



THE MID-WINTER 2022 BUGLE

Fall Conference Camper



We'd like to introduce ourselves. We are the Oestreichs, Scott, Nancy, & Ryan. Scott has been an Elk member of Lodge 248 for a little over a year. We live and work in Wausau.

Ryan is 17 years old and has some special needs, autism and ADHD. Ryan is an outgoing young man who enjoys participating with student council and choir at Wausau East and doing other social activities such as the Penguin Project which is a special needs theater company. He also participates in a special needs choir through Central Wisconsin Children's Theater. We learned of Camp Wawbeek through the Elks lodge. It was a little intimidating for Ryan to be away from us at camp for a whole week. Alex, the camp director, and the rest of the staff were very helpful in smoothing out the rough spots after we dropped Ryan off that Sunday. Ryan was able to call us every evening to touch base before he went to bed. The first night was the hardest but as the week went on every evening phone call seemed more and more positive.

When we picked him up on Friday, it was clear that Ryan had had a good week. He had a colored bracelet on his wrist that let people know who he was but we were told that everyone knew who he was just after just a few days and that the bracelet really wasn't necessary. The staff had emailed us pictures of some the things he did and we also took pictures with the staff and new friends before we left. The staff at camp were wonderful to Ryan and he enjoyed interacting with them too.

We would like to thank the Elks for sponsoring Ryan. Ryan was able to experience time away from and we were able to experience time just as a couple. It was a positive experience that benefited our whole family.



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2022 Mid Winter – Green Bay

Feb. 17-20 2022

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April 28th-May 1st 2022

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

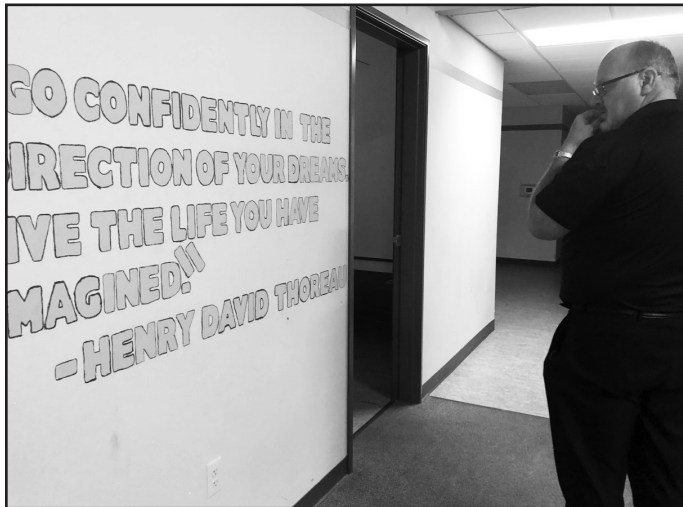
2022 July 3 – July 8 Atlanta, GA



Grand Exhaulted Ruler, T. Keith Mills won a TV at the Fall Conference in Appleton. He proceeded to donate it to Elks-Easter Seals Camp. From the left are H. Paul O’Brion, State Major Project, Amy Mills, Keith Mills, Carrissa Petersen, Camp Director and Jerry Brien and Kathy, Wisconsin State President and First Lady.



Visiting the recreatin facility at Elks-Easter Seals Respite Camp.



Amy and T. Keith Mills, H. Paul o’Brion, Portage Lodge #675, Major Project Board President; Carrissa Peterson, Camp Director, Jerry Brien, State President; and Kathy Brien, State First lady



Carrissa Petersen, Camp Director with Amy and T. Keith Mills touring our first respite housing unit and nurses facility.

Camp Wawbeek and Elks Respite Camp Wisconsin Elks Major Project

The two camps (both located on our 400 acres of land) house 10 unique programs that cater to a wide range of abilities while providing a much-needed break for parents and caregivers.

Camp Wawbeek's core philosophy is to encourage campers to challenge themselves with new experiences and set goals for new accomplishments. Camp Wawbeek houses our camper group programs: Wawbeek, Trailblazers, Transition Team, Pioneer, and Young Adults Aspergers (ages 15-25). Campers are paired with peers of similar age and interests in groups of 4 to 6 depending on care needs. Each group has two counselors that take care of the needs of the entire group, whether it be personal care or just a friend to talk to you. The Young Adults Asperger's session offers a care ratio of 1:2. Camp Wawbeek serves campers ages 7 and up.

