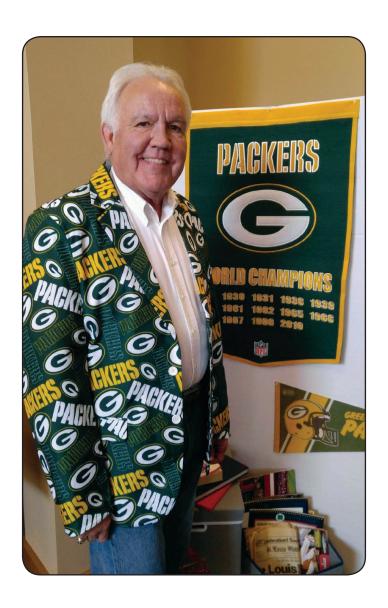




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2017.	July 16-19	Reno, NV
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2019.	June 30-July 3	St. Louis, MO

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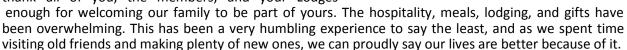
2017 State Convention . . . Green Bay, May 4-7, 2017 Radisson Hotel & Convention Center 2017 Fall Conference. . . Appleton, Sept. 14-17, 2017 Paper Valley Convention Center

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To our Elks Family and Friends,

Wow, I don't even know where to begin. As our year comes to an end Michelle and I reflect back on everything the past year has held for us. We began with that unforgettable day last May, when we were installed as State President and First Lady, and then on to carrying the Flag of this great State at the National Convention in Houston. Visiting all the Lodges and attending various events throughout the year. This has truly been and experience we will never forget.

As we traveled the State, we couldn't possibly thank all of you, the members, and your Lodges



My message this year has been "Elks: Be Proud, Be Loud". I cannot express just how proud I am of all the Lodges and members of the Association. You have all done a fantastic job spreading the word about the Elks and all the great works we do. I am also proud of the fact that every Lodge in the state has met the GERs goal as well as showing wonderful support of both our State Major Project and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund. The programs our Lodges are doing to support our veterans and youth is never-ending. Please continue the great work you are doing. You have shown us that Elks really do Care and Share.

In a very short time we will be gathering in Green Bay as we bring an end to this incredible journey. We look forward to handing the reigns over to George and Muriel Myers as we Install them as State President and First Lady. It has been a pleasure traveling with them and I know they will be great for the Association and wish them all the luck for a very memorable year.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to all the State Officers, Past State Presidents and First Ladies that Michelle and I have had the honor to work alongside of this year. Your support, dedication and commitment to Elkdom is something we will hold dear in our hearts forever.

Fraternally,

Rob Radig, Sr

Rob Radig, Sr., State President Wisconsin Elks Association

Revised 2016-2017 Presidents Visitation Calendar

LODGE/CITY	DAY OF WEEK	VISIT	DATE
		STATE	
STEVENS POINT	FRIDAY	PRESIDENT VISIT	3/31/2017
WISCONSIN		STATE	
RAPIDS	SATURDAY	PRESIDENT VISIT	4/1/2017
		STATE	
PLATTEVILLE	SATURDAY	PRESIDENT VISIT	4/8/2017
		NATIONAL HOOP	4/20 -
CHICAGO	WEEKEND	SHOOT	4/23/17
		SPRING	5/4 -
GREEN BAY	THUR-SUN	CONVENTION	5/7/17



STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE



I am looking forward to taking over after the May Convention as your State President. Rob has been doing a great job as State President and I think that he deserves a big thank you for all that he has done.

The more that we get involved in the Elk's, the easier that it is to appreciate what we as Elk's do. If you take a little time to get involved, you can brag about what you are doing to help others and get more people interested and involved with the Lodge.

We lead by example and the better that we come across, the more interested others in our Lodge will be. More people will volunteer for projects, more will step up for officer chairs and will become active just to see your Lodge grow.

One of the bigger problems that we face is retaining officers to go through the chairs. I know that it is hard to make a commitment to go four years through the chairs, but it is a very rewarding experience. You learn more about the Elk's and learn to love it. After you are done, you feel that you have accomplished something. By going to the conferences and conventions you have a chance to learn what other Lodges are doing and what you can do to help your Lodge improve something or start something new. A lot of good ideas are passed around at these conventions.

