



The Bugle

Summer 2018

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STATE PRESIDENT, SAM DEMMIN
AND FIRST LADY JEANNIE LANG**



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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 - Appleton, Sept. 12 – 15, 2019
 Paper Valley Convention Center
 2020 Mid-Winter Conference- Appleton
 January 30 – February 2, 2020
 Paper Valley Convention Center
 2020 State Convention- Appleton
 April 30 – May 3, 2020
 Paper Valley Convention Center
 2020 Fall Conference- Appleton
 September 17 – 20, 2020
 Paper Valley Convention Center

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To My Wisconsin Elks Family,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to a few individuals: To Ken and Nan Johnson for the tremendous job they have done and continue to do to make our Conferences and Conventions such a great success and for all they do throughout the year; Tom Widzinski and Ken Bruckner for performing the Installation Ceremony of our State Officers; Jim Meyer for taking *care* of getting all of our badges; George and Muriel Myers for their Leadership of our Association and their friendship and last but by no means least, Jason Somers for ensuring our hospitality room runs smoothly.



I would also like to Congratulate Nikki Shannon on being elected as our State President-Elect. I know she will do a great job and we look forward to traveling with her and Ron this year.

As I travel our state this year, I will be promoting my slogan: “**Capturing Our Communities**” With the focus being on membership and community involvement by implementing the 3 R’s: Recruit, Retain, Respond. You will hear me speak more on this at our visits.

As you read this, Jeannie and I will have begun our official duties as your State President and First Lady. We will have participated in our local Memorial Day Parade, completed our first visit to Appleton by attending the unveiling of the new U.S. Postage Stamp “Flag Act of 1818” and participating in the Oldest Flag Day Parade in the Nation. We will have begun our preparations for our trip to the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio where I will proudly represent our state by carrying our State Flag across the stage. What a great time to be an American and an Elk!

For those of you joining us in San Antonio, I wish you safe travels and look forward to seeing you there.

Faternally,

Sam Demmin

Sam Demmin, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

INFORMATION FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE 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 **AUGUST 14, 2018**. **After the cut-off date, you probably will not get a room.**



2018-2019 STATE PRESIDENT TRAVEL PLANS



LODGE/CITY	DAY OF WEEK	VISIT	DATE	THEME/DRESS CODE	LOCATION
Wisconsin Dells	Saturday	Elks Day at Respite Camp	6/23/2018		Elks Respite Camp
Portage	Saturday	State President Visit	6/23/2018	TBD	Lodge
San Antonio, TX	Sun-Wed	Grand Lodge Convention	7/1-4, 2018	Red & White	San Antonio, TX
Janesville	Saturday	State President Visit	7/28/2018	TBD	Lodge
Beloit	Sunday	State President Visit	7/29/2018	TBD	
Waukesha	Saturday	State President Visit	8/11/18	TBD	
Eau Claire	Friday	State President Visit	8/17/18	TBD	
Chippewa Falls	Saturday	State President Visit	8/18/18	TBD	
Rice Lake	Sunday	State President Visit	8/19/18	TBD	Lodge
Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Fall Conference	9/13-16, 2018	Red Jacket	Paper Valley
Madison	Saturday	State President Visit	9/29/2018	TBD	Lodge
Wisconsin Dells	Saturday	Pancake Breakfast	10/7/2018	Red Shirt	Camp Wawbeek
Ashland	Friday	State President Visit	10/12/18	TBD	
Superior	Saturday	State President Visit	10/13/2018	TBD	Lodge
Neenah/Menasha	Friday	State President Visit	10/19/2018	TBD	Lodge
Marshfield	Saturday	State President Visit	10/20/2018	Dark Suit/Red Jacket	Lodge
Kaukauna	Friday	State President Visit	10/26/2018	TBD	
Oshkosh	Saturday	State President Visit	10/27/2018	TBD	Lodge
Baraboo	Saturday	State President Visit	11/3/2018	TBD	Lodge
Green Bay	Friday	State President Visit	11/30/2018	TBD	Lodge
Oconto	Saturday	Venison Feed & Visit	12/1/2018	TBD	Lodge
Antigo	Saturday	State President Visit	12/8/2018	TBD	Lodge
Marinette	Saturday	State President Visit	1/5/2019	TBD	Lodge
Watertown	Saturday	State President Visit	1/19/2019	TBD	Lodge
Milwaukee	Saturday	State President Visit	1/26/2019	TBD	Lodge
Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Mid-Winter Conference	1/31-2/2, 2019	Red Jacket	Paper Valley
Wausau	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot	2/9/2019	Red Jacket/Shirt	
Wausau	Sat. Evening	State President Visit	2/9/2019	Dark Suit/Red Jacket	Lodge
Beaver Dam	Saturday	State President Visit	2/23/2019	TBD	Lodge
Iowa City, IA	Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot	3/9/19	Red Shirt	Iowa City, IA
Manitowoc	Friday	State President Visit	3/15/2019	St. Patrick's Day	Lodge
Sheboygan	Saturday	State President Visit	3/16/2019	Dark Suit/Red Jacket	Lodge
Stevens Point	Friday	State President Visit	3/22/2019	TBD	Lodge
Wisconsin Rapids	Saturday	State President Visit	3/23/2019	Dark Suit/Red Jacket	Lodge
Platteville	Saturday	State President Visit	4/6/2019	TBD	Lodge
Appleton	Fri thru Sun	Spring Convention	5/2-5, 2019	Red Jacket	Paper Valley

