

# *WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION*



***2017 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS  
115<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> THRU MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017***

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THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
AND FIFTEENTH  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION**

HELD AT THE  
**RADISSON HOTEL**  
&  
**CONVENTION CENTER**

**GREEN BAY, WI**

**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

1 MR. RADIG: Good afternoon. Would  
2 everybody please be seated so we may begin.

3 At this time, I would ask that you  
4 please leave your cell phones turned on, and please  
5 everybody call each other. I'm sure the Benevolent  
6 Fund would love the support.

7 I will now call this Saturday afternoon  
8 general session of the 2017 Wisconsin Elks  
9 Association State Convention to order.

10 Please remember, when we adjourn, we  
11 will move quickly into the memorial service right  
12 here in this room.

13 Sergeant-At-Arms, will you please  
14 escort the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger, our  
15 Grand -- Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Wisconsin State  
16 Sponsor to his seat at the right of the podium.

17 As I call upon the State Chaplain, the  
18 Reverend Michael Hackbarth, to give the invocation, I  
19 ask that you please remain standing for the  
20 presentation of our colors and salute to our flag.

21 MR. HACKBARTH: Please pray with me.

22 Almighty and ever-loving God, the  
23 source of all wisdom and understanding, be present  
24 with those who take counsel at this Wisconsin Elks  
25 Association Convention. Teach us in all things to

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1 seek first your honor. Guide us to perceive what is  
2 right and grant us both the courage to pursue it and  
3 the grace to accomplish it. In your holy name, we  
4 pray. Amen.

5 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Reverend  
6 Michael.

7 Color Guard, would you please present  
8 the flag of our country.

9 (Singing of National Anthem.)

10 MR. RADIG: Please join with me in the  
11 Pledge of Allegiance.

12 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag  
13 of the United States of America and to the republic  
14 for which it stands, one nation, under God,  
15 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

16 MR. RADIG: Color Guard, will you  
17 please post the colors.

18 Color Guards, you are dismissed and may  
19 be seated.

20 We have vowed to never forget our  
21 veterans who protected our freedoms, but we must also  
22 never forget those that have given service to protect  
23 us day in and day out as law enforcement.

24 Presenting our colors today, Past State  
25 President, Jim Meyer, Jefferson County Sheriff's

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1 Department; Past District Deputy and Grand Exalted  
2 Ruler Sam Demmin, Winnebago County Sheriff's  
3 Department; Past State President Milt Swantz, Fond du  
4 Lac Police Department; Past State President Dennis  
5 Daley, Milwaukee and Oconomowoc Police Departments;  
6 and Joe Rossley of the Marinette Police Department.

7 Thank you, gentlemen, and please join  
8 me in showing our appreciation.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. RADIG: I'd also like to recognize  
11 Jerry Brien for the singing of our National Anthem.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. RADIG: Our State Secretary will  
14 now take the roll call of officers.

15 MR. JOHNSON: When I call your name,  
16 please just give a good loud -- so I can mark it down  
17 and hear you.

18 President Rob Radig, Senior.

19 MR. RADIG: Here.

20 MR. JOHNSON: President-Elect George  
21 Myers.

22 Here.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President,  
24 Northwest, Nate Levenhagen.

25 Here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President,  
2 Northeast, Dave Crevcoure.  
3 Here.  
4 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President, Central,  
5 Mike Wright.  
6 MR. WRIGHT: Here.  
7 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President, South,  
8 Jeff Boss.  
9 MR. BOSS: Here.  
10 MR. JOHNSON: Secretary Ken Johnson.  
11 Here.  
12 Treasurer, Jeff Langton.  
13 Here.  
14 MR. JOHNSON: Chaplain, Reverend  
15 Michael Hackbarth.  
16 MR. HACKBARTH: Here.  
17 MR. JOHNSON: Tiler, Ernie Bellin.  
18 Here.  
19 Sergeant-At-Arms, Bill Weinshrott.  
20 Here.  
21 MR. JOHNSON: Inner Guard, Ryan Swantz.  
22 MR. SWANTZ: Here.  
23 MR. JOHNSON: Parliamentarian, Bill  
24 Forrest.  
25 MR. FORREST: Here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Protocol for Conferences  
2 and Conventions, Todd Kostuck.

3 Here.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Photographer, Pat Buck.

5 Here.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Our cohistorians, Ivan  
7 Craig, Junior, and Bill Weinshrott.

8 Here.

9 MR. JOHNSON: Our insurance advisor is  
10 Tom Ketchum, excused.

11 State Trustees and Board of Directors  
12 chairman, David DeRosier.

13 MR. DEROSIER: Here.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Trustees. Jay Franklin.

15 MR. FRANKLIN: Here.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Secretary of the Board of  
17 Directors and Trustee, Andy Olander.

18 Here.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Trustee, Pat Buck.

20 Here.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Joe Klumb.

22 MR. KLUMB: Present.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Tony Voulgaris.

24 Here.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Our Grand Lodge Sponsor,

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1 F. Louis Sulsberger.

2 MR. SULSBERGER: Here.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Our Special Deputy to the  
4 Grand Exalted Ruler, Dennis Daley.

5 Here.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Our Youth Activities  
7 committee (inaudible), Tom Widzinski.

8 Here.

9 MR. JOHNSON: At this time, Mr.  
10 President, we're going to do things to a little different  
11 tune once again. We're going to do a roll  
12 call of lodges. So the ER and the secretary of the  
13 lodge, just -- when I call your name, announce if  
14 you're present or not.

15 Antigo Elks Lodge.

16 No.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Appleton Elks Lodge.

18 No.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Ashland.

20 Here

21 MR. JOHNSON: Baraboo.

22 Here.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Beaver Dam.

24 Here.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Beloit.

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1 Here.  
2 MR. JOHNSON: Chippewa Falls.  
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4 MR. JOHNSON: Eau Claire.  
5 Here.  
6 MR. JOHNSON: Green Bay.  
7 Here.  
8 MR. JOHNSON: Janesville.  
9 Here.  
10 MR. JOHNSON: Kaukauna.  
11 Here.  
12 MR. JOHNSON: Madison.  
13 Here.  
14 MR. JOHNSON: Manitowoc.  
15 Here.  
16 MR. JOHNSON: Marinette.  
17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Here.  
18 MR. JOHNSON: Marshfield.  
19 Here.  
20 MR. JOHNSON: Milwaukee.  
21 Here.  
22 MR. JOHNSON: Neenah-Menasha.  
23 (Inaudible.)  
24 MR. JOHNSON: Oconto.  
25 Here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Oshkosh.  
2 Here.  
3 MR. JOHNSON: Platteville.  
4 Here.  
5 MR. JOHNSON: Portage.  
6 Here.  
7 MR. JOHNSON: Rice Lake.  
8 Here.  
9 MR. JOHNSON: Sheboygan.  
10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Here.  
11 MR. JOHNSON: Stevens Point.  
12 Here.  
13 MR. JOHNSON: Superior.  
14 Here.  
15 MR. JOHNSON: Did I get a here in  
16 Superior?  
17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.  
18 MR. JOHNSON: Two Rivers -- oh. Two  
19 Rivers and Walworth, bless their hearts, they're no  
20 longer with us.  
21 Watertown.  
22 Here.  
23 MR. JOHNSON: Waukesha.  
24 Here.  
25 MR. JOHNSON: Wausau.

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MR. JOHNSON: Wisconsin Rapids.

Here.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, the roll has been taken. Thank you.

MR. RADIG: Thank you, Ken.

Please remember that anytime you are addressing the membership in making or seconding a motion, to first state your name and your lodge number. This is important so the proceedings of the session are recorded accurately.

The minutes of the last Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention in Green Bay have been published. Are there any additions or corrections to the published minutes?

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. President, Ken Johnson, Wausau 248, makes a motion to approve it's been printed and published.

MR. RADIG: Is there a second to the motion?

MR. KOSTUCK: I second that motion.

MR. JOHNSON: That's Todd Kostuck from Platteville.

MR. RADIG: Any discussion?

(No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Seeing none, all in favor,  
2 please indicate -- indicate by voting sign of an Elk.

3 Hands down.

4 Those opposed, same sign.

5 Motion carried.

6 The Chair now recognizes Jan Schultz,  
7 chairman of the Credentials & Elections committee,  
8 for her preliminary report.

9 MRS. SCHULTZ: Jan Schultz, Marshfield  
10 Lodge, 665.

11 We have a total of 258 Elks attending  
12 this convention. A total of 214 voting credentials  
13 were issued. You will be voting on the ivory  
14 ballots. Do not tear your stubs from your  
15 credentials. We will have people positioned in the  
16 four corners and in the middle aisle where you will  
17 turn in your ballots and your credentials. They will  
18 remove the stub that's needed.

19 All of the voting information will be  
20 given to you by Bill Forrest.

21 That's all I have.

22 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jan.

23 We will now go directly into the  
24 election process.

25 The Chair now recognizes Past State

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1 President Bill Forrest, Parliamentarian, to explain  
2 the nomination election pro- -- procedure.

3 MR. FORREST: Hey Todd, pay  
4 attention.

5 All right. I guess not.

6 Bill Forrest, Past State President,  
7 State Parliamentarian, Wausau Lodge No. 248.

8 The bylaws of the Wisconsin Elks  
9 Association provide for the election of officers at  
10 this convention. Regarding the offices, all Elks in  
11 good standing in this association are eligible to  
12 hold office with the exception of the offices of  
13 President and President-Elect. These offices can  
14 only be held by a Past Exalted Ruler.

15 Nominations will be made from the floor  
16 for all elective offices.

17 With respect to the office of  
18 Vice-President, they are nominated and elected only  
19 from their corresponding Grand Lodge district. You  
20 vote only for the candidates nominated within your  
21 district.

22 Trustees are selected, one Trustee from  
23 each Grand Lodge district. So all people -- all  
24 registered voter credentials are eligible to vote for  
25 a Trustee position.

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1                   This year, we'll also have nomination  
2                   for Secretary. It is a two-year term, and it  
3                   alternates back and forth each year between Treasurer  
4                   and Secretary.

5                   Make sure you submit a clear ballot.  
6                   If you do not submit a clean ballot, the Elections &  
7                   Credentials committee is going to have to declare the  
8                   ballot invalid.

9                   At the conclusion of my instructions,  
10                  the President will call upon Jan Schultz, chair of  
11                  the committee on Credentials & Elections, to  
12                  supervise and conduct the election and collect and  
13                  count the ballots.

14                  As we've done in the past, the  
15                  committee will have members stationed around the  
16                  room. When you have completed your ballot, please  
17                  proceed to the nearest member of the committee and  
18                  present your ballot along with your credential. And  
19                  that's the same instruction that Jan presented. So  
20                  make sure that you follow the instructions  
21                  explicitly.

22                  After the ballots have been collected,  
23                  the regular business of the convention will proceed  
24                  until the committee is ready to report the results of  
25                  the election.

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1                   Upon completing the nominations where  
2                   there is one candidate for any office, the President  
3                   will direct the casting of a unanimous ballot for  
4                   such candidate.

5                   Upon completion of the count, the  
6                   committee shall report the results of the election by  
7                   reporting the numbers of votes cast for each  
8                   candidate for office.

9                   Finally, I propose some loose -- some  
10                  loose rules for the nominations. Because there is  
11                  apparently only one contested office, ladies and  
12                  gentlemen, feel free to -- to be short in your  
13                  nominations and seconding speeches.

14                  For President-Elect, one nominating  
15                  speech of not more than three minutes will be  
16                  accepted and two seconding speeches of no more than  
17                  one minute each.

18                  For Trustees and Vice-Presidents, one  
19                  nominating speech of no more than one minute and one  
20                  seconding speech of no more than one minute.

21                  In the case of the Secretary, I  
22                  probably could declare that no nomination is  
23                  necessary.

24                  In all -- in all cases, remember that  
25                  seconding speeches are optional.

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1 Mr. President, I move for adoption of  
2 these rules for nominations and the conduct of the  
3 ballot.

4 MR. RADIG: Is there a second to that  
5 motion?

6 MR. MYERS: George Myers, Eau Claire  
7 Lodge 402.

8 I second the motion.

9 MR. FORREST: For clarification, Jim,  
10 regardless of what district they are nominated from,  
11 everybody votes for a Trustee in that particular  
12 district. So in a case of a Trustee-At-Large, it's  
13 an At-Large position, so still, everybody would vote.

14 MR. RADIG: Todd, you  
15 started something. Notice those are all PSPs.

16 (Inaudible.)

17 MR. RADIG: 19 hours.

18 (Inaudible.)

19 MR. RADIG: I'll -- I'll -- I'll whip  
20 them into shape.

21 Any further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RADIG: All those in favor, voting  
24 sign of an Elk.

25 Hands down.

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1                   Opposed, same sign.

2                   Motion carried.

3                   Thank you, Bill.

4                   The Chair, again, recognizes Jan  
5 Schultz for any additional instructions to the voting  
6 delegates. I should have said if she has any.

7                   MS. SCHULTZ: I really don't have any  
8 other than pay attention to the instructions from  
9 Mr. Forrest (inaudible), and use the ivory ballot,  
10 and leave your credentials intact. Thank you.

11                  MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jan.

12                               (Inaudible.)

13                               (Laughter.)

14                  MS. SCHULTZ: I had to join the club.

15                               (Laughter.)

16                  MR. RADIG: Just for the record, I'm  
17 Rob Radig from Beaver Dam lodge (inaudible).

18                               I will now entertain nominations and  
19 seconds for the office of State President-Elect.

20                  MR. BOSS: Ken Boss, Beloit Lodge 864.

21                               Sam Demmin was born and raised in  
22 Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. He graduated from  
23 (inaudible) High School.

24                               After graduation, he attended the  
25 Northwest Technical College. Received his degree in

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1 criminal justice.

2 He began his career in law enforcement  
3 in 1981 with Algoma and Kewaunee City Police  
4 Departments.

5 Sam moved to the Valley in 1983 as a  
6 police officer for the Village of Winneconne and the  
7 City of Waupun.

8 In 1989, he began as a deputy with  
9 Winnebago County Sheriff's Department (inaudible)  
10 retiring June 11th (inaudible) 30-year career in law  
11 enforcement.

12 Sam married Lori in 1980. And  
13 together, they raised two sons, (inaudible) and Ryan.

14 Sadly, Lori passed away December 2012.

15 Sam progressed through the chairs and  
16 was elected to the office of Exalted Ruler for the  
17 year of 2011/2012 (inaudible).

18 He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the  
19 Oshkosh (inaudible) Association for two consecutive  
20 years and currently holds the position of Leading  
21 Knight for the Oshkosh lodge.

22 He had the honor of being named Officer  
23 of the Year in 2008 and '9, Lodge of the Year and Elk  
24 of the Year for 2009/2010 and, again, in 2013 and  
25 2014.

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1 He has served on several committees  
2 with both the local and state level, including  
3 Membership & Lapsation, Americanism, and Drug  
4 Awareness.

5 He's currently cochairman of the Grand  
6 Lodge Attendance Committee.

7 At the national level, Sam was  
8 appointed as Esquire to the District Deputy Grand  
9 Exalted Ruler in 2013, and subsequently, District  
10 Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the year 2014 and '15.

11 He has served as an appointed Grand  
12 Lodge Trustee.

13 Sam has been instrumental in  
14 organizing -- organizations of several lodge  
15 (inaudible) for the Oshkosh Lodge (inaudible) lodge  
16 interaction.

17 He has been involved with lodge --  
18 Oshkosh Lodge Soccer Shoot in one way -- one way or  
19 another for the past seven years.

20 Sam also sponsored a scholarship in  
21 memory of his late -- late wife, Lori. The  
22 scholarship winner is chosen with the assistance of  
23 the Oshkosh Lodge 292 members, and it's announced at  
24 the lodge's Youth Activity banquet (inaudible) each  
25 year in the paper.

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1 Sam is the man. If you need help, you  
2 call. Sam will be there.

3 It brings me -- gives me great honor  
4 and pleasure to nominate Sam Demmin for your next  
5 State President-Elect.

6 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Ken.

7 Is there a second for that nomination?

8 MR. WIDZINSKI: Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh  
9 292, Past State President.

10 My President and fellow Americans, I  
11 stand before you today and place Sam Demmin's name --  
12 second Sam Demmin's name for State President-Elect of  
13 the Wisconsin Elks Association.

14 You've just been told of all of Sam's  
15 servitude as a public servant, looking out, working  
16 for the citizens of Winnebago County. Daily, he's  
17 patrolled our county borders, putting his life on the  
18 line as a county sheriff's deputy. I can  
19 categorically tell you today that Winnebago County  
20 does not need a wall. Sam has worked diligently at  
21 keeping the bad (inaudible) from Outagamie and Fond  
22 Du Lac counties from infiltrating our neighborhoods.

23 I've known Sam for a long time. And I  
24 can tell you, as your State President, he'll push to  
25 keep our valuable money in our local lodge coffers.

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1 Are you sick and tired of paying exorbitant per  
2 capita dues to the Grand Lodge in Chicago? Sam has  
3 pledged to keep those funder (verbatim) -- funds  
4 under the jurisdiction of our individual lodges,  
5 thus, ensuring we chart the course of our own  
6 destiny.

7 Now, I've recently checked with the  
8 Credentials & Elections chairman, and she has told me  
9 that there has been no tampering of the election  
10 process and that the ballot has been secured.

11 I'm going to go out on a limb at this  
12 time and predict that we are about to witness a huge  
13 victory, possibly the greatest victory ever in the  
14 history of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

15 With that, I ask for your support in  
16 helping elect Sam Demmin to the State -- as great  
17 State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks  
18 Association. Help make great Elks great again. Help  
19 make Elks great again. Sammy.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. RADIG: Anyone want to follow that?

