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2011 Mid-Winter Conf. Madison, Feb. 3-6, 2011
2011 State Conv Wausau, Apr. 28-May 1, 2011
2011 Fall Conference Waukesha, Sept. 15-18, 2011
2012 Mid-Winter Conf. St. Point, Feb 2-5, 2012
2012 State Convention Marshfield, May 3-6, 2012

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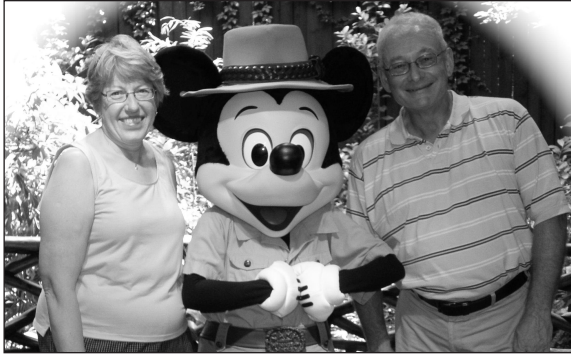
GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

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

Hi Folks! Bob here!



Speaking for Char, Mickey & Minnie, and myself, we wish you a most Wonderful & Blessed Mousekateer Holiday Season.

The four of us have traveled the length and breadth of this great state visiting 23 Lodges to date. From Janesville to Oconto, Racine to Superior, Eau Claire to Two Rivers, we have traversed the state. From the Disney Party in Janesville to the Bed & Breakfast get together in Ashland. From Golf in Sheboygan, Chippewa Falls & Marshfield to the Bon Spiel in Rice Lake. It has been an adventure of a lifetime. Everywhere we have been, the hospitality has been unsurpassed. We have met the BPOE! (The "Best People On Earth")! Our only regret is that this great journey is rapidly coming to an end.

In our travels this year we have asked for you to tell us "one positive thing about your Lodge". No one has been able to narrow the answer down to just ONE thing. GREAT! Conversely, if we asked for you to tell us "one negative thing about your Lodge", more often than not, the answer evolves around two things, membership and money; members to sustain your Lodge and money to maintain your building.

Consider the question, "Why are you here?" As suggested, is it because you have found some value here? Not the value of the building, rather the value of the service you provide to your communities and your members. If the focus is on service, the members will come and the money will come.

We say "Elks Care & Share". Well, it is time to share in different ways. Share the good news of your positive impact on your communities. Take these positive things you told us about your Lodge and tell your Communities and ALL of your members. Let everyone know that your Lodge is alive and well! How to do this, is up to you. Think outside the box. No idea is "stupid" except the one that is not shared. Remember, "It all begins with a Lodge!" Be Loud and Proud!

To date, the First Lady Char's project has raised some significant monies for the WBF and the Bruckner Scholarship fund. For this we will always be grateful to each of you who have participated in the basket give-away. However, it is the people who will benefit from these monies raised, who are the most important.

The 4 of us look forward to seeing all of you at the Midwinter Conference in Madison. Until then, Thank You and may the Peace & Blessings of the Christmas Child be with each and every one of you.

Bob

Bob Bohnsack, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I will be out of the office for a few weeks. If you need to contact me, please do so through e-mail (elksbugle@aol.com) as I will be checking my e-mail often.

You can also leave me a voice mail, however, be aware that I will not be checking it as often so may not get back to you as quickly as I will through e-mail.

**Ken Johnson
State Secretary**

2010-2011 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
December 25, 2010	CHRISTMAS DAY		
January 1, 2011	NEW YEARS DAY		
January 8, 2011	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge Visitation
January 15, 2011	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge Visitation
January 22, 2011	Saturday	Milwaukee	Lodge Visitation
January 29, 2011	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge Visitation
February 3-6, 2011	Thursday-Sunday	Madison	Mid-Winter Conference
February 12, 2011	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge Visit & Hoop Shoot
February 19, 2011	Saturday	Marinette	State Bowling Tournament
February 26, 2011	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge Visitation
March 5, 2011	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge Visitation
March 12, 2011	REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT	Iowa City	
March 19, 2011	Saturday	Stevens Pt	Lodge Visitation
April 2, 2011	Saturday	WI Rapids	Lodge Visitation
April 9, 2011	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge Visitation
April 17, 2011	NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT	Springfield MA	
April 24, 2011	EASTER SUNDAY		
April 28-May 1, 2011	Thursday-Sunday	Wausau	STATE CONVENTION

"Moving Forward-Through Family Involvement"

AWARDS AND VETERANS DINNER HELD IN GREEN BAY

An Awards and Veterans Dinner was held on Wednesday, October 6th at the Lodge. John Miano, author of the book "FRONT LINES", World War 2 personal accounts of Wisconsin Veterans was our speaker. Tiler Cliff Doxtator presented John with the CITIZEN AWARD for promoting American veterans. Also, the Lodge presented our local disabled veterans with \$500.00 worth of gas cards. It was a fun-filled evening with all the veterans.



John Miano with Cliff Doxtator



Dick Marbes, Delores Burich
and John Honaker

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Over the river and through the woods to grandma and grandpas' Lodge we go. That's right!! We have been busy making our way around the state, following President Bob and 1st Lady Char on their visits and having the time of our lives. From the Bon Spiel in Rice Lake to the great Hors D'ouvres party in Neenah-Menasha. We have enjoyed every minute. Also, keep Bob's motto in mind that it "All Begins With A Lodge". Your Lodge!!! As of the Mid-Winter Conference we have made 27 visits. WOW, the rivers we crossed and the woods we have been through have sure passed by fast.

The President's Visit Schedule for next year is complete. Thank you to all the Lodges for your help in getting this done. The Directory update for the next year is coming along and, hopefully, by the time you read this I will have it pretty close to being complete.

Last September, just after our Fall Conference, Lois and I had the chance to attend the Illinois State Conference in Springfield. We had a wonderful time and learned a lot from our neighbors to the south. They treated us like royalty. At our Conference in February we will be hosting the Illinois 1st Vice President, Kevin Kennedy, and his wife, Janet. Please, when you see us escorting them around this weekend, stop and introduce yourself and say hello. They are a wonderful couple who are great Elks and care deeply about our Order. They also love to have fun.

Lois and I look forward to visiting Madison for our Mid-Winter Conference and seeing all our friends again. I hear that the Madison Lodge has put together a wonderful weekend. Hope everyone has a safe trip and a capital (enjoyable) time while you are in Madison.



As always, "Take Pride in Elkdom" and we will see you in Madison.

