$887.73	\$1,100.00
10	Hoop Shoot Committee	\$20,420.56	\$18,246.43	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$17,720.84	\$18,000.00
12	Youth Activities Committee	\$8,750.05	\$8,440.53	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,165.81	\$9,000.00
17	Elks National Foundation Committee					\$450.00	\$239.72	\$600.00
18	Americanism Committee	\$7,499.95	\$7,366.24	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,918.40	\$6,500.00
25C	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web		\$2,401.59	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,844.97	\$4,000.00
35C	Trustees Contingency Fund CHAR	\$30,111.49	\$28,213.83	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,230.00	\$1,500.00	\$14,519.15
35C(1)	Lodge Grants			\$24,300.00	\$23,200.00	\$23,000.00	\$18,048.00	\$20,000.00
	Totals-----	\$356,877.37	\$358,003.32	\$332,940.00	\$331,350.00	\$342,790.00	\$331,122.02	\$358,349.15
					\$331,350.00	\$342,790.00		
	Proposed Income		2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008		2008-2009
		2003-2004	BUDGET	Budget	Budget	Budget		Budget
		Actual	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable		Charitable
	Elks National Vets. Service Commission	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$10,440.00	\$11,210.00		\$12,330.00
	Special Project Grants	\$118,400.00	\$120,768.00	\$122,580.00	\$124,420.00	\$129,400.00		\$134,580.00
	State Charities Grant	\$90,280.00	\$91,010.00	\$68,200.00	\$70,060.00	\$72,290.00		\$71,500.00
	Bonus Grant	\$36,270.00	\$24,010.00	\$12,700.00	\$10,000.00	\$24,890.00		\$12,450.00
	Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund	\$100,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$91,430.00	\$105,000.00		\$105,000.00
	M&M char Transfer	\$16,308.64	\$16,810.00	\$16,285.00				\$0.00
	M&M reg Transfer		\$4,170.00	\$12,735.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Last Year carry over							\$22,489.15
	TOTALS-----	\$371,698.64	\$377,208.00	\$332,940.00	\$331,350.00	\$342,790.00		\$358,349.15
					\$331,350.00	\$342,790.00		\$358,349.15

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 Membership Statistics and Per-Capita Dues

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MEMBERSHIP

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LODGE	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	CHANGE
ANTIGO # 662	297	294	296	288	281	277	274	266	271	268	(3)
APPLETON # 337	153	138	140	140	133	124	124	107	113	93	(20)
ASHLAND # 137	547	561	545	514	453	413	380	358	314	304	(10)
BARABOO # 688	526	501	494	464	443	412	381	351	325	315	(10)
BEAVER DAM # 1540	91	77	86	89	106	86	92	86	75	70	(5)
BELOIT # 864	103	85	83	82	77	75	70	67	62	59	(3)
CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326	261	244	211	211	215	210	207	208	203	204	1
EAU CLAIRE # 402	294	297	280	278	286	274	286	264	260	244	(16)
FOND DU LAC # 57	743	739	712	720	713	700	665	645	623	586	(37)
GREEN BAY # 259	255	245	224	198	176	176	143	126	110	161	51
JANESVILLE # 254	431	425	409	394	386	351	312	294	269	259	(10)
KAUKAUNA # 962	88	87	83	86	74	70	68	66	67	65	(2)
MADISON # 410	1395	1396	1353	1366	1357	1184	1133	1094	1039	1029	(10)
MANITOWOC # 687	379	380	397	412	412	438	435	418	379	356	(23)
MARINETTE # 1313	510	510	476	477	469	440	420	401	410	410	0
MARSHFIELD # 665	688	706	684	690	717	718	722	716	709	708	(1)
MILWAUKEE # 46	561	562	559	533	527	513	467	451	437	427	(10)
NEENAH-MENASHA #676	385	327	275	213	180	150	147	138	130	113	(17)
OCONTO # 887	76	95	102	106	96	97	93	89	90	103	13
OSHKOSH # 292	459	423	404	379	375	386	380	385	385	373	(12)
PLATTEVILLE # 1460	265	243	238	218	207	206	204	203	195	203	8
PORTAGE # 675	364	369	366	358	356	339	347	339	321	294	(27)
RACINE # 252	108	107	99	97	87	95	88	85	82	84	2
RICE LAKE # 1441	926	930	932	914	881	843	792	741	742	687	(55)
SHEBOYGAN # 299	711	687	641	623	632	636	633	643	643	639	(4)
STEVENS POINT # 641	807	773	749	710	678	643	595	535	474	458	(16)
SUPERIOR # 403	599	546	505	469	436	403	391	369	374	364	(10)
TWO RIVERS # 1380	217	214	236	215	218	186	164	152	116	112	(4)
WALWORTH-LAKELAND # 2201	148	153	153	150	129	128	147	157	143	114	(29)
WATERTOWN # 666	190	196	222	230	252	257	237	238	226	215	(11)
WAUKESHA # 400	329	340	330	340	340	315	301	291	285	272	(13)
WAUSAU # 248	822	834	855	899	912	899	889	864	860	839	(21)
WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693	224	228	230	228	223	219	206	200	187	179	(8)
TOTALS	13952	13712	13369	13091	12827	12263	11793	11347	10919	10607	(312)
		-240	-343	-278	-264	-564	-470	-446	-428	-312	

**ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
AND IT'S PAST PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES**

Organized at Ashland, Wisconsin – April 22, 1902
A.F. Warden, Waukesha #400, Chairman
M.H. Zacharias, Oshkosh #292, Secretary

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1902	Ashland	* AF.Warden	* M.H. Zacharias
		Waukesha #400	Oshkosh #292
1903	Ashland	* A.F. Warden	* R.W. Parsons
		Waukesha #400	Oshkosh #292
1904	Fond du Lac	* R.S. Witte	* E.A. Traleven
		Milwaukee #46	Fond du Lac #57
1905	Madison	* R.S. Witte	* J.P. Breitenbach
		Milwaukee #46	Madison #410
1906	La Crosse	* George V. Levis	* Thomas W. Burns
		Madison #410	La Crosse #300
1907	Waukesha	* L.S. Martin	* T.P. Buckley
		Milwaukee #46	Waukesha #400
1908	Racine	* George B. Burrows	* W.T. Thompson
		Madison #410	Racine #252
1909	Portage	* John H. Kehlor	* H.A. Gunderson
		Kenosha #750	Portage #675
1910	Kenosha	* A.J. Horlick	* Fred Butterworth
		Racine #252	Menasha #676
1911	Green Bay	* T.J. Pringle	* A.B. Fontaine
		Milwaukee #46	Green Bay #259
1912	Sheboygan	* Frank R. Weeks	* Theo. Benfey
		Green Bay #259	Sheboygan #299
1913	Manitowoc	* John C. Karel	* F.T. Taugher
		Milwaukee #46	Manitowoc #687
1914	Wausau	* John C. Karel	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1915	Oshkosh	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1916	Green Bay	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1917	No Meeting	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1918	Fond du Lac	* Chauncey Yockey	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1919	Manitowoc	* Chauncey Yockey	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1920	Milwaukee	* H.H. Dodd	* Theo. Benfey
		Fond du Lac #57	Sheboygan #299
1921	Milwaukee	* Wiliam F. Hutgen	* Theo. Benfey
		La Crosse #300	Sheboygan #299
1922	Beloit	* William F. Schad	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1923	Madison	* William F. Schad	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299

