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2010 Mid Winter Conf. . . St. Point, Feb. 4 – 7, 2010
2010 State Conv . . . Wausau, April 29-May 2, 2010
2010 Fall Conf. . . . Fond du Lac, Sept. 16–19, 2010
2011 Mid-Winter Conf . . . Madison, Feb. 3–6, 2011
2011 State Conv . . . Wausau, Apr. 28-May 1, 2011

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2010 July 4–8 Orlando, FL
2011 July 17-21. Phoenix, AZ
2012 July 5-9. Austin, TX
2013 July 3-7. Reno, NV

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

As I began to write this message I realized that by the time this message is in your homes Thanksgiving will be but a memory, and the holidays will be either coming very shortly or may have just past. Rogene and I wish to extend our ***“Best Wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year”*** to each and all of you.



The clock just does not stop and then people wonder what we do all day when we are retired. The additional available time sure is appreciated to enable Rogene and I to do what is expected of us as representatives of each member of the Wisconsin Elks Association. We have truly enjoyed all of our travels and the wonderful hospitality we have experienced during our visits thus far. With the same enthusiasm and commitment, we look forward to the remainder of our term in 2010.

Our annual Mid-Winter Conference will be here before we realize it and we hope to see many of you in Stevens Point. This Conference provides us the opportunity to share our current years' progress and programs with our fellow Elks from across the state. It is a time to review and compare within our committees if we are, or what we need to expound on to meet the goals and objectives for this Lodge year.

To all Wisconsin Elks attending the Mid-Winter, please extend a warm welcome and Wisconsin hospitality to our special guests, Kirk Wallace, 1ST Vice-President of the Illinois Elks Association and his wife, Joan. Kirk will be State President of the Illinois Elks Association next year. A change was made this year so that Wisconsin is not host to the Grand Exalted Ruler and our guests, the future President from Illinois, at the same Conference. The decision was made to host the 1ST Vice-President at the Mid-Winter Conference, thus enabling everyone a better opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of our special guests at each respective Conference.

As a reminder to the Exalted Rulers, we will conduct the Exalted Rulers March in support of our State Major Project, as we still have a debt on the building to Easter Seals. It will be held on Saturday immediately following the Association Luncheon. Please note this change to enable us to reduce the General Session time on Sunday morning to enable everyone to travel sooner in the day as they head home.

To everyone attending, have a safe journey to Stevens Point and enjoy the Conference. Have a safe trip as you return to your home and fireside.

Fraternally yours,

Ken

Ken Bruckner
State President,
Wisconsin Elks Association

2009-2010 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
January 9, 2010	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge Visitation
January 16, 2010	Saturday	Milwaukee	Lodge Visitation
January 23, 2010	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge Visitation
January 30, 2010	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge Visitation
February 4-7, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Stevens Point	WEA Mid-Winter Conference
February 13, 2010	Saturday	Wausau	State Hoop Shoot Contest
February 13, 2010	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge Visitation
February 20, 2010	Saturday	Antigo	State Bowling Tournament
February 20, 2010	Saturday	Antigo	Lodge Visitation
February 27, 2010	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge Visitation
March 6, 2010	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge Visitation
March 11-14, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Iowa City, IA	Regional Hoop Shoot Contest
March 20, 2010	Saturday	Stevens Point	Lodge Visitation
March 27, 2010	Saturday	Marshfield	Lodge Visitation
April 10, 2010	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge Visitation
April 17, 2010	Saturday	Wisconsin Rapids	Lodge Visitation
April 22-25, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Springfield, MA	National Hoop Shoot Contest
April 29-May 2, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Wausau	WEA State Convention

“Moving Forward-Through Family Involvement”

A NOTE FROM YOUR STATE TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN...

Greetings!

I hope everyone enjoys the Holidays. As we get closer to the end of the Elks year, thoughts turn to committees and budgets. The Trustees are asking for all of the members to help in making next year a success. Increases in budgets will be asked for and the Trustees would love to help everyone. What we need is more funding. This can be achieved through increases in membership in your Lodges, as well as donations to the Benevolent Fund and the National Foundation. These are the only sources of income for the administrative and charitable budgets for the State Association. I know everyone is willing to do their best to help out with this request, and everything you can do will certainly be appreciated. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Todd

Todd Kostuck
Chairman, State Trustees
Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

Reflecting on our travels across this great state, Char and I have been truly impressed by the great people we have met and the great number of community activities supported by the Lodges. To date we have visited more than two-thirds of the Lodges in Wisconsin and I am proud to say that we, as Elks, are living our motto..."Elks Care, Elks Share".



In addition to visiting with all the great people, we have been talking a lot about the Elks National Foundation and the WI Benevolent Fund. As of this time over one third of the Lodges have met or exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's challenge of \$4.50 per member. Congratulations! A number of others are close. I am confident that by April 1, 2010 all Lodges will have met the goal.

Let's not, however, forget about our own "home grown" Benevolent Fund. The WI Benevolent Fund is a Wisconsin Fund, born in Wisconsin, raised in Wisconsin, and shared in Wisconsin. This fund will return to our Lodges upwards of \$100,000 this year to support our charitable work, specifically: Veterans service projects, Student Scholarships and the Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek. Please educate your members regarding the benefits of contributing to this fund. Between the two funds, we will see a return of \$7.50 for every \$2 (\$1 to each) invested.

