



The Bugle *Fall 2018*

*JIM MEYER NAMED NEW
GRAND LODGE OFFICER*



Congratulations to the new Grand Lodge Lecturing Knight from the State of Wisconsin, Jim Meyer (R), and Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael T. Luhr (L).



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GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

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STATE MEETINGS

2018 Fall Conference - Appleton, Sept. 13-16, 2018
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 Mid-Winter Conference - Appleton,
January 31 – February 2, 2019
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 State Convention . . . Appleton, May 2-5, 2019
Paper Valley Convention Center
2019 Fall Conference - Appleton, Sept. 12 – 15, 2019
Paper Valley Convention Center
2020 Mid-Winter Conference- Appleton
January 30 – February 2, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center
2020 State Convention- Appleton
April 30 – May 3, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center
2020 Fall Conference- Appleton
September 17 – 20, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center

BIOGRAPHY OF
MICHAEL T. LUHR
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2018-2019

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Michael T. Luhr was born in Petersburg, Alaska, on August 22 to Donald H. Luhr and Beulah E. (Reid) Luhr. Michael has one brother, Robert, and two sisters, Donna and Joyce. He attended elementary and high school in Petersburg, graduating in 1974.

Michael started his working career at the age of 9. He served as a janitor at a Ben Franklin store for two years, shelved boxes at a grocery store for two years, and worked at a fish cannery for another year. Through a school work program at the age of 15, Michael worked at a machine shop during the summers until graduation.

Upon graduating from high school, Mike worked with a logging company, a mining company, and a road construction company. In 1980, he purchased the floating machine shop where he worked as a teenager, becoming the fourth owner of the business.

In June of 1984, Michael met his wife Barbara (Barb) at the local daycare facility where their respective children were enrolled. Mike and Barb had their first child, Bradee, in 1989, and were married on January 8, 1991. Together they have four children, Sabrina, Francis IV (John), Justin, and Bradee, and five grandchildren.

Also in 1984, Barb joined Michael to operate the machine shop. They worked together as sole proprietors until 2011, when a group of fishermen approached them with an offer they could not refuse. With the support of 25 local fishermen, Mike and Barb bought the shipyard in Petersburg which had closed the previous year. Today, the business employs 17 people and provides a full-service ship store with vessel haul-out, engine service, and machine shop facilities.

Michael was proposed and initiated into Petersburg Lodge No. 1615 in November 1977 by his father, Exalted Ruler Donald, along with ten of his lifelong school friends.

He served as a Trustee from 1990 to 1998 and was appointed as Esquire in 1998. He continued through the Chairs and was named Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. He was elected to the Trustees again, serving from 2003 to 2008. He has served as the Lodge Treasurer since 2008.

Michael began his service at the State level in 2004 when he was elected as Trustee. He was elected and served as President of the Alaska State Elks Association in 2009-2010 and continues to serve as Chair of the ASEA's Charitable Trust Fund, Advisory Committee Chair, and on the Lodge Development Board.

At the Grand Lodge level, Michael was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Alaska's East District in 2005-2006, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009. He was appointed to the G/L-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee from 2010-2012. He was appointed as Special Representative to the Alaska East District in 2011, serving through December 2017.

In 2012, Michael was elected to represent Area 8 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications-West Member in 2012-2013, as Secretary of the Board from 2013-2015, and Vice Chairman in 2015-2016. He was appointed as Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the State of Alaska from 2016 to the present. At the G/L Convention in Reno, Michael was elected and installed as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight and served in that capacity for the 2017-2018 fraternal year.

On a personal level, Mike was very active in baseball growing up and is in the Little League Hall of Fame. He coached women's softball and Little League for many years until the Elks became his passion. Children John and Bradee, as well as son-in-law Adam, are all Members of the Elks and were initiated by Michael.



"Working Together to Make a Difference"



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To My Wisconsin Elks Family,



Where does the time go? It's hard to believe we already have one third of our visits completed and as I've said before, the warm welcome and hospitality Jeannie and I have received has been second to none and we look forward to completing our visits, renewing friendships and making new ones.