Yours in Elkdom,

David

David Assmann, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

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 6th. We welcome new faces and ideas.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-922-5962.

Judie Behnke, PFL
President, Ladies Advisory

The Leading Knight Ladies Training will be held immediately following the Ladies Luncheon at the Mid-Winter Conference. The location will be posted at the Conference.

FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR...

Greetings Everyone –

The long hot days of summer and fall are behind us – where does time go? It is hard to believe that winter and the holidays are upon us, where we look forward to special times with our families and friends. Many of our Lodges have special holiday activities for their members; Santa visits for the children, holiday goodies for shut-ins and much, much more. I commend all of you for your extra efforts in bringing the joy and peace of this holiday season to those that are less fortunate than most.

I would like to thank all of you for the warm and wonderful Wisconsin welcome you gave Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith and First Lady Sandra at our Fall Conference. Mike and Sandra were quite impressed with our State Association's commitment to our State Project and endeavors, in addition to the various Grand Lodge programs. I know he feels our success as a State Association can be attributed to our hard work and dedication, which comes from our mid-western values. As National President of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mike is spreading the message ***"PROMOTE ELKS PASSION"***. You can be sure that when he left Wisconsin, he was confident that our State has the ***PASSION*** to do just that.

As I write this message, our Lodge year is more than half over. District Deputy visits have been completed (take a deep breath ERs!) and we turn our thoughts to preparations for the Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference in February which will be held in Madison. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress thus far, gain new insights and information from other members



and, of course, renew and enjoy our friendships.

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 happy, healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless you all.



State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association

NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS

FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST, 2011. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

Ken Johnson, State Secretary

REVEREND HACKBARTH'S MESSAGE

"---and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." Matthew 2: 9-11 NIV



It seems that my earliest memories of Christmas are about the decorating of the tree. My brothers and I were too young to decorate the tree with the lights, ornaments, and tinsel; yet we all begged to have the privilege of placing the star at the top of the tree. Whomever won that honor was lifted up by Dad and placed the star (as securely as possible) on the tree.

We waited anxiously for Dad to plug the cord into the wall – what a grand and glorious sight – the lights blazing – the glittering of the tinsel – and the glowing of the star!

My brothers and I sat in front of that tree relishing its splendor, and always gazing at the star.

Dad gave me this star recently, still in its original box (ca. 1950) labeled “Tree Topper.” My memory of that “tree topper” was that it was always bright, smooth, and glossy in appearance (at least that is how I remembered it). Looking at the device, I was astonished at how its appearance had changed. The glossy patina was no more, the smooth surface was pock marked with numerous dents, and staples held the seams together. It seems that my father’s frugal nature of “never-ending repair” extended itself to Christmas ornaments too. Perhaps he viewed the star as a necessary symbol that needed to be maintained.

Jesus’ birthday has always carried many symbols such as the manger, swaddling cloths, shepherds, sheep, donkey’s, angel choirs, wise-men (from the East), just to name a few. Yet one cannot forget the appearance of the star.

That mysterious star was the sign of great importance to those astrologers, and it functioned as the directional guide to Jesus’ location. After the men found the “newly born king,” this celestial beacon vanished from sight – but not from our collective memory.

Somehow, in my mind, this old family relic (star) resembles the Church in our current secular world. The church still is a symbol and tool of God’s purpose to redeem humankind. She (the universal Church) began as a shining symbol of redemption for millions of people, yet through the 20 centuries of its existence has gone through many changes and has had numerous repairs (theological staples). For many people the church’s patina has dulled and Jesus’ birth has become more of a season of excessive materialism and less than one of hope for redemption.

It seems to me that our lives appear to be reflected by that little star. We were nurtured in the “love and knowledge” of Jesus Christ, yet through the years we have been battered by multi-culturalism, materialism, and numerous other “isms.” Through all of this we are continuously drawn back to Jesus and repaired (stapled), and sometimes to have those staples burst and (through God’s grace) new ones applied. Through all of this, we retain the hope for redemption through God’s radiant gift, Jesus.

REVEREND HACKBARTH'S MESSAGE (con't)

I will affix my family heirloom to my Christmas tree this year (without my Dad's help) and it will shine for another decade or two until I pass it on to one of my daughters. This year I will see it as I believe it to be - a sign of great importance, a reflection of God's love for his creation and an everlasting guide for our hope of redemption.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth, State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH

All too often, the only publicity received by the young people of our nation is negative. The only teenagers mentioned in the media are those who, for one reason or another, have gotten into some trouble.

Our "Student/Teenager of the Month" and "Student/Teenager of the Year" program is designed to recognize outstanding young men and women for their achievements in their school and community life. The positive publicity generated by this program can do much to enhance the image of young people in your community and counteract the negative publicity.

The beauty of this program is that every Lodge in the Order can participate. This program can be as simple or elaborate as your Lodge resources will allow. Your Lodge should seek out an outstanding boy and girl every month and publicly reward them for their accomplishments. Toward the end of the Lodge year, all the monthly winners and their parents should be guests at the Lodge at a dinner, at which time the

Student/Teenager of the Year is announced.

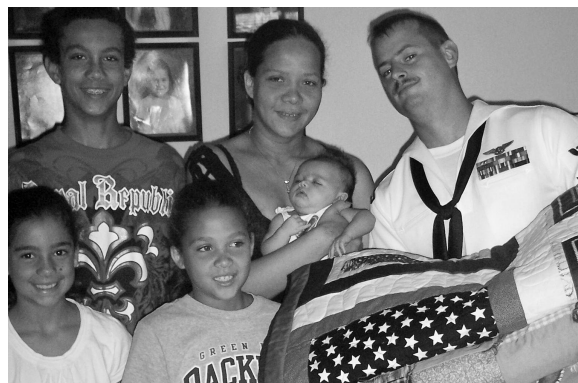
The method of selecting the "Student/Teenager of the Month" is the responsibility of a committee of students selected from the schools participating. The selection of the top student/teenager is based on multiple achievements, such as character, leadership, community service, scholarship and other facts that make up a well-rounded individual.

The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee will provide guidelines, certificates, nomination forms, posters and news release forms to all State Youth Activities Chairmen. Additional supplies can be obtained from Victor J. Cid, Area 2 Committee Member. E-mail: cidvictorj@aol.com, in charge of this program.

Your whole-hearted efforts towards making this program a success will reap dividends from your community, our youth and the Order of Elks. Let's show that with this program we are making a difference for the youth of America.