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1924	Milwaukee	* William F. Schad Milwaukee #46	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1925	Superior	* George L. Dwinnell Waukesha #400	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1926	Green Bay	* Carl Riggins Oconto #887	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1927	Wausau	* Harry A. Keifer Wausau #248	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1928	Oshkosh	* B.A. Arnold Oshkosh #292	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1929	Marinette	* C.E. Broughton Sheboygan #299	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1930	Racine	* Edward W. Mackey Manitowoc #687	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1931	Sheboygan	* Edward W. Mackey Manitowoc #687	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1932	Appleton	* Raymond C. Dwyer La Crosse #300	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1933	Milwaukee	* J.W. Selbach Eau Claire #402	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1934	Manitowoc	* J.W. Selbach Eau Claire #402	* Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
1935	Fond du Lac	* Myron E. Schwartz Two Rivers #1380	**Theo. Benfey Sheboygan #299
			* Lou Uecher Antigo #662
1936	Eau Claire	* Myron E. Schwartz Two Rivers #1380	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1937	Madison	* R.W. Mills Fond du Lac #57	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1938	La Crosse	* A.J. Geniesse Green Bay #259	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1939	Wausau	* T.F. McDonald Marshfield #665	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1940	Green Bay	* Frank T. Lynde Antigo #662	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1941	Sheboygan	* Bert A. Thompson Kenosha #750	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1942	Ashland	* Dr. C.O. Fillinger Marinette #1313	* Lou Uecher Two Rivers #1380
1943	Janesville	* A.W. Parnell Appleton #337	* Lou Uecher Appleton #337
1944	Appleton	* Frank L. Fawcett Milwaukee #46	* Lou Uecher Appleton #337
1945	Wausau	* William A. Uthmeier Marshfield #665	* *Lou Uecher Appleton #337
			* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1946	Milwaukee	* Frank W. Fisher Janesville #254	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1947	Superior	* John C. Fay La Crosse #300	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1948	Madison	* Dr. A. V. Delmore Two Rivers #1380	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962

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1949	Appleton	* William M. Eulberg Portage #675	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1950	Oshkosh	* William I. O'Neill Milwaukee #46	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1951	Baraboo	* Ray J. Fink Neenah-Menasha #676	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1952	Green Bay	** Lautie C. Welch Baraboo #688	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
		* E.H. Lattimer Wausau #248	
1953	La Crosse	* E.H. Lattimer Wausau #248	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1954	Racine	* James H. Boex Green Bay #259	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1955	Wausau	* Alfred E. LaFrance Racine #252	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1956	Madison	* Kenneth F. Sullivan Madison #410	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962
1957	Fond du Lac	* Arno J. Miller Portage #675	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1958	Appleton	* Arthur J. Chadek Milwaukee #46	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1959	Superior	* J. Martin Van Rooy Appleton #337	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1960	Green Bay	* Jack F. Froom Wausau #248	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1961	Oshkosh	* Dr. M.J. Junion Green Bay #259	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1962	Manitowoc	* Dr. J.R. Casanova Watertown #666	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1963	La Crosse	* James G. Franey Eau Claire #403	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1964	Racine	* Paul A. Fischl Manitowoc #687	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #692
1965	Fond du Lac	* Harold Canaan Platteville #1460	* Vernon Hopf Kenosha #750
1966	Appleton	* John Robinson Kenosha #750	* Vernon Hopf Kenosha #750
1967	Madison	* Leo H. Schmalz Kaukauna #962	* Vernon Hopf Kenosha #750
1968	Milwaukee	* D.H. Everman Beaver Dam #1540	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1969	Green Bay	J.G. Chriske Green Bay #258	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1970	La Crosse	* Maury Pohl Sheboygan #299	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1971	Wausau	* John McDonald Chippewa Falls #1326	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1972	Kenosha	* Thomas Pierce Madison #410	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1973	Madison	* Joe Kovacs Fond du Lac #57	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1974	Superior	* A.W. Kowalchyk Wausau #248	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1975	Oshkosh	* Dr. Charles Gurtler Wisconsin Rapids #693	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1976	Stevens Point	* Warren Foster Baraboo #688	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1977	Wausau	* John Elleu Racine #252	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1978	Green Bay	* Charles E. Bergstrom Superior #403	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1979	Baraboo	Wendall H. Smith Appleton #337	* C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
1980	La Crosse	* Francis "Bill" Murphy Portage #675	**C.F. Katzenmeyer Beaver Dam #1540
			* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1981	Wausau	* Donald Grosenick Janesville #254	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1982	Green Bay	* Dr. Francis Kruse Marshfield #665	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1983	Janesville	Jon Laflin Neenah-Menasha #676	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1984	Kenosha	* Arnold C. Knutson La Crosse #300	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1985	Wausau	* Raymond A. Pickarts Madison #410	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1986	Fond du Lac	Charles Green Oshkosh #292	* H.M. Militzer Beaver Dam #1540
1987	Green Bay	Robert G. King Antigo #662	* Hal Vilar Milwaukee #46
1988	Superior	Donald J. Sears Fond du Lac #57	* Hal Vilar Milwaukee #46
1989	Madison	Donald J. Slavik Appleton #337	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1990	Milwaukee	Harvey Gygi Wisconsin Rapids #693	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1991	Menasha	Reinhard Palm Sheboygan #299	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1992	Wausau	Marlin Hermann Waukesha #400	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1993	Janesville	Wayne Pickarts Madison #410	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1994	Superior	William "Bill" Forrest Wausau #248	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1995	Oshkosh	James Meyer Watertown #666	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1996	Stevens Point	Keith Simmons Wal-Lakeland #2201	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1997	Wausau	David DeRosier Milwaukee #46	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1998	Fond du Lac	Robert Hackl Two Rivers #1380	Robert G. King Antigo #662
1999	Sheboygan	Milton Swantz Fond du Lac #57	Robert G. King Antigo #662