What a great time we had at the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio. There are no words to express the thrill of having the honor to carry and present our State Flag at our National Convention in front of over 8,000 members. It is a moment I will never forget.

I would like to send out a special thank you to Jason Somers and his crew for all their hard work in overcoming the many obstacles they faced while in San Antonio to make our Hospitality room the very it best it could be. We may not have been able to do the "Wisconsin Way", but we still showed the country how Wisconsin does hospitality and made sure everyone had a good time.

Congratulations to Jim Meyer, PSP, PDDGER, Watertown Lodge No. 666, on his appointment and installation as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight for the 2018 -2019 Grand Lodge year. This is a well-deserved honor and we are very proud of him. When you see Jim at our Fall Conference, please give him your best wishes.

While in San Antonio, we had the pleasure of meeting our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Mike Luhr, and First Lady, Barb, from Petersburg, Alaska Lodge No. 1615; we are excited to have them visit us for our Fall

Conference in September to show them how Wisconsin is "Working Together to Make a Difference". When you see them, please stop by to introduce yourself and let's show them some good old-fashioned Wisconsin Hospitality. Please make every effort to attend our Association Luncheon and Saturday Night Banquet to show your support of our Grand Exalted Ruler and to hear his message.

We will also have the honor to welcome our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, F. Louis Sulsberger, and Past Grand First Lady, Beth, from Flora, IL Lodge No. 1659 to our Fall Conference; I know they would enjoy having you stop by to say hello.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Conference and I wish you all safe travels to Appleton.

Faternally,

Sam

Sam Demmin, State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

FRATERNAL COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Larry W. Smith, your Area 5 contact for the GL Fraternal Committee. My cell phone is 217-825-3654; my home phone is 217-854-8420; and my e-mail is lsmith1@frontiernet.net. My address is 6 Greenridge Drive, Carlinville, IL 62626.

If you need any info from the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, please let me know. If I do not know the answer at that time, I will get it and get back with you. I am retired so I am available just about 24/7.



2018-2019 STATE PRESIDENT TRAVEL PLANS



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

Capturing Our Communities

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

Fall is the air and the holidays are right around the corner; it's unbelievable how quickly time flies!

We have had an amazing first few months and have been met with the warmest of welcomes at every turn. I can't say thank you enough! So far, we've made eight Lodge visits, and are looking forward to visiting the remaining 21!



*We attended the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio and what a fabulous time that was! It just doesn't get any better than meeting Elks from all across our country! Elks truly are the **Best People On Earth!***

Hats off to Jason Somers and his Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for doing a great job in our hospitality room this year. I know it was difficult, but as always, Wisconsin prevailed.

At our Fall Conference in September we will have some very special guests with us: Grand Exalted Ruler, Mike Luhr, and First Lady, Barb, and our State Sponsor, PGER F. Louis Sulsberger, and Past First Lady, Beth. Let's make them feel at home by giving them all a big Wisconsin welcome and join us Saturday for the Ladies Luncheon to show them your friendship and support.

Jeannie
Jeannie Lange, First Lady
Wisconsin Elks Association

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE DOES IT AGAIN!!



Hats off to **Jason Somers** and **Melissa 'Ellis' Somers** and committee for overcoming the never- ending obstacles thrown at them and still making this a memorable Convention for the Wisconsin Delegates and all our guests!

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Elks

Time flies when you are having fun. I find June and July were fun and August flying by. Four State President's visits done as I write this message. August visits to look forward to.

Our visits started in Appleton with the Flag Day Parade and the dedication of the new stamp. Both very memorable. Then came Portage's visit. This is the Lodge Elksdom started for me and I always love going back there. Can't forget Elks Day at Camp Wawbeek. Great turnout by fellow Elks. Janesville's visit was memorable in itself. From special guests, Wisconsin's State Sponsor F. Louis Sulsberger PGER and James (Jim) Meyer Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight to Elk guests that were traveling through town. Then there was the Desert Auction that raised \$4,000.00. I don't need to say any more! Beloit visit was a picnic and Mother Nature could not have been cooperative. Good food, good friends equals a great day.



