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

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

2022 July 3 – July 8 Atlanta, GA

BIOGRAPHY OF THAINE "KEITH" MILLS GRAND EXALTED RULER 2021-2022

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

Keith Mills was born on October 17, 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin and Ruth Mills, the youngest of five children. Keith has three brothers, Randy, Butch, the late Devon, and his sister Cheryl. Keith grew up on the family farm outside Hollister, Idaho. The rural elementary school had about 50 students enrolled through sixth grade. High school was spent in the neighboring town of Filer where Keith participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. In 1987, he graduated from Filer High School. Congressman Stallings was instrumental in Keith receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. Unfortunately, an injury meant Keith returned home in 1989 where he attended the College of Southern Idaho and met Amy Jane Rutherford, his best friend and true love. They both received their Associates Degree. They were married in 1990 and Keith transferred to University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

For over 31 years Amy has encouraged and supported his dreams. Keith and Amy have two children; Cassie has 2 boys, Clark and Karson, and is attending nursing school. Their son Justin, who is a senior at Boise State University and will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

Growing up on a farm, Keith developed a strong work ethic and as he grew older, the value of a hard day's work. His family farmed 350 acres and operated a Custom Farming business. They also raised prize winning Duroc hogs for breeding which Keith showed in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, as well as sold breeding stock across the United States.

After college his career began at Applied Materials where he worked for more than 10 years in the Semiconductor Industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Keith returned to Twin Falls to be with family where he owned and operated several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a Member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge No. 1183. He continued his membership there all through college. Upon graduation, they moved to Nampa, just down the street from his brother Devon. With Devon already an Elks Member, Keith transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years before leaving for college, then upon his transfer to Caldwell in 1994, was appointed Inner Guard and installed in 1995 and progressed through every officer chair, serving as Exalted Ruler 2001-2002. He then served the next five years on the Board of Trustees, with the last as Chairman. Keith was a member of five Idaho State Champion Ritual teams, each competing at Grand Lodge. He is excellent at performing the ritual and is a six-time State All-American. Keith has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to Caldwell Lodge multiple times. In 2008, he was voted Caldwell's "Elk of the Year," as well as Idaho State's "Elk of the Year." Keith has the distinguished honor of being the first ever to be elected to Honorary Life Membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448.

Keith was elected and served three years as Idaho Vice President South, subsequently being elected and serving as Idaho State President in 2006-2007. The next six years were on the Idaho state major project, the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board with the last two years as Chairman. In 2016, he was inducted in the "Idaho Elks Hall of Honor." He continues to serve the Idaho State Association and is on the Advisory Committee with the Past State Presidents.

Keith's service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for Idaho South District and then served six years as a Special Representative for various Lodges in Idaho. During this time, Keith also served as Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman for 18 years and Northwest Regional Director from 2011 to 2016. The region included Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Keith and Amy truly enjoyed being with the children, watching them grow and getting to know the families. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 and continues to serve in both positions.

At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

The passion Keith has for our Fraternal Order is shown by his enthusiasm, commitment and devotion.

FROM OUR 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 Tampa, Florida had a great time. After the cancellation of last year's National Convention due to the pandemic, it sure was nice to join with many Elks throughout the Country to celebrate the accomplishments of States and Lodges. Plus, we survived Hurricane Elsa (which never showed up at Tampa!) Beth and I regret that we were unable to join the delegates at the Wisconsin Night event on that Tuesday evening. With the anticipated hurricane, we were told to not leave our hotel and we sure missed joining you.

Congratulations to our four District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's who were installed in their positions at the final business session in Tampa. This begins a SECOND year of hard work for these dedicated Elks who are repeating their position this year. Good luck and thank you! Speaking of repeating, a big thank you to our State President Jerry Brien and First Lady Kathy as they are serving the Wisconsin Elks Association for an additional year as well. How wonderful it was to see Jerry carrying the Wisconsin flag with pride at the opening ceremony in Tampa!

As I write this message, plans are being completed for the Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference in September. This will be our first in-person Convention since February 2020. At this meeting we will welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills and First Lady Amy to the great State of Wisconsin for their official visit. We look forward to being with them and we know you will all give them a warm Wisconsin welcome! Of course, with the ever changing status of the Covid-19 situation, things are always subject to change! Any developments that might occur will be announced so be sure to stay tuned.

