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2012 Fall Conference Janesville, Sept. 13-16, 2012

2013 Mid-Winter Conf. Green Bay, Jan 31-Feb 3, 2013

Radisson Hotel & Convention Center

2013 State Convention Eau Claire, May 2-5, 2013

Plaza Hotel & Convention Center

2013 Fall Conference Baraboo, Sept. 12-15, 2013

HoChunk Convention Center

2014 Mid-Winter Conf Appleton, Jan 30-Feb 2, 2014

Paper Valley Convention Center

2014 State Convention Baraboo, May 1-4, 2014

Ho Chunk Convention Center

WISCONSIN ELKS WEBSITE:

www.wielks.org

The Wisconsin Elks has a new website, which also now has a bulletin board and a video which you view by clicking in the top right corner. There are also an abundance of photos from Grand Lodge.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone that joined us in Austin, TX for the Grand Lodge Convention and a special thank you to the Exalted Rulers who performed the 11 O'Clock Toast each night in our hospitality room. You made me proud. Many states commented on the way Wisconsin did the 11 O'Clock Toast and the hospitality that was shown them when they stopped in for a visit. Way to go Wisconsin! A **BIG** Thank You to Jim Meyer and the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for doing another great job of providing everyone a place to relax with good friends and good food.

Pat and I had quite a week in Austin, but the highlight of the week for me was to carry the Wisconsin State Flag in the Opening Ceremony. You hear your name called; you hear "On Wisconsin" and your heart just skips a beat. And then you hear all your friends from Wisconsin and Illinois cheering you on! It doesn't get any better than that. That is an occasion I will remember forever.

The Fall Conference will be held at Janesville Lodge #254, September 13-16th, and Pat and I look forward to all of you visiting our wonderful city and our great Lodge. The members have been working hard to make it a great weekend, so come out and enjoy good food and good friends. On Friday night Christine Barbian, Exalted Ruler from the Madison Lodge, will be entertaining with her band "Kristi B". Be sure to stop by and enjoy the music.

You will also have the opportunity to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier, and his wife, Venita. We were honored to have them



visit the Wisconsin Hospitality Room in Austin and look forward to their visit to Wisconsin. Be sure to introduce yourself and give them a great Wisconsin Welcome!

Our State Sponsor, PGER F. Louis Sulsberger, and his wife, Beth, will also be joining us for the weekend, along with our good friend, PGER Mr. Robert Sabin, and his wife, Marge. It's been a long time since Bob and Marge have come to a Conference in Wisconsin and we are looking forward to their visit.

Pat and I have enjoyed our visits to many of the Lodges and look forward to the rest of the year. Everyone makes us feel right at home. Pat and I would also like to extend our thanks to everyone that has supported her project this year to raise money for the "Veterans Family Camp Weekend" at Camp Wawbeek. Your generosity overwhelms us.

Safe Travels.

Together in Elkdom,

Dave Nitze Sr.

Dave Nitze Sr. State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
ASHLAND *	8/17/2012	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
SUPERIOR *	8/18/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
RICE LAKE *	8/19/2012	SUNDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TWO RIVERS	8/25/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
JANESVILLE *	9/13/2012	WEEKEND	FALL CONFERENCE
MADISON	10/06/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
NEENAH-MENASHA *	10/19/2012	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WAUKESHA *	10/20/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
MARSHFIELD *	10/27/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
ANTIGO	11/03/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
KAUKAUNA	11/09/2012	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
GREEN BAY	11/30/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
OCONTO	12/01/2012	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
MARINETTE *	01/05/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
OSHKOSH *	01/12/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
FOND DU LAC *	01/19/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
BARABOO *	01/26/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
GREEN BAY	01/31/2013	WEEKEND	MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
MILWAUKEE	02/09/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WAUSAU *	02/16/2013	SATURDAY	HOOP SHOOT
WAUSAU *	02/16/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
BEAVER DAM	02/23/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
MANITOWOC	03/08/2013	FRIDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
SHEBOYGAN *	03/09/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
STEVENS POINT *	03/16/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
WISCONSIN RAPIDS	04/06/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
PLATTEVILLE	04/13/2013	SATURDAY	STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

“UNITED WE STAND – TOGETHER WE SOAR”

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT...