Our Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite camp provides care to individuals with medical conditions, behavior disorders or known physical aggression, and/or multiple disabilities that require one on one support to function. Respite Camp's core philosophy is to provide a much-needed break to parents and caregivers with loved ones that require one-to-one supervision twenty-four hours a day, while providing a camper with a unique camp experience catered to their individual needs. In addition to their 1:1 program, Respite Camp offers an Asperger's and High-functioning Autism program with a care ratio of 1:2 for ages 7-18. Each camper is paired with a counselor that maintains the camper's daily routine. Respite camp serves ages 3 and up.

FROM OUR SPONSOR



Greetings to all:

Winter and the holidays are upon us where we look forward to special times with our families and friends. Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2022.

I would like to thank all of you for the warm and wonderful Wisconsin welcome you gave Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills and First Lady Amy at our Fall Conference. Keith and Amy were thrilled to tour Lambeau Field in Green Bay upon their arrival and before the conference began. As the week-end unfolded and they attended meetings and events, I know they were quite impressed with our State Associations commitment to our State Project and endeavors, in addition to the various Grand Lodge Programs.

As I write this message, our lodge year is more than half over. District Deputy visits have been completed and we turn our thoughts to preparations for the Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference in February which will be held in Green Bay. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress thus far, gain new insights and information from other members and of course renew and enjoy our friendships. Beth regrets that her work schedule will not allow her to attend our Mid-Winter Conference. She wants you to know how much she enjoyed being with all of you in September and she is looking forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta!

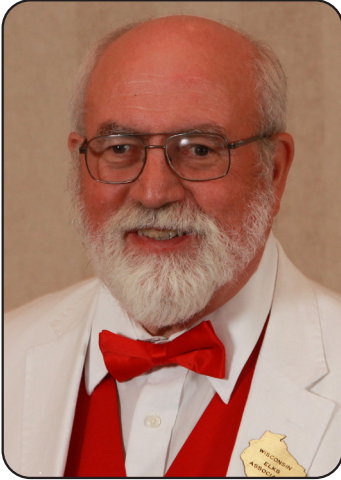
Speaking of Atlanta, I hope many of you are making arrangements to attend the National Convention in Georgia in July. I am happy to report that the States of Illinois and Wisconsin will be in the same hotel and this sure makes visiting each other so much easier.

Until we meet in February, I pray that everyone is healthy and your travels to and from Green Bay will be safe. God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Louis Sulsberger".

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

State President's Article



Greetings to all:

I hope that everyone had a chance to celebrate the holidays as you chose to celebrate. I hope that each one of you were safe and healthy. Kathy and I wish you well in 2022. Welcome back to Green Bay.

I want to first reflect on the loss of Nan Johnson. Nan made a difference in our State Association. While Nan was not an Elk Member, she was probably a better Elk than many. The contributions she made were both visible in her work with her raffle each Conference and Convention and invisible in her behind the scenes with the Bugle, Website, and Directory. She was a great partner with Ken. We will all miss her. May you Rest in Peace, Nan.

In December each lodge held a Memorial Service. We lost many great members who contributed to the success of your lodge. We now must find ways to replace those members with new members and to have existing members fill the void left by them. While we cannot control deaths, we can control the loss of members due to nonpayment of dues. Our membership continues to drop as a result. We can still get many of those members back, but you need to talk to them. Don't just send a letter and expect them to come back. By talking to them, you might find the reasons they aren't coming back. You might just find you have to change the way you are doing things in your lodge.

I am extremely proud how our Wisconsin Elks are contributing to my motto of "A Vision for Youth, Veterans, and Community." You have found ways to make a difference. You have had a variety of activities for youth, especially at Christmas time. Veterans are getting the recognition and services they deserve. Hopefully people in your communities know the many great things you have to offer to make their community a better place. If not, why not? I see it on our Wisconsin Facebook site what you do all the time, but does your community also see it?

By now, you have made preparations for your new Lodge Team. I hope that current lodge officers are talking with the incoming lodge members. Don't wait until they are installed or worse yet don't talk to them at all. Work to make that transition easier.

Kathy and I have appreciated our visits and look forward to our upcoming visits. Your hospitality has been incredible. The things we have learned about your lodge and the friendships we have gained will last a lifetime. Kathy and I continue to wish everyone a safe and healthy year. God Bless You All.

Fraternally,
PSP Jerry Brien,
Wisconsin Elks Association

FIRST LADY'S ARTICLE



Hello, Friends!

We are getting ready to meet at our Mid-Winter conference in a new location. I hope the weather cooperates for all of us to travel to Green Bay. We ladies have lost a good friend in Nan Johnson, but we will carry on her work with the raffles at the conferences and conventions. She was inspiring in many ways, so we will continue her work in supporting the Benevolent Fund with the proceeds of these raffles. Please continue to support these raffles in memory of Nan.