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2000	Watertown	John Bennett	Ken Johnson
		Ashland #137	Wausau #248
2001	Fond du Lac	Gerald Crouse Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2002	Wausau	John Belany	Ken Johnson
		Rice Lake #1441	Wausau #248
2003	Watertown	Ken Thomack	Ken Johnson
		Kaukauna #962	Wausau #248
2004	Watertown	Norm Behnke	Ken Johnson
		Fond du Lac #57	Wausau #248
2005	Sheboygan	Dave Madson	Ken Johnson
		Sheboygan #299	Wausau #248
2006	Oshkosh	Ronald Bertrand	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2007	Wausau	Terry Hubbartt, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Manitowoc #687	Wausau #248
2008	Sheboygan	Dennis Daley	Ken Johnson
		Watertown #666	Wausau #248

* Deceased ** Died In Office

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULERS
WISCONSIN 1900 – 2008**

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
1900-1901		Thomas B. Mills	Superior #403
1901-1902	East	F.W.A. Brown	Oshkosh #292
	West	A.M. Fox	Stevens Point #641
1902-1903	East	Henry C. Baker	Madison #410
	West	Henry Allison Lathrop	Marshfield #665
1903-1904	East	John M. Kehlor	Kenosha #750
	West	Henry Allison Lathrop	Marshfield #665
1904-1905	East	R.S. Witte	Milwaukee #46
	West	Michael E. Dillon	Ashland #137
1905-1906	East	Myron D. Fethers	Madison #410
	West	O.J. Sorenson	La Crosse #300
1906-1907	East	John F. Donovan	Milwaukee #46
	West	W.J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1907-1908	East	John F. Donovan	Milwaukee #46
	West	J.M. Dodd	Ashland #137
1908-1909	East	G.H. Joachin	Madison #410
	West	J.M. Dodd	Ashland #137
1909-1910	East	William S. Smeiding, Jr.	Racine #252
	West	E.A. Gatterdam	La Crosse #300
1910-1911	East	William E. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	Charles R. Fridley	Superior #403
1911-1912	East	William F. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	Charles R. Fridley	Superior #403
1912-1913	East	O.B. Osborn	Beloit #864
	West	Fred Stussy	Eau Claire #402
1913-1914	East	J.P. Frank	Appleton #337
	West	John Clark	Superior #403
1914-1915	East	Clifford E. Randall	Kenosha #750
	West	William J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1915-1916	East	Frank A. Fuller	Oshkosh #292
	West	William J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1916-1917	East	Frank A. Fuller	Oshkosh #292
	West	Walter Fowler	Superior #403
1917-1918	East	George C. Sayle	Madison #410
	West	Thomas J. Connor	Chippewa Falls #1326
1918-1919	East	John W. Gauerke	Green Bay #259
	West	Thomas J. Connor	Chippewa Falls #1326
1919-1920	East	Louis . Fellenz	Fond du Lac #57
	West	John E. Barron	Eau Claire #402
1920-1921	East	Louis J. Fellenz	Fond du Lac #57
	West	C.T. Robinson	Superior #403
1921-1922	East	T.E. Walsh	Janesville #254
	West	C.T. Robinson	Superior #403
1922-1923	East	Edward W. Miller	Marinette #1313
	West	H.A. Kiefer	Wausau #248
1923-1924	East	B.W. Arnold	Oshkosh #292
	West	Otto R. Roenius	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1924-1925	East	B.W. Arnold	Oshkosh #292
	West	Otto R. Roenius	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1925-1926	East	Sidney Jones	Kenosha #750
	West	David Gardner	Platteville #1460

