



The Bugle

Mid-Winter Conference 2017

*May the new year be filled
with endless blessings.*



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STATE MEETINGS

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

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

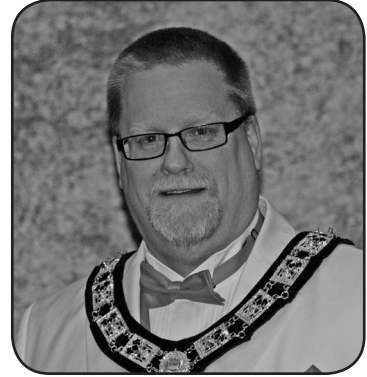
2017 July 16-19 Reno, NV
 2018 July 1-4 San Antonio, TX
 2019 June 30-July 3 St. Louis, MO

**We apologize that the Bugle
 is late but we were waiting for
 information from Green Bay for the
 State Convention.**

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS TO ALL,

On behalf of our family, we hope all our friends had a safe and joyous holiday season. I have enjoyed seeing the many pictures and hearing stories about the wonderful holiday celebrations with each of your families as well as your Lodge holiday festivities. This is the time of year that everything we do as Elks shines through; from Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas baskets, children's parties, toy drives and all the families we have helped along the way, I say Thank You to each and everyone one of you and your Lodges.



We will soon be gathering in Appleton for our Mid-Winter Conference, and there is so much happening it's hard to believe we will squeeze it all into a single weekend. First and foremost, I hope you will join me in welcoming our special guests, First Vice-President of the Illinois Elks association, Dave Jurmu, and his wife, Rae Marie, from Rock Island Lodge #980. I know they will have a wonderful time visiting our great state.

Also this weekend is our popular Eleven O' Clock Toast competition in several divisions, as well as the Ritualistic competitions. I hope your officers, PERs and anyone else interested will take the time to compete.

I am also looking forward to all our Lodges participating in the ER March to support our Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek. Not often can you actually see the results of the support you give, but with the Respite Center you can visit anytime and see where your support goes. There is one more way you will see the results, and that would be by attending the Banquet and meet our Respite family that will be there to tell us their story. Please don't forget donations to the ENF and Wisconsin Benevolent Fund will also be accepted at the ER March.

Michelle and I would like once again like to thank all of you and your Lodges for the hospitality you have shown us and our children on our visits throughout the State. This has been a very special experience visiting with some old friends and making new ones as well. We look forward to the visits we have left as we complete our travels in the few remaining months.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you all in Appleton soon.

Fraternally,

Rob Radig, Sr

Rob Radig, Sr, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

INFORMATION FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE STATE CONVENTION AT THE RADISSON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, GREEN BAY

Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

ROOM RATE

\$90.00

PHONE NUMBER: 920-494-7300

When making your reservation, be sure to let them know that you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association. The **CUT-OFF DATE** for making reservations will be **April 13, 2017**. After the cut-off date, we cannot guarantee being able to get a room at this rate.

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends



The Holidays have come and gone so fast this year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyous holiday and that there will be many more to come!

Rob & I have been having so much fun traveling the state and visiting all of the Lodges. I have been making so many cookies and love every minute of it. The kids try to distract me while baking the cookies because if they are just little over cooked they get to eat them. I caught on after a few months....now wait to bake till they are sleeping....yeah right.

I can't wait to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference in Appleton. Please travel safely.

Michelle

Michelle Radig
WEA First Lady 2016-17



Revised 2016-2017 Presidents Visitation Calendar

LODGE/CITY	DAY OF WEEK	VISIT	DATE
MARINETTE	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	1/7/2017
MILWAUKEE	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	1/28/2017
APPLETON	THUR-SUN	MID WINTER CONFERENCE	2/1 - 2/5/17
WAUSAU	SATURDAY	STATE HOOP SHOOT	2/11/2017
WAUSAU	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	2/11/2017
BEAVER DAM	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	2/25/2017
FOND DU LAC	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	3/4/2017
MANITOWOC	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	3/10/2017
SHEBOYGAN	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	3/11/2017
IOWA CITY	WEEKEND	REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT	3/17 - 3/19/17
STEVENS POINT	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	3/31/2017
WISCONSIN RAPIDS	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	4/1/2017
PLATTEVILLE	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	4/8/2017
CHICAGO	WEEKEND	NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT	4/20 - 4/23/17
GREEN BAY	THUR-SUN	SPRING CONVENTION	5/4 - 5/7/17

