

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION



***2023 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS
121ST ANNUAL SESSION***

MAY 5TH THRU MAY 7TH, 2023

2022 – 2023 STATE OFFICERS

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

STATE OFFICERS

President	David Hagen	Janesville #254
President-Elect	Karl Hanke	Wausau #248
Vice President – Northwest	Kevin Keener	Superior #403
Vice President – Northeast	Joe Heimeral	Green Bay #259
Vice President – Central	Jim Francisco	Baraboo #688
Vice President – South	Manny Salinas III	Waukesha # 400
Secretary	Ken Johnson	Wausau #248
Treasurer	Jeffrey Langton	Waukesha #400
Chaplain	Rev. Michael Hackbarth	Sheboygan #299
Sergeant-At-Arms	Don Behnke	Sheboygan #299
Inner Guard	Ryan Swantz	Watertown #666
Tiler	Nikki Shannon	Beaver Dam # 1540
Trustee (Chairman)	David DeRosier, PSP	Milwaukee #46
Trustee (Secretary)	Rob Radig	Beaver Dam #410
Trustee	Jaye Franklin	Marshfield #665
Trustee	Ray Dabler	Wausau #248
Trustee	Tony Voulgaris	Oshkosh #292

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE PERSONS

GRAND LODGE SPONSOR

F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER

Flora, IL #1659

SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

Dennis Daley , PSP

Watertown #666

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & STATE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEEMAN

David Nitze Sr., PSP

Janesville # 252

2023 – 2024 STATE OFFICERS
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

STATE OFFICERS

President	Karl Hanke	Wausau # 248
President-Elect	Pat Moran	Milwaukee #46
Vice President – Northwest	T J Jungwirth	Stevens Point #641
Vice President – Northeast	Solomon King	Wausau #248
Vice President – Central	Ryan Swantz	Watertown #666
Vice President – South	Manuel Salinas III	Waukesha # 400
Secretary	Ken Johnson	Wausau #248
Treasurer	Jeff Langton	Waukesha #400
Chaplain	Rev. Michael Hackbarth	Sheboygan #299
Sergeant-At-Arms	Don Behnke	Sheboygan #299
Inner Guard	Gina Staskal	Oshkosh#292
Tiler	Nikki Shannon	Beaver Dam # 1540
Trustee (B.O.D. Chairman)	David DeRosier, PSP	Milwaukee #46
Trustee (B.O.D. Secretary)	Rob Radig Sr.	Beaver Dam # 1540
Trustee	Jaye Franklin	Marshfield #665
Trustee	Ray Dabler	Wausau #248
Trustee	Tony Voulgaris	Oshkosh #292

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE PERSONS

GRAND LODGE SPONSOR

F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER

Flora, IL #1659

SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

Dennis Daley , PSP

Watertown #666

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & STATE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEEMAN

David Nitze Sr., PSP

Janesville # 254

**THE ONE HUNDREDTH
AND TWENTY FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

OF THE

WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

HELD AT THE

PAPER VALLEY

CONVENTION CENTER

APPLETON, WI

MAY 5TH – MAY 7TH, 2023

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

2023 WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
SPRING CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday, May 6, 2023
Hilton Appleton Paper Valley
Appleton, Wisconsin

1 (The audio transcription began at the
2 00:40 audio mark.)

3 DAVE HAGEN: Okay, I want to welcome
4 you to the business session of the Wisconsin
5 Elks Association Convention. I will now
6 call the general session of the 2023 Spring
7 State Convention of the Wisconsin Elks
8 Association to order.

9 (Gavel bangs.)

10 For the record, I want to acknowledge
11 the State President's jewels that I am
12 wearing come from the late Norm Behnke, from
13 Fond du Lac Lodge 57, State President in
14 2004.

15 The gavel that I am using was a gift
16 from Past State President Jerry Brien and
17 Kathy, Kaukauna 962, who was State President
18 in 2021 and 2022. I want to thank them all
19 for their generosity.

20 Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the
21 Wisconsin Elks Association State Sponsor,
22 the Honorable F. Lou Sulsberger. He's
23 already at his post. You don't have to do
24 that. Thank you.

25 (Gavel bangs three times.)

1 DAVE HAGEN: I want to ask the
2 Reverend Mike to come forward for the
3 invocation.

4 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
5 me.

6 Almighty and everliving 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 in all things first to seek
11 Your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive
12 what is right and grant us both the courage
13 to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it.

14 It is in Your name that we pray,
15 amen.

16 ALL: Amen.

17 DAVE HAGEN: The Pledge of
18 Allegiance. The flag is on the memorial
19 table.

20 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

21 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you. You can be
22 seated.

23 I've got one correction to make. I
24 said that the banquet tonight would be dark
25 coats -- suits or red coats. It will be

1 with ties. I'm sorry, I said without. But
2 it'll be formal tie -- with ties. And the
3 reason we're going to go that way is we are
4 recognizing, honoring a lot of people
5 throughout the Elks Association and we
6 should be dressed accordingly. Thank you.

7 Will the state secretary now take the
8 roll call?

9 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, if you can
10 hear me or not. Okay. First of all, we're
11 going to do a couple housekeeping things.
12 Because everything is recorded here, when
13 you get to a microphone, speak slowly, like
14 I don't do, give your name and the lodge
15 you're from so we have a record of it, and
16 we'll go from there. But please, you can't
17 speak up from the audience out there and
18 holler something. I can't get it recorded.
19 If you want to speak, you have to come to a
20 microphone. There's one right in front of
21 me right here that'll be on. Thank you.

22 I'll be giving the roll now.

23 President Dave Hagen.

24 DAVE HAGEN: Present.

25 KEN JOHNSON: President-Elect Karl

1 Hanke.

2 KARL HANKE: Present.

3 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President

4 Northwest Kevin Keener. I believe Kevin is

5 excused.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Kevin's excused.