In this time of Thanksgiving and the joys of the Holidays let us never forget, as I have said before we, as Elks, touch the lives of so many people in the most positive of ways, many of whom are less fortunate than us. In this same vein, let us always be mindful of our own members who may be in need, if not in the material sense then in the information sense. Let's keep our members informed of the charitable work being done and the need for them to be involved. Here's the challenge to each of you: Invite one member who has not been active in recent times, to "Lend a Hand" with one charitable event to "Make a Difference" in someone's life! Remember: It All Begins with a LODGE! It All Begins with YOU!

God's Blessings to each of you!

Bob Bohnsack

State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Hello everyone -

We've all said it before, but where does the time fly? It is hard to believe how fast fall came and went and now the holidays are upon us.

I hope you took time out of your busy schedule to pause, reflect and remember on Veteran's Day. Beth and I really had our eyes opened the year we traveled for the Order as we met so many veterans and their families and learned from them the sacrifices they have made for our country. We were very fortunate to be in Washington, D.C. for Veterans Day weekend in 2007. I had the opportunity to speak at the ceremony commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I was in awe as I looked out at tens of thousands of people while our nation's Capitol glistened behind me. To represent the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at this venue, sharing our Order's commitment to our veterans, was a very proud moment for me. Beth and I also attended the Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery that weekend. Held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, it was a tremendously moving event that will always be etched in our minds.

December is here and with it brings the last of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler visits throughout our Districts. Our dedicated DD's do an outstanding job representing Grand Lodge and should be commended for their commitment to our Order. Please remember that they are a resource for you and your Lodges. They are available to assist you in any way that is needed.

The first Sunday of December is always set aside in our Lodges for our annual Memorial Service. Lodge Officers conduct a respectful ceremony in which we remember our Brother and Sister Elks who have passed away. If you were not able to attend your Lodges Memorial Service this year, I encourage you to remember this event in future years. You will be most impressed with this touching ceremony.

Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

God Bless you all.

Fraternally,



F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor



MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

Michael, a willing servant of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to my fellow brothers and sisters in this community of Christ: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord.

I always like the way Paul (the Apostle) began his letters by identifying himself, his recipients, and then concluding with a salutation (usually “grace and peace”). Being an admirer of St. Paul I want this to be as Pauline-like as I can make it.

I imagine that there are a few of you that remember the winter of 1959. Do you remember the heavy snowfalls that closed schools, stopped trains and forced people to wrap chains around their car tires so they could get around? I remember that winter because that is when I wished for an “Eskimo” jacket for Christmas. Any traveler will tell you that a hood is far superior to a hat in snowy weather.

I remember walking through Taylor Park (in Fond du Lac) on my way home from school and it was the last day of school before Christmas vacation (yes—it was actually called that back then). As I walked through the swimming pool area I was ambushed by a gang of high school thugs (they were three times taller than me and threw snowballs that seemed like basketballs) and in minutes I was filled with snow and ice. I made it home, all the while pleading to God for an Eskimo jacket to be under the tree on Christmas morning.

When I entered the house my mother met me at the back door, not to hear my complaints but to tell me to hurry inside and listen. My younger brother, Mark, was sitting on the floor in front of the Nativity Scene singing “Happy Birthday” to the baby Jesus. At first I was not impressed since I had more practical things on my mind, yet my brother’s impromptu singing did bring me back to reality – Christmas is about Christ.

At the heart of Christmas is the *“good news of a great joy”* spoken of by the angel in Luke 2. *“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”* Christmas is so sacred because it observes the birth of a Savior. Not just any Savior. A Savior who is the long-awaited Messiah and a Savior who is the Lord God Himself! God has visited his people to save them. The little babe in the feeding trough is Immanuel (God with us).

Many people today think they need to be saved from political oppressions, a bad economy, gender bias, political incorrectness, social inequality. So many today feel “victimized” by a hundred things, but not the one thing that has truly victimized them: **sin**. Matthew 1:21: *“and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”* Jesus did save us 33 years later by bearing our sins on the cross.

Christmas is good news to those who know all too well the weight of their sinfulness. This news is a great joy to those who feel guilty and unworthy of God’s love, and are afraid of His punishment. In a sense, Christmas is only for such people. For them it is a celebration of God’s complete forgiveness and unconditional love through the Savior, Jesus Christ.

“Fear not,” said the angel to Zacharias. “Fear not,” said the angel to Mary. “Fear not,” said the angel to Joseph. “Fear not,” said the angel to the shepherds. There seems to be a pattern here!

Fear is something Zacharias, Mary and Joseph experienced when standing in the presence of the holy. What about us in this “new” millennium? It seems that we are more often afraid of the secular than the sacred, but we are afraid, just the same.

If you are struggling with fear this Christmas season, then listen to the words of the angel. “Fear not!” God says to you through him. Christ has been born so “that we, being delivered from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life” (Luke 1:74-75).



MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

I began this letter in the manner of Paul, so I deem it appropriate to end it in a similar fashion. Debbie, my wife and partner in Christ, sends you greetings, as do Meghan and Dana, my daughters. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Blessings,

Reverend Michael

Reverend Michael Hackbarth

State Chaplain

Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE HOOP SHOOT

The Wisconsin Elks State Hoop Shoot Contest will be held in Wausau on Saturday, February 13, 2010. The contest will be held at the UW-Marathon gym, which will open at 9:30 am for registration and warm-ups, with the actually contest beginning at 10:00 am.

