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Jim, Ron & Nikki, and the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee

On behalf of the membership of the W.E.A. I would like to thank all of you for all the hard work and dedication it takes to host the Wisconsin Elks Hospitality Room. It is a show case for all Elks to enjoy.

Todd Kostuck, Chair W.E.A. Trustees



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BIOGRAPHY OF
JAMES L. NICHELSON
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2009-2010

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

Born May 3, 1948, in Lima, Ohio, **James L. Nichelson**, the oldest of ten children, was raised on a working farm, learning responsibility early in life. Jim's father worked second shift in town, so Jim and his younger brother, John, milked the cows and worked the farm. If any-

thing broke, they fixed it.

After high school, Jim worked his way through college at The Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's and master's dual degree with distinction in 1971. Jim briefly pondered going on for a doctorate and becoming a university professor, but decided, instead, to give law school a try. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University School of Law, cum laude, in 1974.

Jim spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and Army ROTC while in college and law school. After graduation, he spent several months on active duty at Fort Ben Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he attended Army Officer Basic Training. The rest of Jim's military career was in the inactive reserves.

Jim met his wife, the former Mary Carolyn Pearl, in 1969, while providing consulting services to a model cities program in Martins Ferry, Ohio. The couple were married August 19, 1972. Mary Carolyn taught elementary school in Westerville, Ohio, for two years while Jim finished law school. She is now principal of St. Mary Central School in Martins Ferry.

After graduation, Jim was offered a position with a law firm in Belmont County, Ohio. As this was the home area of his wife, they were happy to return to the upper Ohio River Valley. The couple established a home in Martins Ferry. There, they raised three children: Tom, an engineer, Lauren, an attorney, and Ellen, a marketing director. Jim and Mary Carolyn boast of their four grandchildren.

In 1977, Jim became chief trial assistant in the Belmont County Prosecutor's Office. In 1980, he became Belmont County public defender. In 1996, he became a founding Belmont County park commissioner, serving as secretary/treasurer for ten years. He has recently retired from public service to devote time to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mary Carolyn's father, Charles Pearl, was a two-time Exalted Ruler of Martins Ferry Elks Lodge No. 895. And, soon after returning to Martins Ferry, Jim was pleased to be initiated into the Order and soon started through the Lodge chairs, becoming Exalted Ruler in 1979-1980. He has served as a Lodge Officer every year since his initiation, replacing his father-in-law as Lodge Treasurer in 1994 and holding that office ever since. The Lodge voted him into Honorary Life Membership in 2007. By then, after two mergers, the Lodge had become Ohio River Valley Lodge No. 231.

Jim Nichelson became active in the Ohio Elks Association Southeast District and in the State Association. He worked his way through the District chairs, becoming District Activities Chairman in 1987-1988. He became legal advisor to the Ohio Elks Association in 1983 and has served in that capacity almost every year to the present. He has also been State Judiciary Chairman and Parliamentarian. He was named an Honorary Ohio State President in 2008.

Jim also has served the Grand Lodge, becoming District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1990. In 1996, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, where he served until 2004 and as Chairman the last two years. In 2005, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Approving Member East, Home Member, Pension Member and Vice Chairman. He has also served the Grand Lodge for two years as Parliamentarian and as a Member of the Pardon Commission.

Active in the community, Jim is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Redmen, VFW (life member) and the American Legion. He is a past president of the Belmont County Bar Association, the Martins Ferry Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Valley Classical Camerata Choir, and the Belmont County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and he formed the Martins Ferry Educational Foundation. He is a cantor and confirmation instructor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Martins Ferry. He and Mary Carolyn, for many years, codirected Teens Encounter Christ retreats for high school juniors and seniors.

Jim Nichelson believes strongly in the charitable and good works of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As Grand Exalted Ruler (National President) he hopes he can spread the word that **ELKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

After returning from the 145th National Convention in Portland it is time again for a message to our members in the Fall Conference Issue of The Bugle. It reminds us that summer has again waned to memories. Representing all Wisconsin Elks Association members at the National Convention was indeed an honor for First Lady Rogene and I; an opportunity we will always cherish in our memories.



One of the highlights of the time spent in Portland was the opening ceremony. Being provided the opportunity to present our State Flag thus representing all Wisconsin Elks at the Convention was indeed gratifying and I am extremely proud of each and every one of our Elk family members. Thanks for the support and the camaraderie by all who were in attendance at this Convention.

On behalf of everyone who supported or were in attendance at the National Convention I wish to extend a "Heartfelt Thanks" to Grand Lodge Attendance Committee Chairman, Jim Meyer, PSP, Vice-Chairman, Myron "Ron" Shannon and the entire Grand Lodge Committee for the excellent job everyone did in the Hospitality Room.

Prior to attending the National Convention Rogene and I began our schedule of visitations as your State President commencing with the annual Flag Day Parade in Appleton and visit. Then on to Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Marshfield for the State Golf Tournament, and Portage. Each of these visits were very much enjoyed and fulfilled with lots of fond memories. Before we all meet in Sheboygan our travels will take us to Madison, Two Rivers, Ashland, Janesville, Walworth-Lakeland, Beloit, Manitowoc, Watertown, and Racine. We are looking forward to all these visits and visiting with many of the individual Lodges' members and visitors.

The upcoming Fall Conference will be hosted by Sheboygan Lodge #299 from September 17-20. The Wisconsin Elks Association will have the honor of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler, James L. Nicholson, and First Lady Mary Carolyn from Ohio River Lodge #231 in Martins Ferry, Ohio during this Conference. This visit will permit the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady an opportunity to acquaint themselves with many Wisconsin Elks, the programs carried out by our State Association, and projects conducted by the local Lodges and family involvement in these activities.

Our State Sponsor, PGER F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife, Beth, of Flora, IL Lodge #4659 will be our guests and both are looking forward to this upcoming visit to Wisconsin.

Have a safe trip as you travel to the Fall Conference. See many of you soon!

