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2012 State Convention . . Marshfield, May 3-6, 2012
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FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT...

Dear Members;

Thank You for allowing Lois and I to serve you as President and 1st Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association for the year 2011-2012. It is an Honor to represent the Elk members of this great state of Wisconsin.

I would first like to "Thank" the members of the Wausau Lodge for the great Convention they held. Their time and attention to detail was great. I would also like to give a special Thank You to PSP Bill Forrest for presiding over the Installation of Officers, PSP Dave DeRosier for acting as Esquire and the Milwaukee Plugs for the "Pomp and Ceremony" they added to that wonderful day.

Lois and I are excited to represent you at the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ in July. I am thrilled and honored to be able to carry our state flag at the Opening Ceremony.

This year's motto "TAKE PRIDE IN ELKDOM" is intended to get all Elks to rise up and spread the word about the Elks, the programs we offer to our children, what we do for our veterans and do for our communities. We have long sat back and enjoyed the great organization that our forefathers built. As I stated in my acceptance speech, "We need to open the windows and doors of our Lodges and let everyone hear about the great works we do". Be proud to say "I AM AN ELK".

Lois and I are looking forward to visiting each and every one of you at your Lodges this year along with your new President-Elect and 1st Lady-Elect Dave and Pat Nitze. The warm receptions that we have received over the last three years only excite us more to visit you this year as your President and 1st Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Remember to spread the word about our GREAT organization and show that you really **"TAKE PRIDE IN ELKDOM"**.



May God Bless our Troops, God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dave

David Assmann, President
Wisconsin Elks Association

**2011 ELK OF THE YEAR
JOHN BENNETT, PSP
EAU CLAIRE LODGE #402**



PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012

DATE	DAY	LODGE/LOCATION	ACTIVITY
JUNE 18	SATURDAY	CHIPPEWA FALLS	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JUNE 19	SUNDAY	CHIPPEWA FALLS	FATHERS DAY / GOLF
JUNE 20	MONDAY	CHIPPEWA FALLS	STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 24	FRIDAY	WATERTOWN	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JUNE 25	SATURDAY	WAWBEEK/PORTAGE	ELKS DAY/ST PRES VISIT
JULY 1-4	FRIDAY - MONDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 15	FRIDAY	PHOENIX, AZ	NAT'L CONVENTION
JULY 16	SATURDAY	PHOENIX, AZ	NAT'L CONVENTION
JULY 17-20	SUNDAY- THURSDAY	PHOENIX, AZ	NAT'L CONVENTION
JULY 29	FRIDAY	JANESVILLE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JULY 30	SATURDAY	WALWORTH-LAKELAND	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JULY 31	SUNDAY	BELOIT STATE	PRESIDENT VISIT
AUG 26	FRIDAY	ASHLAND	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
AUG 27	SATURDAY	SUPERIOR	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
AUG 28	SUNDAY	RICE LAKE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
SEPT 2 - 5	FRIDAY - MONDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	LABOR DAY
SEPT 10	SATURDAY	MARSHFIELD	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
SEPT 15 - 18	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	WAUKESHA	FALL CONFERENCE
SEPT 24	SATURDAY	ANTIGO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 1	SATURDAY	WALWORTH-LAKELAND	50 TH LODGE ANNIVERSARY
OCT 8	SATURDAY	MADISON	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 14	FRIDAY	NEENAH - MENASHA	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 15	SATURDAY	WAUKESHA	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 21	FRIDAY	OSHKOSH	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
OCT 29	SATURDAY	TWO RIVERS	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
NOV 11	FRIDAY	KAUKAUNA STATE	PRESIDENT VISIT
NOV 24 - 27	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	THANKSGIVING DAY
DEC 2	FRIDAY	GREEN BAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
DEC 3	SATURDAY	OCONTO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
DEC 23 - 25	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	CHRISTMAS
DEC 30 - JAN 1, 2012	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY WEEKEND	NEW YEARS
JAN 7	SATURDAY	MARINETTE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 14	SATURDAY	BARABOO	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 21	SATURDAY	MILWAUKEE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
JAN 28	SATURDAY	FOND DU LAC	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
FEB 2 - 5	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	STEVENS POINT	MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
FEB 11	SATURDAY	WAUSAU	HOOP SHOOT / PRES VISIT
FEB 18	SATURDAY	EAU CLAIRE	STATE BOWLING TOURN
FEB 25	SATURDAY	BEAVER DAM	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 2	FRIDAY	MANITOWOC	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 3	SATURDAY	SHEBOYGAN	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 9 - 11	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	IOWA	REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT
MAR 24	SATURDAY	STEVENS POINT	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
MAR 31	SATURDAY	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	STATE PRESIDENTS VISIT
APR 6 - 8	FRIDAY - SUNDAY	HOLIDAY	EASTER WEEKEND
APR 14	SATURDAY	PLATTEVILLE	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT
APR 26 - 29	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	SPRINGFIELD MASS	NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT
MAY 3 - 6	THURSDAY - SUNDAY	MARSHFIELD	STATE CONVENTION

