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GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

2013 July 14-18 Reno, NV

2014 July 13-17 New Orleans, LA

2015 July 5-9 Indianapolis, IN

2016 July 3-6 Houston, TX

2017 July 16-20 Reno, NV

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STATE MEETINGS

2013 State Convention . . Eau Claire, May 2-5, 2013

Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

2013 Fall Conference . . Baraboo, Sept. 12-15, 2013

HoChunk Convention Center

2014 Mid-Winter Conf Appleton, Jan 30-Feb 2, 2014

Paper Valley Convention Center

2014 State Convention . . Baraboo, May 1-4, 2014

Ho Chunk Convention Center

WISCONSIN ELKS WEBSITE:

www.wielks.org

The Wisconsin Elks has a new website, which also now has a bulletin board and a video which you view by clicking in the top right corner. There are also an abundance of photos from Grand Lodge.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where do I begin... Thank you does not quite seem enough for what you have given Pat and me. For the last three years, as we traveled to each Lodge in the state we knew that there would be a few familiar faces of people we met at Conferences and Conventions, but we had no idea how many wonderful people we would meet along the way and the friendships we would form with many of you. You made us feel like we were part of your Lodge, and many times we believed it, especially when our group was the last ones out the door at the end of the visit! You gave us so many memories to carry with us, to make us smile and reminisce about what made your Lodge so special to us.

Pat and I want to thank the Lodges that made a donation to the Bruckner/Bohsack Campership fund for Camp Wawbeek. What a great program they started! And we are both still overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting the raffle Pat held this year to send Veterans to Camp Wawbeek for a weekend in May or September. The members that participated in the raffle, the Lodges that made a donation and a very special individual made it all happen. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

To the State Officers, Vice-Presidents, Past State Presidents, Grand Lodge Officers, Committee Chairpersons - Thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to support the Wisconsin State Association and make my year a memorable one. Without your help all our accomplishments would not be possible. To my State Protocol Director, Kenny Bruckner, and his wife, Rogene, thank you for your support and guidance this year and especially thank you for your friendship!



To Ron and Nikki Shannon - Pat and I cannot begin to tell you what your friendship has meant to us. What we have shared over the past two years would be hard to duplicate. You will do a fantastic job as President and First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Thank you to all of you for giving Pat and I the honor of being the State President and First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Dave Nitze Sr.

Dave Nitze Sr.
State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

"United we Stand - Together We Soar"

SPECIAL NOTICE

All Committee Chairs:

This is your last meeting of the year. Please be present to give your report at General Session.

FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Fellow Elks and Friends,



With Dave and Pat's year coming to an end, Nikki and I would like to thank both of them for a great job. Dave did a wonderful job leading the State Association this past year with Pat at his side holding her raffle at all the Lodges. The money raised is going to the Veterans and their families to attend Camp Wawbeek.

We have had a great year traveling the state as your President-Elect and First Lady-Elect. All of the Lodges have done wonderful in the hospitality shown to Nikki and myself.

We both are looking forward to all of the visits for 2013-2014.

This coming year my slogan is "**4 Ever Elkdom**". This stands for the four cornerstones of our organization, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We, as Elks, must live up to these and use them with our fellow members and in our communities.

We can't wait to see all of you in Eau Claire at the Plaza Hotel in May.

4 Ever Elkdom,

Ron
Myron "Ron" Shannon
State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR...

Greetings to All!

Thanks to all for making Lodge year another success!

It is hard to believe that it has been six years since Beth and I were getting ready to travel the country representing the Elks. Every year at this time I make mention that it is hard to believe another year has passed, but it is hard to believe!

Thanks to all those who helped make the Lodge year a successful one, and good luck to the officers in all the Lodges for the incoming year. I would like to especially congratulate President Dave and First Lady Pat for having a very successful year, and I know that President-Elect, Ron, and First Lady-Elect, Nikki, will do an excellent job in the coming year.

If you are attending the May meeting, I urge you to attend the Banquet on Saturday night, and I heavily encourage the District Deputies and the Esquires to the



District Deputies to try to attend and show your support for any representative from your District and Lodges who may receive a Special Award that evening.

I hope this finds you well, and I look forward to seeing you in Eau Claire in May.

Until then, God Bless,

F. Louis Sulsberger

F. Louis Sulsberger, State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association

INCOMING STATE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

05/16/2013	Weekend	Incoming Illinois State President Installation
06/08/2013	Saturday	Flag Day Parade & - Appleton
06/08/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Appleton
06/21/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Eau Claire
06/22/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Chippewa Falls
06/28/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Watertown
06/29/2013	Saturday	Camp Wawbeek
06/29/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Portage
07/14/2013	Week	National Convention - Reno, NV
07/26/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Janesville
07/27/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Delavan
07/28/2013	Sunday	State President's Visitation - Beloit
08/16/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Ashland
08/17/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Superior
08/18/2013	Sunday	State President's Visitation - Rice Lake
08/24/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Two Rivers
09/12-15/2013	Weekend	State Convention - Eau Claire
09/19/2013	Weekend	IL State Conference - Springfield, IL
10/05/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Madison
10/18/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Neenah-Menasha
10/19/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Waukesha
10/26/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Marshfield
11/02/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Antigo
11/08/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Kaukauna
12/06/2013	Friday	State President's Visitation - Green Bay
12/07/2013	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Oconto
01/04/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Marinette
01/11/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Oshkosh
01/18/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Fond du Lac
01/25/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Baraboo
01/30/2014	Weekend	Mid-Winter Conference - Appleton
02/08/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Milwaukee
02/16/2014	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot
02/16/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Wausau
02/22/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Beaver Dam
03/07/2014	Friday	State President's Visitation - Manitowoc
03/08/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Sheboygan
03/14-16/2014	Friday/Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot - Iowa City, IA
03/29/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Stevens Point
04/05/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - WI Rapids
04/12/2014	Saturday	State President's Visitation - Platteville
05/01/2014	Weekend	State Convention - Ho Chunk Casino, Baraboo

"4everelkdom"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES

- **ALL** Elks must have their 2013-2014 membership cards available when checking into the Convention in May.
- **TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:** Please remember to bring your black tuxedo to the Convention for Installation during the Sunday morning program.
- **TO ALL SPOUSES/GUESTS OF THE CANDIDATES:** Please bring along proper attire as you will be part of the Installation program.

