



The Bugle

2013 Mid-Winter Conference



Camp Wawbeek and Elks Respite Camp Wisconsin Elks Major Project

The two camps (both located on our 400 acres of land) house 10 unique programs that cater to a wide range of abilities while providing a much needed break for parents and caregivers.

Camp Wawbeek's core philosophy is to encourage campers to challenge themselves with new experiences and set goals for new accomplishments. Camp Wawbeek houses our camper group programs: Wawbeek, Trailblazers, Transition Team, Pioneer, and Young Adults Aspergers (ages 15-25). Campers are paired with peers of similar age and interests in groups of 4 to 6 depending on care needs. Each group has two counselors that take care of the needs of the entire group, whether it be personal care or just a friend to talk to you. The Young Adults Asperger's session offers a care ratio of 1:2. Camp Wawbeek serves campers ages 7 and up.

Our Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite camp provides care to individuals with medical conditions, behavior disorders or known physical aggression, and/or multiple disabilities that require one on one support to function. Respite Camp's core philosophy is to provide a much needed break to parents and caregivers with loved ones that require one-to-one supervision twenty-four hours a day, while providing a camper with a unique camp experience catered to their individual needs. In addition to their 1:1 program, Respite Camp offers an Asperger's and High-functioning Autism program with a care ratio of 1:2 for ages 7-18. Each camper is a paired with a counselor that maintains the camper's daily routine. Respite camp serves ages 3 and up.



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GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

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2014 July 13-17 New Orleans, LA
2015 July 5-9 Indianapolis, IN
2016 July 3-6 Houston, TX
2017 July 16-19 Reno, NV

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STATE MEETINGS

2013 Mid-Winter Conf. ... Green Bay, Jan 31-Feb 3, 2013
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
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

Pat and I hope that all of our Elk Families had a wonderful holiday with family and friends and have much to be thankful for in the coming year!

I hope you are all making plans to join us at the winter conference in Green Bay the first weekend in February. It is a great time to learn more about your Elks organization make new friends and visit the Green Bay area.

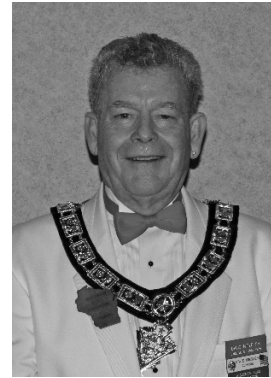
We have traveled the State of Wisconsin from North to South, East to West and have had a wonderful time visiting with old friends and making new ones. We appreciate the friendship you have shown us and the generosity of the Lodges and members in supporting the Bruckner/Bohnsack program at Camp Wawbeek as well as Pat's project to raise money for the Veterans program at Camp Wawbeek. Elks have a reputation of being very generous in supporting Elk's charities so it really does not surprise us!

Pat and I have enjoyed entertaining our Grand Exalted Ruler Tom and his wife Venita, cheering on the Badgers, being honored to attend the initiation of new members, singing Karaoke (they wouldn't ask us to do that again), decking out in camouflage to hunt for new members and, of course, taking part in the minnow races even though we didn't win!

We look forward to our visits to the rest of the Lodges in the coming months and the memories we will carry home with us.

As we all come together in Green Bay for the Mid-Winter Conference please bring your ideas with you, discuss them at your meetings and share them with the other Lodges.

One Lodge can do a lot, but all 32 Lodges working together can make the Wisconsin Elk are the best in the nation!



Reminders: Exalted Rulers: The ER March will be during our noon luncheon on Saturday. Please remember to make your donations at that time to help all our State Projects!

Committee Chairperson: The chair or designee of each committee is to give a report at the General Session on the program and progress of the committee as outlined in the **"Duties of a State Committee Chair."** The Association will be going back to the triplicate form for you to fill out and turn in, following the directions on the bottom of the form. This is for the Committee Report and Committee Checklist and is to be turned into the State Secretary by noon on Sunday.

There is also a pdf form found on the wielks.org web site. Submit these forms within two weeks following the Conference or Convention as directed, so they can be placed on the web site for all Elks to read.

Thank you again for all you do for Elksdom!

Dave Nitze Sr.

Dave Nitze Sr.