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“TAKE PRIDE IN ELKDOM”

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRST LADY

Dear Friends in Elkdom,



It is hard to believe that we have traveled the State of Wisconsin, visiting all of the Elks Lodges for the past three years. The time has flown; we have had a wonderful time, met old friends and made many new friends. We are now looking forward to an exciting year serving the lodges and each of you as your President and First Lady. It will be a delight to travel with Dave & Pat Nitzge, your President-Elect and First Lady-Elect.

Thank you to all of the past First Ladies, Elk members and their spouses for all of your encouragement and support. Those who have been there for us are too numerous to mention. I especially want to thank our Lodge, Waukesha #400, for their support. Everyone has been helpful and given me ideas and words of wisdom.

My project for this year will be to raise funds for the State Major Project and the Benevolent Fund. I am calling it "Angels on Earth". I believe that the many individuals we help through these two funds are most definitely Angels on Earth but each and every person that purchases tickets and helps support our cause is also an Angel on Earth. I will have a total of seven prizes that will be given away at the spring Convention in Marshfield. First Place will be an Elk Painting by Mary Krahn, 2nd place is a hand-woven basket by Betty Rose, 3rd place will be a 20" hand painted decorative plate by Lynn Weinschrott, 4th & 5th places will be a handmade wooden Elks Plaque by Lee Mayer, 6th place is an Elk Clock and 7th place will be handmade wooden Elk

Coasters by Lee Mayer. Tickets will be 5 for \$10.00 or 15 for \$20.00. At each Lodge there will be a drawing; anyone who has purchased a ticket will have the chance to win another \$10.00 book of tickets.

Each Lodge is unique and Dave and I look forward to visiting with all of you, lending a hand with as many of your projects as we can and just enjoying our time spent with each individual Lodge. Remember to always "TAKE PRIDE IN ELKDOM".

May God Bless you.

Sincerely

Lois

Lois Flssmann, First lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

2011 ELK LADY OF THE YEAR SALLY SLAVIK APPLETON LODGE #337



STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the Wisconsin Elks Association for giving me the honor to serve as your State President-Elect for the coming year. Pat and I thank all of you for the support and the friendship you have shown us this past year.

Congratulations to the State Officers installed in Wausau. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year to share the State President's message of Elkdom and spread the word about our State Major Project and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.

A special "Thank You" to Past State President Bob Bohnsack and Past 1st Lady Char for their wonderful leadership of the Wisconsin Elks Association this past year, and their friendship during our visits to all the Lodges. Pat and I were truly honored to be part of their Mickey Mouse gig.

I ask that each Lodge add me to your mailing list to receive your Lodge Bulletin. I also ask that each Lodge submit to me the date you would like to hold your State Presidents visit in 2012-2013. Please do this as early as possible as requests will be on a first come basis. I will confirm as soon as your request is received. Please mail or email to: Dave Nitze Sr., 1424 Clover Lane, Janesville, WI 53545. E-mail: nitzedsr@yahoo.com. Phone (608) 931-7980.

Thank you again for your support. Pat and I look forward to seeing many of you in Phoenix, at the Fall Conference in Waukesha and especially during our visit to all the great Lodges in our state.