It was educational on all levels going to San Antonio for Grand Lodge. The 150th anniversary of our great Order. The Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony and everything in between. Ask your ER about their experience and what they learned. After I attend this Convention and Wisconsin conferences and convention, they reaffirm why I became an Elk.

As Ron and I travel the state with our State President, Sam, and First Lady, Jeannie, and listening to him promote his slogan, "Capturing our Communities", I can see what a great job the Lodges are doing capturing their community. You are making Sam proud. Keep up the great work. In the near future I will be asking each Lodge's Loyal Knight for the date they would like to hold State President Visit if I haven't already. I will have given Committee Recommendations forms to the V.P. of each District in August to give each Leading Knight, so if you did not receive one, please look me up at Fall Conference. When placing people on the committees, make sure they want to be there, and that they will be at the meetings. This is where information is shared to be brought back to the Lodges.

Hope to see everyone at the Fall Conference and remember this is the Conference where we can show our Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Luhr, and First Lady, Barb, what Wisconsin Hospitality is. See you there.

Fraternally,

Nikki

Nikki Shannon, State President Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Greetings to all:

It is my hope that those Elks and guests that were fortunate enough to be able to attend this year's Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio, Texas had a great time. I'm sure you know that our Great Order celebrated its 150th Anniversary this year and the planning committee for the celebration events went all out! From the Opening Ceremony Sunday night to the Closing Ceremony on Wednesday morning, it was one of the most memorable conventions this writer has attended. Two of the highlights I would like to mention were 150 Elks Scholars (recipients of former scholarships) were present at the Convention and made their way to the dais at the Opening Ceremony. What a sight it was! I am sure the realization of what our donations to the ENF can and have done over the years impacted the thousands Convention attendees present. The highlight of the celebration was right after the Opening Ceremony when the rear of the Convention Hall opened and the group Re-Creation was performing while everyone waited for the evening's main event which was "The Lieutenant Dan Band" who put on a 90 minute concert. Actor Gary Sinise, who I'm sure you remember from the famous movie "Forrest Gump", formed this band many years ago and performs about 30 concerts a year to raise funds for Veterans. What a perfect fit for the BPO Elks Celebration!!



Congratulations to our four District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers who were installed in their positions at the final Business Session. This begins a year of hard work, but I can assure you that the experience will be one that you will enjoy and not soon forget. Good luck this year!

As I write this message, plans are being completed for the Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference in September. At this meeting we will welcome Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael T. Luhr, and First Lady, Barbara, to the great State of Wisconsin for their official visit. Beth and I have known Mike and Barb for many years and look forward to being with them and we know you will all give them a warm Wisconsin welcome!

Beth and I look forward to being with all of you next month in Appleton. Until then, stay safe and God Bless.

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

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

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

*"How the mighty have fallen in battle!
Jonathan lies slain on your heights.
I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother;
you were very dear to me.
Your love for me was wonderful"*
2 Samuel 1: 25 NIV

In this passage from the second book of Samuel, David laments the loss of his closest friend and confidant Jonathan the son of King Saul. Jonathan was always at David's side in battle choosing (at times) to be his weapons bearer. This close association is something that many men have experienced in war. David's sorrow at Jonathan's death was great and he never fully recovered from this loss.

There are many of us who have experienced battle and the subsequent loss of a very close friend. With the passage of time and the help of someone else very close to us, we learn to overcome that grief.



I wish to accomplish something different at the Fall Conference, a communal tribute to those who have served our country in war and peace. This tribute is a video (developed by Tom Trudeau - Ashland Lodge) that honors not only those soldiers that fell in battle, but also the men and women of all branches of service who work tirelessly to protect our nation.

I'm sure that many of you have viewed this video at your respective Lodges, yet when have we as a combined group (WEA) sat together to honor those who serve? Oh yes, there will be prayer, and a thoughtful soliloquy by me; a time of reflection and communal care for the true heroes of our nation.