Capturing Our Communities

FROM YOUR FIRST LADY...

Happy Summer to our Elks Family,

At least I'm hoping we will have a summer. I would like to begin by thanking you for the honor of being the First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association. It is truly a great honor and I will do my best to make you proud.



Sam and I are excited to begin our "Official" visits to our Lodge's, to meet new people, make new friends and renew old friendships. We can't wait to learn all the great things your Lodge is doing in your community.

As is the tradition of the First Lady, I will be doing a fundraising raffle this year at each Lodge. I will be raffling a basket that will include 2 bottles of wine, 4 hand painted wine glasses and some extra goodies. The funds this year will be divided equally between the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and the State Major Project – Respite Center Wish List. Why these 2 funds? The Benevolent Fund because the money stays in Wisconsin and helps all our Lodges with our Charitable works. Our State Major Project Fund does a fabulous job with maintaining and updating the buildings at the Respite Center, but Camp continually needs other items such as: everyday medical supplies, paper goods, craft supplies, sporting goods, etc. My hope is that we can help put a dent in some of those needs. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

See you on the River Walk in San Antonio!

Jeannie

*Jeannie Lange, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association*



*Celebrate our Independence that so many Americans fought and died to obtain.
Liberty is not free. Enjoy the celebrations.*

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

Thank you for having the confidence in me to be your next State President Elect. This is a first for Wisconsin Elks having a female in this position. I am opening the door for future Lady Elks to run for State President-Elect followed by State President. I am excited but I also know I have some big shoes to fill. I will make you proud.

Now to get down to business. I need all Leading Knights to contact me to schedule your State President's Visit during your year. Many Lodges stay with or closely with the same dates every year. Dates are on a first come-first serve basis. Letters will also be sent to the Lodges. Thank you in advance.

Ron and I are looking forward to this upcoming year traveling to the Lodges with State President, Sam, and First Lady, Jeannie, spreading Sam's words of Elkdom, Capturing Our Communities. It's going to be a great year.

Fraternally,

Nikki Shannon

Nikki Shannon
WEA State President-Elect



PICTURED ABOVE ARE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) KEN JOHNSON, STATE SECRETARY OF THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION, MARVIN LEATHERS, STATE SECRETARY OF THE ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION AND LOU SULSBERGER, P.G.E.R. AND OUR STATE SPONSOR.

A few weeks ago Nan and I had the pleasure of attending the Illinois Elks Association State Convention in Springfield. I had the honor of being one of the people nominating Marvin Leathers for State Secretary of Illinois. Marvin is starting his 25th year as State Secretary. To my knowledge, this is the first time that someone from another state has participated in the Elks Association nomination of officers.

STATE SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All:

I would first like to congratulate all the new officers who have taken the controls of our Lodges and our Districts. Thank you for providing your leadership and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, I would like to thank last year's officers for the excellent year we had and look forward to working with all of you in the future.



June has arrived which signals that the Grand Lodge Convention is rapidly approaching. This year's convention is in San Antonio, Texas and promises to be better than ever as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I can assure you that the Grand Lodge Anniversary Celebration Committee has been working hard for the past couple of years to plan an awesome event. Exciting surprises are in store for the attendees!

A couple comments for those delegates attending the Convention in Texas. You will hear a lot about "business casual" dress code and just a friendly reminder for the men this means a collared shirt, slacks and your State jacket, if you have one, and the ladies, appropriate similar dress. (No jeans or shorts.)

To all of the Exalted Rulers, most of you will have your way to San Antonio paid for by your Lodge and so we want to see everybody, every morning at the business session.

In closing, have a wonderful and active summer. Let's all work together for the betterment of our communities and always remember, *Elks Care, Elks Share*.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Louis Sulsberger".