I will be proud to be your State President and honored to serve you. I am also open to any suggestions or ideas to make things better for the Elk's.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George A. Myers
George A. Myers, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends

I can't believe how fast a year goes.....Rob & I have had such a great time traveling throughout the state and making so many friends along the way. I want to thank everyone for the support of my fundraiser for the year of "Something Special from Beaver Dam" that is going to help the WI Benevolent Fund and the Bruckner-Bohnsack Campership Fund. I made hundreds of cookies and shared my stories along the way. I cannot forget the overwhelming support of my First Lady Pin donation will all be going to help the State Major Project.



I wanted to try something new with having a special activity project this year during each Conference at our Friday Luncheons and I could not have done this without the support of Lynn Weinshrott and her great teaching skills. Lynn you were so patient and prepared for each craft idea! Thank You, Thank You!

Michelle

Michelle Radig, First Lady Wisconsin Elks Association



2017-2018 STATE PRESIDENT TRAVEL PLANS



LODGE/CITY	DAY OF THE WEEK	VISIT	DATE	THEME/DRESS CODE	LOCATION
Eau Claire	Friday	State Presidents visit	6/2/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Chippewa Falls	Saturday	State Presidents visit	6/3/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Rice Lake	Sunday	State Presidents visit	6/4/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Appleton	Saturday	Flag Day Parade & visit	6/10/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Watertown	Friday	State Presidents visit	6/232/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Wisconsin Dells	Saturday	Elks Day Camp Waubeek	6/24/2017	Red & White casual	Camp Waubeek
Portage	Saturday	State Presidents visit	6/24/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Reno, Nevada	Sun. thru Wed.	Grand Lodge Convention	7/16 thru7/19	Red & White casual	Reno, Nevada
Janesville	Saturday	State Presidents visit	7/29/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Beloit	Sunday	State Presidents visit	7/30/2017	casual	Beloit Park
Ashland	Friday	State Presidents visit	8/11/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Superior	Saturday	State Presidents visit	8/12/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Two Rivers	Saturday	State Presidents visit	8/19/2017	Red & White casual	Lodge
Eau Claire Fri&Sat	&Sunday	Fall Convention	9/15thru9/17	Red Jacket	Eau Claire
Madison	Saturday	State Presidents visit	9/30/2017	Red& White casual	Madison
Camp Waubeek	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast	10/1/2017	Red Shirt	Wis. Dells
Neenah Menasha	Friday	State Presidents visit	10/13/2017	Red & White casual	Neenah Menash
Waukesha	Saturday	State Presidents visit	10/14/2017	Red& White casual	Lodge
Marshfield	Saturday	State Presidents visit	10/21/2017	Red Jacket	Lodge
Kaukana	Friday	State Presidents visit	10/27/2017	Haloween	Lodge
Oshkosh	Saturday	State Presidents visit	10/28/2017	Red& White casual	Lodge
Baraboo	Saturday	State Presidents visit	11/4/2017	Red& White casual	Lodge
Green Bay	Friday	State Presidents visit	12/1/2017	Red& White casual	Lodge
Oconto	Saturday	State Presidents visit	12/2/2017	Venison Feed	Lodge
Marinette	Saturday	State Presidents visit	1/6/2018	Red& White casual	Lodge
Milwaukee	Saturday	State Presidents visit	1/27/2018	Red& White casual	Lodge
Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Mid-Winter Conference	2/2thru2/4	Red Jacket	Appleton
Wausau	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot	2/10/2018	Red shirt	Wausau
Wausau	Sat. Evening	State Presidents visit	2/10/2018	Red Jacket	Wausau
Beaver Dam	Saturday	State Presidents visit	2/24/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Iowa City	Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot	3/10/2018	Red Shirt casual	Iowa City
Manitowoc	Friday	State Presidents visit	3/16/2018	St. Patrick's Day	Lodge
Sheboygan	Saturday	State Presidents visit	3/17/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Stevens Point	Friday	State Presidents visit	3/23/2017	Red Jacket	Lodge
Wisconsin Rapids	Saturday	State Presidents visit	3/24/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Platteville	Saturday	State Presidents visit	4/7/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Green Bay	Fri thru Sun	Spring Convention	5/4 thru5/6/2018	Red Jacket	Green Bay
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A WORD FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR...

