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Fall Conf Sheboygan, Sept. 17-20, 2009
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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My fellow Elks:

By the time you receive this summer issue of *"The Bugle"*, Yvonne and I will have started our visitations and duties as your State President and 1st Lady. These early months of our year are very patriotic in nature in our Lodges as we march in procession on Memorial Day, conduct our Flag Day ceremonies and celebrate the birth of our nation on the Fourth of July. As a veteran I am dedicating this year to all those who have and/or will continue to serve. At our visitations throughout the course of this year I am asking all Exalted Ruler's to designate or assign a veteran to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. During those visitations, I will make a special effort to recognize those individuals for their contributions. Those chosen could include our public servants who daily serve as policemen or firemen. Sadly, all too often we forget those who make sacrifices as we take our everyday lives for granted. Regardless of how you feel about the politics and policies of our elected officials we must stand united in our support and thoughts as we pray for the safety of these individuals. I know we all hope for a lasting peace and end to the terrorism, and chaos of our world as we know it today.



As Yvonne and I head out on our journey to California and our National Convention, please know that I will carry the Flag of our State with pride and honor as the President of our Association. We will do our best to make you feel that we are deserving of that trust and honor. We look with anticipation to our travels this year as we witness the "good news" of your accomplishments and achievements to those of your community. I am extremely interested in hearing of the many ways that you **"Lend a Hand"** to those around you as you conduct the programs of our Order.

May you enjoy the beauty and warmth of the summer months ahead; Heaven knows we've waited long enough for this past winter to end. We look forward to seeing all of you in your Lodges and to seeing those of you who will join us as we greet our State Sponsor and new Grand Exalted Ruler in Oshkosh in September.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Thomas J. Widzinski

Thomas J. Widzinski, President
Wisconsin Elks Association

NOTE: I have made a change to designate the Comfort Suites as the new headquarters hotel at the Fall Conference. Also, the original white fish has been changed to Tilapia due to supply issues. Maximum banquet tickets available has changed to 250. Cocktails at the Saturday Night Banquet has been changed from 5:30 to 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 instead of 6:30 to allow for the Evening Prayer with Rev. Hackbarth at the Comfort Suites.

STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE 2008-2009

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Lodge</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| June 23, 2008 | Monday | Rice Lake | State Golf Tournament |
| June 28, 2008 | Saturday | Camp Wawbeek | Elks Day |
| June 28, 2008 | Saturday | Portage | Lodge visitation |
| July 6-10, 2008 | Sunday-Thursday | Anaheim, CA | Grand Lodge Convention |
| July 26, 2008 | Saturday | Two Rivers | Lodge visitation |
| August 1, 2008 | Friday | Superior | Lodge visitation |
| August 2, 2008 | Saturday | Ashland | Lodge visitation |
| August 8, 2008 | Friday | Janesville | Lodge visitation |
| August 9, 2008 | Saturday | Walworth-Lakeland | Lodge visitation |
| August 10, 2008 | Sunday | Beloit | Lodge visitation |
| August 22, 2008 | Friday | Watertown | Lodge visitation |
| August 23, 2008 | Saturday | Antigo | Lodge visitation |
| September 5, 2008 | Friday | Racine | Lodge visitation |
| September 11-14, 2008 | Thursday-Sunday | Oshkosh | W.E.A. Fall Conference |
| September 19, 2008 | Friday | Wisconsin Rapids | Lodge visitation |
| September 20, 2008 | Saturday | Wisconsin Rapids | "Harvey's Ride" |
| September 27, 2008 | Saturday | Manitowoc | Lodge visitation |
| October 11, 2008 | Saturday | Madison | Lodge visitation |
| October 17, 2008 | Friday | Neenah-Menasha | Lodge visitation |
| October 18, 2008 | Saturday | Waukesha | Lodge visitation |
| October 25, 2008 | Saturday | Rice Lake | Lodge visitation |
| November 2, 2008 | Sunday | Oshkosh | Lodge visitation |
| November 7, 2008 | Friday | Kaukauna | Lodge visitation |
| December 5, 2008 | Friday | Green Bay | Lodge visitation |
| December 6, 2008 | Saturday | Oconto | Lodge visitation |
| January 10, 2009 | Saturday | Marinette | Lodge visitation |
| January 17, 2009 | Saturday | Milwaukee | Lodge visitation |
| January 24, 2009 | Saturday | Baraboo | Lodge visitation |
| January 31, 2009 | Saturday | Fond du Lac | Lodge visitation |
| February 5-8, 2009 | Thursday-Sunday | Stevens Point | W.E.A. Mid-Winter Conference |
| February 14, 2009 | Saturday | Wausau | State Hoop Shoot Contest |
| February 14, 2009 | Saturday | Wausau | Lodge visitation |
| February 21, 2009 | Saturday | Platteville | State Bowling Tournament |
| February 28, 2009 | Saturday | Beaver Dam | Lodge visitation |
| March 7, 2009 | Saturday | Sheboygan | Lodge visitation |
| March 12-15, 2009 | Thursday-Sunday | Iowa City, Iowa | Regional Hoop Shoot Contest |
| March 21, 2009 | Saturday | Stevens Point | Lodge visitation |
| March 28, 2009 | Saturday | Marshfield | Lodge visitation |
| April 4, 2009 | Saturday | Platteville | Lodge visitation |
| April 23-26, 2009 | Thursday-Sunday | Springfield, MA | National Hoop Shoot Contest |
| April 30-May 3, 2009 | Thursday-Sunday | Fond du Lac | W.E.A. State Convention |

"LEND A HAND"

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

This past year was an exciting and rewarding experience for Rogene and me as we realized the true meaning of Elkdom through our travels to your Lodges and the many new friends we met. We missed two due to inclement weather and four were missed because of other commitments. Rogene and I thank all of you for your support, friendship and the trust you provided this past year.



This year as your State President-Elect and First Lady-Elect as we travel to all the Lodges with Tom and Yvonne Widzinski, our State President and First Lady we are looking forward to obtaining additional knowledge of each Lodge in the State. Each Lodge is unique; each Lodge has their favorite programs that they do well and continue to strengthen their support of Elkdom in their respective community. To those less fortunate, "Lend a Hand". Elk members live by our motto: Elks Care – Elks Share.