F. Louis Sulsberger, P.D.D.G.E.R.
State Sponsor
Wisconsin Elks Association



MUSINGS FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Isaiah 6: 8 NRSV

I’m sure you have noticed how teams (re: Packers, Brewers, even the Vikings) are always looking for an edge; especially in **personnel**. **Businesses invest in the latest technology in order to** improve their productivity and products. Companies will fire their marketing/ad agencies and hire others to launch new campaigns. Corporations cycle through numerous management fads hoping to gain that all important “edge.” It seems like almost everyone seeks that special “something” to bring success to their organization.



This begs the question: What is the key to success? To be successful a team needs many things, but it needs the most important thing – leadership.

It is my belief that:

Personnel determines the potential of the team

Vision determines the direction of the team

Work ethic determines the preparation of the team

Leadership determines the success of the team

It seems to me that everything rises and falls on leadership. If that team has great leadership, it can gain everything else it needs to go to the highest level.

Recently, this team (Wisconsin Elks Association) has added new personnel, promoted a new vision, established new leadership and a work ethic that hopefully will, like Isaiah, go out and “**Capture our Communities.**”

Success is up to us!

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Hackbarth, State Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Association

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!!

Once again, Karen and I would like to thank everyone that donates to our Association Raffle. Whether you are contributing raffle items or buying tickets, you are all helping in a big way.

Of course, we couldn’t hold the raffle without the raffle items so, **PLEASE, keep those donations coming so we can continue to help those in need!**

Nan Johnson & Karen Bennett



CONVENTION



ER of the Year - Michael Spranger



Elk Lady of the Year - Janice Wirth



Secretary of the Year - George Harper



Elk of the Year - Jan Schultz

HIGHLIGHTS



Lodge of the Year - Manitowoc

**Elk Ladies
of the Year**



**Elk of the Year
Recipients**

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

JAMES WALSH, JR., V.P.



As I am new to writing, I hope this gets easier as I go along. First of all, I hope everyone is ready for a great Summer. I know I am. I am looking forward to traveling this summer to visit all areas of the Great State of Wisconsin. I plan to visit as many Lodges as I can.

I also look forward to traveling to all Lodges in The Northwest District for the State President visits. I invite you to visit as many Lodges as possible in the Northwest District as well. Get to know your fellow Elks; find out what events that they are hosting in their Lodges. I look forward to meeting all the officers at the District Deputies Clinic.

I hope that all Lodges will let me know each month what they are doing. I also want you all to know I am open to hear from you with any questions or concerns at any time. Also, I am hoping to set up a District Meeting in early January. I hope as many that can attend will.

As I mentioned earlier, I look forward to seeing many Newsletters and getting to know what is being done in your communities.

Finally, let's all work to spread the word by promoting the Presidents Slogan of "Capturing Our Communities".

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

KARL HANKE, V.P.

All I can say is WOW!

I am truly honored to serve the Northeast District as both your Vice-President and as your District Deputy.

Never underestimate what a new member may accomplish with the Elks. In 2011 after several years of being asked to join by my father, I finally agreed to join the Wausau Elks Lodge #248. I told my loving wife, Annie, that we would join for one year and then just tell my dad it was not for us.....

A few months later I started an amazing journey as I climbed the chairs. In 2012 my wife, Annie, became a member. In 2013 I was named Officer of the Year, I became the Exalted Ruler in 2015, Elk of the Year in 2016 and served as the Auditor for the Northeast District, Esquire to the DD in 2017 and this year have the privilege to serve as both the DD and as the VP.

My area of focus in this journey is pride in membership. In order to recruit new members or to bring back the lost Elks we need to make sure that our Lodge members are proud of who we are. Each month I will be communicating to the Lodges in the Northeast a tip or a plan to help increase pride in their Lodge members. I believe when members show Lodge pride in daily activities non-members will inquire about the Elks.

I am very excited to work with all the Lodges and officers this year and to keep learning more about Elksdom along the way.

SOUTH DISTRICT

PAT MORAN, V.P.



Hello everyone from the South District. It is a privilege to serve as the Vice President for the South District for the next Elks year.

For those who don't know me here's a little background information. My wife, Pam, and I are both members at the Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS CONTINUED

SOUTH DISTRICT (continued)

I have been a member here for almost 10 years and have had the opportunity to serve the Lodge in all the Chairs. At the end of my Year as ER, Milwaukee was named the Wisconsin Elks Lodge of the year. I am currently a Lodge Trustee and last year I served as the Secretary to the District Deputy for the South District. Pam is currently serving as our ER this year. We have two sons and they are both members, Mike at the Yankton, SD Lodge# 992 and Jim who is a member here in Milwaukee.

Pam and I are looking forward to traveling with President Sam and First Lady Jeannie as we visit the 6 Lodges down here and to meet more of you and get to know you better.

We look forward to meeting with those of you who will be traveling to San Antonio for the Grand Lodge Convention. For those of you who have never attended one it's really something to see and be a part of, and this year's Convention should be very special as we celebrate nationally our 150th year of Elksdom.