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

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "F. Louis Sulsberger".

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor

STATE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE



Grand Lodge is now behind us. The feeling I had carrying the Wisconsin State Flag was breathtaking. I want you to know, I paused briefly to raise the flag high. That was for all of you for being part of the Great Wisconsin Elks Family. I will always remember that moment. I should have charged money though for our charities for everyone who told me "Don't trip".

I want to thank the Grand Lodge Committee. You worked hard to provide an incredible home away from home not only for our state members but also for the many guests who came to visit our Hospitality Room. committee is always looking for more to help. One magic moment was our new Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills and First Lady Amy spending over an hour visiting with our delegation in the Hospitality Room. I want to also thank those who provided the 11:00 Toast each night joining with our Illinois friends. It was exciting to hear that Evelyn Droessler representing Platteville Lodge #1460 was the National Drug Awareness Poster Contest Winner.

We can now begin to focus for our first in person conference in September. You will get a chance to meet our new Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. They are very approachable so take the time to meet and get to know them. Show them how proud we are to be Wisconsin Elks Members. The Board wants this conference to be a get back to doing business as we have in the past. I hope that many will attend our luncheon and banquet. They have attempted to make it affordable and fun. Our committees will be meeting on Saturday. While there are identified members to each committee, it does not mean you cannot attend a meeting as an interested person. This is where you learn how our state committees work. I want you also to feel comfortable asking questions or adding to the discussion. As a new member I also enjoyed hearing committee reports on Sunday. This is where I learned how these committees could benefit my lodge; with many instances how, I could get money back to my lodge. By the time our Conference comes Kathy & I have had 8 official visits. We look forward to these visits to all our lodges and learning more about the great work you do in supporting my motto "A Vision for Youth, Veterans, and Community. As you know, we like coming to some of your lodges for informal visits.

STATE PRESIDENT CONTINUED...

We will continue to do this when we can. It is usually to support something happening in your lodge. Keep up the good work in bringing in new members. Let me know who they are so I can call them and welcome them to the Elks Family.

I am always excited to call them. Don't forget those who have not paid their dues yet. Call them and have a good conversation with them.

Kathy & I look forward to seeing you. As always please be safe and healthy. Look out for those who can no longer get to your lodge; especially for those who have a long history in your lodge.

Fraternally,
PSP Jerry Brien,
Wisconsin Elks Association

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FIRST LADY'S ARTICLE



As I write this the temperature is almost 90. When you read this we will be preparing to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler at the first face to face state conference in a year and a half. It is exciting to get back together with friends from around the state. Many of us will have meetings starting at 8 a.m. but please feel free to meet and enjoy food and friendships. We will have our ladies lunch on Sat. There will be many raffle baskets to bid on, and you will meet our First Lady Amy Mills. Jerry & I were fortunate to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady in Tampa at Grand Lodge in our WI hospitality room. They are very friendly, fun loving people so please come and meet them. Please participate in games set up by committees as these benefit our charities. Also there will be 50/50 raffles in the hospitality room which also add to our charities. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and in the hospitality room to renew friendships and meet new members.

Fraternally,
First Lady Kathy Brien

STATE PRESIDENT SCHEDULE

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

While masks will not be required at the Fall Conference, feel free to wear them if you feel more comfortable. Your safety and comfort are our biggest concern. Please be advised if Outagamie County or Appleton require masks, we will follow their mandate and let you know.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S ARTICLE



Our first Lodge visit with Jerry and Kathy was for the Appleton Lodge. It was a great opportunity to ride in the flag day parade representing the Wisconsin Elks Association and spreading Elksdom throughout the Appleton community. We all know that Flay Day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. Patriotism has characterized the **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of American** since the early days of our organization. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's Observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression.

Our attendance at the Elks National Convention in Tampa was less than exhilarating. We enjoyed the Wisconsin hospitality room.