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

To My Fellow Elks:



We are about half way through our visits for the year and it has been a real pleasure to visit the Lodges. Everybody has been so friendly and hospitable, and my wife, Muriel, and I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every visit. One thing that I wish we could get across to all of the members is that when the State President and President-Elect go to a Lodge for their official visit, the intent is to visit with the whole membership and talk to everyone. Sometimes I think that the majority of

members think that we visit a Lodge just to talk to the officers. This is not true; we would like to meet as many members as possible.

At the Mid-Winter Conference we will be entertaining guests from Illinois -- the First Vice-President, Dave Jurmu, and his wife, Rae-Marie. I will try to introduce them to as many people as possible and hope that you will enjoy their company as much as we did when we visited them at their Fall Conference in Springfield, Illinois. They are a very charming couple.

We will have about three months left for Lodge visits and we're looking forward to each and every one. After them is the State Convention, at which we will elect a new President-Elect and other new state officers. It will be a very exciting time. It will be time for me to step up to be State President and I am looking forward to that.

The last thing I want to remind everybody is to make your contributions to each of our three charities -- Elks National Foundation, State Benevolent Fund, and State Major Project (Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek). By contributing to these charities, we assure that there will be moneys to help fund all of our programs that we participate in.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George A. Myers

George A. Myers, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

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, good fellowship for needy families and much, much more.

I commend your efforts in bring 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 send best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy 2017.

God Bless you all!!

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin Elks Association Sponsor



FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

*My cathedral has a ceiling of blue, My cathedral beneath the sky
Where I may lift up my eyes unto the hills, And hear music from a stream rippling by
For here I pray In a place so grand, The carpet I kneel on Was made by His own hand
My cathedral has candles lighted by the stars, And mighty pillars of trees
No other cathedral is so beautiful, For God made my cathedral for me - Pat Twitty*

I remember the first time I celebrated Christmas away from my family and friends. I was in the army and stationed in a hot and humid, bug-infested jungle, surrounded by people that I did not know very well.

My crew, in today's vernacular, was diverse; Alvie and Louis both Roman Catholics, Larry black and Baptist, and myself a Lutheran.

Our denominational differences did not seem stop our discussion about Jesus and our attempt to celebrate his birthday. Actually, our subtle differences kept our discussion lively as we talked about how our respective churches celebrated Jesus' birth.

As our conversation developed we compared our respective customs: music, food, people, and our church buildings. Louis was familiar with his diocesan cathedral and made the observation to our surroundings. He noted the incredibly large (60 to 80 feet high) trees that surrounded us and the forest canopy that was our "roof." It was Alvie that called it "God's natural cathedral" and we prayed together.

This year Debbie and I are celebrating Christmas in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon. This trip to Vietnam was a surprise gift from Dana my daughter. It is a trip that I have dreamed about yet never pursued. It is an opportunity for healing old memories and an opportunity for my family to understand why I had a desire to return to Vietnam. It is a beautiful land with an alluring culture and hospitable people.

This time I celebrate Jesus' birth, in this land of "ancient" memories, with my wife and daughter. Not in a hot and humid jungle but in a church that is void of bugs. We will be in companionship with other Christians worshipping and thanking God for his unspeakable gift.

Though we are separated by time and space, we joyfully add our voices with all those in Christendom saying - Behold, He Comes!

Blessings,

Deacon Michael

Deacon Michael Hackbarth, Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association



VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT



BY MICHAEL WRIGHT, V.P.