Welcome to Green Bay "Title Town" and to the May 2017 Wisconsin Elks Spring Convention! I look forward to being with you. Unfortunately Beth will not be able to join me again and please know how much this dismays her as she longs to be able to get up to the Great State of Wisconsin and see everyone. Thanks for your understanding of her work conflicts.

This gathering brings with it the traditional "changing of the guard" and I would like to thank and congratulate Rob and Michelle Radig on an outstanding year. They have served Wisconsin well as your



State President and First Lady and I know you all join me in wishing them the **best** along with a much needed **rest!**

I extend my heartfelt good wishes to our President-Elect George Myers and his wife Muriel. I am confident that together they will serve this Association with distinction during this coming fraternal year and will make all of us proud.

Congratulations also to all of the newly installed Exalted Ruler's and their officers whom we welcome to this Convention. You are all wished a successful year as the leaders in your respective Lodges.

Enjoy the Convention!

7. Fm. Sue

Fraternally,

F. Louis Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Wisconsin State Sponsor

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

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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.

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Now when the wall had been built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers, the singers, and the Levites had been appointed, I gave the charge of Jerusalem to my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the citadel, for he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many. Nehemiah 7: 1-2 ESV



There are two emotions that come to a person in leadership when they accomplish a great task: a sign of relief and celebration and a sense of —- what now? The period after a success can be a dangerous time. One may feel tempted to complacency, particularly if they lack another goal. One may become satisfied and "let their guard" down and lose momentum.

The moment of victory is a crucial time for any organization. A transitional problem occurs when the leader

does not know how to grow with the organization. Nehemiah's life illustrates the difference between a catalyst and a consolidator:

Two Types of Leadership Seasons:

"Initiate:"

- 1. Catalyst Gets things going
- 2. Designer Thinks it up
- 3. Motivator Encourages
- 4. Entrepreneur Relies on self

"Transition:"

- 1. Consolidator Keeps it going
- 2. Developer Follows it up
- 3. Manager Organizes
- 4. Executive Relies on others

Nehemiah certainly was the catalyst and designer, motivator, and entrepreneur, yet he knew how to make the transition from motivator to executive. In developing others, he was able to leave Jerusalem knowing that what was started, would continue.

It seems to me that we all can look at Nehemiah's tactics for use in our respective lodges. The exalted ruler (ER) certainly can "initiate" ideas and as that idea takes form, the ER can begin a "transition" that will develop others within the lodge and by "following up" continue the lodges' growth and development.

Blessings,

Deacon Michael Hackbarth, Chaplain Wisconsin Elks Association

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY MICHAEL WRIGHT, V.P.





Well, as I come to the end of my year as Vice-President once again, I can't help but think how great this district is. Each visit to the Lodges with State President Rob and First Lady Michelle has been indeed an honor and always a learning experience. Each Lodge, every Lodge officer and the members have shown me why we do the things we do, from Christmas basket programs, scholarships, junior bowlers, drug awareness programs, Veterans dinners and other community charity events, we have a seriously active district.

Once again, our district leads the way with donations to the ENF. Great job.

February was busy with elections and officers and it looks like every Lodge is working hard to fill each position. Remember outgoing ER's, make yourself available for guidance to the incoming ER and their officers; your experience will be helpful. Also for new officers, stake in all the information you can and, by all means, do not hesitate to ask if you have questions. You do have resources both in and outside of your Lodge.

Last item I'd like to talk about are grants. We, as a district, have done well taking advantage with only a couple Lodges missing out on money that is waiting for you to just fill out simple paperwork. Please make sure to utilize these funds for your charities.

Finally, it is all of the members of this district that make it so amazing, so sleep up the hard work that you do so well. Thank you for a fantastic year.



