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**STATE MEETINGS**

2021 Fall Conference – Appleton  
 September 16 – 19, 2021  
 Paper Valley Convention Center

**GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS**

2022 . . . . . July 3 – July 8 . . . . . Atlanta, GA

# Chapter 1: Birth of the Association

The early records of the Wisconsin Elks Association are quite sketchy, but there are enough facts available to assure that our association was the brainchild of M.E. Dillon, Past Exalted Ruler of the Ashland Elks. He proposed that the association have its organizational meeting in Ashland Lodge on April 21-23, 1902. The Secretary of the Ashland Lodge sent out the invitations.

The attendees at the April, 1902 organizational meeting were:

Antigo Lodge 662: M. F. Crowe  
Ashland Lodge 558: M. E. Dillon  
Fond du Lac Lodge 54: T. W. Mayam  
Green Bay Lodge 259: E. A. Arthur  
Milwaukee Lodge 46: C. H. Hamilton and T. W. Nisbet  
Oshkosh Lodge 292: M. H. Zacharias and A. M. Frederick  
Rhinelander Lodge 598: D. H. Walker and W. T. Stevens  
Stevens Point Lodge 641: M. Clifford  
Waukesha Lodge 400: A. F. Warden  
West Superior Lodge 403: W. M. Trumbell and J. L. Malone

(Note: Throughout this book, we use Lodge names and numbers which existed at the point in time.)

Thus eleven of the 28 lodges then chartered in Wisconsin were represented at this meeting. This is remarkable when one considers the primitive nature of transportation at that time. Although it had been a state for over 50 years, Wisconsin had almost no paved roads between its cities. City-to-city transportation was completely dependent on horses, oxcarts or on steam locomotives powered by coal or wood, while the best “highway” in Wisconsin was a planked road stretching from “downtown” Milwaukee westward.

What makes this meeting even more remarkable is the nature of risk taken by each of its delegates. The Grand Lodge did not, at this time, encourage the creation of state associations. In fact, the question of whether state associations should be banned was before the Grand Lodge until 1907, when they were finally sanctioned. Not until 1916, however, was the G/L Constitution amended to allow such associations to exist. Thus the Elks at the Ashland Conference not only endured difficult travel, they also had no assurance that what they were creating had any probability of survival.

# ***FROM OUR SPONSOR***



Greetings to all:

I would first like to congratulate all the new officers who have taken the controls of our Lodges and our Districts. Thank you for providing your leadership and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, I would like to thank last year's officers for the good year we had despite what a different year it was due to the Pandemic and how it affected everything we did from Local to State to National. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

June has arrived which signals the Grand Lodge Convention is rapidly approaching. As I write this article, the final preparations are being made for our National Convention which is in Tampa, Florida this year. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our Order and the opportunity to be together again with our Elks family. After being forced to cancel last year's convention, how great this will be! As you read this article, we trust all that traveled to and participated in the Grand Lodge Convention were safe and healthy. We hope you came home renewed in your passion and dedication for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as we know you are! Let's bring the excitement you are feeling from attending the Convention back home to your local Lodges, Districts and State during this new Lodge year.

In closing, have a wonderful and active summer but continue to be vigilant with your health and safety. Let's all work together for the betterment of our communities and always remember, ***"Elks Care, Elks Share"***.

God Bless,

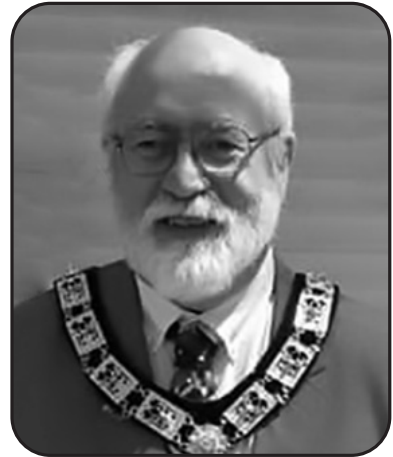
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Louis Sulsberger".

F. Louis Sulsberger  
Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
Wisconsin State Sponsor

# ***STATE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE***

As I reflect on this past year, I want to say how proud I am with all our lodges. You went through a difficult year and you survived. It certainly was not what we hoped for, but you found ways to make a difference. I thank the Association for giving Kathy & me another year to lead our Association.

We made it through the first ever Virtual Convention. I applaud your patience in making this happen. It was as perfect as we could make it. Ken Johnson did so much in putting this together with Majic Productions. They made it easy for me. All I had to do was read my script, do not mess with the mike, and keep the earpiece in so I could hear what others were saying. We had the closest election in our history. I congratulate Dave Hagen and the rest of the officers who were elected. I look forward to working with you this year. I thank Karl Hanke for running to make a difference and Andy Olander for his past participation as a State Trustee. Both your efforts are appreciated.



All our lodges now have a new slate of officers (some are the same). I was honored to be able to install some. Now you must focus your attention on what you hope to accomplish. I think first on your list is how do you bring back members to enjoy your activities. You need to reach out to them and have verbal discussions. Find out how they will feel comfortable in returning. Be open minded to what they have to say. Next you need to plan activities. My motto will continue "A Vision for Youth, Veterans, and Community". Our youth need activities to keep them involved and away from the dangers of drugs. Our veterans will never be forgotten. How are we going to make that happen? Our communities need organizations; especially Elks to be the leaders and make positive things happen. You of course need a plan to grow membership and retain the members we have. I pledge to call any new member you have if you give me a name and number. I have already called well over 100 of your new members.