Jason and the committee did a great job with our hospitality room, and we enjoyed the comradery with our fellow Elks. Opening ceremony was studding and Jerry proudly represented the Wisconsin Elks Association with grander and excitement as he presented the Wisconsin Flag. Grand Lodge sessions were very informative and presented in a grand style only the Elks can due. Our trip home was much more challenging. Both Kathy and I contracted Covid in Tampa, so we asked the Shannon's to drive us home. Thank you, Ron, and Nikki. Kathy ended up in ICU for two week and with all your prayers, she is safely at home recovering from Covid and looking forward to getting back to our upcoming Elks Visits. 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. I believe that our Elks Charities are the heart of our Association. So please keep our Elks National Foundation, our State Major Project, and the Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund part of your charitable given.

Kathy & I are looking forward to the Fall Conference scheduled for September 16 – 19, 2021 in Appleton. It has been over a year since the last in-person conference, and we look forward to seeing all of you at the conference. We look forward to assisting Jerry and Kathy as they host our **Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills**, of the Caldwell, ID Lodge #1448. The following weekend we will be attending the Illinois Elks Association Fall Conference in Springfield IL. We will be guests of 1st Vice President Todd Lindsay and his wife Lisa. It will be a great learning experience to compare our conferences with Illinois conference.

Kathy & I are looking forward to this upcoming year as we travel to your Lodges with State President Jerry and First Lady Kathy, promoting Jerry's motto, ***"A Vision for Youth, Veterans, and Community"***

Dave

Dave Hagen, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



*So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines." **1Samuel 7: 8 NIV***

How did Samuel gain such influence? What made everyone listen to him? There are at least three qualities that helped him gain the influence he earned:

Competence - God blessed Samuel with many gifts, he heard from the Lord, he could see the future unfold, and he wisely knew what to do in a crisis. His abilities provided one reason that people listened to him.

Character - Unlike the prophet Eli, Samuel exuded integrity and honestly faced each issue of his life. People trusted him and knew he had Israel's best interests in mind. They considered Samuel utterly trustworthy and depended on him to intercede for them with God.

Connection - Samuel knew how to connect with people; he spoke their language. He expressed compassion for their predicaments and brought courage to their pursuits.

Fortunately for us, the formula for Samuel's success is still viable today:

Competence + Character + Connection = Influence

These traits are paramount for leaders in every organization, and are particularly true in our respective lodges. It is the hallmark of our institutions that attract people of good character, develop competence in individuals, and along with our numerous connections to our communities help us (Elks) influence many lives.

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Mike Hackbarth, Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Associachaption

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP



It was a great experience going to my first national convention. It really inspired me to appreciate all the work that's being done throughout our great country by members of our benevolent order! Calling from the Northeast region #9600 I'd like to give a shout out to Jason Somers and the hospitality crew that did an unbelievable job representing Wisconsin at the convention. Our Hospitality room was unrivaled by rooms hosted from many other states, I heard many comments on the quality of our passion for Elkdom that has shined through! It was good to see our newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills spend more than an hour enjoying the spirit of Wisconsin!

As I get the opportunity to visit all the lodges within the Northeast, I find it very humbling to see the efforts of our members contributing to their communities and supporting those lodges. Although membership is an important element that we always need to focus on; it's also important to recognize the efforts to fund raise and create camaraderie through our membership. I recently visited Antigo Lodge #662 for their excellent chicken and ham dinner held the 2nd and 4th week of each month. The food and fellowship before their lodge meeting was inspiring. I got to speak with a PER that reminded all in attendance the efforts it takes to make a lodge successful, thank you John! Thanks also to E.R. Neil Wozniak! Antigo's upcoming fundraisers include the Langlade County Fair and their annual Gun Raffle in October.

I'd like to give a shout out to the Appleton lodge #337 for their successful Flag Day Event, the hospitality that they showed on my first visit to their lodge was wonderful. I was very impressed by the passion I saw in their efforts to preserve the legacy they are continuing to build.

Another shining star in the Northeast Region is the partnership with Rasmussen Ballroom and Legato Dance Company at Wausau Lodge #248. I'm so proud of our Loyal Knight Christine Pierce for taking the initiative to bring back ballroom dancing to the Elks, with dancers from all over the Fox Valley and lessons for all skill levels. What a unique fund-raising idea! Also at the Wausau lodge, is Karl and Anne Hanke's upcoming grill raffle on August 27th, they keep on doing extraordinary things for the lodge day in and day out.