Lodging will be at the Plaza Hotel in Wausau, and the Banquet will be at the Wausau Elks Lodge on Saturday afternoon. Lodge Hoop Shoot Directors and Exalted Rulers are asked to follow and support any Lodge contestant that is participating at the State level. The Regional Contest will be held in Iowa City, IA, on March 13th, and the National Finals will be held on April 24th in Springfield, Ma. It's always nice for the contestant's family to see a familiar face at these events.

For additional information, please contact Tony Voulgaris at 920-688-2477 or 920-410-0176.

FROM THE STATE SECRETARY...

I am in the process of updating my e-mail address book. I am sorry to say that I have many old, obsolete e-mails and a lot of them that I don't even know who they belong to. If you would like to be in the State's e-mail book, please send me your e-mail at elksbugle@aol.com.

In your e-mail be sure to include your name, as I have trouble identifying people by just e-mail names.

Happy Holidays. See you at the Mid-Winter.

ATTENTION 2010 WISCONSIN ELKS CONVENTION GOERS ... POSSIBILITY OF EXPLORING CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

The Wausau Elks Lodge #248 is exploring the **possibility** of securing day, evening and/or overnight activities/care for young children accompanying Elk families to the 2010 Wisconsin Elks State Convention being hosted in Wausau April 29-May 2, 2010. We are **exploring** offering supervised day camp and/or overnight at the local Samoset Council Scout Camp facilities. For those interested in this option, please send an e-mail message **by January 15, 2010** to Diane Echols at echols@directv.net with the answers to the following: (1) Your name and phone number (2) The number of children, gender and age(s) (3) Dates you would like your child (children) at the camp (4) Do you prefer day camp only or would you prefer overnight(s) experience for your child(ren)? (5) List of concerns/perimeters/ restrictions in interest you have (cost, transportation, etc.)

Please remember that we are exploring this as a possibility and are not guaranteeing that this camp experience will be available. We will post the results of our findings and whether we will pursue and offer this in The Bugle and on the Wisconsin Elks Web Site prior to the Convention.



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

BY ROBERT YOST

MICHAEL WOODWARD, RESPITE RECIPIENT TO BE CONFERENCE GUEST



From the Wisconsin Elks Major Projects, Inc., may introduce to you, our Respite representative, Michael Woodward, who, with his family, will be our guest at the Mid-Winter conference in Stevens Point.

Michael is 14 years old and resides with his mother, Rhonda, in LaValle, WI. He was born with Down Syndrome, but with his continued efforts, he is in the eighth grade at Reedsberg School and is on the "A" Honor Roll.

Michael has been attending camp in Wisconsin Dells for approximately nine years and, per his mom, just loves to be there. He usually is signed up for five weekend sessions during the fall, winter and spring months, plus two one-week sessions during the summer. Every time he comes home, the first thing he asks is "When am I going to camp again?"

His hobby is playing basketball, being on the eighth grade team in school. Other favorites are baseball, bike riding, going on wagon rides, singing, campfires, plus going to the dance (the night before camp is over). Other highlights for Michael are a trip to the amusement park in the Dells, where he enjoys the petting zoo, boat rides, bowling and the Concert In The Park.

The best part of camp that he really enjoys are the excellent counselors, who continually strive to help him as much as possible.

As the above story unfolds, it is evident that the Wisconsin Elks Major Projects, Inc., and all our members, are truly appreciated through the caring of the unfortunate. So, when you meet Michael and his family at the Conference, please extend a sincere welcome to show that "Elks Care – Elks Share".



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

BY DAVID ASSMANN
MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN

It doesn't take too long to find out that with all the planning and work that went into the new Respite Center that just maybe we might have forgotten something. Yep, we did. This past year we found out that in severe weather our kids would be without electricity in the shelter at the new Respite Center. Thus, our Respite campers and their caregivers would be without light, water and toilet facilities. However, due to the wonderful and benevolent members we have in this great state, we were able to get a 45 kw generator installed at a price of \$12,000.00. A big atta-boy goes out to those suppliers and installers who donated their time and/or money to complete this important and necessary project in time for the summer camping schedule. The dedication of the new generator took place on Elks Day last June. I am proud to say that we had 100% participation of all Lodges in the state.

Ken Saville, Easter Seals, has informed me that the new facility has greatly increased their ability to help additional campers and it has definitely relieved the overcrowding that they were experiencing before we built the new center. The facility has been filled to capacity every camping week.

Back in June 2009, we made our third payment of \$60,000.00 to East Seals towards our loan. Our balance is now \$120,000.00. (Just two more payments remaining.)

We are now beginning to turn our sites toward the expansion and remodeling of the Elks Lodge (dining hall) to help the kitchen staff with the overcrowding at meal times. Next spring we will be forming a committee made up of our Major Project Building Board Committee and maybe a couple of members who might be interested in helping our committee. Our goal is to be able to start the new project as soon as possible after we make our final loan payment on the Respite Center. Just think, since 1994 we have invested almost \$2,000,000.00 toward Camp Wawbeek. WOW!!!

Your **"Exalted Rulers March"** is your Lodge's day to shine and it will again be held at the **Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point**. We will be holding the **March on Saturday right after the Association Luncheon**. A special photo session with our respite camper guests will take place immediately after each Exalted Ruler or representative presents his/her Lodge's check(s).