First, I hope the holidays have treated you well and you could enjoy time with family and friends. What a year we've had Watertown celebrating 100 years in their building. Neenah-Menasha reaching a milestone of 115 years of Elkdom. I know we lost Fond du Lac #57 and that is a sad thing. Many of us have fond memories in their building. Fortunately, we have retained some of their members in other Lodges; please by all means make them feel at home. As I come to the end of my visits with State President, Rob Radig Sr, and First Lady, Michelle, each one of you continue to impress me with all the quality programs and community events you have. Remember this organization is only as good as its members and this district exemplifies this. Each community is fortunate to have your Lodges presence in it so continue to do what we Elks do, living "Elk Proud and Elk Loud".

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY DAVE CREVCOURE, V.P.

By this time everyone should have enjoyed their holidays and are back to business as usual. Hope you all received lots of presents and had a joyous season.

Since the Fall Conference I have had the opportunity to visit more Lodges in the district with our State President on his tour. Our Kaukauna Lodge is small but very active in the community. It is from this Lodge that I learned of the power that comes from using ENF grants. My Lodge now applies for and receives the grants that allow us impact our community. The visit included a "white elephant sale" which was a small fundraiser. I was impressed with the pensions our Past State Presidents receive as they were very aggressive in their bidding. On to my home Lodge in Green Bay where, again, the Disabled American Veterans chapter was invited to join in the festivities. They were given gas cards in the amount of over \$700 to help with their medical transportation. Oconto Lodge was the following day. I couldn't make their annual venison feast, but they served over 160 members of the community. There was no shortage of Past State Presidents in attendance, as this is a popular outing for them. Antigo Lodge finishes off the year. As usual, the dinner was terrific. That morning they had their "Christmas with Santa" for the local Boys and Girls Club. The Lodge does a very good job of promoting themselves and their projects to the community.

With November being National Veterans Month, Lodges in the district did a wonderful job of hosting dinners for their local veterans or taking care packages to them. With Christmas approaching our sharing has turned to providing events for the children and care packages for the less fortunate. As always, Lodges in the district continue to share and care.



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

**BY RAY DABLER
MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN**

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Wisconsin Elks joining with Easter Seals Wisconsin to create the Respite program. On Elks Day at Respite on June 24th we will have a special program and Easter Seals will invite people from the past that were involved with the Respite program over the years. Please join us on the 24th and it would be nice to see a large turnout of local Lodge officers.

As I write this letter we are receiving bids for a major remodeling of the bathrooms in the dining room. At present there is not enough room in the stalls for the care givers to be able to give the campers proper help and with the remodeling they will have to come in compliance with ADA. The floors will be removed and the stalls will be relocated to the back wall to give them the proper width and allow the room necessary for the wheel chairs to get in and out.

At our last meeting we decided to again send a letter requesting donations in lieu of the raffle that we did in the past, as we can no longer mail raffle tickets. This will be an annual appeal. We are still getting donations in so I don't know the total donations but again you have been very generous so far. Thank you for your continued support of our Respite program.

Your **"Exalted Rulers March"** is your Lodge's day to shine and it will again be held at the **Mid-Winter conference in Appleton. We will be holding the March on Saturday right after the Association Luncheon.** The ER photo session with our respite camper will again be a group photo taken just prior to the Saturday evening banquet.

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.



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RESPIRE GUEST MEGHAN GOMM TO ATTEND MID_WINTER CONFERENCE

Let me introduce our respite representative, Meghan Gomm who with her mother and father, Kris and Randy Gomm will be our guest at the Mid-Winter Conference in Appleton, Wis. on February 4, 2017.

Mehgan was born on December 4, 2000. Her first challenge came when she was two months old. Mom and Dad figured she was having siezures, so she was sent to Madison for tests. There the doctors noticed that she had little or no vision. After seeing a vision specilist, more tests were started. It was discovered that Mylin on her brain was not laying down as should be, thus causing low muscle tone.

Everything takes longer than normal for Mehgan to do. She has had two major eye surgerys and at present her eyes remain stable. She is non verbal, but her balance can be off at times.

Meghan is generally a happy young lady unless she is sick or something is wrong. She attends Seymour Community School where loves music, dance and swimming. Her family and friends have learned a lot through Meghan. She teaches love, patience and never gives up. She has attended camp now for four years, including week-end sessions and weekly camp outs. Her family says it is a blessing that she can attend the Respite Camp.