7 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President

8 Northeast Joe Heimerl.

9 JOE HEIMERL: Present.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President Central

11 Jim Francisco.

12 JIM FRANCISCO: Present.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President South

14 Manny Salinas, excused.

15 DAVE HAGEN: Excused, yup.

16 KEN JOHNSON: Secretary Ken Johnson,

17 I'm here.

18 Treasurer Jeff Langton is excused.

19 Chaplain Reverend Michael Hackbarth.

20 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Present.

21 KEN JOHNSON: And accounted for.

22 Tiler Nikki Shannon.

23 NIKKI SHANNON: Here.

24 KEN JOHNSON: Sergeant-at-Arms Don

25 Behnke.

1 DON BEHNKE: Present.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Inner Guard Ryan

3 Swantz.

4 RYAN SWANTZ: Present.

5 KEN JOHNSON: Parliamentarian Rob

6 Radig.

7 ROB RADIG: Present.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Protocol for

9 Conferences and Conventions Todd Kostuck.

10 TODD KOSTUCK: Here.

11 KEN JOHNSON: Photographer Pat Buck.

12 PAT BUCK: Here.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Grant Coordinator Pam

14 Schedivy.

15 PAM SCHEDIVY: Here.

16 KEN JOHNSON: Here. State Trustees.

17 Chairman David DeRosier.

18 DAVE DeROSIER: Here.

19 KEN JOHNSON: Jaye Franklin.

20 JAYE FRANKLIN: Here.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Rob Radig.

22 ROB RADIG: Here.

23 KEN JOHNSON: Ray Dabler.

24 RAY DABLER: Here.

25 KEN JOHNSON: Tony Voulgaris.

1 TONY VOULGARIS: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Our Grand Lodge

3 Officers and Committee. Of course, our

4 Honorable F. Lou Sulsberger.

5 LOU SULSBERGER: Here.

6 KEN JOHNSON: Yeah, I know you're

7 here. Our Special Deputy to the Grand

8 Exalted Ruler Dennis Daley.

9 DENNIS DALEY: Here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Government Relations

11 Dave Nitze.

12 DAVE NITZE: Here.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Our DDs. Chris Zupanc.

14 Excused. Marla, for the Esquire, is here.

15 District Deputy for the Grand Exalted Ruler

16 Central Jason Ellis.

17 JASON ELLIS: Here.

18 KEN JOHNSON: And the Esquire Richard

19 Miller.

20 RICHARD MILLER: Present.

21 KEN JOHNSON: South District, Dan

22 Foss.

23 DAN FOSS: Here.

24 KEN JOHNSON: And the Esquire is

25 Kathy Hagen. Definitely excused. Central

7

1 Grand Lodge Sponsors, Tom Widzinski.
2 TOM WIDZINSKI: Present.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Northeast, Gerald
4 Brien.
5 JERRY BRIEN: Present.
6 KEN JOHNSON: Northwest, George
7 Myers.
8 GEORGE MYERS: Present.
9 KEN JOHNSON: South, Ron Bertrand,
10 excused.
11 Now we're going to go to roll call of
12 the lodges, and I've made this simpler for
13 you. If you are actually representing your
14 lodge, just say, "Here." I don't need your
15 name, okay? Antigo Lodge.
16 ANTIGO: Here.
17 KEN JOHNSON: Appleton Lodge.
18 APPLETON: Here.
19 KEN JOHNSON: Ashland.
20 ASHLAND: Here.
21 KEN JOHNSON: Baraboo.
22 BARABOO: Here.
23 KEN JOHNSON: Beaver Dam.
24 BEAVER DAM: Here.
25 KEN JOHNSON: Beloit.

1 BELOIT: (No response.)

2 KEN JOHNSON: Beloit's closed, but I

3 thought somebody might still be here, but...

4 Chippewa Falls.

5 CHIPPEWA FALLS: Here.

6 KEN JOHNSON: Yeah. Eau Claire.

7 EAU CLAIRE: Here.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Green Bay.

9 GREEN BAY: Here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Janesville.

11 JANESVILLE: Here.

12 KEN JOHNSON: Kaukauna.

13 KAUKAUNA: Here.

14 KEN JOHNSON: Madison.

15 MADISON: (No response.)

16 KEN JOHNSON: Absent. Manitowoc.

17 MANITOWOC: Here.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Marinette.

19 MARINETTE: Here.

20 KEN JOHNSON: Marshfield.

21 MARSHFIELD: Here.

22 KEN JOHNSON: Milwaukee.

23 MILWAUKEE: Here.

24 KEN JOHNSON: Neenah-Menasha.

25 NEENAH-MENASHA: Here.

1 KEN JOHNSON: Oconto.
2 OCONTO: Here.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Oshkosh.
4 OSHKOSH: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: Platteville.
6 PLATTEVILLE: Here.
7 KEN JOHNSON: Portage.
8 PORTAGE: Here.
9 KEN JOHNSON: Rice Lake.
10 RICE LAKE: Here.
11 KEN JOHNSON: Sheboygan.
12 SHEBOYGAN: Here.
13 KEN JOHNSON: Stevens Point.
14 STEVENS POINT: Here.
15 KEN JOHNSON: Superior.
16 SUPERIOR: Here.
17 KEN JOHNSON: Watertown.
18 WATERTOWN: Here.
19 KEN JOHNSON: Waukesha.
20 WAUKESHA: Here.
21 KEN JOHNSON: Wausau.
22 WAUSAU: Here.
23 KEN JOHNSON: Wisconsin Rapids.
24 WISCONSIN RAPIDS: Here.
25 KEN JOHNSON: Mr. President, the roll

10

1 has been taken. The only lodge not here is
2 Madison 410. Thank you.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Ken. As we
4 begin our business session, I wish to remind
5 you that anything you are addressing to the
6 membership, that you need to come up to the
7 microphone over by Ken. Please state your
8 name and your lodge number -- your lodge
9 name and your lodge number. This is
10 required so the proceedings of the session
11 are recorded accurately.