State President

Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
MARINETTE *	01/05/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
OSHKOSH *	01/12/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
FOND DU LAC *	01/19/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
BARABOO *	01/26/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
GREEN BAY	01/31/2013	WEEKEND	MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
MILWAUKEE	02/09/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WAUSAU *	02/16/2013	SATURDAY	HOOP SHOOT
WAUSAU *	02/16/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
BEAVER DAM	02/23/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
MANITOWOC	03/08/2013	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
SHEBOYGAN *	03/09/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
STEVENS POINT *	03/16/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WISCONSIN RAPIDS	04/06/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
PLATTEVILLE	04/13/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

“UNITED WE STAND – TOGETHER WE SOAR”

STATE HOOP SHOOT INFORMATION

The Wisconsin Elks State “Hoop Shoot” Contest will be held in Wausau on Saturday, February 16th, 2013. The contest will be held at the Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church & School gym, which will be open at 9:30am for warm-ups and the actual contest beginning at 10:00am.

Lodging will be at the Plaza Hotel (Ask for The Elk’s Rate) in Wausau and the award presentation will be at the Wausau Elks Lodge right after the contest. Lodge “Hoop Shoot” Directors and Exalted Rulers are asked to follow and support any Lodge contestant that is participating at the State level. The regional contest will be held in Iowa City on March 15th - 17th and the National Finals will be held on April 19th - 21st in Springfield, Mass. It’s always nice for the contestant’s family to see a familiar face at these events.

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

CAN YOU HELP...?

At our Mid-Winter Conference last year in Appleton we asked for your help by donating baskets for the Lady’s Raffle. We were overwhelmed by your generosity! Because of you, we were able to donate over \$1,000 split between the Elks Benevolent Fund and the State Major Project. We are asking for your help again. Individual Lodges used to donate the baskets for the Ladies Raffle, however, since Lodges are not, at this time, hosting Conferences or Conventions, this is no longer the case.

We would appreciate any baskets that you are able to donate to the 2013 Mid-Winter Conference Lady’s Raffle.

Thanks in advance!

Nan

Nan Johnson

Carol

Carol Madson

Karen

Karen Bennett

FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello To All,

I sure hope that all had a great holiday get-together with loved ones and friends. Let's remember that giving and sharing does not end after the holidays. Make sure you keep donating to our charities.

We have had a great time traveling the state with Dave and Pat. The Lodges have all treated us with the kind of hospitality we could only wish for, and we have seen old and met new friends all around the state.

The Mid-Winter Conference is coming up and we are having the 1st Vice-President from Illinois, Anthony "Tony" Dardano, from Elmhurst Lodge #1531 as our guest. Let's all show Tony a great weekend in Green Bay.

I am receiving newsletters from some of the Lodges but not all. Please put me on your mailing list. My mailing address is



526 W. Franklin Street, Apt. 6, Portage, WI 53901. My e-mail address is 4everelkdom@gmail.com.

4 Ever Elkdom,

Ron

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

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR...



send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2013.

God Bless you all!

F. Louis Sulsberger

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State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association

Greetings Everyone!

The holidays are upon us where we look forward to special times with our families and friends. Many of our Lodges have special holiday activities throughout the month of December for their members; Santa visits for the children, goodfellowship for needy families, and much, much more. I commend your efforts in bringing the joy and peace of this holiday season to those less fortunate than most.

Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We

LADIES ADVISORY GROUP MEETING INFORMATION

There will be a Ladies Advisory meeting on **Sunday morning at 8:30 am in the Bear Room.** This is a time of sharing ideas and getting new ideas for meetings or fund raising 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting!

Char Bohnsack, President
Ladies Advisory

REVEREND HACKBARTH'S MESSAGE



When I was a young boy, the only time you could watch cartoons on television was on Saturday mornings. Most children looked forward to this once a week cartoon programming. One of the common cartoon themes involved an alien from outer space approach some earthling with the words, "Take me to your leader!"

Today's cartoon shows are much more sophisticated and they are available every day of the week on one or more of the hundreds of television channels available. However, one thing has not changed – we are still looking for leaders. It seems that in every organization there is a cry for leadership.

It was not too long ago that we experienced a long and involved campaign for the leadership of our country. Some folks were thoroughly enthralled with one or the other candidates, while others were silently praying for the whole process to end. Regardless of one's political view, we all became involved because the process involved our country, our way of life. We were searching for leadership.

Some time ago, I read an article by a highly respected (and recently installed) Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. His treatise was about leadership in the church and the world. He repeated many times that "the church is the hope of the world, and the future of the church lies in the hands of its leaders."

Perhaps a few of you may be wondering, "What does this have to do with Christmas?" I submit that in this Feast of

Christmas we celebrate the arrival of our true leader. This is the season, along with Easter, when we hear Handel's Messiah. "Messiah" is a leadership title. Messiah is a Hebrew word that means "anointed one."