Jerry & I have enjoyed seeing all of you at your lodges. Keep up the good work you are doing for your communities with the various projects that you do. We will see you in Green Bay.

Fraternally,
First Lady Kathy Brien

Yes, that is a golf photo. Save the date, Monday, July 18, 2022 the Elks State Golf Tournament will be held at the Turtleback Course in Rice Lake. Hopefully every lodge in the state will be sending players to this event. Watch for more details within the next few months, or attend the golf meeting at the Mid-Winter meeting in February!

Spread the news so it's on everyone's calendar. ER Tony Wampfler and Rice Lake Lodge members are hard at work planning, so let's fill the course. Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to either us.

Wishing everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas.



Susie

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS!! THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

KEN JOHNSON STATE SECRETARY

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S ARTICLE



Lodge visits with Jerry and Kathy have been fantastic, meeting with local lodge members and officers, speaking about our Wisconsin Elks Associations charities and hearing how our local Lodges spread Elkdom throughout their great communities.

I have enjoyed working with all of our Leading Knights scheduling the State President's Visit that will occur next year when they are Exalted Rulers of their Lodges. Many Lodges stay with the same date every year. Date of the visits are on a first come-first serve basis.

My biggest task for the New Year is developing our state committees. Not an easy task, but one of the most important tasks, as your President-Elect. If you're called upon to join a committee or service as chair or co-chair, please know that being a part of the WEA committee is an honor. The primary function is to contribute to the efficient operation of our WEA organization.

Our Elks Charities are the heart of our Association. So please keep our Elks National Foundation, our State Major Projects, and the Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund part of your charitable given. Please remember that the ER march takes place at the Mid-Winter luncheon. If you have not already mailed your lodge donations to the State Major Projects and the Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund, bring your checks to the Luncheon.

Kathy & I are looking forward to the Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for February 17 – 20, 2022 in Green Bay. We look forward to hosting Illinois Elks Associations, 1st Vice President, Todd Lindsay, and his wife Lisa, of the Herrin Lodge #1146. Please make sure you introduce yourself to them in February.

The Lindsay's were great hosts in September when I attended the Illinois Elks Association Fall Conference in Springfield IL. I was able to attend the Executive Board Meeting on Thursday, the Advisory Committee Meeting on Friday, attending a variety of their committee meetings on Saturday and ended the weekend at general Business Session on Sunday. The highlight of the conference was the Saturday Night Banquet, where they auctioned off a case of Spotted Cow that I donated for Illinois State Charities raising \$144. I have nothing but high praises for the Great Works of Elkdom conducted by the Illinois Elks Association.

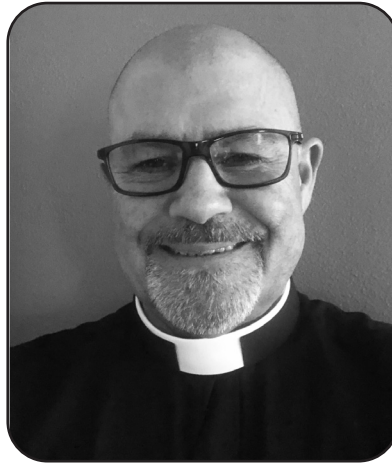
While in Springfield, I visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The museum is like experiencing Lincoln's life, from boyhood, to his tragic death. I was able to explore shows and displays that highlight the human cost of slavery and war. If you have never been to the museum, you need to make plans to spend an afternoon with Able. Todd & Lisa also took me for dinner on Friday night at the Springfield Elks Lodge #158 located lakeside in Springfield. Another great Lodge to add to the visits.

Kathy & I are looking forward to attending the remaining Lodge Visits, 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



I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My ownMy sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. John 10: 14, 27 NIV

One of the most common mistakes people make is attempting to lead others before developing relationships with them. This happens often; a new manager starts with a company and expects the people working there to respond his/her authority without question. A newly hired football coach asks his players to trust him when they do not know each other.

In each of these instances the leader expects to make an impact on the people before building a relationship. Of course, the followers will comply with what the new leader requires, but they will rarely go beyond that. Think about your respective lodge personnel. As you (the current leadership) prepares to develop other people for positions of responsibility, take the time to know each other. Ask them to share their stories with you – their journeys in life. Find out what makes them tick, their strengths and weaknesses, their temperament. If possible spend time with them outside of the “lodge environment” where you regularly see them. This will develop your relationship in a way it hasn’t before, and it will help you grow as a leader, and more importantly - a friend.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

Rev. Mike Hackbarth, Chaplain
Wisconsin Elks Associachaption



AARON HOLBROOK
WEA Publicity Chair

The Elks pledge that “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

According to chairman Mike Liebelt, “The Elks National Service Committee takes that pledge one step further and promises to help veterans wherever and whenever we can, with a special focus on those in need.”