To All The Members and Friends of The Wisconsin Elks Association:



The 148TH Grand Lodge Convention was in Austin, Texas in the beginning of July. Boy was it hot!

I want to thank Jim Meyer for the great leadership for the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee and also thank the whole committee for their wonderful work. I believe we showed all the visitors to our Hospitality Room the true meaning of Wisconsin hospitality.

Let's remember the three major charities we donate to: the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, the State Major Project and the National Foundation. It is very important to donate to all of these. You could do some raffles, some 50/50 drawings and other fund raisers to increase your Lodge's donations. These charities are the life blood of the Wisconsin Elks.

So far we have had five State President Visits and Nikki and I are very thankful for the hospitality shown to us. We are looking forward to all our future visits.

Let's remember President Dave's motto: "United We Stand - Together We Soar".

All Lodges, please include me in your newsletter mailing. My e-mail is 4everelkdom@gmail.com. My mailing address is 526 W. Franklin Street, Apt. 6, Portage, WI 53901.

To all Leading Knights: Let's work together on getting the dates together for the State President's Visits.

We will see all of you in the fall.

Thanks,

Ron

Myron "Ron" Shannon, State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

A NOTE OF THANKS TO JIM MEYER, PSP, CHAIRMAN, GRAND LODGE ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

As Chairman of the Trustees for the W.E.A., I would like to thank you and your committee for a job well done! Austin was hot, but not as hot as it was in Wisconsin. We did have a great place to cool off, to meet with friends and to discuss the day's events.

The Wisconsin Hospitality Room was second to none. You and your committee worked very hard to make sure that all attendees had a place to meet, enjoy a cool beverage and enjoy a few snacks. As always, the "Wisconsin Night" was the highlight of the week. Plenty of great food was available and everyone had a very good time.

The sea of red made a great impression on the hotel staff; they knew we were from Wisconsin. The hotel and the surrounding businesses had nothing but good things to say about the visiting Elks.

Thanks to Jim, his committee and all who attended. You did Wisconsin Proud!

Todd Kostuck
Chairman, State Trustees

FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR



I hope everyone who was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas had a good time and safe travel. It was a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. From talking to other members and from Grand Lodge sessions, there were many new ideas and suggestions to bring back home to your local Lodges, districts and the State Association. I'm sure that everyone who attended came home excited and rejuvenated to do the work of Elkdom.

I would like to congratulate the new District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers who were installed at the National Convention. You will have a year of hard but enjoyable work and I wish you luck. Please remember that you can call on your Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Dave Madson, and I am just a phone call or e-mail away.

Please be sure to extend a warm Elks welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier and his wife, Venita.

Beth and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference in Janesville. Hopefully, by then, some of this weather we have been experiencing will have cooled down a bit.

Safe travels and God bless!

F. Louis Sulsberger

F, Louis Sulsberger, State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association

UPDATE TO ALL WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Through the many contributions to Past First Ladies, Rogene and Char, during each of their years representing all Wisconsin Elks at the State level we, as an Association, were able to sponsor an 11 year-old boy, Kyle Bonnett from Kohler, whom otherwise would have been unable to experience the opportunity to attend a campership at Camp Wawbeek due to family hardship. Kyle truly enjoyed the opportunity to attend the camp in July and to share with others at the camp the great opportunities that are provided to the campers by the staff.

Kyle's parents were very appreciative of the wonderful support we, as Elks, provide, allowing individuals requiring special attention and needs to experience a week of activities with others while allowing them to take a break from the supervision required at home. Kyle's parents were very impressed of the wonderful care and attention to detail to make certain that each individual in attendance is under constant observation and included in all activities at the camp.

Thanks to all Wisconsin Elk members for supporting us in this very rewarding endeavor of providing an individual the ability to attend the camp that otherwise would not have been able to experience the joy and memories resulting from that opportunity.