The Messiah is the one anointed by God to be our leader. He is the one who leads us out of sin into salvation, out of legalism into grace, out of death into life, and out of darkness into light. Christmas is about the arrival of the One who comes to lead.

It was the prophet Isaiah who prophesied of his coming in these words: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

Isaiah 9: 6-7 NRSV

This is a leadership driven Scripture and it is built on the word "authority." Of the One who comes to lead, it is said that (leadership) "rests upon his shoulders" and that his authority "shall grow continually." We may be asking ourselves, "What is this authority for?" It is authority to lead. The Messiah, the Christ, comes with the God-given authority to lead, rule, and reign over our lives. This Scripture is leadership and the leadership of Christ.

The angel announced his birth to Mary with these words: 'The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,

REVEREND HACKBARTH'S MESSAGE (con't)

and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. **Luke 1:30-32**
NRSV

We are mortal beings primarily concerned with the "here and now." It seems that in our involvement with our temporal world leadership, we seem to forget about our Creator and Sustainer. We are here for a purpose, a "dress rehearsal" for the time we will spend with God. We need to remember the reason He became one of us and to follow His teachings to the best of our ability.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Reverend Michael Hackbarth, Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

THANK YOU...

Those simple words just don't seem to cover the appreciation we feel for all the prayers, caring thoughts, cards, and visits from our Elks family during Dale's accident and recovery. They gave us the drive to keep our chins up and for Dale to work so hard on his recovery. We also greatly appreciate all the people that came and helped with the yard, start the pack-out, then came with their trailer to move us and help load and unload the trailer during our move to Sun Prairie.

We are happy to announce Dale is doing very well and is finally out of the hospital, and we are looking forward to his continued recovery with additional therapy.

Thank you again,

Dale & Jackie Heitmann

Brother and Sister Elks,

I just wanted to update everyone on a true success story of the Wisconsin Elks Association and the good that this Association can accomplish. Many of you know that as of the Spring Convention held in Marshfield this past year we had only an antiquated chair lift to assist members and guests upstairs to our meeting/banquet hall. We were told of a hydraulic lift that had been installed in the Superior Lodge and became interested in installing the same type of lift. We contacted Superior and they furnished us with blueprints, phone numbers, and answered many questions that we had. I am pleased to announce that with the assistance from members of the Superior Lodge and the generous support of our members, we recently completed the installation of our lift and the entire \$45,000 project is paid for!

On behalf of the members of Marshfield Lodge #665, I'd like to thank the members of Superior Lodge #403 for sharing their information and helping us get started on this project. This is another example of Elks Care – Elks Share.

Matt Pieper. Exalted Ruler

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS

**FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS
ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN
MARCH 1ST 2013. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
**THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES
CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS
FOR THE AUDIT.****

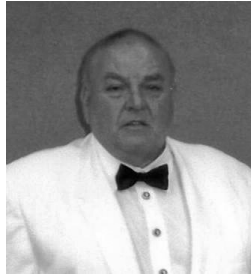
Ken Johnson
State Secretary

**My sanity has departed
and left no forwarding
address..**

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY ERNIE BELLIN, DDGER



I trust everyone ended the year with New Year resolutions that included being a more active member of our Elks organization. Remember there are so many ways to extend a helping hand at your lodge. It takes all of us working together to share the benefits of Elkdom.

My team finished our inspections in October. I was pleased we received such a warm welcome from each of the lodges as representatives from Grand Lodge but also as a friend and fellow Elk. I want to acknowledge and thank my Esquire John Bruno and wife Donna and my Auditor Bill Weinshrott and wife Lynn for their input and help during the visits. My wife Sherry served as Secretary and I thank her as well. We enjoyed our time together, made new friends and were so impressed by the dedication of the members in the Central District. Many thanks to the officers for making the inspections go smoothly. Also, a special thanks to Dave Madson Special Deputy GER for his help, insight and emails that kept me on track.

Please mark your calendar for April 20, 2013 for the District Deputy

Clinic to be held at the Fond du Lac Elk Lodge. There will be many new items to discuss and we'll want your input as well.

I look forward to seeing you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Green Bay and at the State President's lodge visits during January and February. I appreciate the calls and emails I have received from many of you, keep them coming. It is a great way to keep in touch or just visit.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY KEN JOHNSON, DDGER



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Lodges in the Northeast District for their excellent reports and the courtesy extended to Esquire Dave Crevcoure of Green Bay, Auditor Marty Sullivan of Wausau and myself. I would especially like to thank Marty for being my driver as we put on close to 2,000 miles during our visits.

Exalted Rulers, your term is about to expire. Will you leave office on a positive? Will you meet or exceed the goals you set at the beginning of the year? There is still plenty of time.