Victor J. Cid
GL Youth Activities Committee

THANK YOU



The family of Phillip Laxton sends their thanks to #1380's membership for the quilts given to the newest member of their family. Scarlett was born June 16th. Phill is currently serving with the United States Navy.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY JOSEPH ROSSLEY, VP

"...in this my solemn and binding obligation in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America"

These are words that every member of our great organization has spoken at their initiation. As I watch and participate in initiation ceremonies I often sit and wonder as I listen to a new member taking this oath, how many members of our order can recall what the entire obligation contains? I have found that often when I hear these important words being said, I can think of many times where I wish that some of my fellow members would once again make themselves aware of what the obligation asks them to do as part of their membership in the Elks. Most often the new member has little recollection of the oath they took. And those who have taken the oath years ago tend to forget that this obligation is what allows us to be accepted into our order and should be a guide in how we conduct ourselves as members.

I would encourage the officers of all the Lodges in our state to share with their members the important words that the "solemn and binding obligation" contains. I think that by reawakening the spirit of Elkdom in our members we will gain a positive attitude as we go forward in the work of the order.

May everyone who is proud to call themselves an Elk, as well as their loved ones and families, have a blessed and safe holiday season.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY GEORGE A. MEYERS, VP

Hello from the Northwest District. It has been an interesting and eventful fall this year. First, I want to express our condolences for the



loss of one of the finest Elks I have ever known – Herbert Zimmer. He was a true icon and example of what Elkdom is and what it means. He will be dearly missed by everybody that knew him.

We have completed all of the State President's visits in our district and I accompanied our District Deputy on his visitations as he completed them also. We are starting to wind down a little since we have all of that done, but there are a lot of other things to get done yet. We still have the Hoop Shoot to go and the month of December with Christmas and all the parties.

All of our Lodges in the district are doing quite well. Of course, we all have a few things to tweak but we are getting them done. I have been impressed with the officers in all of our district as they have been actively working for their Lodges. They all deserve a pat on the back for their efforts.

I hope that this letter finds everybody in fine spirits, and I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

BY AARON HOLBROOK, VP



The new year starts for Elks in April, but the turn of the calendar year is when we prepare for the change in our leadership.

Take a look around your Lodge. Is there something that you could help get done? Do you have a talent or skill to offer the Lodge? Then why not consider taking a leadership role in your Lodge or in the Wisconsin Elks Association?

Your membership in the Elks is as valuable as you make it. Besides the friendships and support from fellow Elks, you will find a world of opportunity in the Elks. Take advantage of those opportunities and the rewards will benefit you, your Lodge and your community.

The Southeast District has gone through a transformation and offers more opportunities than ever to serve the Elks. We have created a Southeast District Association and elected officers at our August meeting.

The officers of the Southeast District Association are: Aaron Holbrook, Beaver Dam, Vice-President; Chris Cox, Walworth-Lakeland, Senior Trustee; Rob Radig, Beaver Dam, Junior Trustee; Lisa Kromraj, Milwaukee, Secretary; Dennis Daley, Watertown, Treasurer; Frank Bahleda, Waukesha, Chaplain. Our District Sponsor is Ron Bertrand of Waukesha. We will go through the process of nominating a new set of officers in January and an election will be held in April, in accordance with our By-Laws.

We do realize that change is coming to the district, but have been advised to proceed until that happens. Perhaps you would consider helping the district as an officer.

The district donated \$509 to Camp Wawbeek for dehumidifiers and several members helped with a roofing project at the camp. Thank you for your generosity.

Don't forget there are State President's Visits in Milwaukee on January 22nd and in Beaver Dam on February 26th. They are great events and rewarding on many levels.

There has been some interest in creating a District Ritual Team. I have spoken to some people about it, but if anyone is interested, contact myself or Gregg Vosswinkel. See? There are opportunities around every corner in the Elks. I would love to talk to you personally about these opportunities at the Mid-Winter Conference, district meeting or maybe in your Lodge.

Hope to see you soon.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY KYLE CRONAN, VP

The ground is turning white and we hearty residents of the Central District are once again bracing for winter. As you enjoy the holiday season and our winter activities, whether it be snowmobiling, snowman building or snowboarding, please keep in mind those less fortunate; those who we, as Elks, work to help through such activities as Christmas basket deliveries, holiday meal programs and the many other good works each of you do. I am going to be a bit greedy this holiday season and you can call me a Grinch or Scrooge, but I am going to ask that you give as much as you can of your time and your resources to those less fortunate – after all, isn't sweet Charity a noble cause!

While reflecting about the values that you hold dear to your heart this winter season, I want to challenge each

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CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

member to let his or her feelings be known to our Grand Exalted Ruler about potential changes to the Elks. Our Grand Exalted Ruler is committed to making the changes necessary to help the Elks be a viable organization for the long term. In addition, I also challenge you to let our State President and state officers know about changes you want to see at the state level to help make our organization viable for the long term. Being a relatively young guy with a young family, I plan on being a member for many years into the future and I am afraid that a day might not be too far off when our attendance at State Conferences may only include a few dozen participants – there are some real societal changes that our organization – both on the national and state levels – need to acknowledge. Change is coming and inevitable; that does not mean we need to change who we are in terms of our Principles: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity (patriotic, believers in God, never forgetting our veterans). It is possible and likely that we do need to change how we operate in advancing our beliefs.

As we look to enjoy the winter season, the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge invites all the Lodges and members of the Central District to take part in the first Jim Kengott Memorial Snowmobile Ride to be held on February 12th. Proceeds from the ride will go to support one of Jim's favorite charities, and our State Major Project, the Respite Center. The ride will be about four to six hours and will include bathroom breaks. The cost is \$20.00 and this includes a chili feed to be held at the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge. More details will be sent to the Lodges of the Central District.

Finally, as the Central District looks to only have a few short months left to enjoy each other as a district, please keep me updated as to the

status of the gavel! One of my goals is to organize a final Central District get-together as a means of sharing stories, having fellowship and, possibly, making one final gavel delivery. See you in early February!

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



BY RYAN SWANTZ, VP

Let me begin by offering my sincere thanks to the members of the East Central District for allowing me to serve as your District Vice-President. I am both humbled and enthused by the trust you have placed in me. Believe me, this is not something that I will take lightly. Looking back, I see that our current and immediate two Past State Presidents were all East Central District Vice-Presidents. Looking back further, I see that a great number of our Past State Presidents have been Vice-Presidents of their respective districts. It truly is an honor to have my name included with such dedicated Elks, and I assure you that I will strive to exhibit the same dedication that these leaders have shown in the past and continue to show to this very day.