Fraternally yours,

Ken

Ken Bruckner, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

2009-2010 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
August 15, 2009	Saturday	Manitowoc	Lodge Visitation
August 21, 2009	Friday	Watertown	Lodge Visitation
September 11, 2009	Friday	Racine	Lodge Visitation
September 17-20, 2009	Thursday-Sunday	Sheboygan	WEA Fall Conference
September 26, 2009	Saturday	Wisconsin Rapids	"Harvey's Ride"
October 16, 2009	Friday	Neenah-Menasha	Lodge Visitation
October 17, 2009	Saturday	Waukesha	Lodge Visitation
October 23, 2009	Friday	Superior	Lodge Visitation
October 24, 2009	Saturday	Rice Lake	Lodge Visitation
October 31, 2009	Saturday	Oshkosh	Lodge Visitation
November 13, 2009	Friday	Kaukauna	Lodge Visitation
December 4, 2009	Friday	Green Bay	Lodge Visitation
December 5, 2009	Saturday	Oconto	Lodge Visitation
January 9, 2010	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge Visitation
January 16, 2010	Saturday	Milwaukee	Lodge Visitation
January 23, 2010	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge Visitation
January 30, 2010	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge Visitation
February 4-7, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Stevens Point	WEA Mid-Winter Conference
February 13, 2010	Saturday	Wausau	State Hoop Shoot Contest
February 13, 2010	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge Visitation
February 20, 2010	Saturday	Antigo	State Bowling Tournament
February 20, 2010	Saturday	Antigo	Lodge Visitation
February 27, 2010	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge Visitation
March 6, 2010	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge Visitation
March 11-14, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Iowa City, IA	Regional Hoop Shoot Contest
March 20, 2010	Saturday	Stevens Point	Lodge Visitation
March 27, 2010	Saturday	Marshfield	Lodge Visitation
April 10, 2010	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge Visitation
April 17, 2010	Saturday	Wisconsin Rapids	Lodge Visitation
April 22-25, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Springfield, MA	National Hoop Shoot Contest
April 29-May 2, 2010	Thursday-Sunday	Wausau	WEA State Convention

WHAT IS THE GRAND EXALTED RULER?

The Chief Executive Officer of the Order is the Grand Exalted Ruler, elected by the Grand Lodge at its annual session for a term of one year, who presides over the sessions of the Grand Lodge; appoints all its non-elective officers, the District Deputies and the members of all Grand Lodge committees; grants dispensations to organize new Subordinate Lodges; and is vested with broad powers in the administration of the Order's affairs, including the supervision of all Subordinate Lodges and State Associations, and their activities.

"Moving Forward-Through Family Involvement"

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

As I write this article I am reminded of just how fast time passes by. It seems like yesterday we were gathered at the State Convention in Fond du Lac. Looking now, I am amazed by how many events Char and I have participated in these past couple of months. It all began with the Flag Day Parade in Appleton. We haven't ridden in a parade since we were kids. What a treat! Then we



went on to the Elks Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek for Elks Day. Then, on to Grand Lodge in Portland OR. Grand Lodge was spectacular, as usual. A special "THANK YOU" to PSP Jim Meyer and his crew, for making Wisconsin the best hospitality room. No one does it better than Jim and his crew! While there we had the opportunity to work the exhibit booth promoting our Respite Center and raising money through the sale of the State Major Project pins. We had the privilege to see the Milwaukee Lodge perform the Ritual Contest. "Well Done" gentlemen and lady! The sessions were highlighted by the introduction of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, James Nicholson, and topped off by the Hoop Shoot winners and the major scholarship winner. We also took time to see the sites in and around Portland. What a great trip!

The State President visits, six so far, have been great experiences. Char and I have had the opportunity to travel with your State President, Ken, and First Lady, Rogene, and spend time with wonderful people in Appleton, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Portage, Madison and Two Rivers. A sincere "THANK YOU" to each and every one of you who made these visits so special. Your hospitality has been second to none. It has been great sharing with you. THANK YOU!

During our travels we have been telling people about the great programs the Elks have established for supporting our charitable work, specifically the ENF and the WI Benevolent Fund. These two funds return over \$7.50 for every \$1.00 we donate to these funds annually. These monies go to support our Veterans programs, student scholarships and the Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek. However, it is not enough for us to tell just the members who we meet. The challenge is to tell our absent members. Consider the last phrase of the "Eleven O'Clock Toast"... "to our absent members. I believe these "absent" members are not just those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. They are also those who have walked through the doors of our Lodges infrequently. They are the members we need to rekindle. Remember... "It all begins with a Lodge!"

Char and I look forward to the reminder of our time on the road, visiting Lodges, renewing friendships and making new friends.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Bohnsack, State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Greetings to all:

Welcome to Sheboygan and to the 2009 Fall Conference! I am sure that I do not have to tell you all what an exciting Conference this will be as we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler, James L. Nicholson, and First Lady, Mary Carolyn, to the great state of Wisconsin for their official visit. Beth and I have known Jim and Mary Carolyn for many years as Jim and I served on the Board of Grand Trustees together. The four of us immediately formed a



bond of friendship that has grown throughout these years and we are excited to be together again. Jim and Mary Carolyn are both dedicated Elks and as you spend time with them this weekend you, too, will see their commitment to our Order. I promise you that you will come away from this weekend with a renewed enthusiasm just by being around them.

It is hard to believe how fast the summer flew by and that our Fall Convention is upon us. I hope all of those that attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon had a good time, and it won't be long before we are talking about Orlando, Florida – 2010!

I wish to congratulate the newly-installed District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and I look forward to working with you this year. Please remember that I am just a phone call or e-mail away.

As I write this message for ***THE BUGLE***, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ken and Nan Johnson on recently receiving a **4 STAR** award from Grand Lodge on our state publication. This award, given for excellence and quality is well deserved. When you see Ken and Nan, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done.

Finally, in my last message I mentioned the tough and trying economic times that have put pressure on all of our Lodges. Now is when every Lodge and its members should work together to strengthen our beliefs in the cardinal principals of our Order and to live our lives committed to our motto ***“Elks Care - Elks Share”***.