My wife, Nan, and I hope everyone had a joyful Holiday Season and we extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

K2/Spice



(photo by Sue Pischke, Herald-Times Reporter)

The Bugle editor, Ken Johnson, asked me to write a series of informative articles about drug and alcohol abuse. I am not an expert on this subject, but have been with the Two Rivers Police Department for 27 years and currently hold the rank of Patrol Lieutenant.

It is sold under names like K2, Spice, Wicked X, Happy Hour and Dancing Monkey. It comes in a range of flavors from buzzin blueberry to pina colada to cotton candy and are marketed as potpourri, herbal incense, and even “legal bud”. The target group is young people in their mid-to-late teens through early 20s.

It is a mixture of plant leaves and stems that have been sprayed with synthetic chemicals. These synthesized (created by artificial means) chemicals are designed to mimic the active ingredient in marijuana, known as THC (tetrahydrocannabinol). And while it is sold in convenience stores and on the internet as incense, with a warning “Not for Human Consumption”, it is being smoked by our young people.

So why the trend toward synthetic marijuana (pot)? Because it’s easy to get, users perceive it as legal, and because schools and sports teams don’t test for it. Kids may think they’re using a safe alternative to pot, but they’re not. Experts point out that due to the variation in chemical additives used in Spice, K2, and other synthetics, users don’t know exactly what they’re getting in each packet and the effects can therefore be unpredictable. Some of the artificial chemical compounds tested have been found to be between 100 to 800 times more potent than THC. (Note: the marijuana nowadays is not the same

low grade marijuana of the 1960-1970’s either).

Wisconsin passed a law in June making synthetic drug possession and delivery illegal. It is considered a misdemeanor (fine) for first offense and a second offense a felony (fine and/or jail time). Possession with intent to deliver is a felony.

While the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has created a list of illegal synthetic pseudo-cannabinoids, underground chemists keep creating new variations to keep ahead of the law. This is making it difficult for the State Crime lab to test for the chemical and determine if it is a controlled substance. Field testing kits for police department’s patrol and investigative units have just become available for the initial list of illegal synthetics.

If it’s difficult for law enforcement to keep up with the changing drugs, we know it is difficult for parents as well. Be aware of changes in your children’s behavior and packages being delivered that you didn’t order. Be watchful at convenience stores for the sale of these products and report your suspicions to your local police department or sheriff’s office.

Education, awareness, and enforcement are all keys to saving lives.

-by Gary Sheahan
(Two Rivers Lodge #1380)

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

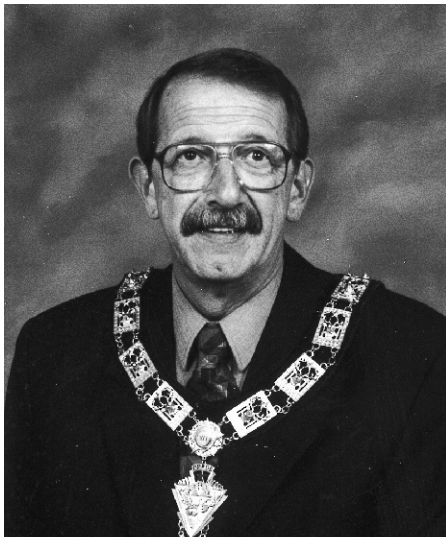


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Oshkosh #292

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Candidate for the Office of
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Wisconsin Elks Association
JOHN BENNETT
Eau Claire #402



Candidate for the Office of
STATE TRUSTEE
Wisconsin Elks Association
JOSEPH KLUMB
Marinette #1313

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



Candidate for the Office of
Vice-President Northwest
Wisconsin Elks Association
Michael D. Kinney

The Past Exalted Rulers, officers, and members of Stevens Point Lodge #641 proudly announce their support and endorsement of Michael Kinney for the office of Vice President Northwest District.

Mike has been a member and officer of the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693, where he has served as Esquire and Treasurer, as well as Stevens Point Lodge #641, where he currently is the Lodge Secretary, as well as PER Association Secretary. He was Exalted Ruler in 2009 and later served as Treasurer. He has served on various committees, currently with Elks National Foundation and by laws. Last year he was named as Officer of the Year.

Mike has served the WEA well having been on the Veterans Committee as a regular member and Vice Chairman; served on Major Projects, Elks National Foundation (has received the coveted Bronze Award for his individual donations) Currently, Mike has been assigned to the Government Relations and Training, both as Vice Chairman. In 2010, he was awarded the Wisconsin Elks Association ER of the Year for his contributions to Elkdom. In 2011, he was an officer of Lodge #641 when they were awarded the WEA Lodge of the Year.

