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120TH ANNUAL SESSION***

APRIL 29TH THRU MAY 1ST, 2022

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2022 WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
SPRING CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday, April 30, 2022
Hilton Appleton Paper Valley
Appleton, Wisconsin

1 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, welcome. Welcome
2 to everyone. Please turn off your cell
3 phones. Fines of \$20 will be collected for
4 any phone ringing.

5 I now call this general session of
6 the 2022 Spring State Convention of the
7 Wisconsin Elks Association to order. For
8 the record, I want to acknowledge the State
9 President's jewels that I'm going to take
10 out right now.

11 As I was saying, for the record, I
12 want to acknowledge the State President's
13 jewels that I'm wearing were the jewels from
14 the late PSP Ken Thomack, Kaukauna 962, that
15 he wore as State President from 2002-2003.
16 Ken initiated me into the Elks and mentored
17 me on much of my journey through Elkdom, and
18 I wear them in honor of him.

19 The gavel I'm using was a gift from
20 Nikki and Ron Shannon, Beaver Dam 1540. I
21 thank them for their guidance.

22 Sergeant-at-Arms -- He's already
23 sitting here. He was supposed to be
24 escorted in, but thank you for being here,
25 Lou. That's what you get when you look at

1 your notes.

2 I ask the State Chaplain, Reverend
3 Mike Hackbarth, for the invocation.

4 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
5 me.

6 Almighty and ever-living God, source
7 of all wisdom and understanding, be present
8 with those who take counsel at this
9 Wisconsin Elks Association convention.
10 Teach us and all things to seek first your
11 honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what
12 is right and grant us both the courage to
13 pursue it and the grace to accomplish it.
14 Amen.

15 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Reverend
16 Mike. Remain standing. Please salute our
17 flag and please recite with me the Pledge of
18 Allegiance.

19 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

20 JERRY BRIEN: The State Secretary
21 will now take the roll call.

22 (Feedback noise.)

23 KEN JOHNSON: This was a test and
24 only a test. Okay. Now, I'm going to give
25 you the directions how to start with this.

1 My name is Ken Johnson. I'm from Wausau
2 Lodge Number 248. I'm the State Secretary.
3 This is what you do when you come to the
4 microphone. It's being recorded. It'll be
5 transcribed. I'm going to assess fines if
6 I've got to call out your names and remind
7 you who you are later.

8 State President Jerry Brien.

9 JERRY BRIEN: Here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: President-Elect Dave
11 Hagen.

12 DAVE HAGEN: Here.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President North
14 Greg Mazur.

15 GREG MAZUR: Here.

16 KEN JOHNSON: That was Northwest.

17 But Vice-President Northeast Bruce Conard.

18 BRUCE CONARD: Here.

19 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President Central
20 Jim Francisco.

21 JIM FRANCISCO: Here.

22 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President South
23 Jason Somers.

24 JASON SOMERS: Here.

25 KEN JOHNSON: Secretary Ken Johnson,

1 present.

2 Treasurer Jeff Langton.

3 JEFF LANGTON: Here.

4 KEN JOHNSON: Chaplain Reverend

5 Michael Hackbarth.

6 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Present.

7 KEN JOHNSON: Tiler Nikki Shannon.

8 NIKKI SHANNON: Here.

9 KEN JOHNSON: Sergeant-at-Arms Don

10 Behnke.

11 DON BEHNKE: Present.

12 KEN JOHNSON: Inner Guard Ryan

13 Swantz.

14 RYAN SWANTZ: Here.

15 KEN JOHNSON: Parliamentarian Rob

16 Radig.

17 ROB RADIG: Here.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Protocol for Conferences

19 and Conventions Todd Kostuck.

20 TODD KOSTUCK: Here.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Editor of the Bugle Ken

22 Johnson, present.

23 Photographer Pat Buck.

24 PAT BUCK: Here.

25 KEN JOHNSON: The Insurance Advisor

1 Tom Ketchum is excused. Grant Coordinator
2 Pam Schedivy.
3 PAM SCHEDIVY: Here.
4 KEN JOHNSON: And State Trustees,
5 with the chairman, David DeRosier, first.
6 DAVID DeROSIER: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: Secretary Rob Radig.
8 ROB RADIG: (Inaudible.)
9 KEN JOHNSON: Jaye Franklin.
10 JAYE FRANKLIN: Here.
11 KEN JOHNSON: Karl Hanke.
12 KARL HANKE: Absolutely.
13 KEN JOHNSON: And Tony Voulgaris is
14 excused. He's at Hoop Shoot.
15 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Ken.
16 KEN JOHNSON: I'm not done.
17 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Ken.
18 KEN JOHNSON: Our State Sponsor, Lou
19 Sulsberger.
20 LOU SULSBERGER: Present and
21 accounted for.
22 KEN JOHNSON: We're going to hit the
23 District Deputies from the...
24 Nathalie Kramer.
25 NATHALIE KRAMER: Here.

1 KEN JOHNSON: And Tom Weller.
2 TOM WELLER: (No response.)
3 KEN JOHNSON: David DeCono.
4 DAVID DeCONO: Yes, sir.
5 KEN JOHNSON: And Ben Godlewski.
6 BEN GODLEWSKI: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: I know. Our sponsors,
8 from the Central, Tom Widzinski.
9 TOM WIDZINSKI: (No response.)
10 KEN JOHNSON: I know he's around
11 here, trust me. Northeast, Bill Forrest.
12 BILL FORREST: Present.
13 KEN JOHNSON: Northwest, George
14 Myers, he's excused. He went home ill.
15 South, Ron Bertrand, who's not feeling well,
16 either.
17 This is it, unless you want me to go
18 right to the lodges now.
19 JERRY BRIEN: Go right to the lodges.
20 KEN JOHNSON: Okay. Again, we all
21 know the rules and the lodges. If you are
22 here absolutely representing your lodge,
23 just say, "Here." If not, you're not.
24 Antigo.
25 ANTIGO: Here.

1 KEN JOHNSON: Appleton.
2 APPLETON: Here.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Ashland.
4 ASHLAND: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: Baraboo.
6 BARABOO: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: Beaver Dam.
8 BEAVER DAM: Here.
9 KEN JOHNSON: Beloit.
10 BELOIT: Here.
11 KEN JOHNSON: Chippewa Falls.
12 CHIPPEWA FALLS: Here.
13 KEN JOHNSON: Eau Claire.
14 EAU CLAIRE: Here.
15 KEN JOHNSON: Green Bay.
16 GREEN BAY: Here.
17 KEN JOHNSON: Janesville.
18 JANESVILLE: Here.
19 KEN JOHNSON: Kaukauna.
20 KAUKAUNA: Here.
21 KEN JOHNSON: Madison.
22 MADISON: (No response.)
23 KEN JOHNSON: Going once. Madison.
24 MADISON: (No response.)
25 KEN JOHNSON: Manitowoc.

1 MANITOWOC: Here.
2 KEN JOHNSON: Marinette.
3 MARINETTE: Here.
4 KEN JOHNSON: Marshfield.
5 MARSHFIELD: Here.
6 KEN JOHNSON: Milwaukee.
7 MILWAUKEE: Here.
8 KEN JOHNSON: Neenah/Menasha.
9 NEENAH/MENASHA: Here.
10 KEN JOHNSON: Oconto.
11 OCONTO: Here.
12 KEN JOHNSON: Oshkosh.
13 OSHKOSH: Here.
14 KEN JOHNSON: Platteville.
15 PLATTEVILLE: Here.
16 KEN JOHNSON: Portage.
17 PORTAGE: Here.
18 KEN JOHNSON: Rice Lake.
19 RICE LAKE: Here.
20 KEN JOHNSON: Sheboygan.
21 SHEBOYGAN: Here.
22 KEN JOHNSON: Stevens Point.
23 STEVENS POINT: Here.
24 KEN JOHNSON: Superior.
25 SUPERIOR: Here.

1 KEN JOHNSON: Watertown.
2 WATERTOWN: Here.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Waukesha.
4 WAUKESHA: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: Wausau.
6 WAUSAU: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: Wisconsin Rapids.
8 WISCONSIN RAPIDS: Here.
9 KEN JOHNSON: Mr. President, let the
10 record show all lodges were present except
11 for Madison. That concludes my roll call.
12 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Ken. As we
13 begin this business session, I wish to
14 remind you that anytime you are addressing
15 the membership or at the microphone for any
16 reason, please begin by stating your name,
17 your lodge name, and number. This is
18 required so the proceedings of the session
19 are recorded accurately.
20 The minutes of the 2021 Wisconsin
21 Elks State Virtual Convention, recorded in
22 Waukesha, Wisconsin, have previously been
23 made available on our Wisconsin Elks
24 Facebook page on September 30th, 2021 via
25 the dropbox.com.

1 Are there any additions or corrections
2 to the published meeting minutes?

3 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, State
4 Secretary, Wausau 248, makes a motion to
5 approve as been published.

6 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second for
7 that motion?

8 KEVIN LONIEN: Kevin Lonien,
9 Milwaukee Lodge Number 46, seconds the
10 motion.

11 JERRY BRIEN: All in favor, please
12 signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk.
13 Opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

14 I now recognize Marla Gygli,
15 chairperson of the Credentials and Elections
16 Committee, for her preliminary report.

17 MARLA GYGLI: Good afternoon,
18 everybody. Marla Gygli, Rice Lake Lodge
19 1441. We had 165 preregister for this
20 convention, 63 registered on site, for a
21 total of 228 registrations. All 29 lodges
22 were represented. We gave out 198
23 credentials.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Marla.
25 We'll now proceed to the election procedure.

1 I now recognize Rob Radig, Senior, Past
2 State President, State Parliamentarian, to
3 explain the nomination and election
4 procedure.

5 ROB RADIG: Good afternoon, ladies
6 and gentlemen. Rob Radig, Beaver Dam Lodge
7 Number 1540, State Parliamentarian. The
8 bylaws of the Wisconsin Elks Association
9 provide for the election of officers at this
10 convention, which is one of the most
11 important decisions that we will make each
12 year as we elect new leadership and inject
13 renewed enthusiasm into our association.

14 Regarding offices, all Elks in good
15 standing in this association are eligible to
16 hold office with the exception of the office
17 of President and President-Elect. These
18 offices can only be held by a Past Exalted
19 Ruler. Nominations are to be made from the
20 floor for all elective offices. With
21 respect to the office of Vice-President,
22 they are nominated and elected only from
23 their corresponding Grand Lodge district.
24 Vote only for the candidates nominated
25 within your district.

1 Trustees are selected one Trustee
2 from each Grand Lodge district. Today we
3 are selecting Trustees from the Northeast
4 and Northwest districts for three-year
5 terms. I remind you that Trustee positions
6 are voted on by the entire delegation, so no
7 matter what district you are in, you vote
8 for Trustees in all districts.

9 This year we will also elect a
10 Treasurer, which is a two-year term.

11 If there are more than two candidates
12 for any position, after balloting if no
13 candidate receives a majority of the votes
14 cast, a run-off election for the office
15 shall immediately be conducted, the voting
16 being on the two candidates receiving the
17 largest number of votes on the first ballot.
18 In order for a run-off to be avoided, the
19 candidate must receive 50 percent plus one,
20 or as indicated, a majority.

21 This year we have two announced
22 candidates for the President-Elect, so a
23 run-off will only happen if a third is
24 nominated from the floor. If at any time of
25 completing the nominations where there is

1 one candidate for any office, the President
2 may direct the casting of a unanimous ballot
3 for such candidates.

4 Upon completion of the balloting and
5 tabulation of the count, the President will
6 call upon Marla Gygli, chairman of the --
7 chair of the Elections and Credentials
8 Committee, who shall report the results of
9 the election by reporting the number of
10 votes cast for each candidate for office.

11 Finally, I propose the following
12 rules for nomination and seconding speeches:
13 For President-Elect, one nominating speech
14 of not more than three minutes, and two
15 seconding speeches of no more than one
16 minute each. In these cases, seconding
17 speeches are optional.

18 For all other offices, one nominating
19 speech of not more than one minute, seconding
20 speeches will not be necessary.

21 Mr. President, I move for the
22 adoption of these rules for nomination.

23 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second?

24 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson,
25 Wausau 248, seconds.

1 JERRY BRIEN: All in favor, please
2 signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk.
3 Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Motion
4 carried. Thank you, Rob.

5 I will now entertain nominations for
6 the office of State President-Elect. Please,
7 I don't want to do this again another year.

8 DAVE DeROSIER: Good afternoon. Dave
9 DeRosier, Milwaukee Lodge Number 46. It's
10 my honor and pleasure to nominate a very
11 good friend of mine, Pat Moran, Milwaukee
12 Lodge Number 46, for the position of
13 President-Elect.

14 I have worked with Pat for many
15 years, actually over 10 years, and he has
16 demonstrated leadership and guidance and
17 organization skills it takes for this
18 position. He asked me, and I do mean he
19 asked me, and I agreed to do this for him
20 because he is my friend, to say a few kind
21 words for him.

22 During his year at our lodge, he
23 served in all the chairs and was ER in
24 2016-2017. After completing his term,
25 Milwaukee lodge was named the Wisconsin Elks

1 State Lodge of the Year, an award that
2 doesn't come easy. It took 30 years to get
3 us again.

4 During his term as our -- our lodge
5 finished in the black for the first time in
6 ten years. That's quite an impressive
7 record, because I know that lodge. I'm the
8 treasurer.

9 His leadership during the terms was
10 outstanding and respected by our members.
11 At our lodge, he earned several awards,
12 including Officer of the Year, PER of the
13 Year, and serving two times -- terms as PER
14 President. He's worked as a volunteer in
15 many events, and organized several
16 fundraisers, and boy, do I know how
17 successful those were, because I worked
18 right with him.

19 After completing his term as ER, he
20 was elected as South District VP for three
21 consecutive terms. It took him that long to
22 get it right. He's created many and
23 numerous friendships as he did his term as
24 Vice-President. Pat also served as
25 Secretary to the District Deputy three

1 times, acquiring knowledge of Grand Lodge
2 procedures along the way. And he currently
3 serves as the ENF chairman for the South
4 district.

5 Pat is currently serving as chairman
6 of the Board of Directors of the Milwaukee
7 Lodge. This the a huge undertaking, because
8 you consider the size of our building and
9 the amenities we offer to our membership,
10 and anybody who's been to our lodge should
11 know that.