To each of the Esteemed Leading Knights of your respective Lodge, please start your planning of events for your year as Exalted Ruler. Please submit to me, by e-mail or a letter, the date you are planning to have your State President's visit in 2009-2010 as early as possible. Reservations will be on a first-come basis. I will confirm by e-mail or mail. E-mail or mail your requests to:

**Ken Bruckner
122 Lincoln Circle
Kohler, WI 53044-1517
E-mail address: kbruckne@excel.net**

I would appreciate if each Lodge would add me to the mailing list for your monthly newsletter to permit me to keep abreast of the activities in your Lodge.

Thanks again for all your support. Rogene and I look forward to representing each of you and seeing you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim and at your Lodge state visits.

Fraternally,

Ken

Ken Bruckner, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

1 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things; for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things; and the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel. Joshua 7: 1 RSV

After an incredible victory over Jericho, Achan (an Israelite soldier) chooses to disobey a direct order regarding the treasures captured in war. Joshua told his men that all the spoils taken from Jericho are to be considered “devoted things” belonging in God’s treasure. Achen defies this order by taking some valuables and hiding them in his family’s tent.

As a consequence, Achen, his entire family and belongings (including livestock) were destroyed. By this act, Joshua determined to follow God and to remove anyone who would stand in the way of God’s work.



The story of Achen illustrates the principle that leaders may become vulnerable following major successes. Although it is difficult, leaders must take the appropriate steps to remove those who would block God’s blessing and work.

When a team member compromises a core value, the ripple effect of his or her action can hurt many others. Godly leaders must stop the trickle effect before it becomes a flood. I do not believe that anyone in any lodge need worry about being “liquidated” by the Exalted Ruler of that Lodge – yet we should thoughtfully consider our interactions with the others in our lodge.

Every action, thought or word has that “trickle down” effect on our Lodge. If we take the time to internalize our core beliefs, we have a greater likelihood of providing positive support to our leadership.

This positive support yields a greater likelihood in accomplishing our goal to make ourselves viable and visible in our community. When people understand that we are “principled” people, we may find ourselves closer to bringing others to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Blessings,

Reverend Michael

Reverend Michael Hackbarth
Wisconsin Elks Association

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

MYRON KEDING, V.P.

Here I go on another journey within the great Elks organization. Of course, these journeys would not be possible without your guidance and your support. There are several of you that know what your support has meant to me and I only hope to do you and your respective Lodges justice during my term.

This can be an exciting year! Our district is blessed to have five Lodges that have built deep friendships and respect for each other. Together we not only lend a hand to our communities with our internal projects but we continue to excel in supporting Grand Lodge programs.

I plan to visit each Lodge within the district at both DD visits and State Presidents visits. In addition to these visits I hope to make a surprise visit to each Lodge during one of their specialty activities. I strongly believe that each Lodge is unique in the programs and activities they host for the benefit of their Lodge and their communities. This is where great pride and dedication shines! So watch for me.

Communication. The word needs no definition but it does need to happen for any organization to be successful. So please **communicate** to me the things you need me to help your Lodge with. Toot your horn – and let me hear of the great things your members accomplish. Ring the bell when your Lodge does amazing things within the community. Give me **ideas** for ways to improve our programs, our procedures and our processes. Turn the light on so new members can see a way to volunteer. Ask me **questions** if you have them. The old saying “The only dumb question is the one that isn’t asked” is very true. I’m proud to be your liaison to our State President Tom

Widzinski, and he’s excited about our district and the things we can accomplish.

So, as this is just the beginning of my year as your Vice-President, I’ll keep this memo short. Thank you for the trust you’ve given me and I’ll do everything within my power to help your Lodge.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

KAYE FULTON, V.P.

As your newly elected Vice-President, I am looking forward to visiting all the Lodges in my district. My first visit will be at Portage Lodge #675 on June 28th. Our new State President, Thomas Widzinski, and 1st Lady, Yvonne, and State President-Elect, Ken Bruckner, will be the honored guests.

Our President’s slogan is “LEND A HAND”. There is so much powerful meaning in those 3 words. There are many challenges ahead for all the Lodges. If we keep a positive attitude, we can accomplish our goals. By joining together as members and we “LEND A HAND” we can overcome any obstacles or problems that arise. This, in turn, will make all of us very successful Elks. All my articles will have this slogan in it. I am looking forward to hearing from all of you on how you are implementing this slogan.

I would like to Thank Dick Josephson for all his hard work this past year as Vice-President of our district. I hope I can do as good of job as Dick did. He is truly a devoted Elk and should be commended for all his hard work. Without people like him the Elks organization could not survive.

A REAL PATRIOT IS THE FELLOW WHO GETS A PARKING TICKET AND REJOICES THAT THE SYSTEM WORKS. – BILL VAUGHAN

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

BOB BOHNSACK, V.P.

Greetings to all the members of the East Central District!

I am excited to be writing to you as your new Vice-President of the East Central District. This is a district with a long history of great Lodges and great members. I am honored to have been elected by you to this position and I promise to do my best to be worthy of the trust you have placed in me. In the coming months, I look forward to visiting each Lodge; not just for the State President's visit, but also for your Lodge meetings and other activities.

Your State President's slogan this year is "Lend a Hand". In that spirit, let me offer you a hand. First, to congratulate each of you for all that you do for your communities, the State of Wisconsin and the nation. Your support for our veterans, Camp Wawbeek, student scholarships, the ENF and a great many other worthwhile projects stand as a testament to this great organization we call the BPOE, needs to be applauded. Second, to offer my service to you in any way that I can. I am happy to help. Please keep me informed of your activities. Together we can accomplish much.

One area we all need to work on together is membership. As stated so many times, membership is the life blood of this organization. However, membership is not just new members; it also includes your current members. It is great to see new people learning about the Elks, choosing to join our Lodges and getting involved. To often, though, we forget about our current members. How many of your current Lodge members really know what you do? How many participate? One idea I would like to stress this year is "Back to Basics"! I hope that each Lodge spends some time

this year re-educating your current members. Rekindle their fire! Let them know what a great organization they belong to and why they should be proud to be an Elk! We need Elks! The more Elk's we have in our Lodges now, the more our membership will grow. If you want more ideas along this line, come to the membership meeting at the Fall Conference. We have developed quite a group of members wanting to share their ideas. There just might be something there for you to take back to your Lodge.

