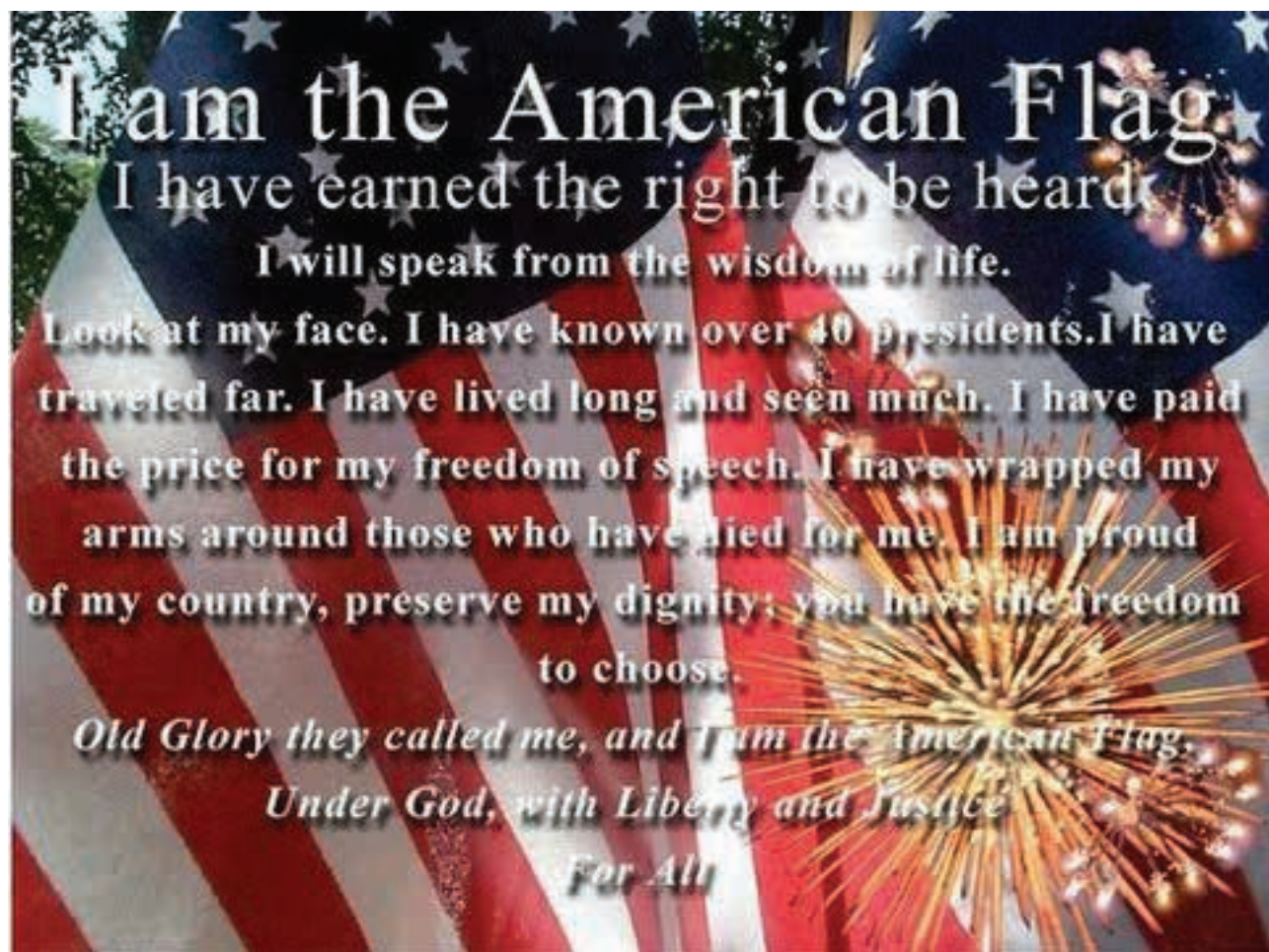




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2023 Convention—Appleton May 4-7

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2023 July 2 – July 85. Minneapolis, MN

The 100th issue of the Bugle by the Johnson's
HERDING CATS & ELKS

This is an article that was written before and is now the time to implement.
To start with I do have my hat in the ring for State Secretary

Sometimes I think my association with cats has been my saving grace in management. Unlike dogs, cats have wills of their own and living with them involves negotiation, patience, and persistence. So does working with the Elks.

Elks (and cats) have their own motivation and preferences which may or may not coincide with yours. They can be trained (up to a point, but they still would rather do things their way. And the more you insist that they conform, the more likely it is that they will mutiny – or leave. You can lose a lot of excellent Elks by insisting on absolute control.

I admit I'm a control freak, and I have high standards. But I also have frequent deadlines, responsibility for publications, and a body that requires sleep. No matter how much I'd like to, I can't do it all. Instead, I find other people (like my wife) who helped me immensely thru the years where we liked to have fun while working hard, and together we made the most of our strengths, solved problems and challenge each other to excel. I try to listen, accept suggestions and discuss practical options, even though sometimes I'd much rather insist on having my way. I've learned that we get far better results when each person is in charge of their piece of the project and I just keep us focused on the overall goal.

This venture of ours all started back in 1998 when State President Bob Hackl asked if I (we) would become the editors for the W.E.A. what a run it has been. Many National awards and compliments made it a great venture. A good friend said to me think how a P.S.P. talks about the great years they had, while I am on a quarter century of a great time. I am truly the lucky one.

I have spoken to the Publicity and Public Relations Committee about a plan to move production of the Bugle, Web Site, Social Media and Directory to their Committee. I know for succession planning this will be a great move. The knowledge and new ideas they can bring forward will make things even better. Heck I remember when my watch was to let me know what time it was, now people talk to their watch and ask it questions and they get answers. There is a whole new tech knowledge that is beyond me.

In the long run, sharing control and focusing on leadership not only improves project results but also gains you the loyalty of both staff, cats and Elks – not unquestioning loyalty, but something better; a mutual commitment to success. And I'll take mutual commitment and excellence over blind obedience any day.

So to close thanks for the memories and I will be around to help, but I have to listen to my own words where advice is great if asked for otherwise give helpful ideas but not say that's not how it has been done.

Ken Johnson
W.E.A. State Secretary for a long time and darn proud of it.

State President's Article



Kathy & I continue to enjoy the opportunity to be your State President & First Lady and the lodge visits spreading the joy of Elksdom throughout the state, along with your President-Elect Karl & Annie and the Vice-Presidents Keven Keener, NW, Joe Heimerl NE, Jim Francisco Central and Manny Salinas South.

After our winter break, we celebrated in Milwaukee at Alice in Wonderland tea party, Beaver Dam with a tribute to our state colors and representing the state at the state hoop shoot contest in Wausau along with a tribute to Hollywood for the state president visit.

The Mid-Winter conference was a great success in Green Bay. I was pleased with the large turnout. Thank you for attending the conference and taking back all the information that you learned to your local lodges.