The state committee does this by working with Veteran’s Administration Hospitals, clinics, hospice and care facilities. Those include facilities in Tomah, Milwaukee and King but also throughout Wisconsin where Elks provide financial and volunteer assistance to local clinics.

“By partnering with these facilities and groups we are able get resources to where they are needed most,” Liebelt said.

Each of our represented facilities receive a monthly stipend, ranging from \$125 to \$150, which the site representatives allocate as needed. The stipends can be reduced or increased as budgets items change. This money helps to cover the incidental needs that arise which are not covered by money received directly from Grand Lodge.

Those funds come from the Wisconsin Elks Association with about \$16,000 budgeted annually.

“Those of us who are veterans understand the special bond we have with our fellow brothers and sisters who have also served,” Liebelt said. “This bond does not end when the person leaves the service. We understand veterans and the difficulties that can happen after leaving the service.”

Liebelt said that bond is reinforced by the charitable nature of Elks who live the motto “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

The reward, Liebelt said is knowing you are making a difference and seeing that difference in the smiles, tears hugs and salutes you get.

“We are honored to help our fellow Veterans, it is the right thing to do,” Liebelt said.

According to the 2021-22 State Directory, members of the committee are chairman Mike Liebelt, Tom Widzinski, Ken Bruckner, Co-chair Patrick Moore, Joe Harrer, Andy Larson, Glenn Linzmeier, Roman Baca, Troy Magnuson, Harvey Lewis, Kay Buck, Diane Hinze, Tim Shortstreet, David Siewert, Dr. Tina Lamb, Frank Haffner.

Also volunteering to carry out the mission are Tony Voulgaris, Pat Tabb, Daniel Hedrington, Robert Rennels, B. Thomas DiSalvo, W. Steve Gilfoy, Phil Claiborne, Thomas Liebaert, Samuel Jirschele, Jeremy Carolfi, Barbara Berres, James Campbell and many other Elks.

Editor’s note: This article is first in a series about Wisconsin Elks Association committees. Any questions or comments can be directed to Aaron Holbrook, aholbrook@wiscnews.com.

SOUTH DISTRICT VP



The holiday season is now upon us and our Lodges within the South District are hard at work assisting our communities. While we may be the smallest district in the state, our Lodges are full of heart and are committed to their communities in the best capacity available. Sometimes we forget there are many that are less fortunate or just going through a hard time, and the holiday season reminds us of this and helps kickstart additional projects. It has been amazing to watch our Lodges use their grants to assist food banks, homeless and organizations that keep their communities alive.

I am proud of the Lodges in this district for they have overcome some challenges within leadership and continue to work on their facilities or meeting locations. It has been great to see each one of our Lodges bring in new members little by little. Of course we can not forget about those that fell delinquent. One of the big things I have stressed with the Lodges is that no matter how many members you initiate, start to work with those members to help assist with volunteering on one of the multiple committees, or assisting with an event.

I encourage our members throughout the state to travel to the South District for one of the multiple events our Lodges host, from fundraisers to live music, bingo and even wrestling. Recently each Lodge hosted an event to honor our nation's Veterans and have held their annual Memorial Service remembering those who are no longer with us. Of course, now prepping for Hoop Shoot.

But now on a personal note... Waukesha's community has endured a tragedy on what should have been a joyous holiday celebration. Still to this day our community continues to pray for those still fighting and recovering from their injuries, and we are fighting to find the road to healing. This tragedy has brought together members of not only our community, but communities from across this state and our great nation. We can't thank our fellow Elks enough for keeping Waukesha in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,
Jason Somers, PER
South District Vice President

