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Spring Convention 2015

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APRIL 30TH THROUGH MAY 3RD, 2015



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Bar 4:30 p.m. to ?? Chicken & Rib Buffet 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

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STATE MEETINGS

2015 State Conv. . . Green Bay, April 30-May 3, 2015
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
2015 Fall Conference. . . Appleton, Sept. 17-20, 2015
Paper Valley Convention Center
2016 Mid-Winter Conf . . . Appleton, Feb. 4-7, 2016
Paper Valley Convention Center
2016 State Conv. . . Green Bay, April 28-May 1, 2016
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
2016 Fall Conference. Sept. 15-18, 2016
Location Unknown
2017 Mid-Winter Conf. . . . Appleton, Feb. 2-5, 2017
Paper Valley Convention Center
2017 State Conv. Green Bay, May 4-7, 2017
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
2017 Fall Conference. Sept. 14-17, 2017
Location Unknown

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends



I find it difficult to express the magnitude of the experiences First Lady Leah and I have had this year. Our year as State President was an incredible experience. From Installation in May, to representing our State Association in the opening of the Grand Lodge Session, the visits to all the Lodges in the state and the Conferences we attended. Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Bowling, and Camp Wawbeek. This just touches on the year we had. We are very proud, and very humbled by the hard work the Lodges do to take our Elks programs into the communities.

As the year concludes, I want to thank the members for the level of donations to the Elks National Foundation, surpassing the Grand Exalted Rulers goal. The donations to the Benevolent Fund were also very impressive, bringing the donations well past this year's goal of \$3.00 per member. The Major Project also did very well; listening to the Lodges present their donations during the ER March was outstanding. Thank you all for an outstanding job!

I would like to thank the Past State Presidents, State Officers, State Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. The support, dedication, time, and energy you have shown has truly made this a successful year. My State Protocol Director, Mike Rebhahn did a great job. Thank you so much.

To Tony and Mary Voulgaris, thank you for everything. We know you will have the support you need from us, and everyone in the Wisconsin Elks Association. Enjoy your year!

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone in the State Association for the confidence you have had in Leah and I as we represent the Wisconsin Elks Association. Together we had a great year "*Changing Lives Through Elkdome*".

Fraternally,

Todd

Todd J. Kostuck
State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES

- **ALL** Elks must have their 2015-2016 membership card 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 CANDIDATES:** Please bring along proper attire as you will be a part of the Installation program.

FIRST LADY'S FAREWELL



It is hard to believe Todd and I are reaching the end of our journey as State President and First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association. I personally want to thank everyone for the confidence you placed in us and for giving us this amazing opportunity. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the State Association; an experience I would not have missed for the world.

I also want to thank each of the Lodges for your support of the fund raising program I chose for this year. Your generosity will help support the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, and our State Major Project, the Respite Camp and Camp Wawbeek. Both programs are unique to the State of Wisconsin and play an important part in addressing the needs of the communities we serve. We all work very hard and should be very proud of what we accomplish through these two programs. "When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better." – **Pauline R. Kezer**

As our year comes to an end, to Tony and Mary Voulgaris, Todd and I wish you all the best in the coming year. We know you will do an outstanding job as you travel the state sharing your message. Enjoy your year!

Best wishes to all you and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Leah

Leah Kostuck, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE SPONSOR'S MESSAGE



The new year of Elkdom is more than a month old at this time. I trust that all the new exalted rulers have their members. If we do not have a running start, this year will be half over before we realize it. If you have not put forth your plans and programs do it right now!

The members who have agreed to hold the Lodge offices and be chairmen or committee members need the push that you, as Exalted Ruler, must be able to give them.

Looking back over last year and previous years, we realize that the Wisconsin Elks have been among the leaders across the country in everything except a gain in membership.

You have done an excellent job for the Elks National Foundation, the Veterans, the "Hoop Shoot", the Benevolent Fund, the State Major Project, the "Soccer Shoot-Out", the Drug Awareness program and the many youth programs set out by the Grand Lodge and the State Association.

Our only shortcoming is the loss of membership. I ask every Exalted Ruler to make a gain in membership the principle goal for this Lodge year. Slow death is the bleak outlook for the future if we continue to lose members.

I want to thank and congratulate Todd and Leah for an outstanding year and wish Tony and Mary the very best. I'm sure they will make all of us proud.

