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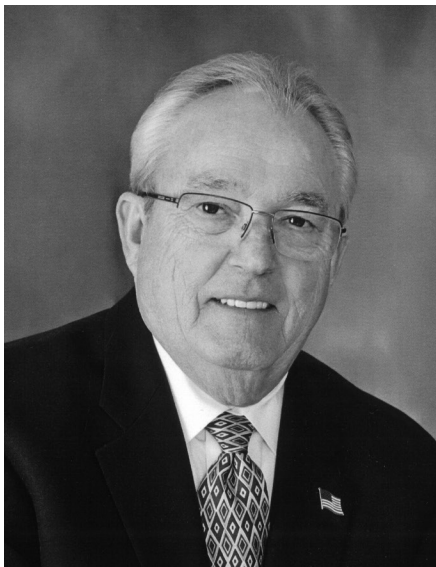
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STATE MEETINGS

2016 Fall Conference. Sept. 15-18, 2016
 Paper Valley Convention Center
 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



BIOGRAPHY OF
MICHAEL F. ZELLEN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2016-2017

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Michael F. (MIKE) Zellen was born in Everett, Massachusetts, and has resided in Peabody, Massachusetts, for the past 35 years. The son of the late Charles M. Zellen and the late Gertrude J. Zellen, Mike has one sister, Claire W. Chetham and three brothers, the late Charles E. Zellen, Thomas G. Zellen and Richard C. Zellen. Mike graduated from the Everett High School in 1965. He also is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton School of Business in Boston and Suffolk University in Boston where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration.

Mike has been employed in the banking industry for the last 44 years in both a regulatory capacity for the Massachusetts Office of the Commissioner of banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and as a banker holding the positions of Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, and is currently serving as Vice President and Community Reinvestment Officer of North Shore Bank.

Mike served both the cities of Everett and Peabody as a member of the City Council, the Everett School Committee and various local boards for many years, and he has served or is serving as an officer, director, or board member of various youth, community, civic and professional organizations.

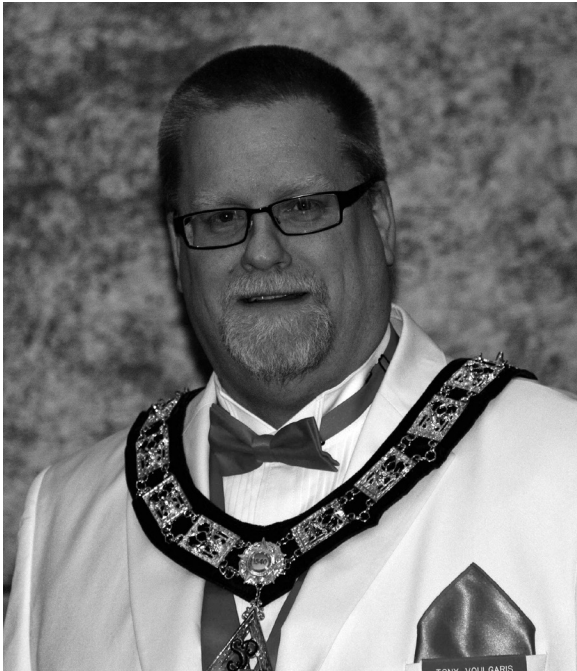
Mike was initiated into the Everett, Massachusetts Lodge No. 642 in November 1968. He served as Esquire before proceeding through the chairs to serve as Exalted Ruler in 1977-1978, and then served as Lodge Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer. He served on numerous committees including the House Committee, and he has been recognized a number of times for his service to the Lodge, including being named Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year, and having been awarded Honorary Life membership. He remains very active in the Lodge.

At the State Level he has served as a Director of the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship Fund, State Treasurer 1984-1992, State President 1995-1996, State Charity Advisory Committee 1986-present, State Convention Chairman 1997-2007, State President's Advisory Committee 1996-present, Chairman of the Grand Exalted Ruler's reception for many years and was selected Massachusetts State Elk of the Year in 1997-1998.