Just a reminder that you can still purchase a brick for **"Pave the Way for Respite Care"**. Be a part of the permanent patio at the Respite Center by buying a brick and having your own special message engraved on it! Remember your donation is tax deductible. See a committee member to get a donation form.

Also, I wish to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all sub-committee chairpersons and their committees for the fine work that they have done to make all our programs a success.

WISCONSIN ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC (con't)

Last, but not least, I extend a job well done to our Board of Directors who watch over the expenditures of our committee. **GREAT JOB EVERYONE!**

ELKS, remember that donations are an essential part of the respite care success story. On behalf of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project Committee, **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support in making the Respite Care Program a success that we can all take pride in supporting.

Your Major Project Committee promises to do the best job possible to make you proud to say **"I SUPPORT THE STATE MAJOR PROJECT"**.

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Public Relations Happenings.....

Working with computers and your Lodge's Virtual Home Page is the main topic for the Mid-Winter Conference. This session will cover the basics for beginners. We will also be on hand to answer any other questions you may have.

Our Area 5 Grand Lodge Public Relations Committeeman, Art Hutton, will also be on hand to answer questions about the Lodge Reporting Form and the Grand Lodge Public Relation Contests. Please join me in welcoming Art and his wife Katy. Art is a member of Fairfield Lodge #1192, from Fairfield, IA.

By the time you receive the Mid-Winter Bugle, each Lodge should have received a letter from me with instructions on how to appoint a Cyber Assistant, if they do not already have one. The fee is \$25 per year; since there are only two months left of the Lodge year at Mid-Winter, Grand Lodge will not charge your Lodge the fee for these 2 months. This will allow you the time to work with your Lodge page and to see if this is something you would like to continue if your Lodge doesn't work with the home page.

Either the Secretary or the Exalted Ruler appoints the Cyber Assistant by filling out a form with Grand Lodge. To be appointed as a Cyber Assistant you must first sign up as a user on the Grand Lodge Site. This temporary access will only be valid until April 1st, at which time the new Exalted Ruler or Lodge Secretary may appoint you again. The Lodge Secretary already has rights to edit your Lodge's Virtual Home Page.

If you are the Secretary, the Cyber Assistant, or are just interested in learning what is available on the Grand Lodge Website please attend the session.

Please bring a picture of your Lodge, event pictures, newsletters, calendar of events; all must be in digital format either on a flash drive or on a disk. We will show you how to crop, upload and change.

If you have a laptop with wireless connectivity, please bring that as well.

Thanks,

Cindy Duffy
Public Relations Chair

HATS IN THE RING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

The Past Exalted Rulers Association along with the members of the Waukesha Elks Lodge # 400 proudly endorses David Assmann, PER for the Office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Dave is currently serving his 9th year as Chairman of the Wisconsin State Major Project Committee

During Dave's 19 years as an Elk, he has held each of the lodge chairs beginning in 1991 until 1995. After serving as Exalted Ruler of the Waukesha Lodge he was elected to the Board of Trustees of his lodge for 5 years and elected as Chairman in his last 2 years on the board. He has also served as Chairman of the Picnic committee in 1993, Chairman of the Board of Governors in 1994, and represented his lodge at the National Convention in 1994. Dave was honored by his Lodge as Officer of the Year for 1999-2000.



On the State Association level Dave served as Vice-Chairman of the Wisconsin State Major Project Committee from 1998 to 2000 and was subsequently appointed as Chairman in 2000 and serves in that capacity at the present time. He has attended all State Conferences and conventions since 1991 and was proud to receive the Wisconsin Elk of the Year award for 2007.

On the Grand Lodge level, Dave has served as Secretary to the District Deputy from 1997 to 1998, was appointed as Esquire to the District Deputy in 2007 and served as District Deputy for the Southeast District in 2008.

Dave has served his community over the many years as a past member and President of the Lake Mills Jaycees, is currently a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6690 and is a Past Grand Knight of the council. He has also served as a Communion Distributor and lecturer at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Lake Mills and has proudly served mass at conferences and conventions with Father Kevin Cassidy and continues to serve with our current State Chaplin Reverend Mike Hackbarth.

Dave and his wife Lois have been married for 5 years. They have 4 wonderful children and 6 grandchildren.

David Assmann is well known for his commitment and dedication to Elldom. Therefore, the members of Waukesha Lodge #400 and the PER Association ask you to join them in supporting Dave Assmann as a candidate to the Office of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Willis Schiller

Willis Schiller, President
Waukesha Lodge #400 Exalted
Rulers Association

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Pugh'.

Robert Pugh, Exalted Ruler
Waukesha Lodge # 400

WELCOME TO STEVENS POINT!



We wish a hearty welcome to the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association when they attend the 2010 Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. We hope that you will take time to renew old acquaintances and perhaps make some new friends.

This year, our Conference will again be held at the Ramada Inn. The intent here is to make the meetings, banquet and lodging available all under one roof. Transportation will be provided between the Ramada and our Lodge, so please review the schedule and make arrangements to join us on Friday for fine dining. Should you have questions, please contact one of our members who will be wearing a host ribbon on their red blazer and they will direct you.

Please be sure to give a warm Elks welcome to our special guests, our State Sponsor, F. Louis Sulsberger, State President, Ken Bruckner, and his wife, Rogene, State President-Elect, Bob Bohnsack, and his wife, Char. This year we are also honored to have Kirk Wallace, 1st Vice-President of Illinois, and his wife, Joan, in attendance.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to host this Conference. We hope that your stay with us is a memorable one.