Everyone, when you see Meghan, her Mom and Dad at the Conference stop and say "He~~l~~lo" to show that "ELKS CARE_ELKS SHARE"

BY ROBERT YOST

	2017 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE	
	FEBRUARY 2-5, 2017	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	<u>ALL MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	LAWRENCE
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	LAWRENCE
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	LAWRENCE
<u>Saturday, Feb.4, 2017</u>		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	POOLDOME
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	EBONY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	CORTLAND
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	PIPPIN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	LAWRENCE
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Ritual Competitions	LAWRENCE
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	EVERGREEN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	SALON C
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	MACINTOSH
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	CORTLAND
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	PIPPIN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	EBONY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	BRIARWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	HICKORY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	SALON C
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF	BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	SALON C
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	ASPEN
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	SALON D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	HICKORY
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	PIPPIN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	SALON D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	EBONY

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	FEBRUARY 2-5, 2017	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	<u>ALL MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	SUPERBOWL ROOM @ LOMBARDI'S
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
	Following is the ER Major Project March	
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	MACINTOSH
6:00 PM	Cocktails	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
7:00 PM	Banquet	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
<u>Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON C&D



Appleton Elks Lodge #337 would like to welcome the Wisconsin Elks Association to Appleton for the Mid-Winter Conference. We sincerely wish all a productive and enjoyable stay in our community and we hope to see visitors at our lodge on Friday night.

Friday, February 3rd 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm Chicken dinner with all the fixins' \$10.00/person

Please respond to appletonelks337@tds.net or campkags@aol.com by the 30th of January if you plan on having dinner and approximately how many! Chicken while supplies last.

WISCONSIN ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND

*Charity is the cornerstone of every Elk structure,
The highest virtue of every Elk creed.*

No truer words have ever been spoken in regards to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since the Order was founded in 1868, Charity has been the main drive of all that the Elks do to support their communities.

When you look at your dues statement, and see the optional donation amount for the WI Benevolent Fund, stop and think what that money goes towards. It supports nearly 30 % of the Wisconsin Elks Charitable side of the state budget. This money is used **ONLY** for our charitable works which includes: Most Valuable Student Scholarships, US Constitution Scholarships, Veterans, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Youth Activities, State Major Project, Committee for the Disabled and Americanism.

If all our Members in the state would make a minimum of a \$10.00 donation to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund (WBF), just think how much more can be done for our Youth, the disabled and Veterans. Let's take a closer look at this; if your Lodge has 50 members that is \$500.00, 100 members \$1,000.00, 200 members \$2,000.00 and so forth. Look how quickly this can grow. So please take the option of donating a minimum of \$10 to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund with your dues, which is only \$.83 a month for charity. Where else can you spend only \$.83 a month and know that your donation is helping so many people month after month. If you wish, you may make an online donation on our web site at **WIBENEVOLENT FUND.COM**, or mail your check payable to the WBF directly to our Treasurer, Dave Hagen, WBF Secretary/Treasurer, 4110 Tanglewood Drive, Janesville WI 53546-8832.

If donating online or mailing it direct, please be sure to include your name, your Lodge name and number so that proper credit can be made. If you donate with your dues, your Lodge Secretary will provide us with a list of donors.

Reminder: The Wisconsin Benevolent Fund is a 501C3, therefore is tax deductible. If you donate online, you will be mailed a tax deductible receipt.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jackie

Jackie Heitmann
WBF Fundraising Chairperson
(715) 370-0441

BRUCKNER / BOHNSACK CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Update to all Wisconsin Elks Association Members

We wish to provide all Wisconsin Elks Association members an update to the Bruckner/Bohnsack Campership Program regarding our desire to sponsor an individual to the Camp Wawbeek for the 2016 sessions. Please be aware that contributions to this fund were also provided during Dave & Pat Nitze and Ron & Nikki Shannon terms as State Presidents and First Ladies.

We again wish to thank all the members who have and continue to support us with this project and rest assured the families that we provide this financial aid truly appreciate our generous support.