At the Grand Lodge level, he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Massachusetts East District in 1983-1984, Area Special Representative of Massachusetts Area 3 in 1996-2002, Grand Lodge Committeeman on Lodge Activities/State Associations in 1998-2000, Area 1 Representative on the Board of Grand Trustees from 2010-2014, having served as Secretary of the Board from 2010-2013 and Vice Chairman in 2014, and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2007-present.

Mike and his wife Donna (Norcott) have been married for 45 years and have four daughters: Jennifer, Susan, Michele and Amy, all of whom are Members of the Saugus-Everett Lodge of Elks No. 642. Their daughter Jennifer is a Past Exalted Ruler. Donna is also active in the Lodge and serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees. Mike and Donna are also blessed to have three grandsons: Joseph, Nicholas and Michael.





As I write this, I am reflecting back on our first five months into this incredible journey. Amazed at all that we have done and all that is yet to come. We began our year visiting the Illinois State Convention to see our good friends, Ray & Leta Summers, installed as President and First Lady of the Illinois Elks Association. We then had a great time with the Appleton Elks at the Annual Flag Day Parade. Elks Day at Respite Center was wonderful as was the turnout. It was so nice to see the support that our members show for the camp. We have also had about a third of our Lodge visits completed and the fun and hospitality has been unmatched, from our transportation to the Portage Lodge in the 1955 Chevy Bel-Air to the Drum & Bugle Corps concert we were treated to by the Ashland and Superior Lodges. We are very excited to see what lies ahead in the coming months.

It was also great spending time with all our Wisconsin delegates while we were down in Houston for the National Convention. I cannot say enough about the honor of carrying the Wisconsin Flag during the Opening Ceremonies. I have never been prouder to be a Wisconsin Elk. We had a lot of visitors to our

Hospitality room and I compliment Jason and his crew for making our delegates and all our guests feel welcome and keeping the great tradition of our Wisconsin room to the standard that everyone has come to know and love.

While in Houston we had the honor of meeting our new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady, Michael and Donna Zellen. They are wonderful folks and we can't wait to see them again. They will be visiting us during our upcoming Fall Conference in Appleton along with our Sponsor PGER Lou and Beth Sulsberger, and I hope you will all help to show them our great Wisconsin hospitality. I also hope you will all make every effort to join us for the Association Luncheon and the Saturday Evening Banquet. This is your opportunity to hear our Grand Exalted Ruler's message.

With that, Michelle and I are looking forward to seeing you all at the Conference and wish you all safe travels as you join us in Appleton. And please remember in everything you do in Elkdom ... "Be Proud and Be Loud!!"

Fraternally,

Rob

Rob Radig, Sr.

WEA State President

**INFORMATION FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL**

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
333 West College Avenue
Appleton WI 54911

ROOM RATES	
SINGLE	\$98.00
DOUBLE	\$98.00

PHONE NUMBER: 920-733-8000

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 **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5th**. After the cut-off date, we cannot guarantee being able to get a room at this rate.

Revised 2016-2017 Presidents Visitation Calendar

LODGE/CITY	DAY OF WEEK	VISIT	DATE
TWO RIVERS	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	8/20/2016
SHEBOYGAN	SUNDAY	ELKS DAY	8/21/2016
APPLETON	THUR-SUN	FALL CONFERENCE	9/15 - 9/18/16
SPRINGFIELD, IL	THUR-SUN	ILLINOIS FALL MEETING	9/22 - 9/25/16
CAMP WAWBEEK	SUNDAY	BREAKFAST AT CAMP	10/2/2016
MADISON	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/8/2016
NEENAH	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/14/2016
WAUKESHA	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/15/2016
MARSHFIELD	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/22/2016
KAUKAUNA	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/28/2016
OSHKOSH	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	10/29/2016
BARABOO	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	11/5/2016
WATERTOWN	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	11/12/2016
GREEN BAY	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	12/2/2016
OCONTO	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	12/3/2016
ANTIGO	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT VISIT	12/10/2016
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