In the meantime, please continue to make a positive difference in your community, grow your membership and apply for the grants that are available to your Lodges. As they say ... "it's free money".

Contact information: Cell: 847-732-3810

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EXPANDED FREEDOM GRANT TO ASSIST 100 MORE LODGES

Summer is no time to relax for the Elks National Veterans Service Commission! Freedom Grant applications go on line July 1. A few changes have been made in the Freedom Grant process this year. We will award Freedom Grants to 300 Lodges, up from 200 last year, and the grants will move from a competitive process to a first-come, first-served basis, similar to the way Promise Grants are awarded. To help your chances, remember that Freedom Grant projects must include Elks participation and must serve veterans in need. Projects that include direct interaction with veterans and/or military families will have a higher chance of approval, as will ongoing projects that reach a large number of veterans. More information can be found on the Freedom Grant webpage at elks.org/cip.

Make sure to put these Veterans Service events on your Elks National Convention calendar. On Sunday, July 1 at 10a.m., more than 100 Elks scholars will be at the Convention Center assembling hygiene kits for veterans in need. Whether you want to pitch in for two minutes or two hours, the scholars will welcome your help.

On Monday, July 2 at 2 p.m., the Elks National Veterans Service Commission will hold the hour-long "Increase Your Impact: How to Optimize Your Veterans Service" Seminar in Room 221 AB at the Convention Center.

Be sure to attend the Grand Lodge Business Session on Tuesday, July 3, to hear the ENVSC Report for 2017-2018.

Finally, visit us at the ENVSC booth. Meet with our Veterans Programs experts, talk with your state's Veterans Volunteers of the Year. We hope to see you there!

YOUR ASSOCIATION RAFFLE DOLLARS AT WORK

MAY 2018



Home Away from Home

FISHER HOUSE WISCONSIN NEWS

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Message from the Fisher House Wisconsin Board



As we start our 2018 journey, I want to take a moment to reflect on the passionate support you provided to our military veterans and their families. We had over 1,400 donors in 2017 that funded our efforts to help take care of our veterans in their time of need. We have officially welcomed over 1,460 families in our home since opening the doors two years ago!

In my last message, I mentioned two operational improvements the Board enacted. First is the execution of our investment strategy. We vetted and decided on a conservative investment portfolio that is actively managed by both our investment advisors and the Board. During the first half of the year, we are cautiously moving funds into the portfolio using a dollar-cost-averaging strategy coupled with a short-term/risk-free investment vehicle to generate a return on the funds we are waiting to invest. Our plan is to maintain a year's worth of operating funds in our checking account and invest the remainder. We

always strive to be prudent and cautious stewards of the funds you entrust with us.

The second operational improvement focuses on our strategy and by-laws update. With two years of operation under our belt, we have come to realize that there are times when our veterans and their families can benefit from projects within the hospital. We believe that these projects complement our mission of taking care of military families in their time of need within Fisher House, and as a result, the Board approved a modest budget to help execute selective projects within the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. We are excited to bring these projects into our mission and look forward to the impact they make.

As always, I am humbled to be a part of this organization. The Board of Directors, our selfless volunteers, our amazing community partners and our individual donors have combined to become something larger than the sum of the individual parts. Your efforts are truly making a difference.

With warmest regards,
Andrew Roberts, President

Join Us for these 2018 Flagship Events

July 21 – 20th Annual 5k Famous Racing Sausages Run/Walk. Join Team Fisher House at 8am for a beautiful run/walk that starts and ends at Miller Park. Make sure to look for the Fisher House Wisconsin tent where you can pick-up your registration packets and t-shirts as well as a snack before the race. Registration is online at <http://brewers.race-mlb.com/>! Make sure you register under Team 'Fisher House'! We had the largest team last year and can't wait to do it again this year! Special thanks to the Brewers Community Foundation for choosing to partner with Fisher House Wisconsin again!

August 20 – 6th Annual Fisher House Wisconsin Golf Outing. Join us at Geneva National for a beautiful day of golf for a great cause! It doesn't matter if you have golfed before or not, everyone is welcome. Please consider a sponsorship if you aren't a golfer! You can even 'sponsor a veteran'. This sponsorship pays for a veteran to golf. We have a waiting list of veterans that want to golf in our event but are unable to pay. Registration opens at 10am and golf starts at Noon! For more information, please visit the EVENTS page at fisherhousewi.org.

September 2 – The Big Unit Poker Run for Fisher House Wisconsin

Join us for Bill Michael's 11th Annual charity ride! This is the 7th year in a row that Bill will be donating 100% of the proceeds to Fisher House Wisconsin. Registration starts at 8am and kickstands go up promptly at 10am. Bill takes a lot of time in planning the ride and the stops and we ALWAYS have beautiful weather! Watch our website and Facebook page for registration information. Pre-register and receive a complimentary t-shirt!