12 The minutes of the 2022 Wisconsin
13 Elks Association State Convention were
14 recorded in Appleton, Wisconsin last May.
15 They have been published. Are there any
16 additions or corrections to the published
17 minutes?

18 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, State
19 Secretary, makes a motion to approve them as
20 been published and distributed.

21 DAVE HAGEN: Do we have a second?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 1: Second.

23 DAVE HAGEN: Is there any discussion?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER 2: Can't do
25 that.

11

1 AARON HOLBROOK: Aaron Holbrook,
2 Beaver Dam Lodge 1540, seconds.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Is there any discussion?
4 Hearing none, give me the sign of the Elk to
5 approve the minutes.

6 All right. Minutes have been
7 approved as published.

8 I now want to recognize Marla Gygli,
9 chairman of the Credentials and Elections
10 Committee for her preliminary report.
11 Marla?

12 MARLA GYGLI: Good afternoon,
13 everyone. Marla Gygli, Rice Lake Lodge 1441.
14 I would like to report that like roll call,
15 we have 28 of 29 lodges represented at
16 registration. There were 173 preregistered,
17 and 70 registered on site for a total of
18 243. Of those, 214 were issued voting
19 credentials.

20 Now, it was brought to my attention
21 that some may have gotten the wrong
22 Vice-President district. If you did -- Can
23 I have them just write the correct district
24 on there?

25 KEN JOHNSON: Yes.

12

1 MARLA GYGLI: Okay. Write your
2 correct district on there. Chances are we
3 will not need it, but just in case we do.
4 And then just turn those in.
5 DAVE HAGEN: All right. Thank you,
6 Marla. We now -- Ken, do you want to be
7 recognized?
8 KEN JOHNSON: Nope.
9 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. We are now going
10 to proceed with the election proceedings. I
11 now recognize Rob Radig, Senior, Past State
12 President, State Parliamentarian, to explain
13 the nomination and election procedures.
14 Rob?
15 KEN JOHNSON: Call on Marla for the
16 instructions.
17 DAVE HAGEN: Marla, we'll listen to
18 you about the instructions for the voting
19 first.
20 MARLA GYGLI: All right. When
21 everybody checked in and gave me their
22 reason why they got voting credentials, you
23 all got four cards. First one is this blue
24 skinny one. It has perforations in it.
25 Please keep it intact. The second one is

13

1 the small ballot for the District
2 Vice-Presidents. The third one is this
3 yellow one, and the last one is the pink
4 one.

5 We're going to have people in each of
6 the corners to collect the ballots. If you
7 have trouble getting to the corner, please
8 raise your hand. I have people that will
9 come around and collect them.

10 You will be writing on the yellow
11 ballot first. We will only use the pink
12 ballot if there is a tie for any of the
13 offices.

14 And I think that's all I have to tell
15 you.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Marla. Now I
17 recognize Rob Radig for his report.

18 ROB RADIG: Good afternoon, ladies
19 and gentlemen. Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
20 Lodge 1540, State Parliamentarian.

21 The bylaws of the Wisconsin Elks
22 Association provide for the election of
23 officers at this convention, which is one of
24 the most important decisions that we can
25 make each year as we elect new leadership

1 and inject renewed enthusiasm into our
2 association.

3 Regarding offices, all Elks in good
4 standing in this association are eligible to
5 hold office, with the exception of the
6 office of President and President-Elect.
7 These offices can only be held by a Past
8 Exalted Ruler.

9 Nominations are to be made from the
10 floor for all elected offices.

11 With respect to the office of
12 Vice-President, they are nominated and
13 elected only from their corresponding Grand
14 Lodge District. Vote only for the candidate
15 nominated within your district.

16 Trustees are selected one trustee
17 from each Grand Lodge District and one
18 Trustee-at-Large. Today we are selecting
19 the Trustee-at-Large for a three-year term.

20 I remind you that all trustee
21 positions are voted on by the entire
22 delegation, so no matter what district you
23 are in, you vote for trustees in all
24 districts.

25 This year we will also elect a

15

1 secretary, which is a two-year term.

2 If there are more than two candidates
3 for any position, after balloting if no
4 candidate receives a majority of the votes
5 cast, a runoff for the office shall
6 immediately be conducted, the voting being
7 on the two candidates receiving the largest
8 number of votes on the first ballot.

9 In order for a runoff to be avoided,
10 the candidate must receive 50 percent plus
11 one, or as I indicated, a majority.

12 This year we have two announced
13 candidates for President-Elect, so a runoff
14 will only happen if a third is nominated
15 from the floor.

16 If, at the time of completing the
17 nominations, where there is one candidate
18 for any office, the President may direct the
19 casting of a unanimous ballot for such
20 candidates. Upon completion of the
21 balloting and tabulation of the count, the
22 President will call upon Marla Gygli, chair
23 of Credentials and Elections Committee, who
24 shall report on the results of the election
25 by reporting the number of votes cast for

16

1 each candidate of office.

2 Finally, I propose the following
3 rules for nominations and seconding
4 speeches: For President-Elect, one
5 nominating speech of not more than three
6 minutes, and two seconding speeches of no
7 more than one minute each. In these cases,
8 seconding speeches are optional. For all
9 other offices, one nominating speech of not
10 more than one minute, seconding speeches
11 will not be necessary. Timing of the
12 speeches will be closely monitored.

13 Mr. President, I move for the
14 adoption of these rules for nominations.

15 One last note. If you do step out of
16 the room during the counting, you will not
17 be allowed back into the room if there is a
18 vote because if there is a runoff.

19 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a second to
20 Mr. Radig's motion?

21 BRUCE CONARD: Bruce Conard, Wausau
22 Lodge 248. I make a second motion.

23 DAVE HAGEN: All right. Well, all in
24 favor, please signal by a sign of an Elk.
25 All opposed? All right. Motion is carried.