SIEVWRIGHT GRANT AVAILABLE

Don't forget that the Earle Sievwright Grant is available to your Lodges. Deadline for applying is December 31, 2016. The Grant can be found on the web site under forms.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT



To My Fellow Elks:

We are just getting our year going as President-Elect and First Lady-Elect and are really enjoying going to the different Lodges and meeting our fellow Elks. It is such a wonderful experience to talk to the different people and get differing points of view. We also like to capitalize on the good ideas that the different Lodges present. We like to take these ideas back to our Lodge and try to implement them. Also, we can discuss the good ideas with the different Lodges we visit in the hope that maybe it will fit into their agendas.

As President-Elect I am asked to talk to the Lodges about our three charities: (1) Elks National Foundation (2) Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and (3) State Major Project. One of my main points is to get the main population interested.

The Elks National Foundation is a fund that when we donate money to it the principle of the fund is never spent. But the money is invested and the interest and earnings from it are distributed to the states and to the grants and scholarships available to the Lodges. For every dollar we donate to it, we get about three dollars back in the form of grants, scholar-

ships and great programs for our youth and communities.

The Wisconsin Benevolent Fund was started to mirror the Elks National Foundation and it only distributes what it earns – not the principle. It is a major part of our budget and helps to finance our programs.

The State Major Project is the Elks Village Respite Center in Wisconsin Dells. This is a 48 bed unit offering one-on-one 24/7 care to disabled individuals age 3 to adult who need this type of care. We offer week-long and weekend programs. In 24 years we have provided respite care for over 11,000 individuals. Anybody can visit the camp to see what it does. It is a worthwhile project.

As we continue to visit the Lodges I will be happy to talk to anyone. If you have something your Lodge has done in the community and you are proud of it, please tell me, and as President Rob says, “Be Proud and Be Loud”.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

George A. Myers

George A. Myers, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

The Fall Conference is fast approaching and Karen Bennett and I would once again like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating for the Association Raffle. The proceeds will once again go to the Benevolent Fund to help continue our charitable works. No donation is too big or too small. They can be items for men, women and even children. It can be something for the outdoors, such as grilling or gardening items, household items, or just fun things. Whatever your imagination can come up with. We are reaching out to you so that we can once again make a great donation to the Benevolent Fund!

Nan Johnson

FALL BUGLE MESSAGE FROM WISCONSIN SPONSER, P.G.E.R. F. LOUIS SULSBERGER



Greetings to all:

For those of you who attended the National Convention in Houston, I hope your trip home was safe and that you had an enjoyable time there.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing District Deputies for the fantastic job you did last year and at the same time want to congratulate our four new District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, newly installed at the Convention in Texas. Always remember that each of you have a District Sponsor to help with any issues you may have and I am only a phone call or email away.

As I write this message, plans are being completed for the Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference in September. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress, gain new insights and information from other members, and of course, renew and enjoy our friendships.

At this meeting, we will also welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen and First Lady Donna to the great State of Wisconsin for their official visit. Beth and I have known Mike and Donna for

many years and look forward to being with them. As National President of the Benvolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mike and Donna are traveling this great Country spreading the message "ELKS - LEADING THE WAY" and of course, "ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE". They, like you, believe in our Order and I know you will enjoy the opportunity to meet and be with them.

Beth and I look forward to being with all of you next month. Until then, stay safe and God Bless.

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

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



So he went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." Luke 10:34-37 ESV

Perhaps you have heard the saying: "We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give." It seems that helping others can take many forms, be it by spending more time with family, assisting in the community, helping out at one's church or synagogue, or helping a struggling employee at one's place of business. These efforts make one put personal desires on hold in order to benefit someone else. Does the phrase "Elks Care – Elks Share" seem to fit here? When I consider the numerous programs developed, organized and funded by the Wisconsin Elks Association

and its lodges, it seems to me that the answer is yes.