We were honored to watch Hailee (3rd) from Oshkosh #292 & Jonah from Kaukauna #962 represent our state in the National Hoop Shoot Contest. Congratulations go out to our Most Valuable Scholarship Winners, Technical Scholarship Winners, Legacy Scholarship Winners, and our US Constitution Winners.

We need to continue to support our 3 major charities. Beaver Dam led our state in per capita for Elks National Foundation and Kaukauna led the state in per capita for our State Major Project & our Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.

Kathy & I look forward to meeting those traveling to Tampa. When I carry our state flag I do it for all our Wisconsin Elks Members. We look forward to all our state visits both formal and informal. It is exciting to be back on track. Be safe and healthy. May God Bless You All.

**Fraternally,**

**PSP Jerry Brien,  
Wisconsin Elks Association**



# ***STATE PRESIDENT SCHEDULE***

MAY 1 ..... VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION  
MAY 8 ..... CAMP WAWBEEK ELKS RESPITE CENTER CLEANUP  
JUNE 12 ..... APPLETON FLAG DAY PARADE & VISIT  
JUNE 21 ..... STATE GOLF SHEBOYGAN  
JUNE 26 ..... ELKS DAY AT CAMP WAWBEEK ELKS RESPITE CENTER  
JUNE 26 ..... PORTAGE  
JULY 4-7 ..... GRAND LODGE CONVENTION TAMPA  
JULY 24 ..... JANESVILLE  
JULY 25 ..... BELOIT  
AUGUST 6 ..... ASHLAND  
AUGUST 7 ..... SUPERIOR  
AUGUST 13 ..... EAU CLAIRE  
AUGUST 14 ..... CHIPPEWA FALLS  
AUGUST 15 ..... RICE LAKE  
AUGUST 28 ..... WATERTOWN  
SEPTEMBER 16-19 ..... FALL CONFERENCE APPLETON  
OCTOBER 2 ..... WAUKESHA  
OCTOBER 3 ..... CAMP WAWBEEK PORKIE PANCAKE  
OCTOBER 15 ..... NEENAH-MENASHA  
OCTOBER 16 ..... MARSHFIELD  
OCTOBER 22 ..... KAUKAUNA  
OCTOBER 23 ..... OSHKOSH  
OCTOBER 29-31 ..... ELKS STATE BONSPIEL RICE LAKE  
NOVEMBER 6 ..... BARABOO  
NOVEMBER 20 ..... MADISON  
DECEMBER 3 ..... GREEN BAY  
DECEMBER 4 ..... OCONTO VENISON FEED & VISIT  
DECEMBER 11 ..... ANTIGO  
JANUARY 8 ..... MARINETTE  
JANUARY 29 ..... MILWAUKEE  
FEBRUARY 3-6 ..... MIDWINTER CONFERENCE GREEN BAY  
FEBRUARY (TBD) ..... ELKS STATE BOWLING  
FEBRUARY 12 ..... STATE HOOP SHOOT & VISIT  
FEBRUARY 19 ..... BEAVER DAM  
MARCH 11 ..... MANITOWOC  
MARCH 12 ..... SHEBOYGAN  
MARCH (TBD) ..... REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT IOWA CITY  
MARCH 25 ..... STEVENS POINT  
MARCH 26 ..... WIS RAPIDS  
APRIL 2 ..... PLATTEVILLE  
APRIL 30 ..... NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT CHICAGO  
May 6-9 ..... SPRING CONVENTION APPLETON

# SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT SCAM ALERT

From time to time, many of you have received an email looking like it came from me. This is a scam, and you need to ignore it. I would never send out an email asking for gift cards. This has happened to Sam & Nikki when they were president as well. Always contact me directly if you have a question. One clue is the email address listed. It is not my email address. I caution you as I want to avoid you losing thousands of dollars. Here is what the typical message looks like:

"Are you available to assist? I am quite unavailable now and I've got credence in you to take care of this. **Wisconsin Elks Association** need some gift cards for donation to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units for preventive items from Corona Disease (COVID-19). I am liable for reimbursement. Need more info?"

Sincerely,  
GERALD E . BRIEN  
President

**Wisconsin Elks Association**

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**I again say ignore emails like this. I am ok with you calling me. Do not reply to the message you receive.**

**PSP Jerry Brien, Wisconsin Elks State President**

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## ***FIRST LADY'S ARTICLE***

Hello, Everyone!

Spring has sprung, & we are getting ready for the summer and several lodge visits. Jerry & I are also getting ready to go to Tampa for the Grand Lodge. That is always exciting as the State President carries the state flag across the stage. We are lucky to have 2 daughters & a son-in-law there to witness this event.

We are eager to visit the lodges on official visits this year. I will be raffling off a basket of handmade items and a bottle of wine. I'm working hard on making the items for the baskets. My money will be divided between the Benevolent Fund & State Major Project. I'm looking forward to seeing you at your lodge. Have a great summer.