Beth and I are proud to be here with all of you as we show our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady the commitment, love and dedication the Wisconsin Elks have for The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Thank you for being here.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "F. Louis Sulsberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor

MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

Among leaders who lack insight, abuse abounds; but for one who hates corruption, the future is bright. Proverbs 28: 16 The Message

It seems that our secular and spiritual worlds are desperate for leadership. People want leaders that can be trusted – people of good character. If one desires to become someone that can inspire and positively influence others, one need only:



Model consistency of character. Trust develops when people can trust you all the time.

Employ honest communication. To be trustworthy one should resemble a musical composition, one's words and "music" must match.

Exemplify humility. People cannot trust someone that is seen to be driven by ego, jealousy, or arrogance.

Value transparency. By being honest with people and admitting one's weaknesses, people will respect your honesty. People will be able to relate to you better.

Demonstrate your support of others. By putting others first, one displays a positive sign of their character.

Fulfill your promises. One of the fastest ways to break trust with others is to fail in fulfilling one's commitments.

I learned these constructs (the hard way) many years ago as a 19-year-old cavalry sergeant in the U.S. Army. I was given much responsibility (with the requisite authority) and I made many mistakes.

In a certain situation, I let ego, and pride get in the way of my judgment resulting in a very poor outcome. My decisions affected my standing with my peers for quite some time.

We all make decisions every day with a little or too much information. Our results affect not only ourselves, but many others within our sphere of influence. Perhaps by focusing on the leadership attributes listed above, our efforts to lead and empower others will ensure a brighter outcome.

Blessings,

Reverend Michael

Reverend Michael Hackbarth

State Chaplain

Wisconsin Elks Association

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

GILBERT SCHROEDER, V.P.

With summer here and almost gone, I hope **you** had time to relax and enjoy and participate in the summer events in your communities. We enjoyed a 15 day bus trip; very relaxing and informative to six National Parks in the west during the month of June. I enjoyed a State President visit to Madison Lodge #410. We had a luscious prime rib dinner and enjoyed hearing about the Flag Day program, the scholarships, Autistic boy Scout group, the dictionary program, the drug awareness program (1,500 backpacks distributed on Safety Saturday), a social shootout and Student of the Month Recognition Program (not just academics), a Veterans pancake breakfast for the Veterans and many other worthy programs. During the State President visit the Madison Elks Charity, Inc., gave a \$1,000.00 check for the Respite Camp. The Lodge donated \$200.00 for the Respite Camp in State President Ken Bruckner's name. The visit was especially enjoyable as a few songs were sung by the Chaplain of Madison Lodge #410, Christi B.

Regrettably, I missed the State President visit at Portage Lodge #675 due to prior commitments, but they also have numerous events going on at their Lodge, like a fisherie, Christmas baskets, golf outings, Project Life Saver (a \$6,000.00 donation), Labor Day softball tournament and Jordan Walker finishing in 3rd Place at the 2008 National Hoop Shoot Finals Tournament. I look forward to more visits in the coming months. Remember to ask a friend, a relative, a co-worker or someone else you know who would be an asset to join the Order of the Elks. **I**

am always pleased to see Lodges achieving their goals in Fraternal work.

I look forward to visiting and sharing ideas at the Fall Conference at Sheboygan Elks Lodge #299. Please look me up. We are staying at the Comfort Inn, 4332 N. 40th Street. WHILE WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER TOWARD OR COMMON GOAL, ***"the Good of the Order"***. Until then, remember President Ken's motto for the year, ***Moving Forward – Through Family Involvement.***

CENTRAL DISTRICT



ROMAN BACA, V.P.

It was a great day at the Respite Center (Camp Wawbeek) when Elk Members from around the state came together to dedicate the new generator installed should there be a power shortage or emergency while the staff and campers are present.

It was a great day for food, friendship, and a refreshing lesson of what we are all about. The perfect example was not just the sound that the generator made when it was turned on, but to know that these campers will never have to fear the dark, bad weather or any other danger that may be present. The Wisconsin Elks Major Projects Committee deserves a hardy recognition for all the hard work they have done and not to forget the dedication of many other Elks. Again, we keep our pledge, ***"Elks Care, Elks Share"***, as well as our State President's motto ***"Moving Forward -- Through Family Involvement."*** Our family of Elks has done just that by raising

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CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

the monies needed to install this new generator. I, for one, will never forget the joy of knowing that we are able to do so much when we all join forces to answer the call when assistance is needed. This was done with 100% participation of all Lodges as Brother David reported. Brother Ray Dabler also insured that additional funds were available thru a donation left to Wausau Lodge # 248.

Once again to see all who attended this great event and have a day to visit with each other, you could almost call it a family reunion of Elks! If you have never been to Camp Wawbeek and the Respite Center, I encourage you to do so to witness the work of Elkdom. I can guarantee you will never forget the trip.

As our State President's motto states, **"Moving forward -- Through Family Involvement"**, really does work when we join together.

With the Grand Lodge Convention now behind us, I would like to thank all the members and officers and family members from Central District that attended. This experience will remain with you for the rest of your life. Your dedication and time has not gone unnoticed. I know that you all represented your Lodges with honor and pride. I look forward to our meetings for discussions about your new ventures in Elkdom. Again, thank you. And God Bless you all.

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

TONY VOULGARIS, V.P.

Wow!! Where has the summer season gone? When you read this article the children will be back in school and Brett Favre will be quarterbacking the Vikings.

Well, maybe, one of these will be true?

Since I have been receiving your newsletters I have noticed that each Lodge is being active promoting Elkdom in their communities. My first official State President's visit was Flag Day at the Appleton Elks Lodge. Unfortunately, I could not participate in the parade but I was there in the evening for the BBQ. I want to thank Exalted Ruler, Jeff, and his members for their great hospitality. Two weeks later, I attended the Elks Day at Camp Wabeek with my children and father-in-law. We had the dedication of the generator that the Elks had purchased. All the Lodges in our District donated \$200 for the purchase of the generator. **Thank you!!**

The month of July started with Elks National Convention in Portland. I was pleased to see all the Exalted Rulers were able to come and attend all the sessions and meetings. I am confident that they came back from the Convention rejuvenated and ready to spread Elkdom in their community.