17

1 Thank you, Rob.

2 I now entertain the nominations of
3 the office of State --

4 Do we start with the President-Elect?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

6 DAVE HAGEN: State President-Elect.

7 BEN GODLEWSKI: Ben Godlewski,
8 Waukesha Lodge number 400. It is with great
9 honor and privilege that I provide a
10 testimony of support for Jason P. Somers as
11 he seeks the position of State
12 President-Elect for the Wisconsin Elks
13 Association.

14 In aspiring to the role of State
15 President-Elect, a worthy candidate must
16 demonstrate dedication to the principles of
17 our Elks order and the abilities of
18 leadership. The worthy candidate must
19 display the characteristics and qualities of
20 integrity, delegation, communication, self
21 awareness, gratitude, empathy, courage,
22 respect, and to be able to inspire,
23 influence, and guide by example.

24 Jason Somers meets this leadership
25 criteria, and has dedicated himself to the

18

1 virtues of charity, justice, brotherly love,
2 and fidelity by working diligently for over
3 19 years, not only for Waukesha 400 Lodge
4 and Milwaukee 46 Lodge, but for the
5 Wisconsin Elks Association.

6 Jason Somers has served Elksdom as
7 Vice-President of the South District,
8 auditor to the South District Deputy to the
9 Grand Exalted Ruler, Exalted Ruler of
10 Waukesha Lodge number 400, Board of
11 Directors Chairman, and Esteemed Leading,
12 Loyal, and Lecturing Knights positions.

13 While at Milwaukee Lodge number 46,
14 Jason served as Inner Guard and Chaplain.
15 He has also served our state association as
16 committee chairman for Lodge Development,
17 committee chairman for Grand Lodge
18 Attendance, and has helped in promoting good
19 cheer amongst Elks by overseeing our
20 Wisconsin -- our hospitality room at state
21 conferences and national conventions.

22 Jason's passion and dedication to the
23 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is
24 no surprise. He has proudly followed the
25 example his late father, Bruce T. Somers,

1 had set as a member of Milwaukee and
2 Waukesha Lodges, serving as Exalted Ruler
3 and a District Deputy to the Grand Exalted
4 Ruler.

5 Jason's volunteer support for Elks
6 events and functions has been constant.
7 You'll find Jason towing the Wisconsin Elks
8 Association state trailer in city parades.
9 You'll find Jason at clean-up day at Camp
10 Wawbeek Respite Center in Wisconsin Dells.
11 You'll find Jason taking a turn at the dunk
12 tank at our Elks family picnic. You'll find
13 Jason behind the grill, cooking at fish
14 fries, bingo events, Brew City Wrestling.
15 And you will find Jason providing assistance
16 and guidance to current Elks officers with
17 his knowledge of statutes and lodge bylaws
18 of the order.

19 Attaining the title of State
20 President-Elect is a well-earned privilege,
21 an opportunity which is extended to very
22 few, and affords the opportunity of higher
23 service to our order.

24 Jason P. Somers is ready to meet the
25 demands that come with the State

1 President-Elect's position. I am confident
2 that Jason will do what is necessary to
3 ensure he meets and exceeds the duties and
4 obligations that will be upon him for the
5 current Elks year and for the next two years
6 that follow.

7 I ask that you consider and support
8 Jason P. Somers in his candidacy to be State
9 President-Elect for the 2023-2024 Elks year.

10 Fraternally, Ben Godlewski, Waukesha
11 Lodge 400.

12 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a second to
13 that nomination?

14 BOB BOHNSACK: Bob Bohnsack, Past
15 State President, Sheboygan Lodge number 299.
16 Hospitality. How would you define
17 hospitality? I believe it is best defined
18 as Elks Care and Elks Share, and who best
19 exhibits this motto but Jason Somers. I am
20 proud to second the nomination of Jason for
21 President-Elect. We have seen his
22 dedication to hospitality at conferences,
23 conventions, Grand Lodge, and his own lodge.
24 I know his dedication and hard work will
25 ever be present as your President-Elect.

21

1 Please consider casting your vote for
2 Jason Somers for President-Elect. Thank
3 you.

4 DAVE HAGEN: Do we have any other
5 seconds for that nomination?

6 BRUCE CONARD: Bruce Conard, Wausau
7 Lodge 248.

8 It's obvious that the word Elksdom
9 comes forward when nominating Jason Somers
10 for President. It's a natural progression.
11 He's been dedicated to the order for
12 19 years. I'm proud to support Jason Somers
13 for President-Elect.

14 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you. Are there
15 any other nominations for the office of
16 President-Elect?

17 DAVE DeROSIER: Dave DeRosier,
18 Milwaukee Lodge number 46, currently
19 Trustee, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

20 It is with extreme great honor that I
21 nominate for the position of President-Elect,
22 Pat Moran. Pat is a well-dedicated officer
23 of our lodge. He has given me some
24 highlights to read and I don't need them,
25 because I know what this man has done. We

22

1 had a major water leak in our building after
2 the city put in new meters, and the meters
3 failed and flooded our basement. How do you
4 fight city hall? Ask Pat Moran. We got our
5 check from them. I'd like to see anybody
6 else try that one.

7 He has received the Chauncey Yockey
8 Award, which is a prestigious award in
9 Milwaukee for a person who has done
10 outstanding service and have never received
11 an award before. It's a rare honor to
12 receive that. I know. I got it once
13 before. And those who don't know who
14 Chauncey Yockey is, look up the history of
15 the Elks back to the 1900s. He is an
16 amazing man, just like Pat.

17 Pat Moran won the Elk of the Year
18 Award competition when he was ER. That's a
19 tough thing to do. A difficult thing to do.
20 But very impressed by the State President
21 that time, as we are impressed by his
22 attitude and dedication in the Milwaukee
23 Lodge.

24 Served three times to the Secretary
25 to the District Deputy. Served three times

1 to State President of the Southeast
2 District. He has led many different Elk
3 projects.

4 Him and I got into a discussion and
5 argument on the roof, and between the two of
6 us, we worked it out, and he saved the lodge
7 \$75,000 by agreeing to change who we were
8 going to use for the roof. That is a big,
9 big chunk of money.