Will you join us at Evening Prayer and show that Elks do Care and Share their respect and love for our nations' warriors?

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Reverend Michael Hackbarth
Wisconsin Elks Association

NOTICE

SPECIAL VETERANS PRAYER SERVICE

Join us for a very special Prayer Service on Saturday, September 15th, when we will be honoring all of our veterans. There will be patriotic songs, exciting videos and a special message from Rev. Mike regarding our military people. This program has been put together by Ashland Lodge #137 and enters its 15th season this November. Its humble beginnings started out with about 40 people attending and now has grown to see almost 300 people and raises about \$12,000.00 for the local veterans groups. It will be held in the Briarwood Room at the Red Lion Radisson Hotel and Conference Center.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY JAMES T. WALSH, V.P.

As I have completed my first 3 months as VP I reflect about the things I have learned and experienced. In June I attended Elks Day at Respite Camp. This was the first time I had seen the camp. I have to say I was pleasantly supervised and so impressed by all that was there. I hope that if you ever get the chance to attend you do so. I got first hand chance to see the improvement that have been made.

I have received the reports that were turned in and am glad to see the things that the Lodges are doing to promote the slogan of State President Sam Demmin "Capturing Our Communities".

Chippewa Falls Lodge in June hosted their annual golf tournament for veterans and to raise money for local charities. They conducted Flag Day Elks official Flag Day ritual downtown Chippewa Falls!

Eau Claire Elks Lodge held its first BBQ Rib Night on July 18. It was well received by the members and they are looking forward to the challenges in August.

Marshfield Elks Lodge they did a two-man golf outing to raise money for vets. They also held a brat sale at our City's Hub City days for a fundraiser.

Superior Elks Lodge working various fund raising events Elks Drug awareness booth preps for Superior North End Days. Community Events they packed and delivered 40 Back Packs for homeless veterans filled with socks, meal items, sunscreen, lotion, toothbrush kits, soap, body wash, shampoo, mints, wet wipes, water bottles, water, beef jerky, dessert packs, band aides, foot powder, etc.

Stevens Point Elks Lodge participated in the 4th of July Parade in Stevens Point, fun and sun was had by all. They are very proud of the lodge and the dedication of the members to the community and one another.

Ashland Elks Lodge attended June 27 in Washburn, WI. The Blue Mass which celebrated the honor of men and women who are first responders and rescue workers.

Rice Lake Elks Lodge July 8 was there monthly community breakfast where the proceeds went to a local charity, C.A.T. Coalition which rescues abandoned and stray cats, neuters them and returns them.

Wisconsin Rapids Elks held "Military Monday" at the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Baseball game. To date, we have served over 500 veterans by giving them a ticket package that includes the game, baseball hat, hot dog, and soda. Veterans homes have transported residents to games for this event.

I look forward to my first State Presidents Visits coming up at Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, and Rice Lake. I hope to get an opportunity to meet as many members as possible.

SOUTH DISTRICT

BY PAT MORAN, V.P.



Greetings from Southern Wisconsin. I hope you are enjoying the last few days of the summer. It has been very warm this year.

Speaking of the heat – it was great to see so many of you in San Antonio for the Grand Lodge Convention and Celebration of 150

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS, CON'T.

SOUTH DISTRICT (continued)

years of Elkdom. It was an outstanding Convention. The Gary Sisnese and Lt. Dan Band were excellent but I think the highlight of the Convention for Wisconsin was watching Jim Meyer of Watertown Lodge #666, be installed as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Congratulations to Jim on this honor, and to his many years of outstanding service to the Order.

As we begin our preparations for fall, we turn our thoughts to the Fall Conference in Appleton in September and look forward to having the opportunity to meet our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Luhr, and his wife, Barb, from the State of Alaska. We hope to see many of you Elks at the Conference.

As of this writing we should have completed three State President visits here in the south. As I talk to many of you, it is very impressive to learn about all the hard work that you have put into your respective communities with charitable work through the use of Grants or your own individual Lodge programs. You **are** making a difference to the less fortunate. Please continue your great work.