As I write this letter, Kathy & I are looking forward to the remaining seven lodge visits and both the regional and National Hoop Shoot contests in Iowa City and Chicago.

The Spring Convention scheduled for May 5, 6 & 7, 2023 in Appleton, this will complete our fantastic year as you State President and First Lady. Be sure to attend the committee meeting on Saturday and take the time to attend a meeting that you have not attended in the past. You will be amazed at what current information is available at these sessions.

It is now time for to pass the title of State President over to Karl Hanke & the title of First Lady over to Annie Hanke. Traveling with the Hanke's has been fantastic. I leave the association in great hands as the Hanke's represent Great Elk Leadership.

Elks Charities are the heart of our Association. So please keep our Elks National Foundation, our State Major Project, and the Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund part of your charitable giving.

It was truly an unforgettable journey and I want to thank you all for the hospitality shown us as we traveled the state promoting my motto, **"Family, Community & Charity"**.

Dave

Dave Hagen, President
Wisconsin Elks Association

First Ladies' Article



It's hard to believe our journey as State President and First Lady is almost over. It has been a wonderful year and we have enjoyed all of the state lodge visits. We have met so many Elk's members and they will be friends for lifetime.

Spring is now upon us, and we are looking forward to our WEA Spring Convention in Appleton, May 5, 6 & 7. Safe travels to everyone.

I want to thank you for supporting the association by purchasing my wine basket raffle tickets. My proceeds will be split between State Major Projects & the Benevolent Fund.

Fraternally,

First Lady Kathy Hagen



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State President Elect *It's a Great Day to be an ELK!*



What an amazing experience this last year has been. Traveling with mom and dad (Kathy and Dave Hagen) has so fun and we have learned even more about each lodge and Elkdom with every visit.

This upcoming year I plan to strongly focus on two areas. The first area is to help each lodge to understand my motto for the year, **"Growth through Pride"**. Every lodge has so much to be proud of and it's time that we as Elks tell our family and friends about who we are and what we do. It's time we talk about the many ways we help the members in our communities who are less fortunate than us. It's only through telling people about who we are and why we take pride in our accomplishments that we will get new and active members.

The other area I wish to focus on this upcoming year will be to increase the attendance at state conferences and the convention. The more members we get active the more information about new and existing programs and sharing of ideas we take back to our local lodges and committees. Which in turn will only benefit and grow our lodges.

Both Annie and I look forward to working with each and every one of you during this upcoming year. Together we will find new ways to grow our lodges, serve our communities, and have a fantastic time doing so.

Karl Hanke

Growth Through Pride

One day Lena peeked out the vindow and spied Ole flying a kite. After watching the kite rise and then fall to the ground, she helpfully called out the back door: "Ole... Ole... you need more tail."

Said Ole: " I vish you vould make up your mind, Lena. Dis morning you told me to go fly a kite."

Wisconsin Elks President Visit 2023-2024 Dates

June 10 Appleton visit and Flag Day parade
June 24 Camp Wawbeek clean up and Portage visit

June 26 State golf tournament: EauClaire
June 29 - July 5 Grand lodge – Minneapolis

July 15 Janesville visit
July 28-30 State Campout – Plymouth Rock Campground

August 4 Ashland
August 5 Superior
August 11 EauClaire
August 12 Chippewa Falls
August 13 Rice lake

Sept 9 Watertown
Sept 14-17 Fall Conference - Appleton
Sept 30 Waukesha
October 1 Pancake breakfast at Camp

October 7 Madison

October 13 Neenah
October 14 Marshfield
October 20 Kaukauna
October 21 Oshkosh

November 4 Baraboo
December 1 Green Bay
December 2 Oconto
December 9 Antigo

January 27 Milwaukee

February 3 Beaver Dam
February 9-10 Wausau- Hoop Shoot
February 15-18 Mid-winter conference - Green Bay

March 2 Marinette
March 8 Manitowoc
March 9 Sheboygan
March 22 Stevens Point
March 23 Wisconsin Rapids
April 12-13 Platteville

Message from Wisconsin Sponsor PGER F. Louis Sulsberger



Greetings Everyone

Welcome to Appleton and to the May 2023 Wisconsin Elks Spring Convention! This gathering brings with it the traditional "changing of the guard" and I would like to thank and congratulate State President Dave Hagen and First Lady Kathy for a job well done serving our State Association this past year. They have represented Wisconsin well and I know you all join me in wishing Dave and Kathy the best. We look forward to their serving the Order for years to come.

I extend my heartfelt good wishes to our President-Elect Karl Hanke. I am confident that he and Annie will serve this Association with distinction during this coming fraternal year and will make all of us proud.

Congratulations also to all of the newly installed Exalted Ruler's and their Officers whom we welcome to this Convention. You are all wished a successful year as the leaders in your respective Lodges. I hope these new ER's are looking forward to the Convention in Minneapolis! Please make all of the sessions and take back to your Lodges ideas that may enhance the operation of your Lodge. For many of you, this will be your first Grand Lodge Convention. I remember fondly my first Convention so many, many years ago and I am sure your experience will be as good as mine was.

Beth and I look forward to being with you at the Spring Convention. As most of you know, we were unable to attend the February Mid-Winter Conference in Green Bay due to a schedule conflict with my Mid-year Grand Lodge Advisory meeting. We truly regretted this and appreciated your understanding.

Until we are together again, stay safe and healthy. God Bless you all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "F. Louis Sulsberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor

From the Chaplain



If you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments, and do them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Leviticus 26: 3-4 ESV

Have you ever noticed that rules, regulations, and laws bring out the human tendency to ask: "But why?" This response to authority is manifested at an early age; parents with children experience this phenomenon very quickly.

Many of societies problems arise from ignoring God's Word when we think His instructions do not make sense. Moses tells us the rules and regulations God gave to His people not only kept them clean - make that holy – before Him, but the same constructs protected them from discomfort, sickness, and an untimely death.

In some ways the law can be seen as God solving a problem before it occurs. Moses reminds us that God always knows what is best – for us and for our relationship with Him.

It seems to me that the constructs (rules and regulations) in the Elks Constitution have a similar function in the every day operation of the Lodge. Adherence to these constructs form a universal guide to behavior (customs & traditions) of the Lodge. The consistent act of managing and maintaining regulations and rules, provides a foundation of purpose that guides our relationships with others throughout "Elkdom" and the world.

Remember God loves you, and so do I

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

WOW, Midwinter Conference Fundraising went great!

Thank you to all who participated and helped. After looking back at the weekend I realized there were just not enough committee members to run our events properly, so we are looking for anyone interested in becoming a committee member or anyone willing to step up and help out especially on Fridays during our conferences. It is Normally A fun time, we get to meet a lot of good elks who come by the table to purchase tickets and Gab, and it's a really great way to meet new friends. If you are interested, please contact me at the conference, or just email me at; daniecrum98@gmail.com. Thank you to all and look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference Sincerely Daniel W. Crum
Benevolent Fundraising chairman

V.P. South



Spring is now upon us & our South District Lodges continue to promote the virtues of Elkdome and support for our communities. In my role as Vice President I am pleased to be able to showcase activities the South District has held benefitting our worthy causes, and charitable projects.