It also is truly an honor to serve under President Bob Bohnsack. Bob was the Loyal Knight in Fond du Lac when I was Exalted Ruler. He was always there to support and help me as I led the Fond du Lac Elks, and now I am glad to be there to support and help him as he leads the Wisconsin Elks.

This is where the Vice-President asks the Lodges to add their name to the Lodges' mailing lists. As your outgoing DDGER, I already am on your mailing list, so I ask that you KEEP my name on your mailing lists. Please keep me informed of what is going on in your Lodges, and I will make every

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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

effort to swing on by. If you need help with a Lodge function, please let me know and I will see if I can drop on by to be of some assistance. I am here to serve you.

Summer brings about the winds of change. We change from being pitch black at 6:00 pm to being bright light until well after 8:30 pm. We change from seeing nothing but twigs, to seeing the forest fully abloom. Our Lodge officers have changed, our State officers are changing, and soon our Grand Lodge officers will change. Changes are among us everywhere, and I ask that you join with me in embracing the change.

The big change that is coming is the realignment of our districts. This seems no longer to be an "if", but now is a "when". Most likely, our East Central District will be split. This is where we can show that **"We're All Family"** and join with our soon-to-be new districts for some friendship, camaraderie and learning. The different districts do things differently, and I encourage the Lodges to travel and communicate with the Lodges in the new districts when they are formally announced. Extend the olive branch and learn what makes them unique while sharing what makes you unique.

President Bob has stated (or paraphrased from Walt Disney) that **"It All Begins With A Lodge"**. I wholeheartedly agree with that statement. It takes 33 Lodges to make up the Wisconsin Elks. It takes six Lodges to make up the East Central District. If just one of those Lodges isn't strong, everything becomes a whole lot tougher for everybody else. It all comes down to you and your Lodge. Show your **Enthusiasm**, succeed through **Leadership** and grow by **Kindling** the fire of your members. Be an **ELK** and show that you are the

Lodge that helps all Elks achieve that common goal.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

BY TERRY THOMPSON, VP

This article will have a different message than previous articles written for *The Bugle*. Ken Johnson, State Secretary/Editor of



our *Bugle* suggested that those submitting an article enclose a picture of themselves so that members can put a face to the writer. He also thought that it would be an enlightenment for anyone that doesn't know what the Elks are or what they do. Hopefully, the articles written could be used as a collective account to help bring in new members and, perhaps enlighten present members to something they did not know and maybe rededicate their caring for Elkdom.

As a reminder for all of us that have been an Elk for many years and those new members recently initiated, the Elks are a fraternal organization that was organized on February 16, 1868. The Elks are made up of American citizens (men and women) of the United States and its territories with a membership of over a million individuals.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are dedicated to serving communities in many areas of Americanism, drug awareness, scholarships, veteran and youth sports, to name just a few examples of what Elks promote.

A little history lesson that many may not know: the Elks colors are royal purple and white. The white denotes purity and absolute truth, while the royal purple color signifies the love of truth and the highest degree of virtue.

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT (con't)

Purple is the color for the robes of emperors and signify highest favor. The blending of white and purple indicated the favor of the people which bespeaks of the status of Elkdom. In addition to the Elk Organization colors, each state has its own color, and our is in Wisconsin is red. Some Wisconsin Elk history that you may or may not know is:

-- The first formal State Convention was held in June 1902 in Oshkosh at which time there were 28 Lodges.

-- In 1920 the Grand Lodge Headquarters were in Dubuque, Iowa.

-- The Milwaukee Lodge hosted the Grand Lodge Convention in 1933, the last time it would be held in Wisconsin.

-- The Grand Lodge in 1930 converted our two districts, East and West, into a third district configuration, which became the Northeast, Northwest and South Districts. This arrangement would last until 1961, when change occurred again.

-- In 1989 the Grand Lodge reorganized Wisconsin from four to six districts in order to reduce travel time for its District Deputies. Central and East Central Districts were created with the stroke of a pen and the Northeast District lost 40% of its members and four of its most active Lodges.

-- The first state Elks public Flag Day Ceremony was held in Kenosha on June 14, 1935.

-- The circus baron, Al Ringling's mansion became home to the Baraboo Elks in 1936.

-- In 1937 our State Association established its first scholarship contests and awards.

-- 1956 was the year the first reference of a donation of \$1,000 to Camp Wawbeek.

-- In 1965 Wisconsin Elks had its first Constitution Contest and in 1974 had its first National Hoop Shoot winner, a boy from Kaukauna.

-- In May 1994 the State Association changed the direction of its Major Project, starting a Respite Care facility in Pioneer Camp at Wawbeek.

-- In 1995 the Grand Lodge Session allowed women to become Elks.

These are some facts gleaned from the Wisconsin Elks 100 Years 1902-2002 Book. I hope those facts enlighten both long time Elks and those who may be thinking of joining our Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

The Mid-Winter Wisconsin Elks Conference in Madison, February 3rd - 6th will soon be here! It is a time when we Elks can relish in our accomplishments as well as face the challenges in our local Lodges to serve our communities and help our State and National Associations continue our charitable programs. Maybe together we can make a little history of our own.

See you in Madison!



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February 2011

WELCOME TO MADISON!

The capital city of the great state of Wisconsin heartily welcomes the Wisconsin Madison for its Mid Winter Conference. You are in for a fantastic time in Madison, consistently noted in national publications as one of the best places to live. We are proud to be home to the University of Wisconsin and the bowl-bound Wisconsin team. We hope that you have the time to visit our many fine shopping areas, museums. Be sure to visit the Overture Center and plan on returning to Madison for a special event there. Also, take in the Capitol and the Monona Terrace and other fine buildings.

Madison is a city surrounded by lakes and is home to numerous parks and the Wisconsin State Capitol. **Madison is truly a beautiful city; please take the time while you're visiting to see the many sights that** the city has to offer. Madison is proud to be home of nearly 220,000 residents. Live, work, learn and play. We look forward to your visit and hope that your stay is a memorable one.

Sincerely,

David J. Cieslewicz
Mayor



WELCOME TO MADISON LODGE #410

On behalf of the over 900 members of the Madison Lodge #410, I welcome you to the great city of Madison Wisconsin. It is always a pleasure to welcome the members and families of the Wisconsin Elks Association to our city among the Lakes. We also welcome our State Sponsor from Flora, Illinois Lodge #4659, the Honorable F. Louis (Lou) Sulsberger. We are additionally pleased to welcome Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Honorable Robert J. Sabin his and wife, Marge and 1st Vice President of the Illinois Elks Association, Kevin Kennedy, and his wife, Janet.