Mike is retired from the Enbridge Energy Inc as an Electrical Supervisor. He and his wife of 46 years have a daughter living in Chicago. Mike is proud of his 9 years of military service to our country, having served in the US Air Force in Japan, Germany, and the Far East.

The members of Stevens Point lodge feel that Mike would be an excellent choice for the office of Vice President Northwest district due to his leadership and dedication.

Supported by Lodge #641 officers, members, and PERs.

Jason Biggs, Exalted Ruler

PER Association

Sal Cuomo, DDGER NW District

	WEA - 2013 Mid-Winter Conference	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
		ROOM
Thursday, Jan. 31 2013		
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	3 Clans Prefunction
Friday, Feb. 1 2013		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Bear Room
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Bear Room
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	3 Clans Prefunction
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Bear Room
Saturday, Feb.2 2013		
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	3 Clans Prefunction
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Oneida
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Tuscarora
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Mohawk
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Michigan
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Cayuga
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	Huron
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Seneca
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Bear
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	Ontario
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Turtle
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	To be Determined
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Oneida
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Mohawk
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	Huron
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Tuscarora
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Onondaga
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	Cayuga
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Seneca
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Bear
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Leading Knight / Spouse Meeting	State Board Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Turtle
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Vets.	Michigan
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service scholarship	Onondaga
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Huron
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Turtle
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Conferences and Conventions	Seneca
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation	Bear
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Tuscarora
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Cayuga
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Ontario
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Officer Training	Turtle
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Tuscarora

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		ROOM
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Onondaga
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Cayuga
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Ontario
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Ritual contest	State Board Room
12:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Grand Council Ball Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Wolf Room
	Following ER Major Project March	
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Oneida
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Wolf Room
7:00 PM	Banquet	Wolf Room
<u>Sunday, Feb. 3 2013</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Wolf Room
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Bear Room
Immediately Following the General Session:		
	Critique	Wolf Room

The Wisconsin Elks Association would like to welcome you to the 2013 Mid-Winter Conference at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

It is easy to find:

2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
Phone: 920-494-7300
e-mail: www.radisson.com/greenbaywi

From Interstate 43 or Highway 41, exit Highway 172 West. The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Green Bay, is conveniently located across from Austin Straubel International Airport.

The Wisconsin Elks Association hopes you find this Conference enjoyable. If you have any comments please send them by e-mail to the State Secretary at elksbugle@aol.com and he will forward them to the proper parties. Have a good time.

The Wisconsin Elks Association

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Candidate for the Office of

Vice –President Central District

Wisconsin Elks Association

Rob Radig, Sr.



The Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of Beaver Dam Lodge #1540 proudly endorse Rob Radig Sr. for the position of State Vice-President, Central District, for the year 2013-2014

Rob has been a member of Beaver Dam Lodge for 14 years. He has served as an officer for all but three of those years. He has served as Exalted Ruler after having fulfilled the duties of all four chair positions and has held several other officer positions as well.

Rob currently serves as Chairperson of our Lodge's Drug Awareness Program, Government Relations and Youth Activities committees, as well as chair the Christmas Basket Program, and has been the Lodge Historian for the last 10 years. Rob is also President of the PER Association

At the state level, Rob has served as State Inner Guard for the last two years and is a member of the Drug Awareness Committee, Resolutions and Laws committee and serves as chair of the Government Relations Committee.

Rob and his wife, Michelle, and their family reside here in Beaver Dam. Rob is currently employed in restaurant management and is serving his fifth term as Alderman with the City of Beaver Dam Common Council.

Rob has unselfishly given his time and dedication to our Lodge and the Elks, and we strongly support his candidacy for State Vice-President, Central District of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Fraternally,

Harvey Lewis, Exalted Ruler
Beaver Dam #1540

HATS IN THE RING



Candidate for the Office of
STATE SECRETARY
Wisconsin Elks Association
KEN JOHNSON
Wausau #248



Candidate for the Office of
STATE CHAPLAIN
Wisconsin Elks Association
REV. MICHAEL HACKBARTH
Fond du Lac #57

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

Certification request for G.E.R. Special Commendation Award

Each Exalted Ruler is authorized to award TWO (2) Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Certificates to Members performing outstanding service for their Lodge. These Certificates must be ordered, in writing, from your **Area Member** of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. Please order on a timely basis. Specify any special presentation date required.