Faternally,

Dave
Dave Nitze Sr., President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association



"United We Stand- Together We Soar"

GREEN BAY ELKS DONATE DICTIONARIES TO THIRD GRADERS

George Harper and Clifford Doxtator (background), both officers of the Green Bay Elks Lodge #259, visited the Oneida Nation Elementary School on Monday, May 16th. The Elks Lodge officers visited third grade classrooms and handed out dictionaries to students that contained a variety of information. The officers also briefly discussed the contents of the books, which featured items such as diagrams of planets, sign language, maps, flags and the longest word in the English language. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks also discussed the word "Benevolent" with the students, encouraging them to carry on a kindly attitude.



Photo courtesy of Travis Cottrell of the Kalihwisaks

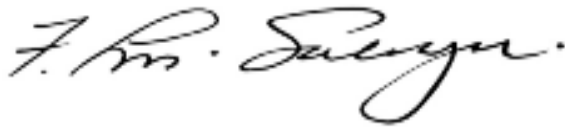
STATE SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

It was a great Convention in Wausau and a lot was accomplished. Beth said she really missed seeing all of you in Wausau and looks forward to visiting with you in Phoenix.

Enjoy the warm summer months and keep up the good work you do for Elksdom.

Have a safe trip if you are going to the Grand Lodge Convention and I look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless you all.



F. Louis Sulsberger
State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association



HATS IN THE RING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT RON SHANNON – PORTAGE LODGE #675



Ron Shannon has been an Elk for 18 years, all at the Portage Elks Lodge, and was the Exalted Ruler for the year of 1997-1998.

On the State level, Ron has been Vice-President for the Southwest District twice, once for State President John Bennett and then again for State President John Belany. He has also served on many state committees; Americanism, Scholarship and Conferences and Conventions, and has served on the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for 14 years, serving as either Co-Vice Chair or Vice-Chair for the past 12 years.

On the Grand Lodge level, Ron has been Esquire to the District Deputy for the Southwest District, serving J. Merle Alt, and will be the District Deputy of the new Central District for the year 2011-2012.

FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN...

*Then all the wicked and base fellows among the men who had gone with David said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil which we have recovered, except that each man may lead away his wife and children, and depart." But David said, "You shall not do so, my brothers, with what the **LORD** has given us; he has preserved us and given into our hand the band that came against us. 1 Samuel 30: 22-24 **RSV***

Some of David's warriors are of the opinion that those who did not engage in the fight should not receive a share in the spoil. David resolved this situation by declaring that since it was God who gave them the victory, even those who protected their supplies must receive a share in the plunder.

One can see that David valued every person on his team, and their involvement in the campaign. His declaration of partnership did much for his leadership by:

- Helping others see the contribution of every man in the unit.
- Reminding everyone that God was the true source of their victory.
- Promoting good will in potential allies.
- Enabling David to prepare for the future and make friends throughout Israel.
- Developing a nationwide value of mutual benefit and good faith.

It is easy to forget the importance of those who do not engage in the actual battle. It is interesting to note that the actual combatants in Vietnam were only 10% of the entire force stationed in that country. Without the assistance of the logisticians, I never would have survived without food, water, fuel, medical supplies, and ammunition. Every person in an organization is necessary to insure a successful operation.

David had true insight for leadership regarding logistics, tactics, and controlling the hearts and minds of his



followers. His knowledge and techniques of leadership are as valuable today as they were in his era.

It takes the effort of every individual to achieve success in any organization, specifically our respective lodges. Our leaders need to exercise the leadership potential of everyone in the lodge. Think of what you can do to help achieve your lodge goals, because in the end all will share in the "spoils."

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth, State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION REPORT WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION 2010-2011



The Wisconsin Elks Association remains a very caring and sharing group of people despite a couple of setbacks this year.

As a whole we continue a loss in membership, however 5 Lodges reported a gain for the year. They included: Beloit +1, Marshfield +2, Platteville +7, Sheboygan +19, & Two Rivers +4. I am still convinced that one of the keys to increasing membership is the "Homecoming Party". We cannot ignore those members who, for whatever reason, wander from our Lodges. They just may have the key to the successful recruitment of new members. Invite them back and ask.