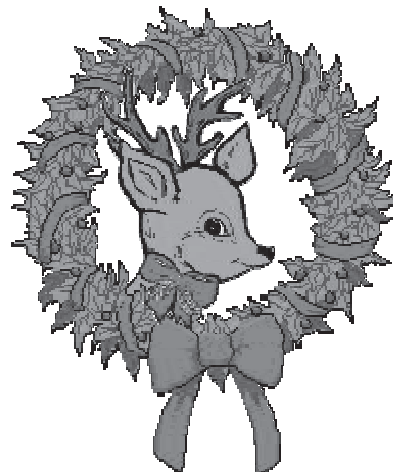
Madison Lodge #410 has worked long and hard to make your visit to Madison both fun and relaxing. All of Saturday's meetings will be held at the host hotel, the Madison Concourse. The Concourse has been outstanding to work with and I am sure that they will do everything possible to make your stay a memorable one. The Concourse has offered to provide complimentary transportation to and from the Hotel to the Lodge for your convenience during the entire event. The Madison Lodge will be open for your dining enjoyment Thursday night featuring our famous Prime Rib, Friday lunch and Friday night, including our famous Friday Night Fish Fry. Our entire weekend menu is available for you to view on the Wisconsin Elks Association website (www.wielks.org) The Association Luncheon will be held Saturday at the Lodge. Saturday night's Banquet and Dance will also be held at the Madison Lodge with the Kristi B band playing for your enjoyment.



The Ladies Saturday Luncheon will be held at the Concourse Hotel on Saturday, and we are hoping to have a tour of the Capitol for the Ladies after their Luncheon.

If you need help or have any questions, please ask one of our members for assistance. In the meantime, we hope that you enjoy your stay in Madison.

Bernie Reinfeldt,
Bernie Reinfeldt, Exalted Ruler
Madison Lodge #410



	WEA - 2011 Mid-Winter Conference	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
<u>Please check on site for room assignments</u>		
		ROOM
<u>Thursday, Feb. 3 2011</u>		
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Madison Elks Lodge
<u>Friday, Feb.4, 2011</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Madison Elks Lodge
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Madison Elks Lodge
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Madison Elks Lodge
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Madison Elks Lodge
<u>Saturday, Feb.5, 2011</u>		
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration	Concourse Hotel
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Concourse Hotel
7:40 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Concourse Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	Concourse Hotel
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Concourse Hotel
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	State Ritual Individual Competition	
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Elks National Foundation	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarships	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Concourse Hotel
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	Concourse Hotel
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Concourse Hotel
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Concourse Hotel
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Concourse Hotel
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Concourse Hotel

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		ROOM
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Publicity and Public Relations	Concourse Hotel
12:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Concourse Hotel
	First Ladies Training to immediately follow	Concourse Hotel
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Madison Elks Lodge
	ER Major Project March to immediately follow	Madison Elks Lodge
2:30 PM	Ritual Competition	
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Concourse Hotel
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Madison Elks Lodge
7:00 PM	Banquet	Madison Elks Lodge
<u>Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Madison Elks Lodge
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Madison Elks Lodge
Immediately Following the General Session:		
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TWO RIVERS ELKS PRESENT BLUE STAR BANNERS

The Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the Two Rivers American Legion Post #165 recently presented 23 military families residing in Manitowoc and Kewaunee County with Blue Star Banners.

The program provides Blue Star Banners to the parents and spouses of active duty military personnel serving in any branch of the United Armed Forces, those who have been activated to full-time duty through the Reserves or National Guard or those attending any US Armed Forces Military Academy. Manitowoc and Kewaunee County families of active duty military personnel may request a Blue Star Banner from the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the Two Rivers American Legion Post #165.



Pictured (left to right) Row 1: Patti Maedke, Rose Mayer, Ann Walters and Donald Copeskey. Row 2: Brian Maedke, Karen Vande Berg, Dennis Mayer, Matt Walters (brother of Adam Walters accepting a Blue Star Banner for Adam's wife, Katie) and Eileen Werdeo.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY MICHAEL REBHAWN, DDGER



By the time you read this, the second DD Clinic and all Lodge visits in the Central District will be completed. On behalf of myself,

Esquire to the DD, Bob Rennells (Marshfield #665), and Auditor to the DD, Randy Senn (Wausau #248); as well as our spouses, Kate, Sheryl and Peggy, I would like to thank all of the officers and members of the Central District Lodges for their hospitality and fellowship. It is obvious that the work of Elksdom is alive and well in central Wisconsin. (Sorry Ken!)

This year our Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable Michael F. Smith, has chosen ***"P.E.P." – "Promote Elks Passion"*** as his slogan. In visiting the Lodges of the Central District I have learned of a number of programs unique to individual Lodges that epitomize ***"P.E.P."***. While we all try to involve ourselves in the Grand Lodge Programs, sometimes one will appeal to a Lodge more than any other.

Let me tell you about one at Stevens Point Lodge #641, specifically Youth Activities. The members of the Lodge sponsor fundraising spaghetti dinners for area youth groups. The young people sell the tickets and help with set-up and clean-up. The Lodge volunteers prepare the food and supervise the evening. The organization pays a minimal set fee per plate for the spaghetti served and retains the rest of the money paid for the ticket. From April 1st, 2010 to October 31st, 2010, the Lodge has sponsored 12 of these dinners! The result has been that the youth organizations of the Stevens Point area have received over \$32,000 in money and value of service! A side effect has been the appearance of a number of articles and letters to the editor in the local papers thanking the Elks for their

efforts. This has spurred interest by new members in joining.

If any Lodge would like to emulate Stevens Point Lodge #641 in this, information is available online or I am certain that an inquiry by phone would produce additional information. Congratulations to Stevens Point #641 on developing a truly unique program to bring ***"P.E.P."*** to both your community and your Lodge!

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY TONY VOULGARIS, DDGER



As you are reading this article, all the holidays are over and all the unwanted presents have been returned. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with their families and loved ones. It was seven months ago that I was sitting in Orlando in 90 degree weather getting installed as your DD, and now I am all bundled up and putting up with the Wisconsin weather. Where does the time go? We are coming into the final stretch of our Elk year and I hope all the Exalted Rulers are trying to accomplish all their goals that they wanted to achieve. As we are all aware, February is an important month for us because we will be deciding who will be our new officers for the upcoming year. During my DD visits, I noticed that our Lodges, with some exceptions, were in good shape of having all of the chairs being filled for the upcoming year.