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. RADIG: Are there any other seconds  
24 for this nomination?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
2 nominations for President-Elect?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
5 nominations for President-Elect?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
8 nominations for President-Elect?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

11 I will now open nominations for  
12 Vice-Presidents beginning with the Northwest  
13 district.

14 MR. FRANKLIN: Jaye Franklin, Marshfield  
15 Lodge, 665.

16 It is my pleasure to nominate Jeff  
17 Miller, Rice Lake Lodge, (inaudible) office of  
18 Vice-President, Northwest district. Jeff is the  
19 strongest (inaudible) best (inaudible).

20 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
21 that nomination?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
24 nominations for Vice-President, Northwest?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
2 nominations for Vice-President, Northwest?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
5 nominations for Vice-President, Northwest?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.  
8 Vice-President, Northeast district.

9 MR. HANKE: Karl Hanke, Wausau Lodge  
10 No. 248.

11 It is my great honor to nominate, and  
12 the fact that you already ordered his name badge for  
13 next year, Mr. Dave Crevcoure for the position of  
14 Vice-President for the Northeast district.

15 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
16 that nomination?

17 SPEAKER: Kevin McCarthy, Wausau Lodge No.  
18 248.

19 I'd like to second the motion that Dave  
20 Crevcoure nominated for our district.

21 MR. RADIG: Are there any other seconds  
22 for that nomination?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
25 nominations for Vice-President, Northeast?

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1 (No response.)

2 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
3 Vice-President, Northeast?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
6 nominations for Vice-President, Northeast?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.  
9 Vice-President, Central district.

10 MR. SHANNON: Myron, "Ron," Shannon,  
11 Beaver Dam Lodge No. 1540.

12 The person I'm nominating for  
13 Vice-President, Central district, I know she can run  
14 the Central district well (inaudible). So I would  
15 like to place into nomination my wife, Nikki  
16 Shannon, for Central district Vice-President of the  
17 Wisconsin Elks Association.

18 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
19 that nomination?

20 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Wright, Sheboygan  
21 Lodge 299.

22 And your current Central VP. And I  
23 definitely think that Nikki will do a great job  
24 coming up. Enjoy.

25 (Laughter.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Are there any nomination --  
2 any other nominations for Vice-President, Central  
3 district?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
6 nominations for Vice-President, Central district?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
9 Vice-President, Central district?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.  
12 Vice-President, South district?

13 MR. GOLEMBIEWSKI: Richard Golembiewski, Waukesha  
14 Lodge 400.

15 I'd like to nominate Kevin Lonien,  
16 Milwaukee Lodge No. 46. He has been a  
17 member for 15 years. He has also been an officer for  
18 15 years. He was a Trustee for eight years. He went  
19 through all the chairs, ER twice, Officer of the Year  
20 twice, Legalized Gaming for the State for four  
21 years. I think Kevin will do a great job for the  
22 South district.

23 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
24 that nomination?

25 MR. DEROSIER: Dave DeRosier, Milwaukee

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1 Lodge No. 46, Past State President, chairman  
2 of the Board of Directors.

3 I second Kevin's nomination. I work  
4 with him in the office. He is Secretary, I am Treasurer.  
5 He is going to make a great asset to the team.

6 Kevin, I'm glad to second your  
7 nomination.

8 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
9 nominations for Vice-President, South?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
12 Vice-President, South?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
15 nominations for Vice-President, South?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

18 I now open nominations for State  
19 Secretary.

20 Are there any other nom- --

21 MR. KOSTUCK: Todd Kostuck, Platteville  
22 Lodge No. 1460.

23 (Applause and laughter.)

24 MR. KOSTUCK: I have the honor of  
25 nominating for State Secretary a good friend and a great help

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1 to the for the members of our Association, making time  
2 for them. I could go on and on about all that he  
3 has done for our association, and I'm sure many of  
4 you have stories of his help. So I have the pleasure of  
5 nominating a good friend of mine, Ken Johnson, for  
6 State Secretary of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

7 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
8 that nomination?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
11 nominations for State Secretary?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
14 nominations for State Secretary?

15 (No response.)

16 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
17 nominations for State Secretary?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.  
20 I now open nominations for State  
21 Chaplain.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. CRAIG: Ivan Craig, Oshkosh Lodge  
24 No. 292.

25 It gives me great pleasure to nominate

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1 Reverend Michael Hackbarth as State Chaplain.

2 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
3 that nomination?

4 MR. BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan Lodge  
5 No. 299.

6 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
7 nominations for State Chaplain?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
10 nominations for State Chaplain?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
13 nominations for State Chaplain?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

16 I now open nominations for State Tiler.

17 MR. BERTRAND: Ron

18 Bertrand, Waukesha Lodge 400, Past State President.

19 I'd like to put in a nomination the  
20 name of Don Svoma. I've known Don for 26  
21 years. And for 6 of those years scared the hell out of me.

22 Don has been an Elk for 36 years. He  
23 was an Exalted Ruler in '92 to '93. Vice-President  
24 of his district in '95 and '96. He was a DD, 2002  
25 and 2003. Officer of the Year, 2002/2003. Lodge Elk

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1 of the Year, 2013/2014. He is no stranger to the  
2 lodge activities.

3 On the state level, he is well known.  
4 He was the state Inner Guard from 1997 to 2008,  
5 11 years.

6 He has been on the Credentials &  
7 Elections committee, Ritualistic committee, the Drug  
8 Awareness committee, the Americanism committee,  
9 Officer Training committee. This man will do a good job.

10 I place the nomination for Don  
11 Svoma.

12 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
13 that nomination?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
16 nominations for State Tiler?

17 MR. CREVCOURE: Dave Crevcoure, Green  
18 Bay Lodge 259.

19 We'd like to nominate for the great  
20 city of Green Bay for Lodge 259, Past Exalted Ruler,  
21 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, George Harper,  
22 to be the next Tiler for the Wisconsin State  
23 Association.

24 George is the hardest  
25 working secretary I know. He knows everything about

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1 our lodge (inaudible) best (inaudible) anticipates  
2 (inaudible) next Tiler.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
5 that nomination?

6 MR. BELLIN: Ernie Bellin, Neenah Menasha  
7 Lodge 676 and I would be more than happy to second.

8 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
9 nominations for State Tiler?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
12 nominations for State Tiler?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
15 nominations for State Tiler?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

18 We now open nominations for State  
19 Sergeant-At-Arms.

20 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Wright, Sheboygan  
21 Lodge No. 299.

22 Great honor to nominate William  
23 Weinshrott for Sergeant-At-Arms.

24 MR. RADIG: Do we have a second for  
25 that nomination?

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1 (No response.)

2 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
3 nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
6 State Sergeant-At-Arms?

7 (No response.)

8 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
9 nominations for State Sergeant-At-Arms?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

12 We now open nominations for State Inner  
13 Guard.

14 MR. SWANTZ: Milt Swantz, Watertown Lodge No.  
15 666.

16 I nominate my second son,  
17 Ryan Swantz, for State Inner Guard.

18 MR. RADIG: Are there any seconds for  
19 that nomination?

20 (No response.)

21 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
22 nominations for State Inner Guard?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
25 State Inner Guard?

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1 (No response.)

2 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
3 State Inner Guard?

4 (No response.)

5 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

6 I now open nominations for Central  
7 district Trustee.

8 MR. BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan Lodge No.  
9 299.

10 Members of the Central district, it is my pleasure  
11 to nominate Tony Voulgaris Association from Oshkosh Lodge N. 292.

12 MR. RADIG: Is there a second for that  
13 nomination?

14 MS. BOHNSACK: Char Bohnsack, Sheboygan  
15 Lodge 299.

16 I second that nomination.

17 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
18 nominations for Central district Trustee?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
21 Central district Trustee?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
24 Central district Trustee?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.  
2 Are there any nominations for At-Large  
3 Trustee?

4 MR. FRANKLIN: Jaye Franklin, Marshfield  
5 Lodge No. 665.

6 I would like to nominate Andy Olander.

7 MR. RADIG: Is there a second for that  
8 nomination?

9 MR. BERTRAND: Ron Bertrand, Waukesha  
10 Lodge No. 400, Past State President.

11 I'd like to second the nomination of Andy  
12 Olander. I've known Andy quite a while and he will do great.

13 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
14 nominations for At-Large Trustee?

15 MR. SISLO: Dick Sislo, Superior Lodge  
16 No. 403.

17 The officers and members of Rice Lake  
18 lodge #1441 along with the lodge Trustees proudly announce  
19 their unanimous support for Nate Levenhagen for the office  
20 of state Trustee At-Large for the Wisconsin Elks  
21 Association.

22 Nate has been a member of the Rice Lake  
23 Lodge for 25 years.

24 He is currently serving as the  
25 five year Trustee.

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1 Nate is the chairman of Trustees.

2 Nate served as Exalted Ruler from 1991  
3 to 1992 and as Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from  
4 1996 to 1998.

5 Nate is currently serving as  
6 (inaudible) vice-president (inaudible) 2016/2017 and  
7 is currently serving as a member of the state  
8 (inaudible) WEA (inaudible) of the Wisconsin Veterans  
9 (inaudible).

10 Because of Nate's dedication and  
11 commitment to the Elks, the (inaudible) members of  
12 the Rice Lake lodge (inaudible) members (inaudible)  
13 Trustees (inaudible) members (inaudible) state ask  
14 you to join them in support of Nate Levenhagen for  
15 the candidate of (inaudible) state Trustee At-Large  
16 of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

17 MR. RADIG: Is there a second for that  
18 nomination?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
21 nominations for At-Large Trustee?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
24 nominations for At-Large Trustee?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: Any other nominations for  
2 At-Large Trustee?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. RADIG: Nominations closed.

5 I will now call upon Bill Forrest to  
6 enter -- to -- for a motion to -- to order the State  
7 Secretary to record the unanimous ballot for all the  
8 candidates who were nominated without opposition.

9 (Inaudible.)

10 (Laughter.)

11 MR. FORREST: That -- that was Ken  
12 Johnson, State Secretary, Wausau 248.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. FORREST: Bill Forrest, Past State  
15 President, Wausau 248.

16 We have several uncontested positions,  
17 including the office of Secretary. So it is my  
18 pleasure to make the motion that the Secretary be  
19 instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for all  
20 uncontested offices with the exception of the office  
21 of Secretary.

22 MR. WIDZINSKI: Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh  
23 292, seconds that nomination.

24 MR. RADIG: Any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. RADIG: All in favor, please  
2 indicate by voting the sign of an Elk.

3 Hands down.

4 Opposed, same sign.

5 Motion carried.

6 MR. FORREST: Bill Forrest, Wausau 248.

7 It is my pleasure to make the motion  
8 that the State Treasurer be instructed to cast a  
9 unanimous ballot for Mr. Ken Johnson as Secretary of  
10 the State of Wisconsin Elks Association. So moved.

11 MR. RADIG: Is there a second for that  
12 motion?

13 MR. BRIEN: Jerry Brien, Kaukauna Lodge  
14 No.962, seconds the motion.

15 MR. RADIG: Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. RADIG: All in favor, please  
18 indicate by voting the sign of an Elk.

19 Hands down.

20 Opposed, same sign.

21 Motion carried.

22 Just a reminder, everyone is casting a  
23 vote for the position of President-Elect. Everyone  
24 is casting a vote --

25 No. I was waiting to see if George was

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1 paying attention. He's got to do this next year.

2 A reminder to please stay in the room.

3 Do not leave. Remember, once you leave this area,  
4 you will not be permitted to reenter until the voting  
5 is completed.

6 The Chair now recognizes Jan Schultz  
7 for final instructions to the voting delegates.

8 MS. SCHULTZ: Jan Schultz, Marshfield  
9 Lodge, 665.

10 Will the team members please distribute  
11 themselves around the room.

12 They will be in the four corners and in  
13 the middle aisle. Make sure you use the ivory  
14 ballots. Make sure you clearly mark who you want for  
15 Tiler and Trustee-At-Large so that no one's vote is  
16 not counted.

17 And that is all I have.

18 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jan.

19 We'll proceed with the voting.

20 Okay. If you've turned in your votes,  
21 please return to your seats.

22 Please take your seats if you've  
23 already voted.

24 Again, please take your seats if you  
25 haven't -- if you've already voted.

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1 MS. SCHULTZ: Jan Schultz, 665,  
2 Marshfield.

3 Do we have all of the ballots? Last  
4 call. Okay.

5 MR. RADIG: While we are awaiting the  
6 results of the election from the Credentials &  
7 Elections committee, we will continue the session  
8 with committee reports.

9 Committees will be called in the  
10 numerical order by which they are listed in the  
11 directory.

12 Before I move on with that, I have one  
13 quick announcement. This morning, I gave gifts to  
14 all my state president -- state officers - sorry - as  
15 is traditional. Was there somebody who didn't want  
16 theirs?

17 (Laughter.)

18 (Inaudible.)

19 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Don Behnke, for  
20 turning that in.

21 You did that deliberately.

22 Jackie, that's for you.

23 Now we are ready to start with our  
24 committee reports.

25 However, before we start with any

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1 committee report, we will start with the proposed  
2 budget from the chairman of the Board of Directors.  
3 The Board of -- Board of Directors report, Past State  
4 President Dave DeRosier.

5 MR. DEROSIER: Dave DeRosier, Past  
6 State President, Milwaukee Lodge 46, Chairman  
7 of the Board.

8 I'm going to do this in two parts.  
9 Charitable side. Balanced budget. Total expenditures,  
10 \$326,730.72. Administrative side, balanced again. Total  
11 expenditures, \$58,400.00. I move for adoption of this budget.

12 MR. RADIG: Is there a second?

13 MR. JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248,  
14 gladly seconds this.

15 MR. RADIG: Is there any discussion?

16 MS. HEITMANN: Jackie Heitmann,  
17 Portage Lodge No. 675.

18 I do have two questions. One on  
19 Credentials & Elections, their only experience has been  
20 minimal. And their budget is a thousand dollars.  
21 And Grand Lodge committee has always had 7,000.  
22 and they only have 1,000.

23 MR. RADIG: This is on the  
24 administrative side, for those looking for that.

25 MR. DEROSIER: This budget was set up based on

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1 requests and needs. If they need it, they have  
2 it.

3 On the other side, the same side for  
4 the Grand Lodge attendance, they have their own  
5 checking account. They're given a thousand dollars  
6 seed money. They have their own money, they raised their own  
7 money. If they need money later on they come to  
8 the Trustees. We go to the contingency fund.

9 So last year, they had over  
10 11,000. So a request was to start with the seed  
11 money and go from there and only take it as they need  
12 it.

13 This was discussed with Jason. He  
14 has no problem operating like this. And it gets  
15 audited in September.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248.

17 On your question on the Credentials,  
18 let me say that the committee has requested funds  
19 because, first of all, their computer is outdated,  
20 and their name badge maker on site is outdated. So they're  
21 going to need a new computer and a new name badge maker  
22 like in Windows 10 or something like that. So we  
23 need to have those funds for that committee.

24 MR. RADIG: Thank you. Is there any  
25 other discussion?

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(No response.)

MR. RADIG: All those in favor, vote by voting sign of an Elk.

Hands down.

Opposed, same sign.

Motion carries.

Before we continue with committee reports, what we will do is have the members approve all of the reports at one time. We will do that at the conclusion of the reports here today, and then we will do it again at the conclusion of the reports tomorrow.

I'd like to remind you that any action regarding expenditures, budgeting, and other action will require a motion. Committee chairman or the person giving the report will make the motion at that time.

If there are no objections to this procedure, we will continue with the reports.

Please keep your report short and to the point, but do not omit anything of importance.

MR DEROSIER: Mr. President, I also forgot to make one announcement.

After the election results are in, and we do adjourn to set up for the memorial

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1 service. All newly elected officers and those carrying on  
2 with the terms of their office meet by the -- see where the  
3 Secretary is? Right over in that area. We have to  
4 have nomination elected (inaudible) chairman of the  
5 Board, President, and the Secretary. So if you are  
6 an elected position or carrying on in a nominated position,  
7 meet over there at the break.

8 MR. RADIG: Okay. We'll begin with the  
9 Advisory Committee followed by Auditing.

10 MR. KOSTUCK: Todd Kostuck, Platteville  
11 Lodge No. 1460. (Inaudible) President (inaudible)  
12 Advisory.

13 We met on May 5th at 1:30 (inaudible).  
14 (Inaudible) present. We also had 15 Past State  
15 Presidents and six guests in attendance. We heard  
16 from (inaudible) say that (inaudible).

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. KOSTUCK: (Inaudible). Reports --  
19 we had reports from the Board of Directors and  
20 Secretary and State Treasurer. (Inaudible) reports  
21 from the State President, President-Elect. District  
22 (inaudible) reports (inaudible) and (inaudible)  
23 elected Todd Kostuck for president, Tony Voulgaris  
24 for Vice-President. Secretary is Bill Forrest. And  
25 Treasurer will be Dennis Daley.

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1 Grand Lodge Attendance committee, and we are glad to  
2 report that their expenditures have also been  
3 approved by the Auditing committee.

4 The rest of my report is on file with  
5 the Secretary.

6 MR. RADIG: Thank you. Resolutions &  
7 Laws followed by Membership & Lapsation.

8 MR. SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz, Watertown  
9 666. Chairman of Resolution & Laws. Also, State  
10 Inner Guard. So if you're going to try to sneak in,  
11 now is the time to do so.

12 We met this morning at 7:30. No real  
13 agenda or business to come before the committee.

14 Discussion was raised about, if there  
15 was a way that the committee could be notified in  
16 advance if there is no business so that they don't  
17 have to get up at 7:30 for, hi, let's say the Pledge,  
18 and now let's adjourn. We'll be exploring to see if  
19 there is anything that can be done about this.

20 Meeting adjourned.

21 The rest of the report will be on file  
22 with the Secretary.

23 MR. RADIG: Membership & Lapsation  
24 followed by Lodge Development.

25 MR. BOHNSACK: Bob Bohnsack, Past State

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1 President, Sheboygan 299, on behalf of the Membership  
2 committee.