Pam and I look forward to seeing you in Appleton. Please have safe travels. See you soon.

THANK YOU FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Wisconsin Elks Association:

Thank you very much for making the scholarships that you offered available. I was thrilled when I discovered that I would be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. This means a lot to me as I continue my education at St. Olaf College, because these funds will allow me to focus on academics rather than worrying about how I will pay for it. Your generosity has lifted a large burden off my shoulders, and I am extremely grateful for this award.

Sincerely,

Ella Koenig

RESERVATIONS FOR THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AT THE RED LION HOTEL PAPER VALLEY INFORMATION

Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel	Room Rate
333 W. College Avenue	\$99.00
Appleton, WI 54911	

Phone: (920) 733-8000 **or** (800) 333-3333

When making your reservation, be sure to let them know that you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association. The **CUT-OFF DATE** for making reservations is **JANUARY 3, 2019**. **After the cut-off date, we cannot guarantee being able to get a room at this rate.**

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please remember to bring your raffle donations that you may have. Nothing is too big or too small, and we appreciate items for men, women and children. The Veterans appreciate the assistance we have been able to give them!

Nan Johnson

WHO ARE THE ELKS?

Elks are community. No matter where you go in the country, an Elks Lodge is right around the corner. With more than 850,000 members and 2,000 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities.



	WEA - 2018 Fall Conference	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	All MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL	ROOM
Thursday thru Sat.	Meet and Greet	Hickory
<u>Friday, Sept.14, 2018</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	OAKTAG/PARCHMENT
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	OAKTAG/PARCHMENT
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	OAKTAG/PARCHMENT
<u>Saturday, Sept.15, 2018</u>		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps (Executive Comm)	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	POOLDOME
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	EBONY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	BRIARWOOD
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	PIPPIN
8:00 AM - 12:00	Ritualistic Exemplification	CROWN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	EVERGREEN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	SALON C
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	MACINTOSH
7:30 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	OAKTAG
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	PIPPIN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	EBONY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	BRIARWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	HICKORY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	SALON C
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF	BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	SALON C
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	ASPEN
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	SALON D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	HICKORY
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	PIPPIN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	SALON D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	EBONY
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	LOMBARDI'S
12:00 PM	Cocktails	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	BRIARWOOD
6:00 PM	Cocktails	SALON CD
7:00 PM	Banquet	SALON CD
<u>Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON B

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT



The officers and members of Janesville Lodge #254 proudly announce their support of David Hagen for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Dave became a member of Janesville Lodge #254 twenty-four years ago because of his passion for the great works of our state major project the Wisconsin Elks Respite Camp.

Dave was ER at Janesville Lodge #254 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, heading the committee to that hosted the WEA Fall Conference in 2010 when Dave Nitze was State President.

Dave has been very active in Janesville Lodge #254 over the past twenty-four years. For over 18 years he served as the lodges accountant, providing the board with monthly financial statements as well as completing the Grand Lodge annual report and tax returns. He is a past trustee of the Lodge, past P.E.R. Association President and past co-chair, along with his wife, Kathleen, for the entertainment committee. For over eight years, Dave has been and is currently a member of the "*Back Yard Bash*" fund raiser committee for our Lodge to support our local camperships to Camp Wawbeek.

Dave is a Past South District Vice President, Past Auditor for the South District DD for three terms, and currently is Chair of the Wisconsin Elks Association Auditing Committee, appointed in 2009 by P.S.P. Ken Bruckner, auditing all check books of the WEA. Dave is current the Secretary Treasurer of the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, appointed by our state sponsor F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER in 2015.

Dave has been married to his wife, Kathy for 43 years. They have a Daughter, Denise (Jeremy) and three grandsons. Dave is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and his professional career expands over 42 years. Dave is the Managing Member of Hagen CPA, LLC with twelve employees serving the Janesville community and Elkdom.

Dave is dedicated and enthusiastic about what Elkdom is all about and, therefore, the members of Janesville Lodge #254 and members of the Past Exalted Rulers Association proudly support Dave Hagen for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Thank you for your support of Dave in this important role of Elkdom.