*Ken Bruckner & Bob Bohnsack, Past State Presidents
Rogene Bruckner & Char Bohnsack, Past First Ladies
Wisconsin Elks Association*

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

33 Saul said to David, 'you cannot go and fight the Philistine; you are only a boy and he has been a warrior since his youth.' -- David said to Saul, ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lion and bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine will end up like one of them for having challenged the armies of the living God.' 1 Samuel 17: 33, 36 New Jerusalem Bible

Sometimes people in leadership positions forget to look at the strengths of those they work with. It seems to be "human nature" to look at someone's weaknesses rather than their strengths. Perhaps it is easier to assess alleged problems or shortcomings than the individual's positive abilities.

If one is in a leadership position and focuses solely on correcting perceived weaknesses in an individual, the result is a demoralized and an unwilling subordinate. I am sure that many of us have experienced a supervisor that underestimated the "worth" of yourself or others in their group.

It takes time to learn the strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes of those assigned to us. It is hard to ask the simple question – "what gives you the most enjoyment, or feeling of satisfaction?"

Perhaps if Saul had asked David a variant of the above question he would have learned more about David's abilities. As it was, David defended himself and convinced Saul that he was up to the task.



If you are in a leadership position, consider the following:

- Learn what you can about the people in your charge -- ask questions!
- When possible place people in tasks that they enjoy or are willing to learn
- Focus on an individual's strengths, not shortcomings
- Help sharpen skills that already exist
- Compliment their positive qualities – bring out the gifts inherent to the person
- Let the weaknesses wait- unless they are character flaws

Those who occupy leadership positions within our lodges should be searching for their replacement. This identification process may or not be an easy task, yet a it is task that should be addressed early.

No one person is "perfect" (I certainly am not) and their skills may or may not meet accepted norms. Please try to remember that only after a strong rapport is established and the person begins to grow and gain confidence should one address the areas of weakness. These "weaknesses" must be handled gently and one at a time so - take your time!

Patience is virtue, too!

Blessings,

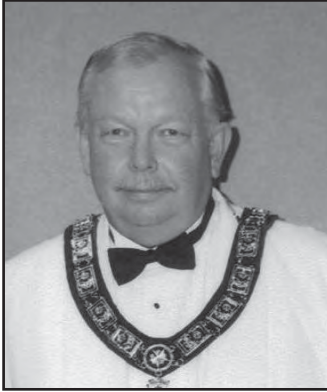
Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth
State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

BY KEN JOHNSON, D.D.G.E.R.



I am proud to serve as District Deputy for the Northeast District. I have finished my first clinic, which was on August 25th. My second Clinic is planned for April 6, 2013, to be held at Green Bay Elks Lodge.

My Esquire for this year is Dave Crevcoure from Green Bay Lodge #259 and my Auditor is Marty Sullivan from Wausau Lodge #248.

My visitation schedule is as follows:

District Deputy Lodge Visitations:

- Manitowoc Lodge #687, Tuesday, September 4, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Appleton Lodge #337, Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Oconto Lodge #887, Thursday, September 20, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Wausau Lodge #248, Saturday, September 29, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Antigo Lodge #662, Monday, October 8, 2012 (5:00 pm)
- Two Rivers Lodge #1380, Tuesday, October 16, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Green Bay Lodge #259, Wednesday, October 24, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Kaukauna Lodge #962, Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (4:00 pm)
- Marinette Lodge #1313, Monday, November 12, 2012 (4:00 pm)

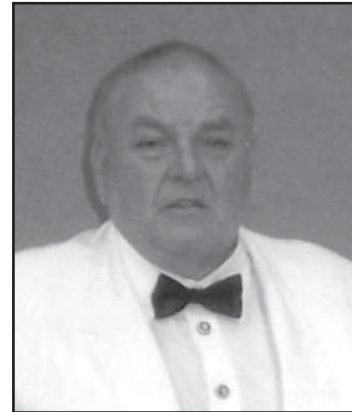
District Deputy Clinic:

- Green Bay Lodge #259, Saturday, April 6, 2013 (9:30 am)

Should you need to contact me, my e:mail is elksbugle@aol.com (preferred method) and my phone number is 715-355-0758.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY ERNIE BELLIN, D.D.G.E.R.



I want to thank everyone who attended the GL Convention in Austin for their positive fraternal spirit and good will. It was truly a bang up week. We could see the fireworks from our room. Also a big thank you goes to Jim Meyer and his committee for another excellent WI Night and overall wonderful hospitality room. My special thanks to Ron Shannon for his input this past year. Good Luck to you, Ron, as President-Elect.

