



Camp Wawbeek and Elks Respite Camp

Wisconsin Elks Major Project

The two camps (both located on our 400 acres of land) house 10 unique programs that cater to a wide range of abilities while providing a much needed break for parents and caregivers.

Camp Wawbeek's core philosophy is to encourage campers to challenge themselves with new experiences and set goals for new accomplishments. Camp Wawbeek houses our camper group programs: Wawbeek, Trailblazers, Transition Team, Pioneer, and Young Adults Aspergers (ages 15-25). Campers are paired with peers of similar age and interests in groups of 4 to 6 depending on care needs. Each group has two counselors that take care of the needs of the entire group, whether it be personal care or just a friend to talk to you. The Young Adults Asperger's session offers a care ratio of 1:2. Camp Wawbeek serves campers ages 7 and up.

Our Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite camp provides care to individuals with medical conditions, behavior disorders or known physical aggression, and/or multiple disabilities that require one on one support to function. Respite Camp's core philosophy is to provide a much needed break to parents and caregivers with loved ones that require one-to-one supervision twenty-four hours a day, while providing a camper with a unique camp experience catered to their individual needs. In addition to their 1:1 program, Respite Camp offers an Asperger's and High-functioning Autism program with a care ratio of 1:2 for ages 7-18. Each camper is a paired with a counselor that maintains the camper's daily routine. Respite camp serves ages 3 and up.

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STATE MEETINGS

2018 Mid-Winter Conference. Appleton
February 1-4, 2018
Paper Valley Convention Center
2018 State Convention Appleton, May 3-6, 2018
Paper Valley Convention Center
2018 Fall Conference. Appleton, Sept. 13-16, 2018
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 Mid-Winter Conference Appleton
January 31 – February 2, 2019
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 State Convention Appleton, May 2-5, 2019
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 Fall Conference – Open
2020 Mid-Winter Conference- Appleton
February 6 – 9, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To My Fellow Elks:



By the time we go to Mid-Winter Conference, we will have accomplished a lot. At Thanksgiving we were able to give thanks for all of our accomplishments and family. Then on December 3rd we set aside time to remember and honor all of our brothers and sisters who have passed on this year. They will be dearly missed by all. Then in mid-December we held our Children's Christmas Parties and watched the little ones have a joyful time at our Lodges. It is so much fun to watch the younger children visit with Santa and receive a good meal.

After Thanksgiving Muriel and I took 3 different families shopping for Christmas. All together our Lodge members took 10 families Christmas shopping for a local community program called "Warm The Children ". It is a real pleasure to do because you are helping families who have very little to enjoy the Christmas season.

It has been a real pleasure to visit the Lodges that we have visited. When they say that Elk's are the "Best People On Earth", I believe it because we have met a lot of them at our visits.

I would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend the State Hoop Shoot in Wausau on February 10th to cheer on the district winners who will represent Wisconsin in the Regional Hoop Shoot in Iowa City on March 10th. Hopefully, we will have a couple of winners going to the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago.

As we go forward from the Mid-Winter we have a lot to look forward to. At the Spring Convention we will elect new officers and Sam Demmin will take over as your State President for 2018-2019. We will award the Elk of the Year, Lady of the Year, Exalted Ruler of the Year, Secretary of the Year and Lodge of the Year at the Saturday Evening Banquet.

After the Mid-Winter Conference Muriel and I and Sam and Jeannie will have 7 Lodges left to visit. We really look forward to getting together with these Lodges for our visits and the events in between, especially the Hoop Shoot.

As a last thought, remember my moto for the year " *Be Proud Of Elkdom*" and don't be afraid to tell other people about us.

Please remember that as Muriel and I go to visit the Lodges, we want to meet and talk to all members -- not just the officers.

Fraternally,

George A. Myers

George A. Myers, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

INFORMATION FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE STATE CONVENTION AT THE RADISSON PAPER VALLEY HOTEL

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
333 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54911

ROOM RATE

\$99.00

PHONE NUMBER: (920)733-8000 or (800) 333-3333

When making your reservation, be sure to let them know that you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association. The **CUT-OFF DATE** for making reservations will be **JANUARY 4, 2018**. After the cut-off date, we cannot guarantee being able to get a room at this rate.