REVEREND HACKBARTH'S MESSAGE

1 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. 3 They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. Psalm 119: 1-3



I will bet that it will be a surprise to many that the longest chapter in the Bible is a song (psalm) about the priority of the Word of God. Psalm 119 has 176 verses proclaiming the words and wisdom of God and in this process convinces us to treasure God's words more than anything else in our lives.

There are some folks who may ask the question, **Why is this so important?** People who hold leadership positions in our current day face two major realities:

1. Change happens faster than ever before, so the leaders must be **adaptable**.
2. We need timeless values more than ever, so leaders must remain **principle-driven**.

If we look at Psalm 119 (God's Word) as our source for leadership principles, we learn that our leadership will:

Be Blessed	--remain pure and ethical
Be strengthened and revitalized	--insightfully answer criticism
Enjoy liberty	- gain wise counsel when needed

Remain steady even when afflicted	--display more insight than others
Be enlightened and intuitive	--with God's Word they will have a "Reliable Guide"

It may seem safe to state that "leaders cannot show the way until they know the way". If you are in a leadership position in your Lodge it may be beneficial to read and absorb the tenets of Psalm 119. It will take time, effort and actually *doing* to accomplish this task. Just think for a moment how our relations could change with just a few adaptations".

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Reverend Michael Hackbart, Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

WILL YOU HELP?

On behalf of my committee and myself, I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who so graciously donates baskets for the Ladies Basket Raffle. We couldn't make the donations that we do to Major Project and Benevolent Fund without your help.

Since Lodges no longer run the raffle, we depend on you to keep this raffle going. Please consider donating a basket. You can contact either Carol Madson (920-457-3759) or Karen Bennett (715-373-2783) or myself (715-355-1261) if you need more information or would like to let us know you will be bringing a basket.

Again, thanks for all you do.

Nan Johnson

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY KEN JOHNSON, DDGER



I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the new officers, and commend you for accepting the challenges of leadership in your Lodge. Remember, the membership has put their trust in you. LEAD WISELY and have a great year.

To those officers that have served our Order this past year: Thank You. Thank you for your leadership and the time you spent working to achieve your goals. Please emphasize to the new Exalted Rulers that the Grand Lodge manuals contain a wealth of information. If they take the time to read them, it will simplify their year and help them to avoid the problems encountered by uninformed officers.

For the new Exalted Rulers: your District Deputy is a great source of information. Use them. If they can't find the answer, at least they will be able to get a source who can.

Let's have a great Convention in Eau Claire and elect dedicated ELKS to lead the Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

FAREWELL FROM THE FIRST LADY



As our time comes to an end, I want to thank our Elks family for a wonderful year.

Each Lodge we visited welcomed us as if we were family, and told us about the work they do in their communities to support our youth, and our disabled veterans. It is truly amazing what one Lodge can do when "Everyone Works Together To Make It Happen".

Thank you to the Lodges and members for your donations to the Bruckner/Bohnsack Campership Program. This is a great program and Dave and I were happy to support it.

A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who participated in the raffle I held at each Lodge to raise money for the Veterans Family Camp Weekend at Camp Wawbeek. As you know, Dave served in the Marines with two tours of duty in Vietnam, so helping our veterans is very dear to his heart, as it obviously is to all of you from the response we received with the raffle and the generous donations made by the Lodges and by individual members!

Dave and I want to thank our President-Elect and First Lady-Elect for their friendship this past year. Every trip was filled with laughter and good memories to carry with us. They will do a wonderful job representing the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Thank you again for a wonderful year and your gift of friendship.

Pat

Patricia Nitze, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

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HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL



Candidate for the Office of
VICE-PRESIDENT-CENTRAL
Wisconsin Elks Association
ROB RADIG SR.
Beaver Dam #1540

LADIES ADVISORY GROUP

There will be a Ladies Advisory meeting on Sunday Morning at 8:30 in the Two Rivers Two room. This is a time of sharing ideas and getting new ideas for fundraising in individual Lodges. It is always helpful to hear what other Lodges are doing and, hopefully, be able to implement some of these ideas at your own Lodge.

Char Bohnsack, President
Ladies Advisory

WELCOME TO EAU CLAIRE LODGE #402

Fellow Elks:

We are so pleased that the State Convention is being held in Eau Claire at the Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. The Lodge will be having fun activities Friday and Saturday with raffles and wheel prizes to be won! The Lodge will be open both Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am. Food will be served both Friday night and Saturday during the day. We hope you will find our Lodge to be a warm and friendly place to come and enjoy and have a few cocktails with other Brothers and Sisters. There are several golf courses within the area for you to enjoy and, "yes", the weather will be great. We hope you enjoy your stay and, as always, we wish you very safe travel for the weekend.

Sincerely,

Angela Lane
Exalted Ruler

Friday Night Fish Fry 5:00-9:00 pm

Your choice of cod or walleye, fried shrimp, baked chicken or a combo. Served with choice of potato, coleslaw and Texas toast.

Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Serving burgers and brats on the patio.

Shuttle service will be available to the Lodge Friday evening and Saturday afternoon until midnight.