3 We had an absolutely outstanding  
4 presentation this morning by Karl Hanke from Wausau  
5 Lodge 248.

6 The unfortunate part about it is that,  
7 if we consider membership the lifeblood of this  
8 organization, we should have been packed with people.  
9 Even if you're not on a committee, I encourage, if  
10 you have time, to come to the Membership & Lapsation  
11 committee meetings, please do so. There's just a  
12 wealth of information and ideas shared at that. We  
13 all talk about membership. Let's do it.

14 The balance of the report is on file.

15 MR. RADIG: Lodge Development followed  
16 by Business Practices.

17 MR. ROSSLEY: Joe Rossley, Marinette  
18 Lodge (inaudible), Lodge Development.

19 We met this morning at 9:00. Our first  
20 guest speaker was the State President-Elect, George  
21 Myers. He requested that we consider to try to  
22 retain the members that we have.

23 In addition -- in -- in addition to our  
24 actual duties of Lodge Development, we decided to put  
25 the Oak -- Oak Creek/Racine area lodge on hold, on

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1 the back burners, and then proceed and try to help  
2 other lodges that need help retaining what they have.  
3 We need to, statewide, keep what we have instead of  
4 worrying about bringing in stuff that we don't have.

5 And we decided we're going to try to  
6 change the name of our committee from Lodge  
7 Development to Lodge Development, slash, Reten- --  
8 Retention. We're going to file the paperwork and  
9 have it done officially and proceed from there.

10 The rest of my report is on file with  
11 the Secretary.

12 MR. RADIG: Business Practices followed  
13 by Publicity & Public Relations.

14 Publicity & Public Relations followed  
15 by Conferences & Conventions.

16 MR. HOLBROOK: Aaron Holbrook, Beaver  
17 Dam 1540.

18 We met at 9:00 a.m. this morning. I  
19 was a few minutes late.

20 Thank you to vice-chair Chad Bormann  
21 for taking care of that.

22 We discussed a variety of things  
23 including publicity and membership. There is an  
24 article written by Rick Gathen called "A (inaudible)  
25 Approach," which was in the Grand Lodge newsletter in

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1 May. I would suggest that lodges take a look at  
2 that. That has -- as Rick emphasized and as we've  
3 been emphasizing in the Publicity committee,  
4 publicity and membership go hand-in-hand. The main  
5 point of getting publicity for your lodge is to help  
6 you grow.

7 The rest of my report will be on file.

8 MR. RADIG: Conferences & Conventions  
9 followed by Lodge Activities.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248,  
11 again.

12 First of all, I want to thank everyone  
13 for being here in this one. I'm glad. I hope  
14 everyone is enjoying it. It's been a fun time.  
15 Thank you for one more great convention.

16 I do want you to know - I think  
17 everybody has heard already - George Myers had the  
18 bad news that his hotel in Eau Claire is going to  
19 close down and not be open to the public. So Eau  
20 Claire had to cancel their plans for the fall  
21 conference. George has asked myself and for the  
22 Wisconsin Elks to do something.

23 I've gone around and checked around,  
24 and the answer is Paper Valley is going to be  
25 acceptable. Please, folks. There is going to be

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1 some modifications being made, but it's going to  
2 work, and we're in the Paper Valley. Because doing  
3 things on short notice is hard.

4 Then also, by this last weekend, I got  
5 notice that this facility and other commitments for  
6 our future years in May, and they cannot do it.

7 Back on the phone again. Some calling  
8 around. Paper Valley will be able to do it for the  
9 next two years for the convention.

10 Got done with that phone call, and Sam  
11 notified me that, if elected, he would let the  
12 Wisconsin Elks run his fall conference.

13 On the phone to Paper Valley. And here  
14 we go. Next two years, I locked in with the Paper  
15 Valley.

16 Now, folks, I've got to tell you.  
17 Paper Valley gives us a good deal on rooms. They  
18 give us a good deal on kick-backs. Their meeting  
19 room fee is about nothing except for the  
20 meet-and-greet room. They're doing it -- there's not  
21 many things you can go to for a \$15 reservation fee.

22 The other thing I've got tell you, and  
23 this is a fact here, that not many hotels allow you  
24 to bring in food and drink anymore. Far and few in  
25 between. Paper Valley will still allow it at least

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1 for two years, I hope, (inaudible). But one thing  
2 Paper Valley and this facility did ask of me is that  
3 members that would leave the meet-and-greet room with  
4 cocktails in their hands and walking around the  
5 facilities cannot be tolerated by the hotel. The  
6 hotel does not like to see you walking past the bar,  
7 down the hallways. You're leaving your drinks around  
8 for them to pick up or the beer cans to pick up.  
9 They've asked me (inaudible) Paper Valley. And we're  
10 going to continue (inaudible) Paper Valley. You're  
11 going to be allowed to get just a little ways out of  
12 the room, in other words, to get to the outside door  
13 to go have a puff. That's your choice. And if you  
14 do, you better damn sure bring your glass and can  
15 back in or that privilege will be gone. Folks, this  
16 is a privilege that can be taken away in a blink of  
17 an eye by the hotel. So I ask you all to honor that.  
18 And remember, that that's what the room is for, not  
19 the whole facility.

20 The rest of my file is on report with  
21 me.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. JOHNSON: Figure that one out.

24 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Ken. And thank  
25 you, Ken, for everything this weekend.

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1 Lodge Activities followed by Officer  
2 Training.

3 MR. SOMERS: Jason Somers, Waukesha  
4 Lodge No. 400, Lodge Activities, committee chairman.

5 We met this morning. Reviewed our  
6 Easter events at our lodges. We also discussed  
7 upcoming Mother's Day and also Flag Day events.

8 We had an open discussion about  
9 different events and activities being held at all of  
10 our different lodges, which includes (inaudible)  
11 events and also events of teenagers and children.

12 We also discussed a couple statewide  
13 events coming up, including Camp (inaudible) clean-up  
14 day next week Saturday at 9:00. Please come and join  
15 us. We'd like to see at least one or two  
16 representatives from every lodge. Just call this a  
17 lodge activity to get people out there to help us  
18 out.

19 We also discussed an upcoming Beaver  
20 Day -- Beaver Dam Raceway Elks Night on August 12th,  
21 which is a Saturday. And we'll have a fellow member,  
22 (inaudible), with his race car with the Elks symbol  
23 out there racing in Beaver Dam. So come join us  
24 there.

25 The rest of the file will be on report

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1 with the Secretary.

2 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jason.

3 Officer Training followed by ER Leading  
4 Knight Advisory.

5 MS. LANG: Jeannie Lang, Oshkosh Lodge  
6 No. 292, for Officer Training.

7 We had a really (inaudible).

8 We opened it up for discussion because  
9 in the last couple of sessions, we've talked about  
10 updating the officers' training manual.

11 We talked about possibly changing that  
12 particular committee from committee to Advisory.

13 Today we had maybe five -- maybe five  
14 members of the actual committee there, but I'll bet  
15 we had between 20 and 30 guests who were anywhere  
16 from Lecturing Knights to current ERs who wanted to  
17 come in and learn what they needed to do to be  
18 officers.

19 So we opened up the discussion, and we  
20 have some really great ideas for what the -- the  
21 incoming officers are looking for for officers'  
22 training. So what we've done is -- Dick Sislo, the  
23 cochair, and I, we've opened it up and we've asked  
24 for five volunteers. We're going to try to get  
25 together, go over that manual, and have their input

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1 as far as what they're looking for, which would help  
2 the lodges. So we're going to go forward with that.  
3 And hopefully, we can have everything done come fall.

4 The rest of my report will be on file.

5 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

6 ER Leading Knight Advisory followed by  
7 Drug Awareness.

8 MS. SHANNON: Vickie Shannon, Beaver  
9 Dam, No. 1540, ER Leading Knight Advisory committee.

10 We had several guests come and speak  
11 with us.

12 (Inaudible.)

13 MS. SHANNON: Now can you hear me?

14 Okay. ER Leading Knight Advisory. I'm  
15 Vickie Shannon. I'll start over.

16 We met this morning at 9:00 a.m. We  
17 had several guests come and speak with us.

18 Ken Johnson talked on the (inaudible)  
19 grant.

20 State President Rob came and spoke on  
21 membership and grants.

22 Jackie Heitmann came and spoke  
23 regarding the Benevolent Fund.

24 Lou came and talked regarding Grand  
25 Lodge and ENF.

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1                   And Dennis Daley came and talked  
2                   regarding the Grand Exalted Rulers' pen/pendant for  
3                   the reception down at Grand Lodge.

4                   Another one, Jerry Brien. Any  
5                   questions, concerns regarding grants and how to apply  
6                   for them, he's the go-to person in the state. Just  
7                   want to get that out to -- to everybody that was not  
8                   there this morning.

9                   The rest of the report will be on file  
10                  with the Secretary.

11                  MR. RADIG: We're going to skip ahead.

12                  I'm sorry, Jerry. We're going to start  
13                  with you tomorrow morning. Out of order.

14                  I do see that Jan is back, but we have  
15                  one that we need to get in yet. It is Grand Lodge  
16                  Attendance committee.

17                  MR. SOMERS: Jason Somers, Waukesha  
18                  Lodge No. 400, chairman of the Grand Lodge Attendance  
19                  committee.

20                  We met this morning. We discussed a  
21                  couple things. I am not going to call out the lodges  
22                  that have not made their mandatory \$100 donation for  
23                  the hospitality room last year. These donations are  
24                  very important to run this hospitality room. It's  
25                  two weeks' worth of time of our volunteers that we

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1 have to go down and run this hospitality room for a  
2 week. Like I said, this is a mandated \$100 donation  
3 from the lodge. I am in contact with EDs, VPs, and  
4 we will follow up with that after this convention.

5 For those that are coming down to Reno,  
6 ERs, you're required to be down there. Of course,  
7 our DDs are required to be down there. And we'd like  
8 to see as many Wisconsin delegates down there as  
9 possible. Please get your hotel reservations in to  
10 me ASAP. The rest of it, your airline tickets,  
11 purchase on your own.

12 Don't forget, every lodge has the \$100  
13 donation, and you have your personal donations from  
14 there.

15 We look forward to having a great time  
16 in Reno, and we'll see you down there July 15th at  
17 the absolute latest, and then you'll be there until  
18 July 19th. Thank you.

19 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jason.

20 I see that Jan is back in the room.  
21 I'll call on Jan Schultz, chairman of the Credentials  
22 & Elections committee, to announce the results of our  
23 election.

24 MS. SCHULTZ: Jan Schultz, Marshfield  
25 665.

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1                   We will start with Tiler. There were a  
2 total of 175 ballots turned in for voting. For  
3 Tiler, Don got 73. George 80. And 22 ballots were  
4 rejected.

5                   The rejections were because no name was  
6 entered. You didn't know who to vote for, so you  
7 didn't vote for anyone, which is fine. Two names  
8 were listed, but there was no X, no circle, no line  
9 through to indicate which one you wanted. And in  
10 some cases, you voted for someone who was not  
11 nominated. That's the reasons for the rejection.

12                   You needed 50 percent plus one to win.  
13 George Harper with 80 is your new Tiler.

14                   (Applause.)

15                   MS. SCHULTZ: Trustee-At-Large. Again,  
16 175 ballots. 117 for Andy. 45 for Nate. 13  
17 rejected for the same reasons. Your new  
18 Trustee-At-Large is Andy Olander.

19                   (Applause.)

20                   MS. SCHULTZ: Anyone have any other  
21 questions or anything else from us?

22                   (No response.)

23                   MS. SCHULTZ: Thank you.

24                   MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jan.

25                   MR. FORREST: Bill Forrest, Wausau

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1 Lodge No. 248.

2 I make a motion that the Credentials &  
3 Elections committee be authorized to destroy the  
4 ballots.

5 MR. RADIG: And a second for that?

6 MR. BRIEN: Second. Jerry Brien,  
7 Kaukauna 962.

8 MR. RADIG: We have a motion and a  
9 second. Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. RADIG: All those in favor, voting  
12 sign of an Elk.

13 Hands down.

14 Opposed, same sign.

15 Thank you. It carries. I'm sorry.

16 Just a reminder, all the newly elected  
17 Board of Directors, please meet after this session in  
18 the corner.

19 I'd now like the -- the newly elected  
20 state officers to stand and be recognized. The newly  
21 elected officers.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. RADIG: I'd like to congratulate  
24 all the new officers for the year 2017 and '18. I  
25 wish you all a very enjoyable year in office.

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1                   We will now suspend -- suspend --  
2                   suspend the committee reports, and I would entertain  
3                   a motion to accept the reports that have been given  
4                   today.

5                   MR. DEROSIER: Dave DeRosier,  
6                   (inaudible) Lodge 46.

7                   So move.

8                   MR. BRIEN: Jerry Brien, Kaukauna 962.

9                   (Inaudible) report. Seconded.

10                  MR. RADIG: Is there any discussion?

11                                   (No response.)

12                  MR. RADIG: All those in favor, voting  
13                  sign of an Elk.

14                  Hands down.

15                  Opposed, same sign.

16                  Motion carries.

17                  We will begin with the Drug Awareness  
18                  committee first thing tomorrow morning.

19                  We'll continue the committee reports in  
20                  the general session starting promptly at 8:30  
21                  tomorrow morning here in the Turtle/Bear rooms.

22                  This will be followed immediately by  
23                  your installation of officers -- officers for the  
24                  upcoming year.

25                  It's now my pleasure to introduce your

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1 President-Elect in 18 and a half hours, George Myers,  
2 for any remarks.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. MYERS: Thank -- thank you very  
5 much.

6 I want to welcome the new officers  
7 coming in. I'm looking forward to working with you,  
8 and I'm sure we can have a good year. And hopefully,  
9 we'll get a good gain in membership this year.

10 It's not Rob's fault that he didn't  
11 make it with the membership gain. So I think we  
12 ought to give Rob a good hand for what he's done.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. RADIG: Thank you, George.

15 Would our newly elected  
16 President-Elect, Sam, care to say any words? Okay.

17 MR. DEMMIN: First of all, I want to  
18 thank all of you.

19 Sam Demmin from Oshkosh 292. Yes.

20 First of all, I want to thank all of  
21 you for coming out to vote.

22 I'll be proud to shadow George and  
23 Muriel around this next year and thank Rob for  
24 allowing me to follow him for the last couple years,  
25 learning some things, and also the Past State

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1 Presidents for their knowledge and advisement. And I  
2 will do my best to make Wisconsin proud following  
3 George and following you. Thank you.

4 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Sam.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. RADIG: It is now my pleasure and  
7 honor to introduce you to the man who's a proud  
8 sponsor of the Wisconsin Elks Association from Flora,  
9 Illinois, Lodge 1659, Past Grand Exalted Ruler in the  
10 green and gold, the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. SULSBERGER: Thank you, Rob.

13 I just have a few things to say this  
14 afternoon.

15 And number one is, my wife sends her  
16 love. She had to work until noon today at the bank,  
17 so she's -- it's too far to drive to get up here. So  
18 she'll be with us in the fall but -- and she sends  
19 her love to everybody and -- and hates that she has  
20 to work for a living, but someone has got to keep me  
21 in the way I like to live so...

22 Secondly, I'd like to give a little  
23 update on Bob -- Bob Sabin. He's about the same. I  
24 used to call at least once a week. I've kind of got  
25 away from that. About every other week. But he just

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1 sounds the same. He just -- he -- he would break  
2 some of your hearts to hear him because it does mine.  
3 Because he always had that laugh and giggle and  
4 always had something witty to say, and it's just not  
5 there. So keep he and Marge in your prayers, please.  
6 He was a mentor of mine and I know to many of you.

7 I really have one major thing I wanted  
8 to ask today of everyone in this room. It's to help  
9 our district sponsors -- sponsors fill those  
10 positions with the Grand Esquire -- or the Esquire to  
11 the Grand -- Esquire to the District Deputy Grand  
12 Exalted Ruler and the position of District Deputy  
13 Grand Exalted Ruler. A few of them are having a real  
14 tough time with some of their lodges getting some  
15 people to volunteer for that commitment.

16 Take it from someone who did it many,  
17 many years ago. To put it bluntly, it was a hell of  
18 a lot of fun. At my -- at that time, my lodge had, I  
19 think -- or my district had about ten lodges in it.  
20 So it was ten visits counting my -- my own. And it  
21 was a way to meet people, to -- to see how people  
22 operate each one of their lodges. And it was just a  
23 great experience, rewarding experience.

24 So I encourage you, if you've got  
25 someone in your lodge who would be -- be interested,

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1 please contact one of the four district sponsors.  
2 Throw their name out there. And it would be helping,  
3 not only those four gentlemen, but the state  
4 association also.

5 Again, I want to thank you all for your  
6 hospitality, your kindness over all these years.

7 And believe this or not, in the fall,  
8 it will be ten years since I came as Grand Exalted  
9 Ruler. Time flies when you're having a good time.

10 So with that said, I'll say more  
11 tonight at the banquet, and then I'll be leaving  
12 early in the morning. My flight leaves, I think,  
13 right around 10:00.

14 So I'll let the gentlemen get on with  
15 our memorial service. Okay?

16 And so thank you very, very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Lou.

19 I would just like to make one quick  
20 introduction. Visiting us from Illinois, once again,  
21 the first Vice-President of the Illinois Elks  
22 Association, Dave Jurmu.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. RADIG: Immediately following this  
25 session, we will conduct our memorial service.

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1                   Our State Chaplain, Reverend Mike  
2 Hackbarth, will conduct a prayer service at 5:00 p.m.  
3 today in the Michigan Room. I'm sorry. It will be  
4 in the Turtle Room.

5                   The banquet this evening will be held  
6 in the Wolf Room.

7                   Social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. to  
8 7:00. The banquet will start at 7:00 p.m. Attire  
9 for the evening will be business suit or red jackets  
10 for men, appropriate dress for the ladies.