Through the contributions of the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association and the generosity of those present for State President and First Lady, Tony & Mary Voulgaris' visit to the Walworth-Lakeland Lodge in July of 2015, we wish to make all members aware that the opportunity to provide this wonderful experience to the grandson of Cindy Whalen, Lodge Secretary of the Walworth-Lakeland Lodge was provided in 2016. We received the following "Thank You" from the parents of this young man we gave the opportunity to experience a week-end and week-long campership:

Dear Elks Members,

We want to thank everyone who contributed for the camperships for our son, William, as he had a wonderful time at his week-end and week-long campership at Camp Wawbeek. It was very refreshing for us as parents to know he was able to get away for a stretch and not have to worry about much else besides being a 9 year-old boy having fun. We greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity for providing this opportunity for Will.

Scott & Beth Whalen

In addition, we did sponsor a foster child to the camp in 2016 but did not receive any communication regarding his experiences at the camp.

Fraternally,

Ken Bruckner & Bob Bohnsack

Past State Presidents

Rogene Bruckner & Char Bohnsack

Past First Ladies

Wisconsin Elks Association



HAT IN THE RING

Sam Demmin, Oshkosh Lodge #292, is pleased to announce he has thrown his hat in the ring for State President-Elect 2017-2018.

Sam has been an Elk for 14 years and has been an active member, in every aspect of the Lodge from the moment he was initiated.

Sam progressed through the chairs and was elected to Office of Exalted Ruler for the 2011-2012 year.

Sam served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Oshkosh PER Association for 2 consecutive years and currently holds the position of Tiler for the Oshkosh Lodge.

Sam has served on several committees at both the Local and State level including: Membership and Lapsation, Americanism and Drug Awareness. At the National Level, Sam currently serves as a member of the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee and is an appointed Grand Lodge Trustee.

Sam was appointed as Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2013 and subsequently District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, for the year 2014-2015. Sam has been instrumental in organizing several Lodge Crawls for the Oshkosh Lodge to promote Lodge interaction. He has been involved with the Oshkosh Lodge's Soccer shoot in one way or another for the past 7 years.

Sam also sponsors a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Lori. The scholarship winner is chosen with the assistance of Oshkosh Lodge #292 members and is announced at the Lodge's Youth Activities Banquet held the end of each April.

At Oshkosh Lodge #292 Sam Demmin is the "the man who gets things done"! Whatever needs doing, he does! Everything from reconciling the tills each day to changing the light bulbs, making sure the Lodge is safe and secure to helping with repairs. Plus everything in between. Just as he will as State President-Elect!



ENDORSEMENT FOR SAM DEMMIN

HAT IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Since being initiated into Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 in 2003, Sam Demmin has continually been involved with our Order. His dedication to our Lodge Officers, Past Exalted Ruler's Association, Central District and Grand Lodge has been commendable. To this date, he remains involved in the many aspects of Elksdom. Many have witnessed Sam's presence throughout the course of the year at many of our events. While the Elks play an important part of Sam's life outside of work, during his free time he loves to follow his sons in baseball and enjoys taking cross-country trips on his motorcycle.

Because of Sam's dedication and commitment to the Order of Elks on all levels, the officers and members of Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292, along with the officers and members of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association, do hereby support and endorse Sam Demmin as a candidate for the Office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association. As Elks, we ask that you please consider supporting Sam in this important endeavor as well.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James Bloechel
Exalted Ruler



Thomas J. Widzinski, P.S.P.
President, P.E.R. Association

HAT IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE



Candidate for the Office of
STATE TRUSTEE - CENTRAL
Wisconsin Elks Association

TONY VOULGARIS

Oshkosh #292

THE ELKS AND PATRIOTISM: INSPIRING NATIONAL AND CIVIC PRIDE

Since the earliest days of the Order, patriotism has been among the many hallmarks that make the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stand out from other fraternal organizations. With memberships composed entirely of United States citizens, the BPO Elks is committed to promoting the principles of individual freedom, opportunity and dignity.