12 He initiated plans and saw them
13 through for the installation of a new roof
14 of our lodge. Over \$150,000. And that roof
15 has a 30-year lifetime guarantee,
16 workmanship and material. Now that's what I
17 call negotiation.

18 When he starts something, he gets it
19 done, and he gets it done correctly. Pat
20 and his wife, Pam, are committed to the many
21 programs offered by the Elks at all levels.
22 I know he'll do a good job in this position;
23 therefore, I urge you to consider the vote
24 for State President-Elect, my friend, my
25 brother, Pat Moran, Milwaukee Lodge

1 Number 46.

2 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second for
3 that nomination?

4 DAVE LANG: Dave Lang, Milwaukee
5 Lodge 46, I second.

6 JERRY BRIEN: Parliamentarian, I
7 believe that there were two people who were
8 going to second that, and that individual
9 came up just to say the second, thinking he
10 had to do for a second. So we let the two
11 of them?

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN: (Inaudible.)

13 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, the
14 Parliamentarian has -- I'm going to let Ken
15 talk about this one. Mr. Lang, we'd ask if
16 you'd please go to the microphone, if you
17 care to rescind your second.

18 DAVE LANG: I, Dave Lang, Milwaukee
19 Lodge 46, I rescind my decision, my second.
20 Thank you.

21 JERRY BRIEN: So is there a second
22 for that nomination?

23 JEFF MILLER: Jeff Miller, Rice Lake
24 Lodge 1441, Northwest district. It is my
25 pleasure to nominate Pat Moran of Milwaukee

1 Lodge 46 for State President-Elect. I've
2 known Pat for several years, met him in
3 Houston, where we became really good friends.

4 He's attended -- We've attended
5 conventions, conferences, state meetings.
6 Pat has attended my youth activities. He's
7 always been well-organized and prepared for
8 them. He communicates very well with people
9 and is well respected by his peers not only
10 in his lodge but throughout the state.

11 Pat's past Elksdom, Pat supports and
12 participates in events at the local, the
13 district, and the state levels. He
14 currently serves as the ENF chair for the
15 South and actively encourages and supports
16 the lodges to achieve their ENF goals.

17 Pat is not afraid to take on a
18 challenge, and when he does, things get
19 done. I urge you to vote for Pat Moran,
20 Milwaukee 46. Thank you.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Do we have any other
22 seconds to that nomination?

23 NIKKI SHANNON: Good afternoon,
24 everyone. I'm Nikki Shannon, Beaver Dam
25 1540. I am honored to give a second

1 nomination for Pat Moran from the Milwaukee
2 Elks Lodge 46 for State President-Elect.

3 While I was State President, Pat was
4 my VP. He always reported on time. His
5 reports came in, all the proper information,
6 and he also adopted and gave me a format for
7 the Vice-Presidents to follow, which is done
8 to this day.

9 He has communicated clearly to the
10 State Board and on things going on in his
11 district. He kept us apprised of any
12 potential issues that there were. He wasn't
13 afraid to ask questions or offer help to any
14 lodge that needed it. During this past
15 year, I have traveled around to the
16 different State President's visits, and I
17 have watched him deliver his speeches and
18 messages along the way throughout the state.
19 He fully understands the commitment it takes
20 to be an effective State President-Elect.

21 Therefore, I urge you to cast your
22 ballot for Pat Moran today, from Milwaukee
23 Elks Lodge. Thank you.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
25 nominations for the office of State

1 President-Elect?

2 BILL FORREST: William Bill Forrest,
3 Past State President, Wausau Lodge
4 Number 248.

5 It is my honor and privilege to place
6 into nomination as President-Elect of the
7 Wisconsin Elks Association my fellow member
8 and friend, Karl Hanke.

9 Karl is a second-generation Elk,
10 following in his father's footsteps. Having
11 joined the Wausau Lodge in June of 2011,
12 Karl became active in local lodge
13 immediately, stepping into the Lecturing
14 Knight office in 2012. Karl proceeded
15 through the chairs, culminating in becoming
16 Exalted Ruler in 2015. In recognition of
17 his contributions to the lodge, he was named
18 Officer of the Year in 2013 and Elk of the
19 Year in 2016. He has also served as chair
20 of our PER Association and served in the
21 lodge on countless committees in order to
22 keep events properly organized and on
23 schedule.

24 On the state level, Karl served as
25 chairperson of the Exalted Ruler Leading

1 Knight Committee, and presently serves as
2 chair of the Membership and Lapsation
3 Committee. He has served as a State Trustee
4 since 2019. His service in this capacity
5 will serve our association well, as he knows
6 and understands the financial operations and
7 policies.

8 Karl created the state association
9 Facebook web page and continues to serve as
10 the page administrator. Karl is willing to
11 aid any lodge that needs advice and
12 assistance, from issues ranging from
13 membership growth, publicity, and answering
14 questions regarding Grand Lodge bylaws and
15 statutes.

16 During the past three years, he has
17 met individually with many, many lodges to
18 provide service and assistance. He has done
19 this willingly and with superior enthusiasm.
20 He wants every lodge to succeed, which
21 ultimately leads to the success of our
22 association.

23 In 2018, Karl was elected to the
24 position of Vice-President of the
25 association's Northeast district. He has

1 served Grand Lodge with distinction as
2 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the
3 Northeast district.

4 There's an old saying that if you
5 want to get a job done right, give it to a
6 busy person. Karl fits the bill, having
7 served as Vice-President and District Deputy
8 in the same year.

9 Elksdom is a family affair in the
10 Hanke household, with his wife, Annie,
11 joining the Wausau Lodge in 2013. She
12 presently serves as chair of the State
13 Association Lodge Activities Committee.
14 This shows me that Karl has the support and
15 dedication of his family that is necessary
16 to serve as President-Elect and ultimately
17 as President of our state association.

18 It is with pleasure that I nominate
19 my Wausau Lodge brother, Karl Hanke, as
20 President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks
21 Association for the year 2022-2023. Thank
22 you.

23 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second for
24 that nomination?

25 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam

1 Lodge 1540. It is my distinct honor to
2 second the nomination of Karl Hanke for the
3 position of President-Elect. You may ask
4 why would I want to do this. Truth is, I
5 don't have any idea other than he asked me
6 to do it.

7 I'm seconding his nomination in the
8 hopes that by winning this election, as
9 President-Elect, and subsequently as
10 President, Karl will be able to overcome his
11 fear of public speaking. The Karl Hanke we
12 all know and love is a lie. As we all know,
13 Karl is a very shy and reserved person, and
14 what we all must understand is that Karl's
15 interest in running for this position is a
16 desperate plea for help. Up to now, Karl
17 has put up a brave front, but now it's up to
18 all of us. We must help him come out of his
19 shell, shed his meek and timid nature, and
20 allow him to blossom into the person we know
21 and love, that he can possibly be.

22 All kidding aside, Karl's passion for
23 the Elks goes unmatched. When it comes to
24 membership, Karl has been a relentless
25 watchdog as Membership chair, leading the

1 state to our first gain in membership in 32
2 years. Along with our future First
3 Lady-Elect, Annie, they have bridged the
4 communication gap between lodges and our
5 members by creating the Wisconsin Elks
6 Facebook page. I hope you will join me in
7 supporting Karl as the next President-Elect
8 of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Thank
9 you.

10 JERRY BRIEN: Do we have any other
11 seconds to that nomination?

12 JEANNE LANG: Jeanne Lang, Oshkosh
13 Lodge Number 292. It is my sincere pleasure
14 to make another second nomination of Karl
15 Hanke for the position of President-Elect.
16 Karl is the epitome of what a true Elk is,
17 and although he joined our order only for
18 the social aspects, he soon found the true
19 meaning of what Elksdom is all about.

20 He developed a passion for helping
21 others in the community as well as helping
22 other lodges succeed. As the great heart of
23 Elksdom swells and throbs within Karl, he
24 actively shares ideas with all the lodges in
25 our state to help grow and retain membership,

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1 but also how to get those members involved.

2 He is continuously sharing event and
3 fundraising ideas from lodges throughout the
4 state. We all know Karl is a great
5 communicator, but he also has his finger on
6 the pulse of our lodges, which makes him an
7 excellent leader.

8 Once again, it is my great pleasure
9 to make a second nomination for Karl Hanke
10 for President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks
11 Association.

12 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
13 nominations for the office of State
14 President-Elect? Are there any other
15 nominations for the office of State
16 President-Elect? Are there any other
17 nominations for the office of State
18 President-Elect? Nominations closed. For
19 future nominations, remember, in an effort
20 to conserve time, we will eliminate a need
21 for a second to the nominations.

22 I will now open the nominations of
23 District Vice-Presidents, starting with the
24 Vice-President of the Northwest district.
25 Are there any nominations for Vice-President

1 Northwest?

2 GREG MAZUR: Greg Mazur,
3 Vice-President of the Northwest district,
4 Chippewa Falls, number 1326. It is my
5 distinct privilege to nominate Kevin Keener,
6 of Superior Lodge Number 403, for the
7 position of Vice-President Northwest
8 district.

9 Quite obvious to any of you that have
10 met or know Kevin, he embodies the cardinal
11 principals of our orders-- of our order
12 very well; charity, justice, brotherly love,
13 and fidelity. Kevin will have certainly the
14 great support of his lodge and he certainly
15 will have the great support of another great
16 Elk, his wife, Sara.

17 You know, he, as a Past Exalted Ruler
18 of the Year, he's done wonderful things for
19 his lodge, and I feel very confident he'll
20 do wonderful things for our district as
21 well. Thank you.

22 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
23 nominations for Vice-President Northwest?
24 Are there any other nominations for
25 Vice-President Northwest? Are there any

1 other nominations for Vice-President
2 Northwest? Nominations closed.

3 I will now open the nominations for
4 Vice-President Northeast. Are there any --

5 BRUCE CONARD: Bruce Conard,
6 Northeast Vice-President, Past Exalted
7 Ruler. I'd like to nominate Joe Heimerl
8 from the Green Bay Lodge 259, currently is
9 the Exalted Ruler, last year was the lodge
10 of the year. He took the Green Bay lodge
11 from nothing to something. We all know what
12 he accomplished. He's got a big heart, and
13 without Sarah, the two make a great team. I
14 nominate Joe for the Northeast VP.

15 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
16 nominations for Vice-President Northeast?
17 Are there any other nominations for
18 Vice-President Northeast? Are there any
19 other nominations for Vice-President
20 Northeast? Nominations closed.

21 I will now open the nominations for
22 Vice-President Central.

23 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan
24 Lodge Number 299. It gives me great
25 pleasure to put in a nomination for the

1 Vice-President of the Central district, Jim
2 Francisco.

3 Jim has been a very active Elk in the
4 Baraboo Lodge for a number of years, and
5 they went through, about four years ago, of
6 moving that lodge from the old Ringling
7 Building into the present facility, and
8 that's a time that I was District Deputy,
9 and I know the amount of work that he put
10 into that move and what it has taken hold,
11 the many members they have recruited back
12 into that lodge from the Baraboo area. And
13 he's a tireless worker, and he's the current
14 Vice-President, and he is so enjoying the
15 role that he wants to continue in that
16 capacity. So I thoroughly enjoy nominating
17 Jim for that position. Thank you.

18 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
19 nominations for Vice-President Central? Are
20 there any nominations for Vice-President
21 Central? Are there any other nominations
22 for Vice-President Central? Nominations
23 closed.

24 I will now open the nominations for
25 Vice-President of the South.

1 JASON SOMERS: Jason Somers,
2 Vice-President South district, Waukesha
3 Lodge Number 400. It is my pleasure, my
4 distinct honor, to nominate Manuel Salinas
5 the Third from Waukesha Lodge Number 400 as
6 the next Vice-President of the South
7 district.

8 I've known Manuel for the full 17
9 years of my membership, and his dedication
10 is above and beyond a lot of my Elks I have
11 met before. Manuel is not afraid to clean
12 off a table, talk to guests of our lodge,
13 and introduce them into the order itself and
14 talk about what it meant to be an Elk. He
15 has gained our membership, and our members
16 that he has gained have actually moved
17 through the chairs.

18 My year as ER, after 13 years, I was
19 finally able to talk Manny into becoming an
20 ER and going through the chairs. To mentor
21 him, to guide him, and to watch him grow has
22 been an honor as myself as his big brother.
23 He recently just gave up his position as our
24 PER President, but still, between his wife,
25 Sarah, and himself, have no issues

1 volunteering whatsoever at our lodge, and I
2 know that he will guide our South district
3 in the direction it needs to continue to
4 move to keep us surviving and keeping us
5 alive. So once again, it's my honor to
6 nominate Manuel Salinas as our next
7 Vice-President.

8 JERRY BRIEN: A seconding has been
9 requested. We will honor that.

10 PAT MORAN: Thank you, Jerry. Pat
11 Moran, Milwaukee Lodge 46. It is a great
12 honor to second the nomination for my good
13 friend, Manny Salinas, of Waukesha 400, for
14 the position of VP for the South district.
15 I've known and worked with Manny for several
16 years. He has always been an excellent
17 example of what Elksdom is really all about
18 and he has promoted it wherever he goes.

19 He has been involved with many
20 projects and programs in his community of
21 Waukesha, which have all been highly
22 successful and well received. He has the
23 skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm to be a
24 highly effective VP for the district. His
25 commitment to Elksdom never has to be

1 questioned. Manny can and will get the job
2 done and done correctly. For those of you
3 in the South district, rest assured that
4 Manny is an excellent choice for this
5 position, and therefore ask that you support
6 and vote for Manny. Thank you.

7 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
8 nominations for Vice-President South? Are
9 there any other nominations for
10 Vice-President South? Are there any other
11 nominations for Vice-President South?
12 Nominations closed.

13 I will now open the nominations for
14 State Treasurer.

15 DENNIS DALEY: Dennis Daley,
16 Watertown Lodge Number 666. It is an honor
17 and a privilege to place the name of Jeff
18 Langton for State Treasurer. I did have a
19 one-minute speech all planned out, but my
20 wonderful friend wouldn't let me say
21 anything else, so I'll skip all the
22 accolades and thank Jeff for the work that
23 he's done for the last, I think it's 25
24 years. Okay. I'm done.

25 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other

1 nominations for State Treasurer? Are there
2 any other nominations for State Treasurer?
3 Are there any other nominations for State
4 Treasurer? Nominations closed.