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* * * *Reservation Form* * * *

149th Elks Grand Lodge
CONVENTION

July 14-15-16-17-18, 2013

**PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM
ALONG WITH PROPER PAYMENT
FOR ROOM DEPOSIT & DONATIONS TO:**

JAMES MEYER P.S.P.
Chairman / Grand Lodge Attendance Committee
W4878 Hwy. 18, Jefferson, WI 53549

Cell: 920-723-1110

Yes, Jim, count me in. I want to join the ELKS in RENO at the 149th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION!

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

I'm a: [] Lodge Officer [] State Officer [] Grand Lodge Officer [] Member Title _____

\$ _____ 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 Reno _____ Date Departing from Reno _____

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

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IN MEMORIAM

GERALD L. "JERRY" CROUSE, SR.
MARCH 7, 2012

Gerald L. "Jerry" Crouse Sr., of Waukesha, died on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the age of 73, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Waukesha on October 22, 1938, the son of George L. and Nelda (nee Rupprecht) Crouse. He graduated from Waukesha High School in 1956. On November 7, 1959, Jerry married his beloved wife, Marlene Spelich.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Marlene, of Waukesha and their sons: Gerald "Jay" (Renee) Crouse, Jr., of the town of Delafield and James "Jim" (Jori) Crouse, of Milwaukee, seven grandchildren: Tiffany, Ryan, Courtney, Adam, Taylor, Austin and Jared. He is further survived by his siblings: Barry (Ardyce) Crouse of Sullivan, Bonnie (Gordon) Giese of Waukesha and Darwin (the late Faye) Crouse of Hartford, sister-in-law Joan (the late Thomas) Spelich, along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Earl (Bernita), Elmer, Glenn (Gwendolyn), and Donald (Adeline) Crouse.

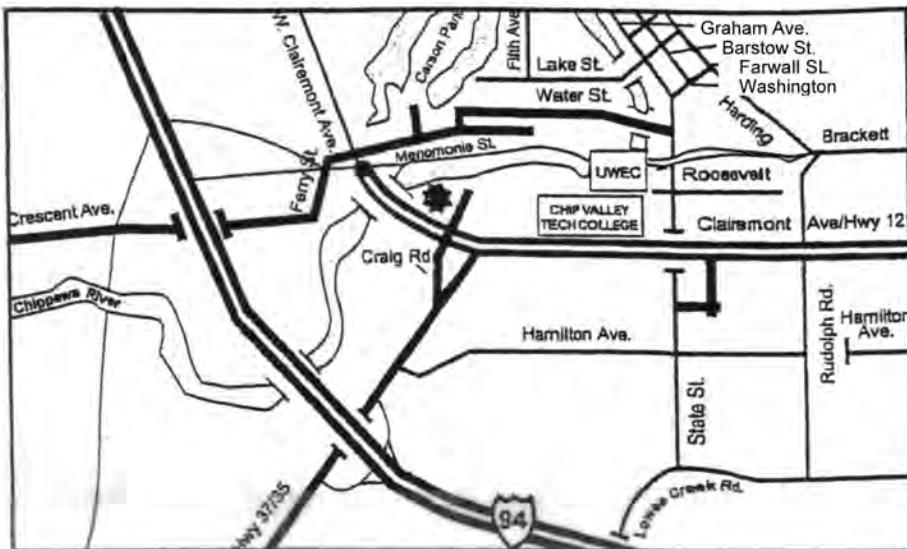
Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant (E-5) with the 32nd Infantry Division Signal Battalion. Jerry joined the Elm Grove Police Department in 1965 and received his Associates Degree in Police Science from Waukesha County Technical College in 1974. After 26½ years of dedicated service, he retired from the police department as a corporal. In addition to his work at the Elm Grove Police Department, Jerry worked part-time in the loss prevention department for UPS from 1967 until 2001 and also worked part-time at Randle-Dable-Brisk Funeral Home since 1965.

Jerry was a member of First United Methodist Church in Waukesha and American Legion DJ Martin Post #8. He was also a member and past President of the Elm Grove Professional Policeman's Association, past board member of the Elm Grove Emergency Medical Service, past chief advisor of the Elm Grove Explorer Post and past member of the Elmbrook Vandalism Committee. Jerry was also a member, and past President of the Waukesha County Juvenile Officers Association, member of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, and life member, past President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association. He received an Outstanding Arrest Citation and two Citations for Bravery from the National Police Officers Association of America and was a member of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the International Juvenile Officers Association.

Jerry was a Life Member of Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, where he was Elk of the Year in 1982-1983, Officer of the Year in 1997-1998 and was installed as Exalted Ruler in 1986-1987 and 2005-2006. He also served as Trustee, Chairman, Treasurer, and was past President of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association. On a state level, Jerry received the Wisconsin Elks Major Project Award for outstanding contributions to Elkdom from 1991-1994. He also received the State President's Distinguished Service Award in 1996 and Wisconsin Elks Association Elk of the Year Award in 1997. In addition to many other Elks' committees, he served as Wisconsin State President in 2000-2001, State Inner Guard from 1989 to 1995 and was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1997-1998.