Janesville #254 held a Deerfest fundraiser on Oct. 1st, a Craft Fair on Oct. 22nd, & a Halloween costume contest on Oct. 28th. Janesville #254 received their ENF Grants to use for Special Olympics & Project 16:49. The Lodge provided a dinner recognizing Veterans with a free meal & presented a donation to Delavan-Darien Police Dept. for Shop with a Cop Program on Nov. 11th. #254 participated in the City Christmas Lights parade on Dec 3rd. The Elks Memorial service was held Dec. 4th. Cookies with Santa event was held Dec. 11th. Janesville #254 hosted Rock County Veterans Fair on Dec. 14th, & the Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Lodge Youth Programs on Jan. 28th. Janesville #254 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

Madison #410 received a Beacon Grant for \$6500. The Lodge held a Veterans Day Breakfast honoring Veterans & active-duty military on Nov. 12th. followed by the presentation of \$1,750 check to Honor Flight (using WEA Grant). The Lodge held the annual Toys for Tots campaign from Oct. - Dec. 3rd. The Elks Memorial Service was held Dec. 4th. Madison Lodge #410 held a Giving Tree for Homeless Vets & provided a \$50 gift card to each Veteran living at Porchlght Transitional Housing. Madison #410 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

Waukesha #400 held a Vampire Ball Murder Mystery Dinner event on Oct. 29th raising money for Lodge scholarships. The Veterans Day dinner event was held Nov. 17th. The Elks Memorial service was held Dec. 4th. Christmas Food Basket preparation was held Dec. 13th. The Elks Lodge hosted the Waukesha Janboree's Ice Bocce Tournament on Jan 14th., & a Bag Toss Tournament on Jan. 21st. Waukesha Lodge provided their main hall for Election Voting on Nov. 8th. Waukesha Lodge #400 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

Platteville #1460 using 1/2 their Charitable Grant provided a donation to non-profit food ministry Ruby's Pantry serving rural communities at sponsoring churches.

V.P. South

Platteville used the other 1/2 of their Charitable Grant & provided a donation to Second Harvest of Southern Wisconsin. Platteville held fundraiser events to benefit community projects: Fish Fry (Oct. 8th), Brat/Hot Dog sale (Oct. 15th & 21st), and a Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Supper (Nov. 9th). The Elks Memorial service was held Dec. 4th. Elks Hoop Shoot contest took place Dec. 10th. Christmas Basket distribution was held Dec. 13th.

Platteville #1460 is preparing for their 100 Year Anniversary in April. Platteville Lodge #1460 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

Beloit #864 received the Gratitude Grant (\$2,500) benefitting the Elks Dictionary Program. The Beacon Grant (\$4,000) of which \$2,000 was used for Special Olympics, & \$2,000 for the VETS ROLL (4-day bus ride for veterans to visit Washington DC's military memorials, similar to Honor Flight). The Spotlight Grant (\$2,000) was designated for the Caritas Food Pantry. Elks Memorial Day Commemoration was held Dec. 4th. Beloit Lodge #864 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

Milwaukee #46 provides a monthly \$100 give away for Teenager of the Month under Youth Activities. The Lodge held a Veterans Day fundraiser benefitting Restoration Project for the American Legion's Memorial Monument at Reservoir Park (Nov. 11th). Fall Fair (vendor crafts, food & bakery sale, raffles) sponsored by the Lady Elks took place Nov. 19th. Lodge #46 honored National First Responders Day by delivering beautifully decorated cakes to Bell & Curtis Ambulance, & Milw. Police Dept. 4th District. PER Raffles raised money for American Legion Star at Reservoir Park. Milw. #46 donated \$1,300 to St.

Catherine's Food Pantry. The Elks Lodge Memorial service was held Dec. 4th. The Elks Children's Christmas party was held Dec. 3rd. Milwaukee Lodge #46 met GER Bruce Hidley's ENF Goal of \$4.80 per member.

I want to again recognize and commend the efforts of our South District Lodges as Elksdom continues to impact the communities, people, and charities we serve.

Fraternaly, Manny

Manuel Salinas, III.

Vice President South District

PER Waukesha Lodge of Elks #400

Northeast District Vice-President's Message



With the winter blues coming rapidly to a close along with the 2022-2023 Elks calendar, we can look back our individual lodges calendars to continue and improve our programming for the upcoming year. Which means we can look forward to the upcoming year to all the great fellowship our lodges have, and amazing programs that our lodges have to offer ourselves, but more importantly our great communities that we serve.

As I visited the Elks Lodges of the Northeast District this past year, I have come to see how fortunate each of these lodges are to be adding a new PER to their lodges PER association. Thank you, 2022-2023 Exalted Rulers, not just from the Exalted Rulers from the Northeast District, but from Elks Lodges across this great state. It is from your leadership that your lodges have prospered the way that they did. The amount of time, care, and energy that you put into your lodge this past year shows. I can say from visiting the lodges in the Northeast District this Elks year there is a little bit from each lodge's programming that I would like to bring back into my lodge, because what you have accomplished is so impressive.

To the upcoming Exalted Rulers, and those who are returning for a second year, who are stepping up and into their new roles for the 2023-2024 Elks year. You will do great! For you have made your way through the chairs, and now it is your time to shine. For as great as last year was, with you new officers and new PER, you can make this year the best one yet for your lodge.

Keep up the magnificent work and keep promoting the membership of your lodge. Keep talking about the great events that we do, and the great programming from within the lodge, this where we find our passion for this great organization. That alone will make the difference for your lodge. Do not forget, why did you want to become a member of the Elks? Chances are their reasons are close to yours, and remember to ask my favorite question when talking with potential new members, "What do you like to do?" Because everyone is looking for a place to belong.

This past year has been an honor to go to and represent the lodges of the Northeast District. This really is one impressive district. I would also like to say Thanks to Dave Hagan for having me be a part of your journey as State President, I learned a number of things about the Elks along the way and had a lot of fun while doing it. I would also like to say Thank you to Sarah Halverson. She may not have been to all the Presidents visits this year, but she was a big part of my journey, and she helped me in more ways than I can count.

Fraternally Yours,

Joe Heimerl

State Vice-President, Northeast District #9600

Hat in the Ring for State President Elect



PRESIDENT ELECT ENDORSEMENT FOR PAT MORAN Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46

It is with great honor that the Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46 endorses and supports Pat Moran as a candidate for State President-Elect. Since joining the Elks, Pat has demonstrated commitment to the Elk's cornerstones of charity, brotherly love, justice and fidelity and has been an integral member of the lodge serving not only his own community of Elks but greater Elksdom as an active participant at the local and the state levels.