Fraternally

Mike

Mike Kinney

Exalted Ruler, St. Point Lodge #1441

2009 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

EVENTS AND MENUS STEVENS POINT LODGE #641

MENUS

THURSDAY NIGHT

PULLED PORK SANDWICHES
CHIPS \$5.00 DONATION

FRIDAY NIGHT

LUNCH

1/3# HAMBURGER
OR
FISH (PERCH) BASKET
FRIES & COLESLAW
\$6.50

DINNER

FABULOUS FRIDAY
DINNER BUFFET
\$13.00 (tax & tip incl.)
5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

SATURDAY

ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCH
AT THE RAMADA
(PRESOLD)

LADIES LUNCHEON
AT THE RAMADA
(PRESOLD)

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET
AT THE RAMADA
(PRESOLD)

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Direct Express Transportation will be provided between the Ramada and the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 during the following times:

Friday: 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm

2010 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are at the RAMADA unless otherwise noted
CHECK MASTER SCHEDULE AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR MEETING/ROOM CHANGES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

5:00 - 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
5:00 - 8:00 PM	SANDWICH BAR	ELKS LODGE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

9:00 AM	STATE TRUSTEES	ELKS LODGE
10:30 AM	ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC	ELKS LODGE
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH AT THE LODGE	ELKS LODGE
12:00 - 8:00 PM	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
1:00 PM	PSP ADVISORY	ELKS LODGE
5:00 - 8:30 PM	EVENING DINING	ELKS LODGE
6:30 - 9:30 PM	ENTERTAINMENT	ELKS LODGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

7:30 - 11:00 AM	REGISTRATION	RAMADA
7:30 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	DECK
7:30 AM	RESOLUTIONS & LAWS COMMITTEE	SALON H
8:00 AM	BUSINESS PRACTICES COMMITTEE	SALON A
8:00 AM	ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE	SALON B
8:00 AM	HOOP SHOOT COMMITTEE	SALON C
8:00 AM	GRAND LODGE ATTENDANCE	SALON D
8:00 AM	AMERICANISM COMMITTEE	SALON H
8:00 AM	RECREATION AT STATE CONVENTION	SALON I
8:00 AM	RITUALISTIC EXEMPLIFICATION	BOARD ROOM
8:30 AM	STATE SPONSOR MEETING WITH DDGERS AND ESQUIRES	DECK
9:00 AM	LODGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	SALON A
9:00 AM	DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE	SALON B
9:00 AM	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	SALON C
9:00 AM	E.R.'S LEADING KNIGHT ADVISORY	SALON D
9:00 AM	ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE	SALON H
9:00 AM	COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED	SALON I
9:00 AM	U.S. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE	SALON J
9:00 AM	ELKS MAJOR PROJECT COMMITTEE	SALON K
9:30 AM	STATE RITUAL	BOARD ROOM
	INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	
9:30 AM	11 O'CLOCK TOAST	BOARD ROOM

2010 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

10:00 AM	LEGALIZED GAMING	SALON A
10:00 AM	CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION	SALON C
10:00 AM	OFFICER TRAINING COMMITTEE	SALON D
10:00 AM	MEMBERSHIP & LAPSATION COMMITTEE	SALON I
10:00 AM	ELKS NAT'L FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	SALON J
10:00 AM	GOLF COMMITTEE	DECK
11:00 AM	PUBLICITY - PUBLIC RELATIONS	SALON A
11:00 AM	LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE	SALON B
11:00 AM	AUDITING COMMITTEE	SALON C
11:00 AM	LODGE TRUSTEE TRAINING	SALON D
11:00 AM	BENEVOLENT FUNDRAISING	SALON H
11:00 AM	ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION	SALON J
11:00 AM	CURLING COMMITTEE	DECK
11:30 AM	LADIES LUNCHEON (Cocktails 10:30)	BANQUET HALL
12:30 PM	ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON	BANQUET HALL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

ER MAJOR PROJECT MARCH	BANQUET HALL
ER PHOTOS WITH POSTER CHILD	SALON H

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LADIES LUNCHEON

FIRST LADIES TRAINING (APPROX. 1:15)	SALON A
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1:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST (TBA)	BOARD ROOM
2:00 PM	LEADING KNIGHT TRAINING	SALON D
2:00 PM	LODGE MANAGEMENT MEETING	SALON I
2:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST (TBA)	BOARD ROOM
3:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST (TBA-IF NEEDED)	BOARD ROOM
5:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER	SALON K & L
	WITH REV MICHAEL HACKBARTH	
7:00 PM	BANQUET	BANQUET HALL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:30 AM	GENERAL SESSION	SALON K & L
8:30 AM	LADIES ADVISORY GROUP	DECK

CRITIQUE TO FOLLOW GENERAL SESSION

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

MID-WINTER RITUAL INFORMATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010

1) Lodge competition:

- Milwaukee is the only Lodge to send an application for the competition.
- Team will perform at 2:30 PM.

2) 11 O' Clock toast:

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

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

- Time of competition: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - This will coincide with the 11 O' Clock toast.
 - Again, there is not a set time to perform. Whenever someone is available, they can sign up and perform.