10 So it is a great pleasure and an
11 honor that I nominate Pat Moran
12 President-Elect for the Wisconsin Elks
13 Association for the year '23-'24, and then
14 he'll be the president '24-'25.

15 Pat, thank you for what you have done
16 for Milwaukee.

17 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a second to
18 that nomination?

19 TOM WIDZINSKI: Good afternoon. Past
20 State President Tom Widzinski, Oshkosh Elks
21 Lodge 292.

22 I ask your indulgence for a short
23 period of time as I tell you a little bit
24 about a friend of mine. Pat has served our
25 association by completing three terms as

1 Vice-President for the South District of our
2 association, informing our association in a
3 timely manner of all of the lodges and their
4 activities within our association. He's
5 been the grant coordinator for Milwaukee
6 Lodge 46 for the past two years, and has not
7 only submitted grants on their behalf, but
8 has also been approved for Grand Lodge
9 grants to the lodge for tens of thousands of
10 dollars.

11 He's been the South District Elks
12 National Foundation Chairman for the last
13 two years, and while competing in the ENF
14 Chair Challenge, he finished with a score
15 that put him fifth in the nation, competing
16 for lodges their size of Milwaukee 46.

17 While completing the Chair Challenge,
18 he also obtained Grand Lodge Golds, which
19 resulted in additional fifteen hundred
20 dollars being added to grants for Lodge 46.

21 He's worked with lodge members to
22 obtain a better understanding of our new
23 Fidelity Club membership and the gains that
24 it would get for the lodge.

25 DAVE HAGEN: All right. Please move

25

1 on to the nomination of who you are
2 nominating.

3 TOM WIDZINSKI: It is with pride that
4 I second the nomination of my friend, Pat
5 Moran, and ask you for his [sic] support.
6 Thank you.

7 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
8 seconds to that nomination?

9 JEFF MILLER: Good afternoon. Jeff
10 Miller, Rice Lake Lodge 1441, Northwest
11 District.

12 I met Pat in 2016 in Houston at Grand
13 Lodge. Hard to believe we met in the
14 hospitality room. We might live five and a
15 half hours apart, but the first time I met
16 Pat, we had become best friends. We share
17 time on the ENF, I being the Northwest
18 District rep, Pat being the South rep. Pat
19 has helped me through some questions,
20 problems, helping me attain my goal for our
21 district with Pat's help.

22 We also -- He also is a member of
23 the Youth Activities, which I chair, and
24 with that being said, we had our District
25 Deputy clinic three weeks ago in Marshfield.

26

1 Pat and Pam took time out of their day to
2 drive from Milwaukee up to Marshfield to
3 help me introduce to the new officers about
4 ENF, about the Elks, and about the Fidelity
5 Club.

6 DAVE HAGEN: We ask for the
7 nomination.

8 JEFF MILLER: I would like to ask for
9 your consideration for the vote for Pat
10 Moran for State President-Elect. Thank you.

11 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
12 nominations for the office of State
13 President-Elect? Are there any other
14 nominations for the office of State
15 President-Elect? Are there any other
16 nominations for the office of State
17 President-Elect? Hearing none, nominations
18 are closed.

19 For all future nominations, in the
20 effort to conserve time, we'll eliminate the
21 need for a second -- there is no need for a
22 second nomination.

23 I will now open the nominations for
24 the District Vice-Presidents, starting with
25 the Vice-President of the Northwest

27

1 District. Are there any nominations for
2 Vice-President of the Northwest District?

3 HANS WALTHER: Hans Walther,
4 Stevens Point Lodge number 641.

5 I would like to nominate Tom Weller
6 from Stevens Point Lodge number 641. I have
7 known Tom about eight years, since I've been
8 a member. When I first became a member, he
9 was Loyal Knight. He has served -- he's
10 served as Exalted Ruler for -- you know,
11 completed his term as Exalted Ruler.
12 Following his time as Exalted Ruler, he was
13 elected a Trustee. When he completed his
14 time as a Trustee, he was nominated to serve
15 another five-year term as a Trustee.

16 Tom is very respected in our lodge
17 and very respected in the district level.
18 Tom served two years as District Deputy to
19 the Grand Exalted Ruler, and this was a time
20 during Covid. And believe me, as an Exalted
21 Ruler that served during the time of Covid,
22 there were a lot of questions, and Tom was
23 there to answer the questions. If he didn't
24 have the answers, he got me the answers.
25 Therefore, I ask your support for Tom Weller

28

1 for District Deputy Northwest District -- or
2 for Vice-President Northwest District.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
4 nominations for Vice-President in the
5 Northwest District? Are there any
6 nominations for Vice-President of the
7 Northwest District? Are there any other
8 nominations for Vice-President of the
9 Northwest District? Hearing none,
10 nominations are closed.

11 I will now open nominations for
12 Vice-President of the Northeast. Are there
13 any nominations for Vice-President of the
14 Northeast?

15 TODD KOSTUCK: Todd Kostuck,
16 Platteville Lodge number 1460. Past State
17 President.

18 I would like to nominate Solomon King
19 for Vice-President Northeast. He was born
20 on a small farm in Marathon County.

21 (Laughter.)

22 TODD KOSTUCK: He's been a member of
23 the Wausau Lodge number 248 and has been a
24 member for seven years. During that time,
25 he's been active as a volunteer and officer.

1 Most recently, he's completed his term as
2 Exalted Ruler. While Exalted Ruler, Solomon
3 led the lodge with a servant-style
4 leadership. Solomon is dedicated to
5 improving his community with youth
6 activities, veteran service outreach
7 programs, outreach programs. He has
8 recognized the Elks as the perfect fit to
9 accomplish these services, which, in turn,
10 shows why he has become a dedicated Elk.

11 Join me in support for Solomon King,
12 Vice-President Northeast.

13 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
14 nominations for Vice-President Northeast?
15 Are there any other nominations for
16 Vice-President of the Northeast? Are there
17 any other nominations for Vice-President for
18 the Northeast? Hearing none, nominations
19 are closed.