FIRST-LADY'S MESSAGE

Greetings Once Again From Our Home To Yours. As we have celebrated Thanksgiving with family and friends we reflect on all we have to be thankful for. Mostly for the woman and men who have served our country. As Elks we are committed to serving our veterans. Since 1921 during the First World War, Elks have been there to support our veterans. All our lodges step up in many ways to make sure they are not forgotten.



George and I have enjoyed our journey visiting the Lodges. But time is moving too fast. We have already so many wonderful memories and pictures. So thank you once again for your support. My First Lady Raffle is doing great.

As we go into the Christmas season, George and I want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas. On personal note, went to see the movie The Star with my great granddaughter. Wonderful message for everyone.

Hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter Conference in February. We will be hosting the First Vice-President from Illinois and his Lady. Please help us make them feel welcome, they're a great couple and will make a great President and First-Lady for the state of Illinois.

Muriel Myers

Muriel Myers, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

MORTGAGE BURNING AT MADISON LODGE #410

A very exciting Mortgage Burning Ritual was held at Madison Elks Lodge #410 was performed at our State President's visit on September 30, 2017. It was so rewarding to pay off the mortgage on our building and be able to share the ritual with our State leaders. The following pictures show the burning.



**MEMBERS OF MADISON LODGE #410
WATCH THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE**



**TRUSTEE TOM COLBY, EXALTED RULER
LYNN ASPINWALL AND ESQUIRE PADDY
FITZPATRICK WATCH THE BURNING**

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

To My Wisconsin Elks Family,

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season with your families and friends and made many great memories.

Our year is half over and we have had a wonderful time visiting all of the Lodges to learn of the many great things they are doing in their communities and we look forward to our visits to the remaining Lodges to hear about their projects. Keep up the great work!



At our Mid-Winter Conference, we will be hosting some very special guests. First, Jeannie and I will have the great pleasure to escort the 1st Vice-President of the Illinois Elks Association, Tom Deien and his lovely wife, Brenda, from Centralia Lodge #493. We had the honor of visiting them in Springfield for their Fall Conference in September, and are excited for them to visit us for our Mid-Winter and show them our exceptional **Wisconsin hospitality!** Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them.

Then, at our banquet Saturday evening, we will have the honor of hosting one of our campers to learn about their story and experiences while at the Elks Village Respite Center at Camp Wawbeek. As you know, this is our State Major Project and by attending the banquet we get the opportunity to see and hear first-hand how very important this project is and how we, as Elks, make an impact on someone's life. It truly shows "*Elks Care – Elks Share*". Please plan to attend the banquet.

I have finalized my visitation schedule for next year and I would like to thank all the Lodges for their cooperation. I would also like to thank all the Lodges for returning their Committee Recommendations. I am currently working on the committee assignments and hope to have them finalized by the end of March.

I look forward to seeing you at our Mid-Winter Conference in Appleton and hope you enjoy your time renewing and making new friends, but most importantly, please be sure to attend your meetings so you can take some great ideas back to your Lodge.

Fraternally,

Sam Demmin

Sam Demmin, State President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

WAUSAU BEACON GRANT

Members of Wausau Lodge #248 purchased \$500 in baby supplies for the St Paul's Church pantry as part of the lodge's "Fishes and Loaves" program. The \$500 was part of the \$2000 Beacon Grant awarded to the lodge. Pictured are (L-R) Loyal Knight Marcelo Coscio, St Paul's Church Coordinator Dawn Sapp, DDGER Kevin McCarthy, Lodge Member Wendy McCarthy, Exalted Ruler John Mijal and Lodge Members Mary and Rick Gesicki



FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Greetings everyone –

The long hot days of summer and fall are behind us – where does time go? It is hard to believe that winter and the holidays are upon us where we look forward to special times with our families and friends. Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.