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	WEA - 2022 Mid Winter	
	SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
		ROOM
	Meet & Greet	Plaza Club
<u>Friday, Feb. 18 2022</u>		
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	B.O.D.	Bear Room
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Bear Room
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Long Hall Way
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Bear Room
<u>Saturday, Feb.19 2022</u>		
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	Long Hall Way
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	Oneida
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	Tuscarora
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Mohawk
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Michigan
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Cayuga
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	Huron
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Seneca
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	Bear
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	Ontario
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Turtle
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	To be Determined
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Oneida
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks Major Project	Mohawk
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations & Membership	Turtle
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Tuscarora
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Onondaga
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest &ENF Scholarship	Seneca
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	Bear
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Huron
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Vets.	Michigan
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Huron
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Conferences and Conventions	Seneca
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation	Bear
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At their Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Mohawk
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling/Golf/Bowling	Ontario
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Officer Training	Turtle
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Tuscarora
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	Onondaga
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Mohawk
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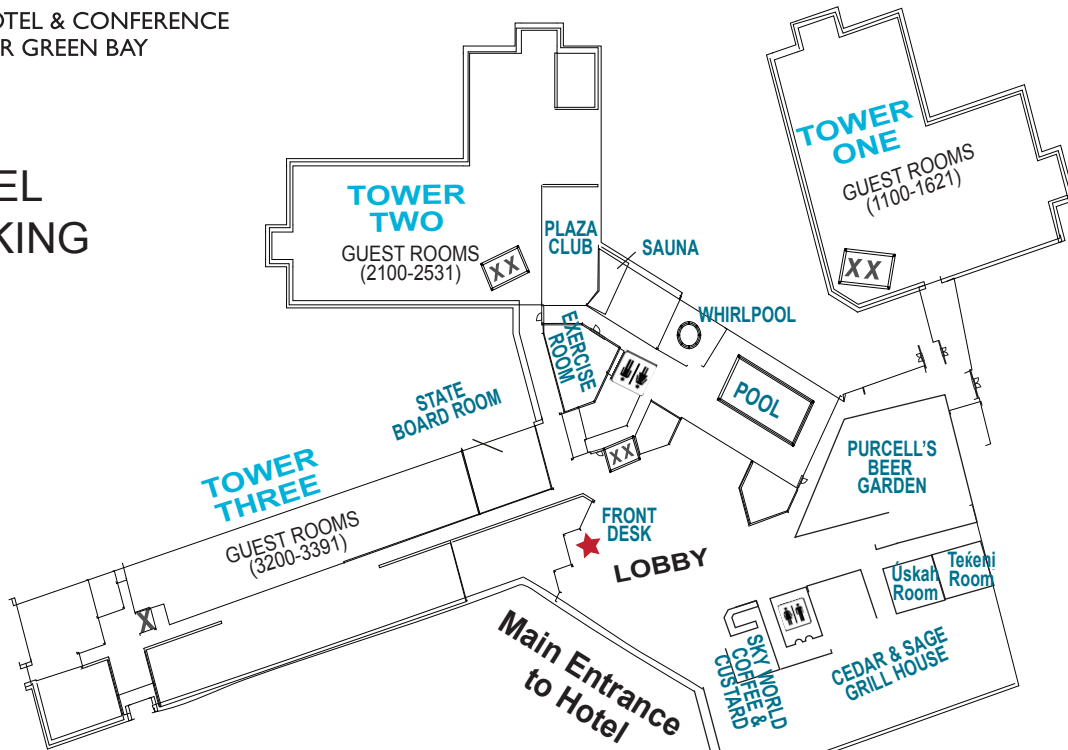
11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Grand Council Ball Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Wolf Room
1:30PM -3:30	MP March	Wolf Room
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	Michigan
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Wolf Room
7:00 PM	Banquet	Wolf Room
<u>Sunday, Feb.20 2022</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Wolf Room

The Spring Convention will be at the Paper Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Appleton.

April 28th to May 1st 2022

Phone number 920-733-8000. The room rate is \$108.00 and the block cut off date is Mar. 30th 2022

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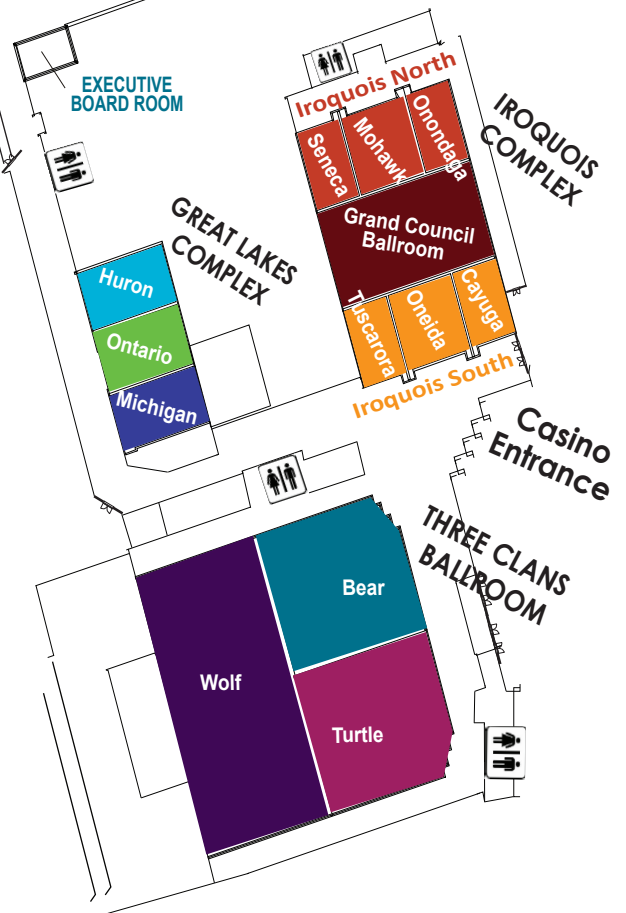
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	GRAND COUNCIL BALLROOM	
	IROQUOIS SOUTH	
	Tuscarora	
	Oneida	
	Cayuga	