Also, I would like to share a little about myself to those members I have not yet had the privilege to meet. I joined the Neenah-Menasha Elks Lodge #676 in 1984, when I moved from Green Bay to Neenah. A friend and sponsor said if I want to meet people and get involved in the community, the Elks Club is the first order of business. How right he was. During the next 28 years, I served as ER three times, chaired various committees, helped organize fundraisers and am currently

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Chair of the Trustees. I also serve as Co-Chair of the Americanism Committee.

I retired from Equitable Reserve Association in 2006 as Vice-President of Fraternal Services. Retirement allows me the time to volunteer in many local charities and events, in addition to the Elks.

My wife, Sherry, and I enjoy spending time with our three children and 7 grandchildren, ages 17-2. We both look forward to working with all the Lodges in our district to make this another great year as we work toward our motto, Elks Care and Elks Share.

My visitation schedule was sent to each Secretary and ER in July. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 920-303-1462 or sebellin@sbcglobal.net.

See you in Janesville.

GRANT FORMULAS

Following are the formulas, along with Wisconsin's prior-year and cumulative figures, used to calculate the Special Projects, State Charities and Bonus Grants that are received from the Elks National Foundation. These funds are then used as decided by the Wisconsin Elks to fund their charitable accounts as decided by the budget process.

Special Projects Grant

Special Project Grants are awarded in June. The annual grant amount to each state is determined with the following formula.

Variables:

- G=State's Grant Amount
- SC=State's Cumulative Donations to ENF (\$7,312,938.71)
- TC=Total Cumulative Donations from all states (\$206,427,221.98)
- GP=Grant Pool (\$2,896,380)
- $G = (SC/TC) \times GP$

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\$102,610 = $(7,312,938.71/206,427,221.98) \times 2,896,380$

State Charities Grand and Bonus Grant

State Charities Grants are awarded in late August. When in a position to do so, the Board of Trustees also awards a Bonus Grant. The ENF uses the same formula to calculate State Charities Grants and Bonus Grants.

Variables:

G=State's Grant Amount

SC=State's Cumulative Donations to ENF (\$7,312,938.71)

TC=Total Cumulative Donations from all states (\$206,427,221.98)

TG=Total Grant Pool (SC \$3,902,100/Bonus \$1,000,000)

SP=State's Prior Year Donations (excluding bequests (\$69,072.05)

SB=State's Prior Year Bequests (\$0.00)

TP=Total Prior Year Donations from all states (excluding bequests) (\$5,878,744.22)

TB=Total Prior Year Bequests from all states (\$1,095,508.93)

$G = ((SC/TC) \times 0.3TG) + ((SP/TP) \times 0.65TG) + ((SB/TB) \times 0.05TG)$

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\$71,050 = $((7,312,938.71/206,427,221.98) \times 117,063) + (69,072.05/5,878,744.22) \times 2,536,365 + (0.00)$

\$18,270 = $((7,312,938.71/206,427,221.98) \times 300,000) + (69,072.05/5,878,744.22) \times 650,000 + (0.00)$

Based on these formulas, in 2012-13, the WEA will receive **\$191,930** total in State and Bonus Grant funds. Note, the Special Projects grant is based on cumulative giving, not just last year. For the State Charities and Bonus Grants, 30 percent of the grant is based on cumulative giving. That's why the returns vary.

The Elks National Foundation strives to grant more money back to each state than it received from that state in donations. We are pleased this is true for the Wisconsin Elks.