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION 2013 CONVENTION, MAY 2-5, 2013 SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
		ROOM
Friday, May 3 2013		
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Two Rivers One
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Two Rivers One
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Two Rivers One
12:00:00 PM-8:00 PM	Registration	Terrace Lobby
Saturday, May 4 2013		
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	Terrace Lobby
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Two Rivers One
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Exec. Room One
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	Four Seasons Three
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Four Seasons One
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Four Seasons Four
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Clear Water A
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	Terrace room #3
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Clear Water BC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Four Seasons Two
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	Exec. Room Two
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Four Seasons Three
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Exec. Room One
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Two Rivers One
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Four Seasons One
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	Terrace room #3
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Exec. Room One
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Brewskis
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	Clear Water A
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Clear Water BC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Four Seasons Two
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Four Seasons Three
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service Vets.	Four Seasons Four
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	Brewskis
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Terrace room #3
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Four Seasons Three
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Conferences and Conventions	Clear Water BC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	Four Seasons Two
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Exec. Room One
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Clear Water A
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Exec. Room Two
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks National Foundation	Four Seasons Three
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Exec. Room One

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION 2013 CONVENTION, MAY 2-5, 2013 SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
		ROOM
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Brewskis
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Clear Water A
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Exec. Room Two
12:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Two Rivers Two
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon General Session	Crystal Ball Room
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Two Rivers One
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Crystal Ball Room
7:00 PM	Banquet	Crystal Ball Room
Sunday, May 5 2013		
8:30 AM	General Session	Crystal Ball Room
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Two Rivers Two
Immediately Following the General Session:		
	Memorial Service	
	Installation of Officers	



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BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON

There are four changes being proposed for by-laws changes. One which is to change the governance of the Wisconsin Elks Association Inc. to a Board of Directors, which is a State requirement. The next is to give the Board of Directors the approval for choosing Conference and Convention sites. The next is to raise the dues to \$6.00 from \$4.00 per member. This will generate about \$50,000 of revenue on a \$70,000 budget. The remainder will come from the investments. Finally is to have amendments to be submitted done sixty days prior to the convention instead of the current forty five day period. The reason is to have time to have them published.

STATE PRESIDENT'S FALL CONFERENCE HOUSING INFORMATION

CUSTOM QUEEN \$109.00

Ho-Chunk Convention Center
S3214 Highway 12
Baraboo, WI
800-746-2486

You must make your own reservations.

NOTICE REGARDING THE THURSDAY NIGHT MEET & GREET

If you would like to bring some food to share at the Thursday Night Meet & Greet at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire, please contact Todd Kostuck at ToddKostuck@gmail.com. He is coordinating the food so that we don't all bring the same items. Also, please keep in mind that there is not a refrigerator or microwave available in the room

OLE & LENA...

Ole and Lena were planning a trip to Wisconsin so they wrote a letter to a motel they had heard about asking if it would be all right to bring their dog to stay in the motel. The motel manager answered them as follows:

"Dear Friends: You ask if it is all right to bring your dog to stay at our motel. Let me begin my answer by saying we have never had a dog steal our towels; a dog has never thrown wild parties and left spilled and broken whiskey bottles in a room. In all the time we have run the motel, we have never had a dog check in with a floozy and leave the room looking like a tornado had struck. A dog has never run out on a bill or charged long distance calls on the phones that we were left to pay for. In other words, your dog is perfectly welcome to stay here; and if your dog will vouch for YOU, then you are welcome to stay here too."

GOLF OUTING

As of this time there will be no golf outing at the Spring Convention. Please watch the website for any changes.

BY-LAWS OF THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

**Readopted, restated and ratified at the Business Session
At the Convention Held at Eau Claire May 2013**

PREAMBLE

This Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodges of the State of Wisconsin is formed to unite all Wisconsin Elks in closer bonds of fraternity; to further the good fellowship among Wisconsin Lodges; to protect and promote the interests of this Order in the State of Wisconsin; to exchange ideas beneficial to the Lodges of this State, and to bear true allegiance to the Constitution and Laws of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America and the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Wisconsin Elks Association.

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Every Lodge in the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible to membership upon compliance with the provisions of the By-Laws hereinafter expressed.

Section 2. Each member Lodge shall be entitled to representation at all meetings of the Association, whether regular or special, by its Exalted Ruler who shall be considered as entitled to the privileges of delegates to the meetings of this Association. It shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, as shown by its last report to the Grand Lodge, provided that each subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to at least five (5) delegates in addition to its Exalted Ruler and those provided for in Section 3 of this article.

Delegates authorized under this Section, with the exception of Exalted Rulers, shall present to the Committee on Credentials and Elections, on a form authorized by the Board of Trustees, credentials signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary of their Lodge, and their membership card, before such Committee issues a voting certificate as provided under the duties of the Committee in Section 3, Article VI.

Section 3. All officers and all members of standing committees of this Association, during their tenure of office, and all Past Presidents of this Association, and all Grand Lodge officers and members of Grand Lodge committees affiliated with member Lodges shall be considered as, and entitled to the privileges of, delegates to the meetings of this Association with the right to vote in the Convention in addition to the delegates heretofore provided for in Section 2 hereof. In no event shall a member be entitled to cast more than one vote, regardless of the number of offices he/she represents.

Exalted Rulers and delegates authorized under this Section shall not be required to present to the Committee on Credentials and Elections any credentials other than their membership card.

Section 4. All Past Exalted Rulers of member Lodges who do not come within the above classifications, and all alternate delegates not serving in place of delegates, shall be entitled to all the privileges of delegates except the right to vote.

Section 5. Each Delegate shall be entitled to participate in and vote on all matters coming before the meetings of the Association.

Section 6. Only delegates in attendance at the Business Session of the Convention shall be entitled to a vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 7. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at the regular meeting of each Lodge at least thirty (30) days before the Convention of the Association, or the Lodge may authorize the Exalted Ruler to appoint the Delegates and alternates and report the appointments at such meeting. The law of the

Order governing eligibility for office in a subordinate Lodge shall govern in the election or the appointment of delegates and alternates. In the event that a delegate is incapacitated or is otherwise unable to attend the Convention, an alternate from the same Lodge may serve as a delegate for said Lodge.

Section 8. To obtain the revenue necessary for defraying the expenses of the Association, each Lodge shall contribute annually the sum of \$4.00-6.00 for each member in good standing according to its last report to the Grand Lodge. Dues shall be assessed on Mar 31 of each year and will be payable on or before April 10 of the same year. No Lodge shall be eligible to membership or entitled to representation unless its current dues have been paid to the Association.