Pat is currently a Lodge Trustee and Chairman of the Milwaukee Lodge Board of Directors and has previously served in each chair position, working his way up to Exalted Ruler. During his year as ER, the Milwaukee Elks lodge was voted lodge of the year for the state of Wisconsin. After finishing his ER duties, Pat became active in the lodge's PER association and served as president of this body twice.

Not satisfied to only be involved locally, Pat has held several positions at the state level including Vice President of the South District, a position he held for three years. He also served three terms as Secretary to the District Deputy. He is currently serving on the Elks National Foundation committee for the state as South District Chairman.

His experiences and involvement have made him knowledgeable of Elksdom on a local and statewide basis. We ask for your consideration and your vote for Pat Moran for State President-Elect.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Mulvaney Exalted Ruler and The Members of Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46

PER Endorsement:

The Milwaukee Elks #46 PER Association fully endorses and supports Pat Moran as a candidate for President-Elect. Pat is currently a Lodge Trustee and Chairman of the Milwaukee Lodge Board of Directors. His experience as Vice President of the South District for 3 years, three times as Secretary to the District Deputy, and twice as Lodge PER President has made him knowledgeable of Elksdom on a local and statewide basis. We ask for your consideration to vote for Pat Moran for State President-Elect. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

PER Association Milwaukee Elks Lodge #46

Hats in the Ring State President Elect



At the August 9, 2022, Waukesha Elks Lodge #400's monthly Lodge meeting a motion was made to support the candidacy of Jason Somers, PER of the Lodge for the position of Wisconsin Elks State President Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association. This motion was unanimously approved by the members of the Waukesha Elks Lodge #400. Exalted Ruler Jill Gorski then directed me as the Lodge Secretary to prepare a letter of support for Jason Somers.

Jason has served the Waukesha Elks Lodge with exemplary leadership in all of the Chairs, as an Exalted Ruler, and Past Exalted Ruler. During the past several years he has served as a Trustee, and as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

He follows through with the tasks, and generates and supports ideas and activities for the Lodge and Elkdom. He reads the rules, and bylaws needed to keep the organization on the right track and shares his knowledge with others. He ensures that we follow the rules and regulations of the B.P.O.E., the City of Waukesha, and County of Waukesha, and the State of Wisconsin. Jason has always worked to keep Waukesha Elks Lodge #400 on the right path. His Elk awards include Officer of the Year 2020-2021, Exalted Rulers Exemplary Elk Award 2019-2020, and GER Outstanding Service Commendation 2018-2019.

Jason has also served the Lodge by working on the cooking crew for Lodge Friday Fish Fry activities, Bingo Sundays, Brew City Wrestling, and for other Lodge events when asked. He will take a broom, and clean where needed, wiping off tables, washing dishes, or carrying out trash. Ask, and he is ready to help. He is also willing to listen to and support different ways of accomplishing tasks and events.

On the State Elks of Wisconsin level, he has served as WEA Grand Lodge Attendance Chair, WEA Conferences & Conventions Vice-Chair, WEA Lodge Activities Chair, WEA Publicity & Public Relations Vice-Chair, Vice-President South District, and GL DDGER Auditor for the South District.

Jason has been involved in family activities as an Assistant Scoutmaster for which he also received BSA Oakleaf Leadership Training, as the St Paul's Lutheran Church Eaglebots Robotics Coach, and as a mentor for the Muskego High School Robotics Team.

Jason is endorsed by the membership of the Waukesha Elks Lodge #400, and by the Past Exalted Rulers of the Waukesha Elks Lodge #400. On Behalf of Waukesha Elks Lodge #400's Exalted Ruler Jill Gorski, the members, and Arlyn Clarksen PER, Secretary, this letter of support is submitted to the Wisconsin Elks State Membership.

Submitted as faithful members of Elkdom by:
Arlyn Clarksen
Arlyn Clarksen, PER
Secretary
Elks Lodge #400



HAT'S IN THE RING *Again* **VICE PRESIDENT SOUTH DISTRICT**

**MANUEL SALINAS, III. (MANNY)
WAUKESHA LODGE #400**



Why Manny?

- 19 Year Member - Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
- Current Vice President South District 2022 - 2023
- Current WEA Membership & Lapsation Committee Chair
- Exalted Ruler 2019 - 2020
- Officer of the Year 2008
- Past President - Past Exalted Rulers Association - Waukesha Lodge #400
- Past Secretary to the District Deputy - South
- Current Member & Public Relations Committee Chair - Waukesha #400
- Past Board of Directors - Secretary - Waukesha Lodge #400
- Past Hoop Shoot Director - Waukesha Lodge #400
- Esteemed Leading Knight 2018 - 2019
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight 2016 - 2018
- Lodge Esquire 2004 - 2016 (12 years)

***Good Times Never
Seemed So Good!***



Volunteer efforts: Elks New Candidate Orientation/Indoctrination, Fish Fry events, Elks Social Night - Music & Emcee, Elks Hoop Shoot, Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

Hats in the Ring Vice President Central



The Past Exalted Rulers, Officers, and Members of Watertown Lodge #666 proudly endorse and hereby submit the name of Ryan J. Swantz, PER, PDDGER for the position of Vice-President of the Central District for the year 2023-24.

Ryan has been a member of the Elks for 23 years. He has served in all of the chair offices, including two terms as Exalted Ruler for the 2004-05 Lodge year and the 2018-19 Lodge year. In addition to these offices, Ryan has also served the offices of Tiler, Trustee, and Esquire.

Ryan currently serves as the Chairperson of the Lodge's Hoop Shoot Program, Investigative Committee, ENF Fundraising Chairperson, and ENF Grants Coordinator. Ryan has also served two terms as President of the Lodge PER Association and five terms as Secretary of the Lodge PER Association.

At the State level, Ryan has previously served as Vice-President of the East-Central District (2010-11). He has also served on numerous State committees since 2001 including three terms as Chairperson of the ER/Leading Knight Advisory Committee. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Resolutions and Laws Committee where he is overseeing the third revision of the State Association By-Laws since 2017; Vice-Chairperson of the Ritualistic Exemplification Committee, where he represented the Wisconsin Elks Association as a Word Accuracy Judge at the 2017 Grand Lodge Ritual Competition in Reno, NV; and ENF Fundraising Chairperson for the Central District. Additionally, Ryan is currently serving his 10th term as Inner Guard for the Wisconsin Elks Association.

In addition to his service to his local Lodges and the State Association, Ryan served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2009-10 year.

Ryan and his wife, Joy, reside in Sun Prairie. Ryan is currently employed as the Controller for the City of Sun Prairie after serving as a State of Wisconsin employee in various Departments for 12 years.

Ryan has unselfishly given his time and dedication to the Elks and we strongly support his candidacy for Vice-President of the Central District for the 2023-23 year.

Fraternally,
Shane Wagner, Exalted Ruler
Watertown Lodge #666

Down at the Sons of Norway, Ole likes to spin a few tales as a sailor in the Norwegian Merchant fleet.

"Yah, I remember vell," said Ole. "Vhen a Norwegian tanker filled vid red paint collided vid a Danish tanker loaded vid blue dye.