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
2012 FALL CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Note: Meetings are at the New Life Assemble Of God Church or the Elks Lodge

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13TH

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Elks Lodge
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lodge Dining	Elks Lodge

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14TH

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	State Trustees	Elks Lodge
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Benevolent Fund	Elks Lodge
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Elks Lodge
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	PSP Advisory	Elks Lodge
8:00 AM - 1 0:30 AM	Coffee, Donuts & Breakfast Sandwiches	Elks Lodge
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Golf Outing Registration	Elks Lodge
11:00 AM	Golf Outing - Shotgun Start	Elks Lodge
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch	Elks Lodge
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM	BBQ on the Patio	Elks Lodge
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Lodge Dining – Fish & Chicken Buffet	Elks Lodge
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Entertainment	Elks Lodge

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15TH

7:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Registration, Coffee & Donuts	New Life Lobby
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Executive Committee	New Life Room 100
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	New Life Room 201
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention Committee	New Life Room 203
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism Committee	New Life Room 304
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices Committee	New Life Room 101
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance Committee	New Life Room 103
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot Committee	New Life Room 302
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification Committee	New Life Room 102
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Secretary/CLMS Training Committee	New Life Room 303
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Recreation at State Convention Committee	New Life Gym
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	State Sponsor, DDGER, Esquire, VP	New Life Room 100
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Committee For The Disabled Committee	New Life Room 301a
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory Committee	New Life Room 101
9:00 AM – 10:00 PM	Golf Committee	New Life Room 103
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Lodge Development Committee	New Life Room 201
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	U.S. Constitution Contest Committee	New Life Room 102
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Youth Activities Committee	New Life Room 302
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Public Relations Committee	New Life Room 301b
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Elks National Service Committee	New Life Room 202
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	WEA Major Project Committee	New Life Room 304
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification Clinic (Open To All Members)	New Life Room 203
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bowling Committee	New Life Room 301a
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Conferences & Conventions Committee	New Life Room 103
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming Committee	New Life Room 102
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training Committee	New Life Room 301b

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
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SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CONTINUED)**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15TH (continued)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Committee	New Life Room 201
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	ENF Scholarships Committee	New Life Room 101
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership & Lapsation Committee	New Life Room 302
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Drug Awareness Committee	New Life Room 303
10:30 AM	Ladies Social Hour (Lunch @ 11:30 AM)	America's Best Value Inn
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch At The Lodge & BBQ on the Patio	Elks Lodge
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing Committee	New Life Room 202
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling Committee	New Life Room 201
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks National Foundation Committee	New Life Room 101
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities Committee	New Life Room 302
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training Committee	New Life Room 102
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. Committee	New Life Room 304
12:30 PM	WEA Luncheon	Elks Lodge
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification Clinic (Initiation Ritual)	Elks Lodge
2:00 PM	ER Pictures w/GER	Elks Lodge
2:00 PM	Leading Knight Spouse Meeting	Elks Lodge
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer w/Rev. Michael Hackbarth	Hotel
6:00 PM	Social Hour	Elks Lodge
7:00 PM	WEA Banquet	Elks Lodge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:30 AM	General Session	Elks Lodge
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Elks Lodge
	Critique to follow General Session	

CONFERENCE HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express
3100 Wellington Place
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 756-3100

America's Best Value Inn
3900 Milton Avenue
Janesville, WI 53546
(608) 756-4511

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NOTE:
The Earle Seivwright Grant
form can be found on the
WEA Website [wielks.org](http://www.wielks.org).

WELCOME TO JANESVILLE ELKS LODGE #254!

On behalf of the members of Janesville Elks Lodge #254, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2012 Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference. We are also excited to have Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier, and his wife, Venita, from Santa Cruz, California Lodge #824, visiting us on their official trip to Wisconsin. We also welcome our State Sponsor from Flora, Illinois Lodge #4659, the Honorable F. Louis (Lou) Sulsberger, and his wife, Beth.

Janesville Elks Lodge #254 members have worked very hard to make your visit to Janesville memorable. Janesville is Wisconsin's Park Place, offering fun for your entire family. Please visit our 2,500 acres of beautiful parkland, tour the breathtaking botanical gardens, see one of our nine historic districts and take time to see our water-ski show. Spend time at our Lodge and enjoy your stay.

Registration on Thursday and Friday will be at the Lodge. Thursday will be Pub Night at the Lodge serving soup, salads, burgers and sandwiches from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Friday the Lodge will be open for coffee, donuts & breakfast sandwiches from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. serving soup & sandwiches along with salads. There will be BBQ on the Patio from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. serving burgers, brats, chicken & steak sandwiches.