**Fraternally,**

**Kathy Brien, First Lady**

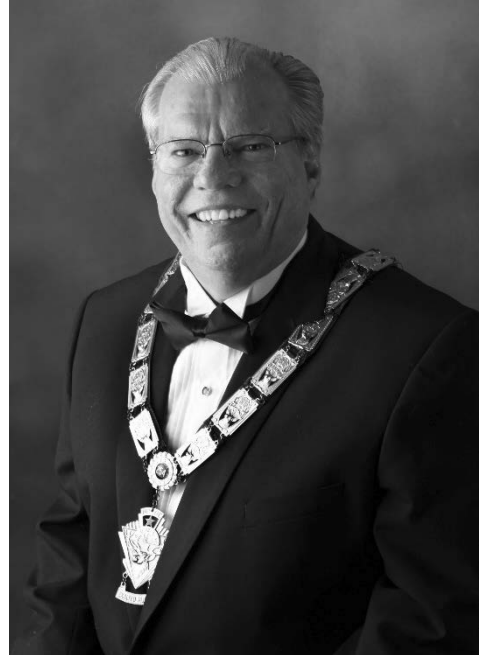
# PRESIDENT-ELECT'S ARTICLE

I want to thank everybody who supported me in the election of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Your support and confidence in me as one of your state leaders is truly an honor that I have been looking forward to the past three years. I want to thank Kathy my wife for her support and each and every one of you for your vote of confidence as I take on the next two years in the esteem positions with our great association.

I will need all Leading Knights to contact me to schedule your State President's Visit during your exciting year as Exalted Ruler. Many Lodges stay with the same date every year. Date of the visits are on a first come-first serve basis.

Jerry has asked me to promote our Elks Charities. Charity is the heart and foundation of our organization and Wisconsin Elks have terrific outreach programs in our local communities. Our three major charities consist of the Elks National Foundation, State Major Project, and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund. Our state association assists your local outreach programs through state grants for youth, disabled, flag day and veterans.

Kathy & I are looking forward to this upcoming year as we travel to your Lodges with State President Jerry and First Lady Kathy, promoting Elkdom.



*Dave*

Dave Hagen, President-Elect  
Wisconsin Elks Association



# WISCONSIN ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC.

## Lodge Contributions

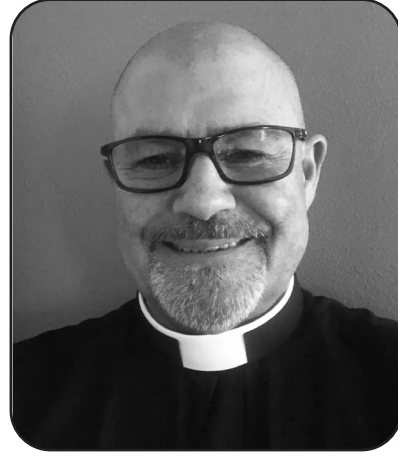
April 2020 through March 2021

Ordinary Income/Expense	Apr '20 - Mar 21		Lodge Membership		Apr '20 - Mar 24	
Income						
Lodge Contributions						
Antigo Lodge #662	690.00	269	\$		2.57	
Appleton Lodge #337	182.00	47	\$		3.87	
Ashland #137	0.00	128	\$		-	
Baraboo Lodge #688	1,473.50	190	\$		7.76	
Beaver Dam Lodge #1540	418.50	43	\$		9.73	
Beloit Lodge #864	335.00	37	\$		9.05	
Chippewa Falls Lodge #1326	525.00	139	\$		3.78	
Eau Claire Lodge #402	800.00	251	\$		3.19	
Green Bay Lodge #259	190.00	62	\$		3.06	
Janesville Lodge #254	1,000.00	153	\$		6.54	
Kaukauana Lodge #962	417.00	41	\$		10.17	
Madison Lodge #410	1,546.25	716	\$		2.16	
Manitowoc Lodge #687	785.00	150	\$		5.23	
Marinette Lodge #1313	425.00	313	\$		1.36	
Marshfield Lodge #665	450.00	584	\$		0.77	
Milwaukee Lodge #46	1,200.00	247	\$		4.86	
Neenah-Menasha Lodge #676	467.00	69	\$		6.77	
Oconto Lodge #887	109.00	84	\$		1.30	
Oshkosh Lodge #292	1,517.00	321	\$		4.73	
Platteville Lodge #1460	830.00	137	\$		6.06	
Portage Lodge #675	720.00	185	\$		3.89	
Rice Lake Lodge #1441	762.50	623	\$		1.22	
Sheboygan Lodge #299	680.00	522	\$		1.30	
Stevens Point Lodge #641	515.00	276	\$		1.87	
Superior Lodge #403	891.35	321	\$		2.78	
Watertown Lodge #666	580.30	226	\$		2.57	
Waukesha Lodge #400	400.00	200	\$		2.00	
Wausau Lodge #248	1,906.00	585	\$		3.26	
Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693	230.00	129	\$		1.78	
Total Lodge Contributions	<b>20,045.40</b>	<b>7,048.00</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>2.84</b>	

# CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

*Now these were the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel. 1Chronicles 11: 10 NRSV*

It is hard to be a leader when one is alone. If you are alone, you can't lead anyone. Look at the way David pulled together the core group of people who helped make him great:



1. *He developed a strong "inner circle" before he needed it.* David began building his team long before he was crowned king.
2. *He attracted people with varied gifts.* David attracted men with a variety of skills, warriors, captains, and diplomats.
3. *He engendered loyalty.* Throughout David's life, his followers displayed incredible loyalty, to the point of giving their lives for him.
4. *He delegated responsibility based on ability.* David consistently gave authority to others. He gave control of his army to others and felt equally secure in granting others civil authority.

I'm sure most of us can see the timeless truths in the above statements. I don't believe there is a single person in Elksdom who has not utilized one if not all of these attributes to advance in their respective lodge. When one can develop strong bonds of fellowship with others, loyalty seems to follow. A leader that can motivate people of varied skills, delegate responsibility and the requisite authority toward attaining a valued goal, will insure lasting success for the people of that lodge.