5 I will now open the nominations for
6 State Chaplain.

7 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
8 Lodge 1540. It is my distinct honor to
9 nominate Reverend Mike Hackbarth for the
10 position of State Chaplain. We all know and
11 love Mike, and he is there for everything
12 and he's been there for many of our members
13 who've had trouble. So please consider
14 balloting for Mike Hackbarth for our State
15 Chaplain. Thank you.

16 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
17 nominations for State Chaplain? Are there
18 any other nominations for State Chaplain?
19 Are there any other nominations for State
20 Chaplain? Nominations closed.

21 I will now open the nominations for
22 State Tiler.

23 RON SHANNON: Ron Shannon, Beaver Dam
24 1540. I'd like to nominate my wife, Nikki,
25 to be Tiler of the Wisconsin Elks

1 Association.

2 JERRY BRIEN: Sorry to wake you up
3 there, Ron. Nikki, for the record, you
4 could've nominated yourself. The
5 Parliamentarian said that, so...

6 Are there any other nominations for
7 State Tiler? Are there any other nominations
8 for State Tiler? Ron, are there any other
9 ones for State Tiler? Nominations closed.

10 I will now open the nominations for
11 State Sergeant-at-Arms.

12 DAVE ELLIOTT: Dave Elliott,
13 Sheboygan 299. It's my honor to nominate
14 Don Behnke as Sergeant-at-Arms. As you can
15 see, he's got the size and the height, so
16 he'd be a perfect job for this, so please
17 think of Don for your nomination. Thank
18 you.

19 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
20 nominations for State Sergeant-at-Arms? Are
21 there any other nominations for State
22 Sergeant-at-Arms? Are there any other
23 nominations for State Sergeant-at-Arms?
24 Nominations closed.

25 I will now open the nominations for

1 State Inner Guard.

2 SHANE WAGNER: Shane Wagner, ER,
3 Watertown Lodge 666. I'd like to nominate
4 Ryan Swantz for State Inner Guard. I've
5 known him for about six or seven years and
6 he's now in his 23rd year as an Elk. He's
7 served the Elks in many capacities over the
8 years, and if I go through this, it's going
9 to take a half an hour, but currently he
10 serves as the Lodge Grant Coordinator where
11 he's obtained \$34,500 in ENF grants for the
12 lodge in only three years.

13 When our lodge Esquire retired this
14 past year after six years in her position,
15 Ryan was willing to assume the position and
16 join my officer team this year. I know him
17 to be somebody I can turn to for advice and
18 assistance whenever I may need it.

19 He has supported our lodge through
20 many events, and let's see here, two terms
21 as PER Associate President -- Association
22 President, and six terms as PER Association
23 Secretary.

24 Outside of the Elks, he's a dedicated
25 public servant, having worked for the State

1 of Wisconsin for 12 years before switching
2 careers to the City of Sun Prairie for six
3 months.

4 Ryan and his wife, Joy, are both
5 loyal and dedicated Elks who serve our order
6 with passion and dedication, so it's my
7 honor to nominate a dedicated Elk, one of my
8 mentors as Exalted Ruler, and a good friend,
9 for this position. So I ask that you
10 support Ryan for the 10th term as State
11 Inner Guard.

12 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
13 nominations for State Inner Guard? Are
14 there any other nominations for State Inner
15 Guard? Are there any other nominations for
16 State Inner Guard? Nominations closed.

17 I recognize Ken Johnson behind me.
18 Everything pauses when Ken comes. I will
19 now open the nominations for State Trustee
20 Northwest.

21 TODD KOSTUCK: Todd Kostuck,
22 Platteville Lodge Number 1460. I'm here to
23 nominate Jaye Franklin for Trustee Northwest.
24 Jaye Franklin was Exalted Ruler in 2010, has
25 been on the Lodge Board of Directors. He's

1 also been Lodge Secretary. He was Northwest
2 VP in 2010-2011. He's presently on the
3 State Major Project. In 2013, he was the
4 Northwest District Trustee, elected for the
5 first time. In 2015, DD Grand Exalted Ruler
6 for the Northwest. He was also District
7 Leader in 2016-2017 -- 2014-2015.

8 Jaye has been a member for 21 years.
9 He looks forward to serving another term as
10 your Trustee and appreciates your support,
11 so please join me in supporting Jaye
12 Franklin. Thank you.

13 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
14 nominations for State Trustee Northwest?
15 Are there any other nominations for State
16 Trustee Northwest? Are there any other
17 nominations for Trustee Northwest?
18 Nominations closed.

19 I will now open the nominations for
20 State Trustee Northeast.

21 BILL FORREST: Bill Forrest, Wausau
22 Lodge 248. It is my pleasure to nominate my
23 very good friend and fellow Elk as Trustee
24 of the Northeast district of the Wisconsin
25 Elks Association, Raymond J. Dabler.

1 Ray and I were initiated in the same
2 initiation class 50 years ago, so I'm proud
3 to announce that he has been a very dear
4 friend for at least 50 years.

5 Ray has served as our Exalted Ruler.
6 He has served as Lodge Secretary for many
7 years. He served as my Auditor when I was
8 District Deputy. He served as the
9 Vice-President of the district. Also served
10 as District Deputy. He has served many
11 years on our Major State Project, including
12 several years as chairman, and his
13 involvement in Wawbeek, and the respite
14 center runs very deep.

15 Therefore, it is my pleasure and
16 great pride to nominate my great friend, Ray
17 Dabler, to the position of Trustee of the
18 Northeast district of the Wisconsin Elks
19 Association.

20 JERRY BRIEN: Are there any other
21 nominations for State Trustee Northeast?
22 Are there any other nominations for State
23 Trustee Northeast? Are there any other
24 nominations for State Trustee Northeast?
25 Nominations closed.

1 I will now entertain a motion to
2 order the State Secretary, Ken Johnson,
3 Wausau 248, to record a unanimous ballot for
4 all the candidates who are nominated without
5 opposition. I recognize Rob Radig for that
6 motion.

7 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
8 Lodge 1540. I would move to have the State
9 Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for all
10 unopposed candidates.

11 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second to
12 that motion?

13 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
14 Watertown 666, seconds that motion.

15 JERRY BRIEN: All in favor, please
16 sign by the usual voting sign of an Elk.
17 Hands down. Opposed, same sign. Motion
18 carried.

19 We will now -- A completion of our
20 report, we will continue with the committee
21 reports; however, we're going to start with
22 the --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nope.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Oh, yes. Okay. Marla,
25 I recognize you for instructions.

1 MARLA GYGLI: Marla Gygli, Rice Lake
2 Lodge 1441. Here are your instructions:
3 When you guys registered, you got a packet
4 of these, if you got credentials. This one
5 right here, the smallest of the blue ones,
6 you have perforations, don't tear them
7 apart. We will do that when you get your
8 ballots. This one, chuck it to the side
9 because we don't need it because no
10 Vice-Presidents are opposed.

11 You will write your ballot only on
12 the top line for President-Elect. We will
13 collect that with the blue one by the
14 workers who are helping me today. We will
15 be positioned in all four corners or close
16 to it. Once you have your ballot done,
17 bring them both up and hand them to one of
18 the people that are working for me.

19 If you are unable to do that, raise
20 your hand, we will come to you.

21 The orange one will only be used if
22 we have a tie. So that one, more than
23 likely, will not be used; but just in case,
24 hang on to it.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Marla, this is

1 how you do it.

2 MARLA GYGLI: Yup, this is how you do

3 it. Just hand it to us.

4 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, we'll proceed

5 with the voting at this time.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You know, I

7 hope everybody don't run away. Yeah, I'm

8 going to be loud. We have a great rest of

9 the meeting to go on, we've got a memorial

10 service to go on, so please don't think it's

11 done. Also, if you leave and there is a

12 tie, you can't come back in to vote.

13 (No audio until the 52:37 audio mark.)

14 JERRY BRIEN: Is Mark Desotell?

15 Where is Mark Desotell? Would you please

16 come up here to the podium? Mark Desotell.

17 (No audio until the 53:33 audio mark.)

18 PAUL O'BRIEN: Portage Lodge 675,

19 Paul O'Brion. Has everybody handed in their

20 ballot? Everybody? We're all good? Okay.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. I would ask

22 everyone to please take a seat then. Okay.

23 Before with the committee reports, we

24 recommend that as a measure to conserve

25 time, we will have the members approve all

1 the reports at one time. Excuse me. Thank
2 you. We will do this at the conclusion of
3 all reports today and again at the
4 conclusion of all reports tomorrow morning
5 at the general session. At this time, I'd
6 like to recognize Ken Johnson, Secretary,
7 for a budget report.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, State
9 Secretary, Wausau Lodge 248. I'm going to
10 start with the charitable budget. It's the
11 one that's printed in the landscape version,
12 and it's highlighted with yellow. It'd be
13 on the flip side, okay? I'm going to drop
14 down, on the bottom side of it, 2022-2023
15 budget. With that, you'll see that we have
16 a usable checking carryover of \$6,705.62.

17 The National Veterans Service
18 Commission, which comes from Grand Lodge,
19 will be 22,080. Our Special Project grants
20 from Grand Lodge is \$114,060. The State
21 Charities grant will be 85,220. The Bonus
22 grant will be 15,690.

23 Now, we can be very thankful to our
24 own Benevolent Fund and to all of you people
25 here that this year the Benevolent Fund will

1 be giving the Wisconsin Elks charitable side
2 of the budget \$150,000. So when you put
3 that all together with the deduct of any
4 carryover that is in restricted accounts,
5 and that's basically for scholarships that
6 are being held for a year because they're
7 taking a sabbatical or whatever, so we have
8 an income of \$402,662.89.

9 So if you go up to the top columns
10 and you scroll down, and you'll see where
11 Scholarships asked for and did receive some
12 extra money. U.S. Constitution did ask for
13 and received some extra money.

14 Now, I'm going to drop down to where
15 you see the -- it's number 25, 35C1, the
16 lodge grants. Now here's an important thing
17 to hear, that previously the lodge grants
18 were \$3 a member, a minimum of \$300. That's
19 what the grants were. The Board of
20 Directors sat down and approved, after
21 listening to me for too long, to say, "Let's
22 just make all the lodges equal, and we're
23 going to take the sums we had and make it
24 dividable by the 29 lodges." So each lodge
25 this year is eligible for \$1,750 for a

1 501(c)(3) charitable expense. That means it
2 can either be a two-way party check to you
3 and a 501(c)(3), or if you have already
4 contributed to or donated to a 501(c)(3),
5 you give me that information and the
6 canceled check and we'll reimburse you up to
7 that \$1,750.

8 It's important to hear this. The
9 board really thinks getting the money back
10 home to your lodges so you can do things
11 internally in your own lodge is a benefit
12 for the lodges and for ourselves.

13 So again, if you summed up the
14 expenditures -- miraculously that's how I do
15 things -- it's 402,662.89, which presents to
16 you a balanced budget, and I move for its
17 adoption.

18 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second to
19 that motion?

20 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
21 Watertown 666, seconds that motion.

22 JERRY BRIEN: All in favor by a
23 sign --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Questions.

25 JERRY BRIEN: Oh, there are questions?

1 Well, wait. Are there any questions? Are
2 there any questions? Seeing none, all in
3 favor by an Elks sign, hand up. Hands down.
4 All opposed? Carried.

5 KEN JOHNSON: I really think they let
6 me do this just because you know I'll talk
7 too long and you'll just get rid of me
8 quicker by agreeing.

9 On the administrative budget, again,
10 would drop down on the bottom of the column
11 where it says the Draft 2022-2023. The
12 carryover funds minus our restricted
13 accounts for this year would be 7,655.89.
14 The per capita dues that we got in are
15 \$41,262. We are projecting \$60 in the money
16 market interest, and then we're looking at
17 transferring from the Raymond James account
18 \$10,000, which will give you an income of
19 58,977.89.

20 If you go up in the top, pretty much
21 everything has stayed very similar to
22 previous years, and if you just look at
23 them, miraculously, again, it's 58,977.89 as
24 a balanced budget.

25 If you look down on the bottom of the

1 income side, you'll see some of the checking
2 and carryovers, the restricted accounts,
3 they're all there; the Grand Lodge Committee
4 trailer, the Grand Lodge account, the Meet
5 and Greet room is there as a restricted
6 account. So we're dealing with a budget of
7 58,977.89, again, which matches the income,
8 and I move for its adoption.

9 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second to
10 that motion?

11 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
12 Watertown 666, seconds the motion.

13 JERRY BRIEN: Is there any discussion?
14 Hearing none, please vote by a voting sign
15 of an Elk. Hands down. All opposed?
16 Budget passed.

17 Thank you, Ken, for all the work that
18 you did on that. It was outstanding.

19 Just as a comment on that new grant,
20 the 1,700-plus money, please, please, make
21 sure that you take care of that. I know we
22 used to have a problem with that WEA grant
23 and getting lodges to submit for that. When
24 you got \$1,700, don't leave that on the
25 table. So again, thank you for everything

1 you did, Ken.

2 KEN JOHNSON: You're welcome. Thank
3 you.

4 JERRY BRIEN: At this time, I
5 recognize Rob Radig for a report on the
6 Board of Directors.

7 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
8 Lodge 1540, Secretary, Board of Directors.
9 Board of Directors met yesterday morning,
10 8 a.m. All committee members were present
11 with one excused, 14 guests, including
12 special guest, State Sponsor, Past Grand
13 Exalted Ruler, Lou Sulsberger, and little
14 Jerry.

15 The Board heard a report by Jason
16 Somers on the purchase of a new trailer.
17 The Board approved the purchase at a cost of
18 approximately \$34,500, utilizing money in
19 the trailer account and the balance from the
20 investment account, including the wrap for
21 the trailer, not to exceed \$40,000.

22 Ken Johnson presented the year-end
23 financial reports for the administrative and
24 charitable accounts. Draft budgets were
25 discussed and approved with the most notable

1 changes for the WEA grant line item. This
2 Board approved a fixed amount for all lodges
3 of \$1,750 to each lodge for unbudgeted
4 charitable expense. And the Wisconsin
5 Benevolent Fund giving \$150,000.