THREE CLANS BALLROOM

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	TURTLE	
	WOLF	



CENTRAL DISTRICT V.P.



Sitting at my desk on this Thanksgiving Day while preparing this letter for the Winter Bugle, I cannot help but reflect on all the great works that the Wisconsin Central District Elks have performed since my last Bugle report. For all of these works, our district can truly give thanks today ... membership is growing, members are actively engaged in our charitable works, and our communities are feeling our presence with the charitable works that we do.

In September, it was so great to reunite with our Elk brothers and sisters at our Fall convention in Appleton. The dinner message from T. Keith Mills, our Grand Exalted Ruler, was so inspiring and we all knew it was delivered sincerely from his heart. After hearw

Space does not allow me to expound on all the good works of the Central District, I shall instead summarize those that have caught my eye:

Baraboo continues to grow in membership and astoundingly they are getting a large group of reinstatements which shows that people are coming back as they see the good works of the Elks organization. Our monthly basket raffle program is beyond any expectations where members donate a major gift basket with ALL funds collected given to a local charity. Our October basket netted \$725. Three of four ENF grants have been awarded with the fourth grant in process for the 2022 Prom for Special Needs in heavy planning. Our 104th Annual Kids' Christmas Party is December 18th.

Beaver Dam, while small in number, is certainly big in heart. They hosted a bowling tournament which netted \$1200 for local charities. Hoop Shoot is in motion. They gave \$250 to pregnancy awareness. Members are presently selling Super Bowl raffle tickets.

Neenah/Menasha is working with membership including chili cookoff competition, Halloween party and Friday night bar board games. They are supporters of two Scout programs. Currently, they are in the process of providing grant money to parks for handicap swings for local parks awaiting approval from local authorities.

Oshkosh is doing a great job in member participation with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a bed building program which supplies beds for those in need. They continue to host Packer parties and meat raffles. Members recently used grant money to fund shoes and boots for the Boys and Girls club. Currently, they are working hard to bring in 10 new members.

Portage: Portage continues to work hard on membership and reinstaments. Several activities include planning to finalize their annual Shop with a Cop program funded by a grant. Members are enjoying their Packer parties planned for all noon and 3:15 games. Portage will have a float in the Portage Christmas Parade.

Sheboygan: Our largest chapter in the Central district reported 18 members awaiting initiation on Nov. 30th. Community activities include Salvation bell ringing, Coats for Kids, Hoop Shoot, and Adopt a Family, and Scholarships. Weekly Friday specials, bowling, pub night, and weekly pizza nights help engage members.

Watertown: Watertown Elks held their Heros Cafe to increase awareness and participation. They have a Bean Bag league and Sheepshead on Tuesdays. Members continue to work on lodge physical needs including improvements to air handling and kitchen needs. This Lodge is planning a Breakfast with Santa.

These events I've recognized don't even cover all of the good work that go Unmentioned in each lodge. I am so proud of the Central District and truly honored to represent you as your Vice President of the Central District this year.

CENTRAL DISTRICT V.P. Continued

I cannot complete this Thanksgiving message without humbly thanking all my Elk brothers and sisters for all your thoughts, cards and prayers as Kathy and I journey through my bout with cancer. I am happy to report that I have now completed my final chemo treatment this week. Side effects are certainly not pleasant, but treatments are available to help. When elected, I had big plans to visit all central district lodges more than once this year but fate prevented that. However, we have been able to attend all of the State President Visits in our district thus far, and we thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the members of each lodge. Hospitality is definitely homegrown and heartfelt in the Central District! Again, thank you for all your support!!