Remember, God loves you, and so do I.

Blessings,

*Rev. Mike*

Rev. Mike Hackbarth, Chaplain  
Wisconsin Elks Association

# NORTHWEST DISTRICT VP



As COVID-19 restrictions are carefully lifted, we are thrilled to open up our events with handshakes and hugs. It's wonderful to get out in the warm weather and not just see our fellow Elks, but see their faces again! We're seeing more initiation notices, and rightfully so –this is the time to take advantage of things opening up for people. When we play our cards right, prospective members will see all the fun that can be had in building up our communities back up. Kudos to Superior #403 for recent membership drives and Rice Lake # 1441 for their unique Fishing for Members event.

I would like to recognize and congratulate the Northwest District for the fine effort made to set up our youth with scholarships. Wisconsin Rapids #693 rang the bell in the Most Valuable Student arena with a \$1,000/year scholarship to Allie Shroda. Marshfield #665 had an *incredible* four \$4,000 Legacy scholarships to Celine Wuchrich, Grace Maurer, Olivia Klabon, and Abigail Kilty, while Chippewa Falls #1326 and Rice Lake #1441 were awarded one \$4,000 Legacy scholarship each to Elise B01mann and Elise Koltonowski, respectfully.

For America's Flag Day, it is very heartening to research the celebration and see the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks listed as playing an instrumental role in its establishment. And it is great to see our Lodges hold special Flag Day events –not just to commemorate the celebration, but to teach our public the history of our flag and the sacrifices made to keep Old Glory flying. Maybe your Lodge has a community band that would love to participate? I can say from experience that patriotic songs really add to the atmosphere. Rice Lake # 1441 does just that in bringing in the Rice Lake Municipal Band – nice going!

Stacey and I wish you all a happy, fun, and safe summer. Looking forward to seeing you all in person once again!

Greg Mazur  
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# CENTRAL DISTRICT VP

Greetings from Wisconsin Elks Central District! My name is James Francisco, but my friends call me Jim. You probably have seen me at Wisconsin state conventions but we may not have met officially. Now that introductions are over, please call me Jim. I have been a member of the Baraboo Elks for over forty years and have served as Esquire for several years, then Lecturing Knight, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler, and presently I am a Trustee on our Board of Governors. I embrace the principles of the Elks, and am determined to help Baraboo and the Central District to be the best we can be. I am confident that we have the people and resources to soar to new levels, case in point is Sheboygan who was just listed as third in the nation for ENF contributions per member of lodges of their size! Congratulations, Sheboygan. Congratulations, also, to Beaver Dam for being #1 in the state for per capita contributions to ENF.



I see this year as one of transition and transformation. We transition into our current year with people sitting in different chairs for the most part. And we all grow and share our ideas and ideals with our fellow Elks. For me personally, I am transitioning into the vice president's role because.....well, someone asked me to accept this responsibility. I only accepted the nomination after several days of consideration. Thank you, Central District, for your vote of confidence. I really look forward to working with all of you.

And now we are transforming out of a pandemic year which had few opportunities to supplement our treasuries with most outdoor activities cancelled. Baraboo, like many others, had to close our lodge for long periods of time due to local and state restrictions. We are now back in full force with new members, new projects, and new means to replenish our treasury. Life is starting to look good once again.

So we move on and I am available to help as much as possible. Please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to assist.

**Jim Francisco**

VP Wisconsin Central Division

# ***SOUTH DISTRICT VP***

First and foremost, it is an honor to be elected by the members of the South District to be the candidate for the 2021-2022 South District Vice-President. This is an honor I will not take lightly as I follow the great leadership before me.

To provide a little history about myself, I started my Elkdom at Milwaukee Lodge 46 where I jumped into the Leadership positions including Inner Guard, Chaplin, Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Shortly after the following year I made the transfer to Waukesha Lodge 400 and have since called Waukesha my home. And same thing, jumped right into the Leadership roles as Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight, held the honor of Exalted Ruler and for the past three years sat as Trustee and Board of Directors Chairman.



My love of Elkdom extended past the local Lodge level and began within the Wisconsin Elks State Association. For those that attend state or national conventions, you will find me usually socializing in the hospitality room when not handling business.

This upcoming year will be a challenging one for the South District for we had two counties that were hit hard with covid restrictions. With restrictions being lifted and members receiving the vaccine, we are hoping our Lodges can bounce back and continue to serve our communities, youth and veterans.

I am looking forward to visitations to see our Lodges thrive and continue to meet members and discuss projects with them. This year will be one for the books as we learn to return to a "normal" life while staying safe.

By working together, pooling our resources and building on our strengths, we can accomplish great things. - Ronald Regan

**Fraternally,  
Jason Somers**

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# ***NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP***

Bruce currently manages Cellar 70 at Trigs, with more than 30 years experience in the Food & Beverage Industry, he is passionate about community involvement, supporting many causes including the Elks Lodge. He loves muskie fishing, bowling, and cooking.

He grew up on the East Side of Green Bay. His First job was cleaning his uncle's taverns, then he soon got a job dish washing at the famous Krohl's East. He sold beer and bratwurst at the Packer Games back when a cold one was only 85 cents. He attended Lakeland college in Sheboygan Wisconsin and was Strong Safety for their team the Muskies. He lead the league in Tackles his sophomore year and was captain of the Tennis team.