Friday evening the Lodge will be serving our Wisconsin Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. featuring a fried fish, baked fish and baked chicken buffet. Entertainment for the evening will be the Kristi B Band.



For all the WEA golfers, the golf outing is scheduled for Friday with a shot gun start at 11:00 a.m. from the Lodge, play Janesville Riverside Golf Course. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

All meetings will be held at the New Life Assemble of God Church which is located in close proximity to all hotels. Registration Saturday will be at the Church. The Lodge will be open all day Saturday with coffee, donuts & breakfast sandwiches from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the BBQ on the patio will serve Burgers, Brats, Chicken & Steak Sandwiches from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at American's Best Value Inn, and both the Association Luncheon and the Association Banquet will be held at the Lodge. Courtesy vans will be available during the weekend for your transportation needs.

Remember the members of Janesville Elks Lodge #254 want you to have a great time at the Fall Conference.

Fraternally,

David Hagen

David Hagen, Exalted Ruler
Janesville Elks Lodge #254

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



County Administrator's Office
51 South Main Street
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545
Phone: 608/757-5510
Web Site: www.co.rock.wi.us

September 13, 2012

Welcome to Rock County-Janesville!

It is my pleasure to welcome President Nitze and the 2012 Wisconsin Elks Association Convention to Rock County. I hope you find your time in Rock County the perfect fit to accomplish your organizations' 2012 motto "Together We Stand, United We Soar".

There are several mutually beneficial programs that both the Elks Association and Rock County share

- Addressing the needs of veterans,
- Substance abuse prevention/education and
- Youth programming.

I congratulate the Association on your continued participation in these major initiatives that make the Elks Association a community-oriented and relevant organization.

If there is anything, we can do to make your visit more enjoyable and productive, please feel free to contact my office.

In conclusion, Rock County is fortunate to host your annual convention and we hope convention attendees return to explore Rock County's events and attractions in the future.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Craig Knutson".

Craig Knutson
Rock County Administrator



CITY OF JANESVILLE

Wisconsin's Park Place

We Welcome the Wisconsin Elks Association 2012 Conference to Janesville!

On behalf of Janesville's City Council, residents and businesses I welcome you to Janesville and hope that you enjoy your stay with us. While you are here please consider visiting our many wonderful restaurants, shopping centers and entertainment venues to experience all Janesville has to offer.

We are pleased to have you as our guests and I hope you have an opportunity to take in some of the wonderful public spaces our city has for the enjoyment of its residents and visitors. As *Wisconsin's Park Place*, we are a city with beautiful parks and excellent recreation facilities designed for all to enjoy.

We are proud to be the home of the Elks Lodge #254. They have demonstrated their commitment to the Janesville community by providing summer camp experiences to disabled individuals; their recognition of veterans; and their focus on drug awareness education.

I would like to thank you for selecting Janesville for your conference. We are honored to host your event and I hope you enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Voskuil, Janesville City Council President