I would like to thank all of you for the warm and wonderful Wisconsin welcome you gave Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. and First Lady Pat at our Fall Conference. Malcolm and Pat were quite impressed with our State Associations commitment to our State Project and endeavors in addition to the various Grand Lodge Programs. I know he feels our success as a State Association can be attributed to our hard work and dedication which comes from our mid-western values.

As I write this message, our Lodge year is more than half over. District Deputy visits have been completed and we turn our thoughts to preparations for the Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference in February. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress thus far, gain new insights and information from other member and, of course, renew and enjoy our friendships. Beth regrets that her work schedule will not allow her to attend our Mid-Winter Conference. She wants you to know how much she enjoyed being with all of you in September and she is looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

Speaking of San Antonio, I hope you are all making arrangements to attend the National Convention in Texas in July. I am happy to report that the States of Illinois and Wisconsin will be in the same hotel like recent years, and this sure makes visiting each other so much easier. As you know, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks celebrates its 150th Anniversary in 2018. Many plans are being made for special events to be held at the Convention. You won't want to miss it!

Until we meet in February, I pray that everyone is healthy and your travels to and from Appleton will be safe.

God Bless you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "F. Louis Sulsberger". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

When I was a young boy, the only time you could watch cartoons on television was on Saturday mornings. Most children looked forward to this once a week cartoon programming. One of the common cartoon themes involved an alien from outer space approach some earthling with the words, "Take me to your leader!"



Today's cartoon shows are much more sophisticated and they are available every day of the week on one or more of the hundreds of television channels available. However, one thing has not changed – we are still looking for leaders. It seems that in every organization there is a cry for leadership.

It was not too long ago that we experienced a long and involved campaign for the leadership of our country. Some folks were thoroughly enthralled with one or the other candidates, while others were silently praying for the whole process to end. Regardless of one's political view, we all became involved because the process involved our country, our way of life. We were searching for leadership.

Some time ago, I read an article by a highly respected (and recently installed) Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. His treatise was about leadership in the church and the world. He repeated many times that "the church is the hope of the world, and the future of the church lies in the hands of its leaders."

Perhaps a few of you may be wondering, "What does this have to do with Christmas?" I submit that in this Feast of Christmas we celebrate the arrival of our true leader. This is the season, along with Easter, when we hear Handel's Messiah. "Messiah" is a leadership title. Messiah is a Hebrew word that means "anointed one."

The Messiah is the one anointed by God to be our leader. He is the one who leads us out of sin into salvation, out of legalism into grace, out of death into life, and out of darkness into light. Christmas is about the arrival of the One who comes to lead.

It was the prophet Isaiah who prophesied of his coming in these words: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this."

Isaiah 9: 6-7 NRSV.

This is a leadership driven Scripture and it is built on the word "authority." Of the One who comes to lead, it is said that (leadership) "rests upon his shoulders" and that his authority "shall grow continually."

We may be asking ourselves, "What is this authority for?" It is authority to lead. The Messiah, the Christ, comes with the God-given authority to lead, rule, and reign over our lives. This Scripture is leadership and the leadership of Christ.

The angel announced his birth to Mary with these words: 'The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ***Luke 1:30-32 NRSV***

We are mortal beings primarily concerned with the "here and now." It seems that in our involvement with our temporal world leadership, we seem to forget about our Creator and Sustainer. We are here for a purpose, a "dress rehearsal" for the time we will spend with God. We need to remember the reason He became one of us and to follow His teachings to the best of our ability.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike, State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

	WEA - 2018 Mid-Winter Conference	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	<u>All Meetings at the Paper Valley Hotel</u>	
		ROOM
<u>Friday, Feb.2, 2018</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	LAWRENCE
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	LAWRENCE
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	LAWRENCE
<u>Saturday, Feb.3, 2018</u>		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	POOLDOME
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	EBONY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	CORTLAND
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	PIPPIN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	LAWRENCE
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Ritual Competitions	LAWRENCE
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	EVERGREEN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	SALON C
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	MACINTOSH
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	CORTLAND
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	PIPPIN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	EBONY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	BRIARWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	HICKORY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	SALON C
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF	BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	SALON C
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	ASPEN
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	SALON D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	HICKORY
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	PIPPIN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	SALON D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	EBONY
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	LOMBARDI'S
12:00 PM	Cocktails	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
	Following is the ER Major Project March	
2:00 PM-4:00 PM	Officer Training	LAWRENCE
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	MACINTOSH
6:00 PM	Cocktails	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
7:00 PM	Banquet	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
<u>Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON B



Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

The Cornerstone of Elkdom

RESPITE GUEST, BEN WIEBUSCH TO ATTEND MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

by Robert Yost

Let me introduce Ben Wiebusch to all of you. He is a very active 24 year old boy from Appleton. Ben, along with his Mom, Mary and Dad John will be with us at the banquet on February 3rd 2018 at the Paper Valley Hotel.

Ben was born on December 24, 1993 and was immediately diagnosed with down syndrone. The family is fortunate that Ben is a very healthy boy. He has received speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy for much of his childhood, and wore a back brace for scoliosis for two years as a teenager. He attended Berry Elementary, James Madison Middle School, all in Appleton and finished from East High School at the age of Twenty One.

He lives at home, works at Lakeside Packaging in Neenah four days per week and goes to the CP Center in DePere one day a week. Ben is a very busy guy. Plays soccer, baseball and enjoys riding his three wheeler and walking their dog. He also participates in music class, swimming and piano lessons. On top of all that has a band class.

Ben is a new Respite Camper. He attended two weekend camps and one week long camp. He is very quite and rarely initiates speech. Is very compliant , but not very independant. He has difficulty transitioning from one task to the next and is not always aware of the safety issues. For those reasons, the family was hesitant to leave him at Camp with strangers. But when they learned that Ben would have a one on one counslor, they figured they would give it a try. From the moment they dropped him off at Camp, the family felt at ease. When picking him up, it was learned that he had done very well and realized it was a good fit for him. Mary and John could seethat Ben had a good time. Whenpicking Ben up one of the Counclors even shed some tears upon saying goodby.

Ben is looking forward to next summer's camp!





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**BY RAY DABLER
MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN**

The remodeling of the bathrooms in the dining room were completed in March and the campers and their parents who knew what the old bathrooms looked like were amazed how nice the new ones looked and the staff appreciates being able to move the campers with ease.

As I write this letter we are getting bids on remodeling the Nurses station in the original respite building. This building was built in 1996 and with the addition of the Elks Village the number of campers has increased dramatically and with the new larger electric wheel chairs there is not enough room to be able to accommodate the wheel chairs and if they have two campers at a time it creates a privacy issue. The present guidelines for securing drugs also require cabinets with two separate locks which the current cabinets do not have.

Our annual donation letter in lieu of the raffle was mailed and again your response has been very generous so far and we are still getting donations in so I don't know what the total will be.

Your **"Exalted Rulers March"** is your Lodge's day to shine and it will again be held at the **Mid-Winter conference in Appleton. We will be holding the March on Saturday right after the Association Luncheon.** The ER photo session with our respite camper will again be a group photo taken just prior to the Saturday evening banquet.

I would like to thank all the committee members for all the work they do to make our Programs a success and to all the Elks that support our Respite Program with their donations to our fundraisers.

CHARITY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF EVERY ELK STRUCTURE, THE HIGHEST VIRTUE OF EVERY ELK

No truer words have ever been spoken in regards to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since the Order was founded in 1868, Charity has been the main drive of all that the Elks do to support their communities.

When you look at your dues statement and see the optional donation amount for the WI Benevolent Fund, stop and think what that money goes towards. It supports 28 % of the Wisconsin Elks Charitable side of the state budget. This money is used **ONLY** for our charitable works in Wisconsin which includes: Most Valuable Student Scholarships, US Constitution Scholarships, Veterans, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Youth Activities, State Major Project, Committee for the Disabled and Americanism.