I'm looking forward to attending the upcoming Steak Night at Green Bay Lodge #259. It was great to meet Green Bay's E.R. Joseph Heimerl at the National Convention, I see only great things from him!

I feel it's important to recognize the endless effort of Kathy Brien who has been E.R. at Kaukauna lodge #962 for 11 years! I'm amazed at her diligence and commitment, we should all follow her example of dedication. Look for more details about upcoming events and keeping the legacy alive at all of our Northeast Lodges! I encourage you to visit each lodge's website to view upcoming events and opportunities to support the Elks at your local lodge, and beyond, if you are able to do so!

I'm looking forward to visiting at all the remaining Northeast lodges in the month of August, I can't wait to share with you all the amazing thing our members are working hard to do!

A Special Thank You to Natalie Kramer for your guidance at the national convention in my first year as Vice President of the Northeast Region.

I Pledge to you my fidelity,

Bruce Conard
V.P. Northeast #9600

*Please note my email is incorrect in the State Directory, if you need to reach me, brucec@tasolberg.com

CENTRAL DISTRICT VP



Things have certainly heated up with the summer season in full swing and are correspondingly in full song in our Central District Elks Lodges. Looking out our window while writing this note, I am seeing some signs of the end of our summer. Soon we will be meeting for the fall convention in Appleton. It will be great to share companionship with our fellow members. It has been way too long since our last get together. But first let me boast about some of our lodges' activities.

Baraboo set records for funds collected at their Fair food stand, and is now working on packing "Fresh Start" packages for homeless veterans. Baraboo is also starting planning for our second prom for special needs individuals. Beaver Dam held a bowling fundraiser which raised \$1200 for State Major Projects and has a membership table at concert events. Neenah/Menasha is promoting activities at the Lodge and is planning a corn roast for members and local leaders in August. Oshkosh is swinging for the fences with plans for Packer parties, Charity Chicken BBQ on August 22nd., and Charity Golf Outing on August 28th. Not to be left in the dust, Portage is working on their Kids Fisheriee in August, and Shop With a Cop fundraiser. They continue the brat and burger program on the veranda every Thursday. Sheboygan is hosting Elks Fest 2021 on August 21st with a full day of music and activities. Sheboygan also continues to lead the way in membership lapsation. Watertown held a Heroes Cafe on July 12th, and participated in Lights N Sirens event on July 6th.

As you can see the lodges have had a full slate of activities and will finish the summer strong. Please plan on joining us if you can at our August get togethers. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Elkdom
Jim Francisco
VP Central District.

SOUTH DISTRICT VP

Fall is upon us and many in the South District are excited for a return to “normal”. Lodges have been working hard to promote Elkdome and give back to our communities.

Janesville Lodge has been busy with bingo, live music and assisting the community with support for our fallen soldiers including PFC Handley and the procession for Koren War Airforce A2C Miller. They used their Beacon Grant to support the Rock County Cancer Coalition, and donated to the Janesville Police Chaplin’s Association.

Madison Lodge as well has brought back live music and their kitchen is in full swing. Madison was one of the hardest hit Lodges in our district and have had many challenges they have overcome to return to Elk business.

Beloit Lodge is our smallest Lodge in the district. While small, they have some of the biggest hearts. During their Flag Day ceremony, they present a new 6’x10’ American Flag to the new Garden Prairie Intermediate School.

Waukesha Lodge has been in full swing with bingo, wrestling (which you should see in person), member events and recently our Annual Membership Picnic. Currently they are working on the State Bags Tournament on Oct 2 followed by their State President Visit that evening. Also coming up they will be holding a car show and the Doo Wop Daddies on Oct 17. They’ve had great success with grants to support their community as well in multiple ways.

Milwaukee Lodge as well has been having success with bring bingo, Wednesday night All You Can Eat Pizza & Chicken and member events. Recently they used their Gratitude Grant to build little libraries to share reading materials for all ages. It was great to see they raised \$3000 to donate to the Fisher House from their Gold Outing.