The unfortunate closing of Racine Lodge #252 leaves us with a collective sadness. Although the Lodge is no longer, the feelings we have for the great people who belonged there will live on. Hopefully these members will find new and welcoming Lodge homes.

On positive notes, members contributed to the Elks National Foundation and the WI Benevolent Fund in record amounts. We exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal with a per member contribution of \$7.61. Our total giving for this year was \$74,657.15. This equates to 169.1% of the GER's goal.

The Benevolent Fund goal of \$3.00 per member was exceeded with contributions of \$3.84 per member. Contributions to this fund totaled \$37,570.28 for the year.

Support of our State Major Project continues to be strong. Total contributions of \$125,576.30 were up from last year. It cannot be emphasized enough how much the people we serve deserve the very best of care at camp. Keep up the good work.

The Longaberger Basket raffle that Char conducted this year netted a total of \$5800. This total was distributed between the WI Benevolent Fund and the Bruckner/Bohnsack Campership Fund, which pays for an additional child to attend the Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek. We cannot express our thanks to the members for their generosity.

One last time, Char and I wish to express our sincere & heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all of you who made our year as your President & First Lady an adventure of a lifetime. We will cherish the memories and your friendship forever. God Bless each of you!

And now it's time to say Good Bye to all our family...MIC...see you soon. KEY...why?, because we love you. M-O-U-S-E!

**Mickey (aka Bob) & Minnie (aka Char)
State President & First Lady 2010-2011**

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY MARTY SULLIVAN, VP

I am delighted and honored to be elected as your Northeast District Vice President. Our clean slate of the reconstituted district does represent some new challenges which I welcome. After a great meeting at the convention in Wausau and several emails between the lodges, we have made a good start in making our lodges stronger as a group because we all face some common opportunities.

Congratulations to our new state president David Assmann and Lois, officers and their partners in life. Dave Assmann has selected a great motto "Take Pride in Elkdom". We take pride in our lodges and the good that we do, but how do we communicate our pride to others? In the new media environment, there are several outlets of showing this pride. These include community bulletin boards, web pages, and of course facebook. We have a group effort to have all the lodges have a facebook presence. Aside from communicating events and pride to our own members, we also have a wonderful opportunity of reaching the many who are not familiar with the good we do and the fun we enjoy. Our target new members have facebook as their choice of communicating events so we need to join them. Community awareness is the start of recruiting new Elks to our lodges. Check out Wausau 248's facebook page at www.facebook.com/wausauelks and be sure to click "Like". We will be conducting a district facebook 'clinic' at the state conferences.

Another good challenge the district faces is our hospitality room activities, I am sure this will be a work in progress. How better to share our successes and good ideas than in this venue. We will be combining ideas and



getting together in Waukesha in September. More good ideas are spawned and friendships built during these fun get togethers.

Speaking of communicating our great character, we have an ideal opportunity of showing what Elkdom represents in our celebration of Flag Day. Our commitment to Americanism and Patriotism is on full display at this important American holiday. Invitation to the public and celebration of this great holiday is tailor made for showing our greatest attributes. I am really looking forward to participating in Appleton's Lodge's great parade and State President's visit. Take pictures and share our Patriotism.

See you soon and I certainly enjoy how I can help making your Lodges successful.

Marty Sullivan

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY JAYE FRANKLIN, V.P.

As we look forward to the warmer days of summer and the activities that make living in Wisconsin so enjoyable I would like to remind all of the members in the "new" Northwest District that this is a good time to start to plan how we will mold this new district.