By the time you read this I will have enjoyed my last two visits with President Rob, at Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids. I sure hope the weather will cooperate on March 31st and April 1st (April Fool's Day). The Lodges in our vast northwest are doing well. Chippewa Falls #1326 celebrated its 100th Anniversary of service to its community this year. The Veterans Dinner saw a 40% increase in participation. A Beacon Grant has allowed the Lodge to partner with the Chippewa Humane Association to educate youth in proper care and vaccination of their pets. The Lodge has also seen an increase in the Hoop Shoot

Eau Claire #402 has seen a large increase in its local Hoop Shoot Contest. The Lodge delivered over 1,200 dictionaries to third graders in 40 schools. The Lodge had a tremendous presence in the Eau Claire city wide Memorial Day Parade, I was able to ride with George Myers, our State President-Elect, as he pulled the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer, and we passed out goodies to the waiting children along the route.

Contest.

Rice Lake has a tremendous youth presence in the community, partnering with the Boy Scouts, and the local schools. Their Hoop Shoot Program is under the leadership of a newly initiated Elk. He has really done a bangup job with this program. The Lodge holds a monthly community breakfast, open to members and guests with proceeds going to local charities, or a member in need. Such was

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STATE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT CON'T.

the case with the February breakfast where all proceeds were given to the widow and family of a local slain Deputy Sheriff, Dan Glaze. I need to mention this is all volunteer run. Four new members had just joined the Elks in #1441 and before leaving that evening 3 of them were already signed up and involved in the upcoming activities at the Lodge.

Ashland and Superior Lodges did a combined President visit in Ashland. Lodges #137 and #403 are very active with the veterans and youth of the northern part of this great state. I was not able to attend this visit as my wife was having medical issues at the time. My apologies. I have known both of these Lodges for many years and they, like all of the Lodges in the northwest district, are very dedicated to the principles of our Elk motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share".

Now, Marshfield #665 is a Lodge on the move in their community. They do Highway 13 clean-up and are exploring the possibility of assisting the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. Marshfield #665 awarded 22 High School seniors scholarships from money raised by the lodge itself, and more scholarships from the State level.

I was able to attend the District Hoop Shoot held in Chippewa Falls. Attendance of Elks was great, including Exalted Rulers from Rice Lake, Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, along with our State President-Elect, George Myers. This event drew a large crowd of spectators to cheer on the free throw contestants.

In closing I will say thanks to the WEA Northwest District for their faith, patience and confidence throughout my term as your Vice-President. "Thanks." I look forward to serving the WEA in the future. "ELKS BEING PROUD, BEING LOUD." Keep up the great work. As always Elks Care, Elks Share, Elks Serve.



At a time when it seems that some people are down about something let's look at the positives! Ten years ago the Wisconsin Elks Association had about 14,000 members and we had a combined budget of about \$393,000. Today we have less than 7,500 members and a budget of about \$390,000.

I would think in a business sense most places of businesses and charitable organizations that have a loss of about half of their members/volunteers and still are able to do the same great work that they had done in the past would be happy beyond belief, and this is what we are doing. Yes, we are losing members and the times have changed and are changing on how people want to be involved in our type of organizations but the backbone of the W.E.A. just keeps getting the job done. That's proud members doing a great job. Yes, not as many attend meetings as we would like but let's look at the results of what is being done. Yes, not as many attend the meals for a lot of reasons, but yet many do who enjoy having a meal with their friends that they do not see often in a controlled environment with no driving involved while listening to the great things that are being accomplished. And remember we have half the members and the attendance has not dropped in half! The good fellowship and meeting of old friends and the making of new friends that occurs in the Meet & Greet room is tremendous, because having a great enjoyable time is why we do this. While some may dwell on how things were in the past let's concentrate on how we can keep doing the great work we do that others rely on and have a good time doing our duties. I am proud to be a Wisconsin Elk as I believe you are also. Let's look at the positives, do our work with a smile, enjoy the comradry and have a great year!