20 I now open the nominations for
21 Vice-President Central District.

22 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Michael
23 Hackbarth, Sheboygan Lodge 299. It is my
24 pleasure and privilege to nominate Ryan
25 Swantz from Watertown Lodge 666 for the

1 position of Vice-President Central District.
2 I've known Ryan for over 24 years, and in
3 that time, he's truly immersed himself in
4 this culture we call Elkdom. He dove head
5 first into it. Exalted Ruler twice, Esquire
6 to District Deputy, District Deputy Grand
7 Exalted Ruler, District Vice-President,
8 State Inner Guard ten times, chair of ER
9 Leading Knight Advisory Committee three
10 times, chair of Resolutions and Laws
11 Committee for seven years, vice chair of
12 Ritualistic Exemplification Committee,
13 Ritual Word Accuracy judge at Grand Lodge
14 competition held in Reno, Nevada 2017, and
15 Central District Chair of Elks National
16 Foundation Committee, present day.

17 This guy performs, he works, he's
18 dedicated to duty. He also received a
19 letter of recommendation from the
20 President's Lifetime Achievement Award --
21 the President of the United States -- in
22 recognition of over 4,600 hours of logged
23 volunteer service to the Elks.

24 Like I said, he immersed himself.
25 This is part of his life. It is my pleasure

1 to ask you to support Ryan Swantz,
2 Vice-President Central District.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
4 nominations for Vice-President Central
5 District? Are there any other nominations
6 for Vice-President of the Central District?
7 Are there any other nominations for
8 Vice-President of the Central District?
9 Hearing none, nominations are closed.

10 I now open the nominations for
11 Vice-President of the South District.

12 JASON SOMERS: Jason Somers, Waukesha
13 Lodge number 400. It is my great honor and
14 privilege to nominate Manuel Salinas III, as
15 Vice-President of the South District.

16 Manny has been a member for 19 years,
17 a dedicated member with a British wife. We
18 love Manny at Waukesha. He has been kind of
19 our go-to guy to say hello to anybody that
20 has come in. He's never afraid to approach
21 himself to anybody that has stepped in for a
22 fish fry or guests that have come to any
23 event, and has no problem handing over a
24 membership application.

25 Sadly, Manny cannot be here today.

1 That's the first time I've seen a
2 63-year-old guy cry right in front of you
3 because he had to make a decision to walk
4 his daughter down the aisle yesterday over
5 being here at this group.

6 Manny is a fine gentleman, and he'll
7 do a great job as his second term as
8 Vice-President of the South District, and
9 honestly, I think he needs that second year
10 to finish his memoirs, because as Ken knows,
11 it's like two pages in the Bugle for what
12 happened in the South District in three
13 months.

14 Once again, Manuel Salinas for
15 Vice-President of the South District.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
17 nominations for Vice-President South
18 District? Are there any other nominations
19 for Vice-President in the South District?
20 Are there any other nominations for
21 Vice-President in the South District?
22 Hearing none, nominations are closed.

23 I will now open nominations for the
24 State Secretary. Are there any other --
25 Are there any nominations? Moving on.

1 Sorry, Ken.

2 DENNIS DALEY: Dennis Daley,
3 Watertown Lodge number 666. It's both a
4 privilege and an honor to nominate Ken
5 Johnson for the position of State Secretary.

6 Ken's been our State Secretary for
7 24 years, and it is with my hope and
8 everybody else's support that another
9 two-year term that he'll finally get things
10 right. Thank you.

11 (Laughter.)

12 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
13 nominations for State Secretary? Are there
14 any other nominations for State Secretary?
15 Are there any other nominations for State
16 Secretary? Hearing none, nominations are
17 closed.

18 Okay. So I now open nominations for
19 State Trustee-at-Large.

20 BOB BOHNSACK: Bob Bohnsack, Past
21 State President, Sheboygan 299.

22 I am proud to nominate Rob Radig,
23 Past State President, for the position of
24 Trustee-at-Large. Most of you know Rob.
25 He's dedicated and hardworking as an Elk,

1 always having the best interest of this
2 association in his heart. Rob has served as
3 a trustee for the past six years, so I ask
4 that you please join me in support of Rob
5 for Trustee-at-Large. Thank you.

6 DAVE HAGEN: All right. I now
7 open -- Are there any other nominations for
8 State Trustee? Are there -- at large. Are
9 there any other nominations for State
10 Trustee-at-Large? Is there any other
11 nominations for State Trustee-at-Large?
12 Hearing none, nominations are closed.

13 All right. I'll now open nominations
14 for State Chaplain.

15 BOB BOHNSACK: Bob Bohnsack, Past
16 State President, Sheboygan Lodge number 299.
17 It is my honor and privilege to nominate the
18 Reverend Canon Mike Hackbarth for the
19 position of State Chaplain.

20 If you've ever attended one of Mike's
21 Saturday evening prayer services, you know
22 why he is my choice for this position. And
23 if you need to know what exactly a Canon is,
24 you can see me later.

25 Please join me in casting your vote

35

1 for the Reverend Canon Michael Hackbarth for
2 Chaplain of the State. Thank you.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
4 nominations for State Chaplain? Are there
5 any other nominations for State Chaplain?
6 Are there any other nominations for State
7 Chaplain? Hearing none, motion's closed.
8 Nominations are closed.

9 Okay. Now I open nominations for
10 State Tiler.

11 PAT NITZE: Pat Nitze, Janesville
12 Lodge 254. I nominate Nikki Shannon for
13 Tiler. Nikki and I met through being on the
14 Hospitality Committee for Grand Lodge.
15 Through the years, our husbands became great
16 friends and so did we, and during their time
17 running for State President, Nikki
18 complained about the things going on at the
19 lodge and went on and on and on, and I
20 finally said, "Become a member."