He help to open the American Club at Kohler and began learning about fine wine in the Immigrant Room, attending certification classes for wine knowledge. After graduation, he was offered a job at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare where he began his career in the food & beverage industry. Hanging out at the famous Sam's Wine Shop he took advantages of all the opportunities to meet world famous chefs. He moved on to open some of the biggest hotels in Hawaii.

He returned to Wisconsin to support his family when his parents suffered health issues. He was running the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, when a chance meeting with Dennis Kohl, a friend from his days at Sam's Wine Shop back in the eighties, lead him to learn about the position at Trig's where the new Cellar 70 was being built in Wausau in 2004.

Bruce's knowledge of the wine industry has elevated the community's awareness and confidence to recognize a great wine. Bruce authored a popular "Wine of the Week" column in the Wausau Daily Herald that ran for more than 12 years. He taught classes for many years at the UW-Marathon extension ranging from basic to advanced wine knowledge. He served on the board of EATS (Educational Assistance through Scholarships) for more than 15 years, recruiting winemakers to attend scholarship events and providing wine for culinary themed fundraisers. He has been honored with a scholarship given in his name.

Bruce has help facilitate trips to the California and Oregon Wine Country with local travel agencies for many years. With his many connections in the wine & beverage industry Bruce is able coordinate "Wine Makers Dinners" several times a year with area restaurants. Allowing wine enthusiasts to meet the winemakers, and ask questions and have bottles autographed.

He supports the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and does private wine tasting at many of the museum's events, including the annual Birds and Art Dinner.

Bruce has sponsored the Junior Achievements "Champion's of Business" Banquet for over a decade.

He served as Exalted Ruler of the Elks from 2020-2021 and has been awarded "Officer of the Year" three times, he facilitated raising the much-needed the funds to rejuvenate the entire outside of the Wausau Lodge #248 building allowing the great legacy of this landmark to live on.

Bruce has solidified his positions in the community as a consummate supporter of charitable causes, an accomplished professional in the food & wine industry, and he has embodied the ideals of what it means to be an Elk.





# ***DISTRICT DEPUTY***



I would like to say that this year 2020-2021 as the District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler has been interesting in the least. Virtual meetings, Masks, social distancing, canceled event, etc. It's great to see and hear that all our Central District lodges are meeting in person with the option of virtual.

They have contacted us and asked if we would want to do another year as District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler and I said "yes". "I would love to". We have a great inspection team put together.

We are going to have a Grand Lodge this year. Yes. I'm excited to go to Tampa the visit with everyone. They are so much fun. I hope everyone can experience it at least once in their lives.

I can add 2020-2021 District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler to my history of ER 2015-2016, 2017-2018, Officer of the year 2012-2013, 2014-2015. Esquire DDGER 2019-2020.

I hope to have another good year. Our Central District is very strong. All our visits were great last year. Spectacular hospitality. The lodges are very cautious on spending and have maintained a good level for their cost of goods. That is because of all your hard work and commitment to Elk dome. I hope to maintain and keep the Central District strong.

There is still some uncertainty with Covid-19 but with vaccines being available and a good percentage of people getting the shot it eases up on the mask mandates. I'm glad we could move forward with Clinics and visits

Again, Don't Fix it if it isn't broken. I will not be trying to re-invent the wheel. Everything went smooth with Jackie and I want to continue with that direction. I must thank Jackie and Don Behnke and Aaron for their previous commitment as DDGER.

I'm Looking forward to another year in this position and will do everything within my power to help you out on whatever you need help on. All you need to do is reach out to me. Here is all my contact information:

David DeCono, W5916 E. Clymet Road, Watertown, WI, 53098, Home 920-696-3825, Work 920-696-3000, Mobile 920-248-9504, E-Mail [david.decono@donaldson.com](mailto:david.decono@donaldson.com)

Looking Forward to a good year. Fraternally Yours David A. DeCono DDGER

# NW DISTRICT DEPUTY

The lodges in Northwest Wisconsin District 9640 have adapted to the challenges of the past year and are eager to get back full speed to normal programming, meetings, as well as to social and charitable community events. We are looking forward to hosting a full complement of new member open houses, rituals, raffles, bingo nights, fish fries, pig roasts, steak and burger nights, veterans' programs, Christmas Baskets, hoop shoots and other youth events, scholarship programs and more!

Geographically, we are a large district covering Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Rice Lake, Ashland and Superior. In the fall, in the interest of safety and social distancing, we held three smaller District Deputy clinics, one each in Rice Lake, Eau Claire and Stevens Point. The District Deputy clinic held in the spring brought the entire district back together in Stevens Point. Thanks to everyone who attended. It was great to see our brother and sister Elks face to face, even with masks!

Our lodges hope to welcome visitors from Elks across the state and country as they head up north this coming vacation season. Check out our respective Face Book or Web pages for days and hours of operation.

Many of our Lodges have repeat ERs and officers due to the unusual year. We look forward to seeing ERs, PERs and other officers at Grand Lodge in Tampa in July.

Old and new officers and members, we welcome you and thank you for your dedication to the Elks.

*Tom Weller, District Deputy Northwest Wisconsin District 9640*



District Deputy Tom Weller presents first place certificate to Alexis Kurszewski, Rosholt High School, winner of Stevens Point Elks 2021 U.S Constitution Contest. Alexis placed second in the statewide competition.