6 We heard the Vice-Presidents' reports
7 with the exception of the Central district.
8 Treasurer's report and the Secretary's
9 report were given. Jeff Langton commented
10 on just how much Ken really does, and got a
11 round of applause. And most of us don't
12 know what exactly Ken does. Ken asked that
13 we be patient with the hotel staff, so
14 please do so.

15 We also heard some comments by State
16 Sponsor Lou regarding our increase in
17 membership. And the balance of this report
18 will eventually be on file with Ken.

19 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. State Secretary,
20 do we have time to do some committee reports?

21 KEN JOHNSON: Sure do.

22 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. Again, you are
23 reminded -- You are reminded to come to the
24 mic, identify yourself, your lodge, and your
25 lodge number. Also if they're giving the

1 report, if there is a motion that needs to
2 be done from your committee, be ready to
3 make that motion, and we'll entertain a
4 second on that; however, we will do all of
5 the reports to -- approve all of the reports
6 at the end of this session. Are there any
7 questions on that? Okay.

8 We will start first with the Advisory
9 followed by Auditing. I would ask that the
10 one that's coming up on deck, if they would
11 please line up behind the mic. So again,
12 Advisory followed by Auditing.

13 BILL FORREST: Bill Forrest, Wausau
14 Lodge 248, Secretary of the Advisory
15 Committee, reporting on behalf of our
16 chairman, George Myers. Unfortunately,
17 George is not able to give the report today
18 because he had to leave early due to
19 illness, so please keep George in your
20 thoughts and in all our prayers for his
21 return to good health.

22 We met Friday afternoon. Great
23 reports were given by all the state
24 officers. I'm happy to report that the
25 State Association is doing well and is in

1 good hands with our officers.

2 We conducted our internal election of
3 officers with Sam Demmin being elected as
4 chair, Nikki Shannon, vice chair, yours
5 truly, Bill Forrest, as secretary, and Todd
6 Kostuck as treasurer. I hate doing this
7 every year, but they keep re-electing me,
8 so...

9 It's great to have our State Sponsor,
10 Lou, in attendance, and we're happy to hear
11 that he's recovering nicely from your health
12 issues, and it was nice to have everybody
13 here personally in attendance.

14 Fortunately, we adjourned at 2:26,
15 which we started the meeting at 1:26, and so
16 we couldn't do any more damage to the State
17 Association. Thank you.

18 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. We have
19 Auditing, normally would be followed by
20 Credentials and Elections, but that will be
21 held when we get the report that comes in,
22 so we will be followed, Credentials --
23 Auditing will be followed by Resolutions and
24 Laws.

25 CINDY WHALEN: Cindy Whalen,

1 Janesville Lodge 254. The Auditing Committee
2 reviewed and approved the expenditures for
3 the Wisconsin Elks administration and
4 charitable accounts for the periods of
5 February and March of 2022. We also
6 reviewed the Veterans account from Wausau
7 Lodge for the period ending March 31st,
8 2022. The rest of my report will be on file
9 with the Secretary.

10 JERRY BRIEN: Resolutions and Laws
11 followed by Membership and Lapsation.

12 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
13 Watertown 666, Resolutions and Laws. We met
14 this morning at 7:30 a.m. Four members, two
15 guests present. We had an informal
16 discussion regarding reviewing the State
17 Association bylaws, which will be happening
18 next year. State Secretary Ken came in and
19 mentioned that our bylaws need to say
20 "incorporated," so at this time next year,
21 you will at least be voting to add the word
22 "incorporated" to the Wisconsin Elks
23 Association on the bylaws. Balance of the
24 report will be on file with the secretary.

25 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Membership

1 and Lapsation followed by Lodge Development.

2 AARON HOLBROOK: Aaron Holbrook,
3 Beaver Dam Lodge 1540, Publicity and Public
4 Relations apparently reporting for Membership
5 and Lapsation. Karl pointed out, as you all
6 are probably aware, that for the first time
7 in 32 years, the Wisconsin Elks Association
8 had a gain in membership, so give yourselves
9 a hand for that. That's incredible. And
10 then he, of course, egged us on and
11 encouraged us to keep up the good work.

12 We did have a brief discussion about
13 the need to keep politics out of our
14 conversations, and that includes all sorts
15 of conversations about politics, not just
16 what's going on nationally, but that could
17 include the school referendum, school
18 policies, city council. Just don't go
19 there. You want your members to feel
20 welcome, and I've heard numerous times in
21 the last few months about people not feeling
22 welcome because they heard a conversation
23 that disagreed with them politically, maybe
24 they took it too seriously, maybe they took
25 it the wrong way, but we want to make sure

1 everybody's welcome, so just keep those
2 things to yourself in the lodge.

3 When the meeting was over, I had
4 another meeting, but after that, I was out
5 in the hallway, and almost immediately I
6 heard a political joke, so... People are
7 too divided these days politically, so just
8 keep those conversations to yourself or at
9 least keep them, you know, close, so that
10 you're not saying conversations where
11 somebody passing might be upset or insulted.

12 That's all. The rest of the report
13 will be on file.

14 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. I see that
15 Marla has come in, so I would ask her to
16 give a report on our Credentials and
17 Elections.

18 MARLA GYGLI: First, let me thank all
19 of you for letting me get through my first
20 convention and voting for the first time
21 ever. It was kind of crazy. We had, like I
22 said, issued 198 ballots, we had 178 turn in
23 votes. Karl received 133, Pat received 44,
24 and Mike received 1, so congratulations,
25 Karl.

1 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. I want to give
2 the opportunity to have Karl -- Karl would
3 you like to say a few comments?

4 KARL HANKE: (Inaudible.)

5 JERRY BRIEN: And please go to the
6 mic.

7 (Music playing.)

8 JERRY BRIEN: And thank you for your
9 comments, Karl.

10 KARL HANKE: What more could be said?
11 Yeah, I got two years to bore you guys with
12 speeches. I don't want to take up a lot of
13 time, but I actually do have to do a handful
14 of thank you's, so I hope you'll just bear
15 with me for a few seconds.

16 Without a doubt, I would not be
17 standing here in front of you today, or even
18 at any of these sessions, if it was not for
19 the absolute incredible support of my wife,
20 Annie. Thank you.

21 There have been so many people a year
22 ago -- and I wasn't going to run again --
23 and literally received dozens of phone calls
24 and emails and text messages from people
25 supporting and saying, you know, don't give

1 up, keep it going, and I would love to thank
2 each and every one of them, but I can't
3 because it would just take up too much time.

4 But I want to tell you about one
5 particular comment that was said to me, and
6 it was said, "Karl, I know what it's like to
7 lose this election, and you have to make a
8 choice. You can let this loss define you,
9 or you can take this loss and you can make
10 it strengthen your resolve and become a
11 better candidate and a better State
12 President someday." I want to thank Bill
13 Forrest for that kick in the butt.

14 Pat Moran, you've been an amazing
15 competitor and (inaudible), and I love
16 traveling with you and I hope we travel
17 together a lot more, so thank you.

18 Really, one last one. My dad, as you
19 know, encouraged me to become an Elk. I
20 fought him kicking and screaming. I had no
21 intention. I didn't want to do it. We did
22 it, I love it. After I joined, my dad said
23 to me, "Karl, the Elks will be good for
24 you." My dad passed away about nine years
25 ago, and I have to tell you, he's still

1 giving me wisdom from up above, so thank
2 you, dad. Thank you, everybody.

3 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Karl, and
4 thank you, Annie. So for the record, I'd
5 like to thank Pat Moran for also running.
6 It takes a great deal of courage to move
7 into that position and try it and put all
8 the work and effort into it, so we thank you
9 for taking the effort for running for
10 President-Elect. Thank you.

11 Okay. We now should have Lodge
12 Development up, and that will be followed by
13 Business Practice.

14 All right, before we move on,
15 remember that we do have a memorial service
16 at 3:30, and I do want to encourage
17 everybody to come. We heard that we were
18 represented by every single lodge but
19 Madison, and your members that you lost in
20 your lodges, unless you had a zero death
21 rate in your lodge, you, by staying there,
22 you're honoring all those people who passed
23 away in your lodges, so please, please,
24 please, remain for that memorial service.

25 So I'm sorry, did we not have anybody

1 for Lodge Development? Okay. Business
2 Practice followed by -- Well, we already
3 had Publicity and Membership, so Business
4 Practice? Okay, Conference and Convention.
5 That will be followed by Lodge Activities.

6 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, State
7 Secretary, Wausau 248. Conferences and
8 Conventions met yesterday. We discussed
9 that we'd be posting visual big signs of the
10 hours for the Meet and Greet room and how
11 that room is to be used and to try to get
12 people to clean up behind themselves better
13 in the room. Hopefully that might work.
14 It's a privilege here to have a Meet and
15 Greet room, but if you abuse it, it can be
16 taken away. That's about it.

17 Again, I'd like to say, I've been
18 dealing with the staff here. Some of you
19 might be wondering about your rooms and
20 everything else. They are a work in
21 progress here. I'd hate to be the general
22 manager here of what they're trying go
23 through, when you got a crew that comes in
24 and tears your rooms apart and moves the
25 beds and moves the bathrooms out, and then

1 the next crew comes in to put the drywall
2 and put the ceiling and put the lights up,
3 and then they find out the light switches
4 are backordered and you can't get them, and
5 then they find out that the toilets are in a
6 ship out in China someplace and you can't
7 get the toilets to put the toilets in. So
8 this is what's going on around here, and so
9 I compliment the hotel and the staff for all
10 they can do. The rest of my report is on
11 file with the secretary.

12 JERRY BRIEN: Lodge Activities
13 followed by Officer Training.

14 ANNIE HANKE: Annie Hanke, Wausau
15 Lodge 248, Lodge Activities. Kathy
16 Francisco was introduced. She's going to be
17 taking over Lodge Activities chairman in the
18 fall. Discussion of the membership gain and
19 connection to Lodge Activities themselves
20 was discussed. Connecting with community
21 and roundtable discussion, and ideas of
22 small and large activities to help grow your
23 interest and raise money for the lodge and
24 charities was all discussed. Interest in
25 the Elks camping event at the end of the

1 last weekend in July at Plymouth Rock
2 Campground is growing, so flyers were
3 distributed there. I also have extra copies
4 if anybody wants.

5 And an opportunity for all lodges to
6 obtain an extra \$500 by getting ten members
7 together to work at a Wausau event balloon
8 rally being held the weekend after Grand
9 Lodge, which would be July 8, 9, and 10.
10 All you need is ten members. Two have to be
11 adults, and no one under the age of 13.
12 Guaranteed \$500. All you need to do is
13 work -- volunteer for four hours of your
14 time either parking cars as a flagman or
15 running a soda booth or possibly taking
16 donations and money as they enter.

17 The rest of my report, you can see
18 me. If you have any more questions on that,
19 I can give you the rest of the information.
20 The rest of my report will be on file with
21 the State Secretary. Thank you.

22 JERRY BRIEN: Officer Training
23 followed by ER Leading Knight Advisory. And
24 we will stop with committee reports at that
25 time.

1 SAM DEMMIN: Sam Demmin, Oshkosh
2 Lodge Number 292, Officer Training. We met
3 at 10 o'clock this morning. We had two
4 members present, 15 to 20 guests, plus new
5 officers. We went over with the manuals
6 that each lodge should get to the new
7 officers, and if you go on Wisconsin Elks
8 website, you can download it. It's there.
9 So everybody had a good time. They asked
10 some questions, they got their answers, and
11 they were advised that if they need any more
12 information, they can always contact Don or
13 myself or even guys from down in Chicago.
14 That's all I have right now. The rest of my
15 report will be filed with the Secretary.

16 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. Thank you. As I
17 said, I will now suspend the committee
18 reports for today. I will now entertain a
19 motion to accept all the reports -- No, ER
20 Leading Knight, I did recognize them. Keep
21 on your toes there, Ryan, okay? Back and
22 forth, back and forth, back and forth.

23 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
24 Watertown 666, chair of ER Leading Knight
25 Advisory. We met this morning at 9 a.m.

1 with 20 ERs, 11 Leading Knights present, one
2 ER and one Leading Knight excused, 10 guests
3 present, six lodges not represented by
4 either an ER or a Leading Knight.

5 We had Dave DeRosier as a guest
6 talking about the importance of the
7 11 o'clock toast and the ritual. It's very
8 important that our ERs know these and our
9 lodge officers know the ritual. Ken Johnson
10 came in and spoke about the WEA grant of
11 \$1,750, which you all just voted on.
12 Reminded us that even though it must be
13 submitted by December 31st, you can apply
14 for it before then. Hint, hint, wink, wink.

15 Jason Somers spoke about the
16 hospitality room here. Reminded all of us
17 to be considerate and please clean up after
18 yourself. Also spoke on the Grand Lodge
19 convention. The ERs, you have to get your
20 reservations for your rooms to Jason. Do
21 not call the hotel directly. That hotel is
22 booked solid. Even if you say you're with
23 the Elks, you're out of luck. You have to
24 go through Jason. Also reminded the ERs to
25 get their personal and lodge donations to

1 him for the Grand Lodge hospitality room,
2 and reminded us that he does have luggage
3 transport available for \$20, round trip.

4 President Jerry came in and thanked
5 the lodges for the hospitality and the
6 support of his program for the last two
7 years and reminded that the ERs need to send
8 their reports to the District Deputies and
9 Vice-Presidents before the end of the month.

10 Vice-chair Bruce Conard presented a
11 checklist of events and reports to all of
12 the lodges in attendance and reminded us to
13 use that as our guide. Also presented a
14 binder of important information, statutes,
15 bylaws, all that good stuff that you can
16 find your answers in. Bruce, I did get a
17 request that you let people know where you
18 can get that information, so if you want to
19 post something on Facebook, that would be
20 great.

21 President-Elect Dave Hagen stopped in
22 and reminded us that the conferences are
23 what we make of them and to email him if you
24 are interested in being on a committee.

25 Karl Hanke talked about the membership

1 gain last year and reminded lodges not to
2 drop your delinquent members too soon. Four
3 lodges dropped them in January. You
4 shouldn't drop them until the end of March.

5 Nikki Shannon spoke as the incoming
6 Protocol Director for our President, stating
7 that she will be contacting the lodges about
8 six weeks in advance of their State
9 President visit, and reminded the Exalted
10 Rulers to stay in contact with the President
11 regarding the details of his visit.