As I am writing this article, I am recovering from the Sheboygan Lodge Patio Party. It was great to see a lot of familiar faces plus also meet new proposed candidates who will be initiated in October.

Finally, on more serious notes, I hope that each Lodge has been dwindling their delinquent members list. As of the last CLMS report our district was down 45 active members and have 101 delinquent. Don't forget, it's easier to maintain members than to recruit members. Also, Exalted Rulers and secretaries, please don't forget to apply for monies from the state. These forms are on the Elks web site

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EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

(wielks.com): Flag Day, Lodge Grant Application and Committee for the Disabled Application. Keep up the great work and I will see you at your Lodge!!

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

JOSEPH H. ROSSLEY, V.P.

I can't believe that summer has passed us by already and it is time for the Fall Conference. I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. I would like to thank all of the Lodges in the Northeast district who kept Elkdom alive during the summer months.

Events such as Badger night was a huge success in the Two Rivers Lodge. This fundraising event helped raise funds to be used for camperships to Camp Wawbeek, shop with a cop and other youth charities. All Lodges were involved in Flag Day ceremonies during the month of June. The month of August found both the Marinette Lodge and the Oconto Lodge participating in their local communities National Night Out activities. Both Lodges handed out Elks drug material.

Now that the summer is over with, I will be starting up my Lodge visits. This year I will be traveling with our District Deputy, Jim Burmeister. Together we will be able to help the Lodges with any questions that may arise from both the Grand Lodge level and the state level. I look forward to meeting with each Lodge and sharing ideas that should make us successful. As we have a great year let's keep in mind our State President's slogan, "Moving Forward – Through Family Involvement".

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference in Sheboygan.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

CHAD BORMANN, V.P.

Hello and greetings to all members in the WEA Northwest District! 2009 is shaping up to be a great year so far, and we're only 1/3 of the way into the year!

To begin, I'd like to thank all of the Lodges in the district that I've had the pleasure of visiting thus far. The hospitality that you have extended to my wife, Tracy, and I has been much appreciated. To those Lodges that I have not had the pleasure of visiting so far, we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

I have seen great evidence of this year's message, "Moving Forward – Through Family Involvement", as I have visited some of the district's Lodges with Ken and Rogene thus far. Additionally, I have seen evidence of even greater support of this message as I have been shown some of the many great programs each of the Northwest District's Lodges have planned for the 2009-2010 year.

I would ask each member of our district to try and attend at least one event held by a Lodge other than your own this year. Maybe it's just showing up for a family night, maybe it's attending a large event such as Ashland's Veteran's Night Program coming in November. Whatever event you choose to try and attend, remember that doing so will not only strengthen the bonds between us as Elks and Lodges, but will also serve to foster a stronger sense of community within our state. To foster this type of involvement, I have asked the newsletter editor of each Lodge in the district to make sure every Lodge is receiving a copy of their respective newsletter. Exalted Rulers, please make sure this information is put in a place visible

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NORTHWEST DISTRICT (con't)

to your membership, and try to bring up at least one event in the district as you move through your each of your Lodge meetings.

I look forward to attending many of the events being held in the district this year and, as always, if I can be of any help in promoting these events, please be sure to contact me!



Best Single Event

Grand Lodge Public Relations Brochure Contest

Recognizing The Lodge's Most Significant Public Relations
Activity in the Community between April 1 & February 28

All Lodges, regardless of size, have an EQUAL chance of winning

Easy-to-Enter RULES: Combine pictures, newspaper articles, letters of appreciation, commendations, programs, proclamations, memorabilia, etc. into a 3-ring binder, folder, or notebook up to 1" thick (8.5"x 11" pages).

Entries must be **postmarked by March 15** and submitted to the GL Area Public Relations Chairman for 1st round judging. The TOP 3 will be **forwarded by April 15** to the address below for Grand Lodge consideration and national recognition.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries will be awarded at the Grand Lodge Convention in July.

Submit to: Richard J. Goldner
National Public Relations Committee Chairman
2658 Riata Court, Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 491-2790; rgoldner@msn.com

WELCOME TO SHEBOYGAN LODGE #299

On behalf of the officers and members of Sheboygan Lodge #299, I welcome you to the 2009 Fall Conference and to the beautiful city of Sheboygan, the Bratwurst Capitol of the World.

We are very proud of our Lodge and hope you will enjoy your stay with us. The doors of our Lodge are always open to all visiting Elks, spouses and guests. Good weather is on order and I hope everyone will have a chance to enjoy some fellowship and refreshments on our new patio.



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Grand Exalted Ruler, James Nicholson, and his wife, Mary Carolyn; our Grand Lodge Sponsor, PGER F. Louis Sulsberger, and his wife, Beth; State President, Ken Bruckner, and his wife, Rogene; and State President-Elect, Bob Bohnsack, and his wife, Char. It is an honor and a privilege to have you at our Lodge.

Thank you to our Convention Committee and all the members of Sheboygan Lodge #299 for all their hard work and dedication to make this Conference possible. I hope all in attendance will enjoy our bar and restaurant, and the entertainment that the committee has scheduled. If you have any questions or comments, please seek out any of our officers, members or staff, and we will be happy to assist you.

On behalf of my wife, Peggy, and I, and all the members of Sheboygan Lodge #299, we hope you have a wonderful time at our Lodge, enjoy our hospitality and have a memorable experience.

Fraternally yours,

Tim

Tim Cook, Exalted Ruler
Sheboygan Lodge #299

WISCONSIN ELKS LADIES ADVISORY TO MEET

The Wisconsin Elks Ladies Advisory will meet again at Fall Conference on Sunday morning, September 20th at the Sheboygan Lodge at 8:30 am. I am looking forward to seeing all the new ER's wives and Lady Auxiliary members from around the state. We meet to exchange ideas for fundraisers and just to get acquainted. We're very happy to have elected Phyllis Pickarts as our new Vice-President to replace Carolyn Mafredas. Thanks, Carolyn, for all your help over the years. Also a reminder we still are selling note cards as a money-maker and are looking for something new to make a little money.

I would like to say THANK YOU to the Wisconsin Elks Association for the honor of being selected "Lady Elk of the Year". It was very unexpected and a privilege to receive the award.