# WELCOME BACK

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE AUGUST 5, 2021

FALL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2021  
 RED LION PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER, APPLETON  
 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. 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
<b>LADIES LUNCHEON</b>			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____
Roast Beef Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____
<b>ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON</b>			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____
Roast Beef Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$5.00	\$ _____
<b>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET</b>			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
Smoked Pork Loin	-----	____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
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 Breast Sandwich:** Sliced oven roasted turkey, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese, sundried tomato, aioli on artisan ciabatta roll served with dill potato salad, chips and coffee, tea or milk.

**Roast Beef Sandwich:** Sliced beef, lettuce, tomato, horseradish, aioli, pickled red onion on focaccia, dill potato salad, chips and coffee, tea or milk.

### SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

**Chicken Cordon Bleu:** Breaded boneless breast of chicken filled with ham and gruyere cheese, finished with supreme sauce. Served with a fresh garden salad with choice of buttermilk ranch and French dressings, broccoli florets, wild rice blend, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

**Smoked Pork Loin:** Slow roasted pork rubbed with honey and thyme and finished with a light supreme sauce. Served with a fresh garden salad with choice of buttermilk ranch and French dressings, asparagus spears, herb roasted Yukon gold potatoes, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 5, 2021 WILL BE RETURNED TO  
 SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.**

		WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION												2020-2021 Membership Statistics and Per-Capita Dues													
		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		MEMBERSHIP CHANGE			
		2011	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022		
5/6/2021		260	258	258	259	259	258	262	262	272	272	278	281	281	269	269	269	269	251	251	251	251	251	251	(18)		
LODGE		65	65	65	62	62	57	48	45	45	46	49	49	50	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	0		
ANTIGO # 662		256	178	178	179	179	175	149	148	148	140	140	140	142	128	128	128	128	127	127	127	127	127	127	(1)		
APPLETON # 337		284	282	282	282	282	270	241	220	220	210	207	193	193	190	190	193	190	179	179	179	179	179	179	(11)		
ASHLAND # 137		48	48	48	44	44	38	40	37	37	35	37	39	43	37	37	39	43	37	37	37	37	37	37	(6)		
BARABOO # 688		55	55	55	53	53	47	42	44	44	44	41	38	37	35	35	38	37	35	35	35	35	35	35	(2)		
BEAVER DAM # 1540		170	163	163	169	169	160	157	151	151	152	149	148	139	137	137	148	139	137	137	137	137	137	137	(2)		
BELOIT # 864		248	234	234	216	216	208	214	201	201	207	212	225	251	250	250	251	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	(1)		
CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326		467	435	435	436	436	405	389	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
EAU CLAIRE # 402		92	86	86	90	90	87	84	74	74	69	59	54	62	54	62	54	62	54	54	54	54	54	54	(8)		
FOND DU LAC # 57		243	238	238	217	217	190	175	171	171	171	170	161	153	150	153	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	(3)		
GREEN BAY # 259		57	56	56	55	55	48	49	49	49	45	46	44	41	39	41	44	41	39	39	39	39	39	39	(2)		
JANESVILLE # 254		892	827	827	773	773	755	778	758	758	765	756	759	716	660	660	759	716	660	660	660	660	660	660	(56)		
KAUKAUNA # 962		161	156	156	130	130	97	119	133	133	163	194	203	150	216	216	203	150	216	216	216	216	216	216	66		
MADISON # 410		418	412	412	411	411	403	373	360	360	360	336	314	313	313	313	314	313	313	313	313	313	313	313	0		
MARINETTE # 1313		681	658	658	662	662	660	644	633	633	621	606	590	584	566	566	590	584	566	566	566	566	566	566	(18)		
MARSHFIELD # 665		372	334	334	309	309	294	298	281	281	310	294	267	247	229	229	267	247	229	229	229	229	229	229	(18)		
MILWAUKEE # 46		98	88	88	88	88	85	70	72	72	77	81	74	69	76	76	74	69	76	76	76	76	76	76	7		
NEENAH-MENASHA #676		97	96	96	94	94	94	83	79	79	79	78	78	84	83	84	78	84	83	83	83	83	83	83	(1)		
OCONTO # 887		313	325	325	326	326	332	338	342	342	325	315	326	321	293	293	326	321	293	293	293	293	293	293	(28)		
OSHKOSH # 292		278	239	239	226	226	221	202	181	181	171	156	144	137	120	120	144	137	120	120	120	120	120	120	(17)		
PLATTEVILLE # 1460		240	219	219	200	200	197	185	175	175	187	187	198	185	194	194	198	185	194	194	194	194	194	194	9		
PORTAGE # 675		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
RACINE # 252		611	616	616	625	625	625	628	626	626	616	602	618	623	593	593	618	623	593	593	593	593	593	593	(30)		
RICE LAKE # 1441		648	629	629	610	610	589	569	552	552	531	523	531	522	517	517	531	522	517	517	517	517	517	517	(5)		
SHEBOYGAN # 299		412	384	384	353	353	336	312	292	292	290	280	273	263	263	263	273	276	263	263	263	263	263	263	(13)		
STEVENS POINT # 641		340	334	334	330	330	352	355	348	348	326	330	342	321	216	216	342	321	216	216	216	216	216	216	(105)		
SUPERIOR # 403		115	109	109	99	99	82	74	70	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TWO RIVERS # 1380		78	85	85	80	80	71	77	69	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
WALWORTH-LAKELAND # 2201		191	185	185	185	185	190	193	198	198	202	230	225	226	220	220	225	226	220	220	220	220	220	220	(6)		
WATERTOWN # 666		253	252	252	237	237	224	220	215	215	209	215	213	200	201	201	213	200	201	201	201	201	201	201	1		
WAUKESHA # 400		738	753	753	756	756	739	715	669	669	661	657	627	585	534	534	627	585	534	534	534	534	534	534	(51)		
WAUSAU # 248		154	143	143	139	139	137	130	122	122	116	144	138	129	116	116	144	138	129	116	116	116	116	116	(13)		
WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693																									0		
TOTALS		9335	8942	8942	8695	8695	8426	8213	7687	7687	7406	7375	7283	7048	6716	6716	7283	7048	6716	6716	6716	6716	6716	6716	-332		
			-393	-247	-269	-269	-213	-526	-281	-31	-92	-235	-332														