FisherHouseWI.org



YOUR ASSOCIATION RAFFLE DOLLARS AT WORK (continued)

Memorials and Tributes

by Curtiss Peck

There are certain events that touch each of us in significant ways. One of those is the tragic death of Gregory "Ziggy" Zyskiewicz, the City of Milwaukee building inspector who was killed on March 22, 2017. Fisher House Wisconsin (FHW) was Ziggy's favorite veteran's charity. So, it just seemed natural for his family to request that donations in Ziggy's memory be made to FHW in lieu of flowers. Cards and letters of condolences began to arrive with memorials from people whose lives had been touched by Ziggy directly and from others who did not know him personally, yet were impacted emotionally by his story. One woman from Kenosha wrote, "I didn't know Ziggy, but his story deeply touched my heart." Another person wrote, "Ziggy must have been an amazing person. I wish I had known him personally."

Ziggy's legacy continues. On March 23, 2018, Chris Wiken, Joan Zellner and the amazing staff at

The Packing House restaurant in Milwaukee hosted a memorial event in Ziggy's memory. In addition to honoring Ziggy and his entire family, The Packing House donated \$1 from each fish fry sold that day. They also had donation buckets available for people who wished to make cash donations. Over \$1,400 was donated to FHW in Ziggy's memory to help ensure the sustained support for the hundreds of military and veterans' families who continue to have a Home Away From Home at the Milwaukee VA Fisher House when their needs are greatest.

Ziggy's name is among the hundreds of names of individuals listed on our website under Memorials and Tributes. Listing the names of individuals for whom we receive memorial and tribute donations is our way of sustaining their legacies. We may not have known each of these individuals personally, yet each of their life's stories touches us in special ways, just as Ziggy's story has.

Upcoming Events

May 28 – Elm Grove Memorial Day Block Party to Benefit Fisher House Wisconsin.

June 2 – First Annual Poker Run in Little Chute, WI benefiting Fisher House Wisconsin.

June 20 – Culver's 10% Day for Fisher House Wisconsin. Please see our website for locations!

June 12 – 5th Annual Stars and Stripes Golf Outing in Lomira, WI.

July 19 – 2018 Hometown Hero Day Resource Fair at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

August 22 – Wednesday Night Live at the Budweiser Pavilion at State Fair Park.

Will You Lend a Hand? If you are interested in joining the Fisher House Wisconsin Fund Development & Marketing committee and have a background in Marketing or PR, please reach out to Angie Christianson at ACChristianson@fisherhousewi.org.

"Happy 2nd Anniversary, Milwaukee VA Fisher House!"



Memorial Day Donation

This Memorial Day, consider making a donation to Fisher House Wisconsin in honor of a loved one or in honor of all those who have served.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BRYAN R. KLATT, GRAND SECRETARY

Has your Lodge promoted the online Membership application for signing up new Members? Through elks.org, a current paid-up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family members and friends. Invitees can complete the application and submit their membership application online.

Lodge Secretaries will be notified of these applications via the "Alerts" screen of CLMS2. They then can process the electronic version the same as a paper application. All data provided by the applicant will be imported into the Lodge's CLMS2 database with the simple click of a button. What better way to gain a Member than by using technology to its fullest?