Ladies, come join us on Sunday morning. We welcome new faces and ideas. Enjoy your stay in Sheboygan. If you have any questions, call me at 920-922-5962.

Judie

Judie Behnke, PFL, President, Ladies Advisory

	WEA - 2009 STATE FALL CONFERENCE	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
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<u>PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS ARE SMOKE-FREE</u>		
<u>Thursday, Sept 17</u>		
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Lodge
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Socialize - Sandwiches	Lodge
<u>Friday, Sept 18</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Genzler Room - FULC
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Genzler Room - FULC
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Lodge
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Genzler Room - FULC
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dining	Lodge
7:30 PM - 11:30 PM	Entertainment	Lodge
<u>Saturday, Sept 19</u>		
7:30 AM - 11:30AM	Registration	Lodge
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Executive Committee	Genzler Room - FULC
7:40 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Room 4 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Fellowship Hall (East) - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification, Training, & Testing	Room 8 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Room 11 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Room 12 - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Room 15 - FULC
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CLMS Training & Review	Library - FULC
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	Lodge
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Genzler Room - FULC
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Fellowship Hall (East) - FULC
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Fellowship Hall (North) - FULC
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Room 2 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Room 4 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Room 7 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S. Constitution Contest	Room 9 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Room 12 - FULC
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Room 15 - FULC

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Room 4 - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks National Foundation	Room 7 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Room 9 - FULC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	Room 11 - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Conferences and Conventions	Room 12 - FULC
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks National Foundation Scholarships	Room 15 - FULC
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	City Streets Riverside
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Officer Training	Fellowship Hall (North) - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Fellowship Hall (South) - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Room 4 - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Room 9 - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Room 11 - FULC
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Publicity and Public Relations	Genzler Room - FULC
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Lodge
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Grand Exalted Ruler/ Exalted Ruler Pictures	Lodge
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Genzler Room - FULC
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Lodge
7:00 PM	Banquet	Lodge Dining Room
<u>Sunday, May 4</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Lodge Dining Room
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Lodge Lounge Room
Immediately Following the General Session:		
	Critique	Lodge Dining Room

NOTE: The dress code for the banquet is either dark suit or Tuxedo.



Welcome!

On behalf of all our citizens, I would like to welcome each of you to the City of Sheboygan – “Spirit on the Lake” and relate to you how pleased we are that you have chosen our city as the site of your annual Convention.

For those of you unfamiliar with our city, Sheboygan is recognized throughout Wisconsin as a dynamic and vibrant municipality which boasts a diversified business and industrial community.

Our location on beautiful Lake Michigan adjoining the scenic Kettle Moraine offers both our residents and visitors alike plentiful year-round recreational outlets and some of the finest fresh water fishing in the world. Take the time to view our \$12 million marina which has been recognized as one of the finest on the Great Lakes. We are especially proud of the Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center located on the shores of Lake Michigan. This \$54 million project is truly spectacular. You will also find novel stores and shops, award-winning restaurants, and exciting cultural outlets throughout Sheboygan.

As Mayor of the City of Sheboygan, I encourage you to visit these sites and enjoy all that Sheboygan has to offer. A city of beauty, friendly people and quality educational facilities combined with the security of one of the safest cities in the United States make it easy to see why Sheboygan has been recognized as one of the ten most “livable” cities in the United States according to Money Magazine. Sheboygan was also named one of 18 coastal dream towns and referred to as a “cultural gem” in the May 2009 issue of Coastal Living magazine.

I sincerely hope that you will find your convention to be both productive and useful and that you will enjoy your stay in our community. Once again, welcome to Sheboygan and please visit us often.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Ryan

OFFICE OF MAYOR

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2009 Fall Elks Conference
Events and Menus
Sheboygan Elks Lodge #299

Thursday, September 17th
Sandwiches available 5:30-7:30pm
At Elks Lodge

Friday, September 18th
Evening Dinning: 5:30-9:00pm
Lodge Entertainment in bar room 8:00-12:00pm
Food & Beer Tent outside -Items available Hamburgers, Brats, & Chicken Breasts.
Food Served till 7pm Beer stand till?

Saturday, September 19th
Coffee & Donuts at church from 7:30-11:00am
Wis. Elks Association Luncheon
Time: 12:30PM
Place: Elks Lodge #299 (in the lodge room)
Menu: Buffet Includes: Brats & Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Coffee, and Milk & Dessert.
Cost: \$11.00 per person (tax & tip included) - Seating capacity 160
Food & Beer Tent outside - Items available Hamburgers, Brats, & Chicken Breasts
Served till 4pm. Build your own Bloody Mary Bar 8am-2pm

Ladies Luncheon

Time: Cocktails @ 10:30, Luncheon @ 11:30
Place: City Streets Riverside, 712 Riverfront Dr. Sheboygan
Menu: Chicken Salad Croissant, Beef Vegetable Soup, Dessert, beverage (coffee, tea, and milk)
Cost: \$16.00 (tax and tip included)

Saturday, September 19th

Banquet

Cocktails & Hors D'Oeuvres Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Banquet Time: 7:00pm
Menu: Family Style includes: Baked chicken, roast beef, Mashed potatoes, Riviera Blend, rolls, plated salad-choice three dressings, dessert, Coffee or Milk
Cost: **\$20.50** per person (tax & tip included) - Seating Capacity 160 + Head table
Lodge Entertainment in bar room 8:00-12:00pm

Sunday, September 20th
Coffee and donuts available at Lodge.

Mark yer calendars...

WESTERN

NIGHT



is back! on a new night (THURSDAY),
but we've rustled up another great menu. So,
if yer a hankerin' for some good grub,
mosey on down cuz we're havin'
ourselves a shindig folks.

Thursday, September 17

5:30 - 7:30

\$8.00 All You Can Eat!

**Barbeque Pork &
Hot Beef Sandwiches
Homemade Mac & Cheese
Chuck Wagon Beans
Cole Slaw
Desserts**

**WILD BILL HOPES TO SEE
YA'LL THERE!**

WANTED



YOU!