Da two ships sank and left 500 men MAROONED."

Hats in the Ring State Inner Guard



The Officers and Members of Neenah Menasha Lodge #676 proudly announce their support of Gina Staskal for the office of State Inner Guard of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Gina became a member of Beaver Dam Lodge #1540 twenty-two years ago shortly after learning about, through her husband Jim, all the wonderful programs the Elks support. Her background in not-for-profit accounting was very helpful to the Lodge.

While a member of the Beaver Dam Lodge, she held several positions, eventually taking on the role of Secretary, which spanned eighteen years, culminating in the honor of the Wisconsin Elks Secretary of the Year award for 2016-17. With the help of a Beaver Dam PER to take over Secretary, she was able to step into the Lecturing Knight Chair for the 2020-21 Lodge year.

A move in late 2020 out of the area meant a transfer to Neenah Menasha Lodge #676 in January of 2021 but she has continued to assist the Secretary in Beaver Dam, as well as many other Secretaries and Treasurers throughout the state. She was welcomed to Neenah Menasha and able to continue her progression through the Chairs and is scheduled to be ER for the 2023-24 Lodge year.

Gina has been the Secretary to the District Deputy and the Central District Treasurer for the past six years. She currently co-chairs the WEA State Recreation at Conferences & Conventions and the unofficial Secretary/CLMS sessions at each gathering and is the chair of the WEA Government Relations Committee.

We ask that you support of Gina in this important role of Elkdom.

Jason Splinter
Exalted Ruler
Neenah Menasha Lodge #676

Pat Buck
President
P.E.R. Association

Hats in the Ring Vice President North East



Hello Wisconsin Elks! My name is Solomon King from Wausau Lodge #248 and I'm excited to put my hat in the ring for Northeast District Vice President.

A little about myself- In the search of supporting our community, I joined the Elks as soon as I was able to, 21 years old. My family quickly became regular faces at the Lodge and helped every moment we could.

My children have literally grown up in our Lodge and it has become a second home for them. After becoming an active member, I decided it was my turn to become an officer. I worked my way through various chairs, most recently Exalted Ruler. My term as Exalted Ruler was interesting as I had to juggle the Lodge coming out of limited hours and limited activities due to COVID, while getting member services up to their existing expectations and starting the new adventure of operating a food trailer. Wausau Lodge was able to accomplish this with help and guidance from many experienced past officers and members, all while keeping fiscal responsibility a priority.

I'm interested in becoming District VP because I feel that with my ambitious positive attitude, servant style leadership, successful operational improvements to Wausau Lodge and my commitment to Elkdom, I will be able to assist Lodges with the many challenges they may face and lead the Northeast District to successful membership growth. I look forward to hopefully learning more about each Lodge in the district while gaining the confidence and trust from our membership through this adventure.

I ask for your support to elect me as Vice President of the Northeast District.

Fraternaly,

Solomon King

2023 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament

Hosted by Eau Claire Lodge 402

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

3411 Stein Blvd

Eau Claire, WI 54701

715-834-4022 – email: ecelks402@gmail.com

Greetings Wisconsin Elks & Guests!

Enclosed is information regarding our revised 2023 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament to be held at **Wild Ridge Golf Course on Monday, June 26, 2023**. Eau Claire Lodge 402 is very excited to be your host for this year's event. Our main goal is for everyone to get to know the Chippewa Valley area and to have a great time while playing golf at this wonderful golf course.

The tournament is open to all Wisconsin Elks members and their guests. It is required that one Elk member be included in each foursome. To the best of our ability we will accommodate any single or twosome registrants and will complete a foursome. The Format for the tournament will be a **4-person scramble with a shotgun start at 10:00am**. The tournament will accommodate the **first 36 paid teams**, so register earlier versus later. Entry forms and entry fees should be sent to the Eau Claire lodge by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. The cost will be **\$100 per player** which will include 18 holes of golf with a cart, coffee and rolls, boxed lunch and a two, entrée buffet dinner shortly after golf at Lodge 402. Coffee and rolls, golf and lunch on **Monday, June 26, 2023** will take place at **Wild Ridge Golf Course**. We would highly recommend to view the course's website at: wildridgegolf.com and check out this championship style course. **Dinner, golf awards, raffles and prizes will take place at Eau Claire Elks Lodge #402, with a happy hour starting right after golf and travel back to the lodge by 4:00pm at the latest**

We will have multiple of place prizes based on gross scores, hole events, including our Par Three Green games. We plan to have 50:50 cash raffles, raffles prizes, course games, putting contests and much more. Proceeds from these events will go towards Camp Wawbeek & Respite Center in Wisconsin Dells, Trinity Equestrian Center, which is a place for veterans and others that provides hope and healing. As well as many other local veteran and community organizations in the Chippewa Valley

Wild Ridge Golf Course will offer Elks members and their guest the opportunity to play 18 holes of golf with a cart on **Sunday, June 25, 2023** at the rate of **\$65 + tax**, after **2:00pm** by reservation by calling **715-834-1766**.

There are several hotels in the Eau Claire area with **AmericInn by Wyndham** being located closer to Wild Ridge Golf Course (715-874-4900) and **Best Western Plus Eau Claire Conference Center** (715-838-9989) which is closer to Eau Claire Elks Lodge 402. Wild Ridge Golf Course is located about 4 miles from our lodge. If we get a block of rooms with a special rate, we will let you know but for now you can contact any of the other hotels in the area.

Eau Claire Elks Lodge 402 is planning on having the lodge open from approximately **2:00pm to 10:00pm on Sunday, June 25th**. We are planning on having **burgers** and **brats** for lodge members and guests to enjoy, approximate cost is \$8.00 per person. We hope after getting into town or after your round of golf at Wild Ridge you will join us. Our normal bar operating hours are from **Monday through Saturday, 2:00pm to close**.

If you need more entry forms or current information, please reference our website via:

wielks.com/elks-lodges/ or you can contact us at ecelks402@gmail.com

Please return your entry forms by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. Thanks, and we hope to see you in June of 2023!

EC Lodge 402 Golf Committee

Jim Wold – Tournament Director

715-538-3238

jimwold@legacyseeds.com





Sponsor Form

2023 Wisconsin State Elks Golf Tournament
Wild Ridge Golf Course -- Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Monday, June 26, 2023

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE..... #

NAME OF BUSINESS

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL.....

GOLFER # 1: GOLFER # 3

GOLFER # 2: GOLFER # 4

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS (CIRCLE ONE OR MORE)

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

DIAMOND

GOLD SPONSOR (\$500)

Includes 4 golfers (\$100 per golfer value), Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner, 2-Sided Hole Sponsor Sign, Listed in Event Brochure, Recognition at Event Dinner –
One golfer of Team must be an Elks Member (ask about joining)

TOTAL \$.....

SILVER SPONSOR (\$300)

Includes 2 golfers (\$100 per golfer value), Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner, 2-Sided Hole Sponsor Sign, Listed in Event Brochure, Recognition at Event Dinner –
One golfer of Team must be an Elks Member (ask about joining)

TOTAL \$.....