Section 9. All Lodges shall be required, through their Secretaries, to furnish whatever statistical data that may be requested by the Secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE III **Meetings**

Section 1. An Annual Convention shall be held by the Association. Said Convention shall be held on the weekend prior to Mother's Day. The site of said Convention's shall be determined by the Board of Directors vote of the Association at the Convention two years preceding the holding thereof. In default thereof, the President of the Association and the Trustees shall determine the site of said Convention.

Section 2. If for any reason the site selected for the Convention is unable to entertain the Convention after its selection, otherwise fails to comply with the requirements or conditions agreed upon, the President, upon approval of the majority of the Trustees Board of Directors, shall select another site for said Convention.

Section 3. Special Conventions may be called by the President of the Association, when deemed necessary, upon approval by a majority of the Trustees, upon thirty (30) days written notice to each subordinate Lodge, addressed to the Secretary thereof.

Section 4. The Fall Conference of the delegates of this Association shall be held on the second weekend following Labor Day. The site of said conference shall be selected by the President-Elect of the Association, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Trustees Directors, in the year proceeding the calendar year in which the Fall Conference is to be held. The Fall Conference shall be held to permit the Committees of the Association to meet, to organize, and to report on the progress of each Committee. The Mid-Winter Conference of the delegates of the Association shall be held on the first full weekend in February. The site of said Mid-Winter Conference's shall be determined by the Board of Directors, a vote of the delegates of the Association at the Convention two years proceeding the calendar year in which the Mid-Winter Conference is to be held.

Section 5. Special conferences may be called by the President upon approval by a majority of the Trustees Board of Directors upon thirty (30) days written notice to each subordinate Lodge addressed to the Secretary thereof.

Section 6. Forty-five (45) duly accredited delegates shall constitute a quorum at all conferences or conventions of the Association, provided that at least fifteen (15) Lodges shall be there represented.

Section 7. ~~Each~~If a Lodge is proposing to entertain a conference or convention must present to the Board of ~~Trustees~~Directors a brochure of their plan for the conference or convention one week prior to the Friday of the Mid-Winter Conference.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The proper officers of the Association shall furnish from time to time to the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, and the Chairman of the Committee on State Associations of the Grand Lodge, the following:

- (a) Copies of its By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and all amendments thereto or changes therein.
- (b) A copy of the proceedings of each meeting.
- (c) All printed documents issued by it or under its authority.
- (d) A copy of all general letters, circulars and papers sent by its officers to Lodges composing the Association.
- (e) A correct list of its officers and the Lodges composing it, together with the correct post office address of its President, President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and each member of its governing body.
- (f) A copy of the annual report of its Treasurer as printed in the proceedings of each meeting.

ARTICLE V Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Vice-President for each Grand Lodge District in Wisconsin, a Secretary, a Treasurer, ~~a Board of Six Trustees consisting of the President of the Association and one Trustee from each of the Grand Lodge Districts in Wisconsin and two at large for a total of six trustees, a Tiler, an Inner Guard, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and a Chaplain.~~ Officers shall be elected in the manner and terms hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The President-Elect, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Tiler, Inner Guard, Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplain shall be elected by majority vote of the Delegates defined in Article II, Section 3, present at the Convention of the Association, and shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected and installed, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be duly elected and shall serve for two years, in alternating years. The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President at the close of the next Convention following his election, to serve one year or until his successor is installed.

Section 3. District Vice-Presidents shall be nominated from the membership of the Lodges within corresponding Grand Lodge Districts. District Vice-Presidents shall be elected for a one (1) year term at the Convention of the Association by a majority vote of the delegates, defined in Article II, Section 3, present from the corresponding Grand Lodge Districts.

Section 4. District Trustees shall be nominated from the membership of the Lodges within the corresponding Grand Lodge Districts and two at large. The Trustees shall be elected in the same manner as the other officers of the Association except that they shall hold office for three years, with two Trustees to be elected at each Convention, except as specified below.

Section 5. If more than two candidates are nominated for the same office and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, a run-off election for the office shall immediately be conducted, the voting being on the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the first ballot.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office, followed by the Vice-President in the Grand Lodge District having the greatest number of members, and so on, until a successor is elected and installed at the next Convention of the Association. Vacancies in all other elective offices of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Trustees Directors, at a meeting called in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of this Article, for the remainder of the current Association year and shall be filled, for the unexpired term, at the next Convention of the Association. In the event that the President-Elect assumes the Presidency by virtue of a vacancy in the office of President, as herein set forth, such succession shall not bar or prevent the President-Elect from assuming the office of the President at the closing session of the Convention immediately following such succession for the term for which he was elected.

Section 6. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association: and shall be Chairman of the "Board of Directors". The President shall preside at all meetings; preserve order; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Association; fill all vacancies unless otherwise specified; and perform all other duties that may be imposed upon him by law, and such as are customary to be performed by presiding officers. The President shall also serve as a member of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. and as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees during his term of office.

Section 7. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President, as defined in Section 6 of this Article, in the absence of the President or in the event that the President is unable, for any reason, to perform his/her duties. That person shall be subject to the call of the President for such assignments as the President may deem necessary for the proper functioning of the Association.

Section 8. The Vice-Presidents, in addition to the duties imposed upon them by Section 5 and 9 of Article V of the By-Laws, shall have the following duties:

1. Stress the importance of good Lodge ritualistic work and encourage the participation in ritualistic exemplification contests. Each District Vice-President shall promote a minimum of two entries in the state ritualistic contest from his jurisdiction.
2. Promoting and emphasize the importance of the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund
3. Promote and emphasize the importance of the Elks National Foundation and explain the functions of the Foundation.
4. Arrange and encourage inter-lodge visitations and the exchange of ideas.
5. Counsel with each Exalted Ruler with respect to his/her appointment of an active membership and indoctrination committee.
6. Assist the Association Lodge Development Committee
7. Promote participation in the Association bowling, golf and curling tournaments.
8. Offer assistance to Lodges confronted with local problems.
9. Counsel with President in selecting State Committee personnel and attend the meeting when appointments are being made.
10. Perform any other duties as may be requested by the President.