Fraternally,

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	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETIN	NGS
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FRIDAY, MAY 5TH		
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	Hallway
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Bear Room
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH		
7.00 AM 0.00 AM	Frequesting Committee	Oneide
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Oneida
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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 - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Turtle
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	Ontario
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Recreation at Convention	To be Determined
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Oneida
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	Turtle
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	Huron
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	Michigan
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks Major Project Elks National Foundation Scholarship	Mohawk Onondaga
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Turtle
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	Seneca
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation (ENF)	Bear
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At their Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Cayuga
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Ontario
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drug Awareness	Huron
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
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Cayuga
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Ontario

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	2017 STATE CONVENTION	
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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Grand Council Ball Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Wolf Room
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	General Session	Turtle/Bear
	Memorial Service to Immediately Follow	
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Michigan
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6:00 PM	Cocktails	Wolf Room
7:00 PM	Domessat	Wolf Room
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SUNDAY, May 7TH		
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8:30 AM	General Session	Turtle/Bear
	Installation of Officers to Immediately Follow	

SPECIAL NOTICE!!

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STATE CONVENTION ATTENDEES

- ALL Elks must have their 2017-2018 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.

I would like to once again thank all of you who donate to the Association Raffle. The money that we raise does so much good for so many people.

At the Mid-Winter Conference we were able to give the Benevolent Fund over \$1,200.00. This is because of YOU!! And it is not just the Benevolent Fund that we have been able to help. We have given money to the State Major Project and the Veterans in the past. It just depends where it is most needed at the time where the funds go.

So please, don't forget your raffle donations at the State Convention. We love getting a variety of items – nothing is too big or too small.

See you at the Convention!

Nan Johnson

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Candidate for the office of

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Wisconsin Elks Association

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Oshkosh #292

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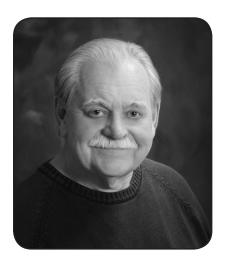
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VICE-PRESIDENT, CENTRAL DISTRICT



I am currently the ER of Beaver Dam Lodge #1540. I am a PER of Portage Lodge #675. Past First Lady and soon to be PER of Beaver Dam Lodge. I look forward to this next adventure in Elkdom as your Central District Vice-President.

The Officers and Members of Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 along with the Officers and Members of the past Exalted Ruler's Association and Lodge Trustee's of Rice Lake #1441 proudly announce their unanimous support of Nate Levenhagen for the office of State Trustee-at-Large of the Wisconsin Elks Association.



Nate has been a member of the Rice Lake Lodge for twenty five years, currently serving as a five year Trustee and has been the chairman for four of those years. Throughout his term as lodge trustee Nate has, with the guidance and wisdom of all the trustees and Board of Directors moved the lodge through financial waters that were not always calm but at many times filled with hungry alligators.

Nate served as Exalted Ruler in 1991-92 and as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1997-98. Nate is currently serving as WEA Vice President Northwest 2016-17, and is currently serving as a member of the State Major Project, the WEA Executive committee, and the WI Benevolent Fund.

Nate has also given of his time in serving his community. He is a past president of the local chapter of "Optimist International", he also served Barron County as a board member and past president of the Humane Society of Barron County. Nate has served as a board member of the Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin of Barron County.

Nate and his wife, Onalee, have been married for 30 years, and have four children, all grown and dispersed throughout the United States. Our oldest living in Houston, TX. Nate has had the pleasure of initiating his wife into the Rice Elks Lodge, and the great honor of installing his wife Lee as Exalted Ruler of Rice Lake Elks #1441 for the lodge year 2016-2017.

Because of Nate's dedication and commitment to Elkdom, the Officers and Members of Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 along with the Officers and Members of the Past Exalted Rulers Association, lodge Trustees, and with members from around the northwest district and throughout the State, ask that you join them in their support of Nate Levenhagen as a candidate to the office of State Trustee-at-Large of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jeffery A. Miller PER. DDGER Rice Lake Elks #1441 Trustee, PER Assoc. Susan Gutknecht Chippewa Falls Elks #1326 Past Exalted Ruler Donald Putnam Rice Lake Elks #1441 Secretary

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE RITUAL COMPETITION WINNERS



During the Mid Winter Conference, the Ritualistic Exemplification Committee held their annual 11 O'Clock Toast and Individual Competitions.