12 And Dennis Daley spoke on the
13 importance of getting reports in. We also
14 spoke about the importance of the ritual
15 again, making sure that you use it as a way
16 to get a positive impression on the minds of
17 your new members. That is your first
18 opportunity to do so once they become a
19 member. Also spoke about the importance of
20 the Elks National Foundation and the grants
21 available.

22 The balance of my report will be on
23 file with the Secretary.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. I am going
25 to recognize Jason Somers for his committee

1 report. Jason?

2 JASON SOMERS: (No response.)

3 JERRY BRIEN: I don't know. He asked

4 to be on. Okay. I will now suspend the

5 committee reports for today, and I will

6 entertain a motion to accept all of the

7 reports that have been given today. Ryan?

8 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,

9 Watertown 666, so moved.

10 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second to

11 that motion?

12 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, State

13 Secretary, Wausau 248, seconds.

14 JERRY BRIEN: All in favor, please

15 signify by the usual sign of an Elk. Hands

16 down. Opposed? Motion carried.

17 It's now my pleasure and honor to

18 introduce to you our great friend and our

19 State Sponsor of the Wisconsin Elks

20 Association. From Flora, Illinois,

21 Lodge 1659, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the

22 Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger.

23 LOU SULSBERGER: Good afternoon, all.

24 It is so great to be back. I'd like to take

25 a second or two to thank you all for your

1 thoughts and prayers, and Beth and I are
2 tickled to death to be back here this
3 weekend, and I'll have more to say tonight
4 and probably more tomorrow morning, but I
5 just want to congratulate Wisconsin on their
6 membership gain and the great job you're all
7 doing with the Elks National Foundation and
8 getting your grants.

9 So I will just say -- I'll keep it
10 short and just say looking forward to
11 tonight's banquet. And so everyone take
12 care, and oh, Karl, congratulations, and
13 everybody who was elected, congratulations,
14 and let's look forward to all working
15 together from now on. Thank you.

16 JERRY BRIEN: And now my great
17 pleasure to introduce your present State
18 President-Elect, soon-to-be President, Dave
19 Hagen, for some remarks.

20 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you all. I want
21 to definitely thank Jerry for the wonderful
22 year we spent with him touring the different
23 lodges throughout the state and everything
24 that we have learned from him and Kathy and
25 how Kathy and I have enjoyed traveling and

1 meeting everybody in the Elks. But my
2 biggest comment today is congratulations on
3 our officers who will be representing me and
4 the Wisconsin Elks Association for the year
5 2022-2023. Congratulations. I'll enjoy
6 working with all of you. Thank you.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think, for
8 the record, that was Dave Hagen from
9 Janesville that just spoke without --

10 (Crosstalk.)

11 JERRY BRIEN: Actually, I would, for
12 the record, I would like to have all of our
13 new state officers, if they would please
14 rise and be acknowledged. Thank you very
15 much. Uh-oh, he's coming up again. Okay.
16 Yes, sir?

17 KEN JOHNSON: Before everybody makes
18 a mass exodus -- because I'm Ken Johnson,
19 State Secretary, Wausau 248 -- all newly
20 elected officers, I'm going to look for a
21 corner and -- No, that's going to be in the
22 way of the memorial service. So over there
23 by those doors, just to go over there
24 because we have to elect a new chairman of
25 the Board and a new secretary of the Board,

1 so when they're done, go over there for a
2 two-minute meeting, please.

3 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, I have some
4 announcements now that I would like to make.
5 Immediately following today's general
6 session, we'll be holding our annual
7 memorial service to honor -- and honor our
8 members who have gone before us. I hope you
9 make that a priority to join us.

10 The evening prayer service with
11 Reverend Mike will be held at 5 p.m. in the
12 Briarwood Room.

13 The banquet this evening is scheduled
14 for 7 p.m., with social hour at 6, in this
15 room. Dress code for the evening is a dark
16 suit or a red coat and a tie.

17 Anyone having money donations for our
18 two major charities should be prepared to
19 bring those to the banquet.

20 General session will begin promptly
21 at 8 a.m. in this room. Roll call of
22 officers and lodges will be taken again.
23 Committee reports, again, will be given in
24 numerical order. We will continue with all
25 remaining committee reports remaining to be

1 given. Committee chairs, be prepared to
2 give a report. There is no need to report
3 those attending your meeting as that will be
4 reported in your written report. If you
5 have a motion to be acted upon, please make
6 that motion and a second will be asked.

7 Just checking my notes. Are there
8 any other announcements at this time? I
9 recognize first Dave DeRosier.

10 DAVE DeROSIER: Dave, Milwaukee
11 Lodge 46, chairman of the Board of Directors.
12 Ken, I want to thank you for getting one of
13 my jobs done. Yes, we'll meet for election
14 of a new chairman of the Board. But what
15 I've got to say here is this: How many of
16 our members have spouses who are not
17 members? Who are not members? Spouses who
18 are not members? Raise your hands. Come
19 on. How many went to the ladies luncheon?
20 We had a long talk at that board earlier
21 today, actually yesterday, about the ladies
22 luncheon, and we left it alone because it's
23 not our decision. It's their decision what
24 to do, and if you're not a member of the
25 lodge, you have absolutely the right to go

1 there, so if your spouse, man or woman,
2 would like to go there, please do, because
3 at one time, that used to be a large, large,
4 group of people, and they actually do a
5 fundraiser for the association. Another way
6 of bringing money in. So I hope that
7 somehow the next one will be bigger and
8 better, and each year it keeps growing and
9 growing, not discouraging people to become
10 an Elk. Some people do, some people don't.
11 My wife chose not to be. She says I put too
12 many hours in. That's her choice. So thank
13 you for allowing me to speak what I thought.

14 And again, back by those double
15 doors, all the officers and current officers
16 who did not have to run again, so we can
17 vote on the new chairman. Thank you for
18 your time.

19 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Kevin
20 McCarthy?

21 KEVIN McCARTHY: Kevin McCarthy,
22 Wausau Lodge Number 248. Just a quick
23 announcement on State Major Project. This
24 next weekend coming up, we do have Elk
25 cleanup day at camp. You don't have to give

1 me an answer right now, but tomorrow I'd
2 really like to know how many people from
3 your lodge are coming. They are going to
4 put a lunch together for us, and I would
5 kind of need a fairly decent headcount. So
6 if you are going to come, please bring
7 rakes, tools, leaf blowers, gloves, whatever
8 you need. We're going to do cabin cleanups,
9 things like that. Most all of you have been
10 there know what goes on.

11 Secondly, I would like to thank Paul
12 O'Brion. He's retired from his position.
13 He's been there 32 -- I believe 32 years, so
14 thank you, Paul, for your service. Is he
15 here yet or did he sneak out? Kathy Elliott
16 has volunteered to fill in for Paul. You'll
17 do fine, I'm sure.

18 Secondly, I've stepped down as
19 chairman. Leah Kostuck has graciously
20 volunteered to take over, so Leah will have
21 our full support, and I will remain on the
22 board and on the committee. So thank you
23 everybody and enjoy the rest of your day.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Kevin. I
25 recognize Rob Radig.

1 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
2 Lodge 1540. Two items. I just wanted to
3 remind everybody that in the hospitality
4 room a little later I will be taking
5 donations for some cookies. If you haven't
6 had them, you know -- Well, you know.
7 They're good. That money is going to the
8 Benevolent Fund.

9 And the other item I have is just
10 reminding everybody that these bags are
11 still available. We've actually sold way
12 more than I thought we were going to, and
13 we've paid for the bags, and the balance of
14 anything above what the cost of these bags
15 was is going to the State Major Project. If
16 by my math, I think I only have like 12 bags
17 left. Ish. So see me after the meeting or
18 after the memorial service if you are
19 interested, or in the hospitality room
20 later. Thank you.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, again, it would
22 be great to see this many people at the
23 memorial service. Tom, how much time do you
24 want for turnaround on this?

25 TOM: (Inaudible.)

1 JERRY BRIEN: Okay, so again, you
2 know, remember the bathrooms are upstairs
3 there. Again, around 3:30, I guess that
4 time, Dave tells me, over here. He's got
5 the clock here. We'll say 3:30.
6 At this time, I'd like to call on
7 Reverend Mike for a benediction.
8 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
9 me. Heavenly Father, you manifest in your
10 servants the signs of your presence. Send
11 forth upon us the spirit of love, that in
12 companionship with one another your
13 abounding grace may increase among us. Amen.
14 JERRY BRIEN: This now concludes the
15 Saturday afternoon general session of the
16 Wisconsin Elks Association convention.
17 Officers and current officers, remember you
18 are meeting in the corner over there, so
19 please do that promptly. And again, return
20 at 3:30.
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2022 WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
SPRING CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS
SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, May 1, 2022
Hilton Appleton Paper Valley
Appleton, Wisconsin

1 JERRY BRIEN: Good morning, ladies
2 and gentlemen. Please take your seats if
3 you haven't already so we can begin this
4 general session. I ask you to turn off your
5 cell phones.

6 I now call the Sunday session of the
7 2022 Spring Convention of the Wisconsin Elks
8 Association to order. State Secretary Ken
9 Johnson, I again ask you take roll call of
10 officers and lodges.

11 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248,
12 State Secretary, roll call. President, for
13 the last time, Jerry Brien.

14 JERRY BRIEN: Here.

15 KEN JOHNSON: President-Elect Dave
16 Hagen.

17 DAVE HAGEN: Here.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President Greg
19 Mazur.

20 GREG MAZUR: Here.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President
22 Northeast Bruce Conard.

23 BRUCE CONARD: Here.

24 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President Central
25 Jim Francisco.

1 JIM FRANCISCO: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President South

3 Jason Somers, excused.

4 Secretary Ken Johnson, I think I'm

5 here.

6 Treasurer Jeff Langton. He's around

7 somewhere.

8 The Tiler, Nikki Shannon.

9 NIKKI SHANNON: Good morning.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Sergeant-at-Arms Donald

11 Behnke.

12 DON BEHNKE: Present.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Inner Guard Ryan Swantz.

14 RYAN SWANTZ: Here.

15 KEN JOHNSON: Parliamentarian Rob

16 Radig.

17 ROB RADIG: Here.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Protocol at Conferences

19 and Conventions Todd Kostuck.

20 TODD KOSTUCK: Here.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Editor, I'm still here.

22 Photographer Pat Buck.

23 PAT BUCK: Here.

24 KEN JOHNSON: Insurance Advisor is

25 still excused. Grant Coordinator Pam

1 Schedivy.

2 PAM SCHEDIVY: Here.

3 KEN JOHNSON: State Trustees, the

4 chairman, David DeRosier, again, for another

5 year.

6 DAVE DeROSIER: (Inaudible) here.

7 KEN JOHNSON: The Secretary of the

8 Trustees, BOD Secretary is Rob Radig.

9 ROB RADIG: Still here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Still here. Jaye

11 Franklin.

12 JAY FRANKLIN: (No response.)

13 KEN JOHNSON: Karl Hanke, for the

14 last time.

15 KARL HANKE: Here.

16 KEN JOHNSON: Tony Voulgaris is

17 excused.

18 For our Grand Lodge, we've got, pure

19 and simple, the great Lou Sulsberger.

20 LOU SULSBERGER: (No response.)

21 KEN JOHNSON: And since I didn't do

22 it yesterday and I got a jab, I'm going to

23 do it right now. Special Deputy to the

24 Grand Exalted Ruler, Dennis Daley.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 KEN JOHNSON: That's right, he's
2 excused this morning. But I said his name.
3 Northeast District Deputy Nathalie Kramer.
4 NATHALIE KRAMER: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: Northwest, Tom Weller.
6 TOM WELLER: (No response.)
7 KEN JOHNSON: Central, David DeCono.
8 DAVID DeCONO: (No response.)
9 KEN JOHNSON: South, Ben Godlewski.
10 BEN GODLEWSKI: (No response.)
11 KEN JOHNSON: The sponsors, Tom
12 Widzinski.
13 TOM WIDZINSKI: (No response.)
14 KEN JOHNSON: Bill Forrest.
15 BILL FORREST: Here.
16 KEN JOHNSON: George Myers, excused.
17 And Ron Bertrand is excused. And you think
18 this is easy sometimes. Okay. Once again,
19 this is for the record, if you are
20 representing your lodge, just give me a loud
21 "here" or whatever, and it's just -- this is
22 what you're supposed to be here. You find
23 out so many interesting things, not all of
24 them good.
25 Antigo.

1 ANTIGO: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Appleton.

3 APPLETON: Here.

4 KEN JOHNSON: Ashland.

5 ASHLAND: Here.

6 KEN JOHNSON: Baraboo.

7 BARABOO: Here.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Beaver Dam.

9 BEAVER DAM: Here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Beloit.

11 BELOIT: Here.

12 KEN JOHNSON: Chippewa Falls.

13 CHIPPEWA FALLS: Here.

14 KEN JOHNSON: Eau Claire.

15 EAU CLAIRE: (No response.)

16 KEN JOHNSON: Eau Claire going once.

17 Kind of give them an excused because they

18 had to go home because of health issues.

19 Green Bay.

20 GREEN BAY: Here.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Janesville.

22 JANESVILLE: Here.

23 KEN JOHNSON: Kaukauna.

24 KAUKAUNA: Here.

25 KEN JOHNSON: Madison.

1 MADISON: (No response.)
2 KEN JOHNSON: Manitowoc.
3 MANITOWOC: Here.
4 KEN JOHNSON: Marinette.
5 MARINETTE: Here.
6 KEN JOHNSON: Marshfield.
7 MARSHFIELD: (No response.)
8 KEN JOHNSON: Milwaukee.
9 MILWAUKEE: Here.
10 KEN JOHNSON: Neenah/Menasha.
11 NEENAH/MENASHA: Here.
12 KEN JOHNSON: Oconto.
13 OCONTO: Here.
14 KEN JOHNSON: Oshkosh.
15 OSHKOSH: Here.
16 KEN JOHNSON: Platteville.
17 PLATTEVILLE: Here.
18 KEN JOHNSON: Portage.
19 PORTAGE: Here.
20 KEN JOHNSON: Rice Lake.
21 RICE LAKE: Here.
22 KEN JOHNSON: Sheboygan.
23 SHEBOYGAN: Here.
24 KEN JOHNSON: Stevens Point.
25 STEVENS POINT: Here.