Again, let me say "Thank You" for allowing me to participate in this great organization as your Vice-President.

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

-- John F. Kennedy

THANKS EARLE!

At the 2008 State Convention in Sheboygan in May, Earle Sievwright was recognized for his many years of service and was appointed Trustee Emeritus. It was voted on and approved that his registration fees for all future Conferences and Conventions will be paid for by the Wisconsin Elks Association.

. . . And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

~Lee Greenwood

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

DAVID ASSMANN, D.D.G.E.R.

As a new year begins, I would like to thank outgoing D.D., Gregg Vosswinkel, for his dedication to the Lodges during the past year. It was very valuable to me watching him work with each Lodge to improve their Lodge goals, Lodge Ritual, membership and striving to increase donations to the National Foundation. I hope to continue that fine job. THANKS GREGG, we appreciate all your hard work and guidance.

I am proud to introduce to you the members of the District Deputy staff for this year. John Bruno, PER, of Waukesha Lodge #400, has agreed to serve as Auditor. Tom Laszewski, PER, of Milwaukee Lodge #400 will serve as Secretary. Lisa Kromraj, PER, from Milwaukee Lodge #46, will serve as our specialist in computer recording of the clinic minutes. Bob Berres, PER, of Racine Lodge #252, is the newly appointed Esquire to the District Deputy. Thank you to these members for stepping forward to help advance the works of Elkdom. Lodges requesting the help of this team can expect our full cooperation. We are here to help each Lodge reach their goals and have a great Lodge year.

Lodge members and officers joined the Elks to make a difference in their community and as a link in the chain of Elkdom, throughout the United States, we can make a difference not only locally but also on a national level.

The Southeast District has always stood for excellence in all aspects of the works of Elkdom. I'm sure that tradition will continue. The same holds true in getting all

Grand Lodge reports submitted fully completed and turned in on a timely basis.

Your District Deputy team is excited to make their visitation to your Lodge. Best wishes for a great Lodge year. The team's clinic and visitation schedule for 2008-2009 Grand Lodge year is as follows:

CLINICS – (ALL BEGIN AT 9:00AM)

Beaver Dam-Sat., August 23, 2008
Waukesha-Sat., January 10, 2009
Milwaukee-Sat., April 18, 2009

VISITATIONS-(ALL BEGIN AT 2:00PM)

Beaver Dam-Sat., September 27, 2008
Racine-Sat., October 11, 2008
Waukesha-Tues., October 14, 2008
Wal-Lakeland-Sat., October 18, 2008
Milwaukee-Sat., October 25, 2008
Watertown-Sat., November 1, 2008

“BUGLE INFORMATION”

“The Bugle” is mailed to all individuals listed in the Wisconsin Elks Directory. Anyone who does not receive a copy but wishes to subscribe can do so for \$10.00 per year. Make checks payable to the Wisconsin Elks Association and mail to Ken Johnson, State Secretary, WEA, 1602 FootHill Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476 with your name, address, Lodge name and Lodge number.

Articles and pictures submitted for *“The Bugle”* are preferred in an electronic format. If possible, please send in MS Word and jpeg.

Ken Johnson, Editor
The Bugle



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Great Lakes Health Care System 500
E. Veterans Street Tomah, WI 54660

April 29, 2008

On behalf of the veterans hospitalized at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tomah, it is a sincere pleasure to thank you for the significant donations totaling \$2,998.93.

One-thousand two-hundred fifty dollars of your gift has been deposited to the General Post Fund Resident Account and will be used to help pay for the part-time salary of a resident artist for the Veterans Express Themselves art classes and to purchase art supplies for this program. Ms. Thissen, the resident artist for this program, is working with veterans on all of the buildings and holds an "open studio" in the patient recreation hall for any interested patient - whether an inpatient or an outpatient. The veterans are very enthused about the opportunity to express themselves through art and have created some very nice art murals and individual paintings.

The other \$1,748.93 has been deposited to the General Post Fund Recreation Equipment and Supplies Account and will be used to purchase a trailer and supplies needed for the Elks to build a new Tomah VA float. Voluntary Services has been working with Myron Keding on these purchases and we are all very much looking forward to a new "look" for the VA float!

Please extend our sincere appreciation to all of the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association for their continued dedication and hard work that enables you to give so generously to benefit our hospitalized veterans. The support of your organization is **OUTSTANDING** and we at the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center are very grateful for the many ways by which you remember our veterans.

Sincerely yours,

Jerald D. Molnar
Acting Medical Center Director

LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2008-2009

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/08 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

(A maximum reimbursement of \$2 per member per fiscal year) or \$200.00 per Lodge)

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:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Total amount requested: _____

LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2008-2009

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/08 – NO EXCEPTIONS

*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, 2008.

Signed

Title

2008 STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



KEN JOHNSON
WAUSAU #248
ELK OF THE YEAR 2008



NIKKI SHANNON
PORTAGE #675
ELK LADY OF THE YEAR 2008



JOE KOLLROSS
MARSHFIELD #665
EXALTED RULER OF THE YEAR 2008



BARBARA THOMACK (POSTHUMOUS)
KAUKAUNA #962
SECRETARY OF THE YEAR 2008
(ACCEPTED BY KEN THOMACK)



SHEBOYGAN LODGE #299
LODGE OF THE YEAR 2008
(ACCEPTED BY JACK MADSON)

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2008 GRAND LODGE SESSION
IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

(1) PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 17.010 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads as follows:

Section 17.010. A proposal or resolution by a Lodge to amend or enact any Law or to amend the Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, only after the Lodge has furnished satisfactory evidence to the Grand Secretary: (1) that the proposal was submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote thereon at a regular Lodge meeting held not less than two (2) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter as designated by the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge; (2) that notice in writing setting forth an exact copy of the proposal was sent to the entire membership not less than ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposal was voted upon; and (3) that the proposal was adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Members present at the regular meeting, certified by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary setting forth the number of Members present at the meeting and the number in favor and the number voting in opposition. The adopted proposal shall be filed in duplicate with the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary not later than April 1st preceding the Grand Lodge Session. A copy of every proposal or resolution, timely and properly submitted, to amend or enact any Law or amend the Constitution with is presented to the Grand Secretary pursuant to this Section shall be submitted to all Subordinate Lodges by the Grand Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the next Grand Lodge Session. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to proposals or actions by State Associations permitted in Section 17.020 nor to any proposals submitted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 17.010. A proposal or resolution by a Lodge to amend or enact any Law or to amend the Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, only after the Lodge has furnished satisfactory evidence to the Grand Secretary: (1) that the proposal was submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote thereon at a regular Lodge meeting held not less than two (2) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter as designated by the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge; (2) that notice in writing setting forth an exact copy of the proposal was sent to the entire membership not less than ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposal was voted upon; and (3) that the proposal was adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Members present at the regular meeting, certified by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary setting forth the number of Members present at the meeting and the number in favor and the number voting in opposition. Said proposal shall be forwarded to the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary in duplicate by April 15th of the year to which it is to be presented before the Grand Lodge Session. The Grand Secretary upon receipt of a resolution to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Order from Subordinate Lodges shall forward copies of said Thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Lodge Session to which it is to be presented. Only those resolutions so proposed and forwarded to Subordinate Lodges shall be considered for a vote at the Grand Lodge Session. After being adopted at the Grand Lodge Session the adopted proposal shall be filed in duplicate with the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary not later than April 1st preceding the Grand Lodge Session. A copy of every proposal or resolution, timely and properly submitted, to amend or enact any Law or amend the Constitution with is presented to the Grand Secretary pursuant to this Section shall be submitted to all Subordinate Lodges by the Grand Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the next Grand Lodge Session. The provisions of this Section shall «et apply to proposals or actions by State Associations permitted in Section 17.020 and «ef to any proposals submitted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

This Resolution is proposed by the Massapequa, New York Elks Lodge No. 2162.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2008 GRAND LODGE SESSION
IN ANAHEIM, CALIIFORNIA (CONTINUED)

(2) **PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 17.020 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:**

The above section reads as follows:

Section 17.020. A State Association has the right to propose a Law or an Amendment to a Law. The proposal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary at least fifteen (15) days before the annual Grand Lodge Session. The Committee on Judiciary shall present the proposal to the Grand Lodge with its recommendation.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 17.020. A State Association has the right to propose a Law or an Amendment to a Law. The proposal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary by May 15th preceding the Grand Lodge Session to which it to be proposed. The Grand Secretary upon receipt of a resolution to amend the Grand Lodge Statutes from State Associations shall forward copies of said resolution to amend the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Order to all Subordinate Lodges at least Thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Lodge Session to which it is to be presented. Only those resolutions so proposed and forwarded to Subordinate Lodges shall be considered for a vote at the Grand Lodge Session, ~~at least fifteen (15) days before the annual Grand Lodge Session.~~ The Committee on Judiciary shall present the proposal to the Grand Lodge with its recommendation.

This Resolution is proposed by the Massapequa, New York Elks Lodge No. 2162.

(3) **PROPOSAL TO ADD SECTION 14.015 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:**

The proposed new section would read as follows:

Section 14.015. A member in good standing who relocates from his home Lodge jurisdiction to another jurisdiction may petition another lodge in the area of his new residence for dual membership. His petition for same must be processed in an identical manner to that of all petitioners for membership. If elected to dual membership, the Member shall pay all dues required by his home lodge and his dual lodge. Suspension for non-payment of dues in the Member's home lodge will automatically suspend him from membership in his dual lodge. A Member may drop his membership in his dual lodge and retain his membership in his home lodge, provided he pays all dues to the latter each year. A Dual Member who is a Past Exalted Ruler will be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge only once and must register at the session under one lodge only.

A member who takes dual membership shall pay all dues required by both his Home Lodge and his Dual Lodge and shall have all the rights and privileges of membership in both the Lodges, except as noted regarding notice in the Grand Lodge.

Suspension or expulsion of a multiple member by either his Home Lodge or his Dual Lodge shall immediately suspend or expel his membership in both lodges. The Secretary of the Lodge suspending or expelling such member shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary and also any other Lodge in which the member holds membership. Restoration from suspension in one lodge shall automatically restore his membership in the other.

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A Dual Member may withdraw his membership in his Dual Lodge upon giving written notification of his intention to do so at a regular meeting of the Dual Lodge. However, termination of his membership through absolute dimit from or suspension for non-payment of dues in his Home Lodge will automatically terminate his dual membership in the other lodge.

This Resolution is proposed by Monterey, California Elks Lodge No. 1285.

(4) PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.010 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section in relevant part reads as follows:

Section 14.010. ... "A Member of the Order cannot be a Member of more than one Lodge at the same time".

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 14.010. ... "A Member of the Order cannot be a Member of more than one Lodge at the same time, except as provided for in Section 14.015".

This Resolution is proposed by the Monterey, California Elks Lodge No. 1285.

WISCONSIN ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

Your State Major Project Committee is excited to announce the Annual Elks Day at Wawbeek Respite Camp on Saturday, June 28, 2008. The activities will begin at 12:00 pm, with lunch sponsored by the committee to be served immediately afterwards. If you or any of your fellow Brother or Sister Elks have not seen this fine camp facility, or the new Respite building we just completed two years ago, then here is a great chance to attend and see how your donations are put to good use. This is also the time to celebrate the milestone achieved by you and your fellow Elks in surpassing the \$1,800,000 mark in donations to the Respite Camp started in 1994.

A good crowd is expected and the committee would ask that if you have a large group attending that you please notify David Assmann, Committee Chairman at 920-674-4788 (days) or 920-648-8777 (nights).

Your State Major Project Committee is very grateful for all the donations that your Lodge has worked so hard to raise and thanks you very much for all your support.

OLE and LENA...

"My son," said the Pastor, "how do you expect to get to Heaven?"

"Vell, dat's easy sir," replied Ole, "ven I get to da gates of Heaven, I'll open da door and shut da door...open da door and shut da door...and I'll keep on doing dat until St. Peter says, 'FOR GOODNESS SAKE, OLE...EITHER COME IN OR STAY OUT!!'"

2008 Most Valuable Students-Wisconsin

Following are the winners of the Elks National Foundation's 2008 Most Valuable Student competition from your state. All scholarships are awarded over four years. The 2009 competition kicks off in September.

The Elks National Foundation will mail supplies to Lodge and State chairmen in late August. Applications will also be available online at elks.org/enfand by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation.