11                   Are there any other announcements to  
12 come before us at this time?

13                   MR. SULSBERGER: I would just like to  
14 add that we're getting ready to do the memorial  
15 service. We didn't take that much time. We're going  
16 to honor some -- many, many of our members who have  
17 gone on and one special Past State President, Harvey  
18 (inaudible). So please don't bail out on us. It  
19 didn't take that long. You're doing a good thing for  
20 some absent members. Thank you.

21                   MR. RADIG: Thank you, Lou.

22                   One more reminder. Newly elected  
23 members of the Board of Directors, meet over by those  
24 doors next to Ken immediately following this.

25                   I'll now call upon our State Chaplain,

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1 Reverend Michael Hackbarth, for the benediction.

2 MR. HACKBARTH: Please pray with me.

3 Heavenly Father, manifest in your  
4 servants the signs of your presence. Send forth upon  
5 us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one  
6 another, your abounding grace increase among us.  
7 Amen.

8 MR. RADIG: This concludes the Saturday  
9 afternoon general session of the 2017 annual  
10 convention of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

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1 MR. RADIG: Good morning.

2 Please take - everyone, please take  
3 your seats.

4 Please leave your cell phones on. The  
5 Benevolent Fund, of course, would love your  
6 donations.

7 I would now like to call the Sunday  
8 gen- -- Sunday general - please excuse me, please -  
9 the Sunday general session of the 2017 state  
10 convention of Wisconsin Elks Association reconvened.

11 I would like to call in State Chaplain,  
12 Reverend Mike Hackbarth. Would you please lead us in  
13 prayer.

14 MR. HACKBARTH: Please pray with me.

15 All, Mighty and Everlasting Father, you  
16 have given the holy spirit to abide with us  
17 forever, bless, we pray with His grace and presence  
18 the delegates assembled here in your name that this  
19 Elks Association preserved in true faith and godly  
20 discipline may fulfill all that you desire in  
21 us. Guide us in our decision that we do what is  
22 right for the benefit of our Order of Elks and for the benefit  
23 of those who we seek to serve. It is in your Holy Name  
24 that we pray. Amen.

25 MR. RADIG: Will you please join me in

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1 the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag  
3 of the United States of America and to the republic  
4 for which it stands, one nation, under God,  
5 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

6 MR. RADIG: The Secretary will now take  
7 the cole (verbatim) -- role call of officers.

8 MR. JOHNSON: President Rob Radig.

9 Here.

10 MR. JOHNSON: President-Elect George  
11 Myers.

12 Here.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President Nate  
14 Levenhagen.

15 Here.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President Dave  
17 Crevcoure.

18 Here.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President Mike  
20 Wright.

21 Here.

22 MR. JOHNSON: Vice-President Jeff Boss.

23 Here.

24 MR. JOHNSON: Secretary, Ken Johnson,  
25 present.

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1                                   Treasurer, Jeff Langton.  
2                                   Here.  
3                                   MR. JOHNSON: Chaplain, Reverend  
4                                   Michael Hackbarth.  
5                                   Here.  
6                                   MR. JOHNSON: Tiler, Ernie Bellin.  
7                                   Here.  
8                                   MR. JOHNSON: Sergeant-At-Arms, Bill  
9                                   Weinshrott.  
10                                   Here.  
11                                   MR. JOHNSON: Inner Guard, Ryan Swantz.  
12                                   Here.  
13                                   MR. JOHNSON: Parliamentarian, Bill  
14                                   Forrest.  
15                                   Here.  
16                                   MR. JOHNSON: Protocol for Conferences  
17                                   & Conventions, Todd Kostuck.  
18                                   Here.  
19                                   MR. JOHNSON: Photographer, Pat Buck.  
20                                   Here.  
21                                   MR. JOHNSON: Cohistorians, Ivan Craig,  
22                                   Junior.  
23                                   Here.  
24                                   MR. JOHNSON: Bill Weinshrott.  
25                                   Here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: State Trustees and BOD  
2 Chairman, David DeRosier.  
3 Here.  
4 MR. JOHNSON: Trustee, Jay Franklin.  
5 Here.  
6 MR. JOHNSON: Trustee and BOD  
7 Secretary, Andy Olander.  
8 Here.  
9 MR. JOHNSON: Trustee, Pat Buck.  
10 Here.  
11 MR. JOHNSON: Joe Klumb.  
12 Here.  
13 MR. JOHNSON: Tony Voulgaris.  
14 Here.  
15 MR. JOHNSON: Our Grand Lodge sponsor,  
16 Louis F. -- F. Louis Sulsberger. Whoever you are  
17 today.  
18 Here.  
19 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.  
20 Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted  
21 Ruler, Dennis Daley.  
22 Here.  
23 MR. JOHNSON: Government Relations, Tom  
24 Widzinski.  
25 Here.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: District Deputies.  
2 George Harper.

3 Here.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Jeff Miller.

5 Here.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Ron Beenen.

7 Here.

8 MR. JOHNSON: And James Jiracek.

9 Here.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Report is done. Thank  
12 you.

13 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Ken.

14 We will now proceed with committee  
15 reports where we left off at the previous session.

16 Please remember to keep your reports  
17 short without omitting anything of importance. And  
18 for your reports, please state your name along with  
19 your lodge name and number.

20 Drug Awareness followed by Credentials  
21 & Elections.

22 MR. BRIEN: Jerry Brien, Kaukauna 962,  
23 Drug Awareness.

24 We met yesterday. We had a guest  
25 speaker, Dave Anderson, from the Wisconsin

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1 Interscholastic Athletic Association who has worked  
2 directly with the Attorney General from Wisconsin.  
3 And he gave a very good presentation to the group.  
4 And there's two needs of -- with the kids and  
5 different things that the State is trying to do in  
6 conjunction with athletics as well as with the -- the  
7 Drug Awareness program and that. And they certainly  
8 recognize that it's an important thing to get across  
9 to our kids. So it's a good collaboration there.

10 I note -- I'm not sure where Dale is  
11 at. But Dale wants to really tell everybody that we  
12 need to get those Drug Awareness trailers out in our  
13 communities. We have one in Portage, Waukesha, and  
14 Wausau. And I think, currently, we only have two  
15 trailers booked for the whole summer. So you're  
16 doing yourselves a disservice by not trying to book  
17 those trailers. You do need to contact Dale, though,  
18 in order to get those trailers.

19 We talked about how to get the  
20 different materials through the Grand Lodge as well  
21 as through myself: Pencils, erasers, rulers.

22 We had Stacey Schroeder, who is the  
23 Enrique Camarena, our state award winner.  
24 She got a plaque from Grand Lodge, which just  
25 arrived, like, the day before our session.

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1                   And also for Secretaries, you need to  
2                   meet with the Drug Awareness people to be able to  
3                   record that in those charity reports because, as I  
4                   look through the charity report, there was only five  
5                   lodges that did something with Drug Awareness across  
6                   the state of Wisconsin. And I know that's not  
7                   happening. So we need to coordinate the Drug  
8                   Awareness chairman with the Secretary because there's  
9                   a special section there that's reported for Drug  
10                  Awareness. And that is how Grand Lodge -- they look  
11                  at it, and they think, well, maybe Drug Awareness  
12                  isn't as important as what we thought. So we really  
13                  need to record that properly there.

14                   So the rest of my report will be on  
15                  file electronically.

16                   And with your pleasure, could I also  
17                  give a grant report?

18                   MR. RADIG: Yes, please.

19                   MR. BRIEN: Thank you.

20                   As the grant coordinator just recently  
21                  appointed and that, I went through the statistics.  
22                  And our lodges lost \$24,000 -- \$24,500 because you  
23                  did not get your gratitude grants. That wasn't --  
24                  we -- I think that accounted for about 12 lodges.  
25                  And that's kind of -- pretty alarming because this is

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1 money that you can be putting into your communities  
2 that we aren't doing. And it's not just putting the  
3 money in there, but it's the exposure that we get  
4 from the results of doing those different things in  
5 your community.

6 Also, as a sublight on that is that if  
7 you wait until the last minute to turn in all your  
8 ENF funds, again, you're doing a disservice to your  
9 community because you don't get that money until the  
10 very end. And if it goes past the deadline, you  
11 might have lost it completely. So make sure you're  
12 getting that goal to -- to get that ENF in.

13 On a happy note, every lodge in the  
14 country is going to be getting -- is eligible for  
15 what's called an anniversary grant. It's a grant for  
16 \$1,500. It's a one-time grant. And this grant is  
17 going to be handled much like the gratitude grant.  
18 You don't have to meet a plateau. The money is there  
19 for your community. You have to go out, though, and  
20 apply for it. So now is the time to start looking  
21 for those different grant opportunities for you.

22 Promise grant. I'm going to tell you  
23 right now, start planning for that. It's a  
24 youth-orientated grant. There's, like, 500 that are  
25 offered out there. Start your planning now - excuse

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1 me - because on July 1st is when that's going to open  
2 up. And the sooner you get in on that promise grant,  
3 the better the chances are that you're going to get  
4 that grant as long as it's acceptable through Grand  
5 Lodge.

6 So that's my report. Thank you.

7 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jerry.

8 Credentials & Elections followed by the  
9 Board of Directors.

10 MS. SCHULTZ: Good morning.

11 Yesterday, we had --

12 Ah. Jan Schultz, Marshfield Lodge,  
13 665. I know where I'm from. I guess I'm supposed to  
14 tell you also.

15 During registration yesterday, we had  
16 29 of the 29 lodges represented. There were 174  
17 preregistered with 12 no-shows. We had 53 on-site  
18 registrations on Friday, 43 on-site registrations on  
19 Saturday, for a total of 258 Elks attending this  
20 conference. That's 14 more than last year, and it's  
21 the largest attendance in the last five years.  
22 That's all I have a record for with me. It could be  
23 longer than that that that number holds.

24 We had 27 Exalted Rulers, 21 Leading  
25 Knights, 5 Loyal Knights, 9 Lecturing Knights, 6

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1 Esquires, 5 Inner Guards, 2 Tilers, 20 Secretaries,  
2 10 Treasurers, 23 Trustees, and 10 Chaplains amongst  
3 that enrollment.

4 I have received roll sheets from 22 of  
5 the committees. You've received two roll sheets.  
6 One is for Credentials & Elections, and one is to  
7 turn in to the state Secretary.

8 We had elections that we went through  
9 yesterday.

10 We had 12 committee members who worked  
11 one or more shifts at registration, and we had 8  
12 volunteers who worked one or more shifts. The shifts  
13 are two hours in length. And we had two excused.

14 That is the extent of my report. The  
15 rest of it will be on file with the state Secretary.  
16 Thank you.

17 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jan.

18 Dave (inaudible):

19 Jan, I'll get my roll sheet to you  
20 after this session.

21 At this time, I'd like to call upon our  
22 state sponsor from Flora, Illinois, Lodge 1659, Past  
23 Grand Exalted Ruler, the Honorable F. Louis  
24 Sulsberger.

25 (Applause.)

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1 MR. SULSBERGER: Good morning. I'm  
2 sorry I'm bugging out on you, but it's either 10:00  
3 this morning or 5:00 this afternoon, so I thought I'd  
4 get on home, if you don't mind.

5 I just wanted to say thank you to  
6 every -- each and every one of you for your  
7 hospitality, for your friendship, and the great  
8 commitment you all have to our great Order.

9 I want to especially thank Ken and Nan  
10 for everything they've done for me and for  
11 everyone.

12 I want to congratulate Rob and Michelle  
13 on a fantastic job.

14 George, good luck to you and -- and --  
15 what's your name? Sam. Sam. Sam.

16 Good luck to you and to everyone who  
17 was elected yesterday.

18 I -- I just look forward to seeing you  
19 all. Gosh. It will be about six or seven weeks.  
20 We'll be -- some of you will be in Reno, and we'll  
21 hook up again. And then if I don't see you there,  
22 I'll see you in Appleton this fall. Okay?

23 So everyone have a safe trip home. And  
24 thank you again. God bless. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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1 MR. SULSBERGER: One other thing. I do  
2 want to apologize. I know you guys all know about my  
3 upcoming surgery. I know many of you've had it, but  
4 I guess I let mine go too far because I can't even  
5 read my watch now.

6 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Lou. And you  
7 have a safe trip home. And give Beth our love.

8 We'll continue with the Board of  
9 Directors followed by Recreation at State Convention.

10 MR. DEROSIER: Dave DeRosier, Milwaukee  
11 Lodge 46, Past State President -- President of the  
12 Board of Directors.

13 We had a quick meeting after the  
14 election. The President of the Board, Dave DeRosier,  
15 my- -- me, Andy Olander, who is going to repeat the  
16 job.

17 And that's the balance of the report.

18 I do want to make one comment. I  
19 stayed for the memorial service yesterday. If you  
20 walked out of here without a tear in your eye, you're  
21 not human. It was beautiful. I think you made a  
22 great choice of moving it. Fantastic attendance.  
23 For those who didn't make it, please, next time, stay  
24 for it. It's heartwarming.

25 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Dave.

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1                   Recreation at State Convention followed  
2                   by Ritualistic Exemplification.

3                   MS. STASKAL: Thank you, Rob.

4                   Gina Staskal, Beaver Dam 1540.

5                   Recreation at committee (verbatim) met  
6                   at 8:00 yesterday. It was called to order by our one  
7                   member present, Doug Vavricka. The minutes were  
8                   approved.

9                   And from the previous conference, the  
10                  guests were Todd Kostuck and Lisa Foss of 675  
11                  Portage.

12                  And we would appreciate if Lisa Foss  
13                  could be added to our committee because we have a new  
14                  volunteer. Woohoo. Now we just need a couple more.  
15                  She's -- she's agreed to -- to work with us at the  
16                  next -- the upcoming conferences and conventions.

17                  We -- the game was a deck of cards.  
18                  Everybody drew. Put their lodge and name on it. And  
19                  then we drew at the end of the morning for the pen  
20                  that was made by Todd Kostuck of Platteville Lodge  
21                  4 -- 1460.

22                  And I've -- I've seen the pens, and  
23                  they're absolutely gorgeous.

24                  So thank you, Todd.

25                  Those are -- you know, I'll be making

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1 my own order here in not too long.

2 So that was won by Jeff Miller of Rice  
3 Lake Lodge 1441.

4 And I -- yeah. Enjoy that. It's a  
5 nice pen.

6 So I believe that is -- that is it for  
7 my report.

8 Thank you, Rob.

9 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

10 I do know that Gina is going to be  
11 bugging out here. I just wanted to say that Gina was  
12 our Secretary of the Year this year.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. RADIG: Ritualistic Exemplification  
15 followed by Elks National Service committee.

16 MR. ELLIS: Jason Ellis, Oshkosh Lodge  
17 292, vice chair of Ritualistic.

18 Met yesterday morning.

19 Just a few orders of business.

20 First of all, it's nice to say that the  
21 state now has certified or recertified word  
22 and ritualistic judges. Several of us received our  
23 cards in the mail just this week from Roger Quinn.  
24 And pretty happy about that. It's been a two-year  
25 journey. The last two midwinter conferences, we've

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1        been there all day and doing the ritual committee to  
2        get our certifications. First time for me, but it's  
3        a pretty neat thing to have. Looking forward to  
4        doing something with it in the future.

5                        One of the things that's upcoming, for  
6        those of you who don't know, probably most of you  
7        here, the -- the Ritual competitions that we do at  
8        the state level are only done at midwinter  
9        conference. Sometimes I noticed in The Bugle, it  
10       says Ritual competition for fall conference. Only  
11       done during midwinter. So you have plenty of time,  
12       new officers, ERs, Leading Knights, Vice-Presidents,  
13       DDs, to learn the 11:00 toast and any other  
14       associated part you might have as an officer in your  
15       lodge.

16                       One thing that we're going to be  
17       looking at, we are going to have this midwinter a  
18       little bit of a twist. We're going to have a new --  
19       what they call a small-team competition. This is for  
20       the four chair officers of the lodge. It has to be  
21       the same lodge. It's going to be the ritual at the  
22       station, the charge you give to the new member  
23       starting with the Lecturing Knight, Loyal, Leading,  
24       and then going to the final instruction for the ER.  
25       So if you have a good core of lodge officers this

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1 year and you think you can put together a little  
2 competition team, we'd be happy to have you. And the  
3 winner, the highest aggregate score for the team,  
4 will get a \$500 reward. Something new we're going to  
5 try. So keep that in mind.

6 As always, we have the individual  
7 competitions.

8 We also have Past State Presidents  
9 versus the Vice-Presidents and District Deputies. So  
10 again, just because you are a PER doesn't make -- get  
11 you off the hook. We're still expecting people to  
12 show up and -- and do the 11:00 toasts.

13 So with that, the rest of the report is  
14 on file. Thank you.

15 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jason.

16 Elks National Service Committee  
17 followed by Americanism.

18 MR. WEINSHROTT: Bill Weinshrott,  
19 Sheboygan Lodge 299.

20 We had an excellent meeting. We had a  
21 wonderful convention.

22 We had a guest speaker yesterday, Torre  
23 Willadsen (phonetic).

24 And thanks to Michael and Michelle  
25 Wright for getting him.

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1 He's dogs to dog tags. He's a young  
2 man that trains dogs to go to veterans in need of  
3 care.

4 We had 15 members. We had four guests  
5 and two excused.

6 Our 10 hospital reports and lodge  
7 reports.

8 And we gave a synopsis on the new  
9 online reports for Grand Lodge that we have to do by  
10 computer. And we had a roundtable discussion.  
11 Everybody that had a problem and people that had  
12 experiences, we all shared and helped each other out  
13 that way.

14 So the rest of the report is in the  
15 hands of our state Secretary, Ken.

16 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

17 Americanism followed by Elks National  
18 Foundation.

19 MS. WRIGHT: Michelle Wright, Sheboygan  
20 Lodge No. 299.

21 We met at 8:00 a.m. 8 members, 12  
22 guests.

23 We had a guest speaker, President Rob  
24 Radig, speaking on the Beaver Dam civics book  
25 program. He would like to see that in all our

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1 lodges.