Yours in Elkdom

Jim Francisco

Wi. Central District V.P.

The Benevolent fund raising committee has agreed to take over the Association basket raffle. So please bring your items to donate for this long running event. All profits will go to the Benevolent fund.

Nan would like to say thanks and now make this even bigger and better.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP



I'd like to wish everyone a safe holiday and a good old-fashioned Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Keep a close eye on your fellow members, through these tumultuous times we see in the news and our local communities it's so important to be safe and aware of your surroundings. My heartfelt prayers go out the Waukesha lodge and community. We need more than ever to support each other and do what we can to build strong neighborhoods.

I'm really happy to see new gains in the Northeast Region #9600 with 78 new initiates from the last Grand Lodge Report. It's good to see us focusing on retention of new members, collecting past dues, and reminding all members to get involved! Also keep in mind the upcoming grant deadlines for your respective lodges, make sure you're submitting on time!

I'm happy to hear that tradition is ringing strong at the Green Bay lodge with their Annual Candy Cane Ball and Oconto's Famous Venison Stew Feed. I'm looking forward

to the upcoming Presidents visits at these lodges.

Looking forward to seeing all the fliers for the upcoming Breakfasts with Santa, don't forget!

I'm really proud to see the Good Fellowship program thrive in so many lodges, helping those in need this Holiday Season. It's always good to see our members helping their local communities and I encourage everyone to focus on publicizing their efforts! You deserve recognition for all the amazing work you are doing on behalf of Good Fellowship. Reach out to social media to get exposure so we are passing the message to the community about all the good things The Elks does on a regular basis. It's not simply to toot our own horns, but to show potential members that we are the premiere non-profit fraternal organization in North America!

It's with a heavy heart that a great friend, brother, and mentor has passed... Marty Sullivan. He stood tall in adversity, was a pillar of Wausau Lodge #248 for years, and he was true to his word. I will miss him.

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 please use
b.conard@sbcglobal.net

CENTRAL DISTRICT DEPUTY



I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be your District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler again for the year 2021-2022.

Again, as you know we were installed as District Deputies to the Grand Exalted Ruler at the Wednesday session of the Grand Lodge. My team remained the same.

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.

All our lodge inspections are done. My District ER's just need to keep sending me their monthly reports and I will get you the FRS Reports. We are going to reschedule or spring DD Clinic due to conflict with our conference. Date to be determined in April Sometime.

Our Central District is very strong. 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.

Keep up the great work on all our donations to great community groups and activities.

I 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

Having a great year. Fraternally Yours David A. DeCono DDGER

Happy Holidays.

GREETINGS FROM THE NORTHWEST!



Looking back just a little bit, I would like to express sincere gratitude at being able to attend the Fall Conference. It seemed like an eternity since I've seen so many of you face-to-face, and it was great to talk with everyone again. A big Thank You to the team running the Wisconsin Elks Association Facebook page for keeping us all in touch in the meantime. If you are on Facebook, this is a great way to see other Lodges' successes that the rest of us can build from.

As we slide past Fall and the light of day sinks heedlessly quicker into the West, it becomes more important for us to reach out to our fellow Elks and make sure we don't get trapped in by the four walls come Winter. The Northwest District Lodges do a great job of keeping members active and participating in their communities. One of the best examples of this is Superior Lodge #403's Community Soup Fest and Winter Gear Give-Away, where the soup is free and Winter clothing is given away to those in need. Chippewa Falls #1326 has used the Spotlight and Beacon grants to help Barnabas Table, St. Francesca, and Agnes Table feed the community's hungry. Eau Claire #402 held a Children's Halloween party and Rice Lake is planning a kid's based Supper with Santa. Stevens Point #641 made a huge ham donation to Salvation Army Hope Center while targeting their 13th Dictionary project to rural schools in need.

And as the snowflakes fall, it will be important for Lodges to keep active to retain our membership and attract even more. Many Northwestern Lodges plan for monthly Steak Feed and Fish Fry events, Packer game get-togethers (great season for that!!), Christmas and New Year's Eve parties, and a Northwest favorite – the Meat Raffle!