Please **Print legibly** or **Type**:

Name of Member _____

Title/Committee/Comments _____

Name of Member _____

Title/Committee/Comments _____

Such as: Any Member or Chairman of a Lodge Committee; for years of Outstanding Service to the Lodge. Service to the Community; Scouting, Little League, etc.

Lodge Name and Number _____

Special presentation date desired (*allow at least ten working days*) _____

Mail Certificates to _____

Mailing Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____



**“A Children’s Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance”
OFFICIAL ORDER FORM**

[Items available through Lodges of BPO Elks only]
[Submit this form to your Sponsoring Elks Lodge]

ITEM NUMBER	Item Description	Unit Cost	X	NUMBER Ordered	TOTAL COST
575001	Pledge Kit Coloring Books (set of 30)	\$ 5.85			
575002	Pledge Kit Certificates (set of 30)	\$ 4.20			
575003	Pledge Kit Flag Sticker (set of 30)	\$ 3.50			
575004	Pledge of Allegiance Card (set of 30)	\$ 3.20			
575005	Pledge Kit Video (VHS ONLY)	\$ 7.90			
575000	“A Children’s Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance (Complete Kit)	\$ 20.00			
			Total Amount Due \$		

Ship To:

Name _____

Shipping Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

Order entered by:

Lodge# _____ Officer/Chairman _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL ORDER FORM TO:

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Shipping Department
2750 N Lakeview Ave
Chicago IL 60614-1889
Fax Order Form to: (773) 755-4711 or email to: shipping@elks.org

THOMAS S. BRAZIER
Grand Exalted Ruler
1570 The Alameda, Suite 150
San Jose, CA 95126-2331



A Fraternal Organization

BRYAN R. KLATT
Grand Secretary
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue
CHICAGO, IL 60614-1889

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IRA W. EARP
Chairman

P. O. Box 35
MOUNTAINBURG, AR 72946-0035
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irahogrk@aol.com

The Recruiter Watch Program follows the Grand Exalted Ruler's term. Watches may be earned and requested each time a combined total of 11 new and reinstated Members are recruited between July 1, 2012-June 15, 2013. Receipt of a request automatically earns entry in the drawing for a trip for two to the Grand Lodge Convention. While a Member is limited to two watch awards each year, a request should be sent each time a Member qualifies as entries in the drawing for the trip to Grand Lodge are not limited.

APPLICATION FOR RECRUITER'S WATCH

(PRINT OR TYPE)

Recruiter's Name & Membership Number: _____

Lodge Name and Number _____

List Member names and membership numbers. Indicate (N)ew or (R)einstatement.

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ () | 7. _____ () |
| 2. _____ () | 8. _____ () |
| 3. _____ () | 9. _____ () |
| 4. _____ () | 10. _____ () |
| 5. _____ () | 11. _____ () |
| 6. _____ () | |

[WATCH STYLE REQUESTED:
Man's _____ Woman's _____]

Send Request to:

Ira W. Earp, Chairman
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee
P. O. Box 35
Mountainburg, AR 72946-0035

Or by e-mail attachment:
irahogrk@aol.com

MAIL TO: (*Print or type*)

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Attest:

Lodge Secretary _____

Thank you for participating in the Grand Lodge Membership Incentives Program.

Fraternally,

Ira W. Earp, Chairman
G/L Fraternal Committee

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Elks Care – Elks Share

			WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION												
			Membership Dues & Charitable Monies returned		Returned Flag	Returned Youth Activities	Returned Comm. For the Disabled	Returned W.E.A. Grants	Returned Americanism	Sum of Returned Monies	Return on Dues Paid				
			How did your Lodge do?												
MEMBERSHIP			DUES PD.												
		2012-2013	258	\$ 1,032.00	\$150.00										
			65	\$ 260.00											
			178	\$ 712.00											
			282	\$ 1,128.00	\$423.00										
			48	\$ 192.00											
			55	\$ 220.00	\$150.00			\$200							
			163	\$ 652.00	\$244.50										
			234	\$ 936.00											
			435	\$ 1,740.00	\$652.00										
			86	\$ 344.00	\$150.00										
			238	\$ 952.00	\$357.00										
			56	\$ 224.00	\$150.00										
			827	\$ 3,308.00	\$1,240.00										
			156	\$ 624.00											
			412	\$ 1,648.00	\$618.00			\$200							
			658	\$ 2,632.00	\$987.00										
			334	\$ 1,336.00		\$150									
			88	\$ 352.00	\$132.00			\$106							
			96	\$ 384.00	\$150.00										
			325	\$ 1,300.00	\$487.50										
			239	\$ 956.00	\$357.00			\$150							
			219	\$ 876.00											
			616	\$ 2,464.00											
			629	\$ 2,516.00	\$944.00			\$360							
			384	\$ 1,536.00											
			334	\$ 1,336.00											
			109	\$ 436.00	\$150.00										
			85	\$ 340.00	\$150.00			\$200							
			185	\$ 740.00	\$277.50										
			252	\$ 1,008.00											
			753	\$ 3,012.00	\$1,129.50										
			143	\$ 572.00	\$214.50							\$100			
			8942	\$35,768.00	\$9,113.50			\$510.00		\$856.00	\$3,200.00	\$100.00			
TOTALS															



Something to do at the Mid-Winter Conference

What is the Hall of Fame?