BRONZE SPONSOR (\$100)

Includes 2-Sided Hole Sponsor Sign, Listed in Event Brochure, Recognition of Name or Business at Event Dinner

TOTAL \$.....

DIAMOND SPONSOR (\$50)

In-Kind Donations for Raffles, Door Prize Drawing, or Cash Donations(s) for Hole Events. Recognition of Name or Business at Event Dinner

ITEMS

CASH OR (\$) VALUE

*** Please send your artwork, pdf, or jpeg file to ecelks402@gmail.com. If you do not have artwork, we can create a sign for you.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Eau Claire Elks Lodge #402

MAIL TO:

Eau Claire Elks Lodge #402

% Jim Mattson – Treasurer or Jim Wold, Director

3411 Stein Boulevard

Eau Claire, WI 54701

EMAIL:

ecelks402@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

CHECK #

**DEADLINE
MAY 1, 2023**

Eau Claire Elks Lodge #402 plans to donate net profit funds to Camp Wawbeek & Respite Center in Wisconsin Dells, Trinity Equestrian Center, Youth Organizations in Eau Claire and Local Veterans Organizations in the Chippewa Valley.

SPONSORSHIP FORM (LEVEL – CIRCLE ONE)

GOLD – SILVER – BRONZE – DIAMOND

GOLD SPONSOR (\$500)

- INCLUDES 4 GOLFERS (**1 GOLFER MUST BE AN ELKS MEMBER**) - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER FOR 4 - SPONSOR SIGN -- LISTED IN EVENT BROCHURE - RECOGNITION AT DINNER

SILVER SPONSOR (\$300)

- INCLUDES 2 GOLFERS (**1 GOLFER MUST BE AN ELKS MEMBER**) - CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER FOR 2 - SPONSOR SIGN - LISTED IN EVENT BROCHURE - RECOGNITION AT DINNER

BRONZE SPONSOR (\$100)

- INCLUDES 2-SIDED HOLE SPONSOR SIGN - LISTED IN EVENT BROCHURE - RECOGNITION AT EVENT DINNER

DIAMOND SPONSOR (\$50)

- IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR RAFFLES, HOLE PRIZES, DRAWING OR CASH DONATION OF \$50 - MENTION OF CONTRIBUTOR AT EVENT

TOTAL \$: _____ CHECK# _____

SPONSOR NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Eau Claire Elks Lodge 402
C/O Jim Mattson Treasurer
3411 Stein Blvd
Eau Claire, WI 54701

***Please send artwork or pdf or jpeg file to
eelks402@gmail.com*

Greetings and Welcome,

Wisconsin Elks members and guests to Eau Claire, WI, Wild Ridge Golf Course and the home of Eau Claire Lodge 402. We hope that each and every one of you have a great experience while in Eau Claire and at this event.

Wild Ridge is a links style golf course that will provide each of you with a fine golf experience. There are five sets of tee boxes that ranges in distance from 5200 yards to over 7000 yards. While on the course you will have spectacular views, elevation changes, top-notch golf course conditions and challenging greens.

Eau Claire Elks Lodge 402 is proud to host the 2023 Elks State Golf Tournament. Our lodge is only 4 miles at the most from Wild Ridge, so access is nearby. We are planning on having a weekend of fun for everyone at the lodge. Our normal lodge hours are Monday thru Saturday from 2:00 pm to close. **On Sunday, June 25th, the day before the tournament the Lodge will open at 2:00 pm and remain open until 10:00 pm. We are planning on having burgers and brats available to all golfers and family members at a reasonable cost.**

There are many things to do in Eau Claire and the Chippewa Valley during this time of the year so please come early and spend the weekend.

Proceeds from this event will go to Camp Wawbeek and Respite Center in Wisconsin Dells, Trinity Equestrian Center & Youth Organizations in Eau Claire, and local Veterans Organizations in the Chippewa Valley. We appreciate your support to make this happen.



2023

WISCONSIN ELKS STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

WILD RIDGE GOLF COURSE

**3647 KANE ROAD
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703
715-834-1766**

**HOSTED BY EAU CLAIRE
ELKS LODGE 402
3411 STEIN BLVD
EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701
715-834-4022**

District Deputy – Central District



Hello again, fellow Elks. I hope this letter finds you all well. You know, the hardest part about writing these articles for the Bugle is deciding what to write so that it is relevant by the time you get to read it. As of now, it is the end of February and we have just returned from the Mid-Winter Conference, but by the time you read it, many of you will be into the new Lodge year with a new slate of Officers, and making plans to attend Spring Convention.

So what to write about...something always relevant...ENF! That's right. I wanted to take a moment to express how proud I am of all the Lodges in our district. At our first District Deputy Clinic back in August, we talked about the Grand Exalted Ruler's per capita goal of \$4.80/member. Our ENF Chairperson, Don Behnke, challenged us all to look far past that goal, and told us he would like to see us get to at least \$10.00/member! Could we do it?

YES! I am proud to say, as of this writing, with still a month to go in our current year; all of our Lodges have risen to the challenge. Some have gone above and beyond. Currently our Lodge per capitas range from \$13.88/member up to \$57.58/member, with a District per capita average of \$25.51/member. Outstanding! My only worry is, "What is Don's challenge for next year!" Keep up the great work everyone, not just for ENF, but for all the good things we do.

Fraternally Yours,

Jason Ellis DDGER

District Deputy – South



I would like to say thank you to my wife, Lisa, who has supported me this year while also being ER of Janesville 254.

And thank you to all the officers at Beloit, Janesville, Madison, Milwaukee, Platteville, and Waukesha. Everyone has worked very hard to make it a great year.

Madison continues to lead the charge for new members in the district. Some great ideas there so if a lodge is looking for help, Madison may be able to help. Milwaukee has had an exceptional year and will be applying for the “All-American Lodge” contest this year, best wishes to Lodge #46!

While Beloit has surrendered their charter, their memories will live on through the Waukesha and Janesville lodges. The great works the Beloit Elks have done in their community won't be soon forgotten.

Platteville continues to make a strong impact in their community through numerous functions for families in need, children, and veterans. Keep up the great works!

Waukesha continues to have a vibrant lodge and making appeals to various audiences in the Waukesha area. Veterans dinners, Brew City Wrestling, and bingo to help support various charitable causes. Great job to PER Jill Gorski for finishing the year strong!

And Janesville, my home lodge. Irish Fest, Sportsmen's Banquet, Spaghetti Feed, Deer Fest, the Annual Golf Outing, and weekly bingo. It's been a whirlwind for sure and I know one PER to have her time back. Janesville led the district in ENF, WBF, and State Major Projects per capita. Thank you to all who contributed!!

As I wrap up my DD year, I want to thank my staff, Kathleen Hagen, First Lady of Wisconsin, PER, and Esquire to the DD, Janesville #254, for Kaye Fulton, PER, Secretary to the DD, Janesville #254, and Cindy Whalen, Auditor to the DD, Janesville #254. You were all invaluable and worked very hard to help lodges in the south district. Thank you all for a great year!!