The Stars and Stripes

Elks have always been moved in the presence of the Flag of the United States of America, which is why, in 1907, Elks members adopted a resolution designating June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911 the Grand Lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. Finally, on August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself a member of the Order, permanently designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

But observing Flag Day isn't the only way that the Order demonstrates its deep reverence for the banner that symbolically embodies the values of the nation. Many Lodges give or sell flags to worthy groups and provide training in proper flag etiquette. Some Lodges even provide flags for newly sworn citizens, while other Lodges give flags to their local schools for display in the classroom and provide educational materials to help grade school students learn the Pledge of Allegiance. Each year, Elks across the country sponsor essay contests that encourage elementary and high school students to explore why the flag is important in their lives.

Lady Liberty

At their 1983 National Convention, the Elks passed a resolution endorsing the Liberty Centennial Campaign's work to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and pledging its full support to the campaign. For its part, the Order vowed to raise one million dollars in three years. Elks from across the country enthusiastically responded to the Order's pledge, and by 1986 the Order had exceeded its original goal, contributing more than \$1.38 million to restore this treasured symbol of the nation's promise of freedom and opportunity.



Pictured are the veterans who are members of the Beloit Elks Lodge No. 864. They were honored with a special program at the Birch Room in Beloit. Seated, from left are: Dutch Engleson, Al Pinnow, and Glen Klebsdel. Back row: Dennis Leslie, Jack Farina, Frank Anastasi, and Ed Schneider.



Michael F. Zellen
Grand Exalted Ruler

A Fraternal Organization

September 21, 2016

Rob Radig, Sr, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association
240 Walnut Street
Beaver Dam, WI 53916-1810

Dear Rob:

Donna and I want to thank you, your wife Michelle and the officers and members of the Wisconsin Elks Association for the outstanding, warm and gracious hospitality shown to us the weekend of the State Association's Fall Conference in Appleton. It was truly a pleasure meeting everyone.

We both enjoyed the visit and dinner hosted by the Appleton Lodge on Thursday evening. Exalted Ruler Jim Marks and the officers and members of the lodge were very welcoming and their gracious hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The PSP's Association dinner at Pullman's on Friday evening was delicious and very enjoyable. Donna really enjoyed the ladies brunch and the pumpkin center piece paint party on Friday. She had a ball and thanks Michelle for planning and hosting the event.

Donna also enjoyed the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday afternoon. It was a great pleasure for me to speak to the ladies and to thank them for their dedication, hard work and the many contributions that they provide to the Wisconsin Lodges and to the Wisconsin State Association.

We also want to thank the Association for our terrific gifts presented to us at Saturday evening's banquet. Also, please thank Aaron Bohnsack of the Oshkosh Lodge for the framed American Flag made out of bottle caps. It is truly a work of art. Donna loves the two Pandora Charms that were presented to her by your wife Michelle. We will treasure them always as we will treasure the memories of the wonderful trip to Wisconsin.

Please thank Tony and Mary Voulgaris for their hospitality and many kindnesses shown to both Donna and I throughout our visit.

Also, please express my thanks to the membership of the State Association for their very generous donation made in my name to the Elks National Foundation that was presented to me at the banquet.

We wish you the very best this year as State President. I am sure that under your leadership the Wisconsin State Association's Programs will be very successful. I am also very hopeful that Wisconsin will have a plus in membership during the current year.

You are very fortunate indeed to have such dedicated members and officers in your state. I commend each and every one of them for carrying on the programs of Grand Lodge and for continuing to prove that "Elks" are "Leading the Way."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Zellen".

Michael F. Zellen
Grand Exalted Ruler

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE MARCH 2017

STATE CONVENTION, MAY 4-7, 2017
RADISSON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, GREEN BAY, WI
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			
California Chicken Club -----	_____	@\$18.00	\$ _____
OR			
Roast Beef & Cheddar Sandwich -----	_____	@\$15.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
California Chicken Club -----	_____	@\$18.00	\$ _____
OR			
Roast Beef & Cheddar Sandwich -----	_____	@\$15.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Pecan Encrusted Chicken -----	_____	@\$24.00	\$ _____
OR			
Boneless Pork Loin -----	_____	@\$24.00	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

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

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

California Chicken Club: Grilled Chicken Breast, Crisp Bacon, Swiss Cheese, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato, Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto and Mayonnaise on a Sheboygan Hard Roll.