Co-chairs Randy & Lisa Schultz and Jan Feudner

Convention Highlights



2009 National Convention



Ken Bruckner proudly carries the Wisconsin flag as the State President of Wisconsin (left) while First Lady Rogene anxiously awaits his arrival (right).



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

SCOTT KOVATCH, D.D.G.E.R.

I would like to congratulate Jim Meyer and his committee on the great job they did at the National Convention in Portland, Oregon.

The Exalted Rulers of the Central District did a great job representing their Lodges. The members of the Central District can be proud of the leadership they have elected. The "Fab 5", (aka fabulous 5) fulfilled their obligation as they attended every session and, hopefully, inspired to motivate the members of Central Wisconsin.

The Wednesday session in Portland was a very special day. At the conclusion of the Business Session, a Memorial Service was held for the departed members of our Order. I sat and reflected on the dedication and passion shown to me by my brother, Jim Gnacinski, PDDGER. I looked around the Convention Center and was so proud that all my Exalted Rulers and State President, Ken Bruckner, were honoring the departed members from their Lodges. I feel Exalted Rulers Mike Kinney, #641, Denise Lueck, #248, John Gerber, #693 and Jaye Franklin, #665 should be applauded for demonstrating the fellowship and class to be present to support and pay our respects to fellow Exalted Ruler, Pat Gnacinski, #662.

Hon. F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER, our State Sponsor, did a very good job conducting the Service and contributed to making this Service one that I will never forget. I'm thinking "The Pollock" is looking down from heaven and is enjoying the success that is happening in the Central District.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

BOB BERRES, D.D.G.E.R.

I am back from the Grand Lodge Convention held in Portland, Oregon.

What an honor to be installed as DDGER for the Southeast District. I wish to thank all the ER's for their support. You were present at the sessions.

Thanks to Jim Meyer for a job well done. Your committee made Wisconsin's Hospitality Room so popular.

I'm looking forward to representing the Southeast District. Together we can make Elkdom grow. Membership is our number one program. I am asking each Lodge to muster up a plus one for the year 2009-2010. We can do this. Just ask friends to join us.

Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable James L. Nicholson, has set the goal of \$4.50 per member towards the Elks National Foundation. I know our district will reach and surpass this goal. This goal, along with all the Grand Lodge programs and our Veterans, are top priorities for the Grand Exalted Ruler. I am asking all the Lodges to pitch in and to get your Veteran's reports in on time later in the year.

My first official duty is running the DD Clinic. The first clinic for the Southeast District will be held in Racine Lodge #252 on August 22. All the Lodges should have received my letter showing the dates for all clinics and visitations. I am looking forward to serving Grand Lodge this year and I am always open to hear from you and help you with any problems.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

RYAN SWANTZ, D.D.G.E.R.

At the 145th Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon, I had the honor of being installed as your District Deputy for the East Central District. It was truly a memorable and humbling experience. I assure you that I will not be taking this responsibility lightly, and I am at your disposal. Please feel free to contact me at any time to assist your Lodge in any way possible. I would also like to congratulate my five counterparts from across the great state of Wisconsin on becoming District Deputy of their respective districts.

First off, I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I was initiated into Fond du Lac Lodge #57 in October 2000 and immediately sought out the opportunity to become active in the Lodge by becoming the Tiler in November 2000. I progressed through the chairs, culminating in serving as Exalted Ruler in 2004-2005. Upon completion of my term as Exalted Ruler, I transferred my membership to Appleton Lodge #337 as I had been living in Appleton for the previous 15 months. Once again, I immediately sought out the opportunity to become active in the Lodge by becoming the Lodge Esquire, a position I hold to this day. I have been active on numerous Lodge and State Association committees including Bingo, Legalized Gaming, Publicity, Grand Lodge Attendance, Golf, and ER/Leading Knight Advisory. I also am currently the Elks National Foundation Chairman for Appleton Lodge #337. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Management/Computer Systems from UW-Whitewater and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from UW-Oshkosh. I currently work in Management at Cinnabon in Appleton while I am interviewing for a permanent position in the financial sector.

Your District Deputy Esquire is Tony Voulgaris, PER and current East Central District Vice-President, from Oshkosh Lodge #292. Your District Deputy Auditor is William Weinshrott, PER, PDDGER, PSVP, and Past State Trustee, from Fond du Lac Lodge #57. Together, the three of us are a wealth of information at your disposal and are willing to assist you in any way.

By the time you read this, the first District Deputy Clinic will have passed. I am confident that it will have been a productive meeting with many good thoughts and positive ideas being shared to help strengthen the East Central District in the programs of the Grand Lodge. I was greatly impressed to see that not only were all the Lodges of the East Central District represented at the Grand Lodge Convention, but they were all represented by their duly-elected Exalted Rulers, an accomplishment that we have not been able to pride ourselves on in many years. We're off to a great start; let's just keep this enthusiasm growing.

This year, I plan to stress, in addition to the programs of Hon. James L. Nicholson, GER, the idea that We're All Family. We need to remember our families because, without the love and support of our family and friends, none of us would be where we are today in Elksdom. Also, we need to remember that, as Elks, we are all one big family, working together to achieve a common goal. We need to breed Enthusiasm, we need to be Leaders, and we need to Kindle the fire that drives Elksdom. That is what being an ELK is all about.

I look forward to working with all of the Lodges in the East Central District and can't wait to begin my visitation schedule to see how each Lodge is unique in spreading the message of Elksdom.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

GEORGE A. MYERS, D.D.G.E.R.

I would like to introduce myself to the Northwest District. I am George Myers from Eau Claire Lodge #402. I am a P.E.R., Trustee, and I chair the Hoop Shoot Committee for our Lodge. I have been a member for 23 years and enjoy and appreciate the elks for what they do and stand for.

On July 9th I had the honor of being installed as your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in Portland, Oregon, at our National Convention. I am looking forward to working with all of the Lodges in our district. It should prove to be a very interesting year with all the goals we have in Elkdom.

I would like everyone to know that I am available to talk to or to ask questions any time. I can be contacted by cell phone (715-210-5524), regular phone (715-839-8958) or e-mail (gmyers9780@sbcglobal.net).