As you all know, we have a far reaching district, from Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids in the south to Ashland and Superior in the north. We truly do encompass the flavor and heritage of northwestern Wisconsin.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT (con't)

With this as a backdrop, I would like to flavor our district with a sense of heritage, an eye for growth and the optimism that makes us so unique.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Jaye Franklin. I have been a member of Marshfield Lodge #665 for the past nine years. I have served as Exalted Ruler, Lodge Trustee, Chairman of the Trustees and served on a variety of committees. My wife is Kay; she is the president of the Ladies Auxiliary at our Lodge. We have four children and eight grandchildren. I love to cook, grill and entertain. I am looking forward to meeting as many members as possible over the next year. The reason that I decided to run for State V.P. is that I believe that the impact of Elkdom and its programs reach far beyond your local Lodge. As Kay and I travel to meet you this year, remember that in our house I get to make only the "BIG" decisions. In almost 38 years, we have never had a "BIG" decision. So, if you have not guessed, without her support and efforts my journey in Elkdom would have been much more arduous.

My contact information is: Jaye Franklin, 411 W. Blodgett Street, Marshfield, WI 54449. My phone numbers are (home) 715-384-8785 and (cell) 715-650-0754. My e-mail address is jaye12754@gmail.com.

As part of the redistricting we have been asked to meet at a district level. This is a program that is in place in Illinois and we have been asked to do this also. The reason for this is that many of the programs we support, while being Grand Lodge programs, are handled at the State Association level, such as deer hides. So, at the August District Deputy Clinic, I would like all of the Lodges to come up with ways to help with organization and structure of our new district.

In support of State President Dave Assmann's theme for this year, I

would propose that at the Fall Conference we, as a district, do something to show our pride in being Elks. As always, your suggestions and support would be appreciated in doing this. Let's look at this as a way to show the rest of the state why we, in the Northwest, are so proud. Thanks in advance for your help.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY TIM COOK, V.P.



I would like to introduce myself and say "hello" to the members of the new central district. We begin a new year, a new journey, for our district. This journey will certainly have issues and successes, and I am confident that as a group of Lodges we will find all of the best things in Elkdom; the things that bring our "Pride in Elkdom" together.

Our State President, Dave Assmann's motto for this year is "Take Pride in Elkdom". I am looking forward to all the Lodge visits to see how each of you do just that. Every Lodge is unique in its membership and efforts toward the goals of Elkdom; Fidelity, Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love, and I am looking to see how each Lodge shows its pride and what each Lodge is most proud of.

This year we start our State President's visitation with Watertown Lodge #666 on Friday, June 24th, and Portage Lodge #675 and Camp Wawbeek on Saturday, June 25th. I am sure this will be a great weekend filled with the best parts of Elkdom.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

I would like to take a moment to thank my wife, Peggy, for working with and supporting me in all my Elk endeavors, and I would like to thank all the members of Sheboygan Lodge #299 and all of our friends throughout the Wisconsin Elks Association for their support and encouragement.

SOUTH DISTRICT

GAIL TALECK, V.P.

The newly-established south district is having a great start. May 21st at Janesville was our first meeting under the south district umbrella. The attendance was great from all seven Lodges. Thank you all for taking the time. It was a good place to meet new friends and say hello to continuing friends. It is amazing what can happen if people are enthusiastic and willing to meet and exchange ideas. Old practices were discussed and new practices were developed. The topics covered included housing practices and hospitality room for the State Conventions and Conferences, the Waukesha Conference, gavel passing, district judging and awards, and event dates for the Lodges. A lot of things needed to be ironed out with the district change. Our next session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Madison **August 27th**. Developing a District Association will be discussed.

There are two items to share. 1) Reserving a room for the Waukesha Conference is to be made by each person. This is different than how the old southeast district did it in the past. **Remember to call and book your own room.** 2) Gavel passing is not limited to Lodge meetings, but is open to Lodge events as well. This was confirmed with the Lodge Activities Committee.

In the future, I want to reflect on the south district's achievements. As a

new group we will be rejuvenated and will develop common goals. One achievable goal is to increase our membership and another is to promote camaraderie.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT NORTHEAST DISTRICT

LEONORA SHEAHAN, D.D.

Greetings to all fellow Elks. This is my last letter as District Deputy of Northeast WI 9600. I would like to thank my Esquire, Gary Sheahan, and my Auditor, Paul Levene, for their hard work. We had fun and good discussion on the road trips, but one was the night the Packers were playing and I could not talk during the plays, but I made it ok. It was a long ride from Marinette to Manitowoc.