**Be who you are and
say what you feel,
because those
who mind don't
matter and those
who matter
don't mind.**

- Dr. Seuss

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1	WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION						
2	Budget-2017-2018						
3	6/5/2018 15:53						
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7	Acct. Budget Item	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Budget
8		Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable		Charitable
9	1A Elks National Vets. Service	\$18,785.00	\$18,980.00	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$20,880.00
10	1B WEA Veterans Commission	\$17,376.00	\$17,400.00	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00
11	2 WEA Veterans Commission Expense	\$349.00	\$457.44	\$350.98	\$400.00	\$131.12	\$400.00
12	3 Committee for the Disabled	\$8,796.00	\$5,881.00	\$7,767.00	\$9,000.00	\$5,942.64	\$9,000.00
13	4 Drug Awareness Committee	\$11,403.00	\$11,306.51	\$10,452.46	\$10,600.00	\$10,733.92	\$10,600.00
14	5 Wisconsin Elks Major Project	\$43,440.00	\$44,000.00	\$40,704.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
15	6 Scholarship Committee	\$163,000.00	\$163,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00
16	7 Scholarship Committee Expense	\$1,653.97	\$1,675.41	\$1,032.63	\$1,600.00	\$1,072.88	\$1,600.00
17	8 U.S. Constitution Contest	\$21,730.00	\$26,400.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
18	9 U.S. Constitution Committee Expense	\$1,010.83	\$1,021.46	\$1,020.07	\$1,100.00	\$872.77	\$1,100.00
19	10 Hoop Shoot Committee	\$16,250.85	\$15,237.27	\$16,735.10	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
20	12 Youth Activities Committee	\$8,502.98	\$5,515.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
21	17 Elks National Foundation Committee	\$108.26	\$110.78	\$111.81	\$150.00	\$131.88	\$150.00
22	18 Americanism Committee	\$7,238.14	\$7,390.06	\$7,072.38	\$7,000.00	\$6,944.81	\$7,000.00
23	25C The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web	\$2,882.24	\$1,011.88	\$2,180.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,321.90	\$2,500.00
24	35C B.O.D. Contingency Fund CHAR	\$785.61	-\$214.00	\$1,417.90	\$5,200.72	\$2,288.99	\$5,191.49
25	35C(1)W.E.A. Lodge Grants	\$9,494.00	\$14,753.00	\$12,758.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,122.00	\$23,052.00
26	35C(6)Deferred Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$4,214.00	\$1,714.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
27	Totals-----	\$332,805.88	\$333,925.81	\$319,782.33	\$326,730.72	\$319,742.91	\$338,573.49
28							
29							
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31	Proposed Income	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
32		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget		
33		Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable		
34	cking carry over		\$1,888.08	\$3,154.46	\$3,344.84	\$3,344.84	\$3,385.88
35	Elks National Vets. Service Commission	\$20,270.00	\$18,980.00	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$20,880.00
36	Special Project Grants	\$105,870.00	\$106,830.00	\$108,960.00	\$109,540.00	\$109,540.00	\$110,760.00
37	State Charities Grant	\$76,630.00	\$78,220.00	\$76,200.00	\$80,190.00	\$80,190.00	\$82,870.00
38	Bonus Grant	\$18,210.00	\$17,710.00	\$16,430.00	\$16,780.00	\$16,780.00	\$16,840.00
39	Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund	\$115,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$100,000.00
40	Last Year MM carry over	\$17,262.27	\$17,262.27	\$12,325.83	\$7,795.88	\$7,795.88	\$3,837.61
41	TOTALS-----	\$353,242.27	\$350,890.35	\$326,150.29	\$326,730.72	\$326,730.72	\$338,573.49
42							
43	B&B	\$11,582.86	\$11,582.86	\$10,614.72	\$10,621.21	\$14,194.28	\$14,194.28
44							
45	Pat Nitze	\$14,107.30	\$14,107.30	\$14,222.98	\$14,233.31	\$14,335.00	\$14,335.00
46	B&B & Pat Nitze carry over	\$25,690.16	\$25,690.16	\$24,837.70	\$24,854.52	\$28,529.28	\$28,529.28
47							