Cordially & Fraternally,

F. Louis Sulsberger

F. Louis Sulsberger, P.G.E.R.
Wisconsin State Sponsor

FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Greetings Fellow Elk Members and Families:

It just seemed like yesterday we were in Baraboo (Wis. Dells) for our 2014 State Convention. Like my predecessors probably have said, "Where did the year go"? Mary and I are amazed as we reflect back on the great year we had traveling with our State President, Todd, and First Lady, Leah, as we listened to his message "Changing Lives through Elkdom". They are truly great Elks and I know they will continue helping and promoting Elkdom for many years to come. This year was very unique, as we had three great Elks traveling with us to campaign for the President-Elect position. I would like to wish Jay Franklin, George Myers and Rob Radig (in alphabetical order) all the best in the upcoming election.

As we gather in Green Bay, Mary and I will be starting a new chapter in our lives as being your State President and First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association. This journey started 21 years ago when my sponsor, Jerry Hintze, asked me to join the Oshkosh Elks. We are very honored and humbled that you have bestowed this great honor upon us. My motto for this year will be "**Renew-Grow-Succeed**". Being in the Beverage Industry for the past 25 years I have seen a lot of companies close their doors for not having a quality product. We, as Elks, are a great product and we need to let our communities know about us; otherwise we will be just another empty building. We need to look at ourselves and ask Why did I become an Elk? **Renew** our Obligation. Are we a Lodge or a club? **Grow-Membership**. Bring in quality members. If we accomplish the first two we will **Succeed** and we will be here for a long time.



We want to congratulate all of the newly elected officers at the Lodge and State level and we are looking forward to working with all of you to help us have a successful year.

In closing, Mary and I can't **THANK YOU** enough for the great hospitality and friendship you showed to us during our visits this year. We had a blast and are looking forward to another Great Year...

Safe Travels to and from Green Bay...

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Tony Voulgaris

Anthony D. Voulgaris, State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

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2015-2016 STATE PRESIDENT TRAVEL PLANS



LODGE/CITY	DAY OF THE WEEK	VISIT	DATE	THEME/DRESS CODE	LOCATION
Green Bay	Weekend	State Convention	4/30-5/3,2015	INSTALLATION	RADISSON HOTEL
Kaukauna	Monday	Kaukauna Elks	5/4/2015	SCHOLARSHIP	KAUKAUNA
Illinois	Weekend	Convention	5/7-5/10,2015	INSTALLATION	HILTON HOTEL
Appleton	Saturday	Flag Day Parade	6/13/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Appleton	Saturday	State President Visit	6/13/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Watertown	Friday	State President Visit	6/26/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Camp Wawbeek	Saturday	Elks Day	6/27/2015	RED & WHITE	CAMP WAWBEEK
Portage	Saturday	State President Visit	6/27/2015	THEME	LODGE
Indianapolis	Week	National Conv.	7/3-7/10,2015	RED & WHITE	TBD
Eau Claire	Friday	State President Visit	7/17/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Chippewa Falls	Saturday	State President Visit	7/18/2015	GOLF ATTIRE	LODGE
Janesville	Friday	State President Visit	7/24/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Walworth Lakeland	Saturday	State President Visit	7/25/2015	DESSERT AUCTION	LODGE
Beloit	Sunday	State President Visit	7/26/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE/PARK
Ashland	Friday	State President Visit	8/7/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Superior	Saturday	State President Visit	8/8/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Rice Lake	Sunday	State President Visit	8/9/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
State Golf-Rice Lake	Monday	State Golf Tourney	8/10/2015	GOLF ATTIRE	BARRON
Two Rivers	Saturday	State President Visit	8/22/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Sheboygan	Sunday	Elks Day	8/23/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Appleton	Weekend	Fall Conference	9/17-9/20,2015	RED & WHITE	PAPER VALLEY
Camp Wawbeek	Sunday	Breakfast at Camp	10/4/2015	RED & WHITE	CAMP WAWBEEK
Baraboo	Saturday	State President Visit	1/16/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Madison	Saturday	State President Visit	10/10/2015	THEME	LODGE
Neenah-Menasha	Friday	State President Visit	10/16/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Waukesha	Saturday	State President Visit	10/17/2015	THEME	LODGE
Marshfield	Saturday	State President Visit	10/24/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Kaukauna	Friday	State President Visit	10/30/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Oshkosh	Saturday	State President Visit	11/14/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Green Bay	Friday	State President Visit	12/4/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Oconto	Saturday	State President Visit	12/5/2015	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Marinette	Saturday	State President Visit	1/9/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Milwaukee	Saturday	State President Visit	1/30/2016	THEME	LODGE
Appleton	Weekend	Mid Winter Conference	2/4-2/7, 2016	RED & WHITE	PAPER VALLEY
State Hoop Shoot-Wausau	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot	2/12-2/14, 2016	STATE FINALS	WAUSAU
Wausau	Saturday	State President Visit	2/13/2016	FORMAL	LODGE
Antigo	Friday	State President Visit	2/19/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
State Bowling-Antigo	Weekend	State Bowling	2/20-2/21,2016	STATE BOWLING	BOWLING CENTER
Fond du Lac	Saturday	State President Visit	2/27/2016	INITIATION/FORMAL	LODGE
Beaver Dam	Saturday	State President Visit	3/5/2016	THEME	LODGE
Manitowoc	Friday	State President Visit	3/11/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
Sheboygan	Saturday	State President Visit	3/12/2016	INITIATION/FORMAL	LODGE
Regional Hoop Shoot	Weekend	Hoop Shoot	3/17-3/20,2016	REGIONAL FINALS	IOWA CITY, IA
Stevens Point	Friday	State President Visit	4/1/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
WI Rapids	Saturday	State President Visit	4/2/2016	RED & WHITE	LODGE
National Hoop Shoot	Saturday	Hoop Shoot	4/13-4/17,2016	NATIONAL FINALS	SPRINGFIELD, MASS
Platteville	Saturday	State President Visit	4/23/2016	THEME	LODGE
Green Bay	Weekend	State Convention	4/28-5/1,2016	INSTALLATION	RADISSON HOTEL