I had a very eventful year. Some of our Lodges had issues, but have tried hard to work them out. It just did not happen overnight and will take time and effort to rebuild. It can be done. All Lodges need to work together and we are. We shared a lot of ideas and took back new ones.

All five Lodges held events where they invited the district to come and share the fun and meet new people. Most were successful and some ended with bad weather. Hope you can do this next year.

I would like to THANK all the Lodges for making my visits informal and fun. I learn a lot from all of you. I meet a lot of Elks that believe in Elkdom. With that thought, we can show ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE.

Congratulations on all our new officers for the year 2011-2012. I wish you luck for the new District 9600. By working together you will succeed.

Hope to see a lot of you in Arizona. Remember to go over in your Lodge what will be voted on. It's been an honor to serve you. Be proud to be an Elk. God Bless You All.

EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/11 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

(A maximum reimbursement of \$2 per member per fiscal year) or \$200.00 per Lodge)

When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date _____

Lodge Name & Number _____

Choose either A or B.

A

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to seek reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed - charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the cancelled checks for which we are seeking reimbursement.

B

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to have the Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (***absolutely no more than three***):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Total amount requested: _____

EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2011-2012
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/11 – NO EXCEPTIONS

*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Trustees to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2011.

Signed

Title

RICE LAKE ELKS HOSTS WEA BONSPIEL

The Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 hosted the Wisconsin Elks Association Bonspiel November 4th and 5th at the Rice Lake Curling Club. Ten teams from Marshfield, Stevens Point, Rice Lake and Sault Ste Marie, Ontario participated. The Oswalt Team from Stevens Point was declared the winner by defeating the Mickelson Team from Rice Lake. The winning team received the traveling Dietz Eulberg Trophy that will reside at the Stevens Point Elks Lodge for one year until next year's Bonspiel, that will be held at Stevens Point on November 4th, 5th and 6th, where it will then be awarded to the new winning teams Elks Lodge. All winners received a prestigious engraved Elks Curling Pin. The results are as follows:



1st Event Winners: Oswalt Team from Stevens Point with Doug Oswalt, Brian Johnson, Adam Olson and Mike Bartel.

1st Event Runners-Up: Mickelson Team from Rice Lake with Ken Mickelson, Carolyn Mickelson, Donn Wedin, Anita Wedin and Cheryl Mortenson.

1st Place in the 2nd Event: Kuko Team from Rice Lake with Steve Kucko, Kent Kittleson, Bob Bohnsack, the Wisconsin Elks State President and Ron Bertrand, the Past Wisconsin Elks State President.

2nd Place in the 2nd Event: Slack Team from Sault Ste Marie with Jim Slack, Grant Fisher, Don Mick and Dale Gagnon.

1st Place in the 3rd Event: Anderson Team from rice Lake with Steve Anderson, Bill Kind, Tony Wampfler and Jeff Miller.

2nd Place in the 3rd Event: Beguhn Team from Rice Lake with Jerry Beguhn, Tom Thurston, Mike Smith and Joe Huftel.

1st Place in the 4th Event: Topp Team from Marshfield with Clarence Topp as Skip.

2nd Place in the 4th Event: Okray Team from Stevens Point with Tom Okray as Skip.

The Bonspiel made a profit of \$1,066.00 that was given to the Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441. Thank you to all Rice Lake Curling members, Rice Lake Elks Lodge members and the Bonspiel Committee for their hard work for this successful Bonspiel. We look forward to next year.