Warmest Regards,

Dan

Dan Foss

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Wisconsin South District - 9680

dfoss3@frontier.com

(608) 698-1425 cell

District Deputy – Northeast



As I write this, we are at the end of our lodge years. I want to thank all of the ER's for their wonderful year. Good luck to the incoming ER's for this next year.

I am impressed with all of the lodges in my district seeing everything they are accomplishing with the grants that they received. I can't wait to see what they do next year with those grants. With the grants this year, our lodges were able to help a lot of community members. There were homeless shelters that got necessary items to help out. School supplies were provided for families that could not afford them. There were hygiene products provided to schools for students that can't afford them.

Our district had 2 students in the Regional Hoop Shoot on March 18th. Both of them came in 2nd. Congrats to all of the 6 students that competed for WI at Regionals.

Please know in the next few months, until we have our new DDGERs installed in Minneapolis at Grand Lodge, that your District Deputy is here to help. Once again, good luck in the upcoming year to our new ERs.

Nicole Bourassa

WISCONSIN ELKS HISTORY DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

Wisconsin has had District Deputy-Grand Exalted Rulers every year since the 1900-01 Elk Year. The very first District Deputy was Thomas B Mills from Superior. Mills later became Grand Exalted Ruler in 1912. That first year there was no recognized district as he presided over the whole state. The 1901-02 saw the state split between two districts East & West. That structure continued until 1930-31 when the state was sectioned into three districts: Northwest, Northeast, & South. 1961-62 saw the state expanding to four districts Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, & Southwest. In 1888-89, the state saw the addition of two more districts: Northeast, Northwest, Central, East Central, Southeast, & Southwest. Grand Lodge started to reduce the number of districts our beginning 2011-12 with only four districts: Northeast, Northwest, Central, & South. This structure continues to the present. While it is not known how the early selection took place, current district deputies are currently recommended by the District Leaders. Those candidates also are endorsed by the Past Exalted Rulers of their lodge. For many years some districts used a rotation of lodges so that when it was the turn of the lodge a name was recommended. Lodges should consider this an honor to have one of its members sworn in as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the annual Grand Lodge Convention.

IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE CHAPLAIN



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE CHAPLAIN
Wisconsin Elks Association
REV. MICHAEL HACKBARTH
Sheboygan #299*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Wisconsin Elks Association
DONALD BEHNKE
Sheboygan #299*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SECRETARY



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE SECRETARY
Wisconsin Elks Association
Ken Johnson
Wausau #248*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TILER



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE TILER
Wisconsin Elks Association
Nikki Shannon
Beaver Dam #1540*

IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE V.P.N.W.

*Candidate for the Office of
V.P.N.W.
Wisconsin Elks Association*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE INNER GUARD



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE INNER GUARD
Wisconsin Elks Association
Gina Staskal
Neenah Menasha #676*

HATS IN THE RING FOR V.P.C



*Candidate for the Office of
V.P.C.
Wisconsin Elks Association
Ryan Swantz
Watertown # 666*

HATS IN THE RING FOR V.P.N.E



*Candidate for the Office of
V.P.N.E.
Wisconsin Elks Association
Solomon King
Wausau #*

WEA – 2023 Convention

Schedule of Committee Meetings

All Meetings at the Paper Valley Hotel

DATE AND TIME	EVENTS	ROOM
THURSDAY AFTERNOON THRU SAT.	Meet and Great	Redwood
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023		
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	LAWRENCE
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Benevolent Fund	LAWRENCE
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	LAWRENCE
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps (Executive Comm)	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	POOLDOME
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	EBONY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	CORTLAND
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	PIPPIN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	LAWRENCE
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	EVERGREEN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	SALON C
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	MACINTOSH
7:30 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	CORTLAND
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations & Membership	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	PIPPIN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	EBONY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	BRIARWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	OAKTAG
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	SALON C
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF	BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	SALON C
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	ASPEN
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	SALON D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	OAKTAG
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	PIPPIN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	SALON D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	EBONY
011:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	LOMBARDI'S
12:00 PM	Cocktails	SALON A
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	SALON A
1:45- 3:30 PM	General Session	SALON A
3:30 PM	Memorial Service to Immediately follow	SALON A
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	MACINTOSH
6:00 PM	Cocktails	SALON A
7:00 PM	Banquet	SALON A
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023		
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON A
	Installation of Officer following General Session	SALON A

Wisconsin Elks Association

3/25/2023	2022-2023	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Sum of	% Return on
	MEMBERSHIP		W.E.A.	Comm. For	Youth	Americanism	Returned	Returned	% Return on
LODGE		DUES PD.	Grants	the Disabled	Activities			Monies	Dues Paid
ANTIGO # 662	252	\$1,512.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00			\$2,164	143%
APPLETON # 337	48	\$288.00	\$1,750.00				\$100	\$1,850	642%
ASHLAND # 137	125	\$750.00	\$1,750.00					\$1,750	233%
BARABOO # 688	187	\$1,122.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00			\$2,164	193%
BEAVER DAM # 1540	34	\$204.00	\$1,750.00					\$1,750	858%
BELOIT # 864	31	\$186.00	\$1,750.00		\$74.95			\$1,825	981%
CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326	136	\$816.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00	\$100		\$2,264	277%
EAU CLAIRE # 402	299	\$1,794.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,538.07	\$344.66			\$3,633	202%
GREEN BAY # 259	64	\$384.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00	\$100		\$2,264	590%
JANESVILLE # 254	155	\$930.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,859.87	\$414.00	\$100		\$5,124	551%
KAUKAUNA # 962	38	\$228.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$414.00	\$175		\$3,339	1464%
MADISON # 410	677	\$4,062.00	\$1,750.00		\$206.68	\$100		\$2,057	51%
MANITOWOC # 687	202	\$1,212.00	\$1,750.00		\$399.46			\$2,149	177%
MARINETTE # 1313	342	\$2,052.00	\$1,023.00		\$414.00			\$1,437	70%
MARSHFIELD # 665	554	\$3,324.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00			\$2,164	65%
MILWAUKEE # 46	239	\$1,434.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00	\$100		\$2,264	158%
NEENAH-MENASHA #676	73	\$438.00	\$1,750.00			\$300		\$2,050	468%
OCONTO # 887	80	\$480.00	\$1,750.00		\$387.58	\$100		\$2,238	466%
OSHKOSH # 292	289	\$1,734.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,592.00	\$414.00			\$4,756	274%
PLATTEVILLE # 1460	111	\$666.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$414.00	\$100		\$3,264	490%
PORTAGE # 675	194	\$1,164.00	\$1,750.00		\$352.28	\$100		\$2,202	189%
RICE LAKE # 1441	575	\$3,450.00	\$1,750.00	\$822.73	\$424.39	\$100		\$3,097	90%
SHEBOYGAN # 299	519	\$3,114.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00	\$100		\$2,264	73%
STEVENS POINT # 641	261	\$1,566.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,249.00	\$414.00			\$3,413	218%
SUPERIOR # 403	314	\$1,884.00	\$1,750.00	\$892.16				\$2,642	140%
WATERTOWN # 666	299	\$1,794.00	\$1,750.00		\$414.00	\$100		\$2,264	126%
WAUKESHA # 400	205	\$1,230.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,385.00	\$414.00	\$100		\$3,649	297%
WAUSAU # 248	530	\$3,180.00	\$1,750.00	\$981.12	\$300.00			\$3,031	95%
WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693	115	\$690.00	\$1,750.00					\$1,750	254%
TOTALS	6,948	\$41,688.00	\$50,023.00	\$14,319.95	\$8,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,775.00	\$74,817.95	179%