Renew  **Grow**  **Succeed**

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Colossians 3: 23 NJV

There are many people “experts” that have created careers for themselves by trying to find out what it is that makes people successful. These “experts” look at people’s credentials, intelligence, education, and other criteria. These things are important, yet, *passion* is what makes the difference.

Here are four truths about passion and what it can do for a leader:

1. *Passion is the first step to achievement* – one’s desire determines one’s destiny – the hotter the fire – the greater the desire – and greater the potential.
2. *Passion increases willpower* – Passion is fuel for the will. If something is desired badly enough – one can find the willpower to achieve it.
3. *Passion changes you* – if we follow our passions instead of other’s perceptions, we cannot help but become a more dedicated and productive person. Ultimately, our passions will have more influence on us than our personality.
4. *Passion makes the impossible possible* – Humans are made in such a way that when something fires up our soul,

“impossibilities” vanish. A fire in the heart lifts everything in our life and a leader with great passion and a few skills will always outperform a leader with great skills and no passion.

We are at the beginning of a new “year” with new leaders, leaders with passion and willpower to accomplish assigned duties and perhaps opportunities yet unknown.

May they accept their charges and work with all their heart “*as working for the Lord, not for men.*”

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth

Wisconsin Elks Association

ON THE ROAD **WITH THE CENTRAL DISTRICT**



A bus trip from the Central District to the Highground in Neillsville, WI, the Veterans Memorial is being planned for Saturday, May 16, 2015. The bus will leave from 3 locations within the Central District starting at 7:30 AM in Beaver Dam, and should be back in the Oshkosh area around 5:30-6:00 PM. Cost for the trip is \$25.00 per person for members and friends. For more information please contact Don Behnke at: deb020948@yahoo.com or 920-923-0707.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

SOUTH DISTRICT

BY DAVE HAGEN, V.P.



Winter and spring has been a very busy time for the South District. Community opportunities were abundant and I want to congratulate all of the Lodges in the South District on maximizing all of the opportunities that were available in your community.

This year is already coming to an end and I want to let you know that it was my pleasure visiting your Lodges throughout the year. All of you in the South District should be proud of your effects in promoting Elkdome.

The State Convention in Green Bay is a great way to network with fellow state Elks. Please spread the word throughout your Lodges that the Convention is not just for the exalted rulers, officers and trustees. It is a great way for all members to share in the hospitality with other Wisconsin Elk members and expand your friendships in Elkdome.

Kathy and I look forward to seeing you in Green Bay. Thank you for allowing me to represent the South District.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY DANIEL CRUM, V.P.



Looking over my year as Vice-President of the Northwest District, I have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people and have seen and heard about the work they have been doing in their communities.

For me, this has been an uplifting adventure. I have gained a new respect for the words compassion and charity.

I have seen how these two words define and motivate so many of us. It is truly humbling.

As my year ends, I would like to thank all the people I have met and the new friends I have made. You have all made a difference in so many lives, including mine. Thank you all!

CENTRAL DISTRICT

DON BEHNKE, V.P.



Where does the time go? It seems like just a few months ago I was writing my first Bugle report and here it is the end of February and I am writing my last report. However, it is not without appreciation to the many members of the Central District who responded to the challenges we faced as the year began. Every Lodge in the Central District has surpassed the GER's goal of \$460 per member in donations to the Elks National Foundation; they have also made donations to the State Major Project, Camp Wawbeek and numerous members have made donations to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund as well.