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
1926-1927	East	Frank P. McAdams	Watertown #666
	West	Charles H. Cashin	Stevens Point #641
1927-1928	East	E.W. Mackey	Manitowoc #687
	West	T.J. Reinert	Antigo #662
1928-1929	East	Henry C. Baker	Racine #252
	West	R.F. Hoehle	Superior #403
1929-1930	East	William L. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	R.C. Dwyer	La Crosse #300
1930-1931	Northwest	J.H. Wallis	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Charles E. Broughton	Sheboygan #299
	South	Frank A. Maxwell	Madison #410
1931-1932	Northwest	Thomas F. McDonald	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	A.J. Geniesse	Green Bay #259
	South	C. Homer Dauber	Waukesha #400
1932-1933	Northwest	J.E. Newton	Hudson #640
	Northeast	A.J. Geniesse	Green Bay #259
	South	Phillip T. Weber	Racine #252
1933-1934	Northwest	M.A. Sauter	Superior #403
	Northeast	Elmer S. Nelson	Antigo #662
	South	F.R. O'Neal	Beloit #864
1934-1935	Northwest	Walter B. Chilsen	Merrill #696
	Northeast	Elmer S. Nelson	Antigo #662
	South	Frank W. Koenig	Watertown #666
1935-1936	Northwest	W.Del Curtis	Wausau #248
	Northeast	W.L. Ainsworth	Fond du Lac #57
	South	Otis L. Tranary	Kenosha #750
1936-1937	Northwest	Charles H. Cashin	Stevens Point #641
	Northeast	Myron E. Schwartz	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Howard T. Ott	Milwaukee #46
1937-1938	Northwest	Joseph W. Selbach	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Jacob Federer	Sheboygan #299
	South	John C. Fay	La Crosse #300
1938-1939	Northwest	Albert J. Godfrey	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Northeast	Frank T. Lyne	Antigo #662
	South	J.C. Welch	Baraboo #688
1939-1940	Northwest	Earl F. Otto	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	Dr. C.O. Fillingner	Marinette #1313
	South	William J. Eulberg	Portage #675
1940-1941	Northwest	William A. Uthmeier	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	Jim Kettenhofer	Green Bay #259
	South	Frank W. Fisher	Janesville #254
1941-1942	Northwest	Fred Schroeder	Wausau #248
	Northeast	Dr. A.V. Delmore	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Wm. F. Ehmann	Madison #410
1942-1943	Northwest	L.H. Gerdes	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Ray J. Fink	Menasha #676
	South	B.F. Magruder	Racine #252
1943-1944	Northwest	John Berg	Superior #403
	Northeast	J.M. Van Rooy	Appleton #337
	South	Carl Noelke	La Crosse #300
1944-1945	Northwest	Hubert L. Perrin	Ashland #137
	Northeast	Charles Urbanek	Manitowoc #687
	South	Ernest F. Marlatt	Kenosha #750
1945-1946	Northwest	O.J. Soilheim	Hudson #640
	Northeast	Harvey Abraham	Oshkosh #292
	South	W.I. O'Neill	Milwaukee #46