2 Bookmarks and flags were handed out to  
3 all lodges present.

4 Upcoming budget was discussed.

5 And our essay winners were announced.  
6 For Division 1, James Thornton from Neenah-Menasha.  
7 And Division 2, Jentin Sheku (phonetic) from Beloit.

8 All winners will read their essays at  
9 the fall conference.

10 The rest of my report is on file with  
11 the Secretary.

12 MR. RADIG: Elks National Foundation  
13 followed by the Executive Committee.

14 MR. BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan  
15 Lodge No. 299, reporting for the Elks National  
16 Foundation.

17 Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with 27  
18 members and guests in attendance.

19 The lodge ENF chairs were given a  
20 chance, thanks to Ryan Swantz -- he brought his  
21 computer in to register online. The only issue we  
22 had with it was that people who tried to register  
23 didn't know what their password was. So we're going  
24 to try to enhance that a little bit for the next  
25 meeting so we can hopefully get all 29 lodges, their

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1 ENF chairmans, registered so they get the valuable  
2 information that's out there.

3 As you, I'm sure, are all aware of,  
4 this year, every lodge in Wisconsin, thanks to our  
5 four district people - Jeff Miller, Joe Klumb, Ryan  
6 Swantz, and Jim Rothe (phonetic) - we were able to  
7 attain 100 percent of the lodges in Wisconsin  
8 attaining goal, which is the first time that has ever  
9 happened.

10 The other highlight is that we also  
11 attained a new record in donations at \$9.40 a member.  
12 It was a great year for ENF in Wisconsin, and the  
13 lodges in Wisconsin will benefit from this through  
14 the return that we get from the ENF in the amount of  
15 the grants from the -- for our State Major Project,  
16 for help with our Hoop Shoot program, our money we  
17 get from scholarships that we all benefit by having  
18 each one of the members make that all important  
19 donation to the Elks National Foundation.

20 I'm looking for new records next year.  
21 We can't do it without your help. So please  
22 consider.

23 There was also discussion on the  
24 leadership pins and the Chairman Challenge  
25 responsibilities that go along with each of those,

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1           only -- not only for the lodge ENF chairman, but for  
2           the district chairman and myself as a state chairman.  
3           Each -- each person attending yesterday received a  
4           list of what their requirements are for the job  
5           description.

6                         Lodge chairs were encouraged to sell  
7           the ENF, recognize their donors either through the  
8           newsletter, or hopefully have a recognition board in  
9           the lodge. When someone attains another level, put a  
10          flag on the board denoting that they attained that  
11          level. That's the cheapest way to get members to  
12          continue to donate is let them know you appreciate  
13          that you donated -- that they donated, I should say.

14                        Certificates were handed out to each of  
15          the lodges. I still have four on hand for Anti- --  
16          or is it Antigo, Appleton, Manitowoc -- or not  
17          Manitowoc. I'll tell you later.

18                        And that concludes my report. It will  
19          be e-mailed to the state Secretary.

20                        Now, the second part of the program, I  
21          would like to give the awards out for district awards  
22          and a few state awards.

23                        If I could have the ENF chairman from  
24          Green Bay lodge come forward for -- or someone from  
25          Green Bay. I don't know how many of you know this or

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1 not, but Green Bay ended as -- up as the No. 6 lodge  
2 in the nation with a donation amount of \$79.16 per  
3 member. That's outstanding.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. BEHNKE: Next, I have  
6 Neenah-Menasha, if their ENF chair or a member from  
7 Neenah would come forward.

8 Pat?

9 Neenah was the award winner from the  
10 central district with a per capita donation, another  
11 great number, of \$38.13 per member.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. BEHNKE: For the northwest  
14 district, if the ENF chairman would come forward from  
15 Chippewa Falls. They had a per capita donation of  
16 \$15.86 per member.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BEHNKE: For the south district, if  
19 Jim Rothe would come forward. They had a per capita  
20 donation of \$16.06 per member.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. BEHNKE: Waukesha was also a  
23 recipient of the traveling award for the Chairman's  
24 Challenge. They were the number one lodge in the  
25 state with a score of - bear with me here - 123.375

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1 points in the Chairman's Challenge. Congratulations.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BEHNKE: And lastly, the Sheboygan  
4 Lodge No. 299 was the largest donator in the state of  
5 Wisconsin. They donated \$12,724.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BEHNKE: That concludes my report.

8 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Don.

9 Executive committee followed by  
10 Government Relations committee.

11 Rob Radig, Beaver Dam Lodge 1540, for  
12 the Executive committee.

13 I have no report for the actual  
14 committee.

15 I did just want to announce the award  
16 winners from last night for those that were not at  
17 the banquet or did not hear about it afterwards.

18 Our Secretary of the Year was Gina  
19 Staskal.

20 Our Lodge of the Year was Milwaukee  
21 lodge.

22 Our ER of the Year was Susie Gutknecht  
23 from Chippewa Falls.

24 Our Lady Elk of the Year was Sherry  
25 Buck.

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1                   And our Elk of the Year was Pam  
2                   Schedivy from Oshkosh.

3                                   (Applause.)

4                   MR. RADIG: Rest of my report will be  
5                   on file with the Secretary.

6                   Government Relations followed by Hoop  
7                   Shoot.

8                   MR. WIDZINSKI: Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh  
9                   292, Grand Lodge committeeman for Government  
10                  Relations in Area 5.

11                  We met yesterday. It was a sparse  
12                  turnout.

13                  And I have been notified that our state  
14                  chairman will not be able to continue for Government  
15                  Relations, and we'll be talking with our new State  
16                  President coming up here for a replacement.

17                  I was impressed. Gina Staskal made a  
18                  presentation to the Advisory committee on Friday  
19                  regarding a booklet on the operations of a  
20                  legislature. And it is targeted. She has been  
21                  involved in this for a short while. And it's in  
22                  hard -- you know, it's a paperback copy, but it's  
23                  hard cover. And it's an excellent book to kind of  
24                  tie in with the -- the seventh grade students as they  
25                  study the -- how -- how our gover- -- government

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1 works. It's priced similar to the dictionary  
2 project. And I would encourage several lodges to --  
3 or all of our lodges to talk with Gina regarding  
4 possibly getting involved in this program. It seems  
5 I have not looked at the booklet myself since I  
6 received it, but I'm anxious to take a look at it.

7 As far as Government Relations go --  
8 goes, I'm still waiting for reports on a 990T form  
9 that I asked for for all of our lodges as we met last  
10 midwinter. I have not received any reports from the  
11 majority of our lodges.

12 And our Government Relations -- Grand  
13 Lodge Government Relations committee is working  
14 through a liaison in Washington to try to get our  
15 unrelated business income tax limit raised. And  
16 those statistics are extremely important as he meets  
17 with our state -- or national congressman and  
18 senators so that we can work at getting that -- that  
19 cap raised significantly.

20 So, please, if you have not sent your  
21 report in to me, I ask that you do so. Even if it  
22 is -- you have paid no taxes, I would ask that you  
23 let me know that so I can put it at least in my  
24 spreadsheet and report that you didn't pay anything.

25 But we'll be working and trying to

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1 establish a meaningful committee on a state level,  
2 and I encourage all of you, at the same time, to make  
3 sure you do not underreport your charitable efforts  
4 with regards to your lodges to Grand Lodge on your  
5 reports. It's extremely important that we document  
6 everything that we do.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Tom.

9 Hoop Shoot committee followed by the  
10 National Foundation Scholarships.

11 MR. MYERS: George Myers, the Eau  
12 Claire Lodge 402.

13 We met yesterday at 8:00. We had 19  
14 people present for our committee.

15 And it was a -- we started off by  
16 introducing everybody, introducing them to each  
17 other.

18 And then we also had a -- Tony  
19 Voulgaris was there. He's our spon- -- our - not  
20 sponsor - advisor. And we talked about the use of  
21 the coordinator and the director and how to  
22 incorporate it to help each lodge make sure they get  
23 all of their information into the computer so that it  
24 can be used by everybody up above because that  
25 information is necessary to help -- help our funding,

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1 make sure that we're doing what we're supposed to be  
2 doing. And -- it -- it just -- it's needed, and we  
3 have to do it. We've got to --

4 If a person that's a director cannot  
5 function good on a computer, you get a coordinator  
6 that knows the computer, and he -- he can enter  
7 everything for you. And that -- that just helps  
8 everything go along a lot smoother. And Tony took  
9 over the meeting for about probably 20 minutes and  
10 discussed a lot of things.

11 We had a winner in Eau Claire this year  
12 in the National Shoot. She took third place. The  
13 10- -- 11-year-old girl, Emily Cooper. And we had  
14 hoped to bring her this fall to the conference. We  
15 were going to have the conference in Eau Claire. But  
16 we don't know. We've got to talk to Tony to see if  
17 he can loose any money, see if we can bring her over  
18 here instead. It's better to ask in front of  
19 everybody.

20 Anyway, the rest of my report will be  
21 on file. And that's it for now.

22 MR. RADIG: Thank you, George.

23 National Foundation Scholarships  
24 followed by Committee for the Disabled.

25 MR. OLANDER: Andy Olander, Marshfield

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1 Lodge No. 665. Good morning.

2 When we met yesterday, we reviewed the  
3 Most Valuable Student national state winners and  
4 their awards. We had sent 16 students to the  
5 national judging. Un- -- unfortunately, none of  
6 those 16 made either the top ten boys or girls.

7 But a good note is that we had four of  
8 the national winners from Wisconsin come from Rice  
9 Lake, which was just amazing that they would -- they  
10 would have so many out of the 16. One-fourth.

11 We reviewed the Most Valuable Student  
12 judging program. As most of you heard me say over  
13 the last couple of -- couple meetings, it was a new  
14 computer system, new computer programs. There were  
15 some challenges, and we worked through them.

16 I was told by Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
17 Sulsberger that some of the suggestions that I sent  
18 to Chicago to -- for inclusion in those programs to  
19 modify them have been received, and they were  
20 received well and have told him that they felt they  
21 were very workable, and they were tweaking the  
22 judging system as -- as we -- as we speak.

23 State President Radig came in and  
24 thanked all for their hard work and dedication. He  
25 noted that the scholarship program is a strong means

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1 of keeping Elks recognized in our communities and  
2 great publicity. He also thanked us for -- or we  
3 thanked him for his kind words.

4 And I thanked Ivan Craig for his  
5 participation as my vice chair for -- for the last  
6 10, 15 years. In his place -- Ivan has stepped down  
7 because of health and a few other reasons. And Ron  
8 Bohn from Wisconsin Rapids will now be the new vice  
9 chair.

10 The sad note of the -- of the meeting  
11 was that we only received four legacy awards from the  
12 Elks National Foundation. That means there were only  
13 16 applications that were sent -- sent in because we  
14 get once -- one student per four. It's hard to  
15 believe, with all the senior members of our  
16 organization, that -- our grandfathers and  
17 grandmothers, that we aren't getting the grandsons  
18 and granddaughters to apply. It's something we need  
19 to push in our lodges to get those grandparents  
20 active with their grandsons and daughters.

21 We discussed the technical college  
22 awards. We have 13 of them. And those are \$500  
23 each.

24 We had a inter- -- I had -- we had an  
25 interesting situation arise yesterday. I had two new

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1 attendees at the meeting that I had never met before.  
2 And you know how I am. I'm a warm, fuzzy guy. And I  
3 got them included -- recognized them. Let's put it  
4 that way. I recognized them as people that I did not  
5 know and -- and asked them why they had joined us.  
6 And -- and it came -- come to find out, they had been  
7 to a number of other committees and they -- because  
8 they were new members. They wanted to see what our  
9 organization did from the committees.

10 Well, after they left my meeting -- and  
11 I -- because I had included them in a number of  
12 topics as we were discussing them, asking them for  
13 their opinions and thoughts. They had gone back to  
14 their Exalted Ruler and said, I want to get on that  
15 committee; I want to get on -- on the scholarship  
16 committee. And it was interesting.

17 If the -- for the other chairmen that  
18 are here, these people attended my meeting. As I  
19 said, I'm warm and fuzzy. But nobody in the other  
20 meetings -- none of the other chairmen took note of  
21 that. Nobody took the time out to welcome them to  
22 the meeting.

23 If we want to keep on developing our  
24 committees, developing our lodges with members, we  
25 have to take that step, that little step, and say

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1 welcome. And please, next time you see new people in  
2 your meeting, if we want to get these people  
3 active -- and these two are now going -- are excited.  
4 They want to attend my meeting. They want to go into  
5 their lodge and be scholarship people. They want to  
6 do the judging. They want to do the -- attending the  
7 schools, et cetera. So I -- I encourage all of us to  
8 be a little bit more friendly.

9 I thanked all for allowing me to be  
10 their chair. I thanked them for their hard work and  
11 patience this past year.

12 And we -- I reminded them that this new  
13 program -- or our second year of the program will be  
14 kicked off again in September.

15 I move -- and that is the end of my  
16 report.

17 Thank you, Rob.

18 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Andy.

19 Not to plug it, but those two new  
20 members were from Beaver Dam.

21 Committee for the Disabled followed by  
22 Youth Activities.

23 Youth Activities followed by U.S.  
24 Constitution.

25 MR. WIDZINSKI: Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh

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1 292, advisor of Youth Activities.

2 Let me begin by making a request from  
3 all of our members. Our chairman, Jim Burmeister, is  
4 facing some serious health issues right now. And I  
5 would ask that all of us keep him in our thoughts and  
6 prayers.

7 We met yesterday morning at 9:00 a.m.  
8 And because of Jim's health and the circumstances  
9 throughout this weekend, I have -- as advisor, I have  
10 spoken with our soon-to-be State President about  
11 replacing myself as vice chairman of the committee so  
12 that we can have some continuity.

13 We're all hoping that Jim will make a  
14 speedy recovery and be back with us soon.

15 But we went over the proposed budget  
16 for yesterday and spoke, again, about the importance  
17 of sending in your statements and applying for all  
18 of, not only our state grants and reimbursements, but  
19 on a national level as well. As Jerry spoke just a  
20 short while ago, they're -- we've leaving money on  
21 the table. And it's available. In most cases, we  
22 know you're doing the work. We're just asking you to  
23 submit receipts and tell us what you're doing so that  
24 you qualify for these reimbursements.

25 And if your lodge does not need the

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1 money that you're entitled to for reimbursements, I  
2 would ask that you please see me after the meeting  
3 because we can take care of that too.

4 The rest of my report will be on file  
5 with the Secretary.

6 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

7 U.S. Constitution followed by Elks  
8 Major Project.

9 MR. JULKA: Jeff Julka, Sheboygan 299,  
10 chairman, U.S. Constitution committee.

11 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

12 The 2- -- the 2017 state scholarship  
13 exam was conducted on Sunday, March 26th, at 11:00  
14 a.m., at the six regional test sites.

15 I'd like to, first, recognize the test  
16 site coordinators and thank the lodges for the use of  
17 their facilities on that morning. That was Sandra  
18 Polzin at Rice Lake, Mike Rebhahn at  
19 Wausau, Donna Luety in Janesville, Dr.  
20 Francis Moes at Green Bay, Oshkosh 299,  
21 and Steve Frasch at Waukesha 400. Without  
22 the cooperation of those committee members, survey  
23 and test site coordinators, and those lodges opening  
24 up their buildings for our use that morning, these  
25 tests would not be able to be conducted on a regional

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1 basis.

2 Our committee is particularly thankful,  
3 as are the high school seniors who are awarded these  
4 scholarships, for the budget recommendation that the  
5 Board of Directors and Trustees made to you, the  
6 members of the state association, yesterday and for  
7 your approval of our budget for \$24,500 in  
8 scholarship awards that will be awarded as a result  
9 of this year's program.

10 The winner, the first place student, in  
11 this year's program was a young man by the name of  
12 Tanner Itsin (phonetic) from Kaukauna Lodge 962. His  
13 scholarship award, as the first place recipient, will  
14 be \$3,080. The balance of the 23 participating  
15 lodges -- those students will be sharing in the  
16 balance of that \$24,500 in scholarship awards.

17 The seven lodges that did not  
18 participate in this year's program deprives students  
19 of the opportunity to -- to earn scholarship awards  
20 from their area.

21 Now, ladies and gentlemen, keep -- keep  
22 in mind that it is your responsibility to -- to  
23 provide the opportunity for students in your area to  
24 participate in this program.

25 If your lodge does not conduct a local

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1 U.S. Constitution program, please step forward,  
2 volunteer to your Exalted Ruler to serve as the local  
3 scholarship chairman and take over that program.

4 Our committee offers assistance and  
5 support for anyone needing to help revitalize the  
6 program within their lodge.

7 We look forward to all 29 lodges  
8 participating in the 2018 program.

9 The packets necessary to conduct your  
10 local programs with all the materials will be  
11 distributed at the fall conference in Appleton.

12 I encourage all lodges to be  
13 represented at our committee meeting.

14 The balance of my report is -- will be  
15 filed electronically with the state Secretary.

16 I thank you, Rob.

17 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jim.

18 Elks Major Project followed by Bowling.

19 MR. DABLER: Ray Dabler, Wausau 248,  
20 chairman of the Major Project.

21 The bathrooms in the dining hall at  
22 respite camp have been completed.

23 We are waiting yet -- they were going  
24 to put that drain pipe in out front to get the water  
25 from washing all the stuff away, but that's the only

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1 thing left to be done.

2 I understand they look really nice, and  
3 they're very nice.

4 So anybody going down, next weekend is  
5 clean-up at respite. And we've -- usually have a  
6 really poor turnout, and we could use more people  
7 kind of in memory of Bruce Somers who -- him and his  
8 wife had always gotten a crew together to go down,  
9 and they did the -- the gardens around the -- flowers  
10 and everything around the Elks village and the other  
11 places. So we could use some more help for that. We  
12 ask that you come. Bring some tools along. If  
13 you're handy, they've got some building stuff they'd  
14 like to do. Plus rakes and leaf blowers and whatever  
15 else.