Thank you to every Lodge for the hospitality and friendship you expressed to Lee and I as we made our visits to your Lodges along with President Todd, First Lady Leah and next year's President and First Lady, Tony and Mary Voulgaris. I would especially like to thank the Exalted Rulers of the Central District for their efforts in supporting our programs and attending the conferences and conventions during the past year; to the District Secretaries for your attention to the many details that comprise your duties throughout the year, THANK YOU! Our second annual District Picnic was a very successful event; we had almost 70 people in attendance, which was almost double the number that attended the first year. Hopefully, we can double that amount next year!

This next year, we are lucky enough to have two members from the Central District with their "hats in the ring" for District Vice-President. Mike Wright, from Sheboygan Lodge

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

#299 and Dan Foss from Portage Lodge #675. I am more than willing to work with them to help continue the successes we have made, and look forward to the future of our District.

We are planning another District bus trip; this time to the Highground in Neillsville, WI, to visit the Veterans Memorial there, and will also stop at the Korean Veterans Memorial in Plover, WI on the way back to Central Wisconsin. Look for other information about this event in the Bugle if you are interested in attending.

Lastly, it was a very rewarding experience for me to represent you, the members of the Central District, as your Vice-President. We are very lucky to have so many members who, when called upon, step forward to face the challenge head-on. As we move forward into another Lodge year, here is a quote from Coast John Wooden: **"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do"**.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY DAVE ABTS, V.P.



My term as Northeast Vice President has been very interesting and rewarding. When visiting the various Lodges with Todd and Tony, you come away with a whole new look at Elkdome. I would like to thank everyone for their warm hospitality and willingness to share thoughts and ideas.

The one thing I would like to share is how some of our Lodges differ. We have fraternal and service Lodges. The service Lodges concentrate on holding fundraisers for the main purpose of funding programs for our youth and veterans. The fraternal Lodges pretty much do some fundraising, support local youth, veteran groups, and have events where they actually have fun. These fraternal Lodges appear to be doing better with membership than the service Lodges. Some service Lodges have lost members because it is no longer fun to go to meetings and these meetings are boring. What kind of Lodge do you have? Are your members revved up and looking forward

to your meetings or are they just going because they feel they have to? If we are going to keep our membership strong, attract new members and meet our national membership goal, we need to go back to having some fun.

Most Lodges are doing a great job of supporting our youth and veterans. When you see and hear all of the events being held on their behalf it shows that Elks do care and share.

Please ask your officers and committee chairs to join us at our next conference in Green Bay. You will always come away from these conventions with something new and it helpful ideas to become a better Lodge.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

BENEVOLENT FUND BY-LAWS

The Benevolent Fund By-Laws are now on the web site. Please review them as there is a resolution to amend and will be voted on at the Spring Convention.

ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

The State Convention is coming up quickly. If you have a basket or any other item that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated. No item is too big or too small and we love to get a mixture of items. Let's try to top the donations that we have been able to give to the State Major Project and the Benevolent Fund!

See you in May at the Convention!

Nan Johnson

Association Raffle Chair

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT



Hello,

Spring is in the air, and WEA State Convention is just around the corner. As I am writing this, I am reminded of the year I was Exalted Ruler of my Lodge. Almost at the end my term and I am still amazed by the variety of projects the Lodges in the Northwest District have done this year.

I would like to commend all the Lodges on a very enjoyable year. I am going to list a quick overview of the things that the Northwest District Lodges have done this year:

- Ashland Lodge #137 - Incoming Exalted Ruler Tom Trudeau is rapidly becoming infected with the common ailment we all share - "Elk Fever". He said one day this organization draws you in; he was one of those that did not want to get involved. He has also volunteered to bring the Veterans Program they have to a conference or convention for us to view, it is a wonderful program.
- Chippewa Falls Lodge #1326 - This year they sponsored a terminally ill homeless veteran's wish to attend a Green Bay Packer Game. This is something that Chippewa should be very proud of.
- Eau Claire Lodge #402 - The Lodge has been in transition, under the guidance of the officers and members have continued to serve the local community.
- Marshfield Lodge #665 - The Lodge has installed a new roof, stuccoed the exterior of the Lodge. At this writing had given over \$20,000.00 in local scholarships.
- Rice Lake Lodge #1441 - They hold monthly breakfast on a rotating basis with other local service organizations. They also served as the local distribution center for Girl Scout cookies; it looked like a semi load.
- Stevens Point Lodge #641 - This is the Lodge that has handled adversity with strength and grace. As I have mentioned previously, a large portion of the Lodge was condemned. The members of the Lodge have pulled together to continue to do good work, and repair the Lodge.
- Superior Lodge #403 - Continues to serve the local area. This year they dedicated a memorial area in the Lodge to: Major Richard Bong, Congressional Medal of Honor winner for action in the Pacific Theater during World War II.
- Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693 - Continuing to update their new building, improve food service, and provide better service to their members. They also have hosted a local blood drive, a safe place for a local high school prom, and continue to be one of the biggest supporters of the Elks National Foundation.