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| Harris, Erin M. Milwaukee, WI, Lodge No. 46 | \$4,000.00 |
| Schwoerer, Jacob A. Fond Du Lac, WI, Lodge No. 57 | \$4,000.00 |
| Walker, April N. Fond Du Lac, WI, Lodge No. 57 | \$4,000.00 |
| Dowden, Molly J. Wausau, WI, Lodge No. 248 | \$4,000.00 |
| Pfeilstifter, Benjamin J. Racine, WI, Lodge No. 252 | \$4,000.00 |
| Hinton, Benjamin J. Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292 | \$10,000.00 |
| Ragenoski, Brian T. Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292 | \$4,000.00 |
| Treleven, Megan M. Oshkosh, WI, Lodge No. 292 | \$4,000.00 |
| Wiedenfeld, Noah J. Watertown, WI, Lodge No. 666 | \$4,000.00 |
| Eldred, Angela M. Beloit, WI, Lodge No. 864 | \$4,000.00 |
| Ecker, Adam K. Kaukauna, WI, Lodge No. 962 | \$4,000.00 |
| Peters, Brett J. Kaukauna, WI, Lodge No. 962 | \$4,000.00 |
| Feldkamp, Catherine A. Chippewa Falls, WI, Lodge No. 1326 | \$4,000.00 |
| Stephenson, Eric S. Chippewa Falls, WI, Lodge No. 1326 | \$4,000.00 |
| Melby, Brittany J. Platteville, WI, Lodge No. 1460 | \$4,000.00 |

2008 Most Valuable Students-Wisconsin (continued)

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| Ruf-Wong, Sydney M. | \$4,000.00 |
| Platteville, WI, Lodge No. 1460 | |
| Griesman, Andrew P. | \$4,000.00 |
| Walworth-Lakeland, WI, Lodge No. 2201 | |
| Molitor, Taylor J. | \$4,000.00 |
| Walworth-Lakeland, WI, Lodge No. 2201 | |
| Perry, Rose M. | \$4,000.00 |
| Walworth-Lakeland, WI, Lodge No. 2201 | |
| Wales, Grace J. | \$4,000.00 |
| Walworth-Lakeland, WI, Lodge No. 2201 | |
| Total Awards: 20 | Total Award Amount: \$86,000.00 |

2008 ENF Legacy Award Winners

The following students will receive one-year, \$1,000 scholarships from the Elks National Foundation through our ENF Legacy Awards scholarship contest for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2009 contest will kick off in September 2008 with a few changes. Starting next year, the Elks National Foundation will award up to 250 \$4,000 Legacy Awards! Applications will be available online September 1 at www.elks.org or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

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| Beloit Elks Lodge #864 | Montenero, Michael P |
| Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57 | Flucke, Daniel J. |
| Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57 | Krueger, Amy L. |
| Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57 | Smith, Kailey A. |
| Portage Elks Lodge #675 | Ming, Zachary C. |
| Racine Elks LSodge #252 | Kusters, Andrew C. |
| Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 | Wysocki, Anna L. |
| Watertown Elks Lodge #666 | Smith, Zachary R. |
| Wausau Elks Lodge #248 | Drengler, Brittany K. |

ELKS WORK TO IMPROVE LIVES OF OTHERS

The ever changing face of war is surely one of the greatest trials with which mankind must contend.

Those that fought in World War One represented a generation that had the misfortune to expect that war could be an honorable if not glorious thing. Theirs was a generation who could not possibly conceive that their "war to make the world safe for democracy", their "war to end all wars", would later become known simply as the first in a series of World Wars.

For they had been raised to recognize a face of war where heroes were wrapped in the folds of their nation's flag not in the yellow mist of mustard gas; where men rode valiantly into battle not into a hail of machine gun fire or shrapnel; where men fought other men not machines of destruction.

And the loss of their innocence came at great price, both physical and mental. For this was the first glimpse that was had of the new face of modern war. And when the order of Elks built this nation's first Veterans Hospital it had to have facilities to heal the tortured minds as well as the twisted bodies of its fighting men.

As the world recoiled in horror from this new vision of death, they recognized that they must never forget what had been seen.

When their children; our parents and grandparents, were later called to defend our nation and our way of life in World War Two, lacking was the innocence of the previous generation. And yet, the death camps, the treatment of P.O.W.s and the almost incomprehensible violence of the atomic bomb revealed that war had, again, changed its mask.

It seems that it is God's will that our nation and people have become the hammer and shield of all those striving to breathe free. While this has brought us praise, loyalty and allegiances from around the world so too has it raised enemies against us who would oppose us at any cost or extreme to keep their own peoples enslaved.

When the United States was attacked on September 11 2001, the mask had been changed once more. Those killed that day left their homes as our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, friends and lovers. They died as soldiers in the army of the free. For now, war is also fought by soldiers who wear no uniforms or decorations, march in no battalions, carry no weapons. Yet, make no mistake about it; our fallen represent a part of the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen. The army of the free, of which we all belong, will not fight its battles only in foreign lands and on distant shores but here, at home. And it will be a battle not alone for our country but for our national character.

Hatred has never been an American value. We must never allow ourselves to become so blinded by anger; so thirsty for revenge that we condemn any one people or nation or religion for the actions of hate-filled fanatics. Every faith has its fools who twist the meaning and intent of the words of God to their own evil design. They will fail.

In this, we will not be alone. Around the world, as we assemble, in every mosque and church and temple, people of good will bend their knees and raise their faces to God in silent supplication for His infinite mercy, continuing grace and divine justice. He has never abandoned us. He never will.

ELKS WORK TO IMPROVE LIVES OF OTHERS (Continued)

And whether it be the Kaiser, the Fuhrer, the Chairman or the Ayatollah, we recognize fully the acts of a bully and in so doing oppose them and overcome them without sinking to their foul level.

We have long been told that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. This is especially true today when attacks on our liberties come not only from foreign terrorists and troops but from demagogues far closer to home who would limit our liberties in the name of Homeland Security. We must never forget the words of perhaps our most illustrious founding father, Benjamin Franklin who warned that those who would give up some degree of their liberty for some degree of security deserve neither liberty nor security.

As Americans and Elks, we work to improve the lives of all people of good will. We befriend the friendless. We protect the unprotected. We cherish the memory of our dead.

Our good deeds are our monuments, our compassion and forgiveness – our legacy; our accomplishments are our Honor roll.

And so, we remember our fallen in both word and deed.