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION	Charitable	Account					
2	Budget-2021-2022							
3	4/21/2021 7:21							\$0.00
4								
5		2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
6		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
7	Budget Item	Charitable	Actual					
8								
9	1A Elks National Vets. Service	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$22,080.00	\$16,212.28	\$27,947.72	\$23,604.50	\$22,080.00
10	1B WEA Veterans Commission	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$8,450.00	\$16,000.00	\$7,529.60	\$16,000.00
11	2 WEA Veterans Commission Expense	\$350.98	\$131.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
12	3 Committee for the Disabled	\$7,767.00	\$5,942.64	\$8,463.50	\$8,351.50	\$11,000.00	\$5,930.00	\$11,000.00
13	4 Drug Awareness Committee	\$10,452.46	\$10,733.92	\$10,602.50	\$11,599.63	\$11,600.00	\$11,612.12	\$11,600.00
14	5 Wisconsin Elks Major Project	\$40,704.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
15	6 Scholarship Committee	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$153,000.00	\$152,500.00	\$153,000.00
16	7 Scholarship Committee Expense	\$1,032.63	\$1,072.88	\$1,528.45	\$702.55	\$1,500.00	\$1,009.18	\$1,500.00
17	8 U.S. Constitution Contest	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00
18	9 U.S. Constitution Committee Expense	\$1,020.07	\$872.77	\$816.09	\$810.00	\$1,100.00	\$872.34	\$1,100.00
19	10 Hoop Shoot Committee	\$16,735.10	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$12,852.00	\$17,000.00	\$500.00	\$17,000.00
20	12 Youth Activities Committee	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,758.62	\$7,500.00
21	17 Elks National Foundation Committee	\$111.81	\$131.88	\$208.57	\$175.92	\$210.00	\$75.39	\$210.00
22	18 Americanism Committee	\$7,072.38	\$6,944.81	\$6,985.32	\$7,086.92	\$7,000.00	\$6,647.46	\$7,000.00
23	25C The "Bugle" and WEA Directory & Web	\$2,180.00	\$2,321.90	\$2,021.92	\$1,419.07	\$2,500.00	\$1,405.77	\$2,500.00
24	35C B.O.D. Contingency Fund CHAR	\$1,417.90	\$2,288.99	\$827.00	\$2,871.00	\$6,677.14	-\$1,609.77	\$10,276.02
25	35C(1)W.E.A. Lodge Grants	\$12,758.00	\$13,122.00	\$20,433.00	\$21,616.00	\$21,450.00	\$21,515.00	\$21,450.00
26	35C(6)Deferred Scholarships	\$1,714.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00			\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
27	Totals-----	\$319,782.33	\$319,742.91	\$326,866.35	\$324,146.87	\$356,084.86	\$310,850.21	\$359,816.02
28								
29								
30								
31	Proposed Income	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
32		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
33		Charitable						
34	cking carry over	\$3,154.46	\$3,344.84	\$3,385.88	\$8,879.21	\$3,483.44	\$3,483.44	\$2,228.17
35	Elks National Vets. Service Commission	\$19,080.00	\$19,080.00	\$22,080.00	\$20,557.50	\$22,080.00	\$21,557.50	\$22,080.00
36	Special Project Grants	\$108,960.00	\$109,540.00	\$110,760.00	\$112,140.00	\$113,360.00	\$113,360.00	\$113,960.00
37	State Charities Grant	\$76,200.00	\$80,190.00	\$82,870.00	\$84,840.00	\$85,020.00	\$85,020.00	\$88,910.00
38	Bonus Grant	\$16,430.00	\$16,780.00	\$16,840.00	\$16,740.00	\$16,290.00	\$16,290.00	\$16,700.00
39	Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$65,000.00
40	Last Year MM carry over	\$12,325.83	\$7,795.88	\$3,837.61	\$5,671.98	\$15,851.42	\$15,851.42	\$50,937.85
41	TOTALS-----	\$326,150.29	\$326,730.72	\$339,773.49	\$348,828.69	\$356,084.86	\$355,562.36	\$359,816.02
42								
43								
44	B&B	\$10,614.72	\$14,194.28	\$14,194.28	\$14,440.16	\$14,440.16	\$16,116.15	
45	Nitze	\$14,222.98	\$14,335.00	\$14,335.00	\$7,325.99	\$7,325.99	\$7,330.86	
46	B&B & Pat Nitze carry over	\$24,837.70	\$28,529.28	\$28,529.28	\$21,766.15	\$21,766.15	\$23,447.01	
47								

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION		ADMIN. BUDGET								
Budget-2021-2022										\$0.00
							</			