Platteville Lodge has been working where they can to support their community with available grants. They as well have added new members and started to plan future events from a Fish Fry to a Hotdog/Brat Sale.

Overall the South District Lodges have added new membership, reached out to the community and all held their Flag Day ceremonies. I am looking forward to seeing what our Lodges do next.



**Fraternally,
Jason Somers**

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DISTRICT DEPUTY



I would like to say that this year 2021-2022 as the Central District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler will be interesting again.

We were installed as District Deputies to the Grand exalted Ruler at the Wednesday session of the Grand Lodge. My team will remain the same. Again, don't fix it if its not broken.

Tampa Bay did an excellent job hosting the Grand Lodge even throwing in a Hurricane. It was great to visit with everyone. They are so much fun. I hope everyone can experience it at least once in their lives.

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 Coved-19 with vaccines being available and made mandatory for some professions. I'm glad we could move forward with Clinics and visits

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:

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Looking Forward to a good year.

Fraternally Yours David A. DeCono DDGER

HATS IN THE RING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



The officers and members of Wausau Lodge #248 would like to proudly announce their full support and backing of Karl Hanke for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

As a second-generation Elk, Karl has been an active member of Wausau Lodge #248 for eleven years. Over this time, Karl has filled many roles both locally and state-wide. This includes ER for Wausau Lodge (2015), Auditor to the DD Northeast (2016), Esquire to the DD Northeast (2017), District Deputy Northeast and Vice President Northeast (2018), one of the very few to ever tackle those roles simultaneously, State Trustee (2019), and Chair of Membership and Lapsation (2019).

Karl is certainly not alone in these endeavors as he has the complete support of his wonderful wife Annie (an equally active member of 10 years) and family in pursuing these roles and the commitment of time and energy they entail.

Karl has been relentlessly dedicated to the cause of success and growth within the Elks organization. This commitment shines through anytime he speaks about membership and the Spirit of Elkdom. As the administrator of the Wisconsin Elks Association Facebook page, Karl has helped to bring all the Lodges from across the state together to share ideas and improve communication. This should not be taken lightly, as our demographics change, our means of communication must stay ahead. Karl's work to keep our members connected across the state will continue to pay substantial dividends into the future.

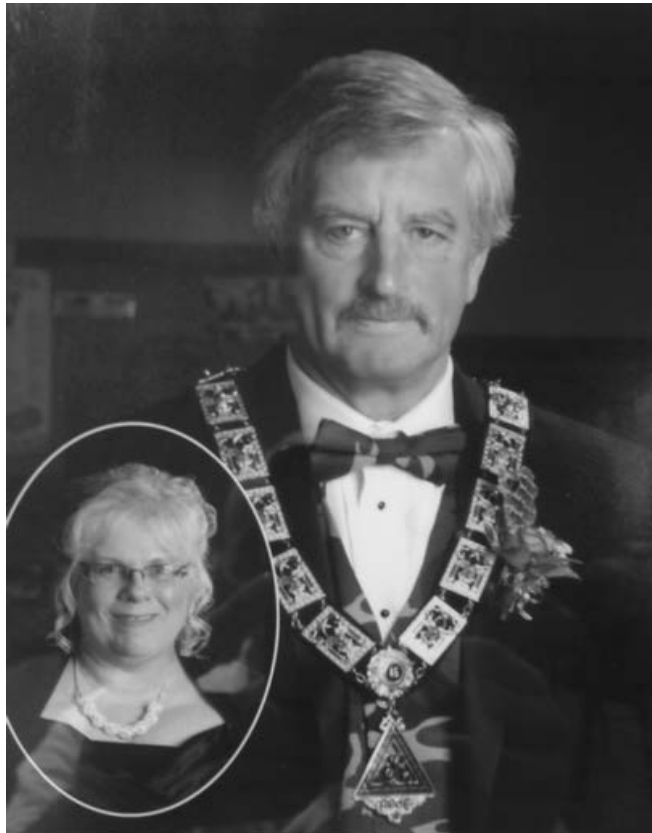
Also, over the last five years, Karl and Annie have both been the lead and driving force behind many of our fundraising efforts, but certainly none more wildly successful than our annual "Wausau Elks 248 Raffle" fundraiser.