Gary Pergande

Exalted Ruler
Janesville Lodge #254

Dale Fulton

President
P.E.R. Association



**KAUKAUNA ELKS #962
ENDORSES**

JERRY BRIEN

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The officers and members of Kaukauna Elks #962 and the Past Exalted Rulers of Kaukauna Elks #962 proudly endorse and support Jerry Brien for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Jerry became an Elk member in 1983 and is a life member of the Kaukauna Elks. He quickly became involved heading the local Drug Awareness and Americanism Committees. After progressing through the chairs he became Exalted Ruler. During his years he has served seven terms as Exalted Ruler. He continues to serve on several local committees. As the local grant coordinator, he has secured over \$90,000 from the Elks National Foundation and State grants. He has been selected Elk of the Year twice. He currently is a trustee and serves as the Chairman of the Kaukauna Past Exalted Ruler Association.

At the state level Jerry served three terms in the old Northeast District from 1991, 1992, and 1993. He has served on several state committees including ER-Leading Knight, Drug Awareness, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Accident Prevention. Jerry previously served as Chairman for Accident Prevention. He currently serves on the Americanism and Drug Awareness Committees. He has been the Chairman of the Drug Awareness Chairman for the past five years and was Vice Chairman for five years. Under Past President Rob Radig, Sr. Jerry was appointed as the Wisconsin Elks Grant Coordinator and currently continues in that capacity. Previously to his appointment he assisted four other lodges in securing over \$15,000 for their lodges.

Jerry was appointed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 1996-97 Elk Year where he served the old East Central District. As the state Drug Awareness Chairman, he has attended special seminars ahead of the Grand Lodge Convention. Jerry was recognized by the National Drug Awareness leadership as the National Rookie of the Year in 2015. He was also recognized by both the National Drug Awareness leadership and the Drug Enforcement Agency for his work with DEA 360 project which included Milwaukee, WI. Jerry was recently singled out at the Grand Lodge Convention when the National Drug Awareness Chairman recognized for his efforts in Wisconsin with the Take Back Events in Wisconsin. He has also been asked to help mentor new state chairmen. Jerry has attended twenty Grand Lodge Conventions and has spoken twice when addressing Resolutions to be voted upon.

Jerry is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist working 35 years in the Kaukauna School District. He will now be entering his 10th year subbing in the district. Jerry was selected Kaukauna Teacher of the Year, Herb Kohl Fellowship Winner, and a semi-finalist for State Teacher of the Year. He was also the Head Cross Country and Track Coach at Kaukauna earning several FVA Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year Awards. He also served 6 years as Athletic Director. He continues to work athletic events at several area schools. He has served on his church Parish Council and School Board. Jerry has been selected as a leader in several community and school organizations. He has been awarded awards including Barbershopper of the Year, District 4 Athletic Directors Award, Kaukauna High School Alumni Award, Kaukauna Athletic Hall of Fame and Kaukauna High School Performing Arts Hall of Fames, Presidential Volunteer Service Award, Outagamie County Drug Awareness Award, and Kaukauna Service organization Volunteer of the Year.

Jerry is a living donor having donated a kidney to his brother 36 years ago. He continues to participate in several organ donation events. He is also an active blood donor of 19 gallons of blood and 397 units of platelet donations.

Jerry is married to Kathy, an Elk Member, for 43 years. They have 3 married girls; including 2 who are Elk members and one son-law as a member. They have 2 grand kids and 2 step-grand kids.

Nathalie Kramer
Exalted Ruler

Charlie Fuller
Past Exalted Ruler, Secretary

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE DECEMBER 24, 2018

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 2, 2019

NEW LION PAPER VALLEY HOTEL

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. FALL CONFERENCE

(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) _____

(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	1	@\$15.00	\$ 15.00
LADIES LUNCHEON			
Turkey Pesto Focaccia	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
OR			
Philly Steak Sandwich	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Turkey Pesto Focaccia	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
OR			
Philly Steak Sandwich	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	_____ @\$25.00	\$ _____
OR			
Baked Haddock	-----	_____ @\$25.00	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

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

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Turkey Pesto Focaccia: Sliced breast of turkey on focaccia bread with pesto mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and relish sprouts.