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
Budget-2018-2019

ADMIN. BUDGET

Acct.	Budget Item	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Actual 18%Red.	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Budget
11	Accident Prevention Committee	\$32.79	\$17.89	\$0.00	\$19.66	\$14.27	\$46.38	\$50.00	44.92	\$75.00
13	Ritual Judges	\$310.08	\$254.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.65	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
14	Ritual Committee Expense	\$451.65	\$150.94	\$139.95	\$137.68	\$355.16	\$218.48	\$350.00	\$372.68	\$450.00
15	Ritual Team to Grand Lodge	\$7,200.00	\$5,904.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Credentials And Elections Committee	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$14.75	\$0.00	\$44.03	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$970.85	\$1,000.00
19	Lodge Development Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
20	Business Practice Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
21	Legal Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
22	Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
23	Grand Lodge Committee Exp.	\$6,500.00	\$5,534.35	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24	State Conferences and Committee Exp.	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
25A	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$10,942.08	\$7,356.55	\$9,873.27	\$10,358.65	\$11,089.54	\$8,900.28	\$10,000.00	\$6,439.90	\$9,500.00
26	Convention Proceedings	\$873.10	\$772.15	\$950.90	\$1,159.86	\$842.05	\$813.80	\$1,000.00	\$728.50	\$1,000.00
27	Office Expense	\$7,075.73	\$5,123.27	\$6,850.16	\$7,636.40	\$5,540.35	\$4,433.20	\$6,000.00	\$5,487.68	\$6,000.00
28	Publicity and Public Relations Comm.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.40	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
29	President's Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00
30	President's Grand Lodge Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,000.00
31	President Elect's Allowance	\$4,000.00	\$3,280.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$5,000.00
32	Secretary's Allowance	\$7,000.00	\$5,740.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$8,000.00
33	Secretary to Grand Lodge	\$1,500.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,637.60	\$2,000.00
34	Treasurer's Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$1,640.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,500.00
35	B.O.D. Contingency Fund ADMIN*	\$8,465.75	\$4,383.80	\$4,434.02	\$6,076.51	\$3,089.36	\$6,499.71	\$7,000.00	\$4,225.39	\$7,062.02
35(1)	VP'S Compensation					\$875.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00
36	Lodge Activities Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
37	Officers Training Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
38	Laws and Resolutions Committee	\$154.36	\$154.35	\$0.00	\$154.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
39	Membership and Lapsation Committee	\$17.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.78	\$73.79	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
40	GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE		\$358.00	\$230.39	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$541.45	\$600.00	\$599.50	\$700.00
41	Office Equipment	\$1,384.84	\$315.47	\$3,500.00	\$972.77	\$550.64	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$680.00	\$800.00
42	Legalized Gaming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Totals-----	\$66,862.06	\$47,545.04	\$53,993.44	\$56,674.66	\$53,480.24	\$46,003.30	\$58,400.00	\$44,237.02	\$55,437.02
	Proposed Income									
		2011-2012 Administrative Actual	2012-2013 Administrative Actual	2013-2014 Administrative Actual	2014-2015 Administrative actual	2015-2016 Administrative actual	2016-2017 Administrative actual	2017-2018 Administrative Budget	2017-2018 Administrative actual	
	carry over	\$22,159.69	\$13,500.00	\$7,209.25	\$4,243.66	\$664.80	\$10,562.50	\$9,154.73	\$9,154.73	\$11,187.02
	Per-Capita Dues	\$37,340.00	\$35,768.00	\$34,780.00	\$50,556.00	\$49,288.00	\$46,122.00	\$44,436.00	\$44,436.00	\$44,250.00
	M.M. Interest	\$17,037.23	\$17,000.00	\$14,109.20	\$110.00	\$129.09	\$170.00	\$170.00	\$170.00	
	Transfer from Raymond James			\$12,313.49	\$11,685.00	\$13,959.20		\$4,639.27	\$4,639.27	\$0.00
	TOTALS	\$74,579.98	\$63,062.29	\$53,993.44	\$56,674.76	\$64,041.09	\$56,854.50	\$58,400.00	\$58,400.00	\$55,437.02
	Money Market Index Account... REGULAR	\$16,020.05	\$5,000.00	\$1,298.63	\$12,674.37		\$14,192.89	\$12,664.49	\$12,664.49	\$11,338.11
	Raymond James	\$205,932.00	\$208,399.05	\$224,076.30	\$220,873.55		\$188,893.15	\$208,028.74	\$208,028.74	\$230,627.33
	cking carry over	\$6,139.64	\$829.54	\$4,243.66	\$664.80		\$10,562.50	\$3,556.83	\$3,556.83	\$11,187.02
	total	\$228,091.69	\$214,228.59	\$225,400.37	\$224,292.82		\$199,455.65	\$211,585.57	\$211,585.57	\$238,249.30
	Restricted Accounts									
	Grand Lodge Comm. Trailer account	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94		\$1,498.02	\$1,498.02	\$1,498.02	\$1,498.02
	may 2018 convention		\$1,248.77	\$1,193.28	\$1,193.28		\$3,824.09	\$3,891.11	\$3,891.11	\$5,432.50
	meet&greet			\$5,292.00	\$5,701.00		\$6,756.50	\$5,541.00	\$5,541.00	\$5,542.00
	Conference Income reserve						0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.64
	Restricted Accounts			\$1,068.00	\$1,068.68		\$2,114.28	\$1,734.36	\$1,734.36	
							\$14,192.89	\$12,664.49	\$12,664.49	\$14,903.16