RULES FOR NEW RITUAL COMPETITION AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

1. Positions and parts that will be judged:

a) Exalted Ruler

The charge given to the candidate, when the ER is at his/her station and the candidate is at the Alter, up until the time the three raps are given (The raps will not be done, but the two questions have to be spoken, with no response, unless a member is brought in as a candidate).

b) Esquire

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

c) Chaplain

Prayer given at the Alter

d) Lecturing Knight

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

e) Loyal Knight

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

f) Leading Knight

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

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

- Just like the 11 O' Clock Toast.
- The Esquire part is the only position to be judged on deportment (hailing sign, wave of the hand, salute to the flag and the voting sign)

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

4) A member can do any part they desire:

- Once a member wins a position, they are allowed to "defend" their title.
- A member who has won a position, at an actual State Ritual Team

Competition, is not

allowed to do that position.

- If a member will be performing in the team competition, they are not allowed to perform their part, in the individual competition.

5) A member can do more than one position.

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

WISCONSIN ELKS LADIES ADVISORY TO MEET

The Wisconsin Elks Ladies Advisory meets on Sunday morning at the Mid-Winter Conference at 8:30 am during the Association's General Session. All ladies are invited to attend an informal meeting to exchange ideas and meet other Exalted Ruler's wives and any officers of the ladies auxiliaries.

Please join us on Sunday, February 7th. We welcome new faces and ideas. If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-922-5962.

Judie Behnke, PFL
President, Ladies Advisory

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT



BY ROMAN BACA, V.P.

This Fall Conference was full of surprises for me as Vice-President of Central District. The playing field of Elkdom was different! There were different meetings to attend, and our Grand Exalted Ruler's visitation made it even more exciting.

There were several messages delivered at the Banquet, but two of them stand out to me. Brother Myron Keding first recognized all veterans present at the Banquet and then reminded us to be thankful for our Armed Forces of today who are keeping us free and to pray for their safe return home. He then announced this year's winner of "What Freedom Means to Me", Jordyn Schara (Baraboo Lodge #688). When Jordyn read her essay, the room of Elks and guests fell silent! In her essay, she relates to her experience of watching and learning about her grandfather's feelings at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. You see, his son – and Jordyn's uncle – at the age of 19 was killed in Vietnam and his name appeared on that wall. Her grandfather was not bitter but told her to remember that freedom was not free. She was appreciative of winning this award and thankful to our organization for the opportunity. Our youth grasp the tools to reach in and capture lessons not only from the past, but to look forward to attending the school of their choice and make a difference in the future by living the American Dream. I now look forward with much more pride to serve our community as an Elk.

My next few months will be exciting as our State President, Ken Bruckner, First Lady, Rogene, President-Elect, Bob Bohnsack and First Lady-Elect, Char, make their visits to each Lodge in our District. I look forward to traveling with our other officials from the Central District, and the Mid-Winter Conference is quickly approaching. It will again be time to share the accomplishments of our works in this great organization. May our family of Elks continue to **move forward. God Bless America.**

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY TONY VOULGARIS, V.P.

Dear members of the East-Central District, where has the time gone? I am sitting at my desk writing this article and reflecting where has the year gone? As I read all of your newsletters, I know we are all spreading Elkdom in our communities. It was a busy fall with all the Lodges having their District Deputy visits. I want to congratulate all the Lodges for having at least one new member being initiated. Another big program this past fall was the dictionary program. We distributed over 3,700 dictionaries in our schools. November and December will be busy with the scholarship judging and the local "Hoop Shoot" contests.

When you receive this Bugle, I hope you have returned all your unwanted Christmas ties, the Bill Cosby sweaters and the fruitcakes. On a serious note, in my first article I stated that this will be a very challenging year for our Lodges (membership) and for our communities (charitable donations). Being a father of three young

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

children, we are thankful of what the Lord has given us. Our family will have a great Holiday Season. Unfortunately, as we are all aware, there are a lot of less fortunate families in our communities. In a recent survey (USDA), there will be three houses out of 20 in your lock that will struggle to buy food for this Holiday Season. By reading your newsletters, I am proud to say that we are reaching our less fortunate families in our communities by giving out food baskets, helping fill the red kettles, giving money to veterans groups and other charitable programs. **"Elks care—Elks Share."**

I want to thank all the Lodges in our District for making us the first District to have all the Lodges reaching the GER goal for the ENF, but we still need to work on our own Benevolent Fund. Also, as we prepare to elect our new officers for our new Lodge year, I urge the outgoing Exalted Rulers to please tie up all the loose ends for your incoming officers.

Finally, I want to say **Thank You** for allowing me to serve as your Vice-President!! It has been a lot of Fun!!

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY JOSEPH ROSSLEY, V.P.

I can't believe that the Holiday Seasons have passed us by and it is time for us to meet again for our Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. It has been both a challenge and a pleasure to be your Northeast Vice-President.

I am happy to say that all of the Lodges State Presidents visitations have been completed and

all of the Lodges are spreading the word of what Elkdom is all about. As I stated before, this year has been a challenge. It was nice to see how each Lodge has its own uniqueness and the way they have overcome the various problems they have encountered along the way. Although some challenges have not been completely resolved, it is encouraging to know that the Northeast District is heading in the right direction. It was great to see that all of the Lodges participated in the dictionary project this year.