Roast Beef & Cheddar Sandwich: Slow-Roasted Roast Beef and Wisconsin Cheddar layered with Sliced Tomatoes, Shredded Lettuce and Herb Aioli, Served on Honey Wheat Bread.

Both offerings are served with Kettle Chips, Fresh Fruit Cup, Pickle Spear and Coffee, Hot Tazo Tea or Ice Tea

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

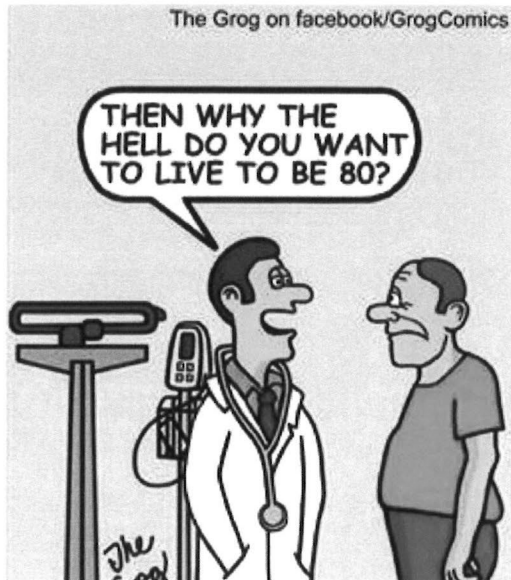
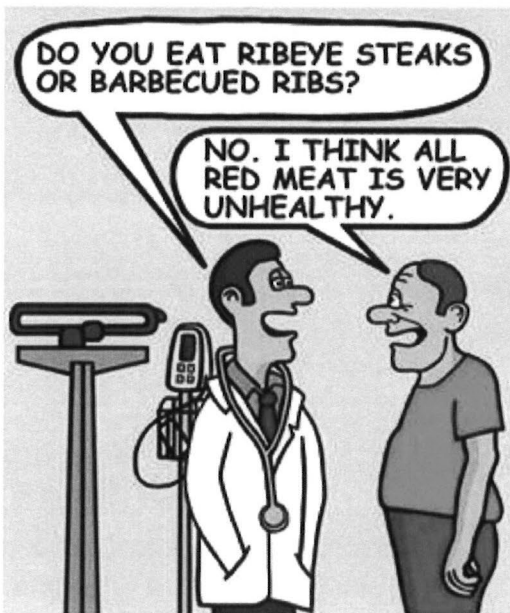
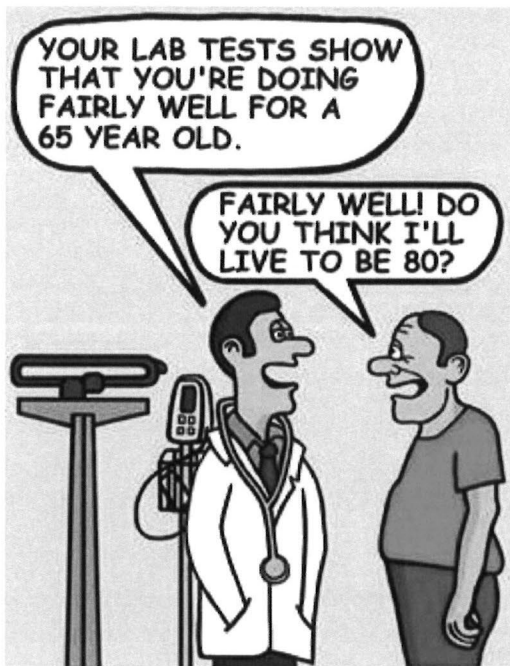
Pecan Encrusted Chicken: Roasted Honey Pecan crusted Breast of Chicken Topped with Ruby Port Sun-Dried Door County Cherry Sauce. Served with Wild Rice Blend.

Boneless Pork Loin: Boneless Pork Loin with Red Wine Cranberry Glaze. Served with Wild Rice Blend.

Both offerings are served with Garden Salad, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Hot Tazo Tea or Ice Tea.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 25TH, 2017 WILL BE RETURNED TO
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year ahead.



BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL 2017

FROM KEN & NAN