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION																				
2018-2019 Membership Statistics																				
6/5/2018																				
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	MEMBERSHIP CHANGE
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
LODGE		238	281	277	274	266	271	268	264	258	260	258	259	258	262	272	278	281	3	
ANTIGO # 662		140	133	124	124	107	113	93	84	79	65	65	62	57	48	45	46	49	3	
APPLETON # 337		514	453	413	380	358	314	304	294	275	256	178	179	175	149	148	140	140	0	
ASHLAND # 137		464	443	412	381	351	325	315	303	289	284	282	282	270	241	220	210	207	(3)	
BARABOO # 688		89	106	86	92	86	75	70	66	51	48	48	44	38	40	37	35	37	2	
BEAVER DAM # 1540		82	77	75	70	67	62	59	58	59	55	55	53	47	42	44	44	41	(3)	
BELOIT # 864		211	215	210	207	208	203	204	194	179	170	163	169	160	157	151	152	149	(3)	
CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326		278	286	274	286	264	260	244	261	255	248	234	216	208	214	201	207	212	5	
EAU CLAIRE # 402		720	713	700	665	645	623	586	554	500	467	435	436	405	389	100	0	0	0	
FOND DU LAC # 57		198	176	176	143	126	110	161	150	98	92	86	90	87	84	74	69	59	(10)	
GREEN BAY # 259		394	386	351	312	294	269	259	244	241	243	238	217	190	175	171	171	170	(1)	
JANESVILLE # 254		86	74	70	68	66	67	65	64	63	57	56	55	48	49	49	45	46	1	
KAUKAUNA # 962		1366	1357	1184	1133	1094	1039	1029	997	950	892	827	773	755	778	758	765	756	(9)	
MADISON # 410		412	412	438	435	418	379	356	380	296	161	156	130	97	119	133	163	194	31	
MANITOWOC # 687		477	469	440	420	401	410	410	430	422	418	412	411	403	373	360	360	336	(24)	
MARINETTE # 1313		690	717	718	722	716	709	708	695	697	681	658	662	660	644	633	621	606	(15)	
MARSHFIELD # 665		533	527	513	467	451	437	427	401	399	372	334	309	294	298	281	310	294	(16)	
MILWAUKEE # 46		213	180	150	147	138	130	113	104	100	98	88	88	85	70	72	77	81	4	
NEENAH-MENASHA #676		106	96	97	93	89	90	103	104	97	97	96	94	94	83	79	79	78	(1)	
OCONTO # 887		379	375	386	380	385	385	373	340	330	313	325	326	332	338	342	325	315	(10)	
OSHKOSH # 292		218	207	206	204	203	195	203	239	246	278	239	226	221	202	181	171	156	(15)	
PLATTEVILLE # 1460		358	356	339	347	339	321	294	266	244	240	219	200	197	185	175	187	187	0	
PORTAGE # 675		97	87	95	88	85	82	84	80	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RACINE # 252		914	881	843	792	741	742	687	640	610	611	616	625	625	628	626	616	602	(14)	
RICE LAKE # 1441		623	632	636	633	643	643	639	627	646	648	629	610	589	569	552	531	523	(8)	
SHEBOYGAN # 299		710	678	643	595	535	474	458	434	429	412	384	353	336	312	292	290	280	(10)	
STEVENS POINT # 641		469	436	403	391	369	374	364	368	350	340	334	330	352	355	348	326	330	4	
SUPERIOR # 403		215	218	186	164	152	116	112	111	115	115	109	99	82	74	70	0	0	0	
TWO RIVERS # 1380		150	129	128	147	157	143	114	107	89	78	85	80	71	77	69	0	0	0	
WALWORTH-LAKELAND # 2201		230	252	257	237	238	226	215	205	200	191	185	185	190	193	198	202	230	28	
WATERTOWN # 666		340	340	315	301	291	285	272	265	250	253	252	237	224	220	215	209	215	6	
WAUKESHA # 400		899	912	899	889	864	860	839	815	765	738	753	756	739	715	669	661	657	(4)	
WAUSAU # 248		228	223	219	206	200	187	179	171	163	154	143	139	137	130	122	116	144	28	
WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693																				
TOTALS		13091	12827	12263	11793	11347	10919	10607	10315	9815	9335	8942	8695	8426	8213	7687	7406	7375	-31	
			-264	-564	-470	-446	-428	-312	-292	-500	-480	-393	-247	-269	-213	-526	-281	-31		

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE AUGUST 14, 2018

FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2018
PAPER VALLEY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. FALL CONFERENCE
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)
One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

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

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	1	@\$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES LUNCHEON			
Smoked Turkey Sandwich -----	_____	@\$13.00	\$ _____
OR			
Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Wrap -----	_____	@\$13.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Smoked Turkey Sandwich -----	_____	@\$13.00	\$ _____
OR			
Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Wrap -----	_____	@\$13.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Ballotine Asiago -----	_____	@\$22.00	\$ _____
OR			
Roasted Pork Loin -----	_____	@\$22.00	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

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

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Smoked Turkey Sandwich: Smoked Turkey Breast, Provolone Cheese, Cranberry Relish and Roasted Apple and Honey Dijon Mayonnaise on a Nine Grain Bun.

Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Wrap: Grilled, marinated vegetables with Aged Swiss Cheese in a Herb Wrap.

Both offerings are served with Chips and coffee, tea and milk.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Ballotine Asiago: Boneless Breast of Chicken filled with Asiago, Pecorino Romano, Onions, Sun-Dried, Tomatoes and Supreme Sauce. Served with Green & Yellow Squash Sauteed with Garlic and Olive Oil and Rice Pilaf.

Roasted Pork Loin: Slow Roasted Pork rubbed with Honey and Thyme and finished with a Light Supreme Sauce. Served with Broccoli Florets and Garlic Mashed Potatoes.

Both offerings are served with Garden Salad, Fresh Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

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