11. He/she shall make as many Lodge visitations within his/her District as possible and shall generally promote the welfare and the well-being of the Lodges in his/her District.
12. He/she shall preside at any District meeting or District conference of the Association within his District.
13. He/she shall serve as a member of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc., during his/her term of office.

Section 9. Absence or inability to serve. In the absence or inability of the President to serve, the President-Elect shall serve and perform his duties. In the absence or inability of the President-Elect to serve, the Vice-President, in the order designated in Section 5 of this Article, shall serve and perform his duties.

Section 10. Official Visits. It shall be the duty of the President to make such official visits to the subordinate Lodges comprising this Association as may be deemed proper in the interest of the Association. The President shall have the power to direct any of the Vice-Presidents to make such visits when in his/her discretion he may deem it proper. In the event the Vice-Presidents shall not be available for such visits, he/she may designate any other officer of the Association to make such visits. An officer making any such official visits, under the direction of the President shall promptly thereafter make written report to the President thereof.

Section 11. Secretary. The Secretary therefore shall attend all Conferences and Conventions of the Association; keep a true record of the proceedings of the same; preserve all books and documents; attend to the correspondence; be responsible for publication of the Association news bulletin, to wit, "Wisconsin Elks Association Bugle"; prepare and submit an annual report to the Association, showing the condition of the Association; receive all money paid into the Association, turn the same over to the Association Treasurer, take a receipt therefore; and perform such other duties as may be properly required of the Secretary. The Secretary shall, before assuming the duties of the office, execute and deliver to the Trustees, such bond for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties as may be required by the Association; the expense of such bond, if any, shall be paid by the Association. He/she shall also serve as a member of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc., during his/her term in office.

Section 12. Treasurer. The Treasurer therefore shall attend all meetings of the Association, receive and be the custodian of all money belonging to the Association. He/she shall pay out the money of the Association only upon proper warrant by the Secretary, countersigned by the President and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He/she shall, before assuming the duties of his/her office, execute and deliver to the Trustees such bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, as may be required by the Association, the expense of such bond, if any, shall be paid by the Association. He/she shall submit a report to the Convention showing the transactions of his office during the preceding year. The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Committee on Business Practices. He/she shall also serve as a member of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc., during his/her term of office.

Section 13. . The Board of Directors shall consist of the Trustees, the President, the immediate Past President, the President Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Vice-Presidents. During the interim between meetings of the Association the Board of Directors shall take general charge of its property and direction of its business affairs. During such interim it shall be the governing body of the Association and it shall take such action as may be necessary to promote the objects and protect the interests of the Association. It shall have control of the finances of the Association and, with the approval of the representatives, shall fix the dues for the ensuing year and shall prepare a budget of receipts and expenditures, a preliminary version to be worked out at the Mid-Winter Meeting and a final budget prepared and ready for approval at the Annual Meeting. It shall pass upon all bills of accounts to be paid from funds of the Association, for which specific appropriations have not been made in the budget, before

warrants for payments thereof shall be issued. The Board of Directors is the general fiscal agent of the Association, and unless otherwise provided by the Association, shall have general authority over all funds and property belonging to the Association. It shall be the custodian of the bonds given by the officers of the Association for the faithful performance of their duties. In addition to its control of the finances of the Association, it shall recommend ways and means of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Association and set aside the funds when received, for the payment of such demands as are properly chargeable to it, and shall report all its acts to the next Convention of the Association. The Board of Directors may authorize one of its members to pass upon such bills or accounts. Said Budget shall be published in the minutes of that Convention's proceedings. The Lodge entertaining the Association Convention shall submit its program to the Board, and the Board may make such rules and regulations as it may deem appropriate for the conduct of each Convention or Conference. The Board of Directors shall fill the vacancies as provided in Section 5 of this Article. The Board of Directors shall fix compensation and expenses as provided in Section 17 of this Article.

Trustees. Immediately following the Convention, the Trustees shall organize a Board of Trustees by electing a Chairman and a Secretary. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the Convention of the Association and during the Conferences of the Association, or they may be called by the Chairman of the Board at the request of or with the approval of the President of the Association, upon written notice to all members thereof. Four Trustees, exclusive of the President of the Association, shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Association shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees, and as such, entitled to a vote in meetings of the Board.

The Board of Trustees is the general fiscal agent of the Association, and unless otherwise provided by the Association, shall have general authority over all funds and property belonging to the Association. It shall be the custodian of the bonds given by the officers of the Association for the faithful performance of their duties. In addition to its control of the finances of the Association, it shall recommend ways and means of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Association and set aside the funds when received, for the payment of such demands as are properly chargeable to it, and shall report all its acts to the next Convention of the Association. It shall pass upon the bills or accounts to be paid from the funds of the Association before warrants for the payment shall be issued. The Board of Trustees may authorize one of its members to pass upon such bills or accounts. It shall prepare and submit to each Convention of the Association, a budget for the coming year. Said Budget shall be published in the minutes of that Convention's proceedings. The Lodge entertaining the Association Convention shall submit its program to the Board, and the Board may make such rules and regulations as it may deem appropriate for the conduct of each Convention or Conference. The Board of Trustees shall fill the vacancies as provided in Section 5 of this Article. The Board of Trustees shall fix compensation and expenses as provided in Section 17 of this Article.

Section 14. Tiler. The Tiler shall have charge of the doors of the hall in which meetings are held and shall perform the duties usually incident to the office of Tiler of like organizations.