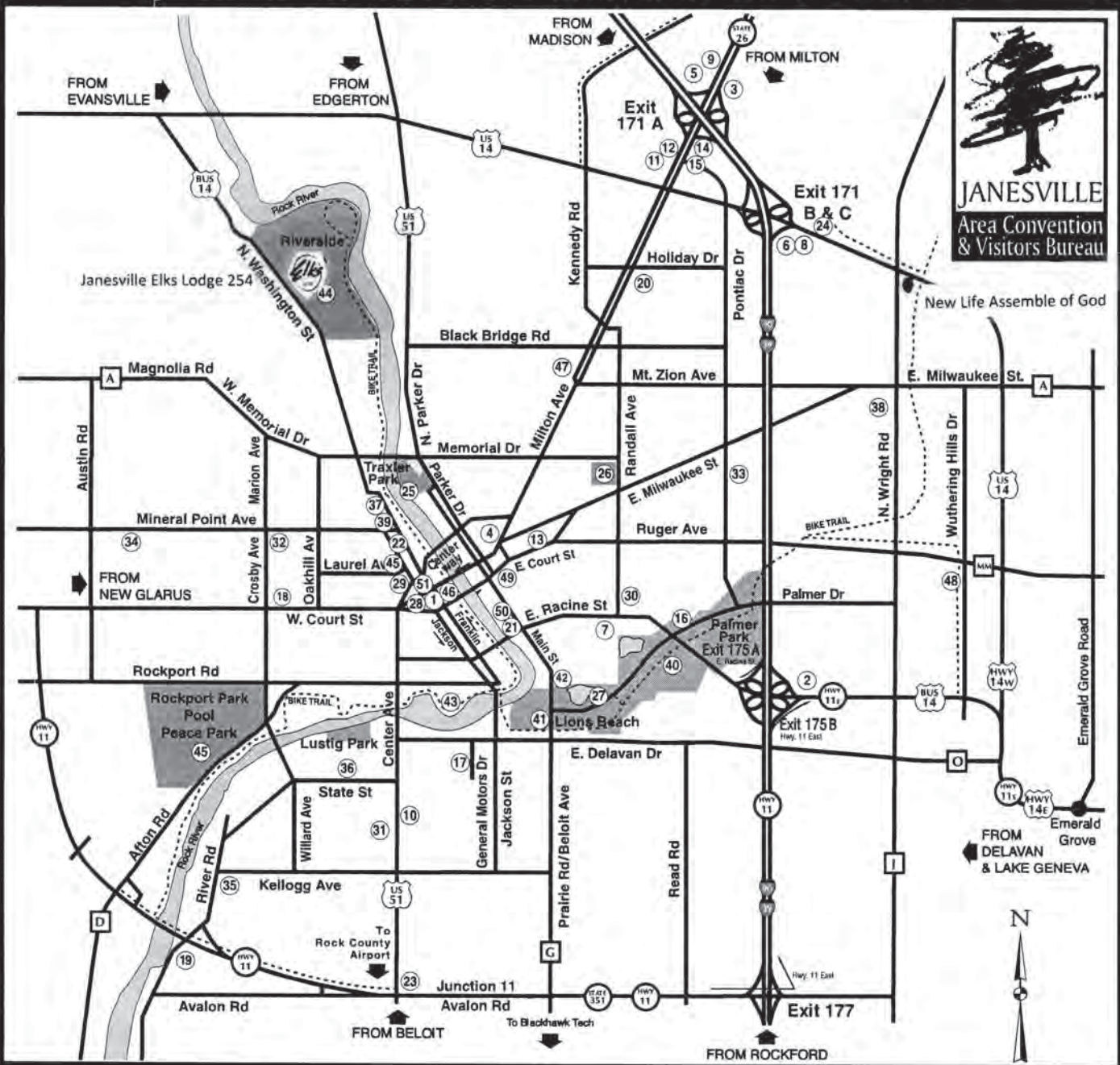
LADIES ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET SUNDAY MORNING

I would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested to attend the Ladies Advisory meeting on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. This is a time of sharing ideas and getting new ideas for meetings or fund raising in individual Lodges. Come and share what the ladies are doing in your Lodge.

Hope to see you on Sunday at the Fall Conference.

Char Bohnsack, President
Ladies Advisory

JANESVILLE ...Wisconsin's Park Place



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ATTRACTIONS

- 16 Camden Playground
- 17 General Motors Corporation
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- 19 Heider Farm - Birthplace of Miracle, the White Buffalo
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• New Life Assemblies of God



Janesville Elks Lodge 254

JANESVILLE AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

800-48-PARKS www.janesvillecvb.com

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 28, 2012

Mid-Winter Conference January 31 – February 3, 2013
Radisson Hotel and Convention Center, Green Bay
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. 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) _____

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
<u>LADIES LUNCHEON</u> (At the Radisson Hotel)		
SOUTHERN PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN	_____ \$14.00	\$ _____
Or		
CLASSIC CLUB SANDWICH	_____ \$12.75	\$ _____
<u>ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON</u> (At the Radisson Hotel)		
SOUTHERN PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN	_____ \$14.00	\$ _____
Or		
BROILED ATLANTIC SALMON	_____ \$14.00	\$ _____
<u>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET</u> (At the Radisson Hotel)		
PRIME RIB	_____ \$27.75	\$ _____
Or		
APPLE PORK LOIN	_____ \$23.00	\$ _____

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:

Southern Pecan Crusted 4 oz. Chicken Breast topped with ruby port sun-dried cherry sauce. Served with wild rice and Door County cranberry pilaf. Includes fresh seasonal vegetable, garden salad, rolls & butter and coffee, iced or hot tea.