Two new categories were created:

11 O' Clock Toast - Leading Knights Only

P.S.P.'s vs D.D.G.E.R's/V.P.'s

This year the P.S.P.'s were victorious, with 4 participating.

One DDGER (Jim Jiracek – South) participated and zero V.P.'s.

Pictured above:

Tom Widzinski: P.S.P.; Dennis Daley – P.S.P.; Ron Bertrand – P.S.P.;

Pam Schedivy: Leading Knight 11 O' Clock Toast and Leading Knight Individual

Bill Jorgensen - Janesville: E.R. 11 O' Clock Toast; Ryan Swantz: Loyal Knight Individual;

Aaron Holbrook: Open Division 11 O' Clock Toast; Dave DeRosier: P.S.P. and Esquire Individual

Categories:

1) 11 O' Clock Toast: E.R.'s Only

2) 11 O' Clock Toast: Leading Knights Only

3) 11 O' Clock Toast: P.S.P's vs D.D.G.E.R.'s/V.P.'s

- 4) 11 O' Clock Toast: Open Division (Any member in good standing not in one of the 3 categories above)
- 5) Individual competitions are the parts of the intiation given by the following officers, to the candidate/member:

E.R., Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, Chaplain

- The E.R. position is only the part when the E.R. welcomes the candidate(s).
- The Esquire position is only the part when giving their charge to the new member(s).

Thank you to all who participated. There WILL be competitions again next Mid Winter.

Fraternally,

Ben Godlewski – Ritualistic Exemplification Chairman





2017 REGION #3 "HOOP SHOOT" RESULTS

AGE	CONTESTANT	SCORE	TIE	LODGE	STATE
8-9 Boy	Kale Misegades	22/25	5/5	Wadena #2386	MINNESOTA
	Brady Clark	22/25	4/5	Effingham #1016	ILLINOIS
	Nathan Ramus	20/25		Appleton #337	WISCONSIN
	Navon Shabazz	18/25		Davenport #298	IOWA
8-9 Girl	Rayci Phelps	23/25		McLeansboro #1882	ILLINOIS
	Ella May Cooper	19/25		Eau Claire #402	WISCONSIN
	Avery Schmitz	18/25		Mankato #225	MINNESOTA
	Addison Hook	10/25		Waterloo #290	IOWA
10-11 Boy	Kyler Card	21/25	3/5, 5/5	Wadena #2386	MINNESOTA
	Anden Atwood	21/25	3/5, 3/5	Fairfield #1631	ILLINOIS
	Adam Gonia	20/25		Sheboygan #299	WISCONSIN
	Nathan Ruisch	18/25		West Des Moines #2752	IOWA
10-11 Girl	Emily Cooper	23/25		Eau Claire #402	WISCONSIN
	Kelby Anderson	18/25	5/5	International Falls #1599	MINNESOTA
	Mia Boulton	18/25	4/5	Grinnell #1266	IOWA
	Anna Beyers	17/25		Pana #1261	ILLINOIS
12-13 Boy	Dominick Tornabane	22/25		West Des Moines #2752	IOWA
	Brady Schemehorn	21/25		Galena #882	ILLINOIS
	Sam Johnson	19/25		Stillwater #179	MINNESOTA
	Jared Michael	18/25		Portage #675	WISCONSIN
12-13 Girl	Jordyn Stokes	19/25		Estherville #528	IOWA
	Kyra Van Briesen	18/25		Worthington #2287	MINNESOTA
	Katie Meyer	17/25		Wausau #248	WISCONSIN
	Sophie Bormann	16/25		Metropolis #1428	ILLINOIS
	Denotes Best	Shooter (Dick Froes	chle Award)	

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Denotes Best Shooter	DICK Froeschie Awaru)

	ILLINOIS	IOWA	MINNESOTA	WISCONSIN
G8-9	23	10	22	19
B8-9	22	18	18	20
G10-11	17	18	21	23
B10-11	21	18	18	20
G12-13	16	19	18	17
B12-13	21	22	19	18
TOTAL	120	105	116	117

Denotes Best Shooting State (Jerry & Carole Grafton Award)

ANDY ROONEY - NEVER CENSORED

Andy Rooney was one in a million. At the end of '60 Minutes' he had his own 10-minute segment that, unbelievably, was never censored by CBS. He's probably the only one who could have gotten away with this. May he rest in peace.