16 They also said that they could use --  
17 if you have any large flowerpots around your house  
18 that you're not using, theirs have been getting  
19 broken, and they'd kind of like to have flowerpots  
20 out by the doors of the different cabins and that.  
21 So if anybody has any of those, they could take them  
22 along.

23 That's next Saturday. Around 9:00 they  
24 start. They do provide a lunch at noon. And  
25 probably by then, things should be done or early in

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1 the afternoon.

2                   Saturday, June 24th, the last Saturday,  
3 is Elks Day at camp. We are looking for a good  
4 turnout. That's the 25th anniversary of the Elks  
5 getting together with Easter Seals at the respite  
6 camp, so they're going to have a little larger  
7 program and that. And we encourage everyone to come.  
8 They're going to invite people that have been there  
9 in the past, probably Ken Seville, and  
10 different ones through the years. And it would be  
11 nice to see a lot of members there and a lot of Past  
12 State Presidents. So I ask that you try to make it  
13 on Saturday, June 24th. There again, we start around  
14 11:00. We'll have a program, and a lunch will be  
15 served.

16                   We also got money from the closing of  
17 Racine lodge. We voted to take 50,000 of that and  
18 set it aside for future, if our membership is going  
19 down and that and we have camperships and support to  
20 the camp. So we're going to invest that with Wells  
21 Fargo, Tyson Ray that the Benevolent Fund and the  
22 state association funds are in. So we'll be working  
23 on that.

24                   We also are -- we have the Owl Cabin  
25 and the duplex for the camp director and the nurse.

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1 Both need new roofs. They had a fellow come in and  
2 inspect the buildings and so on. So we voted  
3 yesterday to replace those two roofs with metal, like  
4 we did on the last one last year. And also, they  
5 need furniture. Their couches and all that are  
6 getting bad. And so we are going to buy some  
7 couches, love seats, and chairs that they're  
8 requesting. And we'll be doing that shortly also.

9 That pretty much covers what I have.  
10 My report will be filed electronically  
11 with Ken.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Ray.

14 Bowling followed by Golf.

15 MR. LANG: Dave Lang, Milwaukee.

16 The winners for the state tournament  
17 this past year was from Antigo. We had a total of 49  
18 teams participate.

19 The next year, 2018, is going to be  
20 in -- held in Waukesha. And the bowling alley that  
21 they are going to be bowling at is Sussex Bowl.

22 They had a little problem with the --  
23 with the -- with the bowling alley that they had in  
24 the past. They're charging way too much. So they  
25 changed.

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1                   And I think they will have -- we'll  
2                   have -- have a pretty good turnout at the -- for the  
3                   tournament in Waukesha.

4                   And the rest of my report is filed with  
5                   the Secretary.

6                   MR. RADIG: Thank you, Dave.

7                   Golf committee followed by Curling.

8                   MR. PURCELL: Kieren Purcell, Antigo  
9                   662.

10                  This year's outing will be on June 19  
11                  down in Portage. It looks like they've got a really  
12                  nice package put together.

13                  Next year's outing will be hosted by  
14                  Wausau on June 18th.

15                  Thank you very much.

16                  MR. RADIG: Thank you.

17                  Curling followed by Legalized Gaming.

18                  Legalized Gaming followed by Accident  
19                  Prevention.

20                  MR. LONIEN: Mr. President, members,  
21                  good morning. Kevin Lonien, Milwaukee 46, chairman  
22                  of Legalized Gaming.

23                  Met yesterday morning at 10:00 a.m.

24                  We opened with the Pledge and  
25                  introduction of all in -- in attendance.

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1                   We had 20 people.  
2                   Opened up with a roundtable discussion  
3                   about issues with bingo.  
4                   Got into some different raffle  
5                   discussions.  
6                   Had the same issue that was mentioned  
7                   with a few committees yesterday. We had many more  
8                   guests than we did members.  
9                   And, Andy, I will practice my warm and  
10                  fuzzy.  
11                  My report will be filed with the -- the  
12                  Secretary.  
13                  MR. RADIG: Thank you, Kevin.  
14                  Accident Prevention followed by the  
15                  Benevolent Fund.  
16                  MR. WIRTH: Mike Wirth, Sheboygan 299,  
17                  Accident Prevention.  
18                  Yesterday we discussed property plus  
19                  insurance guides. And each lodge is entitled to two  
20                  of them, one for the secretary and one for the  
21                  accident prevention chairman. And you can order them  
22                  through Aeon Insurance.  
23                  We also discussed the discrimination  
24                  and harassment guide. You can find that on page 15  
25                  of our orange booklet. And each lodge should have a

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1 ha- -- harassment policy in effect. Excuse me.

2 There also is a footnote. My advisor  
3 is Past State President Dave Nitze. And as we all  
4 know, he had a fairly serious accident this past  
5 week, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

6 And the rest of my report is on file  
7 with the Secretary.

8 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

9 The Benevolent Fund followed by Trustee  
10 Training.

11 MR. HAGEN: Dave Hagen, Janesville  
12 Lodge 254.

13 The Benevolent Board of Directors met  
14 Friday morning at 10:30. 27 members were in  
15 attendance.

16 We reported that the checking account  
17 had \$39,626 in it.

18 The Raymond James investment account,  
19 \$1,919,000.

20 Tyson Ray reported on the investment  
21 funds and their performances. We've managed to do a  
22 little over 5 percent from the first of the year on  
23 our investments already this year.

24 Jackie Heitmann reported on the  
25 fundraising committee.

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1                   And we were able to give the Wisconsin  
2 Elks Association \$30,000 for their charitable works.

3                   The rest of my report is on file with  
4 the Secretary.

5                   MR. RADIG: Thank you, Dave.

6                   And Trustee Training?

7                   Are there any other committee reports?

8                   Are there any other --

9                   Come on up, Jackie.

10                  MS. HEITMANN: Jackie Heitmann, Portage  
11 675, chairman of the Benevolent Fund Fundraising.

12                  MR. RADIG: Go ahead.

13                  MS. HEITMANN: I'm, like, I thought I  
14 had to leave.

15                  We met yesterday morning.

16                  We're going to be getting a banner for  
17 our table so that you can find us, as if you can't  
18 find us anyhow, but it's nice advertising for us.

19                  At fall conference, we're going to be  
20 harvesting for funds.

21                  It was a nice roundtable discussion, a  
22 lot of input.

23                  So we look forward to your  
24 contributions then.

25                  I do want to remind everyone that our

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1 State President's goal is \$3 per member, per capita.

2 Okay?

3 So this last year, we had two lodges  
4 that did not contribute anything, 14 that did make  
5 per capita, and 16 did not.

6 So please go back to your lodges. Work  
7 to attain that goal of \$3 per capita.

8 At our raffle, penny raffle, this  
9 weekend, I want to thank my committee for their  
10 commitment. Everybody put in a lot of hours, and we  
11 got it done. But I want to thank everyone that  
12 contributed to it. We had a lot of fun, a lot of  
13 good jokes going on. We were able to raise, net,  
14 after prize pay-out, \$1,087.90.

15 Thank you to everyone.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. HEITMANN: Our winners were Mino  
18 (phonetic) - I always pronounce her name wrong - Mina  
19 Willis from Point, \$200. Sherry Sasso -- is Sherry  
20 here or anybody from Madison here? Okay. I will be  
21 mailing that to her. She won a hundred dollars. And  
22 Dan - and I apologize for slaughtering his name -  
23 Rostollan

24 MR. RADIG: Dan Rostollan.

25 He --

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1 MS. HEITMANN: Rostollan.

2 MR. RADIG: -- just walked in.

3 MS. HEITMANN: Oh. Okay. Sorry about  
4 that. And he won \$50.

5 I do have a personal note. For all of  
6 us that come to convention, please do not take a cart  
7 and leave it in your room that no one else can use  
8 carts. Okay? I mean, there's some of us that really  
9 need to use them, and they're not available. That's  
10 just a side note.

11 Hi, Nan.

12 The rest of my report will be up front.

13 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Jackie.

14 Are there any other committee reports?

15 I have five seconds left in my  
16 countdown for those (inaudible).

17 Is there a report regarding the 2017  
18 fall conference?

19 (Inaudible.)

20 MR. RADIG: That was Ken Johnson from  
21 Wausau lodge.

22 I'm proud to say we had only three  
23 committee reports that were not reported.

24 I would now entertain a motion to  
25 accept all the committee reports that have been

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1 given.

2 MR. BRIEN: Jerry Brien, Kaukauna 962.

3 So moved.

4 MR. RADIG: And do we have a second?

5 MR. OLANDER: Andy Olander, Marshfield

6 Lodge 66- -- 665, seconds the motion.

7 MR. RADIG: Thank you.

8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. RADIG: All in favor, voting sign

11 of an Elk.

12 Hands down.

13 Opposed, same sign.

14 Motion carries.

15 MR. OLANDER: State President Rob, I --

16 I have a point that -- that I'd like to bring up

17 here.

18 I do a lot of hours for the scholarship

19 committee, and I know I'm not reporting it anyplace.

20 And so I'm asking -- and I'm not putting Tom on

21 the -- Tom Widzinski on the -- on the line or under

22 fire or anything. But somewhere along the line --

23 I'm sure there's other state chairmen in this room

24 that put a lot of time and effort into their

25 committees, and we are not reporting it. At least,

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1 I'm not. If they are, I'd like to know who they're  
2 reporting it to. Because I -- I need -- I -- I'm  
3 sure you would like to know my hours because they are  
4 exceptional -- especially -- an exceptionally big  
5 number, if I might, and some miles, et cetera.

6 So, Tom, if you can get that  
7 information to us, we'd appreciate that probably by  
8 the next meeting.

9 Thank you.

10 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Andy. That's a  
11 good point.

12 At this time, I would, once again, like  
13 to thank our visitor from down south for joining us,  
14 once again, and I'm sure we may see him in the  
15 future, anytime we're within a stone's throw of  
16 Lambeau, the first Vice-President of the Illinois  
17 Elks Association, Dave Jurmu.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. RADIG: At this time, I'll call  
20 upon our State President-Elect, George Myers, for a  
21 few comments.

22 MR. MYERS: Good morning again,  
23 everybody.

24 I don't have a lot to say right now  
25 because I want to get this adjourned so we can get

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1 into the installation and get -- invite our other  
2 guests in along with it, but it's been a real  
3 pleasure this year visiting all of the lodges. The  
4 receptions we got from the people was just fabulous.  
5 It's -- it's so nice to go to a lodge and it be so  
6 friendly like they all are. We never had a bad  
7 reception anywhere, which made it really nice to  
8 enjoy.

9 So I'll leave it with that and let Rob  
10 end this one.

11 And thanks again to Rob for what he's  
12 done this year.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. RADIG: Thank you, George.

15 Is there any other business that needs  
16 to come before this session of the Wisconsin Elks  
17 Association?

18 (No response.)

19 MR. RADIG: Are there any other  
20 announcements?

21 I would just like to remind everybody  
22 that the -- the installation of officers will take --  
23 installation of officers will take place immediately  
24 following this session. I encourage everybody to  
25 stay and see your officers installed.

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1 I would like to now call upon State  
2 Chaplain, Reverend Mike Hackbarth, for our closing  
3 prayer.

4 MR. HACKBARTH: Please pray with me.

5 Heavenly Father, our business session  
6 is at an end. With your guidance, this Elks  
7 Association has made decisions that will affect the  
8 lives of many people throughout our state. Grant us,  
9 Lord, the lap of charity that never fails that it may  
10 burn in us and shed its light on those around us.  
11 Amen.

12 ALL: Amen.

13 MR. RADIG: Thank you, Reverend Mike.

14 This concludes the general session of  
15 the Wisconsin Elks Association State Conference.

16 I urge you to stay for the  
17 installation.

18 On behalf of the First Lady, Michelle,  
19 and myself, we wish to, once again, thank you and  
20 wish you safe travels home.

21 We stand adjourned.

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Acct.	Budget Item	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Actual 18%Red.	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Budget	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Budget
11	Accident Prevention Committee	\$32.79	\$17.89	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$19.66	\$50.00	\$14.27	\$50.00
13	Ritual Judges	\$310.08	\$254.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$390.65	\$450.00
14	Ritual Committee Expense	\$451.65	\$150.94	\$139.95	\$150.00	\$137.68	\$350.00	\$355.16	\$350.00
15	Ritual Team to Grand Lodge	\$7,200.00	\$5,904.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Credentials And Elections Committee	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$14.75	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$44.03	\$100.00
19	Lodge Development Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
20	Business Practice Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
21	Legal Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
22	Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$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	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
24	State Conferences and Committee Exp.	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
25A	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$10,942.08	\$7,356.55	\$9,873.27	\$11,000.00	\$10,358.65	\$11,000.00	\$11,089.54	\$11,000.00
26	Convention Proceedings	\$873.10	\$772.15	\$950.90	\$1,200.00	\$1,159.86	\$1,200.00	\$842.05	\$1,000.00
27	Office Expense	\$7,075.73	\$5,123.27	\$6,850.16	\$8,200.00	\$7,636.40	\$8,000.00	\$5,540.35	\$8,000.00
28	Publicity and Public Relations Comm.	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$123.40	\$750.00
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
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
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
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
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	\$1,650.00
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
35	Trustees Contingency Fund ADMIN*	\$8,465.75	\$4,363.80	\$4,434.02	\$5,649.76	\$6,076.51	\$8,722.00	\$3,089.36	\$8,722.50
35(1)	VP'S Compensation						\$1,200.00	\$875.00	\$1,200.00
36	Lodge Activities Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
37	Officers Training Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
38	Laws and Resolutions Committee	\$154.36	\$154.35	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$154.35	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
39	Membership and Lapsation Committee	\$17.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$58.78	\$100.00	\$73.79	\$100.00
40	GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE		\$358.00	\$230.39	\$980.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$392.00	\$600.00
41	Office Equipment	\$1,384.84	\$315.47	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$972.77	\$1,000.00	\$550.64	\$1,000.00
42	Legalized Gaming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Totals-----</b>	<b>\$66,862.06</b>	<b>\$47,545.04</b>	<b>\$53,993.44</b>	<b>\$59,879.76</b>	<b>\$56,674.66</b>	<b>\$64,022.00</b>	<b>\$53,480.24</b>	<b>\$64,172.50</b>
	<b>Proposed Income</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
		<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>	<b>Adminstrative</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	carry over	\$22,159.69	\$13,500.00	-\$7,209.25	\$4,243.66	\$4,243.66	\$664.80	\$664.80	\$10,562.50
	Per-Capita Dues	\$37,340.00	\$35,768.00	\$34,780.00	\$50,556.00	\$50,556.00	\$49,288.00	\$49,288.00	\$46,122.00
	M.M. Interest	\$17,037.23	\$17,000.00	\$14,109.20	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$129.09	\$110.00
	Transfer from Raymond James			\$12,313.49	\$14,890.00	\$11,685.00	\$13,959.20	\$13,959.20	\$7,390.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$74,579.98</b>	<b>\$63,062.29</b>	<b>\$53,993.44</b>	<b>\$59,879.76</b>	<b>\$56,674.76</b>	<b>\$64,022.00</b>	<b>\$64,041.09</b>	<b>\$64,184.50</b>
	Money Market Index Account....REGULAR	\$16,020.05	\$5,000.00	\$1,298.63	\$10,809.53	\$12,674.37	\$12,674.00	\$12,674.00	\$14,192.89
	Raymond James	\$205,932.00	\$208,399.05	\$224,076.30	\$224,076.32	\$220,873.55	\$220,873.55	\$220,873.55	\$188,893.15
	cking carry over	\$6,139.64	\$829.54	\$4,243.66	\$2,945.03	\$664.80	\$664.80	\$664.80	\$10,562.50
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$228,091.69</b>	<b>\$214,228.59</b>	<b>\$225,400.37</b>	<b>\$227,910.98</b>	<b>\$224,292.82</b>	<b>\$221,537.98</b>	<b>\$221,537.98</b>	<b>\$199,455.65</b>
	<b>Restricted Accounts</b>								
	Grand Lodge Trailer escrow	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,498.02	\$1,498.02	\$1,498.02
	Conference Income reserve		\$1,248.77	\$1,193.28	\$1,193.28	\$1,193.28	\$703.77	\$703.77	\$3,824.09
	2016 Green Bay			\$5,292.00	\$5,701.00	\$5,701.00	\$7,552.00	\$7,552.00	\$6,756.50
	Mid Winter						\$1,241.08	\$1,241.08	0
	meet&greet			\$1,068.00	\$1,068.68	\$1,068.68	\$1,679.50	\$1,679.50	\$2,114.28
	<b>sum of restricted</b>						<b>\$12,674.37</b>	<b>\$12,674.37</b>	<b>\$14,192.89</b>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION						
2	Budget-2016-2017		Charitable	Account			reduction
3							7.49% of 15-16
4							
5		2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
6		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
7	Acct. Budget Item	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable
8		20% Red.					92.51% of 15-16
9	1A Elks National Vets. Service	\$11,929.83	\$17,879.83	\$18,785.00	\$18,980.00	\$18,980.00	\$19,080.00
10	1B WEA Veterans Commission	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$17,376.00	\$17,400.00	\$17,400.00	\$16,100.00
11	2 WEA Veterans Commission Expense	\$400.00	\$340.92	\$349.00	\$450.00	\$457.44	\$416.30
12	3 Committee for the Disabled	\$5,889.00	\$9,083.00	\$8,796.00	\$10,425.00	\$5,881.00	\$9,644.00
13	4 Drug Awareness Committee	\$11,603.86	\$6,557.38	\$11,403.00	\$11,450.00	\$11,306.51	\$10,592.00
14	5 Wisconsin Elks Major Project	\$32,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$43,440.00	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$40,704.00
15	6 Scholarship Committee	\$158,325.00	\$150,000.00	\$163,000.00	\$163,000.00	\$163,000.00	\$151,000.00
16	7 Scholarship Committee Expense	\$1,749.07	\$1,231.84	\$1,653.97	\$1,750.00	\$1,675.41	\$1,619.00
17	8 U.S. Constitution Contest	\$29,850.00	\$21,880.00	\$21,730.00	\$26,400.00	\$26,400.00	\$24,500.00
18	9 U.S. Constitution Committee Expense	\$1,007.67	\$953.29	\$1,010.83	\$900.00	\$1,021.46	\$832.00
19	10 Hoop Shoot Committee	\$14,191.00	\$14,778.80	\$16,250.85	\$17,000.00	\$15,237.27	\$16,000.00
20	12 Youth Activities Committee	\$8,000.00	\$7,998.93	\$8,502.98	\$8,700.00	\$5,515.00	\$7,500.00
21	17 Elks National Foundation Committee	\$178.11	\$81.88	\$108.26	\$200.00	\$110.78	\$185.00
22	18 Americanism Committee	\$6,915.68	\$6,872.16	\$7,238.14	\$7,400.00	\$7,390.06	\$7,000.00
23	25C The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web	\$2,342.92	\$2,902.04	\$2,882.24	\$3,000.00	\$1,011.88	\$2,500.00
24	35C Trustees Contingency Fund CHAR	\$2,067.51	-\$1,151.01	\$785.61	\$2,513.35	-\$214.00	\$2,978.29
25	35C(1) Earle Seiwright Charitable Grants	\$10,037.50	\$7,602.00	\$9,494.00	\$16,822.00	\$14,753.00	\$15,500.00
26	35C(6) Deferred Scholarships	\$21,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
27	Totals-----	\$312,487.15	\$303,011.06	\$332,805.88	\$350,890.35	\$333,925.81	\$326,150.59
28							
29							
30							
31	Proposed Income	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
32		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
33		Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable
34	cking carry over				\$1,888.08	\$1,888.08	\$3,154.46
35	Elks National Vets. Service Commission	\$15,980.00	\$17,880.00	\$20,270.00	\$18,980.00	\$18,980.00	\$19,080.00
36	Special Project Grants	\$102,610.00	\$103,360.00	\$105,870.00	\$106,830.00	\$106,830.00	\$108,960.00
37	State Charities Grant	\$71,050.00	\$73,210.00	\$76,630.00	\$78,220.00	\$78,220.00	\$76,200.00
38	Bonus Grant	\$18,270.00	\$18,270.00	\$18,210.00	\$17,710.00	\$17,710.00	\$16,430.00
39	Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund	\$100,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00
40	Last Year MM carry over	\$10,000.00	\$1,002.51	\$17,262.27	\$17,262.27	\$17,262.27	\$12,325.83
41	TOTALS-----	\$317,910.00	\$318,722.51	\$353,242.27	\$350,890.35	\$350,890.35	\$326,150.29
42		\$311,143.01	\$318,722.51				
43	B&B	\$6,766.99	\$12,512.70	\$11,582.86	\$11,582.86	\$11,582.86	\$11,443.16
44		0					
45	Pat Nitze		\$13,581.45	\$14,107.30	\$14,107.30	\$14,107.30	\$14,128.54
46	B&B & Pat Nitze carry over		\$26,094.15	\$25,690.16	\$25,690.16	\$25,690.16	\$25,571.70
47	1B raffle proceeds						\$1,180.00
48							
49							



**ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE  
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION  
AND IT'S PAST PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES**

Organized at Ashland, Wisconsin – April 22, 1902  
A.F. Warden, Waukesha #400, Chairman  
M.H. Zacharias, Oshkosh #292, Secretary

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
1902	Ashland	* AF.Warden	* M.H. Zacharias
		Waukesha #400	Oshkosh #292
1903	Ashland	* A.F. Warden	* R.W. Parsons
		Waukesha #400	Oshkosh #292
1904	Fond du Lac	* R.S. Witte	* E.A. Traleven
		Milwaukee #46	Fond du Lac #57
1905	Madison	* R.S. Witte	* J.P. Breitenbach
		Milwaukee #46	Madison #410
1906	La Crosse	* George V. Levis	* Thomas W. Burns
		Madison #410	La Crosse #300
1907	Waukesha	* L.S. Martin	* T.P. Buckley
		Milwaukee #46	Waukesha #400
1908	Racine	* George B. Burrows	* W.T. Thompson
		Madison #410	Racine #252
1909	Portage	* John H. Kehlor	* H.A. Gunderson
		Kenosha #750	Portage #675
1910	Kenosha	* A.J. Horlick	* Fred Butterworth
		Racine #252	Menasha #676
1911	Green Bay	* T.J. Pringle	* A.B. Fontaine
		Milwaukee #46	Green Bay #259
1912	Sheboygan	* Frank R. Weeks	* Theo. Benfey
		Green Bay #259	Sheboygan #299

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
1913	Manitowoc	* John C. Karel	* F.T. Taugher
		Milwaukee #46	Manitowoc #687
1914	Wausau	* John C. Karel	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1915	Oshkosh	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1916	Green Bay	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1917	No Meeting	* Otto R. Roenius	* Theo. Benfey
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Sheboygan #299
1918	Fond du Lac	* Chauncey Yockey	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1919	Manitowoc	* Chauncey Yockey	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1920	Milwaukee	* H.H. Dodd	* Theo. Benfey
		Fond du Lac #57	Sheboygan #299
1921	Milwaukee	* William F. Hutgen	* Theo. Benfey
		La Crosse #300	Sheboygan #299
1922	Beloit	* William F. Schad	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1923	Madison	* William F. Schad	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
1924	Milwaukee	* William F. Schad	* Theo. Benfey
		Milwaukee #46	Sheboygan #299
1925	Superior	* George L. Dwinnell	* Theo. Benfey
		Waukesha #400	Sheboygan #299
1926	Green Bay	* Carl Riggins	* Theo. Benfey
		Oconto #887	Sheboygan #299
1927	Wausau	* Harry A. Keifer	* Theo. Benfey
		Wausau #248	Sheboygan #299
1928	Oshkosh	* B.A. Arnold	* Theo. Benfey
		Oshkosh #292	Sheboygan #299
1929	Marinette	* C.E. Broughton	* Theo. Benfey
		Sheboygan #299	Sheboygan #299
1930	Racine	* Edward W. Mackey	* Theo. Benfey
		Manitowoc #687	Sheboygan #299
1931	Sheboygan	* Edward W. Mackey	* Theo. Benfey
		Manitowoc #687	Sheboygan #299
1932	Appleton	* Raymond C. Dwyer	* Theo. Benfey
		La Crosse #300	Sheboygan #299
1933	Milwaukee	* J.W. Selbach	* Theo. Benfey
		Eau Claire #402	Sheboygan #299
1934	Manitowoc	* J.W. Selbach	* Theo. Benfey
		Eau Claire #402	Sheboygan #299
1935	Fond du Lac	* Myron E. Schwartz	**Theo. Benfey
		Two Rivers #1380	Sheboygan #299
			* Lou Uecher
			Antigo #662
1936	Eau Claire	* Myron E. Schwartz	* Lou Uecher
		Two Rivers #1380	Two Rivers #1380

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
1937	Madison	* R.W. Mills	* Lou Uecher
		Fond du Lac #57	Two Rivers #1380
1938	La Crosse	* A.J. Geniesse	* Lou Uecher
		Green Bay #259	Two Rivers #1380
1939	Wausau	* T.F. McDonald	* Lou Uecher
		Marshfield #665	Two Rivers #1380
1940	Green Bay	* Frank T. Lynde	* Lou Uecher
		Antigo #662	Two Rivers #1380
1941	Sheboygan	* Bert A. Thompson	* Lou Uecher
		Kenosha #750	Two Rivers #1380
1942	Ashland	* Dr. C.O. Fillinger	* Lou Uecher
		Marinette #1313	Two Rivers #1380
1943	Janesville	* A.W. Parnell	* Lou Uecher
		Appleton #337	Appleton #337
1944	Appleton	* Frank L. Fawcett	* Lou Uecher
		Milwaukee #46	Appleton #337
1945	Wausau	* William A. Uthmeier	* *Lou Uecher
		Marshfield #665	Appleton #337
			* Leo H. Schmalz
			Kaukauna #962
1946	Milwaukee	* Frank W. Fisher	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Janesville #254	Kaukauna #962
1947	Superior	* John C. Fay	* Leo H. Schmalz
		La Crosse #300	Kaukauna #962
1948	Madison	* Dr. A. V. Delmore	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Two Rivers #1380	Kaukauna #962



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1949	Appleton	* William M. Eulberg	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Portage #675	Kaukauna #962
1950	Oshkosh	* William I. O'Neill	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Milwaukee #46	Kaukauna #962
1951	Baraboo	* Ray J. Fink	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Neenah-Menasha #676	Kaukauna #962
1952	Green Bay	** Lautie C. Welch	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Baraboo #688	Kaukauna #962
		* E.H. Lattimer	
		Wausau #248	
1953	La Crosse	* E.H. Lattimer	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Wausau #248	Kaukauna #962
1954	Racine	* James H. Boex	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Green Bay #259	Kaukauna #962
1955	Wausau	* Alfred E. LaFrance	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Racine #252	Kaukauna #962
1956	Madison	* Kenneth F. Sullivan	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Madison #410	Kaukauna #962
1957	Fond du Lac	* Arno J. Miller	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Portage #675	Kaukauna #692
1958	Appleton	* Arthur J. Chadek	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Milwaukee #46	Kaukauna #692
1959	Superior	* J. Martin Van Rooy	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Appleton #337	Kaukauna #692
1960	Green Bay	* Jack F. Froom	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Wausau #248	Kaukauna #692
1961	Oshkosh	* Dr. M.J. Junion	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Green Bay #259	Kaukauna #692

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1962	Manitowoc	* Dr. J.R. Casanova	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Watertown #666	Kaukauna #692
1963	La Crosse	* James G. Franey	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Eau Claire #403	Kaukauna #692
1964	Racine	* Paul A. Fischl	* Leo H. Schmalz
		Manitowoc #687	Kaukauna #692
1965	Fond du Lac	* Harold Canaan	* Vernon Hopf
		Platteville #1460	Kenosha #750
1966	Appleton	* John Robinson	* Vernon Hopf
		Kenosha #750	Kenosha #750
1967	Madison	* Leo H. Schmalz	* Vernon Hopf
		Kaukauna #962	Kenosha #750
1968	Milwaukee	* D.H. Everman	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Beaver Dam #1540	Beaver Dam #1540
1969	Green Bay	* J.G. Chriske	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Green Bay #258	Beaver Dam #1540
1970	La Crosse	* Maury Pohl	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Sheboygan #299	Beaver Dam #1540
1971	Wausau	* John McDonald	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Chippewa Falls #1326	Beaver Dam #1540
1972	Kenosha	* Thomas Pierce	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Madison #410	Beaver Dam #1540
1973	Madison	* Joe Kovacs	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Fond du Lac #57	Beaver Dam #1540
1974	Superior	* A.W. Kowalchyk	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Wausau #248	Beaver Dam #1540

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1975	Oshkosh	* Dr. Charles Gurtler	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Beaver Dam #1540
1976	Stevens Point	* Warren Foster	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Baraboo #688	Beaver Dam #1540
1977	Wausau	* John Elleu	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Racine #252	Beaver Dam #1540
1978	Green Bay	* Charles E. Bergstrom	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Superior #403	Beaver Dam #1540
1979	Baraboo	* Wendall H. Smith	* C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Appleton #337	Beaver Dam #1540
1980	La Crosse	* Francis "Bill" Murphy	**C.F. Katzenmeyer
		Portage #675	Beaver Dam #1540
			* H.M. Militzer
			Beaver Dam #1540
1981	Wausau	* Donald Grosenick	* H.M. Militzer
		Janesville #254	Beaver Dam #1540
1982	Green Bay	* Dr. Francis Kruse	* H.M. Militzer
		Marshfield #665	Beaver Dam #1540
1983	Janesville	Jon Laffin	* H.M. Militzer
		Neenah-Menasha #676	Beaver Dam #1540
1984	Kenosha	* Arnold C. Knutson	* H.M. Militzer
		La Crosse #300	Beaver Dam #1540
1985	Wausau	* Raymond A. Pickarts	* H.M. Militzer
		Madison #410	Beaver Dam #1540
1986	Fond du Lac	* Charles Green	* H.M. Militzer
		Oshkosh #292	Beaver Dam #1540
1987	Green Bay	Robert G. King	* Hal Vilar
		Antigo #662	Milwaukee #46

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1988	Superior	Donald J. Sears	* Hal Vilar
		Fond du Lac #57	Milwaukee #46
1989	Madison	Donald J. Slavik	Robert G. King
		Appleton #337	Antigo #662
1990	Milwaukee	* Harvey Gygi	Robert G. King
		Wisconsin Rapids #693	Antigo #662
1991	Menasha	Reinhard Palm	Robert G. King
		Sheboygan #299	Antigo #662
1992	Wausau	Marlin Hermann	Robert G. King
		Waukesha #400	Antigo #662
1993	Janesville	Wayne Pickarts	Robert G. King
		Madison #410	Antigo #662
1994	Superior	William "Bill" Forrest	Robert G. King
		Wausau #248	Antigo #662
1995	Oshkosh	James Meyer	Robert G. King
		Watertown #666	Antigo #662
1996	Stevens Point	Keith Simmons	Robert G. King
		Wal-Lakeland #2201	Antigo #662
1997	Wausau	David DeRosier	Robert G. King
		Milwaukee #46	Antigo #662
1998	Fond du Lac	Robert Hackl	Robert G. King
		Two Rivers #1380	Antigo #662
1999	Sheboygan	Milton Swantz	Robert G. King
		Fond du Lac #57	Antigo #662

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2000	Watertown	John Bennett	Ken Johnson
		Ashland #137	Wausau #248
2001	Fond du Lac	*Gerald Crouse Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2002	Wausau	John Belany	Ken Johnson
		Rice Lake #1441	Wausau #248
2003	Watertown	*Ken Thomack	Ken Johnson
		Kaukauna #962	Wausau #248
2004	Watertown	Norm Behnke	Ken Johnson
		Fond du Lac #57	Wausau #248
2005	Sheboygan	Dave Madson	Ken Johnson
		Sheboygan #299	Wausau #248
2006	Oshkosh	Ronald Bertrand	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2007	Wausau	Terry Hubbart, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Manitowoc #687	Wausau #248
2008	Sheboygan	Dennis Daley	Ken Johnson
		Watertown #666	Wausau #248
2009	Wausau	Tom Widzinski	Ken Johnson
		Oshkosh #292	Wausau #248
2010	Wausau	Ken Bruckner	Ken Johnson
		Sheboygan #299	Wausau #248
2011	Wausau	Bob Bohnsack	Ken Johnson
		Fond du Lac #57	Wausau #248

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2012	Marshfield	Dave Assmann	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2013	Eau Claire	Dave Nitze, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Janesville #254	Wausau #248
2014	Baraboo	Ron Shannon	Ken Johnson
		Portage #675	Wausau #248
2015	Green Bay	Todd Kostuck	Ken Johnson
		Platteville #1460	Wausau #248
2016	Green Bay	Anthony Voulgaris	Ken Johnson
		Oshkosh #292	Wausau #248
2017	Green Bay	Rob Radig, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Beaver Dam #1540	Wausau #248

\* Deceased \*\* Died In Office

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULERS**

**WISCONSIN 1900 – 2015**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>LODGE</b>
1900-1901		Thomas B. Mills	Superior #403
1901-1902	East	F.W.A. Brown	Oshkosh #292
	West	A.M. Fox	Stevens Point #641
1902-1903	East	Henry C. Baker	Madison #410
	West	Henry Allison Lathrop	Marshfield #665
1903-1904	East	John M. Kehlor	Kenosha #750
	West	Henry Allison Lathrop	Marshfield #665
1904-1905	East	R.S. Witte	Milwaukee #46
	West	Michael E. Dillon	Ashland #137
1905-1906	East	Myron D. Fethers	Madison #410
	West	O.J. Sorenson	La Crosse #300
1906-1907	East	John F. Donovan	Milwaukee #46
	West	W.J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1907-1908	East	John F. Donovan	Milwaukee #46
	West	J.M. Dodd	Ashland #137
1908-1909	East	G.H. Joachin	Madison #410
	West	J.M. Dodd	Ashland #137
1909-1910	East	William S. Smeiding, Jr.	Racine #252
	West	E.A. Gatterdam	La Crosse #300
1910-1911	East	William E. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	Charles R. Fridley	Superior #403
1911-1912	East	William F. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	Charles R. Fridley	Superior #403
1912-1913	East	O.B. Osborn	Beloit #864
	West	Fred Stussy	Eau Claire #402

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1913-1914	East	J.P. Frank	Appleton #337
	West	John Clark	Superior #403
1914-1915	East	Clifford E. Randall	Kenosha #750
	West	William J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1915-1916	East	Frank A. Fuller	Oshkosh #292
	West	William J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1916-1917	East	Frank A. Fuller	Oshkosh #292
	West	Walter Fowler	Superior #403
1917-1918	East	George C. Sayle	Madison #410
	West	Thomas J. Connor	Chippewa Falls #1326
1918-1919	East	John W. Gauerke	Green Bay #259
	West	Thomas J. Connor	Chippewa Falls #1326
1919-1920	East	Louis . Fellenz	Fond du Lac #57
	West	John E. Barron	Eau Claire #402
1920-1921	East	Louis J. Fellenz	Fond du Lac #57
	West	C.T. Robinson	Superior #403
1921-1922	East	T.E. Walsh	Janesville #254
	West	C.T. Robinson	Superior #403
1922-1923	East	Edward W. Miller	Marinette #1313
	West	H.A. Kiefer	Wausau #248
1923-1924	East	B.W. Arnold	Oshkosh #292
	West	Otto R. Roenius	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1924-1925	East	B.W. Arnold	Oshkosh #292
	West	Otto R. Roenius	Wisconsin Rapids #693