■ David Vernon

NEW VETERANS FLOAT UNVEILED

Myron Keding, WEA Americanism Chairman, unveiled the recently completed Veterans Float for the VA Medical Center in Tomah, WI. The Medical Center has had a Veterans float for many years and it was in need of refurbishing. Of course, they turned to the B.P.O.E. for a volunteer to take on the task. Myron designed and built the new float with some financial support from the W.E.A. Americanism and Elks National Service Committees. The float was presented to the Medical Center in mid May and was in it's first parade May 18th. Together as Elks, we continue to support our pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



PICTURED ABOVE ON THE NEW VETERANS FLOAT ARE THOMAS WIDZINSKI, STATE PRESIDENT AND DENNIS DALEY, PAST STATE PRESIDENT.

| WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| 2008-2009 Membership Statistics and Per-Capita Dues | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | MEMBERSHIP CHANGE |
| LODGE | 297 | 294 | 296 | 288 | 281 | 277 | 274 | 266 | 271 | 268 | (3) |
| ANTIGO # 662 | 153 | 138 | 140 | 140 | 133 | 124 | 124 | 107 | 113 | 93 | (20) |
| APPLETON # 337 | 547 | 561 | 545 | 514 | 453 | 413 | 380 | 358 | 314 | 304 | (10) |
| ASHLAND # 137 | 526 | 501 | 494 | 464 | 443 | 412 | 381 | 351 | 325 | 315 | (10) |
| BARABOO # 688 | 91 | 77 | 86 | 89 | 106 | 86 | 92 | 86 | 75 | 70 | (5) |
| BEAVER DAM # 1540 | 103 | 85 | 83 | 82 | 77 | 75 | 70 | 67 | 62 | 59 | (3) |
| BELOIT # 864 | 261 | 244 | 211 | 211 | 215 | 210 | 207 | 208 | 203 | 204 | 1 |
| CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326 | 294 | 297 | 280 | 278 | 286 | 274 | 286 | 264 | 260 | 244 | (16) |
| EAU CLAIRE # 402 | 743 | 739 | 712 | 720 | 713 | 700 | 665 | 645 | 623 | 586 | (37) |
| FOND DU LAC # 57 | 255 | 245 | 224 | 198 | 176 | 176 | 143 | 126 | 110 | 161 | 51 |
| GREEN BAY # 259 | 431 | 425 | 409 | 394 | 386 | 351 | 312 | 294 | 269 | 259 | (10) |
| JANESVILLE # 254 | 88 | 87 | 83 | 86 | 74 | 70 | 68 | 66 | 67 | 65 | (2) |
| KAUKAUNA # 962 | 1395 | 1396 | 1353 | 1366 | 1357 | 1184 | 1133 | 1094 | 1039 | 1029 | (10) |
| MADISON # 410 | 379 | 380 | 397 | 412 | 412 | 438 | 435 | 418 | 379 | 356 | (23) |
| MANITOWOC # 687 | 510 | 510 | 476 | 477 | 469 | 440 | 420 | 401 | 410 | 410 | 0 |
| MARINETTE # 1313 | 688 | 706 | 684 | 690 | 717 | 718 | 722 | 716 | 709 | 708 | (1) |
| MARSHFIELD # 665 | 561 | 562 | 559 | 533 | 527 | 513 | 467 | 451 | 437 | 427 | (10) |
| MILWAUKEE # 46 | 385 | 327 | 275 | 213 | 180 | 150 | 147 | 138 | 130 | 113 | (17) |
| NEENAH-MENASHA #676 | 76 | 95 | 102 | 106 | 96 | 97 | 93 | 89 | 90 | 103 | 13 |
| OCONTO # 887 | 459 | 423 | 404 | 379 | 375 | 386 | 380 | 385 | 385 | 373 | (12) |
| OSHKOSH # 292 | 265 | 243 | 238 | 218 | 207 | 206 | 204 | 203 | 195 | 203 | 8 |
| PLATTEVILLE # 1460 | 364 | 369 | 366 | 358 | 356 | 339 | 347 | 339 | 321 | 294 | (27) |
| PORTAGE # 675 | 108 | 107 | 99 | 97 | 87 | 95 | 88 | 85 | 82 | 84 | 2 |
| RACINE # 252 | 926 | 930 | 932 | 914 | 881 | 843 | 792 | 741 | 742 | 687 | (55) |
| RICE LAKE # 1441 | 711 | 687 | 641 | 623 | 632 | 636 | 633 | 643 | 643 | 639 | (4) |
| SHEBOYGAN # 299 | 807 | 773 | 749 | 710 | 678 | 643 | 595 | 535 | 474 | 458 | (16) |
| STEVENS POINT # 641 | 599 | 546 | 505 | 469 | 436 | 403 | 391 | 369 | 374 | 364 | (10) |
| SUPERIOR # 403 | 217 | 214 | 236 | 215 | 218 | 186 | 164 | 152 | 116 | 112 | (4) |
| TWO RIVERS # 1380 | 148 | 153 | 153 | 150 | 129 | 128 | 147 | 157 | 143 | 114 | (29) |
| WALWORTH-LAKELAND # 2201 | 190 | 196 | 222 | 230 | 252 | 257 | 237 | 238 | 226 | 215 | (11) |
| WATERTOWN # 666 | 329 | 340 | 330 | 340 | 340 | 315 | 301 | 291 | 285 | 272 | (13) |
| WAUKESHA # 400 | 822 | 834 | 855 | 899 | 912 | 899 | 889 | 864 | 860 | 839 | (21) |
| WAUSAU # 248 | 224 | 228 | 230 | 228 | 223 | 219 | 206 | 200 | 187 | 179 | (8) |
| WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 13952 | 13712 | 13369 | 13091 | 12827 | 12263 | 11793 | 11347 | 10919 | 10607 | (312) |
| | | -240 | -343 | -278 | -264 | -564 | -470 | -446 | -428 | -312 | |

| WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION | | ADMIN. BUDGET | | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Budget-2008-2009 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | 2008-2009 |
| Acct. | Budget Item | 2004-2005 actual | 2005-2006 actual | 2006-2007 actual | 2007-2008 BUDGET | 2007-2008 actual | BUDGET |
| 11 | Accident Prevention Committee | \$9.50 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$28.83 | \$50.00 |
| 13 | Ritual Judges | \$0.00 | \$1,260.00 | \$1,260.00 | \$1,365.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,365.00 |
| 14 | Ritual Committee Expense | \$810.76 | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,020.00 | \$1,609.91 | \$1,135.00 |
| 15 | Ritual Team to Grand Lodge | \$4,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,920.00 |
| 16 | Credentials And Elections Committee | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$41.00 | \$50.00 |
| 19 | Lodge Development Committee | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 20 | Business Practice Committee | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 21 | Legal Expense | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 22 | Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm. | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 23 | Grand Lodge Committee Exp. | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$3,649.75 | \$5,000.00 |
| 24 | State Conferences and Committee Exp. | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 25A | The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web | \$11,000.00 | \$13,400.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$11,552.63 | \$12,000.00 |
| 26 | Convention Proceedings | \$2,488.02 | \$2,650.00 | \$2,700.00 | \$2,700.00 | \$2,522.90 | \$2,800.00 |
| 27 | Office Expense | \$3,998.74 | \$4,200.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,096.72 | \$7,000.00 |
| 28 | Publicity and Public Relations Comm. | \$1,111.75 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,135.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| 29 | President's Allowance | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 30 | President's Grand Lodge Expense | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 31 | President Elect's Allowance | \$1,600.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| 32 | Secretary's Allowance | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$7,000.00 |
| 33 | Secretary to Grand Lodge | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 34 | Treasurer's Allowance | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 35 | Trustees Contingency Fund ADMIN* | \$5,887.50 | \$6,446.40 | \$5,128.00 | \$6,680.13 | \$9,689.58 | \$11,860.00 |
| 36 | Lodge Activities Committee | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 37 | Officers Training Committee | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$39.62 | \$200.00 |
| 38 | Laws and Resolutions Committee | \$463.05 | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$473.60 | \$700.00 |
| 39 | Membership and Lapsation Committee | \$376.93 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$588.64 | \$1,000.00 |
| 40 | GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 41 | Office Equipment | \$817.73 | \$712.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 42 | Legalized Gaming | \$82.04 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| | Transfer from Regular Money Market | | | | | | |
| | Totals----- | \$52,446.02 | \$63,118.40 | \$61,938.00 | \$66,115.13 | \$65,228.18 | \$74,980.00 |
| Total Proposed Admin.2008-2009 Expense Budget----- | | | | | | | \$74,980.00 |
| Proposed Income | | | 2005-2006 Actual | 2006-2007 Administrative Budget | 2007-2008 BUDGET | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 BUDGET |
| | checking from MM | | | | \$5,439.13 | \$5,439.13 | \$15,000.00 |
| | Per-Capita Dues | | \$47,172.00 | \$45,388.00 | \$42,480.00 | \$43,676.00 | \$42,480.00 |
| | Investment Income | | \$16,000.00 | \$17,000.00 | \$17,000.00 | \$19,500.00 | \$17,500.00 |
| | TOTALS----- | | \$63,172.00 | \$62,388.00 | \$64,919.13 | \$68,615.13 | \$74,980.00 |
| Total Proposed Admin. 2008-2009 Income Budget----- | | | | | | | \$74,980.00 |
| | Money Market Index Account....REGULAR | | | | | | \$13,846.44 |
| | A.G. Edwards (Investments)..... | | | | | | \$198,259.19 |
| | cking carry over | | | | | | -\$1,987.21 |
| | total | | | | | | \$210,118.42 |
| | Grand Lodge Trailer escrow | | | | | | \$2,400.00 |

| WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION | | Charitable | | Account | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Budget-2008-2009 | | | | | | |
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| Acct. | Budget Item | 2003-2004 actual | 2004-2005 Actual Charitable | 2005-2006 Actual Charitable | 2006-2007 Actual Charitable | 2007-2008 Actual Charitable | 2007-2008 YTD Spent |
| | | | | | | | 2008-2009 BUDGET |
| 1A | Elks National Vets. Service | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$11,210.00 | \$11,210.00 |
| 1B | WEA Veterans Commission | \$20,110.00 | \$23,623.00 | \$20,500.00 | \$17,810.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| 2 | WEA Veterans Commission Expense | \$231.88 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 3 | Committee for the Disabled | \$14,989.00 | \$11,477.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| 4 | Drug Awareness Committee | \$19,200.76 | \$20,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 |
| 5 | Wisconsin Elks Major Project | \$35,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$28,000.00 | \$28,000.00 | \$33,000.00 | \$35,000.00 |
| 6 | Scholarship Committee | \$169,500.00 | \$170,000.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$165,000.00 |
| 7 | Scholarship Committee Expense | \$1,675.07 | \$1,782.85 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$1,800.00 |
| 8 | U.S. Constitution Contest | \$18,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$22,000.00 | \$22,000.00 |
| 9 | U.S. Constitution Committee Expense | \$948.61 | \$1,011.85 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 10 | Hoop Shoot Committee | \$20,420.56 | \$18,246.43 | \$18,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$18,000.00 |
| 12 | Youth Activities Committee | \$8,750.05 | \$8,440.53 | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| 17 | Elks National Foundation Committee | | | | | \$450.00 | \$239.72 |
| 18 | Americanism Committee | \$7,499.95 | \$7,366.24 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 |
| 25C | The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web | | \$2,401.59 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,844.97 |
| 35C | Trustees Contingency Fund CHAR | \$30,111.49 | \$28,213.83 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,230.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 35C(1) | Lodge Grants | | | \$24,300.00 | \$23,200.00 | \$23,000.00 | \$18,048.00 |
| | | | | | | | \$20,000.00 |
| | Totals----- | \$356,877.37 | \$358,003.32 | \$332,940.00 | \$331,350.00 | \$342,790.00 | \$331,122.02 |
| | | | | | \$331,350.00 | \$342,790.00 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Proposed Income | | | | | | |
| | | 2003-2004 Actual | 2004-2005 BUDGET Charitable | 2005-2006 Budget Charitable | 2006-2007 Budget Charitable | 2007-2008 Budget Charitable | 2008-2009 Budget Charitable |
| | Elks National Vets. Service Commission | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$11,210.00 | \$11,280.00 |
| | Special Project Grants | \$118,400.00 | \$120,768.00 | \$122,580.00 | \$124,420.00 | \$129,400.00 | \$134,580.00 |
| | State Charities Grant | \$90,280.00 | \$91,010.00 | \$68,200.00 | \$70,060.00 | \$72,290.00 | \$71,500.00 |
| | Bonus Grant | \$36,270.00 | \$24,010.00 | \$12,700.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$24,890.00 | \$12,450.00 |
| | Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund | \$100,000.00 | \$110,000.00 | \$90,000.00 | \$91,430.00 | \$105,000.00 | \$105,000.00 |
| | M&M char Transfer | \$16,308.64 | \$16,810.00 | \$16,285.00 | | | \$0.00 |
| | M&M reg Transfer | | \$4,170.00 | \$12,735.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Last Year carry over | | | | | | \$22,489.15 |
| | TOTALS----- | \$371,698.64 | \$377,208.00 | \$332,940.00 | \$331,350.00 | \$342,790.00 | \$357,299.15 |
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HARVEY'S RIDE 19TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEN: September 20, 2008
WHERE: Wisconsin Rapids, WI
DISTANCE: 10 to 65 Miles
ELIGIBILITY: Elk Members and Friends
FUNDS RAISED: Pledges Per Mile