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1946-1947	Northwest	W.A. Uthmeier	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	H.L. Londo	Green Bay #259
	South	E.L. Hubbard	Beaver Dam #1540
1947-1948	Northwest	J.G. Franey	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	J.N. Poole	Sheboygan #299
	South	R.C. Fett	Janesville #254
1948-1949	Northwest	Lyle Webster	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Leo H. Schmalz	Kaukauna #962
	South	Charles Schuetze	Waukesha #400
1949-1950	Northwest	E.H. Lattimer	Wausau #248
	Northeast	Paul H. Hutchinson	Antigo #662
	South	R.W. Piquette	Platteville #1460
1950-1951	Northwest	H.C. Sargent	Superior #403
	Northeast	W.F. Reinke	Marinette #1313
	South	G.R. Lyons	Madison #410
1951-1952	Northwest	M.L. Hughes	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Dr. W.C. Finn	Fond du Lac #57
	South	Arno J. Miller	Portage #675
	South	Tedd Oettinger	Waukesha #400
1952-1953	Northwest	A.C. Brezinski	Stevens Point #641
	Northeast	Judge A.W. Parnell	Appleton #337
	South	A.E. LaFrance	Racine #252
1953-1954	Northwest	B.W. Becker	Marshfield #675
	Northeast	W.H. Jessen	Green Bay #259
	South	Dave Speaker	Kenosha #750
1954-1955	Northwest	W.J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	George Bake	Green Bay #259
	South	Norm Schultz	La Crosse #300
1955-1956	Northwest	George D. Boyer	Ashland #137
	Northeast	G.S. Vassau	Antigo #662
	South	Dr. Austin Sipple	Beloit #662
1956-1957	Northwest	Jack R. Froom	Wausau #248
	Northeast	N.N. Trossen	Neenah-Menasha #676
	South	Dr. J.R. Casanova	Watertown #666
1957-1958	Northwest	John H. Stauber	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	H.P. Berzinsky	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Hugh B. McGreal	Milwaukee #46
1958-1959	Northwest	Ernest Johnson	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Otto Stielow	Sheboygan #299
	South	Cecil Rittenhouse	Baraboo #688
1959-1960	Northwest	Robert G. Schill	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	Paul Fischl	Manitowoc #687
	South	Tedd Oettinger	Waukesha #400
1960-1961	Northwest	Forrest Froberg	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Northeast	Chester Weed	Oskosh #292
	South	Harold M. Canaan	Platteville #1460
1961-1962	Northwest	James M. Schultz	Appleton #337
	Northeast	Robert C. McGrew	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Arthur J. Chadek	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Kenneth F. Sullivan	Madison #410
1962-1963	Northwest	James H. Boex	Green Bay #259
	Northeast	M.C. Weinkauff	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	D.H. Evermann	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	George O. Fahler	Janesville #254
1963-1964	Northeast	W.W. Hubbell	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Donald G. Foltz	Superior #403
	Southeast	John H. Robinson	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	C.E. Krebsbach	La Crosse #300