During my DD visits, we witnessed a lot of great things at each Lodge. Each Lodge "Promoted Elks Passion" with all the great Elk programs and their own unique activities for their communities. One Lodge I would like to give a big shout out to is Sheboygan #299. At my DD visit, which I was there for, we initiated a total of 14 new members. This is slightly below their normal initiation

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class, but still was the largest during my DD visits. The new members were treated to an impressive initiation by the Sheboygan officers in the afternoon and then they topped it off with a banquet and music in the evening. There were well over 100 people in attendance to welcome their new members. The question was asked to Exalted Ruler Randy, "How do you keep bringing in these new members?" He answered, "The local "Jaycees". The Sheboygan Jaycees is the feeder program for their new members. I know that not each community has a Jaycees Club, but if you do please tap into this great resource for new members. So, I want to thank Sheboygan #299 for doing their part in being +1 membership for the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the East Central Lodges for their great hospitality and courtesy you showed to me and my officers during my DD visits. We had a lot of fun!!!

Please continue to do all the great Elk programs and help us "Promote Elks Passion" in your communities!!!

FINISH STRONG AND BE POSITIVE!!

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY LENORA SHEAHAN, DDGER

Weather is getting colder; must mean it is getting closer to Christmas. Had interesting visits with all the Lodges, beginning with Marinette #1313 on September 27th, Manitowoc #687 on October 5th, Oconto #887 on October 7th, followed by Green Bay #259 and ending with Two Rivers #1380 on October 10th.



Each Lodge has their ups and downs. The goal is TO WORK TOGETHER and have a productive outcome. It is hard work to get people involved in work and charities. Find the program that interests that person and get them to help. Don't be afraid to ask. Some areas find changes hard. Just keep working and smiling.

I found fun and good faith in the Lodges. Some of the activities are working on Veterans programs, Hoop Shoot and planning Christmas programs for needy children. The Lodges are planning events that ALL Lodges are WELCOME to participate in. This help us to know other people, and put faces to names.

I am very proud of the money given to ENF by all Lodges. Keep up the good work. Also, most Lodges met my goal to bring back one member that has stopped coming or quit. Thanks.

Start getting ready for all the reports that are due by May. The earlier you prepare, the easier it will be when the time comes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and God Bless everyone.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

BY LEE GILE, DDGER

Here we are moving into the holiday season and my crew and myself have made our visits with the six Lodges in my district. Lodges, however, will be ending the year with only five in my district.

On January 15th we will be holding our next DD Clinic at 9:00 am in Waukesha. The Southeast District meeting will follow. Exalted Rulers will be entering the final stretch and will need to be getting things completed and in order for next year's Exalted Ruler in

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their Lodges with, hopefully, a gain in membership.

Next year's Exalted Ruler, you should have all your officers lined up well in advance of the February nomination and election. If not, you could find yourself in a situation of not having a full slate of officers.

Keep up with GER Smith's goal of \$4.50 per member for the ENF and contribute an equal amount towards the State Benevolent Fund.

Hope everyone had a safe holiday season and keep spreading the word and work of Elksdom throughout your community.

Promote Elks Passion.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY CHAD BORMANN, DDGER

I trust that everyone has had a great holiday season and is ready to get back into the swing of things for 2011.



On November 13th, my wife, Tracy, Esquire, Ora Payne and Auditor, Greg Mazur and I finished up our Lodge visits for the 2010 Lodge year. On behalf of all of us, a big "thank you" goes out to every Lodge in the Northwest District. You've all done a great job this year and have made our jobs extremely easy. Every Lodge in our district has done a great job of promoting Elksdom this year and can be proud of the job they are doing in their communities.

Now for some housekeeping. Please continue using the new CLMS system to update your Lodge information in a timely manner. I know there have been some issues with the new reporting system, but I trust everyone will continue to file their reports with Grand Lodge in a timely manner.

Also, please note the following dates if you have not already done so:

DD Clinic – Rice Lake, 10:30 am, Saturday, January 15th

DD Clinic – Chippewa Falls, 10:30 am, Saturday, April 16th.

As always, please remember that the Lodge Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees is required to attend each DD Clinic under the Laws of the Order.

Additionally, Exalted Rulers, please be aware that this is the time of year that many reports are coming due. Please file them in a timely manner. It makes the job of both Grand Lodge and the President-Elect much easier if we all work together to meet deadlines.

As we push forward into a new year, please keep up the great work you are doing. Let's keep "Promoting Elks Passion" in 2011.

JUST A REMINDER...

At a Conference or a Convention, the Lodge that is hosting it relies upon their raffles to generate the majority of their income.

It is the policy of the Wisconsin Elks Association that only the host Lodge or the Wisconsin Elks Association approved committees can sell raffle tickets at the Lodge or the Conference and Convention headquarters.

If your Lodge has raffle tickets, please restrict their sales to your hospitality room.

You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars. With it, there is accomplishment. Without it, there are only alibis.

■ Henry Ford

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR TRUSTEE, CENTRAL DISTRICT

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

Mike and his wife of 45 years, Peggy, have lived in Wausau since 1969. He has retired after 38 years of teaching World History at Wausau East High School. He continues to teach by being a substitute in the Wausau District and by chairing the Orientation Committee for the Wausau Lodge.

Mike has been a member of Wausau Lodge #248 for the past 23 years. He became Inner Guard shortly after joining and advanced through the Chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler for the year 1995-1996. Mike remained involved and served as Secretary/Treasurer, VP, and President of Lodge #248's Past Exalted Rulers organization. He received "Elk of the Year" for Lodge #248 for 1996-1997.

Mike is an active helper in numerous Lodge events, including the annual Smelt Fry, Kids Fishing Contest, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Handicap Ramp Building, as well as Chair for the Lodge U.S. Constitution Committee for the past 14 years.

On the state level, Mike has been active at Conventions and Conferences for many years. He has served as Housing Chairman for the last four Conventions held in Wausau and for 2011. He is a member of the U.S. Constitution Committee and serves as Vice-Chair of that Committee for the Central District. He was elected and served as State VP for the Central



District as State VP for the Central District for the year 1998-1999. He has also served as Auditor for District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dale Heitmann (Wausau Lodge # 248) and Esquire for District Deputy Scott Kovatch (Stevens Point Lodge #641). He is completing his term as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Wisconsin Central District 2010-2011.