21 So I got the application, filled it
22 out, she signed it, and I initiated her as a
23 member of the lodge and installed her as an
24 officer when they were at the Portage Lodge.
25 And I want you to know, because of that, you

36

1 had the first lady President of the
2 Wisconsin Elks Association, and Nikki is --
3 follows the rules, believes in the Elks,
4 does everything that should be done, and I
5 nominate Nikki for State Tiler.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
7 nominations for State Tiler? Are there any
8 other nominations for State Tiler? Are
9 there any other nominations for State Tiler?
10 Hearing none, nominations closed.

11 I now open nominations for State
12 Sergeant-at-Arms.

13 KEN BRUCKNER: Ken Bruckner,
14 Sheboygan Lodge 299, Past State President.

15 It is indeed an honor and a privilege
16 to nominate for the office of
17 Sergeant-at-Arms of the Wisconsin Elks
18 Association Donald Behnke. A true and
19 dedicated member of the Sheboygan Elks
20 Lodge 299, and the current Sergeant-at-Arms
21 of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

22 Don is a very dedicated Elk, being
23 involved at the state level as the chairman
24 of the Elks National Foundation and the
25 State Golf Committee. At the local lodge

1 level, Don was chairman of our 2021 Elks
2 State Golf Tournament held in Sheboygan. He
3 was the Exalted Ruler at 299 during the
4 '21-'22 lodge term, and currently Don
5 volunteers his time helping at various lodge
6 activities and events.

7 I nominate Elk member Don Behnke for
8 the upcoming term of the Wisconsin Elks
9 Association office of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

10 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
11 nominations for State Sergeant-at-Arms? Are
12 there any other nominations for the State
13 Sergeant-at-Arms? Are there any other
14 nominations for the State Sergeant-at-Arms?
15 Hearing none, nominations are closed.

16 I'll now open the nominations for
17 Inner Guard.

18 PAT BUCK: Pat Buck,
19 Neenah-Menasha 676. I have the honor of
20 nominating a dedicated Elk for the office of
21 State Inner Guard. This dedicated Elk is
22 Gina Staskal. Her involvement in Elks
23 covers many areas.

24 While a member of Beaver Dam
25 Elks 1540, she served as lodge secretary for

1 many years. After she and Jim moved to
2 New London, they transferred their
3 membership to Neenah-Menasha 676, where she
4 has served on several chairs, most recently
5 as Esteemed Leading Knight last year.

6 She has helped many new lodge
7 secretaries in organizing and revitalizing
8 their offices. She has also helped lodge
9 treasurers understand some of the
10 complexities of the financial reporting
11 system, and that is not an easy thing to
12 understand.

13 On the state level, she has served as
14 chair for several state committees,
15 including Government Relations, and was
16 instrumental in getting the state government
17 handbook available to our students across
18 the state. She is also a member of the
19 Recreation at State Conventions Committee.

20 Gina has served as auditor for
21 several District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers
22 in the Central District, and plans to
23 continue to do so. I ask for your support
24 for Gina and I wish her good luck.

25 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other

1 nominations for State Inner Guard? Are
2 there any other nominations for State Inner
3 Guard? Are there any other nominations for
4 State Inner Guard? Hearing none,
5 nominations are closed.

6 I will now entertain a motion from
7 our State Secretary, Ken Johnson,
8 Wausau 248, to record a unanimous ballot for
9 all candidates who were nominated without
10 opposition, except for the office of
11 Secretary of State -- except for State
12 Secretary. That I -- Well, let's do that
13 first.

14 KEN JOHNSON: Okay. Ken Johnson,
15 Wausau, makes that motion.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. I now recognize
17 our Past State President, Rob Radig, for the
18 motion of accepting the unanimous ballot for
19 the office of State Secretary. Rob?

20 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
21 Lodge 1540. I move for the unanimous ballot
22 to be cast for the State Secretary.

23 DAVE HAGEN: Is there any seconds to
24 that nomination -- those nominations? Are
25 there any seconds to those nominations?

40

1 AARON HOLBROOK: Aaron Holbrook,
2 Beaver Dam Lodge 1540, seconds.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. All in favor,
4 please signify by the actual voting sign of
5 an Elk. All opposed? Motion carries.

6 I will now entertain a motion to
7 order the State Secretary -- well, we won't
8 do that one.

9 KEN JOHNSON: Not yet.

10 DAVE HAGEN: He's not here. State
11 Treasurer's not up. We don't have to worry
12 about nominating him.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Call on Marla.

14 DAVE HAGEN: We are now about to
15 begin the voting process. As a reminder to
16 everyone who is casting a vote for various
17 positions, there may be more than one
18 candidate for the same position. I ask that
19 you -- for all those who are seeking
20 election to an office who have others for
21 opposition, please come forward. Okay.
22 Jason, Pat, please come forward.

23 So the two candidates seeking
24 election for State President-Elect are Pat
25 Moran, Milwaukee 46, Jason Somers,

41

1 Wausau 400 -- Waukesha 400. I had the 400
2 right. All right. I now recognize Marla
3 Gygli for final instructions on the voting
4 delegates. You may be seated, guys.

5 MARLA GYGLI: All right. Again,
6 Marla Gygli, Rice Lake Lodge 1441. I have
7 people in each of the four corners to
8 collect the ballots, so after you fill them
9 out, please take them, I'm going to take
10 your blue card. Do not tear it apart. They
11 will do it for you. And anybody needing
12 assistance, please raise your hand, and I
13 have people that will come and get the
14 ballots from you.

15 DAVE HAGEN: Okay, after casting your
16 ballots, please pass your ballots to the
17 corners where they'll be collecting them for
18 tabulation. I ask that you please stay in
19 the room and do not leave. Once you leave
20 this room, you will not be permitted back in
21 -- to reenter until the voting is completed.
22 If there is a need for another ballot, it is
23 crucial that all who plan to recast their
24 ballots stay in attendance. Thank you.

25 (No audio from 50:23 to 54:50.)

1 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. Please turn your
2 ballots in if you have not already done so,
3 so we can get on to the counting of the
4 ballots, and then please take your seat.
5 While we are awaiting the results of the
6 Credentials and Elections Committee, we will
7 continue our other business of the general
8 session.