At this time I would like to introduce the Esquire to the District Deputy for 2015-2016. He is Jeff Miller, PER, Rice Lake Lodge #1441. I know that the Lodges of the Northwest District will show Jeff the respect, and friendliness that has been accorded to me.

Finally, enjoy your spring and summer events. Keep up the good work.

Ever in Elkdom,

Jaye R. Franklin

DDGER - Wisconsin - Northwest District #9640

*** * * Reservation Form * * ***

151st Elks Grand Lodge
CONVENTION

July 5-6-7-8-9, 2015

**PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM
ALONG WITH PROPER PAYMENT FOR ROOM
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at the 151st GRAND LODGE CONVENTION!**

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ City _____

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Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

I'm a ☐ Lodge Officer ☐ State Officer ☐ Grand Lodge Officer ☐ Member Title _____

\$ _____ Hospitality Room PERSONAL Donation (\$50/person or \$70/couple) -- **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

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

\$ _____ Wisconsin Night Party (\$20/person or \$35/couple) -- **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

*You may include
ALL IN ONE CHECK!!*

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

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

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

☐ I'm Driving ☐ I'm Flying Date Arriving in Indianapolis _____ Date Departing from Indianapolis _____

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

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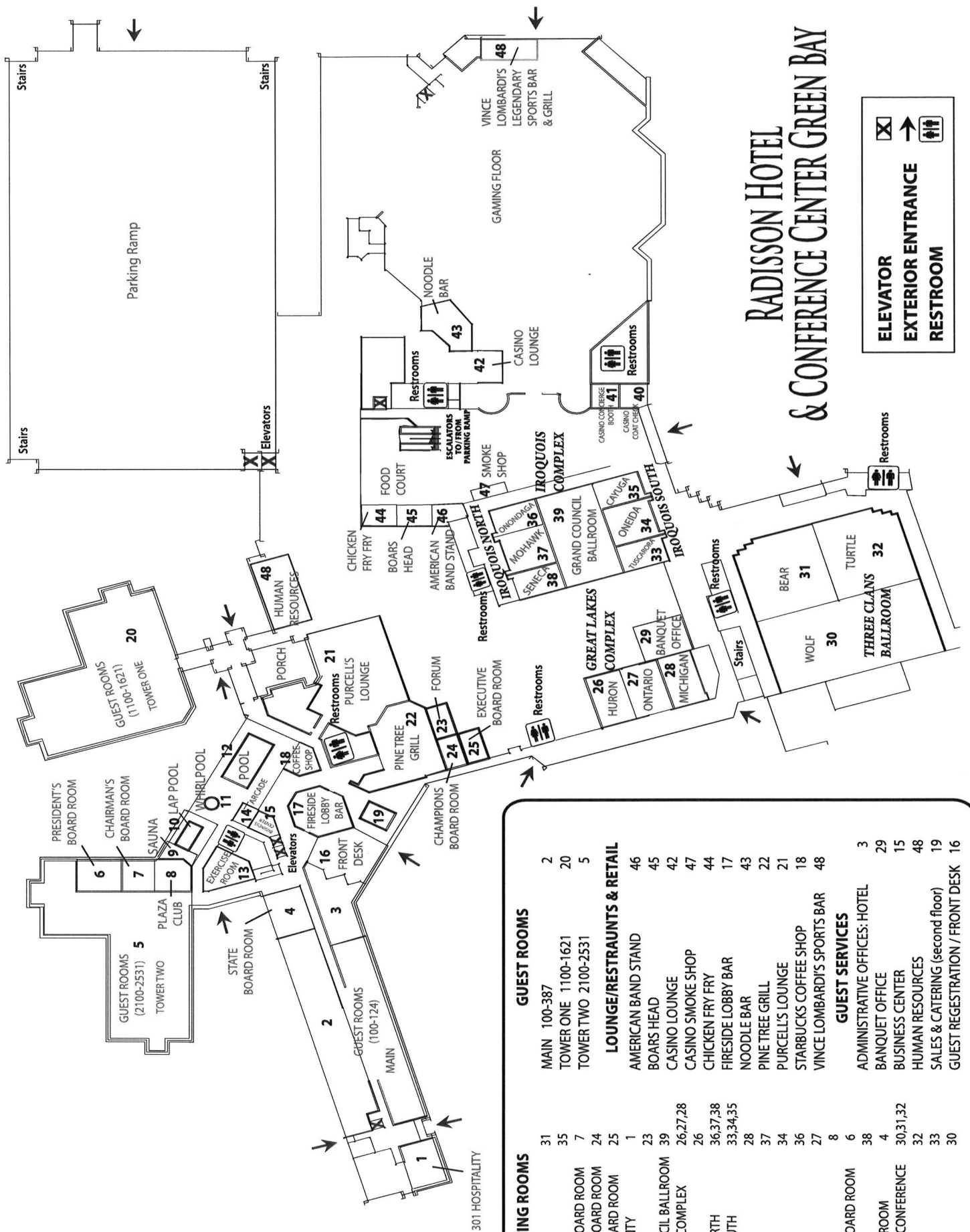
	WEA - 2015 Convention	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
		ROOM
	Meet & Greet	Plaza Club
Friday, May 1 2015		
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	B.O.D.	Bear Room
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Bear Room
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	3 Clans Prefunction
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Bear Room
Saturday, May 2 2015		
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	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
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Onondaga