I would like to thank the Northeast District Deputy, Jim Burmeister, for allowing me to travel with him when he made his visitations. This gave us a chance to give all the Lodges views on both the Grand Lodge and the State Associations, and spread the words of our State President, **"Moving Forward - Through Family Involvement"**.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you along with all the old friends when we meet again in Stevens Point.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY CHAD BORMANN, V.P.

I hope this report finds you well. By the time you read this, the holidays may have come and gone. Tracy and I both hope you and yours, as well as each Lodge in the Northwest District have (or had) a wonderful Holiday Season.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to all of the Lodges in the district that I've had the opportunity to visit this past fall. Your hospitality has been amazing, and I've really gotten a chance to see Elkdom in action.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT, con't

As we're now approaching the Mid-Winter Conference, now is the time where each Lodge will have the chance to "leave the District" so to speak, and to participate in shaping the Wisconsin Elks Association for the 2010 calendar year. I urge everyone who can to attend the upcoming Conference. Even if you're not a state officer or on a state committee the Conference is a great way to get to meet other Elks across the state, participate in voting procedures and gather information to bring back to your individual Lodges.

The Mid-Winter Conference is also a great time to plan for the upcoming Lodge year. This is an especially important Conference for all outgoing and incoming Exalted Rulers, as details for Grand Lodge will be discussed, and our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger, will also be speaking at the Association Luncheon.

Again, thank you to all members of the Northwest District for making this fall such a success, and I look forward to seeing many members of the District in Stevens Point.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BY TERRY THOMPSON, V.P.

By way of self-introduction, I am Terry Thompson from Janesville Elks Lodge #254. I've been an Elk for 18 years, serving in all the chairs in my Lodge, and have also served as Vice-President for the Southwest District in the past (2006-2007).

I have been asked to fill in the remaining term of Vice-President Southwest District 2009-2010. I am

sure many of you know me from my previous stint and those that do not, be assured that I am ready to help in any way I can for all of our Lodges within our District. I feel good about our District's accomplishments and how we measure them; our influence in helping our communities, continuing to maintain and improve our charitable goals (Elks National Foundation, Benevolent Fund, Elks Major Project, along with our support our youth, veterans and scholarship sponsorships). But another target that we should bulls-eye is to retain and increase new members. I believe it was Will Rogers that said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!"

The six Lodges in our Southwest District have a cumulative total of 635 years of history in Wisconsin Elkdom, so I would like to think we have been doing something right! While our length of longevity is commendable, by continuing in that manner we will not grow and prosper in membership. Therefore, we must not rest on our laurels. We must engage and brainstorm, and find new ways to bring in first-time members while retaining current membership. We have the talent and creativity to make the Southwest District one of the best!

While looking out my windows these past few months, I have seen the trees go from changing colors to trees that are now bare and snow covered. The inhabitants of those trees have now flown south but we in the Southwest District, as well as members from other Districts, will soon be heading to Stevens Point for our Mid-Winter Conference.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT, con't

The winter holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, are now but happy memories. My hope is that all Lodge members in all the Districts will attend the February Conference, for where else can we stay warm than amongst the wonderful company of our fellow brother and sister Elks! It also gives us a chance, perhaps, to glean new ideas to better our individual Lodges, Districts and the State Association. I think Conferences can get us inspired to move in new directions, and like the birds previously mentioned, we must move in directions for our survival and health. See you in Stevens Point.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

BY LISA KROMRAJ, V.P.

The Southeast District is moving forward in an effort to create the State's first District Association. As reported previously, we created and accepted our Mission Statement. This was a crucial step toward the development of By-Laws. The Advisory Committee is diligently working this aspect. We targeted our January District Meeting for official discussion and voting. We have a lot of work ahead of us. While we are working from By-Laws created in Illinois, they need to fit our Mission and needs, and we are thoughtfully working this through.

It was a great boost of enthusiasm for us when the Honorable F. Louis Sulsburger mentioned our project at the General Session of the Fall Conference. He has been an integral part and supporter of our two-year goal. Thank you, Lou, we

greatly appreciate all your help and support.

As a part of what most people in the state have been hearing as a rumor or through these articles, it was suggested to make a report regarding our progress and proposed plan. Expect to hear a brief report at the General Session at Mid-Winter.

Speaking of Mid-Winter, wasn't it last February that Dave Assmann asked for money to help Camp Wawbeek? And wasn't it Arlyn Clarksen of Waukesha who started the commitment frenzy? I believe so. Well he did it again. First, I must back up to the morning of September 11, 2009. As I prepared for work, I was listening to the local news. To my amazement the station reported, "Today is National Volunteerism Day". Imagine how surprised I was. First, that a day of such importance to me was first being announced on the day of the event -- too late for an individual to do anything about it -- and second, that I was going to Racine Lodge for State Presidents Visitation that night. I thought all day about how I could use this little piece of information in my speech and bring honor to this Lodge. I'm told I did it.

I then pondered this information about National Volunteerism Day for several weeks and came up with an idea knowing that there must be a way we, Elks, could take advantage of a special day set aside for what it is that we do best...volunteer. I decided to present the idea at Waukesha's State Presidents Visitation. OOPS! I had no notes that night and couldn't find the idea to present it during my speech. So I gathered four outstanding members and presented the following:

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (con't)

September 11th is National Volunteerism Day. I would like to challenge all the Lodges in our District to create an event that will either help their community or their Lodge, and then have a recognition for our volunteers. The project would work best if participation was in mass, as it would then create a perfect media event. The aspect of holding something for volunteers is because we do so very much for others and so little for ourselves. It would simply be a nice gesture of gratitude.