1 KEN JOHNSON: Superior.
2 SUPERIOR: Here.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Watertown.
4 WATERTOWN: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: Waukesha.
6 WAUKESHA: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: Wausau.
8 WAUSAU: Here.
9 KEN JOHNSON: Wisconsin Rapids.
10 WISCONSIN RAPIDS: (No response.)
11 KEN JOHNSON: So Rapids, Marshfield,
12 and Madison are not present at the general
13 session. We'll kind of give the excuse for
14 Eau Claire. My report's done, thank you.
15 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Ken. My
16 note originally said here that the
17 Sergeant-at-Arms is supposed to bring in
18 Lou, but I don't know. We've got to look at
19 the responsibility of the that
20 Sergeant-at-Arms. Anyway...
21 I'd ask our State Chaplain, Reverend
22 Mike Hackbarth, would you please lead us in
23 prayer.
24 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
25 me.

1 Almighty and everlasting Father, you
2 have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us
3 forever. Bless, we pray with His grace and
4 presence, the delegates assembled here in
5 your name, that this Elks Association, being
6 preserved in true faith and Godly discipline,
7 may fulfill all that you desire in us.
8 Guide us in our decisions that we may do
9 what is right for the benefit of our order
10 and for the benefit of those whom we seek to
11 serve. It's in your name that we pray.
12 Amen.

13 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Reverend
14 Mike. Now please recite the Pledge of
15 Allegiance.

16 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

17 JERRY BRIEN: Before we begin with
18 the committee reports, we recommend that as
19 a measure to conserve time, we will have the
20 members approve all the reports one time.
21 We will do this at the conclusion of all
22 reports today.

23 You are, again, reminded to recite
24 your name, lodge name, and lodge number when
25 speaking at the mic.

1 I also wish to remind you that any
2 action regarding expenditures, budgeting, or
3 any other action that requires a motion in
4 your committee, the committee chairperson or
5 the member who's giving the report will, at
6 the end of that report, entertain a motion
7 for approval. Not for the committee report,
8 but anything special.

9 If there are no objections to this
10 procedure, we will begin with the reports.
11 I will call the committee to present,
12 followed by the next committee. I would ask
13 that the committee to present next be in
14 line ready to give your report. It's not
15 necessary to report names of those present,
16 as they will be included in the written
17 report.

18 So we left off -- We will begin with
19 Drug Awareness, followed by Ritualistic
20 Exemplification.

21 CRISTINE CRUM: Cristine Crum,
22 Watertown 666. Good morning, everybody. We
23 had good attendance this time. We had 12
24 people attend, which was pretty many. We
25 had a visit from Jerry, and he thanked us

1 for all we're doing. We talked about
2 Enrique, we talked about red ribbons, we
3 talked about the problems with fentanyl and
4 the copy drugs. They're copying
5 prescription drugs to look like...

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

7 CHRISTINE CRUMB: Yeah, thanks. And
8 we talked about -- I gave them a homework
9 assignment and told them to check into Teen
10 Zone and do a lesson plan and play a game on
11 there and come back with what they got from
12 it. And we talked about a lot of other
13 things that they need to do. And the rest
14 of the report is on file.

15 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Ritualistic
16 Exemplification followed by Grand Lodge
17 Attendance.

18 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
19 Watertown 666, vice-chair Ritualistic
20 Exemplification. We met yesterday morning,
21 8:05 a.m. The plaques for the winners of
22 the ritual competitions for Mid Winter
23 Conference are being made. Unfortunately,
24 it's taking a little longer because the
25 person making them was diagnosed with

1 stage 4 cancer.

2 There is a new competition for
3 National for Grand Lodge, and that's the
4 flag ceremony done by the ER. We're getting
5 some details on this, but we're assuming
6 it's the ritual from when the Exalted Ruler
7 holds up the flag at the end of the
8 ceremony. We'll update when received.

9 Gregg Vosswinkel will be representing
10 Wisconsin at the Grand Lodge convention in
11 Atlanta as a ritual word judge.

12 And due to lack of participation of
13 Vice-Presidents and District Deputies, the
14 Vice-President and DD versus PSP competition
15 of 11 o'clock toast has been stopped. We
16 will now have a PER division, so any Past
17 Exalted Rulers will be able to compete in
18 that division instead of having
19 Vice-Presidents and District Deputies versus
20 PSPs.

21 We then had a lengthy discussion
22 about ritual and how important it is, and
23 the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The
24 balance of the report will be on file with
25 the Secretary.

1 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Grand Lodge
2 Attendance followed by Elks National
3 Service. Elks National Service followed by
4 Americanism.

5 KEN BRUCKNER: Ken Bruckner,
6 Sheboygan Lodge 299, reporting for Elks
7 National Service. We met on Saturday
8 morning at 9 a.m. with -- Ken Johnson was
9 present and he explained to those present
10 the importance of getting their reports in
11 to Grand Lodge on the funds that are
12 received each month. We followed up on some
13 of the individuals that have been lax on
14 those reports. That is being taken care of.

15 State representatives that were there
16 for VA hospitals or clinics gave their
17 reports. The frustrating thing there is
18 we're still on a Covid situation there.
19 They have a very hard time getting into
20 these facilities, so about the only thing
21 that we can do right now, and what they have
22 been doing, is, like, gas cards and trying
23 to help these people out if they need
24 transportation to a particular event or
25 whatever they need. The rest of the report

1 will be on file.

2 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Americanism
3 followed by Elks National Foundation.

4 SANDY POLZIN: Sandy Polzin,
5 Rice Lake 1441. The Americanism Committee
6 met yesterday at 8 a.m. and we discussed
7 about Flag Day. Again, reminder that the
8 Flag Day deadline is August 15th. The forms
9 are online at the Wisconsin Elks website.
10 Also, I did distribute those and if anyone
11 needs -- has any questions on that, they can
12 certainly talk to me about that.

13 Handed out supplies and asked for any
14 recommendations on how we can spend our
15 moneys in the future. And the rest of my
16 report will be on file with the secretary.

17 JERRY BRIEN: Elks National
18 Foundation followed by Executive.

19 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan
20 Lodge 299, reporting for the Elks National
21 Foundation.

22 We had great attendance at the
23 meeting; 16 members, 11 guests, plus our
24 State Sponsor, Lou. And State President
25 Jerry stopped in.

1 Discussions began with the sad news
2 that Wisconsin will be receiving almost
3 \$9,000 less in this year's state grants. We
4 did donate more money to the program than
5 last year, but compared to the other states,
6 we fell short of the average dollars
7 donated.

8 We have several lodges that are
9 stepping up every year, but we also have
10 several lodges that are just making the
11 GER's goal of \$4.80. All our lodges need to
12 look more towards the \$10 to \$12 goal,
13 because at the 4.80 level, we will continue
14 to lose state funds that support our respite
15 center, our drug awareness Hoop Shoot
16 programs, plus our veterans and our
17 scholarships.

18 We did a quick review of the final
19 results from the 2021-2022 lodge year.
20 Chairs were given a handout with information
21 on where to look for help to promote the ENF
22 program. Ideas were presented for the
23 chairs to earn money in the Gratitude Grant
24 by registering, earning an ENF certificate,
25 and earning at least 550 points in the

1 Chairman's Challenge. That will get their
2 lodge an extra \$1,500 in the Gratitude
3 Grant. So the Gratitude Grant is a \$2,000
4 grant. If the ENF chair does those three
5 little criteria, you can end up with a
6 \$3,500 grant.

7 Going forward, the Fidelity Club is
8 the best way to get your members into the
9 ENF and help them learn about the ENF
10 program. As you get into a program, you're
11 going to learn about it, because you're
12 going to receive information directly from
13 the Elks National Foundation, and this is
14 the way to get the message around to the
15 members of the lodge. A lot of members and
16 lodges do not realize the impact that the
17 Elks National Foundation has on our state
18 lodges.

19 Next, we presented information about
20 the various CIP grants available to every
21 lodge. Information on how to apply was also
22 included in this presentation, and that was
23 done by my competent assistant here, Aaron.
24 He did a great job with it.

25 We have the plaques here for the top

1 donor -- district donors, donor lodges, I
2 should say. I'd like to have someone from
3 Chippewa Falls come up, please, either the
4 ER or the ENF chairman, one of them. Also,
5 I'd like to have someone from Kaukauna come
6 up. The ENF chairman, Kathy Brien, is here.
7 And also Beaver Dam, Aaron is here to
8 collect that one. And Waukesha, we do not
9 have your plaque at this time. There was a
10 little bit of a communications glitch, but
11 we do have your plate made up, so if you
12 would like to come up and pick the plate up
13 and we'll get you the plaque at a near time
14 and date.

15 Also, Sheboygan, if someone from
16 Sheboygan would come up. Sheboygan was the
17 top donor lodge in the state, donating
18 19,800-plus dollars. And Bill Richards, the
19 ENF chairman of the Sheboygan lodge, was
20 also the top point -- gathering the top
21 points in the Chairman's Challenge. Out of
22 a possible 1,000 points, Bill received 980
23 points, so he will also be receiving a
24 plaque from the Elks National Foundation.

25 (Awards handed out.)

1 Aaron and I decided this last year
2 that we're going to do something a little
3 bit different and recognize the lodge ENF
4 chairman who has stepped up and participated
5 in the Chairman's Challenge and did a number
6 of things within their lodge to secure
7 donations to the program. I'd like to have
8 someone from Portage come up here.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome!

10 DON BEHNKE: This plaque is to Tim
11 Green, their ENF chairman. It is in
12 recognition to Tim Green of the Portage
13 Lodge Number 675 for the efforts you have
14 given in support of the Elks National
15 Foundation as your lodge chairman. Your
16 score in the Chairman's Challenge is 816
17 points out of a possible thousand, and
18 94.33 percent of your membership donated to
19 the foundation this past lodge year. So
20 Rosie's going to see that Tim receives this.

21 And that concludes my report. The
22 rest will be on file with the State
23 Secretary. Thank you.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Mr. Chairman, do we
25 have any results of the highest per capita

1 in the state?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why, Jerry?

3 JERRY BRIEN: For the record.

4 DON BEHNKE: I'm sure we do.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want to

6 use the microphone, please.

7 DON BEHNKE: I'm still Don Behnke

8 from Sheboygan. The highest per capita in

9 the state of Wisconsin just happened to be

10 from the Kaukauna lodge, where they had

11 someone impersonate Santa Claus, and raised

12 a number of dollars for the Elks National

13 Foundation. I believe their final donation

14 amount was \$58 and --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 62.

16 DON BEHNKE: \$62? Why didn't you

17 just fill the blanks in? \$62, and that was

18 an outstanding amount. Beaver Dam was

19 second with \$58 per member, which is

20 fantastic.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Don. The

22 Executive Committee followed by Government

23 Relations.

24 I'm Past State President Jerry Brien,

25 Wisconsin State Elks State President,

1 Kaukauna Lodge 962. We met as a group and
2 we had a little feedback on how the year
3 went. We had some surprises for our
4 Vice-Presidents and that, we just concluded
5 our meeting. So the report will be on file
6 with the State Secretary.

7 Government Relations followed by Hoop
8 Shoot.

9 GINA STASKAL: Gina Staskal,
10 Neenah/Menasha 676. I'm still getting used
11 to this transfer thing.

12 Government Relations met yesterday at
13 8 o'clock. We went over the seven
14 principles of the committee. Went over some
15 issues. I still haven't been able to
16 identify any lodge chair -- or very many
17 lodge chairs, so if you've got somebody
18 who's interested in helping your secretary
19 do the charity reporting, please get them
20 involved. Show them how it works. If you
21 have any issues, please let me know. I'm
22 more than happy to help. I will make site
23 visits. I love coming and helping other
24 secretaries and their helpers do what they
25 need to do.

1 We -- As far as reporting goes, we
2 have almost 100 percent compliance. Thank
3 you, Appleton. We talked about that. I
4 still need five lodges to push the button.
5 Today is the deadline. Get that in. At
6 some point, Grand Lodge will start to do an
7 automatic reporting like they do with the
8 membership report. So, please, Milwaukee,
9 Ashland, Manitowoc, Marinette, and
10 Rice Lake, get those in. I want 100 percent
11 reporting; otherwise, I'll hunt you down and
12 I will help you.

13 We also talked about the framework of
14 your Wisconsin government program that I've
15 been trying to keep going for the last few
16 years. Thank you to the Board of Directors
17 for funding that program for me again. I
18 have spoken with the publisher. We've
19 reduced the price down to \$2 a book now, so
20 I have potentially 1,500 books, and there
21 are 65,000 seventh grade students in this
22 state at any given time, so there's no
23 reason that you can't apply for them because
24 you don't have to expend any money to get
25 that out. If you have any questions about

1 the program, please get in touch with me.
2 My phone number and the official Government
3 Relations email should be in the directory.
4 If not, we'll find a way to get them to you.
5 I'll even personally deliver them, all the
6 way to Ashland or Superior, if necessary, so
7 please, please, let's get this program
8 going. It's modeled after the dictionary
9 program. It's very important. These are
10 our future leaders. We need to get them
11 involved.

12 The rest of my report will be on
13 file.

14 JERRY BRIEN: Hoop Shoot followed by
15 National Foundation Scholarships.

16 I think everybody knows that the Hoop
17 Shoot, Eugene from Oconto, was at our
18 National Hoop Shoot, its 50th anniversary.
19 We had a nine- and ten-year-old -- or eight-
20 and nine-year-old that was shooting from
21 Sheboygan. I didn't hear a final result. I
22 did hear that he did not place in the top
23 three; however, that was a great
24 accomplishment by him. I will ask Eugene to
25 send a written report of the final results

1 so that they become record in our state
2 records.

3 National Foundation Scholarships
4 followed by Committee for the Disabled.

5 REVEREND DOLESCHAL: Reverend Janis K.
6 Doleschal, Waukesha Lodge Number 400,
7 scholarship report.

8 We met at 9 a.m. yesterday morning.
9 We had 11 members there, seven guests, and
10 Jerry, and Dave Nitze dropped by. We
11 discussed the results of the Most Valuable
12 Student scholarship, and all of the
13 specifics will be conveyed to the members
14 either tonight or tomorrow morning. There
15 was a question regarding the Legacy
16 Scholarship. If you go on the ENF site, you
17 will find that the results are not posted
18 for 2022. They're posted for 2021. So if
19 anyone in your lodge is interested in the
20 Legacy Scholarship, it's not posted yet. I
21 did send an email to the ENF and they said
22 they would respond on Monday or Tuesday of
23 next week.