	WEA - 2015 Convention	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
		ROOM
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
11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Grand Council Ball Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Wolf Room
1:30PM -3:30	General Session	Turtle/Bear
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Oneida
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Wolf Room
7:00 PM	Banquet	Wolf Room
<u>Sunday, May 3 2015</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Wolf Room
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Bear Room



Hat's in the Ring

Mike Wright
Vice President,
Central District



MEETING ROOMS		GUEST ROOMS	
BEAR	31	MAIN 100-387	2
CAYUGA	35	TOWER ONE 1100-1621	20
CHAIRMAN'S BOARD ROOM	7	TOWER TWO 2100-2531	5
CHAMPIONS BOARD ROOM	24	LOUNGE/RESTAURANTS & RETAIL	
EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM	25	AMERICAN BAND STAND	46
301/HOSPITALITY	1	BOARDS HEAD	45
FORUM	23	CASINO LOUNGE	42
GRAND COUNCIL BALLROOM	39	CASINO SMOKE SHOP	47
GREAT LAKES COMPLEX	26,27,28	CHICKEN FRY FRY	44
HURON	26	FIRESIDE LOBBY BAR	17
IROQUOIS NORTH	36,37,38	NOODLE BAR	43
IROQUOIS SOUTH	33,34,35	PINE TREE GRILL	22
MICHIGAN	28	PURCELL'S LOUNGE	21
MOHAWK	37	STARBUCKS COFFEE SHOP	18
ONEIDA	34	VINCE LOMBARDI'S SPORTS BAR	48
ONONDAGA	36	GUEST SERVICES	
ONTARIO	27	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: HOTEL	3
PLAZA CLUB	8	BANQUET OFFICE	29
PRESIDENT'S BOARD ROOM	6	BUSINESS CENTER	15
SENECA	38	HUMAN RESOURCES	48
STATE BOARD ROOM	4	SALES & CATERING (second floor)	19
THREE CLANS CONFERENCE	30,31,32	GUEST REGISTRATION / FRONT DESK	16
TURTLE	32		
TUSCARORA	33		
WOLF	30		

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION BY-LAW AMENDMENT

There is a resolution to amend the Wisconsin Elks Association By-Laws. Please review the following prior to the Spring Convention:

RESOLUTION 2015-01

Proposal to amend Article V, Section 1 of the WEA By-Laws:

Article V, Section 1 now reads as follows:

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, 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.

The proposed amendment if adopted would read as follows:

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, one Trustee from each of the Grand Lodge Districts in Wisconsin and **one** at large for a total of **five** 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.

This Resolution is proposed by the Past State Presidents Advisory Committee.

Purpose:

To reduce the number of At-Large Trustees to one.

RESOLUTION 2015-02

Proposal to amend Article V, Section 4 of the WEA By-Laws:

Article V, Section 4 now reads as follows:

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.

The proposed amendment if adopted would read as follows:

Section 4. District Trustees shall be nominated from the membership of the Lodges within the corresponding Grand Lodge Districts and **one** at large Trustee. 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, except as specified below.

This Resolution is proposed by the Past State Presidents Advisory Committee.

Purpose:

To change the terminology to reflect only one At-large Trustee

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS (con't)

RESOLUTION 2015-03

Proposal to amend Article V, Section 13A of the WEA By-laws:

Article V, Section 13A now reads as follows:

Section 13A. 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.

The proposed amendment if adopted would read as follows:

Section 13A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Trustees, the President, the President- Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the District Vice-Presidents.

This Resolution is proposed by the Past State Presidents Advisory Committee.

Purpose:

To eliminate the immediate Past President from the Board of Directors.

CAMP WAWBEEK BRINGS JOY TO RESPITE CAMPERS



RESPITE REPRESENTATIVE, MANNY TOAL, ATTENDED THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HELD IN FEBRUARY AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER IN APPLETON. HE IS SHOWN ABOVE WITH HIS MOTHER AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE MAJOR PROJECT COMMITTEE.