May your fireplaces and friendships bring warmth to body and soul this Winter

Fraternally,

Greg Mazur
VP Northwest District #9640

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE MARCH 24, 2022

STATE CONVENTION – APRIL 28TH-MAY 1ST, 2022
PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER, APPLETON
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. CONVENTION
(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			
Roasted Pork Loin	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
OR			
Italian Chicken Senese	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Roasted Pork Loin	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
OR			
Italian Chicken Senese	-----	_____ @\$16.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Chicken Cordon Bleu	-----	_____ @\$21.00	\$ _____
OR			
Baked Haddock	-----	_____ @\$21.00	\$ _____
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:

Italian Chicken Senese: Boneless Breast of Chicken Crusted with Parmesan Cheese and topped with an Herb Marinara Sauce. Served with Broccoli Florets and Pasta, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

Roasted Pork Loin: Roasted Pork Loin Rubbed with Honey and Thyme topped with a light Supreme Sauce. Served with Broccoli Florets and Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter 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: A Boneless Haddock Fillet, baked with Lemon Pepper and Toasted Almonds.

Both Banquet meals served with Green Beans Almandine, Baked Potato, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea and Milk.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 24, 2022 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.**



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COMMITTEE NAME:

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

BUDGET REQUEST:

BUDGET YEAR:

DUE BY APRIL 1

BUDGET YEAR

ACCOUNT #

LAST YEAR BUDGET:

LAST YEAR SPENT:

(TO BE FILLED IN BY STATE SEC'Y)

Please explain in detail on the page how the requested funds will be used. Miscellaneous should not exceed 5% of your request. When the amount has been approved by the Wisconsin Elks Association Board of Directors and the budget passed, the items listed are approved for expenditures. If expenses occur that are not listed, ***prior authorization* MUST COME FROM** the Wisconsin Elks Association Board of Directors. Please use additional pages as needed for the list.

NOTE: All requests for remaining funds for the current year must be submitted to me by **March 1st**. **After March 1st, the accounts are closed.**

This form is available on the web site (wielks.com) under Publications/Forms. Please fill it out and e-mail it to me at elksbugle@aol.com (***preferred method***) or mail to Ken Johnson, State Secretary, WEA, 1602 FootHill Avenue, Schofield, WI **by April 1st**. **Every committee must have a form on file.**

Green Bay Elks Lodge #259

Prime Rib Dinner

Friday, February 3, 2021

Prime Rib Dinner includes:

- ◇ Prime Rib
- ◇ Baked Potato
- ◇ Mixed Vegetable
- ◇ Roll
- ◇ Fresh Green Salad



Come for Dinner and Stay for the Drinks!

RAFFLES

RSVP to Joe Heimerl at
bpoe.joe@gmail.com

50/50

RSVP before
Sunday, January 23, 2021
dinner costs \$20

RSVP on or after
Monday, January 24, 2021
dinner costs \$25

STATE PRESIDENT SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 3	GREEN BAY
DECEMBER 4	OCONTO VENISON FEED & VISIT
DECEMBER 11	ANTIGO
JANUARY 15	MARINETTE
JANUARY 29	MILWAUKEE
FEBRUARY 5	BEAVER DAM
FEBRUARY 18-20	MID-WINTER CONFERENCE GREEN BAY
FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 12	MARSHFIELD ELKS STATE BOWLING
FEBRUARY 12	WAUSAU STATE HOOP SHOOT & VISIT
FEBRUARY 19	BEAVER DAM
MARCH 11	MANITOWOC
MARCH 12	SHEBOYGAN
MARCH 19	REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT IOWA CITY
MARCH 25	ST. POINT
MARCH 26	WIS RAPIDS
APRIL 2	PLATTEVILLE
APRIL 9	JANESVILLE
APRIL 29-MAY 1	SPRING CONVENTION APPLETON
APRIL 30	NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT CHICAGO

It is strange... that the years teach us patience; that the shorter our time, the greater our capacity for waiting.



G.E.R Mills

Lady of the Year & Elks of the Year. Thanks Jerry





Bruce Conard ER of the Year

Green Bay # 259 Lodge of the Year





On behalf of the Johnson family I want to thank all of you especially State President Jerry for these awards. Nan asked what I thought the reason was she received this award, my answer was the works she does for the W.E.A. and the funds she helps raise to give to the W.E.A. Charities. She replies that isn't that what Elks are supposed to do, help those who are less fortunate than others. I think she had Elkdom figured out.

Most of you know that Nan passed away Oct.14th and she would and was elated at the amount of RED COATS that were at her Church service. Her extended family. By her request all Memorial funds received were donated to the Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund.

Thank you all for the kind words and support during this time.

Ken Johnson
State Secretary
Wisconsin Elks Association

Snowflakes To Heaven At Christmas

I send this snowflake
with a hug and a kiss,
to those in heaven
that I love and I miss.

I'm sharing this snowflake
in loving memory of my family
and friends who have passed away.
I miss you, I think about you
every day.
I will never forget you .



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December 1

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