Section 15. Inner Guard. The Inner Guard shall have charge of the inner doors of the hall in which meetings are held and shall perform the duties usually incident to the office of Inner Guard of like organizations.

Section 16. Sergeant-at-Arms. The sergeant-at-Arms shall execute the orders of the President, assist in preserving order, act as Marshal on public occasions, and in case of a secret session, shall assist the Tiler in examining the qualifications of all persons presenting themselves

for admission. He/she shall select such deputies as may be needed to assist in the discharge of his duties.

Section 16A. The Chaplain shall perform such duties as may be required of him/her by the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Section 17. Salaries and expenses. The Trustees Board of Directors shall from time to time make provisions for compensation and expenses of the Association officers and committeemen as it may determine, in its discretion, to be appropriate.

Section 18. Qualifications for office. All Elks in good standing in the Lodges comprising this Association shall be eligible to hold office, either elective or appointive, in the Association, and to serve on any standing or special committee thereof, with the exception that the office of President and President-Elect may be held only by a Past Exalted Ruler of said Lodges comprising this Association.

Section 19. Election of Officers and selection of the Annual Convention two years hence and the Mid-Winter Conference two years hence. The annual election shall be a special order of business immediately after the submission of the report of the Committee on Credentials and Elections on the first day of the business session of each Convention of the Association. Nominations shall be made from the floor for all elective offices in the order in which they appear in Section 1 of this Article, followed by nominations for the site of the Annual Convention two years hence and for the site of the Mid-Winter Conference two years hence. The Association may, by motion, limit nominating speeches. The Secretary shall provide delegates with ballots containing in proper order the selections to be made. Each voting delegate shall prepare the ballot by writing in the proper space the names of nominees for whom and the site for which he desires to vote. The President must call on the Committee on Credentials and Elections to supervise and conduct all elections and to collect the ballots and count and report the number of votes cast for each candidate for office, and the number of votes cast for each Lodge bidding for the site of the Annual Convention two years hence and the Mid-Winter Conference two years hence. If at the time of nominations there shall be one candidate for any office, the President may direct the Secretary to cast the unanimous vote of the Association for such candidate. The same rules shall apply in the selection of the site for the Convention or Mid-Winter Conference. When the written ballot is used, it shall be collected by the Committee on Credentials and Elections, and shall be accompanied by the voting coupon attached to the Certificates issued by said Committee to each member authorized to vote. After ballots have been collected, the regular business of the Convention may proceed until said Committee is ready to render its report of the results of the election.

Section 20. The State Association President, the Vice-Presidents for each Grand Lodge District of the State, the Association Secretary and Association Treasurer, for the duration of their term of office, shall serve as members of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1. The President of the Association shall, as soon after his/her installation as reasonably possible, appoint the following standing committees, the appointees of which shall serve until the next Convention of the Association, or until their successors are appointed, the membership of each committee to be determined in accordance with the Sections of this Article which follow. Should the President, for any reason, be unable to make the required appointments in any Grand Lodge District, he/she may make the required appointments to fill the committee membership from any other Grand Lodge District of the State.

The President may, in addition to the standing committees, appoint such special committees as may be provided for by resolutions adopted by the Association at the request of the Grand Lodge, or for any purpose covering current activities of the Association not herein provided.

With the exception of the Advisory Committee, Parliamentarian, Historian and Executive Committee, the President shall, after consulting with the Chairperson of the various Committees listed herein, appoint a District Chairperson for each Committee from within the membership of each Committee to carry out the duties of the Committee Chairperson within each District as directed by the Committee Chairperson.

Section 2. The Standing Committees shall be designated as follows, and the membership thereof shall be limited to the designated number and appointed as provided for in Section 1 hereof.

1. Parliamentarian. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall be advisory to the President in his/her interpretation of the Association By-Laws. He/she shall further advise the President on the interpretation and application of the Robert's Rules of Order Manual on all procedures not specifically covered by the Association By-Laws.

2. Historian. A Committee of one, to serve as Wisconsin Elks Association Historian.

3. Advisory Committee, consisting of all Past Presidents of this Association.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to act in an advisory capacity in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Association and its officers, and to offer the benefit of the experience of its members while they served in the office of President of the Association, to the Association and to those who are carrying on the aims and purposes of the Association.

The Advisory Committee shall annually organize by electing from its members, a Chairman, Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Chairman, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the Committee, and the Secretary shall keep in writing, an accurate record of the proceedings of the Committee to be read at the next subsequent meeting of the Committee. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at each Convention of the Association and at the Conferences of the Association when called by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman in the event of disability of the Chairman) upon written notice to all members.

4. A Committee on Auditing, consisting of six qualified members, one from each District and two at large. This Committee shall examine and audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and all expenditures of money by the Association, and shall submit to the Convention of the Association its findings and recommendations relative thereto. The Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, at any time that it deems it appropriate, have the books of the Secretary and Treasurer audited by a qualified accountant. The Committee shall further have the responsibility to audit the books and accounts of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

5. A Committee on Credentials and Elections consisting of 12 members, three from each District. This Committee shall examine the credentials of all delegates and alternate delegates and of all Elks who, under these By-Laws, are authorized to participate in the deliberations of the Association at any of its meetings, pass upon the correctness thereof, issue a proper voting certificate to each accredited delegate and to each alternate delegate authorized by his Lodge to serve for an absent delegate, as they are defined in Section 2 and 3, of Article II of these By-Laws, keep an accurate record of attendance of such delegates and alternate delegates, and submit to the Convention and Conferences a report thereof and make such recommendations relative thereto as it shall deem proper. It shall also be the duty of this Committee, under the proper order of business, to supervise and conduct the elections of

~~officers and the selection of the sites of the Convention and Mid Winter Conference, to collect the ballots and to count and report the results of the vote.~~

6. A Committee on Resolutions and Laws, consisting of six members, one from each District and two at large. This Committee shall have referred to it all resolutions as pertain to the business of the Association and such resolutions as pertain to legislation and amendments to the By-Laws of the Association and report to the Association all other resolutions with recommendations for action relative thereto. It shall study the By-Laws and shall make recommendations from time to time and propose such amendments as it may deem appropriate and advisable. It shall advise and counsel the Association and its officers and trustees on all legal matters affecting the Association. When necessary, it shall recommend to the Association employment of private legal counsel for representation in any legal action. No member of the Committee who is an attorney or member of his/her law firm shall receive remuneration for advice or counsel to the Association.