MANNY TOAL, THIS YEAR'S RESPITE REPRESENTATIVE IS SHOWN ABOVE AT THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HELD IN APPLETON AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENER. SHOWN IN THE BACKGROUND ARE OTHER RESPITE CAMPERS ENJOYING THEIR TIME AT CAMP WAWBEEK.

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

ROB RADIG, SR.
BEAVER DAM LODGE #1540



JAYE FRANKLIN
MARSHFIELD LODGE #665

GEORGE MYERS
EAU CLAIRE LODGE #402



HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE CHAPLAIN



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

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SECRETARY



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

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE CENTRAL



Candidate for the office of
STATE TRUSTEE CENTRAL
Wisconsin Elks Association
DENNIS DALEY
Watertown #666

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Candidate for the office of
STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Wisconsin Elks Association
BILL WEINSHROTT
Fond du Lac #57

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT NORTHEAST



Candidate for the office of
VICE-PRESIDENT NORTHEAST DISTRICT
Wisconsin Elks Association
BILL PIKE
Manitowoc #687

HATS IN THE RING FOR INNERGUARD



Candidate for the office of
INNERGUARD
Wisconsin Elks Association
RYAN SWANTZ
Watertown #666

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL



Candidate for the office of
VICE-PRESIDENT CENTRAL
Wisconsin Elks Association
DAN FOSS
Portage #675

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE SOUTH



Candidate for the office of
STATE TRUSTEE SOUTH
Wisconsin Elks Association
DAVID DEROSIER
Milwaukee #46



WALWORTH-LAKELAND LODGE NO. 2201

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

627 S. Second Street • P.O. Box 411 • Delavan, WI 53115

To the state Secretary,

From Jeff Boss P.E.R. and current lodge Secretary.

At this time, I would like to announce that on this cold January day, I will be putting my stocking hat in the ring for Vice President of the South District of the Wisconsin Elks. After 20 years of service to this great organization of men and women, I feel that it is time that I step up to another level of leadership in the Elks. As a member of Walworth-Lakeland Lodge #2201, I have had a great honor of learning from some of the best in Elkdom; P.S.P. Keith Simmons, P.S.V.P. and the greatest dad a son could have, Kenneth Boss, and P.D.D.G.E.R.s Dave Cox, Lee Gile, Don Brown and all of our P.E.R.s and general membership.

In my short time in the Elks I have gone through all the chairs elected and appointed, trustee and now secretary. The only exception is that the treasurer's position is all that's left to do. I have for several years been our lodge's house manager involved in running our bar, food, and rentals. Currently, I am chairman of our ENF committee. In my vast amounts of spare time, I organize our lodge's efforts to gather clothing and personal care goods that go to our Veterans homes, and I am proud to say I will be delivering my third load shortly. I could go on telling you all of my accomplishments but let's leave that for another time. To those of you that do not know me, I look forward to extending my hand in friendship and getting to know you, and those of you that do know me, a handshake and a pat on the back along with a few words of your wisdom will be most welcome. I will be the first to tell you I do not know everything when it comes to our great fraternity, but I will tell you this, I am always eager to learn more.

Respectfully,
Jeff Boss P.E.R., Secretary
Walworth-Lakeland #2201
01/16-2015



NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL RESULTS

Iowa City, Iowa 3/21/15



AGE	CONTESTANT	SCORE	TIE	LODGE	STATE
8-9 Girl	Kelsi Martini	21/25	5/5	Brainerd #615	MN
	Ava Dickerson	21/25	4/5	Champaign-Urbana #2497	IL
	Mia Boulton	20/25		Grinnell #1266	IA
	Emily Cooper	19/25		Chippewa Falls #1326	WI
8-9 Boy	Bryce Bolio	22/25	5/5	Des Moines #98	IA
	Tyson Misegades	22/25	4/5	Wadena #2386	MN
	Cruz Harlan	19/25		Centralia #493	IL
	Braden Dickerson	17/25		Chippewa Falls #1326	WI
10-11 Girl	Brylee Lingen	21/25	4/5	Thief River Falls #1308	MN
	Autumn Scharenbroch	21/25	2/5	Kaukauna #962	WI
	Jordyn Stokes	19/25		Estherville #528	IA
	Caylyn Kimmel	17/25		Dixon #779	IL
10-11 Boy	Isaac Maddock	22/25		Alexandria #1685	MN
	Evan Graff	19/25	5/5	Wausau #248	WI
	Owen Thomas	19/25	1/5	Iowa Falls #1674	IA
	Luke Light	17/25		Salem #1678	IL
12-13 Girl	Rachel Kent***	24/25		Des Plaines #1526	IL
	Isa Truemper	23/25		Iowa City #590	IA
	Sara Kottke	16/25		Hutchinson #2427	MN
	Erica Sweet	15/25		Waukesha #400	WI
12-13 Boy	Sam Hinson***	24/25		Marshfield #665	WI
	Cole Watts	19/25	5/5	Grinnell #1266	IA
	Alex Ritzer	19/25	4/5	Stillwater #179	MN
	Kyle Skores	17/25		Elgin #737	IL