24 We had 10 lodges that had Technical
25 Scholarship winners, and as a result of the

1 wonderful \$165,000 I received from the
2 Board, we raised the Technical Scholarship
3 to \$1,000.

4 Now, because only 10 lodges had
5 winners, the remainder of that money will be
6 shifted over to scholarship winners in the
7 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.
8 We had enough students so that we were able
9 to do that.

10 The remainder of my report will be on
11 file along with all of the specifics.

12 I would urge the secretaries for next
13 year, for the 2022-2023, please make sure
14 that you have the lodge scholarship chairs
15 on file so that I can make sure I send the
16 information to all of the appropriate
17 people. Thank you.

18 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Committee
19 for the Disabled followed by Youth
20 Activities.

21 DON PUTNAM: Don Putnam, Rice Lake
22 Lodge Number 1441. The Committee for the
23 Disabled met yesterday. We wish to thank
24 the State Board for increasing our budget to
25 \$14,000, and we will spend it if we have to

1 break somebody's leg and give them a crutch.

2 So the Committee for the Disabled did
3 discuss different avenues to get the word
4 out to the lodges where they can take
5 advantage of the funds we have available.
6 And they can use these funds to explore and
7 serve their communities beside their lodges.
8 There's so many opportunities out there. I
9 am saying that a sponsorship to the Camp
10 Wawbeek is a great way, but there are so
11 many other avenues to explore, and we're
12 really quite open to them. Application
13 forms are online so your lodge can get them.
14 And the big thing is, these applications and
15 the moneys available are not only for
16 scholarships and stuff like this, it also
17 can be used in your community and at your
18 own lodge. So please, by all means.

19 The rest of the report will be on
20 file with the State Secretary.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Youth
22 Activities followed by U.S. Constitution.

23 JEFF MILLER: Morning, everyone.
24 Jeff Miller, Rice Lake Lodge 1441, same
25 place Don's from.

1 We met at 9 a.m. We had 17 total
2 present, 11 members and six guests. We
3 discussed last year we had a budget of
4 \$7,500. We spent it all. Thank you to the
5 Board for increasing our budget for next
6 year to 8,700.

7 We did create, at the request of our
8 State Secretary, Ken Johnson, there is now a
9 form under -- for Youth Activities, under
10 Forms on the state website, so you can go on
11 there, click it, send in the information to
12 us. I will file my first request for funds
13 at the end of September. If you have
14 something now, you can send it to me early.
15 You don't have to wait until September. And
16 then we'll do the last one in February.

17 I guess the rest of my report will be
18 filed when we get home. Thank you.

19 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. U.S.
20 Constitution followed by Elks Major Project.

21 PAT BUCK: Pat Buck,
22 Neenah/Menasha 676. We met at 9 o'clock
23 yesterday. We had eight members and 11
24 guests in attendance. We reviewed the
25 results of the state test this year. We had

1 16 lodges participate. That's up from 13
2 last year. Kaukauna did it again with first
3 place with only two wrong out of the 40
4 questions. Superior came in second with
5 five wrong. And third through fifth had six
6 wrong each, so the essay question really was
7 important this year.

8 We reviewed the budget request for
9 this year, and I want to thank you all for
10 approving it yesterday.

11 The packets for the 2023 contest will
12 be distributed at the fall conference, so
13 ERs, Secretaries, get the U.S. Constitution
14 chairman listed in your lodge so they can
15 attend the meeting. I can get the packets
16 to them.

17 And I would like to mention at this
18 time, the lodges that did participate this
19 year; Kaukauna, Superior, Marshfield,
20 Waukesha, Beloit, Wisconsin Rapids,
21 Watertown, Platteville, Oconto, Wausau,
22 Neenah/Menasha, Rice Lake, Sheboygan,
23 Chippewa Falls, Stevens Point, and Green Bay.
24 If your name wasn't listed, you deprived
25 students of scholarship money. So try and

1 get participation next year so that we can
2 spread this money to more students.

3 The rest of my report will be on
4 file.

5 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Elks Major
6 Project followed by Recreation at State
7 Meetings.

8 KEVIN MCCARTHY: Kevin McCarthy,
9 Wausau Lodge 248.

10 State Major Project, we met yesterday
11 at 9 o'clock. We had Jerry Brien as a
12 guest. We had 22 members and two guests.
13 We did the pledge and the invocation. Under
14 our camp report, I did have to report that
15 Carissa Peterson stepped down as the camp
16 director and Alex Peters has replaced her,
17 so kind of a new switch there. I'm sure
18 we'll be fine.

19 We have two projects that are still
20 ongoing. We're trying to get roofs on three
21 buildings there and some additional outdoor
22 lighting. We're just having some problems
23 getting contractors in and getting it done.

24 But anywho. Camp Cleanup Day, as I
25 mentioned yesterday, is next Saturday.

1 Again, contact me if you have any people
2 coming from your lodge so that we can kind
3 of get a lunch number together.

4 Elk Day at camp will be June 25th.
5 Cindy Whalen gave our treasurer's report and
6 then she read our budget. We reviewed it
7 and approved it. Ken Johnson stopped by and
8 let us know that the state approved our
9 \$45,000 support.

10 Under our good of the order,
11 unfortunately it wasn't good news, but Paul
12 O'Brion is stepping down from that after 32
13 years, I believe, so again, thank you to
14 Paul. Kathy Elliott has stepped up in his
15 place, so thank you.

16 And then we did our election of
17 officers and Leah Kostuck was named as our
18 new chairperson.

19 The remainder of my report will be on
20 file. Thank you.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Recreation
22 at State Meetings followed by Bowling.

23 DOUGLAS VAVRICKA: Douglas Vavricka,
24 Platteville Lodge Number 1460. Recreation
25 at Convention committee. Again, yesterday's

1 meeting, I had an easy game for you guys
2 with that little bitty ball and the
3 spittoon, but our winners this year was Todd
4 Kostuck got first, and Lance Pliml got
5 second, and I thank you. They both donated
6 their winnings back, \$20, \$30, they donated
7 that back to the committee.

8 Again, my committee is for non-funded
9 youth activities. We gave back \$300 this
10 year to lodges for reimbursements. We have
11 a little more to do if you want to. That's
12 why I play the game, so I keep the account
13 going. But again, it's for, like, Safe
14 Night, kids fishing, kids roller skating.
15 You know, we don't care. It's for the kids,
16 and it's for non-funded youth activities
17 that the other charitable does not cover.
18 We're there, you have to bring the
19 reimbursement claim to the meeting. The
20 meeting starts at 7:30, so hopefully we're
21 there early enough so you can get to your
22 regular meetings.

23 The rest will be on file.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Bowling
25 followed by Golf. Golf followed by Curling.

1 Curling followed by Legalized Gambling. Are
2 you making a report, Don? Okay. Well, back
3 up. Golf will be recognized.

4 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke from
5 Sheboygan Lodge Number 299, reporting for
6 the Golf Committee. We met at 9 a.m. We
7 had seven members present and two guests.
8 New instructions were handed out explaining
9 the procedures to apply for holding the
10 state tournament at your lodge or in your
11 community. Also handed out were the
12 instructions on how the tournament is
13 currently played. Several years ago we
14 changed it to a scramble format from a
15 handicap individual play, mostly to move the
16 tournament along at a faster pace.

17 This year's tournament will be held
18 at the Turtleback Course in Rice Lake. The
19 information was sent to all of our lodges a
20 few weeks ago. If you haven't received it,
21 please contact the Rice Lake lodge, and I
22 believe -- Well, Tony isn't here, but they
23 will get you the information.

24 The tournament will be played on
25 July 18th, a Monday, and the 2023 tournament

1 will be held in Eau Claire, and that will be
2 held sometime in June.

3 Again, lodges are encouraged to apply
4 for hosting the Elks State Golf Tournament.
5 It can be a very good moneymaker for your
6 lodge if you're looking for a way, in the
7 middle of the summer, to create some funds,
8 consider having your lodge apply for the
9 Elks golf tournament during the year.

10 The rest of my report will be on file
11 with the State Secretary. Thank you.

12 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Curling
13 followed by Legalized Gambling [sic].
14 Legalized Gaming followed by Accident
15 Prevention.

16 KEVIN LONIEN: Good morning, everyone.
17 Kevin Lonien, Milwaukee Lodge Number 46,
18 chairman of Legalized Gaming. Gambling is
19 illegal in the State of Wisconsin so do not
20 gamble. This is legalized gaming. Yesterday
21 morning at 10 a.m. we had our meeting. We
22 only had three members present out of 13,
23 but we did have 12 guests, so there's 15
24 Elks in attendance representing nine lodges.
25 I would really recommend every lodge have a

1 representative there so just to make sure
2 that what you are doing is -- Gaming
3 fundraisers are legal, and you don't get in
4 any trouble for them like every lodge did a
5 few years ago with the Jack of Diamonds.

6 We just had a discussion on bingo
7 renewal of license, occupational license,
8 things like that, and then we switched over
9 on raffles and we went through new types of
10 raffles to try to generate more money. The
11 South district has had talks about doing a
12 joint raffle with all the lodges in the
13 South district. That way we can sell
14 tickets at a higher price with a higher
15 prize and hopefully make money for the whole
16 district to be split between the lodges.

17 We also did have a conversation about
18 legal pull tabs in the state of Wisconsin.
19 The only pull tabs that should be sold at
20 lodges are the ones that you get from
21 Wisconsin Lottery. Any other pull tab is
22 considered illegal in the state.

23 My report will be filed with the
24 secretary. Thank you.

25 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Accident

1 Prevention followed by Benevolent
2 Fundraising.

3 MIKE WIRTH: Mike Wirth,
4 Sheboygan 299, Accident Prevention.

5 We discussed many subjects. One of
6 them is accident reports from the Grand
7 Lodge, and I called down there to get the
8 latest ones, and for the past year there was
9 only one accident report from all of the
10 lodges in our state, so I guess our
11 committee is doing a great job on that.

12 The rest of my report will be filed
13 with our Secretary, and after 41 years, I'm
14 hanging it up, and I'd like to add that
15 vice-chairman Jim Staskal will be taking
16 over, so again, thank you.

17 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Don't be a
18 stranger, though.

19 MIKE WIRTH: I won't.

20 JERRY BRIEN: Benevolent Fundraising
21 followed by the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund
22 Board report.

23 DANIEL CRUM: Daniel Crum, Watertown
24 Lodge 666, Benevolent Fundraising.

25 We called the meeting to order at

1 10 o'clock at our table. Recited the Pledge
2 of Allegiance. Went through our minutes.
3 We have -- We're looking for a co-chair for
4 our group, so if anybody's interested,
5 please contact me.

6 We had five members present, two were
7 excused, and one absent. We discussed
8 during the meeting a possibility of adding
9 something to raffle off besides just the
10 basket, which we'll continue the discussion
11 at our next meeting. Our ladies -- Our
12 baskets that were brought in, I would like
13 to thank everybody who brings in a basket
14 for the Benevolent Fundraiser. We raised
15 over \$2,000 on those baskets this weekend,
16 and that means a lot to keep the Benevolent
17 Fund building every month, every year.

18 And the rest of my report will be
19 filed with the secretary. Thank you.

20 JERRY BRIEN: Wisconsin Benevolent
21 Board followed by Trustee Training.

22 DAVE HAGEN: Dave Hagen, Janesville
23 Lodge 254, Secretary/Treasurer of the
24 Benevolent Fund.

25 The meeting was Friday at 10:30 and

1 the Board of Directors met. We reviewed the
2 previous minutes. Treasurer's report was
3 filed. We had our investment manager, Tyson
4 Ray, from Raymond James report on our
5 investment funds, and he also brought his
6 assistant, DeAnna Miller, who works with me
7 a lot on transferring funds back and forth.
8 And he just gave a great report. He gave
9 us, you know, insight into the stability and
10 the instability of what the markets are,
11 and, you know, he also told us how much
12 money funds are under the investments with
13 their firm, which is just fantastic, and we
14 are very, very grateful for how the returns
15 have fared.

16 Our cash on hand at the end of the
17 session was \$10,031, and our investments
18 totaled \$2,852,848.

19 The board approved and we presented a
20 check to the charity side of the Wisconsin
21 Elks Association yesterday for \$150,000.

22 The rest of my report is on file with
23 the Secretary. Thank you.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Trustee
25 Training followed by Grant Coordinator.

1 Grant Coordinator followed Secretary
2 Meeting.

3 PAM SCHEDIVY: Pam Schedivy,
4 Oshkosh 292, Grant Coordinator. I'm pleased
5 to say that we had a record number of people
6 applying for the Freedom Grant. Before I
7 took my laptop into Best Buy before coming
8 to the convention here, none of them had
9 been approved yet, and that also was the
10 same for Gratitude and the Beacon and the
11 Spotlight Grant. None of them had been
12 approved yet, which seems kind of odd since
13 it's been almost a month since we've been
14 into this. But I am hoping that everybody
15 gets approved and that the Freedom Grant can
16 be carried forward in a record manner.
17 Thank you.

18 Oh, and I'm really excited that they
19 moved up the WEA grant up to 1,750. That's
20 awesome. Lots of money to spend out there.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. We'll allow
22 her to catch her breath here. Okay,
23 Secretary report.

24 GINA STASKAL: Gina Staskal,
25 Neenah/Menasha 676. Arlyn Clarksen from

1 Waukesha and I tag-teamed, it's a two-hour
2 session, for Secretary CLMS, and so he does
3 the first hour, I do the second hour. It's
4 mostly an open forum. We are requesting
5 that we become a sanctioned committee so
6 that all the Secretaries have their -- they
7 don't have to get extra voting credentials,
8 things like that. But we are trying to make
9 sure that the Secretaries get as many
10 opportunities for training and things like
11 that, so both of us are willing to make site
12 visits to help new secretaries. We've seen,
13 over the years, sometimes they kind of --
14 the former ones disappear and the new ones
15 have no clue what's going on, and that's not
16 the way this is supposed to work, because
17 the Secretary is one of the most active
18 offices in the lodge, and you really need to
19 keep that in an organized manner. So please
20 do not beat up on your Secretaries, like
21 Susie said last night. Be nice to your
22 Secretaries, because it can be a tough job.