\$10 ages 12-61, \$8 ages 62+

The Hall of Fame is 25,000 square feet of pure Packers adrenaline where you can see, touch and feel over 80 years of riveting history. There is an exciting 12-minute introductory movie created by NFL Films, as well as many other presentations shown in small theaters. Beautifully recreated moments are around every corner. Interactive videos line the hallways. There are 77 exhibits featuring Packers fans, the Ice Bowl, the three Super Bowl trophies, plaques of all the members of the Packers Hall of Fame, today's team, and even a re-creation of Vince Lombardi's office. New fans, old fans, young fans - there is something for everyone in the incredible Packers Hall of Fame.

How long is the tour?

The Hall of Fame is self-guided. The average groups take about an hour to an hour and a half.

Is the Hall accessible?

Yes it is. Wheelchairs are available upon request with a photo ID at the Guest Relations Desk in the main level of the Atrium or at the Hall of Fame front desk. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Where do I go once I arrive at Lambeau Field?

Groups should enter through the Miller Lite Gate located on Lombardi Ave. When your group enters the Atrium, please locate the Hall of Fame in the Northeast corner of the Atrium. The Hall of Fame is located in the lower level of the Atrium. You may take either the elevator or the stairs.

Each person in your group will need to have a ticket in hand when coming into the Hall of Fame. Each person will need to present his or her ticket and receive a stamp on his or her hand. The stamp allows the individual to come in and out of the Hall of Fame all day. If you need to purchase additional tickets for the tour, please ask at the Hall of Fame desk to purchase the tickets. You will be charged the regular rates for the ticket because they were not purchased in advance.

Is there anything else I need to know about the Hall of Fame?

No food or drink is allowed in the Hall of Fame. Additionally, no video cameras are allowed; still photos are encouraged. The Hall of Fame is self-guided. Hall of Fame admission **does not** include the Stadium Tour. Hall of Fame tickets are non-refundable once purchased. Any **unused tickets will not be refunded**, however unused passes for the Hall of Fame may be used at a later date.



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

BY RAY DABLER
MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN

Through the generosity and dedication of our members, phase one of the remodeling/expansion of the dining/recreation building is complete. The new floor and in floor heating system was completed in September at a cost of \$43,407. We are working on phase two, which will be a 20 x 24 addition to the rear side of the dining/recreation building. Depending on the amount we receive from the State Association and our fundraising efforts, we may have to wait an additional year before we can complete phase two.

To help in our fundraising, we are currently selling raffle tickets for a **2012 Green Bay Packers Collectors Series football** that was donated to us by the Green Bay Packers. Please help us in this effort by buying a ticket and selling some to your friends.

I have included two articles from our members and even though the articles do not only pertain to our Respite Center, they do show how all the hard work of our members and their donations do overlap our various committees and truly make a difference in the lives of our members and the residents of Wisconsin.

"Our family would like to thank you for giving Michael, our son, the opportunity to go to camp Wawbeek this summer. This was the first time Michael had been away from home for an extended period of time...ever.



As you can imagine, when we first got to Camp Wawbeek Michael was kicking and screaming about not wanting to be there. There was one little boy, also with cerebral palsy, who came up to Michael and tried to comfort him and told him everything is going to be okay. Michael didn't want to hear it - he was convinced his life was over! But the little boy didn't give up. He continued to comfort Michael until Michael had no choice but to listen. After a little while and a drink or two of soda Michael eventually settled down and was ready to see what was next.

Once Michael met his counselor everything turned 180 degrees. His name was Ean; he was from the UK and more important he was a Pokémon fan. You can see in the above photo Michael's smile tells it all. Michael had a great week at camp and when we picked him up at the end of the week - he talked non-stop about



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everything they did. We asked him what his favorite part of camp was and he said 'everything.'

This was a great opportunity for Michael and we are so appreciative of your generosity in giving Michael this incredible experience.

Thank you for creating a wonderful lifelong memory for our son.