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1964-1965	Northeast	Patrick Diercks	Antigo #662
	Northwest	Francis Brandl	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	Edward Kremer	Fond du Lac #57
	Southwest	Charles Drury	Portage #675
1965-1966	Northeast	James Hendricks	Manitowoc #867
	Northwest	Forrest Huntsinger	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Maurice Pohl	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Neal Johnson	Stevens Point #641
1966-1967	Northeast	Lawrence Jolin	Sturgeon Bay #2076
	Northwest	John N. McDonald	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Southeast	Eugene Scherwenka	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Al W. Kowalchyk	Wausau #248
1967-1968	Northeast	George Ellis	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	Tom O'Connel	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Eugene H. Korzilius	Racine #252
	Southwest	Wayne Rasmussen	Marshfield #665
1968-1969	Northeast	Thomas C. Hytes	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Leighton George	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	H.M. Militzer	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	Kenneth D. Currier	Beloit #864
1969-1970	Northeast	Al Weigandt	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Lloyd Klofanda	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	John Pugh	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Warren Foster	Baraboo #688
1970-1971	Northeast	Larry Adams	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Northwest	John J. Moran	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Robert W. Speaker	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	Dr. Charles Gurtler	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1971-1972	Northeast	Robert Leithen	Appleton #337
	Northwest	Charles Bergstrom	Superior #403
	Southeast	Ed Froh	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	O.A. Barth	Platteville #1460
1972-1973	Northeast	William Lucas	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Kieran Purcell	Antigo #662
	Southeast	John T. Elleu	Racine #252
	Southwest	George E. Rapp	Madison #410
1973-1974	Northeast	William Lucas	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Kieran Purcell	Antigo #662
	Southeast	John T. Elleu	Racine #252
	Southwest	George E. Rapp	Madison #410
1974-1975	Northeast	V.G. Thedick	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Earle Sievwright	Stevens Point #641
	Southeast	Gordon Roth	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Roland Fitzpatrick	La Crosse #400
1975-1976	Northeast	Robert Smithers	Fond du Lac #57
	Northwest	George Lella	Wausau #248
	Southeast	Russell Twesme	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Donald Grosenick	Janesville #254
1976-1977	Northeast	Louis Vits	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Ronald Sommerfeld	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Southeast	Tony Sanfilippo	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Francis W. Murphy	Portage #675
1977-1978	Northeast	Robert Natrop	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Dr. Francis Kruse, Jr.	Marshfield #665
	Southeast	Robert G. Lee	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	John Gray	Baraboo #688

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1978-1979	Northeast	Jack Truymen	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Harold Kuehn	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	Dale Rudy	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	Gordon Stephens	Platteville #1460
1979-1980	Northeast	Jon Laflin	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Northwest	Eugene LaFave	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	Harb Graumann	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Darwin D. Scoon	Madison #410
1980-1981	Northeast	Joseph Vareka	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	George M. Vivian	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Harold Tuttle	Racine #252
	Southwest	Arnold C. Knutson	La Crosse #300
1981-1982	Northeast	Wendall H. Smith	Appleton #337
	Northwest	Harvey J. Gygi	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Southeast	Leo McGlade	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	John C. Duner	Janesville #254
1982-1983	Northeast	Verne J. Buege	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	David DeRosier	Superior #403
	Southeast	Thomas Lemke	Fond du Lac #57
	Southwest	Earl Lange	Beaver Dam #1540
1983-1984	Northeast	Donald S. Johnson	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Mike Sutton	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Ralph Meiers	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Willis Smythe	Portage #675
1984-1985	Northeast	Robert L. Harner	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Robert G. King	Antigo #662
	Southeast	Hal Vilar	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Ray A. Getschmann	Baraboo #688
1985-1986	Northeast	Robert Hackl	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Carl F. Knuese	Stevens Point #641
	Southeast	Richard T. Fennig	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	William White	Platteville #1460
1986-1987	Northeast	Donald LaCount	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	William L. Forrest	Wausau #248
	Southeast	James P. Ipsen	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	James Joyce	Madison #410
1987-1988	Northeast	Charles Green	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Everett Berg	Marshfield #665
	Southeast	Reinhard L. Palm	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Harold Worchel	La Crosse #300
1988-1989	Northeast	Joe Vareka	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	Pete Lukowitz	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Central	J. Duane Hinkens	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Don Thiede	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	John Neuenfeld	Racine #252
	Southwest	Charles Weber	Janesville #254
1989-1990	Northeast	Dr. Francis E. Moes	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Herbert T. Zimmer	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	William Kubeny	Antigo #662
	East Central	Donald J. Sears	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Robert Watson	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Keith Brown	Portage #675
1990-1991	Northeast	Lynwood Harrand	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Gerald Miller	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Marion "Bud" Flood	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Leo Stutz	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Wilfred Riedl	Watertown #666
	Southwest	R.W. "Bud" Hopper	Beloit #864