***BEST SHOOTER (DICK FROESCHLE AWARD)

SHOWN AT RIGHT ARE THE WINNERS OF THE REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT CONTEST HELD IN IOWA CITY, IOWA, WITH STATE PRESIDENT, TODD KOSTUCK, AND STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT/HOOP SHOOT DIRECTOR, TONY VOULGARIS.



REVISED

2015 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament

Hosted By: Rice Lake Elks Lodge 1441

Where: Rolling Oaks Golf Course
440 W. Division Ave.
Barron, WI. 54812
(715) 537 – 3409

When: Monday, August 10, 2015
Registration will start at 10:00 am
11:00am shotgun start – scramble or regular golf.

Cost: \$65 per golfer

Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, prizes and a self-serve banquet at the Elks Lodge.
Food will be available (brats hotdogs etc.) at the golf course.

Format: 4 person scramble. This tournament is open to Elk members and friends.
Foursomes may be co-ed, all male or all female. At least one person per foursome must be an Elk.
If you do not have a foursome you will be paired with others.
If your foursome wishes to play regular golf, you will start at the same time as the scramble.

Deadline: Please RSVP by Monday, July 20, 2015.
A \$5.00 fee will be imposed to each player who registers after the cutoff date.

Questions: Call Marvin Yardley at (715) 418 – 1039, or Cindy Yardley at (715) 296 – 3922.

2015 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament

Please return by REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, July 20, 2015

Lodge name and number _____

Team Captain and phone number _____

Age as of Monday, August 10, 2015

Players: 1. _____ Age _____ Elk _____
2. _____ Age _____ Elk _____
3. _____ Age _____ Elk _____
4. _____ Age _____ Elk _____

Number of golfers w/banquet _____ @ \$65 = \$ _____ total enclosed

Number of golfers w/o banquet _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____ total enclosed

Number of banquet tickets _____ @ \$18 = \$ _____ total enclosed

Make checks payable to Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441, include fee with form to: Rice Lake Elks #1441
Attn: Marvin Yardley
36 E. Eau Claire St.
Rice Lake, WI. 54868

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE AUGUST 8TH, 2015

FALL CONFERENCE, September 17th – 20th, 2015
Appleton Paper Valley Convention Center
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. CONVENTION
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) _____
(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	1	@\$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES & LUNCHEON LUNCHEONS			
Italian Chicken Senese	-----	_____ @\$18.25	\$ _____
OR			
Beef Bourguignon	-----	_____ @\$18.25	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	_____ @\$26.00	\$ _____
OR			
Smoked Pork Loin	-----	_____ @\$27.00	\$ _____
OR			
Pistachio Crusted Mahi Mahi	-----	_____ @\$28.50	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

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

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Italian Chicken Senese-Boneless breast of chicken crusted with parmesan cheese and topped with an herbed marinara sauce.

Beef Bourguignon-Braised beef tips with red wine, mushrooms, pearl onions and demi-glace.

Both options are accompanied by a salad with choice of ranch or french dressing, island vegetable blend, linguine, rolls and butter and coffee or tea, milk.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Chicken Cordon Bleu-Breaded boneless breast of chicken filled with ham and gruyere cheese, finished with supreme sauce.

Smoked Pork Loin-Smoked pork loin served with a stone-ground mustard Hollandaise sauce.

Pistachio Crusted Mahi Mahi-Char-grilled loin topped with an orange reduction.

All banquet entrees are served with a salad with choice of ranch or french dressing, green beans almandine, rice pilaf, rolls and butter and coffee or tea, milk.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 8TH, 2015 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE
June 1

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BEAVER DAM LODGE SUPPORTS BEAVERLAND MUST-SKIS



Beaver Dam Elks Exalted Ruler Rob Radig presents a check for \$500 to Tom Stebbins of the Beaverland Must-Skis to support the adaptive waterski program. The check was matching funds provided by the Wisconsin Elks Association Committee for the Disabled. To date, Lodge #1540 has raised and donated \$1,700 for the adaptive skiing program which allows people with disabilities to waterski. Stebbins, who is a member of Watertown Elks Lodge 666, chairs the Must-Skis program. The Must-Skis are a nationally award winning waterski team based in Dodge County.