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1925-1926	East	Sidney Jones	Kenosha #750
	West	David Gardner	Platteville #1460
1926-1927	East	Frank P. McAdams	Watertown #666
	West	Charles H. Cashin	Stevens Point #641
1927-1928	East	E.W. Mackey	Manitowoc #687
	West	T.J. Reinert	Antigo #662
1928-1929	East	Henry C. Baker	Racine #252
	West	R.F. Hoehle	Superior #403
1929-1930	East	William L. Schad	Milwaukee #46
	West	R.C. Dwyer	La Crosse #300
1930-1931	Northwest	J.H. Wallis	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Charles E. Broughton	Sheboygan #299
	South	Frank A. Maxwell	Madison #410
1931-1932	Northwest	Thomas F. McDonald	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	A.J. Geniesse	Green Bay #259
	South	C. Homer Dauber	Waukesha #400
1932-1933	Northwest	J.E. Newton	Hudson #640
	Northeast	A.J. Geniesse	Green Bay #259
	South	Phillip T. Weber	Racine #252
1933-1934	Northwest	M.A. Sauter	Superior #403
	Northeast	Elmer S. Nelson	Antigo #662
	South	F.R. O'Neal	Beloit #864
1934-1935	Northwest	Walter B. Chilsen	Merrill #696
	Northeast	Elmer S. Nelson	Antigo #662
	South	Frank W. Koenig	Watertown #666

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1935-1936	Northwest	W.Del Curtis	Wausau #248
	Northeast	W.L. Ainsworth	Fond du Lac #57
	South	Otis L. Tranary	Kenosha #750
1936-1937	Northwest	Charles H. Cashin	Stevens Point #641
	Northeast	Myron E. Schwartz	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Howard T. Ott	Milwaukee #46
1937-1938	Northwest	Joseph W. Selbach	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Jacob Federer	Sheboygan #299
	South	John C. Fay	La Crosse #300
1938-1939	Northwest	Albert J. Godfrey	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Northeast	Frank T. Lyne	Antigo #662
	South	J.C. Welch	Baraboo #688
1939-1940	Northwest	Earl F. Otto	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	Dr. C.O. Fillingier	Marinette #1313
	South	William J. Eulberg	Portage #675
1940-1941	Northwest	William A. Uthmeier	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	Jim Kettenhofer	Green Bay #259
	South	Frank W. Fisher	Janesville #254
1941-1942	Northwest	Fred Schroeder	Wausau #248
	Northeast	Dr. A.V. Delmore	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Wm. F. Ehmann	Madison #410
1942-1943	Northwest	L.H. Gerdes	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Ray J. Fink	Menasha #676
	South	B.F. Magruder	Racine #252
1943-1944	Northwest	John Berg	Superior #403
	Northeast	J.M. Van Rooy	Appleton #337
	South	Carl Noelke	La Crosse #300
1944-1945	Northwest	Hubert L. Perrin	Ashland #137
	Northeast	Charles Urbanek	Manitowoc #687

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	South	Ernest F. Marlatt	Kenosha #750
1945-1946	Northwest	O.J. Soilheim	Hudson #640
	Northeast	Harvey Abraham	Oshkosh #292
	South	W.I. O'Neill	Milwaukee #46
1946-1947	Northwest	W.A. Uthmeier	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	H.L. Londo	Green Bay #259
	South	E.L. Hubbard	Beaver Dam #1540
1947-1948	Northwest	J.G. Franey	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	J.N. Poole	Sheboygan #299
	South	R.C. Fett	Janesville #254
1948-1949	Northwest	Lyle Webster	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Leo H. Schmalz	Kaukauna #962
	South	Charles Schuetze	Waukesha #400
1949-1950	Northwest	E.H. Lattimer	Wausau #248
	Northeast	Paul H. Hutchinson	Antigo #662
	South	R.W. Piquette	Platteville #1460
1950-1951	Northwest	H.C. Sargent	Superior #403
	Northeast	W.F. Reinke	Marinette #1313
	South	G.R. Lyons	Madison #410
1951-1952	Northwest	M.L. Hughes	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Dr. W.C. Finn	Fond du Lac #57
	South	Arno J. Miller	Portage #675
	South	Tedd Oettinger	Waukesha #400
1952-1953	Northwest	A.C. Brezinski	Stevens Point #641
	Northeast	Judge A.W. Parnell	Appleton #337
	South	A.E. LaFrance	Racine #252

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1953-1954	Northwest	B.W. Becker	Marshfield #675
	Northeast	W.H. Jessen	Green Bay #259
	South	Dave Speaker	Kenosha #750
1954-1955	Northwest	W.J. Conway	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	George Bake	Green Bay #259
	South	Norm Schultz	La Crosse #300
1955-1956	Northwest	George D. Boyer	Ashland #137
	Northeast	G.S. Vassau	Antigo #662
	South	Dr. Austin Sipple	Beloit #662
1956-1957	Northwest	Jack R. Froom	Wausau #248
	Northeast	N.N. Trossen	Neenah-Menasha #676
	South	Dr. J.R. Casanova	Watertown #666
1957-1958	Northwest	John H. Stauber	Marshfield #665
	Northeast	H.P. Berzinsky	Two Rivers #1380
	South	Hugh B. McGreal	Milwaukee #46
1958-1959	Northwest	Ernest Johnson	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Otto Stielow	Sheboygan #299
	South	Cecil Rittenhouse	Baraboo #688
1959-1960	Northwest	Robert G. Schill	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Northeast	Paul Fischl	Manitowoc #687
	South	Tedd Oettinger	Waukesha #400
1960-1961	Northwest	Forrest Froberg	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Northeast	Chester Weed	Oskosh #292
	South	Harold M. Canaan	Platteville #1460
1961-1962	Northwest	James M. Schultz	Appleton #337
	Northeast	Robert C. McGrew	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Arthur J. Chadek	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Kenneth F. Sullivan	Madison #410

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1962-1963	Northwest	James H. Boex	Green Bay #259
	Northeast	M.C. Weinkauf	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	D.H. Evermann	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	George O. Fahler	Janesville #254
1963-1964	Northeast	W.W. Hubbell	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Donald G. Foltz	Superior #403
	Southeast	John H. Robinson	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	C.E. Krebsbach	La Crosse #300
1964-1965	Northeast	Patrick Diercks	Antigo #662
	Northwest	Francis Brandl	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	Edward Kremer	Fond du Lac #57
	Southwest	Charles Drury	Portage #675
1965-1966	Northeast	James Hendricks	Manitowoc #867
	Northwest	Forrest Huntsinger	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Maurice Pohl	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Neal Johnson	Stevens Point #641
1966-1967	Northeast	Lawrence Jolin	Sturgeon Bay #2076
	Northwest	John N. McDonald	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Southeast	Eugene Scherwenka	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Al W. Kowalchyk	Wausau #248
1967-1968	Northeast	George Ellis	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	Tom O'Connel	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Eugene H. Korzilius	Racine #252
	Southwest	Wayne Rasmussen	Marshfield #665
1968-1969	Northeast	Thomas C. Hytes	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Leighton George	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	H.M. Militzer	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	Kenneth D. Carrier	Beloit #864

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1969-1970	Northeast	Al Weigandt	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Lloyd Klofanda	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	John Pugh	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Warren Foster	Baraboo #688
1970-1971	Northeast	Larry Adams	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Northwest	John J. Moran	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Robert W. Speaker	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	Dr. Charles Gurtler	Wisconsin Rapids #693
1971-1972	Northeast	Robert Leithen	Appleton #337
	Northwest	Charles Bergstrom	Superior #403
	Southeast	Ed Froh	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	O.A. Barth	Platteville #1460
1972-1973	Northeast	William Lucas	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Kieran Purcell	Antigo #662
	Southeast	John T. Elleu	Racine #252
	Southwest	George E. Rapp	Madison #410
1973-1974	Northeast	William Lucas	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Kieran Purcell	Antigo #662
	Southeast	John T. Elleu	Racine #252
	Southwest	George E. Rapp	Madison #410
1974-1975	Northeast	V.G. Thedick	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Earle Sievwright	Stevens Point #641
	Southeast	Gordon Roth	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Roland Fitzpatrick	La Crosse #400
1975-1976	Northeast	Robert Smithers	Fond du Lac #57
	Northwest	George Lella	Wausau #248
	Southeast	Russell Twesme	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Donald Grosenick	Janesville #254

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1976-1977	Northeast	Louis Vits	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Ronald Sommerfeld	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Southeast	Tony Sanfilippo	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Francis W. Murphy	Portage #675
1977-1978	Northeast	Robert Natrop	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Dr. Francis Kruse, Jr.	Marshfield #665
	Southeast	Robert G. Lee	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	John Gray	Baraboo #688
1978-1979	Northeast	Jack Truymen	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Harold Kuehn	Rice Lake #1441
	Southeast	Dale Rudy	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	Gordon Stephens	Platteville #1460
1979-1980	Northeast	Jon Laffin	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Northwest	Eugene LaFave	Eau Claire #402
	Southeast	Harb Graumann	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Darwin D. Scoon	Madison #410
1980-1981	Northeast	Joseph Vareka	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	George M. Vivian	Ashland #137
	Southeast	Harold Tuttle	Racine #252
	Southwest	Arnold C. Knutson	La Crosse #300
1981-1982	Northeast	Wendall H. Smith	Appleton #337
	Northwest	Harvey J. Gygi	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Southeast	Leo McGlade	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	John C. Duner	Janesville #254
1982-1983	Northeast	Verne J. Buege	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	David DeRosier	Superior #403
	Southeast	Thomas Lemke	Fond du Lac #57
	Southwest	Earl Lange	Beaver Dam #1540

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1983-1984	Northeast	Donald S. Johnson	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Mike Sutton	Hudson #640
	Southeast	Ralph Meiers	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Willis Smythe	Portage #675
1984-1985	Northeast	Robert L. Harner	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Robert G. King	Antigo #662
	Southeast	Hal Vilar	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Ray A. Getschmann	Baraboo #688
1985-1986	Northeast	Robert Hackl	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Carl F. Knuese	Stevens Point #641
	Southeast	Richard T. Fennig	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	William White	Platteville #1460
1986-1987	Northeast	Donald LaCount	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	William L. Forrest	Wausau #248
	Southeast	James P. Ipsen	Kenosha #750
	Southwest	James Joyce	Madison #410
1987-1988	Northeast	Charles Green	Oshkosh #292
	Northwest	Everett Berg	Marshfield #665
	Southeast	Reinhard L. Palm	Sheboygan #299
	Southwest	Harold Worchel	La Crosse #300
1988-1989	Northeast	Joe Vareka	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	Pete Lukowitz	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Central	J. Duane Hinkens	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Don Thiede	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	John Neuenfeld	Racine #252
	Southwest	Charles Weber	Janesville #254



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1989-1990	Northeast	Dr. Francis E. Moes	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Herbert T. Zimmer	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	William Kubeny	Antigo #662
	East Central	Donald J. Sears	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Robert Watson	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Keith Brown	Portage #675
1990-1991	Northeast	Lynwood Harrand	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Gerald Miller	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Marion "Bud" Flood	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Leo Stutz	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Wilfred Riedl	Watertown #666
	Southwest	R.W. "Bud" Hopper	Beloit #864
1991-1992	Northeast	Ken Thomack	Kaukauna #962
	Northwest	Albert Skinnis	Ashland #137
	Central	Ray Dabler	Wausau #248
	East Central	Donald J. Slavik	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Charles Gronitz	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Roger E. Stieve	Baraboo #688
1992-1993	Northeast	John Mountford	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	E.L. "Bud" Hinaus	Superior #403
	Central	Eugene Danielson	La Crosse #300
	East Central	Donald Youngworth	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	Joe Schoenwalder	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Neil Reichers	Platteville #1460

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1993-1994	Northeast	Thomas Thill	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Weldon Payne	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	John Roherty	Marshfield #665
	East Central	Frank Hafner	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	Anthony Mattson	Racine #252
	Southwest	F. George Mader	Madison #410
1994-1995	Northeast	Paul LaVene	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	E.L. "Bud" Hinaus	Superior #403
	Central	Robert Berg	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Royden Brunet	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	John Davis	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Robert "Bucky" Buchanan	Janesville #254
1995-1996	Northeast	Edward L. Hartman	Sturgeon Bay #2076
	Northwest	Allan Anderson	Ashland #137
	Central	Gary Cernoch	Antigo #662
	East Central	Fred Henckel	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Glenn Friedl	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Kenneth A. Ebnetter	Portage #675
1996-1997	Northeast	Arnold "Arnie" Beimborn	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	James P. McFaul	Superior #403
	Central	Andy Olander	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Gerald Brien	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	Roger Cielinski	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Ron Wittenberg	Beloit #864

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1997-1998	Northeast	James A. Boatman	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Nathan Levenhagen	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	Donald Golembiewski	Wausau #248
	East Central	Bodo Bube	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Gerald Crouse	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Sammy Howard	Baraboo #688
1998-1999	Northeast	James H. Krueger	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Ken Schaller	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Steve Schultz	Marshfield #665
	East Central	Joe Matusinec	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	T. "Jeff" Johnson	Racine #252
	Southwest	Todd Kostuck	Platteville #1460
1999-2000	Northeast	Terry Hubbartt	Manitowoc #687
	Northwest	Al Agamaite	Ashland #137
	Central	John Benbow	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Fred Kulick	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	David H. Cox	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Mick Lamendola	Janesville #254
2000-2001	Northeast	Mike Parrish	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	Larry Yeazle	Superior #403
	Central	Bernard "Joe" Guithues	Antigo #662
	East Central	Bill Weinshrott	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Dennis Daley	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Gary Alberts	Portage #675

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2001-2002	Northeast	Joe Klumb	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Michael Spielman	Rice Lake #1441
	Central	Jim Ostrowski	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Elmer Budrecki	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	David Lang	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	Gerald Steiner / Wayne Pickarts	Madison #410
2002-2003	Northeast	Richard Dumke	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Charles Edson	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Thomas Goetz	Wausau #248
	East Central	Thomas Rasmussen	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	Donald Svoma	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	Bruce Meyer	Baraboo #688
2003-2004	Northeast	Paul LeVene	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	William Schiller	Superior #403
	Central	Lance Pliml	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Joel Hinze	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Albert Derga	Racine #252
	Southwest	Douglas Vavricka	Platteville #1460
2004-2005	Northeast	James Behnke	Marinette #1313
	Northwest	Trevor Zimmerman	Eau Claire #402
	Central	Douglas Foemmel	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Ivan Craig, Jr.	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	Don Brown	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	Vern Gove	Portage #675

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2005-2006	Northwest	Ora Payne	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Jeff Wigen	Manitowoc #687
	Central	Dale Heitmann	Wausau #248
	East Central	Patrick Buck	Neenah-Menasha #676
	Southeast	Ronald Layton	Watertown #666
	Southwest	Daniel Krueger	Janesville #254
2006-2007	Northwest	Richard Ford	Superior #401
	Northeast	Pat Trepanier	Oconto #887
	Central	Myron Keding	Marshfield #666
	East Central	Terry Shoemaker	Fond du Lac #57
	Southeast	Laine Meyer	Beaver Dam #1540
	Southwest	Albert "Dutch" Engleson	Beloit #864
2007-2008	Northwest	Cindy Duffy	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Joseph Rossley	Marinette #1313
	Central	James Captain	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	East Central	Richard Petermann	Sheboygan #299
	Southeast	Gregg Vosswinkel	Milwaukee #46
	Southwest	David Nitze, Sr.	Janesville #254
2008-2009	Northwest	Steve Roberge	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Carl Morse	Oconto #887
	Central	James Gnacinski	Antigo #662
	East Central	Kathy Brien	Kaukauna #962
	Southeast	David Assmann	Waukesha #400
	Southwest	David Crary	Madison #410

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2009-2010	Northwest	George A. Myers	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	James Burmeister	Marinette #1313
	Central	Scott Kovatch	Stevens Point #641
	East Central	Ryan Swantz	Appleton #337
	Southeast	Robert Berres	Racine #252
	Southwest	Patricia Nitze	Janesville #254
2010-2011	Northwest	Chad Bormann	Eau Claire #402
	Northeast	Lenora Sheahan	Two Rivers #1380
	Central	Mike Rebhahn	Wausau #248
	East Central	Tony Voulgaris	Oshkosh #292
	Southeast	Lee Gile	Walworth-Lakeland #2201
	Southwest	J. Merle Alt	Baraboo #688
2011-2012	Northeast	Gary Sheahan	Two Rivers #1380
	Northwest	Robert Rennells	Marshfield #665
	Central	Myron "Ron" Shannon	Portage #675
	South	Benjamin Godlewski	Milwaukee #46
2012-2013	Northeast	Ken Johnson	Wausau #248
	Northwest	Sal Cuomo	Stevens Point #641
	Central	Ernie Bellin	Neenah-Menasha #676
	South	Thomas Fiedler	Platteville #1460
2013-2014	Northeast	David Crevcoure	Green Bay #259
	Northwest	James Walsh, Jr.	Wisconsin Rapids #693
	Central	John Bruno	Watertown #666
	South	Tom Fiedler	Platteville #1460

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2014-2015	Northeast	Marty Sullivan	Wausau #248
	Northwest	Jaye Franklin	Marshfield #665
	Central	Sam Demmin	Oshkosh #292
	South	Phil Clayborne	Milwaukee #46
2015-2016	Northeast	Eugene Wusterbarth	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Richard Sislo	Superior #403
	Central	Jeannie Lange	Baraboo #688
	South	Bruce Somers	Waukesha #400
2016-2017	Northeast	Jeffery Miller	Rice Lake #1441
	Northwest	George Harper	Green Bay #259
	Central	Ron Beenen	Sheboygan #299
	South	James Jiracek	Milwaukee #46