PICTURED ABOVE ARE: THOMAS DACHEL, RICHARD MILLENBACH, HARVEY GYGI, ROBERT BERG, JULIE BERG, JENNIFER BENJAMIN. BETHANY BENJAMIN, RUBERT ZUEGER, JOSEPH KLUMB, MARK KULAS, CARL KNUESE, JOE KOLLROSS, TERRY HUBBARTT, MATTHEW PIEPER, DENNIS DALEY, LANCE PLIML, JULIE PLIML, THOMAS GREY, LEA THURBER, MAUREEN REIS.

We had 21 riders in the 2007 ride. Some of the riders were Elks and family and some were non-Elks. In the past 18 years, a total of \$127, 086.25 has been raised for the ENF. The 2007 ride totaled \$5,384.00.

I am hoping some of the Elks National Foundation staff will join us once again as they have done in the past.

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 Wisconsin Rapids Police Department for escorting riders across busy streets on our way out of town. Many thanks to the Elks who provided 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.

There is a pasta dinner/meeting at the Lodge starting at approximately 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 22nd. Reservations are appreciated. Maps showing the route with rest stops and hold-harmless forms will be distributed for all riders to sign. For safety reasons, **all bike riders must wear helmets.**

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

Anyone needing more information of any kind and/or motel reservations can call Harvey at (715) 423-0508 or fax (715) 423-3517. His 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 19th ride our best ride ever! More riders are needed to BEAT ILLINOIS IN ENF DOLLARS GIVEN. Please do your very best to get as many pledges as possible.

New

Oshkosh *Elks* Lodge #292

Is hosting a

"Fall Golf Scramble"

In conjunction with the 2008 Wis. Elks Association Fall Conference
Open to all Elk members and guests



Friday September 12, 2008

Lake Breeze Golf Club

6333 Ball Prairie Road, Winneconne, WI.

(920) 582-7585

Registration: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 11:00 a.m.

(Registration deadline: Thursday August 28, 2008)

\$55.00 per person

Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart

Free range balls, box lunch delivered on course and

Dinner ticket for Friday night buffet at Elks Lodge #292

(Serving from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Send reservations to:

Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292

175 W. Fernau Avenue P.O. Box 942, Oshkosh WI. 54903

(Make checks payable to: Elks #292 Golf)

Name (please print)

Registration Form

1. _____ Lodge # _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Number of golfers _____ times the \$55.00 registration fee = \$ _____ total enclosed.

(If you have any questions please contact Bill Weitz at (920) 231-2485 or (920) 312-1073)

New

Wisconsin *Elks* Association

Fall Conference

September 11-14, 2008

Hosted by Oshkosh *Elks* Lodge #292

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <u>Comfort Suites</u> (Conference Headquarters) 400 S. Koeller Street (920) 230-7378 | 50 Rooms Available Indoor pool Hot breakfast buffet | \$109.90 (All non-smoking) |
| <u>Hawthorn Inn & Suites</u> 3105 S. Washburn Street (920)303-1133 | 36 Rooms Available Indoor pool Hot breakfast buffet | \$109.90 (Both smoking & non- smoking) |
| <u>AmericInn Motel</u> 1495 W. South Park Avenue (920) 232-0300 | 15 Rooms Available Indoor pool Hot breakfast buffet | \$74.90 (Both smoking & non-smoking) |
| <u>Hilton Garden Inn</u> 1355 W. 20 th Street (920) 966-1300 | 25 Rooms Available Indoor pool | \$94.00 (Both smoking & non-smoking) |
| <u>Fairfield Inn</u> 1800 S. Koeller Street (920) 233-8504 | 15 Rooms Available Indoor pool Continental breakfast | \$79.00 (All non-smoking) |

All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the hotels/motels directly for all of your reservations. Rooms will be held until August 11,2008.

If there are any problems with your reservations prior to or after you arrive, you may contact the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 at (920) 235-1550.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2, 2008

FALL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 2008
OSHKOSH ELKS LODGE #292
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. FALL 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 @ \$10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| REGISTRATION AFTER AUGUST 2, 2008 | _____ @ \$15.00 | \$ _____ |
| LADIES' LUNCHEON BEEF & HAM (at the LaSure's Hall, Hawthorne Inn & Suites Hotel) | _____ @ \$17.00 | \$ _____ |
| ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON BAKED GREEK CHICKEN BREAST (at the Lodge) | _____ @ \$12.00 | \$ _____ |
| SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (LIMIT 250) PRIME RIB AU JUS & TILAPIA (at the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #299 Banquet Hall) | _____ @ \$19.95 | \$ _____ |

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:

Sirloin of Beef, Country Ham, Wild Rice Blend, Fresh Fruit in Season, Assorted Bars, Coffee, Milk

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Fruit Salad, Roll w/Butter, Baked "Greek" Chicken Breast (Marinated in Olive Oil, w/Lemon and Oregano), Wild Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Assorted Bars, Coffee

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

Caesar Salad, Roll w/ Butter, Prime Rib Au Jus, Tilapia, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Candied Baby Carrots, Cake & Coffee

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 2, 2008
WILL BE FORWARDED TO OSHKOSH AND LATE FEES WILL APPLY

THE BUGLE

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August 1

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December 1

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