"I don't think being a minority makes you la victim of anything except numbers...The only things I can think of that are truly discriminatory are things like the United Negro College Fund, Jet Magazine, Black Entertainment Television and Miss Black America. Try to have things like the United Caucasian College Fund, Cloud Magazine. White Entertainment Television or Miss White America; and see what happens...Jesse Jackson will be knocking down your door.

Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game.

I believe they are called Boy Scouts for a reason, which is why there are no girls allowed. Girls belong in the Girl Scouts! ARE YOU LISTENING MARTHA BURKE?

I think that if you feel homosexuality is wrong, it is not a phobia, it is an opinion.

I have the right 'NOT' to be tolerant of others because they are different, weird or tick me off.

When 70% of the people who get arrested are black, in cities where 70% of the population is black, that is not racial profiling; it is the Law of Probability.

I believe that if you are selling me a milkshake, a pack of cigarettes, a newspaper or a hotel room, you must do it in English! As a matter of fact, if you want to be an American citizen, you should have to speak English!

My father and grandfather didn't die in vain so you can leave the countries you were born in to come over and disrespect ours.

I think the police should have every right to shoot you if you threaten them after they tell you to stop. If you can't understand the word 'freeze' or 'stop' in English, see the above lines.

I don't think just because you were not born in this country, you are qualified for any special loan programs, government sponsored bank loans or tax breaks, etc., so you can open a hotel, coffee shop, trinket store or any other business.

We did not go to the aid of certain foreign countries and risk our lives in wars to defend their freedoms, so that decades later they could come over here and tell us our Constitution is a living document; and open to their interpretations.

I don't hate the rich; I don't pity the poor.

I know pro wrestling is fake, but so are movies and television. That doesn't stop you from watching them.

I think Bill Gates has every right to keep every penny he made and continue to make more. If it ticks you off, go and invent the next operating system that's better, and put your name on the building.

It doesn't take a whole village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid' and smack their little behinds when necessary, and say 'NO'!

I think tattoos and piercing are fine if you want them, but please don't pretend they are a political statement. And, please, stay home until that new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me French fries.

I am sick of 'Political Correctness'.

I know a lot of black people, and not a single one of them was born in Africa; so how can they be 'African-Americans'?

Besides, Africa is a continent. I don't go around saying I am a European-American because my great, great, great, great, great grandfather was from Europe. I am proud to be from America and nowhere else, and if you don't like my point of view, tough...".

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, OF THE UNITED SDTATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God.

Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a problem in having 'In God We Trust' on our money and having 'God' in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why don't we just tell the 14% to BE QUIET!!

ELKS LODGE PARTNERS WITH NATURES EDGE THERAPY CENTER

Elks Lodge #1441 presented Natures Edge Therapy Center donation for \$629 in conjunction with the annual gala fundraising event for the agency. In addition, local leadership team members practicing the motto Elks Care, Elks Share donated the use of the facility including set-up/tear-down, linens and staff time adding an additional \$900 on in-kind services to the events fundraising efforts; making the total donation to Natures Edge being over \$1500.

Natures Edge Center in Rice Lake, WI is a non-profit therapy center providing treatment for patients with mental and physical disabilities using highly effective therapeutic methods such as Hypnotherapy, Animal Assisted and Horticulture Therapy.

The local Elks cash donation was generated from the Earle D. Sievwright Grant. Sievwright was a life member from Stevens Point Lodge #641 who was concerned about charitable giving and how Elk members could serve local non-profit agencies. He also believed that local Elk Lodges should be rewarded for strong membership programs and have additional resources to give back to the communities in which they belong. Local Elks Lodge #1441 has a strong membership program lead by PER/ER Jeffery Miller, applied for the monies and was able to present the dollars to the Therapy Center at the recent event.

Current Elks Leadership team member Anne Gallagher presented the donation to Natures Edge Executive Director Becky Payne.







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