Philly Steak Sandwich: Sliced beef, onion and provolone cheese on French bread served with assorted condiments.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Breaded boneless breast of chicken filled with ham and gruyere cheese, finished with supreme sauce.

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

Both offerings are served with garden salad, green beans almonidine, rice pilaf, fresh rolls and butter and coffee, tea and milk.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 24, 2018 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.**

STATE MAJOR PROJECT

As most of you know our State Major Project is the Elk Village Respite Camp in WI Dells, where we partner with WI Easter Seals to offer 24/7, one-on-one care to individuals who require this level of care; thereby giving their families time to spend together while their loved one is cared for.

In 2011, the Past State Presidents were requested by our State Sponsor, PGER Lou Sulsberger, to put together a display depicting our State Major Project and participate in the exhibits at Grand Lodge Conventions. Along with myself, three other PSP's: Ron Bertrand, Norm Behnke and Dennis Daley, were charged with creating the display. So was born our state's Elks Village Respite Camp display. At first it consisted of a simple display board with many pictures of the camp and campers. It was effective. However, in 2012 on our way home from Austin TX, our van was broken into and all the display materials were stolen. Over the next year a new display was designed and built. Our current display depicts the Elks Village along with numerous pictures of campers. Since that time, we have traveled the country and showcased our State Major Project each year at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention. And we are proud to have earned a "5 STAR" award each year.

To further our support of the Elks Village Respite Camp, we design and sell pins each year. Proceeds from the sale of these pins are presented at the Mid-Winter Conference. The price of pins is modest, \$3 each, 2 for \$5, or 3 for \$10.

Char and I are the keepers of the pins and display. In addition to exhibiting at Grand Lodge Conventions, we make it available to any Lodge wishing to use it for a camp fundraiser or membership drive. Please contact us. If you have not seen the display, it is prominently displayed at the Conferences and Conventions in Appleton. We invite you to COME & SEE!





A Fraternal Organization

Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable
and Community Service Programs
for Fraternal Year - April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary
for

Wisconsin Elks Association

Participants in Programs	81,125
Elks Who Worked	11,310
Helpers of Elks Who Worked	2,305
Combined Total	13,615

Hours Donated:

Elks	30,812
Helpers of Elks	10,923
Total Combined Hours	41,735
Cash Value of Donated Hours*	\$ 1,030,437.15

Miles Traveled:

Elks	58,718
Helpers of Elks	22,478
Total Combined Miles	81,196
Cash Value of Miles Traveled**	\$ 44,657.80

Contributions:

Cash	\$ 901,795.00
Non-Cash	187,670.00
Hours Worked	1,030,437.15
Miles Traveled	44,657.80
Total Contributions	\$ 2,164,559.95

The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out too \$24.69 per hour if performed / social care and government agencies.

*Mileage computed at \$0.55 per mile.



A Fraternal Organization

Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable
and Community Service Programs
for Fraternal Year - April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Participants in Programs: 15,488,543

Elks Who Worked	4,221,780
Helpers Who Worked	<u>599,335</u>
Combined Total	4,821,115

Hours Donated:

Elks	18,624,617
Helpers	<u>2,891,239</u>
Total Combined Hours	21,515,856

Cash Value of Donated Hours* **\$531,226,485.00**

Miles Traveled:

Elks	31,107,655
Helpers	<u>9,872,162</u>
Total Combined Miles	40,979,817

Cash Value of Miles traveled** **\$22,538,899.00**

Contributions:

Cash	\$ 90,628,663.00
Non-Cash	31,591,198.00
Hours Worked	531,226,485.00
Miles Traveled	<u>22,538,899.00</u>

Total Contributions **\$675,985,245.00**

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**Mileage computed at \$.55 per mile.

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August 1

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WI newly installed DDGERS with the Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Luhr, from Alaska. Not pictured is newly installed DDGER Stephen Sasso.