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1991-1992	Northeast	Ken Thomack	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Albert Skinnis	Ashland #137
	Central	Ray Dabler	Wausau #248
	East Central	Donald J. Slavik	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Charles Gronitz	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Roger E. Stieve	Baraboo #688
1992-1993	Northeast	John Mountford	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	E.L. "Bud" Hinaus	Superior #403
	Central	Eugene Danielson	La Crosse #300
	East Central	Donald Youngworth	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	Joe Schoenwalder	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Neil Reichers	Platteville #1460
1993-1994	Northeast	Thomas Thill	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Weldon Payne	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	John Roherty	Marshfield #665
	East Central	Frank Hafner	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	Anthony Mattson	Racine #252
	Southwest	F. George Mader	Madison #410
1994-1995	Northeast	Paul LaVene	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	E.L. "Bud" Hinaus	Superior #403
	Central	Robert Berg	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Royden Brunet	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	John Davis	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Robert "Bucky" Buchanan	Janesville #254
1995-1996	Northeast	Edward L. Hartman	Sturgeon Bay #2076
	Northwest	Allan Anderson	Ashland #137
	Central	Gary Cernoch	Antigo #662
	East Central	Fred Henckel	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Glenn Friedl	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Kenneth A. Ebnetter	Portage #675
1996-1997	Northeast	Arnold "Arnie" Beimborn	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	James P. McFaul	Superior #403
	Central	Andy Olander	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Gerald Brien	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	Roger Cielinski	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Ron Wittenberg	Beloit #864
1997-1998	Northeast	James A. Boatman	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Nathan Levenhagen	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	Donald Golembiewski	Wausau #248
	East Central	Bodo Bube	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Gerald Crouse	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Sammy Howard	Baraboo #688
1998-1999	Northeast	James H. Krueger	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Ken Schaller	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Steve Schultz	Marshfield #665
	East Central	Joe Matusinec	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	T. "Jeff" Johnson	Racine #252
	Southwest	Todd Kostuck	Platteville #1460
1999-2000	Northeast	Terry Hubbart	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Al Agamaite	Ashland #137
	Central	John Benbow	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Fred Kulick	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	David H. Cox	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Mick Lamendola	Janesville #254

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2000-2001	Northeast	Mike Parrish	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Larry Yeazole	Superior #403
	Central	Bernard "Joe" Guithues	Antigo #662
	East Central	Bill Weinsrott	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Dennis Daley	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Gary Alberts	Portage #675
2001-2002	Northeast	Joe Klumb	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Michael Spielman	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	Jim Ostrowski	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Elmer Budrecki	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	David Lang	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Gerald Steiner / Wayne Pickarts	Madison #410
2002-2003	Northeast	Richard Dumke	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Charles Edson	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Thomas Goetz	Wausau #248
	East Central	Thomas Rasmussen	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	Donald Svoma	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Bruce Meyer	Baraboo #688
2003-2004	Northeast	Paul LeVene	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	William Schiller	Superior #403
	Central	Lance Pliml	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Joel Hinze	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Albert Derga	Racine #252
	Southwest	Douglas Vavricka	Platteville #1460
2004-2005	Northeast	James Behnke	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Trevor Zimmerman	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Douglas Foemmel	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Ivan Craig, Jr.	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	Don Brown	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Vern Gove	Portage #675
2005-2006	Northwest	Ora Payne	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Jeff Wigen	Manitowoc #687
	Central	Dale Heitmann	Wausau #248
	East Central	Patrick Buck	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	Ronald Layton	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Daniel Krueger	Janesville #254
2006-2007	Northwest	Richard Ford	Superior #401
	Northeast	Pat Trepanier	Oconto #887
	Central	Myron Keding	Marshfield #666
	East Central	Terry Shoemaker	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Laine Meyer	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	Albert "Dutch" Engleson	Beloit #864
2007-2008	Northwest	Cindy Duffy	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Joseph Rossley	Marinette #1313
	Central	James Captain	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Richard Petermann	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Gregg Vosswinkel	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	David Nitze, Sr.	Janesville #254
2008-2009	Northwest	Steve Roberge	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Carl Morse	Oconto #887
	Central	James Gnacinski	Antigo #662
	East Central	Kathy Brien	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	David Assmann	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	David Crary	Madison #410