7. A Committee on Membership and Lapsation, consisting of one member per Lodge. It shall be the duty of this Committee to assist the officers of the Association to retain the membership in the Association of all Lodges within its jurisdiction and to take such action as it deems necessary to secure the restoration of the membership of Lodges which permitted such membership to lapse. It shall be the duty of this Committee to study the problems of lapsation of membership in the respective subordinate Lodges as will promote the retention of membership and as will minimize the individual lapsation of membership in the respective subordinate Lodges.

8. A Committee on Lodge Development, consisting of twelve members, three from each District. It shall be the duty of this Committee to extend help to subordinate Lodges which are in need of assistance in solving local problems, especially those which for any reason are experiencing membership losses, and consequent financial difficulties, or which are in any other way unable to remain active in carrying out the usual functions of Lodges. It shall report to the President of the Association all of its activities, and shall receive from the President reports of Lodges which may be in need of advice and support of the Association. The Committee shall collaborate with the Committee on Membership and Lapsation with respect to the subject of lapsation. It shall also collaborate with the Committee on Business Practices. It shall be the duty of this Committee to evaluate the potential of any recommended new Lodge area. It shall conduct all meetings needed to disseminate all information to possible new Lodge members. It shall coordinate and conduct all organizational meetings of the new Lodges. It shall keep the Grand Lodge representative informed of the status of the proposed new Lodge and supply him with minutes of all Lodge organizational meetings.

9. A Committee on Business Practices, consisting of twelve members, three from each District. It shall be the duty of this Committee to sponsor and conduct District and Association house committee forums for the purpose of discussing efficient methods of operating club facilities. The Committee shall further develop a program of activity so that member Lodges can receive assistance in solving their problems incident to club operation. This Committee shall recommend to subordinate Lodges proper business methods and procedures when requested or the fiscal condition of Lodge indicates the need for such recommendations.

10. A Committee on Publicity and Public Relations, consisting of twelve members, three from each District. It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure such publicity in the press, by radio and other means, relative to activities of the Association and the subordinate

10. *Unfinished business*
11. *New business*
12. *Good of the Order*
Installation of officers

ARTICLE VIII Limitations

Section 1. No questions of a political or sectarian character shall be introduced at the meetings of the Association and no person shall be directly or indirectly endorsed or recommended for any political office, nor shall any public questions be introduced or discussed unless the same directly relate to or affect the Order and its membership, or unless previous action on such subjects shall have been taken by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX Provisions Not Otherwise Covered

Section 1. On all cases where subjects are not covered by the By-Laws, the Grand Lodge Laws shall govern

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any annual session by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the duly qualified delegates present, provided that a proposed amendment of the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing and filed in duplicate with the Secretary of the Association at least ~~forty five sixty~~(45 60) days prior to the convening of the annual session of the Association.

The Secretary of the Association will forward a copy to the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Laws at least thirty (30) days prior to the Association's annual session. Notice setting forth in full any proposed amendment or amendments, as the same shall read if adopted, shall be published in the Association's official publication Convention issue.

Failure to do so will preclude consideration of the proposed amendment or amendments, referred to in this section, by the Convention unless overruled by a three-fourths majority of the delegates present.

All amendments to the By-Laws shall be effective upon approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE AUGUST 8, 2013

Fall Conference, September 12 – 15, 2013

HoChunk Convention Center, Baraboo, WI

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. Conference

(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)
(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING A LUNCHEON)

	NO. TICKETS	COST
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00

LADIES LUNCHEON (At HoChunk)

TRADITIONAL CHEF SALAD	\$14.50	\$ _____
Or		
CHICKEN TENDER WRAP	\$13.50	\$ _____

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON (At HoChunk)

SMOKED TURKEY WRAP	\$13.50	\$ _____
Or		
DELI SANDWICH	\$14.50	\$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (At HoChunk)

ROAST BREAST OF TURKEY	\$24.75	\$ _____
Or		
FILET OF SALMON	\$30.00	\$ _____

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:

Chef Salad: Julienne strips of tender turkey and ham, swiss and cheddar cheeses, mixed baby greens and an assortment of dressings. Includes coffee, tea, milk, soda or iced tea and a bread stick and cracker basket.

Chicken Tender Wrap: Large tortilla filled with three crispy tenders, sliced tomato, colby-jack cheese, lettuce and bistro sauce. Includes chips and a fresh fruit cup, coffee, tea, milk, soda or iced tea

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Chef Salad: Julienne strips of tender turkey and ham, swiss and cheddar cheeses, mixed baby greens and an assortment of dressings. Includes coffee, tea, milk, soda or iced tea and a bread stick and cracker basket.

Smoked Turkey Wrap: Large tortilla filled with shaved turkey, bacon, sliced tomato, cheddar cheese, shredded lettuce, bistro sauce and pasta salad. Includes coffee, tea, milk, soda or iced tea

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Roasted Breast of Turkey: Served with traditional dressing, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Filet of Salmon: Served with dill hollandaise on a bed of confetti rice.

All entrees served with salad, vegetable, fresh rolls and butter, and coffee, milk, soda tea.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8, 2013 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER
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