My schedule of DD Clinics and Lodge visitations has been sent to the Lodges in our district. I will encourage all officers and any members to attend any of the DD Clinics that I am holding.

One of our main goals for this year is for each Lodge to gain in membership. It is up to every member to try to get others to join and enjoy the benefits and rewards of Elkdom.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Once again, we had a wonderful time at the Grand Lodge in Portland, and Ellen and I want to thank Jim Meyer and his great committee for the wonderful job they did with the Hospitality room. THANKS! You people are special.

The Grand Lodge Booth was great. We visited with many people and were able to let the rest of the country know what we are doing in Wisconsin. I have to say, they were impressed with our Major Project and all we do with the Respite Camp. We also took a 5 Star Award home for a well put-together and informative booth. I want to thank all the people who helped man the booth, and a special thanks to Bob Bohnsack, Norm Behnke, Ellen Bertrand, Judie Behnke and Char Bohnsack for their help and support. THANKS.

The Grand Lodge Booth Committee

Ron

Ron Bertrand

Norm

Norm Behnke

Jerry

Jerry Crouse

Dennis

Dennis Daley

THE WISCONSIN BENEVOLENT FUND (WBF)

Jackie Heitmann
WBF Fund Raising Chair Person

I want to start by thanking everyone for their donations this last year. You all gave from the heart and made last year our highest year in donations so far. We can not just sit back and let this rest, we have to continue striving to raise funds to keep building on the principle and keep this wonderful fund going.

A little reminder of the history of the WBF. A widow of an Elk from the Milwaukee Lodge gave the Elks National Foundation 3.3 Million dollars in her will. The Elks National Foundation then returned 1.1 Million back to the State of WI and PSP Bill Murphy created the idea of the WI Benevolent Fund to be used to assist in our WI Elks charities. In 1995 the fund was slightly changed to what we know today as the WBF. With smart investments the fund has continued to grow and because of the type of investments we are able to draw off part of the interest and have been giving the WI Elks State Trustees between \$95,000 to \$100,000 a year to be used only for the charitable side of the State Budget. The fund suffered a little in the last couple of years as did everyone who had a portfolio because of the economy, but we continue to be able to contribute to the charitable side of the WI budget. As of July 2009 the fund is at 1.4 Million with strong investments to back it up. All of the donations you make are invested into the principle of the fund and only a portion of the interest earned every year is given to the State Trustee's. Since 1996 we have given the State Trustee's well over a million dollars.

With rising costs in our communities, the need also increases for the charitable organizations like the Elks to step forward and fill the needs of our communities. Every time you see our youth participate in the Soccer Shoot Out's, Hoop Shoot, or have the Drug Awareness trailer at one of your events **you**, by your donations to the WBF, have made that possible. When you hear of the kids getting ready for college that have earned one of our scholarships, **you** helped them to afford to be able to get that education. When you see your Americanism chairman present Flags to schools, or distribute the Flag bookmarks, **you** have increased our countries Patriotism. The true fact of the matter is that **you**, not just the Elks, are making a difference to your community and to the whole State of Wisconsin. When you paid your yearly dues and you sent the extra money ear marked for the WBF, and every time you contribute to a WBF Fund Raiser, **you** are making a difference in the lives of many. Please keep up the good work and help the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund continue to help the people in your community.

Thank you again for all that you have already contributed, and Thank You in advance for your continued support. Let's make this another record breaking year!

If you have any questions on the WBF, please contact me after 5 pm at 715-842-5316.

20th ANNIVERSARY of HARVEY'S RIDE

WHEN: September 26, 2009
WHERE: Wisconsin Rapids, WI
DISTANCE: 5 to 65 miles
ELIGIBILITY: Elk members and friends
FUNDS RAISED: Pledges per mile

We had 11 riders in the 2008 ride. Some of the riders were Elks and family and some were non-Elks. In the past 19 years a total of \$131,211.25 has been raised for the ENF. The 2008 ride totaled \$4,125.00.

I would like to thank the Copps Food Center for their generous donation of food and refreshments, the Big Apple Bagel for the bagels and spread, and the WI Rapids Police Department for escorting riders across busy streets on our way out of town. Many thanks to the Elks who provide cars and vans to pick up riders who have run out of pedal power and aiding in any emergency. Thanks to Theresa (Herman) Montag for coordinating the hospitality wagon. Thanks to Helen Streekstra and the Rapids ladies who help with the after-glow party. And most of all thanks for your support.

We ride rain or shine starting at 8:00 a.m. from the Rapids Elks Lodge. Biking is an individual sport and everyone rides at their own speed. Food, drink and pick up vehicles are provided. Brother Carl Knuese of Campus Cycle, Stevens Point, will provide bikes for those who would like to ride but do not own a bike. Carl can be reached at (715) 341-2151.

Maps showing the route with rest-stops and hold-harmless forms (this is a must) will be distributed for all riders to sign. For safety reasons, all bike riders must wear helmets.

After the ride, a free dinner is planned at the Rapids Elks Lodge. Please make reservations a week in advance. All are welcome.

Anyone needing more information or motel reservations can call Harvey at (715) 423-0135, or fax (715) 423-3517, or e-mail at ggygi@charter.net. My address is 120 14th Street, South; Wisconsin Rapids, WI. 54494.

So get a comfortable seat, shift those gears into high, rev up your legs and join us in this event. It is important that reservations be made a week in advance, please let Harvey know as soon as possible.

Let's make this 20th ride our best ride ever! More riders are needed to BEAT ILLINOIS IN DOLLARS GIVEN FOR ENF. Please do your very best to get as many pledges as possible.

Can't find anyone who took pictures last year so there isn't a picture.

Fraternally, Harvey J. Gygi, PSP

P.S. I will turn 70 years of age on the 26th (the day of the ride). A big turn out along with many pledges to the National Foundation would make my birthday one of the very best ever.