If all our Members in the state would make a minimum of a \$10.00 donation to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund (WBF), just think how much more can be done for our Youth, the disabled and Veterans. Let's take a closer look at this. If your Lodge has 50 members, that is \$500, 100 members \$1,000, 200 members \$2,000 and so forth. Look how quickly this can grow. So please take the option of donating a minimum of \$10 to the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund with your dues, which is only \$.83 a month for Charity. Where else can you spend only \$.83 a month and know that your donation is helping so many people month after month. If you wish you may make an online donation on our web site at: **WIBENEVOLENTFUND.COM**, or mail your check payable to the WBF directly to our Treasurer, Dave Hagen, WBF Secretary/Treasurer, 4110 Tanglewood Dr., Janesville WI 53546-8832

If donating online or mailing it direct, please be sure to include your name, your Lodge name and number so that proper credit can be made. If you donate with your dues, your Lodge Secretary will provide us with a list of donors.

Reminder: The Wisconsin Benevolent Fund is a 501C3, therefore is tax deductible. If you donate online, you will be mailed a tax deductible receipt.

If you have any questions or would like to join the committee, please feel free to contact me, Jackie Heitmann, WBF Fundraising Chairperson, 715-370-0441, elkda@yahoo.com.



2017-2018 STATE PRESIDENT TRAVEL PLANS



LODGE/CITY	DAY OF THE WEEK	VISIT	DATE	THEME/DRESS CODE	LOCATION
Antigo	Saturday	State Presidents visit	12/9/2017	Red casual	Lodge
Marinette	Saturday	State Presidents visit	1/6/2018	Red & White casual	Lodge
Milwaukee	Saturday	State Presidents visit	1/27/2018	Red & White casual	Lodge
*Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Mid-Winter Conference	2/2 thru 2/4	Red Jacket	Appleton
Wausau	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot	2/10/2018	Red Shirt	Wausau
Wausau	Sat. evening	State Presidents visit	2/10/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Beaver Dam	Saturday	State Presidents visit	2/24/2018	Red & White casual	TBD
Waukesha	Fri./Sat.	State Bowling	3/2/2018	Casual	Waukesha
Iowa City	Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot	3/10/2018	Red Shirt/Casual	Iowa City
Manitowoc	Friday	State Presidents visit	3/16/2018	St. Patrick's Day	Lodge
Sheboygan	Saturday	State Presidents visit	3/17/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Stevens Point	Friday	State Presidents visit	3/23/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Wisconsin Rapids	Saturday	State Presidents visit	3/24/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Platteville	Saturday	State Presidents visit	4/7/2018	Red Jacket	Lodge
Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Spring Convention	5/4 thru 5/6	Red Jacket	Appleton

BE PROUD OF ELKDOM

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT



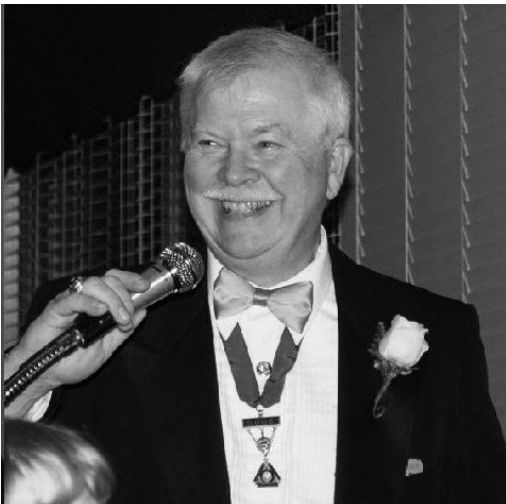
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Wisconsin Elks Association
NIKKI SHANNON
Beaver Dam #1540

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Candidate for the office of
STATE TREASURER
Wisconsin Elks Association
JEFF LANGTON
Waukesha #400

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE SOUTH



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STATE CHAPLAIN



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NOTICE!!!