The main thing for any individual (in any given Lodge) is to find one's purpose and help others while pursuing it. It seems that we are born for a reason, yet so many of us do not seem to discover why. Is our success in life measured by what we gain for ourselves, or by what we do for others? I choose the latter; it is in helping others that we show mercy and place ourselves (hopefully) on firmer footing with our Creator.

Blessings,

Reverend Michael

Reverend Michael Hackbarth, Chaplain

Wisconsin Elks Association

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our WEA Fall Conference in Appleton and welcoming our Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Zellen & First Lady, Donna.

I am a believer in change and looking at new ways to create a positive atmosphere in everything I do. With that being said, we will be doing some fun crafty things throughout the year at each convention. I have received many ideas and I appreciate the team effort in supporting me this year.

We have had some wonderful visits with your Lodges and we are looking forward to each and every visit and meeting even more friends this year.

Michelle

Michelle Radig

WEA First Lady 2016-17



VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

SOUTH DISTRICT

BY JEFF BOSS, V.P.

Our State President has asked us all to be ***“LOUD AND PROUD”*** and we have 5.7 million dollars in charitable giving! This is the total that Walworth-Lakeland, Janesville and Beloit have given as of April 1st. Let’s be ***“Loud and Proud”*** for those Lodges and get the word out to the public. As to the Elks in your communities, I wish to thank all three Lodges for a wonderful time at the State President visits.

I hope that all our members can attend the Fall Conference, or just come up on Saturday to attend one of many meetings and participate in the great fundraisers that take place.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY DAVE CREVCOURE, V.P.

I will start by apologizing to the Lodges in the Northeast District for not publishing a message in the summer edition of the Bugle. I am familiar with many of the Lodges as I served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler some four years ago and had the opportunity to visit with each and every one of you. I am looking forward to the visit of State President Rob Radig, Sr., and his wife Michelle at each Lodge in the district. It will be fun revisiting familiar faces and meeting new Elks.

I will also be gathering information from each Lodge as to membership, ENF, WBF and community activities. The information will be used to recommend to the Association as Vice-President, any Lodge or individual awards given at the State Convention. Last year Antigo Lodge #662 was named Lodge of the Year and it would make me very happy if a Lodge from our district won the award again next year. Not to rule out Exalted Ruler of the Year or Secretary of the Year, as there are many qualified candidates in our district. As I make my visits, please mention any officers or members who have provided exemplary service to our Order and deserving of recognition.

In closing, I wish you all a rewarding year. May your membership grow and may your Lodges receive the recognition for your efforts to make your communities a better place.

Thank you for all you do.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE JANUARY 3RD , 2017

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 2ND – 5TH, 2017

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

(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			
Chicken Salad on a Croissant	-----	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
OR			
Turkey Pesto Focaccia	-----	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Chicken Salad on a Croissant	-----	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
OR			
Turkey Pesto Focaccia	-----	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Lasagna	-----	_____ @\$26.00	\$ _____
OR			
Roast Turkey & Dressing	-----	_____ @\$26.00	\$ _____
OR			
Meat Loaf	-----	_____ @\$26.00	\$ _____
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:

Both Ladies Luncheon and the Association Luncheon offerings are served with a cup of Chicken Soup, potato chips and coffee, tea or milk.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

All banquet entrees are served with a salad with choice of ranch or French dressing, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER JANUARY 3RD , 2017 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

	WEA - 2016 Fall Conference	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
All MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL		
Friday,	Sept.16, 2016	ROOM
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
Saturday,	Sept.17, 2016	ROOM
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	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	ROSEWOOD
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	EBONY
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	ROSEWOOD
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
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	SALON A
12:00 PM	Association Cocktails	SALON B
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	SALON B
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
6:00 PM	Cocktails	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
7:00 PM	Banquet	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
Sunday,	Sept. 18, 2016	
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON A

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COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 1

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MARCH 1

SUMMER ISSUE

JUNE 1

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STATE PRESIDENT ROB RADIG, SR. WITH THE 2016-2017 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULERS