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

Marty Sullivan, Exalted Ruler
Wausau Lodge #248

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT
Wisconsin Elks Association
DAVID NITZE SR.
Janesville #254*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SECRETARY



*Candidate for the Office of
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KEN JOHNSON
Wausau #248*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TILER



*Candidate for the Office of
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DALE HEITMANN
Wausau #248*





Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

BY ROBERT YOST

RANA WEYANT, RESPITE RECIPIENT, TO BE CONFERENCE GUEST

Please allow me to introduce to all of you our Respite representative, Rana Weyant, who, with her family, will be our guest at the Mid-Winter Conference in Madison, WI.



Rana is a 17 year-old, very cheerful, affectionate young woman. Even though she suffers from autism, her beautiful smile combines with lots of personality.

Rana loves school, and looks forward to it every day at Memorial High School in Madison. She totally enjoys the outdoors and being around her younger niece and nephew, who keep her laughing. While outside she enjoys watching the leaves blow in the wind.

Rana spent time at the Elks Respite Center in 2010, an experience she totally enjoyed. At first she was leery about going because she has been hurt by guardians in the past who were supposed to protect her. Theresa, her mother, would call her, sometimes three times a day, to make sure she

was okay. But camp personnel assured her that she was enjoying herself every minute. In fact, when they picked her up from camp, Rana wanted to bring her counselor home with her!

Other activities this young lady likes are bowling, reading magazines, shopping (if she can push the cart) and taking a walk with her mom and dad.

Rana and the family want to thank the Elks for the opportunity enabling her to attend the Respite Camp and remarked "with our tight budget, we never could have afforded for her to attend".

FALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ENJOY GOLF OUTING



Past State Presidents Terry Hubbard, Milt Swantz, Bill Forest, and Norm Behnke, stand with PGER Lou Sulsberger, and GER Michael Smith prior to the start of the Fall Conference golf outing in Fond du Lac.



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

BY RAY DABLER
MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN

This past June our Elks Village Respite Center has been operating for four years and has served 854 campers this year, more than any year in the past. Next June we will make our final loan payment to Easter Seals of \$60,000.00 and will then move on to our new project of expansion and remodeling of the Elks Lodge dining hall. With the increase in campers the dining hall is overcrowded at mealtime.

We are in the process of forming a new Building Board Committee for the dining room expansion so if anyone would like to be on the committee please contact me. We will hold our first meeting this spring.

At the Fall Conference I reported that the roof on the first Respite Cabin was in bad shape and needed to be replaced before winter and I requested that each Lodge contribute \$200 so we could accomplish this with the help of a donation from Easter Seals and the balance a loan from Easter Seals. As I write this article the new metal roof is being installed and with the generous support from the Lodges, Auxiliaries and individual Lodge members we have received over \$4,600.00 in donations so far. Ken Saville from

Easter Seals called me and said Easter Seals had some money left over from a different Respite project and that they would add another donation of \$1,800.00 to their prior commitment of \$3,000.00 for the roof. On behalf of the Major Project Committee, our kids and Easter Seals I would like to thank all of you for your support of our Respite Program and once again showing that "**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**".

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

I would like to thank all the committee members for all the work they do to make our programs a success and to all the Elks that support our Respite Program with their donations to our fundraisers and going the extra mile when the need arises, such as the roof project.



Marshfield Elks Lodge #665

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December 20, 2010

Youth Activities Chair
Antigo Elks Lodge #662
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Dear Youth Activities Chair,

Greetings! I hope that this letter finds you well. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nick McCauley and I am the current ER of the Marshfield Lodge. I have taken the role of State Youth Activities Committee Chair. During the transition of taking over the committee I am aware that there has been lots of questions and it did not help with myself missing the Fall Convention due to my honeymoon. I am writing this letter to get everything back on track.

First of all I would like to hear from your lodge to get the contact information for your Lodge Youth Activities Chairman. Either send it over to me via email or give me a call. I would like email addresses from everyone if available – this would be easiest for me to send out reminders and needed information. Let me know what the best way to contact you is and I will make sure that I work with it.

This year, like past years the Youth Activities Committee will be reimbursing lodges for un-budgeted expenditures that you lodge has spent towards youth. Our budget is smaller this year than years in the past so will our up front reimbursement. I will start by reimbursing up to \$250.00 for un-budgeted items. As in the past some lodges do not take advantage of this. At Mid Winter Conference I will give an update to the lodges that have not yet asked for reimbursement and may entertain additional requests from lodges that have already gotten reimbursements for this lodge year if we are still under our budget.

The easiest way to send requests to me is by email. Below is my address. Feel free to scan in any documents to support the request and I will review and forward on to the state. Regular mail also works. I have also included my home address that everything can be sent to. Requests for reimbursement should include information on what the money was used for and a copy of the cancelled check that was used for the event.

I have also included in this letter information on the Youth Activities Brochure Contest. I would like to get more lodges involved in this contest. Most lodges are already doing the programs – just need to put all of it in a scrapbook format and submit per the guidelines. Entries must be in my hands by March 23rd. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your cooperation and I am looking forward to meeting everyone at Mid-Winter in Madison. As always feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about anything.

Fraternally Yours,

Nick McCauley, State Youth Activities Chair

(C) 715-506-0420 / (W) 715-687-3026 / e-mail: nmccauley@abprocess.com / (Home Address) 1001 E. Willow Dr., Spencer, WI 54479

Cc: Bob Bohnsack, State Pres, Dave Assmann, Pres-Elect, Tom Wldzinski, PSP, Vice-Chair, Roman Baca

147th Elks Grand Lodge
CONVENTION
July 17-18-19-20-21, 2011

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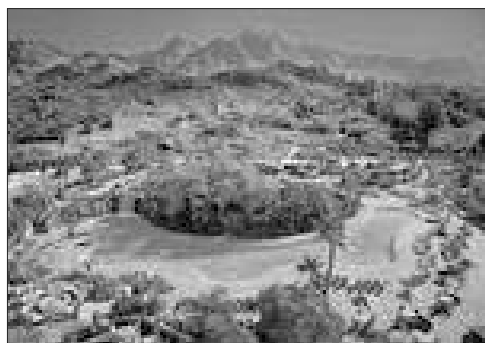


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Exciting culinary adventures await you at Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort. Hole-in-the-Wall features down-home Western fare beside the waters of the River Ranch. Slim Picken's features casual dining and libations at the River Ranch. Rico's American Grill brings high-quality, farm-to-table cuisine at an affordable price. The menu features influences from all four corners of the country, but is settled in the Southwest. Nothing about Rico's is complicated; not the parking, not the prices and definitely not the menu.