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

FINAL REQUEST FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST, 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS!! THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

Ken Johnson

State Secretary

ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

At each Conference and Convention we ask for your help by donating raffle prizes for the Association Raffle. We are always overcome by your generosity! We are asking for your help again. The money we raise from this raffle does a tremendous amount of good for *so* many people! At the Mid-Winter Conference we will again be raising money for the Veterans. Please continue your generosity. No item is too big or too small and, remember, it can be for man, woman or child.

Thank you in advance and see you in February!

Nan Johnson

Association Raffle Chair

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

State President George has asked each Vice-President to talk at our visits on the Grants that are available to each Lodge. In doing so, the five Lodges that I have visited has either applied for various Grants or are in the process of this. The main one not to forget about is the Anniversary Grant. Now remember the Grants is like free monies for your Lodge, so don't be left out.



As I make my visits to the Lodges in the Central District each and every one of you as members should be proud of what your Lodge has accomplished thus far this year. You are getting out into your community and being noticed. You are spreading Elkdom! You are having fun! You are showing that you are proud to be an Elk.

I only have two Lodges left to visit my term as Vice President and I look forward to these last two as I did the first two. Please continue to send me your monthly newsletter and copy me in on your DD

report so I can keep up on the happenings in your Lodge.

Nikki

Nikki Shannon, V.P. Central
Wisconsin Elks Association

Northwest District Report

Greetings from the Northwest District. By the time this goes to print we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Years will be here soon. Barb- and I hope everyone had time to spend with family and friends. We know how very blessed we are.

We have completed six of our eight visits with State President, George, First Lady, Muriel, President-Elect, Sam and Sam's traveling partner, Jeannie. Not only were visits fun, but it is so wonderful to see the work that is being done in the Northwest District. Six of our eight Lodges have reached the ENF goal of \$4.75. Hopefully, by Mid-Winter, not only the Northwest District will have reached their ENF goal, but the rest of the Lodges in the state as well. Please remember to support the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and the State Major Project. "Elks Care, Elks Share".

Speaking of caring, keep working on membership! Remind those who haven't paid that it's not too late to remain an ELK, and remember to ask all those around you if they would like to become an ELK. If every member recruited one new member, how your Lodge and our Order will grow. In closing, I hope to see you in Appleton.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE APRIL 4, 2018

STATE CONVENTION – MAY 3-6, 2018
PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER, APPLETON
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. CONVENTION
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)
One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) _____
(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	1	@\$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES LUNCHEON			
Philly Steak Sandwich	-----	_____ @\$15.50	\$ _____
OR			
Italian Chicken Senese	-----	_____ @\$16.75	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Roasted Pork Loin	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
OR			
Beef Bourguignon	-----	_____ @\$17.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	_____ @\$22.50	\$ _____
OR			
Baked Haddock	-----	_____ @\$22.50	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

Make Checks payable to WEA and send to Ken Johnson, State Sec. WEA, 1602 Foothill Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Philly Steak Sandwich: Sliced Beef, Onion and Provolone Cheese on French Bread. Served with assorted condiments and potato chips and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

Italian Chicken Senese: Boneless Breast of Chicken Crusted with Parmesan Cheese and topped with an Herb Marinara Sauce. Served with Broccoli Florets and Linguine, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

Roasted Pork Loin: Roasted Pork Loin Rubbed with Honey and Thyme topped with a light Supreme Sauce. Served with Broccoli Florets and Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

Beef Bourguignon: Braised Beef Tips with Red Wine, Mushrooms, Pearl Onions and Demi-Glace. Served with Broccoli Florets and Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Breaded Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with Ham and Gruyere Cheese, finished with Supreme Sauce.

Baked Haddock: A Boneless Haddock Fillet, baked with Lemon Pepper and Toasted Almonds.

Both Banquet meals served with Green Beans Almandine, Baked Potato, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

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SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

As we enter into this Holiday Season, let's all be thankful that we belong to one of the best Philanthropic & Charitable organizations around; that being the Wisconsin Elks Association Inc. This year, the W.E.A. will spend over \$385,000.00 helping others. At this Mid-Winter Conference, the emphasis is on our Major Project which demonstrates our commitment to help those in need.

Nan and I wish each of you a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!*