To paraphrase Karl directly, "Elkdom is not found within a building or during a fish-fry, but within our hearts that we carry with us". On that note, please join the officers and members of Wausau Lodge #248 in the enthusiastic support of Karl Hanke for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Jonathan Fisher

Exalted Ruler
Wausau Lodge #248

Hat in the Ring for State President Elect



Pat Moran Milwaukee Lodge #46

Elk member since 2009
Went through all the Chairs
ER in 2016-2017
During my year as ER Milwaukee was named State Lodge of the Year
Officer of the Year in 2013
PER of the Year in 2019
Served three terms of State VP South District 2018-2021
Served three times as Secretary to the DD
Served two terms as PER President.
Currently Chairman of the BOD at Milwaukee
Currently Grant Co-Ordinator at Milwaukee
Currently ENF Chairman South District
Endorsed by Milwaukee PER Association

MID-WINTER PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE DECEMBER 21, 2021

Mid-Winter – FEBRUARY 19-21, 2022
RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, GREEN BAY
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
LADIES LUNCHEON			
California Chicken Club	-----	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	-----	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
California Chicken Club	-----	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	-----	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	@ \$26.00	\$ _____
Orange Pecan Pork Roast	-----	@ \$26.00	\$ _____
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

California Chicken Club : Grilled chicken breast, crisp bacon, Swiss cheese, avocado, lettuce, tomato, Sun dried tomato pesto and mayonnaise on a Sheboygan hard roll. Served with coffee, hot and iced tea, kettle chips, fresh fruit cup and a pickle spear.

Ham & Cheese Sandwich: Slow roasted shaved ham and Wisconsin cheddar on a Sheboygan hard roll. Served with coffee, hot and iced tea, kettle chips, fresh fruit cup and a pickle spear.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Chicken Cordon Bleu: A boneless breast of chicken stuffed with an aged Gouda smoked ham and white wine sauce. Served on a bed of golden rice pilaf. Served with coffee or tea, garden salad, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls with butter.

Orange Pecan Pork Roast: Medallion of pork crusted with orange marmalade and toasted pecans. Served with wild rice blend. Served with coffee or tea, garden salad, fresh vegetables, dinner rolls with butter.

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LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2021-2022
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/2021– NO EXCEPTIONS

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

Each fiscal year Lodges may seek (A maximum reimbursement of \$3.00 per member as of Mar. 31st 2021 or \$300.00 whichever is greater)

When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date

Lodge Name & Number

Choose either A or B.

A

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____ the Lodge voted to seek reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed - charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the canceled checks for which we are seeking reimbursement.

B

() At the regular Lodge meeting dated _____, the Lodge voted to have the Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (***absolutely no more than three***):

1.

2.

Total amount requested: \$

*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not

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for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Trustees to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2021.

Signed

Title

WEA - 2021 FALL CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL

THURSDAY—SATURDAY		Meet and Great	ROOM Redwood
FRIDAY, SEPT.17, 2021			
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors		BRIARWOOD/EBONY
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund		BRIARWOOD/EBONY
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration		POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory		BRIARWOOD/EBONY
SATURDAY, SEPT.18, 2021			
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps (Executive Comm)		HICKORY
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		PARCHMENT
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		ROSEWOOD
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices		LINDEN
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training		SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot		BOND
7:30 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention		LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire		HICKORY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project		OAKTAG
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations & Membership		ROSEWOOD
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service		PARCHMENT
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 & ENF Scholarship		SALON B
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf & Curling & Bowling		LINDEN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory		EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness		ROSEWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities		BOND
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF		BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training		SALON B
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions		EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising		At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming		ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing		PARCHMENT
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	Training on new Accounting with PSP Daley		EBONY
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)		LOMBARDI'S
12:00 PM	Cocktails		SALON A
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon		SALON A
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth		BRIARWOOD
6:00 PM	Cocktails		SALON A
7:00 PM	Banquet		SALON A
SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, 2021			
8:00 AM	General Session		SALON A

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PER Pat Moore and PER Dave Lang presenting a check for \$3000 from Elks 46 Golf Outing to Jennifer Kiefer House Manager of the Fisher House at Milwaukee VA.