Back to Arlyn. You've got it. He immediately jumped in, accepted the challenge, and **CHALLENGED THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT** to a competition of who can run the best event. He went on to **CHALLENGE THE ENTIRE STATE!**

I don't know how well this will all work. I think it is a good start. The base idea is presented for all to create an event that members and media will not want to miss. Arlyn once again drew the line in the sand. Get creative, inspired, even reckless in your ideas and come up with something to put Arlyn in his place. He can't be the only prideful Elk member in the state!

Have a warm, healthy, safe and prosperous Holiday Season and New Year.

NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS

FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2010.** **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

Ken Johnson, State Secretary

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

BY ROBERT BERRES, D.D.G.E.R.

I am writing this report the week of Thanksgiving. The Southeast District has many things to be thankful for. I'm very proud of our District and what your different Lodges have accomplished.

Barb and I wish you a happy Holiday Season. As we enter a new year I hope all is doing well and your Lodges are running smoothly.

All my visits to your Lodges have now been completed. As of now you all know how you fared. It has been a pleasure for me and the DD Officers to visit with you. I cannot thank you enough for the hospitality shown us.

As the end of October, all Lodges have sent in funds to the ENF. Three Lodges already have surpassed the GER per capita request for per member donations. Thank you. I know by now all Southeast District Lodges have met or surpassed quota. Racine Lodge #252 leads the state with \$11.96 per capita. Congratulations.

My next clinic will be held on January 16 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watertown Lodge. The Secretary and ER will soon be receiving an itinerary. By the winter DD Clinic I am asking that each Lodge get me their Veterans Remembrance Report.

In closing, I hope you all have a very informative Mid-Winter Conference. Remember, I am always open to hear from you and help you with any problems.

The Leading Knight Ladies Training will be held immediately following the Ladies Luncheon at the Mid-Winter Conference in Salon A.

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Be it know by all members of the Wisconsin State Elks Association that the officers and members of Beaver Dam Lodge #1540, by formal resolution passed on the Lodge Floor at the regularly scheduled meeting of Lodge #1540 held Tuesday, December 1, 2009, do hereby place in nomination, and fully endorse Aaron Holbrook for the position of Wisconsin State Vice-president for the Southeast District.



Throughout his eight years as a member of the Elks and Lodge #1540, Brother Aaron has proven himself as a valuable asset towards following our precepts. He served as Exalted Ruler of #1540 for the Lodge year 2008-2009, having prior served in all the chairs. He also served one year as the Lodge Secretary. While having only served as one committee chair, Brother Aaron has displayed an enthusiastic and unflagging attitude of serving on any committee that required assistance, both on the local level and with the State Association. For example, he has assisted with the Flag Day Program, Officer Training, Publicity and Public Relations, the Lodge Newsletter, our Steer Roast and Super Bowl fundraisers and our Christmas Baskets program, just to name a few.

On the state level, Brother Aaron currently serves as the vice-chair of Publicity and Public Relations. And as you may recall, he was named the 2008-2009 State Exalted Ruler of the Year.

With no small amount of pride, we ask you to support and vote for Aaron Holbrook for Vice-president, Southeast District, Wisconsin Elks Association for 2010-2011.

Rob Radig Sr.

Rob Radig Sr.
President Exalted Ruler

Terry Capelle

Terry B. Capelle,
#1540 PER Association

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146th Elks Grand Lodge
CONVENTION

July 4-5-6-7-8, 2010



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Yes, Jim, count me in. I want to join the ELKS in ORLANDO at the 146th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION!

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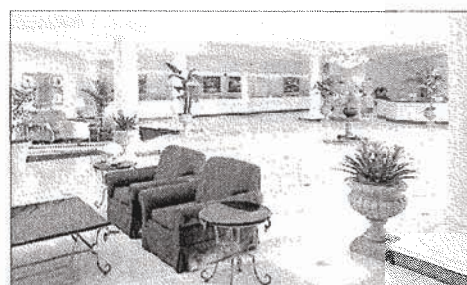


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PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2010

STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 29 – MAY 2, 2010

WAUSAU ELKS LODGE #248

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR STATE CONVENTION

(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

(ONE FORM PER MEMBER, PLEASE)

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

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LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME): _____
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PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES' LUNCHEON		
STUFFED PORK CHOP	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
GREEK CHICKEN BREAST	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
(\$16.00 IF PURCHASED ON SITE)		
ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON		
OPEN-FACE HOT ROAST BEEF	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
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LADIES LUNCHEON:

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OR

Greek Chicken Breast - Fresh Chicken Breast Marinated in Olive Oil, Oregano, Lemon Juice and Garlic; Topped with Feta Cheese and Black Olives and served with a Fresh Cucumber Garnish

Both Entrees Accompanied by Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Rolls, Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce for Dessert and Coffee or Milk

ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Open-Face Hot Roast Beef – Hot Roast Beef Served on Bread

Accompanied by: Mashed Potatoes, Brown-Sugar Baby Carrots, Fresh Fruit Salad, Ice Cream and Beverage

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Filet Mignon - w/ Fresh Mushroom Sauce

OR

Stuffed Chicken Breast – Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Sage Dressing

Banquet Entrees are Accompanied by - Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Broccoli Normandy, Chocolate Mousse and Beverage

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Rooms will be held until March 20, 2010.

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