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION				Charitable	Account				
Budget-2011-2012									
Acct. : Budget Item				2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012	Request
				BUDGET	Actual	BUDGET	Actual	BUDGET	
				Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	
1A Elks National Vets. Service				\$13,880.00	\$12,187.75	\$15,972.25	\$11,822.08	\$14,280.00	
1B WEA Veterans Commission				\$20,000.00	\$19,999.39	\$20,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00	
2 WEA Veterans Commission Expense				\$500.00	\$483.94	\$500.00	\$477.19	\$500.00	
3 Committee for the Disabled				\$12,000.00	\$11,391.50	\$12,000.00	\$9,990.02	\$12,000.00	
4 Drug Awareness Committee				\$15,000.00	\$15,018.74	\$15,000.00	\$14,906.97	\$15,000.00	
5 Wisconsin Elks Major Project				\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
6 Scholarship Committee				\$165,000.00	\$158,500.00	\$165,000.00	\$159,000.00	\$188,500.00	
7 Scholarship Committee Expense				\$1,800.00	\$1,542.67	\$1,800.00	\$2,420.84	\$2,000.00	
8 U.S. Constitution Contest				\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$27,350.00	
9 U.S. Constitution Committee Expense				\$1,100.00	\$987.06	\$1,100.00	\$750.00	\$1,100.00	
10 Hoop Shoot Committee				\$18,400.00	\$18,479.37	\$18,400.00	\$18,170.77	\$18,400.00	
12 Youth Activities Committee				\$9,000.00	\$4,140.94	\$9,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$10,000.00	
17 Elks National Foundation Committee				\$500.00	\$73.25	\$500.00	\$148.39	\$500.00	
18 Americanism Committee				\$6,500.00	\$6,541.98	\$6,500.00	\$6,395.83	\$8,500.00	
25C The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web				\$4,000.00	\$1,981.98	\$3,000.00	\$3,036.32	\$3,000.00	
35C Trustees Contingency Fund CHAR				\$4,070.39	\$1,000.00	\$9,946.30	-\$1,595.00	\$3,607.81	
35C(1) Earle Seiwright Charitable Grants				\$20,000.00	\$18,562.00	\$19,800.00	\$17,210.00	\$18,000.00	
Totals-----				\$356,250.39	\$335,370.57	\$363,018.55	\$334,733.41	\$382,737.81	
Proposed Income				2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
				Budget(actual)		Budget		Budget	
				Charitable		Charitable		Charitable	
Elks National Vets. Service Commission				\$13,880.00		\$14,280.00		\$14,280.00	
Special Project Grants				\$139,960.00		\$144,160.00		\$148,480.00	
State Charities Grant				\$72,810.00		\$71,500.00		\$68,520.00	
Bonus Grant				\$12,050.00 amended 9/17		\$18,460.00		\$27,210.00	
Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund				\$90,000.00		\$95,000.00		\$95,000.00	
M&M char Transfer									
M&M reg Transfer									
Last Year carry over				\$27,550.39		\$19,618.55		\$29,247.81	
TOTALS-----				\$356,250.39		\$363,018.55		\$382,737.81	