MAKE A RESERVATION

158th B.P.O.E. National Convention

July 2nd through July 5th 2023

PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION FORM ALONG WITH:

- HOSPITALITY ROOM DONATIONS
- WISCONSIN NIGHT PARTY DONATIONS

*SIGN UP FOR **Hilton Honors***

MAIL TO:

Waukesha Elks Lodge 400
Attn: Jason Somers, P.E.R. GLAC
2301 Springdale Road
Waukesha, WI 53186



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MEMBER NAME: _____ GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NUMBER: _____

☐ GL Position ☐ District Deputy ☐ Exalted Ruler/Designee ☐ Lodge Officer ☐ Member ☐ State Officer

\$ _____ **PERSONAL** Hospitality Room Donation (\$60/person -or- \$120/couple)
\$ _____ Wisconsin Night Party Donation (\$25/person -or- \$50/couple)
\$ _____ Luggage Service Donation (\$20/couple) *drop off time/date/location will be arranged*
\$ _____ **LODGE** Hospitality Room Donation (\$125 per lodge)

-DONATION PAYMENT TYPE-

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK (Payable to Grand Lodge Attendance) ☐ CREDIT CARD (Invoice Sent By PayPal)

-ACCOMIDATIONS, RATES and TRAVEL DATES-

STANDARD ROOM Preferred Bed Selection (per hotel availability):

\$129.00 per night plus applicable tax (14.03% Tax) – double occupancy, \$10 plus tax per each additional person

☐ King ☐ 2 Queens Hilton Honors #: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

REQUESTS (per hotel availability): ☐ ADA Compliant ☐ Parking (\$39 per day – self park)

☐ Adjoining Room: _____ ☐ Other: _____

****Hotel will handle Room Deposit, YOU MUST sign up for Hilton Honors****

REMINDER: PRE-REGISTER FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION ON ELKS.ORG

Mid Winter Highlights



Mid Winter Highlights



Proposed Resolutions for 2023 Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention

RESOLUTION 2023-01

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS SUCH THAT ALL REFERENCES TO WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION SHALL NOW READ WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

PURPOSE: This will identify the Wisconsin Elks Association as a corporation for legal purposes.

RESOLUTION 2023-02

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 OF THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

...The Mid-Winter Conference of the delegates of the Association shall be held on ~~the third full a~~ weekend in February ~~beginning in 2021, and on the first full weekend in February through 2020.~~ The site and date of said Mid-Winter Conferences shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

PURPOSE: This will clean up the By-Laws as the year in which change of the date of the Mid-Winter Conference has passed, and will allow the Board of Directors to schedule the Mid-Winter Conference outside of the normal third full weekend as needed without the requirement of a By-Law amendment.

RESOLUTION 2023-03

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 4 OF THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

~~District~~ Trustees shall be nominated from the membership of the Lodges within the corresponding Grand Lodge Districts and one (1) At-Large. The Trustees shall be elected in the same manner as the other officers of the Association except that they shall be elected to hold office for three (3) years, ~~with the Northeast and Northwest District Trustees being elected every three (3) years beginning in 2019; the At-Large Trustee being elected every three (3) years beginning in 2020; and the Central and South District Trustees being elected every three (3) years beginning in 2021,~~ and shall be regularly elected according to the following schedule:

<u>Central and South Districts</u>	<u>Northeast and Northwest Districts</u>	<u>Trustee At-Large</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
<u>2030</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>2032</u>
<u>2033</u>	<u>2034</u>	<u>2035</u>
<u>2036</u>	<u>2037</u>	<u>2038</u>

PURPOSE: This will clean up the By-Laws and provide a set schedule of when the Trustees are to be regularly elected, and when the respective terms expire.

RESOLUTION 2023-04

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 OF THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

...In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office, followed by the Vice-President in the Grand Lodge District having the greatest number of members, and so on, until a successor is elected and installed at the next Convention of the Association. A Vice-President succeeding to the office of President or President-Elect must meet the qualifications set forth in Section 19 of this Article. **Should none of the Vice-Presidents be either qualified to serve, able to serve, or willing to serve in the office of President or President-Elect according to the succession designated in this Section, the vacancy in the office of President or President-Elect shall be filled in the same manner as are vacancies in any other elective office of the Association. ...**

PURPOSE: This provides a method to fill a vacancy in the office of President or President-Elect if the designated succession of Vice-Presidents fails to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION 2023-05

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 OF THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any annual session by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the duly qualified delegates present, provided that a proposed amendment of the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing and filed ~~in duplicate~~ with the Secretary of the Association at least ~~sixty (60)~~ **thirty (30)** days prior to the convening of the ~~annual session~~ **Mid-Winter Conference** of the Association. The Secretary of the Association will forward a copy to the Chairperson of the Committee on Resolutions and Laws ~~at least thirty (30) days~~ prior to the **meeting of the Committee on Resolutions and Laws at the Association's annual session Mid-Winter Conference...**

PURPOSE: This adjusts the deadline for filing By-Law amendment requests to provide the Committee on Resolutions and Laws sufficient time to review the request before presenting the resolution to the membership for a vote. This also removes the requirement for duplicate filing due to email submission.

RESOLUTION 2023-06

PROPOSAL TO ADD ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION 36 TO THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

(36) A Committee on Secretary Training, which shall consist of the Secretary from each Lodge. This Committee shall meet at each Conference and Convention for the purpose of exchanging ideas for the benefit of the subordinate Lodges of the Wisconsin Elks Association and for any other business which it should deem within this scope. The Committee Chairperson shall be designated by the Association President and serve in this capacity in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

PURPOSE: This changes the Secretary/CLMS Training from an Ad-Hoc/Special Committee into a formal committee with the members of said committee entitled to the rights of membership as outlined in Article II of the By-Laws.

RESOLUTION 2023-07

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 13 OF THE BY-LAWS, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Trustees, the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Vice Presidents. **Additionally, the immediate Past State President shall be appointed to the Board of Directors in an ex-officio capacity. ...**

PURPOSE: This adds the immediate Past State President to the Board of Directors to allow for continuity from one administration to the next, while maintaining the odd number of votes on the Board.



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