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Yes, Jim, count me in. I want to join the ELKS in PHOENIX at the 147th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION!

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Lodge Name & Lodge # _____

\$ _____ Hospitality Room **PERSONAL** Donation (\$30/person or \$50/couple) — **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

\$ _____ Hospitality Room **LODGE** Donation (\$100/Trustee) — **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

\$ _____ Wisconsin Night Party (\$15/person or \$25/couple) — **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

I will also donate: ☐ Cheese ☐ Sausage ☐ Beer ☐ Booze ☐ Other

****The Committee will transport all donated supplies to Convention — Contact Chairman Meyer****

ROOM RATES: \$109.00/night + 13.5% tax

Desired Accommodations: ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Single (1 King) ☐ Double (2 Queens) ☐ Handicapped

☐ I'm Driving ☐ I'm Flying Date Arriving in Phoenix _____ Date Departing From Phoenix _____

\$ _____ Room Deposit (\$150/room) Paid by: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card - Card Type _____

Card # _____ Expires _____

ARE YOU BEING SHORT CHANGED?

The Committee for the Disabled can help your Lodge. When your Lodge helps the disabled, whether it's equipment or financial, your Lodge may qualify for reimbursement. Take care in not short changing your Lodge. When in doubt, file a claim. Meetings are at 9am on Saturday at State Conventions and State Conferences.

GUILDINES FOR PAYMENT AND FILING CLAIMS

1. Lodge claims for projects involving a specific person will be figured at a rate of 50% up to \$1000 per project.
2. Lodge claims that are not going to a specific person will be at maximum rate of 50% up to \$1000 per project per year. Example school for the disabled, disabled work projects or group outings and activities.
3. Claims received for the last meeting of the budget year will take preference over any claims submitted by any Lodge that has received more than 25% of the committee's budget.
4. All claims must be for current year and received no later than Mid-Winter Conference.
5. No claims for funding going for research of diseases. Example: cancer, heart, or aids.
6. No claims for transportation, food or clothing for volunteers.
7. Lodge cannot profit from any activities sponsored by their Lodge. Cost of goods can be submitted. Example: food and beverage.
8. Lodges are to investigate the worthiness of the project and fund the project before filing a claim. All claims must be accompanied with proof of payment.
9. A representative **MUST BE PRESENT** to present the application during the Committee for the Disabled meeting, otherwise no action will be taken.
10. All claims for the committee's consideration **MUST BE IN THE CHAIRMAN'S HAND TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING.**
11. Each Lodge is allowed to request one campership claim per year, unless at the end of the Mid-Winter meeting there remains unallocated funds. At that time additional campership claims will be considered and equal payment applied.



PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 26, 2011

STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2011

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)

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME): _____
(if name badge is requested)

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES' LUNCHEON		
STUFFED PORK CHOP	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
GREEK CHICKEN BREAST	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
PASTA SALAD	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
(\$16.00 IF PURCHASED ON SITE)		
ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON		
OPEN-FACE HOT ROAST BEEF	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
PASTA SALAD	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
(\$16.00 IF PURCHASED ON SITE)		
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET		
FILET MIGNON	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
VEGETARIAN LASAGNA	_____ @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
(\$22 IF PURCHASED ON SITE)		

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

TOTAL \$ _____

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

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Stuffed Pork Chop - Pork Chop stuffed with Sage Dressing

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 and Coffee or Milk

OR

Pasta Salad – Served with Vegetable of the Day and Fresh Fruit, Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce 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 Coffee or Milk

Pasta Salad– Accompanied by Vegetable of the Day and Fresh Fruit, Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce Coffee or Milk

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Filet Mignon - w/ Fresh Mushroom Sauce

OR

Stuffed Chicken Breast – Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Sage Dressing

OR

Vegetarian Lasagna – Accompanied by Vegetable of the Day, Chocolate Mousse and Beverage

Filet Mignon and Stuffed Chicken Breast - Accompanied by Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Broccoli Normandy, Chocolate Mousse and Beverage

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 26, 2011 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.
YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.**

**Wisconsin *Elks* Association
May Convention
April 28 - May 1, 2011
Hosted by Wausau *Elks* Lodge #248**

The Plaza Hotel & Suites (Convention Headquarters) 201 North 17th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 845-4341 Specify Block #2207 (Hospitality Rooms must be reserved through Mike Rebhahn @715-675-7248)	180 Rooms Available Indoor pool, Continental breakfast Single or Double \$82.00 1 Room Suite \$92.00 2 Room Suite \$129.00 Hospitality Room \$150.00
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Hampton Inn 615 South 24th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 848-9700	40 Rooms Available Indoor pool, Full Hot Breakfast King \$89.00 2 Queens \$99.00
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Jefferson Street Inn 201 Jefferson Street Wausau, WI 54403 (715) 845-6500	20 Rooms Available Continental breakfast All Executive Rooms \$99.00
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Super 8 2006 West Stewart Ave Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 848-2888	30 Rooms Available Indoor Pool, Continental breakfast Single or Double \$64.88 King \$69.88
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Days Inn Wausau North 116 South 17th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 842-0641	30 Rooms Available Daybreak Breakfast Single \$49.00 Double \$54.00
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All Prices are plus all applicable room taxes.

All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotels/motels directly for all of your reservations.

Rooms will be held until March 28, 2011.

If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after you arrive, you may contact the Wausau Elks Lodge #248 at (715) 845-5602 or Mike Rebhahn at (715) 675-7248 (Home) or (715) 432-7248 (Cell).

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE
June 1

Mail all news articles and photos to Editor Ken Johnson, 1602 Foothill Ave., Schofield, WI 54476. Photos will not be returned unless requested. Use coupon printed at right to make changes in address, lodge or telephone number. Your cooperation will help us keep our address list current and save the Association address correction fees made by the Postal Service.



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New phone number, etc. _____

Wisconsin Elks Association WEBPAGE: www.wielks.org

On Dec 4th, Katie Godlewski was in the state bowling tournament for Special Olympics and took 1st Place in her division! She had to qualify out of the local and regional competitions to get to this competition. Katie is the daughter of Milwaukee Elks #46 member Ben (Jackie) Godlewski. A very proud member, and father, right now!!!!!!



Thank you from Katie Godlewski...

I want to thank the Elks so I can go to Camp Wawbeek and bowling. Thanks again. I love doing these things because I meet new friends and do other things too.

Love,

Katie