**20TH ANNUAL ELKS JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009, RIVEREDGE GOLF COURSE
HOSTED BY MARSHFIELD ELKS LODGE #665**

AWARD WINNERS

GIRLS

1st Place – Maggie Field – 88 – Marshfield
2nd Place – Ashley Nickel – 114 – Stevens Point
3rd Place – Kallie Meyer – 128 – Marshfield

BOYS 14-15

1st Place – Michael Josephson – 79 – Marshfield
2nd Place – Ryan Heck – 80 – Chippewa Falls
3rd Place – Brandon Brown – 86 – Marshfield
4th Place – Hunter Falkowski – 87 – Wausau

TEAM

1st Place – Marshfield Lodge #665 – 327

BOYS 12-13

1st Place – Kyle Hoffman – 93 – Marshfield
2nd Place – Joshua Berres – 93 – Marshfield
3rd Place – Luke Zuiker – 102 – Marshfield

BOYS 16-18

1st Place – Mike Field – 80 – Marshfield
2nd Place – Nick Webb – 81 – Chippewa Falls
3rd Place – T.J. Holm – 82 – Marshfield



GIRLS (L-R) Kallie Meyer, Marshfield, Maggie Field, Marshfield, Ashley Nickel, Stevens Point



BOYS 12-13 (L-R) Joshua Berres, Kyle Hoffman, and Luke Zuiker, all from Marshfield



BOYS 14-15 (L-R) Brandon Brown, Marshfield, Michael Josephson, Marshfield, Ryan Heck, Chippewa Falls



BOYS 16-18 (L-R) Nick Webb, Chippewa Falls, Mike Field, Marshfield. Missing: T.J. Holm, Marshfield

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 4, 2010

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE – FEBRUARY 5-8, 2010

STEVENS POINT ELKS LODGE #641

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

(ONE FORM PER MEMBER, PLEASE)

FIRST NAME: _____ **LAST NAME:** _____
(AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE)

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME): _____
(if name badge is requested)

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION PRIOR TO JANUARY 4	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES' LUNCHEON		
TRADITIONAL LASAGNA	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
PASTA PRIMAVERA	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON		
TRADITIONAL LASAGNA	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET		
PORK CHOP	_____ @ \$24.00	\$ _____
CHICKEN EN'CROUTE	_____ @ \$24.00	\$ _____
WALLEYE ALMONDINE	_____ @ \$24.00	\$ _____

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

TOTAL \$ _____

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

LADIES LUNCHEON:

Traditional Lasagna—Layers of pasta with homemade meat sauce and a blend of ricotta and mozzarella cheeses. Served with green beans and roasted red peppers.

Pasta Primavera – Egg & Spinach Fettuccini tossed with Herbs, Tomatoes, Olives, Artichokes, Zucchini, Red Peppers with Parmesan Cheese.

Accompanied by: Iceberg and Romaine mix salad with tomato, cucumber, bleu cheese dressing, ranch dressing and French dressing & White Chocolate Mousse.

ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Traditional Lasagna—Layers of pasta with homemade meat sauce and a blend of ricotta and mozzarella cheeses. Served with green beans and roasted red peppers.

Accompanied by: Iceberg and Romaine mix salad with tomato, cucumber, bleu cheese dressing, ranch dressing and French dressing & White Chocolate Mousse.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Pork Chop—Thick cut pork chops with bourbon-maple sauce. Served with potato au gratin, roasted zucchini and summer squash.

Chicken En'Croute—Chicken breast filled with mushrooms and spinach wrapped in puff pastry served with a mushroom cream sauce, roasted potatoes and vegetable medley.

Walleye Almandine—Roasted Walleye Filet topped with Almond Butter and served with Rice Pilaf, Peas and Carrots.

~ **Banquet Entrees are Accompanied by ~**

Baby greens with mandarin oranges, walnuts and raspberry vinaigrette,

Warm Rolls with Butter,

Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soda

& Triple Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER JANUARY 4, 2010 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.

YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

THE NEW REGISTRATION FEES WERE SET BY THE WEA TRUSTEES 5/1/2009

TO GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE MID-WINTER 2010 CONFERENCE.

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
February 4-7, 2010
Hosted by Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641

RAMADA

1501 North Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: (715) 341-1340 or (800) 998-2311

Fax: (715) 341-8369

25 Rooms available (Thursday)

110 Rooms available (Friday & Saturday)

(Please let them know you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association and if you need handicap accessibility.)

\$84.00 +tax Single/Double

\$84.00 +tax Triple/Quad

\$84.00 +tax Pool-side Room

\$99.00 +tax Deluxe King Room

\$140.00 Hospitality Rooms – Hospitality Rooms are either smoking or non-smoking rooms, and are adjacent to the pool area, which is a non-smoking area. Smoking in non-smoking Hospitality Rooms will result in a \$250 charge to the group staying in the room. Each Hospitality Room consists of 2 adjacent rooms with a kitchenette in one room and will have 20 chairs set up in the adjacent room. District Representatives; please contact the Ramada to reserve your room.

All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotel directly for all of your reservations. All rooms will be held until January 17! State and local taxes will be added. Thank you for supporting this facility during the Midwest Conference. If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after your arrival, you may contact Scott Kovatch at (715-572-4725).

Please Do Not Delay with your room reservations – they will go quickly!

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Direct Express Transportation will be provided between the Ramada (leaving on the hour) and the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 (leaving on the ½ hour) on Friday from 4:00pm-11:00pm.

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
March 1

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June 1

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PICTURED ABOVE IS THE RITUAL TEAM FROM MILWAUKEE LODGE #46 THAT COMPETED IN PORTLAND, OR. THEIR SCORE WAS 94.0407. THE OVERALL WINNING SCORE IN THE FINALS WAS 96.9765, A 3% DIFFERENCE FROM WISCONSIN. MILWAUKEE WAS 11TH OUT OF 19 TEAMS IN THE EASTERN DIVISION. THEY WERE IN THE MIDDLE THIRD OVERALL IN THE NATIONAL STANDINGS AND EXACTLY EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE OF ALL SCORES. THE RITUAL TEAM CONSISTED OF (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) DAVE DEROSIER, JASON SOMERS, MARK GENGLER, BRUCE SOMERS, PHIL CLAIBORNE, AL STERN, GREGG VOSSWINKEL, JIM DREBLOW AND DARLENE SEIDNER.