Scott & Lisa Johnson"

"To all our Elk friends that support the Veterans: Dale has really seen the other side of the coin and I just wanted to share with you what he has seen. He has a new roommate and when the guy came in he was wearing the Elks leather wheelchair gloves. Dale talked to him about it and the guy said they were the best gloves because they were soft, comfortable and worked well for moving his wheelchair.

So keep up the good work in donating those deer hides to your local Lodges. He was also impressed that the large screen tv in the activity hall was donated by the Elks and this Friday the Milwaukee Elks are sponsoring a bowling outing at the Elks. Unfortunately Dale can't go to it as he has a Dr appointment.

He was also informed that there was a great camp in the Dells that he qualified for called Camp Wawbeek. Dale said he laughed and said he has

been supporting it for years and was glad to know it was so highly recommended for the Veterans. All of you do make a difference in your donations - keep up all of the good work that you do.

Jackie Heitmann"

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

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



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE APRIL 26, 2013

State Convention May 2 - 5, 2013

The Plaza Hotel & Suites, Eau Claire, 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)

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
<u>LADIES LUNCHEON</u> (At the Plaza Hotel & Suites)		
CROISSANT SANDWICH	_____ \$15.00	\$ _____
Or		
CHEF'S SALAD	_____ \$15.00	\$ _____
<u>ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON</u> (At the Plaza Hotel & Suites)		
MEATLOAF	_____ \$16.25	\$ _____
Or		
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST	_____ \$16.25	\$ _____
<u>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET</u> (At the Plaza Hotel & Suites)		
GRILLED RIBEYE	_____ \$28.50	\$ _____
Or		
SALMON OSCAR	_____ \$24.75	\$ _____
Or		
BERRY GLAZED PORK TENDERLOIN MEDALLIONS	_____ \$24.75	\$ _____

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:

Croissant Sandwich: Your choice of chicken salad, tuna salad or ham salad, served on a butter croissant with lettuce and tomato. Includes a pickle spear, chips and coffee or tea.

Chef Salad: A bed of salad greens topped with julienne ham and turkey, cheddar and swiss cheese, tomato wedges, black olives and sliced eggs. Includes rolls with butter and coffee or tea.

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Meatloaf: Homemade house recipe meatloaf served with a Jack Daniels demi-glaze.

Stuffed Chicken Breast: 7 oz. chicken breast stuffed with sundried tomatoes and spinach, finished with a chardonnay cream sauce.

BOTH ENTREES INCLUDE SALAD, VEGETABLE, POTATO, ROLLS WITH BUTTER AND COFFEE OR TEA.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Grilled Ribeye: 10 oz. Fresh cut ribeye grilled to medium and topped with a mushroom cabernet sauce.

Salmon Oscar: 6 oz. salmon filet broiled to perfection and topped with grilled asparagus and an orange hollandaise sauce.

Berry Glazed Pork Tenderloin Medallions: Grilled pork tenderloin marinated in a merlot garlic infusion, sliced and topped with Chambord berry sauce.

ALL ENTREES INCLUDE SALAD, VEGETABLE, POTATO, ROLLS WITH BUTTER AND COFFEE OR TEA.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 26 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER
AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00

Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention
May 2 - 5, 2013
Hosted by the Wisconsin Elks Association

The Plaza Hotel & Suites
1202 W. Clairemont Avenue
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-834-64081

\$ 92.00 per night + tax
2 Queen Beds
or
1 King Bed

Please contact the hotel directly for all of your reservations. All reservations will be on first-come basis. **Please be sure to tell them you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association and tell them to use Block #7594.**

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION
FOR THE
SPOUSES / SIGNIFICANT OTHERS
OF LODGE OFFICERS**

Don't forget that the training session that was previously held after the Saturday Ladies Luncheon for all Lodge officer's spouses / significant others is now on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be in the State Board Room. The meeting will last no more than one hour.

This training is meant to help you gain information of what your duties may be and to answer any questions for those of you (or anyone else who may wish to attend) who will have a spouse or significant other moving up in the chairs of their individual Lodges.

Please contact either Karen Bennett at (phone) 715-373-2783 or (e-mail) klbennett@netzero.net or Carol Madson at (phone) 920-457-3759 or (e-mail) cmadson@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Two kids were playing on the playground at school, when one of them says to the other, "My dad is very popular". The other kid asks, "How is that?" The first kid says, "My dad is a Moose, a Lion and an Elk". The second kid says "How much do we have to pay to go see him?"

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE
June 1

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



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**FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOURS...
HAVE A WONDERFUL AND HEALTHY 2013**

Ken and Nan