23 I don't have a report to put on file.
24 I'll get with Arlyn and we'll get one to Ken
25 Johnson. Thank you.

1 JERRY BRIEN: Okay. Are there any
2 other committee reports that I might have
3 missed? Okay. I will now entertain a
4 motion to approve all committee reports.

5 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
6 Watertown 666, so moved.

7 JERRY BRIEN: Is there a second to
8 that motion?

9 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248,
10 seconds.

11 JERRY BRIEN: Is there any
12 discussion? All in favor, please signify by
13 the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands
14 down. Opposed? Motion carried.

15 I wish to thank all the committee
16 chairpersons and all the committee members
17 this past year. You helped us navigate our
18 committees through difficult pandemic years.
19 You have made a difference in our success.

20 I want to recognize our state awards
21 that were handed out at our Saturday evening
22 banquet so they become a permanent part of
23 our proceedings of this session.

24 The Secretary of the Year, Susan
25 Gutknecht, Chippewa Falls Lodge 1326. Elk

1 Lady of the Year, Samantha Radig, Beaver Dam
2 Lodge 1540. Exalted Ruler of the Year,
3 Joseph Heimerl, Green Bay Lodge 259. Lodge
4 of the Year, Baraboo Lodge 688. Elk of the
5 Year, Reverend Michael Hackbarth, Sheboygan
6 Lodge 299. Congratulations to all our state
7 award winners.

8 Ken, is there a report regarding the
9 2022 Fall Conference and the 2023 Mid Winter
10 Conference?

11 KEN JOHNSON: Not really, but I got
12 the microphone, and I'm Ken Johnson from
13 Wausau 248. Making some notes here as I'm
14 listening to everybody. As you say you're
15 going to have forms like for golf or you're
16 going to have forms for this or that, if you
17 send them to me, you know how to do it, I
18 can put them on the website where the people
19 can access those forms to get to them rather
20 than trying to call me up and see who can
21 contact who to get the form. So, you know,
22 that's what the website is for is for the
23 usefulness of these forms, so send them in
24 to me.

25 Next one is, I heard all kinds of

1 people say, "My reporting will be on file
2 with the Secretary." You got two weeks,
3 folks. Last time around I had to call a lot
4 of people to say, "Where are your reports?"
5 And I didn't get some of them. After two
6 weeks, I will scan them in and put them on
7 the website so they can be reviewed by other
8 people or your committees.

9 Now, again, your reports, and Gina is
10 usually right on top of this, but you go to
11 the website and there is a form there that
12 you can then type the report in, and please,
13 I know most of you know how to do this, but
14 when you get done doing it and you hit "save
15 as," and "save as" and then you write down
16 Americanism Committee report. Because if
17 you just save, you're saving a blank form,
18 and then you turn around and send me the
19 form and it's blank. Then I call you back
20 and away we go.

21 So the forms, if you type them in and
22 send them, they're legible. I'm telling
23 you, I'm going to start putting more and
24 more in that are handwritten to me and let
25 you figure out what they say, because I

1 don't know.

2 Next thing I'm going to say is on the
3 directory. I'm going to be sending each
4 lodge from the old ones -- In the lodges
5 are the directory for a comparison for my
6 information. I don't know how this happens
7 when somebody says, "Well, where did you get
8 that name for Loyal Knight in the directory?"
9 I got that name from the Grand Lodge system
10 that says this is what their Secretary said
11 and submitted who that person was, and their
12 spouse and the phone number. That's where I
13 get the information from, so I'm going to
14 send stuff to the lodges for a comparison.
15 Maybe something has changed since you
16 submitted to Grand Lodge, but we'll do that
17 one there.

18 For the next conferences and
19 conventions, boy, we're going good. This
20 place should be all done in September, I
21 hope. And again, I think everybody, but I
22 think you people, you've been really good.
23 It's been fun, it's been a great time.
24 Thank you.

25 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Ken. Round

1 of applause again for Ken for everything
2 he's done.

3 It's now my pleasure to introduce our
4 State Sponsor. From Flora, Illinois, Lodge
5 1659, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, the
6 Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger.

7 LOU SULSBERGER: Good morning. I'll
8 keep this brief because I know a lot of you
9 want to get on the road, but thanks again
10 for everything. Thanks for the job you guys
11 are all doing for Elksdom in Wisconsin, and
12 additional thank you to those who stepped to
13 the plate and served two terms during the
14 pandemic year. It's quite a dedication to
15 the association and it's really, really
16 appreciated.

17 I want you all to have a safe trip
18 home, and we'll look forward to seeing many,
19 many of you in Atlanta, okay? So with that
20 said, be safe and God bless.

21 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Lou. It was
22 a pleasure to have you and Beth with us this
23 weekend. On a personal note, I want to
24 thank you for the guidance and support you
25 gave me these past two years. Thank you.

1 It's now a great pleasure, without
2 song or dance, to introduce the next
3 individual to soon be installed as your
4 president. Kathy and I have truly enjoyed
5 traveling with Dave and Kathy and will
6 always cherish our friendship. I know that
7 you will do a fantastic job. Ladies and
8 gentlemen, your President-Elect, David Hagen
9 from Janesville 254.

10 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Jerry. Thank
11 you, Kathy. Kathy and I have enjoyed
12 traveling, representing the association as
13 your President-Elect, and we look forward to
14 working with all of the new officers that
15 are being installed next in about 15 minutes
16 or so, and we will take on the Wisconsin
17 Elks and we will make you all proud that we
18 are all Elks, because today is a great day
19 to be an Elk. Let's hear it. It's a great
20 day to be an Elk. Thank you, Jerry, for all
21 you've done and enjoy your retirement, but
22 don't be shy. Be around.

23 JERRY BRIEN: I'm glad he's taking
24 over for me.

25 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you.

1 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Dave. I now
2 ask if our soon-to-be President-Elect, Karl,
3 would like to say a few words.

4 KARL HANKE: (Inaudible.)

5 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Karl, for
6 those comments.

7 KARL HANKE: I just want to thank
8 everybody for all the support. It's been a
9 great race. Pat's here. It's been fun
10 traveling with you. We've learned so much
11 from the people on my immediate left and so
12 many people out there that inspired us. Is
13 Pat Nitze here? You have her to blame --
14 No, Pat Nitze. You have her to blame.
15 She's the one that put this idea in my head
16 four years ago to start with, so if you got
17 any complaints, take it to her.

18 I would like to officially announce,
19 though, that I have changed my ring tone to
20 the Hanky Panky. That is the truth. We do
21 look forward to seeing everybody and going
22 around to the visits this year. I thank you
23 very much.

24 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Karl. Is
25 there any other business that needs to come

1 before this session of the Wisconsin Elks
2 Association? Yes, come forward. Who are
3 you? Go to the microphone, please.

4 DAVE NITZE: Dave Nitze, PSP,
5 Janesville 254. I just want to bring up
6 that Mr. Hanke, President-Elect, forgot to
7 introduce his wife so he's already --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

9 JERRY BRIEN: Dave, would you please
10 introduce her since Karl isn't going to?
11 Annie, would you please stand up and be
12 recognized? That's going to cost you a lot
13 of money through the year, Karl, if you
14 don't remember that.

15 KARL HANKE: (Inaudible.)

16 JERRY BRIEN: All right, we have some
17 business over here. Jeff.

18 JEFF MILLER: Jeff Miller. I can
19 probably do this without the mic, too. My
20 daughter refers to this as my coaching
21 voice. Jeff Miller, Rice Lake Lodge 1441.
22 I want to apologize to the golf committee
23 for not sending a representative at the last
24 minute. Our golf guy, Tony, didn't show up.
25 Those of us who came from Rice Lake were all

1 at different meetings. I just sent a text
2 to Tony, who is running the golf at
3 Rice Lake. He will send the forms to Ken to
4 put on the website. It is -- We moved it
5 off of Father's Day, trying to get younger
6 people. We got some complaints within our
7 lodge that people wanted to go. That's why
8 the move was. We moved it to July, which
9 also coincides with our lodge will be 100
10 this year, so on Monday, we will have golf.
11 On the 23rd, we will have our 100th birthday
12 celebration. So I'm putting that out in
13 case anybody would like to come up and help
14 us celebrate our 100th, you are more than
15 welcome to come, too.

16 So again, I apologize to the Golf
17 Committee and to those of you who were there
18 and we will get the forms, so thank you.
19 And congratulations to Karl and Annie.

20 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Todd?

21 TODD KOSTUCK: Thank you, Ken. Todd
22 Kostuck, Platteville Lodge Number 1460. As
23 many of you have heard that we have state
24 Elks camping weekend coming up July 29th
25 through the 31st at Plymouth Rock

1 Campground. It's going to be a good time.
2 There's going to be quite a few campers
3 there, we're hoping. I have some brochures
4 here if anybody needs information on that.
5 I will have them up on the front table here,
6 and we look forward to a good time, and so
7 here's your information and thank you very
8 much.

9 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. Rob?

10 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
11 Lodge 1540. I just have a little bit more
12 money to give away. Last night after the
13 banquet, our Lady of the Year, Samantha,
14 went around selling some cookies that she
15 happened to be the one that made, so I have
16 another \$77 for the Benevolent Fund. And
17 Major Project, is there somebody here to
18 accept that?

19 We did sell the last of the bags. I
20 have a couple on reserve that were preordered
21 that I'll have money for when I get them to
22 them, but here's another \$75 for that.

23 JERRY BRIEN: Thanks, Rob. Is there
24 any other business that needs to -- Yes, go
25 to the mic, please.

1 DAVE ELLIOTT: Dave Elliott,
2 Sheboygan 299. We all enjoy the hospitality
3 room every time we're here. I think we need
4 to make sure Jason's aware of our gratitude
5 for the work he's done. Why he's not here
6 right now, he's in there cleaning up the
7 whole thing by himself or with a little bit
8 of help, so when you see Jason, please give
9 him a round of applause. Tell him thank you
10 for all the work he does. It's greatly
11 appreciated. We enjoy the hospitality room.

12 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you. I want to
13 recognize Bob and Char. They put up our
14 display again in the hotel, and I know that
15 takes probably a couple hours' time to put
16 that all together. I know they would like
17 to get some help with that. Unfortunately,
18 we're not going to be able to take that to
19 Grand Lodge convention. Part of that's
20 because it's just getting much harder for
21 Bob and Char to do that. They've been doing
22 it for a lot of years, and so we've got a
23 lot of new members. Good chance to go to
24 Grand Lodge, experience the Grand Lodge
25 experience. Talk to Bob and Char, you know,

1 get some of your younger members. This
2 would be a good way to greet people because
3 you're there by the booth and people are
4 coming by, they're coming from different
5 states, you talk to them. But mostly it's
6 putting it up, taking it down is getting to
7 be the hard part. And Bob will give you a
8 tutorial in order to be able to do that.
9 And we'll assist you, too. He's not going
10 to leave you high and dry, but he certainly
11 will assist with that, but he wants somebody
12 to take that over. But thank you to you and
13 Char.

14 Now, is there any other business that
15 needs to come before this session of the
16 Wisconsin Elks Association?

17 I have an announcement. Immediately
18 following this general session will be the
19 installation of officers. I hope many of
20 you remain to show your support of the
21 dedicated men and women.

22 Are there any additional announcements
23 to be made at this time? I will now call
24 upon State Chaplain Reverend Mike Hackbarth
25 to give the benediction.

1 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
2 me.

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

11 JERRY BRIEN: Thank you, Reverend
12 Mike.

13 Be seated. I'd like to take this
14 time to thank everyone for the support and
15 trust you gave Kathy and I for the past two
16 years. It was an incredible journey. I
17 never expected it would be two years, but it
18 did allow me to support your lodges even
19 more. Thank you, Wisconsin Elk members.

20 Now concludes the Sunday session of
21 the 2022 Spring Convention of the Wisconsin
22 Elks Association. We stand adjourned. My
23 last rap.

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

Organized at Ashland, Wisconsin – April 22, 1902

A.F. Warden, Waukesha #400, Chairman

M.H. Zacharias, Oshkosh #292, Secretary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
2012	Marshfield	Dave Assmann	Ken Johnson
		Waukesha #400	Wausau #248
2013	Eau Claire	Dave Nitze, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Janesville #254	Wausau #248
2014	Baraboo	Ron Shannon	Ken Johnson
		Portage #675	Wausau #248
2015	Green Bay	Todd Kostuck	Ken Johnson
		Platteville #1460	Wausau #248
2016	Green Bay	Anthony Voulgaris	Ken Johnson
		Oshkosh #292	Wausau #248
2017	Green Bay	Rob Radig, Sr.	Ken Johnson
		Beaver Dam #1540	Wausau #248
2018	Appleton	George Myers	Ken Johnson
		Eau Claire #402	Wausau #248
2019	Appleton	Sam Demmin	Ken Johnson
		Oshkosh #292	Wausau #248

* Deceased ** Died In Office

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
2020	CANCELLED COVID	Nikki Shannon	Ken Johnson
		Beaver Dam# 1540	Wausau #248
2021	Virtual	Jerry Brien	Ken Johnson
		Kaukauna # 962	Wausau #248
2022	Appleton	Jerry Brien	Ken Johnson
		Kaukauna # 962	Wausau #248

* Deceased ** Died In Office

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULERS

WISCONSIN 1900 – 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2014-2015	Northeast	Marty Sullivan	Wausau #248
	Northwest	Jaye Franklin	Marshfield #665
	Central	Sam Demmin	Oshkosh #292
	South	Phil Clayborne	Milwaukee #46
2015-2016	Northeast	Eugene Wusterbarth	Oconto #887
	Northwest	Richard Sislo	Superior #403
	Central	Jeannie Lange	Baraboo #688
	South	Bruce Somers	Waukesha #400
2016-2017	Northeast	Jeffery Miller	Rice Lake #1441
	Northwest	George Harper	Green Bay #259
	Central	Ron Beenen	Sheboygan #299
	South	James Jiracek	Milwaukee #46
2017-2018	Northwest	Steve Schraufnagel	Ashland #137
	Northeast	Kevin McCarthy	Wausau #248
	Central	Aaron Holbrook	Beaver Dam #1540
	South	James Jiracek	Milwaukee #46
2018-2019	Northwest	Susan Gutknecht	Chippewa Falls #1326
	Northeast	Karl Hanke	Wausau #248
	Central	Don Behnke	Sheboygan #299
	South	Stephen Sasso	Madison #410

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