**2021 Wisconsin  
Elk's Association Bonspiel  
October 29 -31, 2021  
Rice Lake Curling Club**



Hosted by Rice Lake Elk's Lodge 1441

- 6-End Games—3 Games Guarantee
- 1 Member of the team must be an Elk in good standing
- Open Spiel: Team can include men and women
- Dietz Eulburg Traveling Trophy
- Elks Bonspiel Pins to all event Winners and Runner Ups
- Liquor, Beer, Pop and Snacks included at the curling club
- Saturday and Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast at the curling club
- Saturday and Sunday Lunch at the curling club
- Saturday Night Dinner at the Rice Lake Elk's Lodge with cash bar
- \$75.00 Per Person (\$300 per team of 4)
- Hotel options attached—you need to make your own reservations

**Registration Form Attached**

**Deadline to Sign Up is Friday, October 10, 2021**

*For more information you can contact:*

**Carolyn Mickelson**

**Phone: 715-205-1878**

**Email: carolmick@yahoo.com**





**2021 Wisconsin  
Elk's Association Bonspiel  
October 29 -31, 2021  
Registration Form**

Curling Registration Names:

Skip: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge City and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$300 per Team of 4 - \$75 each**

Please return registration form with Checks made out to **Carolyn Mickelson** and mail to:

**Carolyn Mickelson  
W6246 Heisterkamp Road  
Sarona, WI 54870**

Phone: 715-205-1878, Email: carolmick@yahoo.com

***Teams must be paid in full to be considered entered.***

**Registration Deadline: October 10, 2021**

## AmericInn



Rooms: 42  
Internet, Free Breakfast, Indoor  
Pool, Hot Tub, Trail Access,  
Handicapped Accessible

**2906 S. Pioneer Avenue South, Rice Lake**  
715-234-9060 • 1-800-634-3444  
[americinn.com/hotels/wi/ricelake](http://americinn.com/hotels/wi/ricelake)

## AmeriVu Inn & Suites



Rooms: 50  
Internet, Free Breakfast, Indoor  
Pool, Hot Tub, Trail Access,  
Handicapped Accessible, Fitness  
Center Access, Banquet Hall for  
Meetings/Wedding Receptions, etc.

**1710 S. Main, Rice Lake**  
715-234-4444 • 1-800-992-1669  
[www.amerivuinn.com/ricelake](http://www.amerivuinn.com/ricelake)

## Best Western Inn



Rooms: 59  
Internet, Free Breakfast,  
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Fitness Facility

**2835 S. Main Street, Rice Lake**  
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[bestwesternwisconsin.com/rice-lake-hotels](http://bestwesternwisconsin.com/rice-lake-hotels)

## Curriers Lakeview Lodge



Rooms: 19  
All rooms have lake view,  
refrigerator, microwave, free wifi,  
kitchens available, pets allowed,  
morning coffee and pastries in  
breakfast nook, complimentary  
paddle boats, canoes, kayaks,  
row boat, paddle boards, pontoon  
rental available.

**2010 21 1/4 Street, Rice Lake**  
715-234-7474 • 1-800-433-5253 [currierslakeview.com](http://currierslakeview.com)

## Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites



Rooms: 89  
Express Start Breakfast Bar, 1,600sf  
Meeting Space, Indoor Pool &  
Whirlpool, Fitness Facility, Guest  
Laundry Service, Pet Friendly, Internet

**824 Bear Paw Avenue, Rice Lake**  
715-736-7444 • 1-888-890-0224  
[hiexpress.com/ricelakewi](http://hiexpress.com/ricelakewi)

## Microtel Inn & Suites By Wyndham



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Super Clean Rooms, Internet, Free  
Breakfast, Meeting Space, Trail  
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**2771 Decker Drive, Rice Lake**  
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## Pullman Motel



Rooms: 16  
Internet, Deluxe Suites, Trail  
Access, Coffee Maker,  
Refrigerator, Microwave

**903 Hammond Ave, Rice Lake**  
715-234-7919  
[www.ourpullmanmotel.net](http://www.ourpullmanmotel.net)

## Super 8 Motel



Rooms: 46  
Internet, Free Breakfast, Trail  
Access, Handicapped  
Accessible, Pets Allowed

**2401 S. Main Street, Rice Lake**  
715-234-6956 • 1-800-800-8000  
[super8.com](http://super8.com)



## Rice Lake Tourism and Retail Development Commission

30 E Eau Claire Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868  
1-800-523-6318 • [www.ricelaketourism.com](http://www.ricelaketourism.com) • [info@ricelaketourism.com](mailto:info@ricelaketourism.com)



## THE BUGLE

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August 1

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December 1

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March 1

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June 1

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## STATE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

Good day to all. I put this on the back page because everyone looks at the back page (I hope).

We have all heard and read enough about last year so hopefully we can put a period on that. Now we start a new year and as you saw on the registration form it is WELCOME BACK. We all need the companionship and comradery that these events provide us. Since it has been a while and we have new members and new Lodge Officers let me clarify something. This Conference, along with the others, is open to all Elks in good standing. Some have assumed that it was only for committee people. You are welcomed to visit meetings that interest you and hopefully take back to your Lodge some new ideas. I also want to make clear that the Luncheon and Banquet are open to all. The W.E.A. Board of Directors have approved cost reductions for this event. Let me say if you have not attended the Banquet or it has been a while please consider attending and I believe you will enjoy yourself. I would like to see the Lodge Officers there along with a lot of other members.

Let me say I like to call the Banquet **MEMORIES**, because when you get there old **MEMORIES** are renewed and new **MEMORIES** are made. The fellowship, comradery, and information that will occur will build those **MEMORIES**. So please consider attending.

Fraternally,

*Ken*

Ken Johnson, State Secretary  
Wisconsin Elks Association