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION		ADMIN. BUDGET				
Budget-2011-2012						
		2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012
Acct.	Budget Item	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget req.
11	Accident Prevention Committee	\$50.00	\$27.60	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
13	Ritual Judges	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00	\$373.28	\$360.00
14	Ritual Committee Expense	\$1,215.00	\$730.58	\$1,215.00	\$640.90	\$940.00
15	Ritual Team to Grand Lodge	\$5,920.00	\$5,920.00	\$5,920.00	\$5,920.00	\$7,200.00
16	Credentials And Elections Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
19	Lodge Development Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
20	Business Practice Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
21	Legal Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
22	Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm.	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
23	Grand Lodge Committee Exp.	\$5,000.00	\$4,903.64	\$5,000.00	\$5,063.10	\$6,500.00
24	State Conferences and Committee Exp.	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
25A	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$12,000.00	\$10,804.97	\$11,000.00	\$9,604.57	\$11,000.00
26	Convention Proceedings	\$2,000.00	\$776.98	\$1,000.00	\$642.46	\$1,000.00
27	Office Expense	\$7,000.00	\$6,720.90	\$7,200.00	\$5,959.51	\$7,200.00
28	Publicity and Public Relations Comm.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,908.98	\$2,600.00
29	President's Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
30	President's Grand Lodge Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
31	President Elect's Allowance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
32	Secretary's Allowance	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
33	Secretary to Grand Lodge	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
34	Treasurer's Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
35	Trustees Contingency Fund ADMIN*	\$8,000.00	\$7,409.55	\$7,506.24	\$7,424.14	\$7,917.75
36	Lodge Activities Committee	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
37	Officers Training Committee	\$200.00	\$135.22	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
38	Laws and Resolutions Committee	\$600.00	\$647.01	\$700.00	\$572.98	\$800.00
39	Membership and Lapsation Committee	\$735.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
40	GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
41	Office Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$413.00	\$3,500.00
42	Legalized Gaming	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Transfer from Regular Money Market						
Totals-----		\$70,235.00	\$61,076.45	\$68,106.24	\$60,122.92	\$71,667.75
Proposed Income		2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012
		Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Administrative
		BUDGET	Actual	BUDGET	Actual	Budget
carry over		\$12,975.00	\$12,975.00	\$12,826.24	\$12,826.24	\$22,159.69
Per-Capita Dues		\$41,260.00	\$41,260.00	\$39,280.00	\$39,280.00	\$37,340.00
Investment Income		\$16,000.00	\$15,157.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,900.00
TOTALS minus restricted accounts		\$70,235.00	\$69,392.00	\$68,106.24	\$68,106.24	\$71,667.75
				\$68,106.24		
Money Market Index Account....REGULAR		\$6,507.69	\$12,975.00	\$12,826.24	\$16,020.05	\$16,020.05
Wells Fargo (Investments).....		\$137,285.19	\$204,029.47	\$204,029.47	\$205,932.33	\$205,932.00
eking carry over		\$461.50	\$461.50	\$472.67	\$171.77	\$6,139.64
total		\$144,254.38	\$217,465.97	\$217,328.38	\$222,124.15	\$228,091.69
Grand Lodge Trailer escrow		\$1,865.00	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94
Wausau Conv.2011			\$3,225.00	\$3,255.00	\$4,185.00	\$2,775.00

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 1ST, 2011

**Fall Conference September 15-18, 2011
Waukesha Elks Lodge #400
(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 NAMES) _____
(only if name badge is requested)

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00

LADIES LUNCHEON (AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL)

Chicken Pasta Prima Vera	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
OR		

Grilled Steak Wrap	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
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(Either Luncheon Choice Features Dessert Cart)

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON (AT THE LODGE)

Buffet Style (build your own sandwich)		
Sliced Breast of Turkey	_____ @ \$11.00	\$ _____

Roast Beef

Summer Sausage

Tuna Salad

Chicken Salad

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (AT THE LODGE)	_____ @ \$24.00	\$ _____
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Served Family Style

Turkey Breast w/gravy

Roast Beef

Baked Ham w/Pineapple Sauce

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

TOTAL \$ _____

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

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 1ST, 2011 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.**

NOTE FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT:

Dear State Association Members:

The information for registering for the Fall Conference to be held in Waukesha was not ready for publication in the last Bugle due to the fact that I had some difficulty with arranging for the meals at the time. Failure to have it in the Convention issue was NOT Ken or Nan Johnson's fault, but mine. I sincerely apologize to Ken and Nan for any hassles they may have had to endure. They have a very difficult job trying to keep everyone on time to meet their deadlines so that the Bugle gets to all of us in a timely manner. Everyone please be patient and I, hopefully, will not make any more mistakes this year (and I have a Bridge...)

**Fraternally,
Dave Assmann, President, WEA**

Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference
September 15, 16, 17, 18, 2011
Hosted by Waukesha Elks Lodge #400

Marriott (Milwaukee West)
W231 N1600 Corporate Ct.
Waukesha, WI
262-574-0888

225 Rooms Available
Single \$85.00
Double \$85.00

Super 8
2510 Plaza Court
Waukesha, WI
262-786-6015

20 Rooms Available
Single \$54.00
Double \$54.00

Ramada Inn
2111 E. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, WI
262-547-7770

20 Rooms Available
Single \$55.00
Double \$55.00

All reservations will be on first-come basis. Please contact the hotel/motel directly for all of your reservations. Rooms will be held until September 1st, 2011. (State & local taxes are not included in the room cost)

If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after you arrive, you may contact Ken Redenz, Housing Chairman, at 262-547-5463 or (cell) 262-313-8101.

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AUGUST 1

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