Classic Club Sandwich: Shaved honey-baked ham, smoked turkey breast, applewood smoked bacon, Wisconsin cheddar cheese, sliced tomato, shredded lettuce and basil pesto aioli. Served on honey wheat bread. Includes kettle chips, fresh fruit cup, a pickle spear and coffee, iced or hot tea.

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Southern Pecan Crusted 4 oz. Chicken Breast topped with ruby port sun-dried cherry sauce. Served with wild rice and Door County cranberry pilaf

6 oz. Atlantic Salmon seasoned and broiled, topped with lemon basil cream and garnished with tomato cucumber relish. Served with spinach fettuccine.

Both entrees includes fresh seasonal vegetable, garden salad, fresh rolls& butter and coffee, iced or hot tea.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

10 oz. Prime Rib with rosemary and caramelized garlic au jus. Served with buttermilk chive mashed potatoes

8 oz. Brown Sugar Cured Pork Loin stuffed with green apple and pecan cornbread dressing, topped with caramelized apple and cranberry apple liqueur sauce. Served with Wisconsin white cheddar and chive whipped potatoes.

Both entrees include fresh seasonal vegetable, garden salad, rolls & butter and coffee, iced tea or hot tea.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 28, 2012 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00**

**EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2012-2013**

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/12 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

(A maximum reimbursement of \$1.50 per member per fiscal year) or \$150.00 per Lodge)

When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date _____

Lodge Name & Number _____

Choose either A or B.

A

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to seek reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed - charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the cancelled checks for which we are seeking reimbursement.

B

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to have the Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (***absolutely no more than three***):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT
CHARITABLE
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/12 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Total amount requested: _____

*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Trustees to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2012.

Signed

Title

Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference
January 31 – February 3, 2013
Hosted by the Wisconsin Elks Association

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
(920) 494-7300

\$ 88.00 Single/Double + tax
\$129.00 Hospitality Room + tax

All reservations will be on first-come basis. Please contact the hotel directly for all of your reservations.

***BASKETS NEEDED FOR LADIES RAFFLE,
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2013***

Last year when we held the Mid-Winter Conference in Appleton we had a tremendous turn-out of baskets that were donated by the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association for the Ladies Basket Raffle. We believe we had over 60 baskets! All tickets were sold only to those in attendance of the Conference, and we were able to donate over \$500.00 to both the Elks State Major Project and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund!

Please consider donating a basket for the raffle at the 2013 Mid-Winter Conference in Green Bay. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!

Co-Chairs,
Nan Johnson, Karen Bennett, Carol Madson

**ATTENTION ALL
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

The Association will be going back to the triplicate form for you to fill out and turn in following the directions on the bottom of the form for the Committee Check List and the Committee Report. The chair or designee of each committee will give a report at each General Session on the program and progress of the committee as outlined in the duties of a state committee chair. There will also be available a pdf fillable form found on the wielks.org website. Please submit these forms within two weeks following the Conference or Convention as directed so they can be placed on the website.

NOTICE

As of August 1st, Myron and Kim Keding are stepping down from the Blazer Committee. If anyone in the state would like to order a red blazer, the new contact information is as follows:

Jenny Kilty
(715) 384-3900
jenny@circletthedate.us

Jenny is the spouse of the current Esquire of Marshfield Lodge, #665m Josh Kilty.

THE BUGLE

COPY DEADLINES

FALL CONFERENCE
August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE
June 1

Mail all news articles and photos to Editor Ken Johnson, 1602 Foothill Ave., Schofield, WI 54476. Photos will not be returned unless requested. Use coupon printed at right to make changes in address, lodge or telephone number. Your cooperation will help us keep our address list current and save the Association address correction fees made by the Postal Service.



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DISTRICT DEPUTIES GRAND EXALTED RULERS 2012
(From Left To Right) Thomas Fiedler, South District; Ernie Bellin, Central District; Sal Cuomo, Northwest District; Ken Johnson, Northeast District