9 I now recognize Ryan Swantz, chairman
10 of the Resolutions and Laws for his
11 committee report on the proposed resolutions
12 for the 2023 Wisconsin Elks Association
13 State Convention, and to make a motion.
14 Ryan?

15 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz, Watertown
16 Lodge 666, chair of Resolutions and Laws.
17 This past year the Resolutions and Laws
18 Committee did a cursory review of our state
19 association bylaws and identified five areas
20 of housekeeping, which we will present as
21 one motion.

22 The first one would be resolution --
23 These were all published in the Bugle, by
24 the way. Resolution 1 will amend the
25 Wisconsin Elks Association bylaws such that

1 all references to Wisconsin Elks Association
2 shall now read Wisconsin Elks Association,
3 Incorporated. And this is just a
4 housekeeping issue to identify us as a
5 corporation for any legal purposes.

6 Resolution 2 would amend Article 3,
7 Section 4 of bylaws to read as follows: The
8 Midwinter Conference of the delegates of the
9 association shall be held on a weekend in
10 February. The site and date of said
11 Midwinter Conferences shall be determined by
12 the Board of Directors.

13 Purpose of this is the last time we
14 updated our bylaws, we were between when we
15 were changing it, so we're taking out all
16 the old language and inserting new.

17 Resolution 3, amend Article 5,
18 Section 4 of the bylaws to read as follows:
19 Trustees shall be nominated from the
20 membership of the lodges within the
21 corresponding Grand Lodge Districts and one
22 at-large. The trustees shall be elected in
23 the same manner as the other offices of the
24 association except that they shall be
25 elected to hold office for three years, and

1 shall be regularly elected according to the
2 following schedule, and we will have a
3 schedule for the next 15 years as to what
4 districts will be elected in what years.

5 This just cleans up the bylaws and
6 sets the schedule of when the trustees will
7 be elected so people don't have to try to go
8 through and figure out what year a trustee
9 was elected and when they're going to be up
10 for election again.

11 Resolution 4 amends Article 5,
12 Section 5 of the bylaws to read: In the
13 event of a vacancy of the office of
14 President, the President-Elect shall succeed
15 to the office, followed by the
16 Vice-President in the Grand Lodge District
17 having the greatest number of members, and
18 so on until a successor is elected and
19 installed at the next convention of the
20 association.

21 A Vice-President succeeding to the
22 office of President or President-Elect must
23 meet the qualifications set forth in
24 Section 19 of this Article. Should none of
25 the Vice-Presidents be either qualified to

1 serve, able to serve, or willing to serve in
2 the office of President or President-Elect
3 according to the succession designated in
4 this section, the vacancy in the office of
5 President or President-Elect shall be filled
6 in the same manner as are vacancies in any
7 other elected office of the association.

8 This is so that if our
9 Vice-Presidents are not PERs, they cannot
10 succeed to the office of President-Elect or
11 President. This provides us an avenue for
12 which to address how to fill a vacancy at
13 that point in the office of President-Elect
14 or President. Same as if none of our
15 Vice-Presidents would be able to serve or,
16 again, willing to serve.

17 And finally, Resolution 5, proposal
18 to amend Article 10, Section 1 of bylaws to
19 read as follows: Amendments to the bylaws
20 may be made at any annual session by a
21 two-thirds affirmative vote of the duly
22 qualified delegates present, provided that a
23 proposed amendment of the bylaws shall be
24 submitted in writing and filed in -- shall
25 be filed with the secretary of the

1 association at least 30 days prior to the
2 convening of the Midwinter Conference of the
3 association. The secretary of the
4 association will forward a copy to the
5 chairperson on the Committee on Resolutions
6 and Laws prior to the meeting of the
7 Committee on Resolutions and Laws at the
8 association's Midwinter Conference.

9 This moves the deadline date for a
10 bylaw amendment from 60 days prior to State
11 Convention to 30 days prior to Midwinter
12 Conference, thereby giving the Committee on
13 Resolutions and Laws proper time to review
14 the bylaw amendment and to have the bylaw
15 amendment published in the Bugle for all to
16 see.

17 These five are the bylaw amendments
18 that were identified by the Committee on
19 Resolutions and Laws as housekeeping issues.
20 There are still two more that are coming,
21 but those will be discussed separately. The
22 committee has reviewed these bylaw
23 amendments and find that they do not
24 conflict with our existing bylaws, and I
25 move for their adoption.

1 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
2 Lodge 1540, seconds it.

3 DAVE HAGEN: I now will entertain a
4 motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the --
5 oh, discussion on the proposed bylaw
6 changes. Is there any discussion? All
7 right. So all those in favor, sign of an
8 Elk. All those opposed. The resolutions
9 have passed.

10 RYAN SWANTZ: Okay. Mr. President,
11 we have now received a bylaw amendment
12 request for a proposal to add Article
13 Section 2, Subsection 36 to the bylaws which
14 will read as follows: A committee on
15 secretary training, which shall consist of
16 the secretary of each lodge. This committee
17 shall meet at each conference and convention
18 for the purpose of exchanging ideas for the
19 benefit of the subordinate lodges of the
20 Wisconsin Elks Association, and for any
21 other business which it should deem within
22 its scope.

23 The committee chairperson shall be
24 designated by the association president and
25 serve in this capacity in accordance with

1 Article 6, Section 1 of the bylaws.

2 The purpose of this requested
3 amendment is to change the secretary CLMS
4 training from an ad hoc or special committee
5 into a formal committee with the members of
6 said committee entitled to the rights of
7 membership as outlined in Article 2 of the
8 bylaws.

9 The Committee on Resolutions and Laws
10 has reviewed this bylaw and finds that it
11 does not conflict in any way with our
12 existing bylaws.

13 DAVE HAGEN: I need a motion.

14 ARLYN CLARKSEN: Arlyn Clarksen,
15 Waukesha Elks Lodge 400, Secretary. I move
16 this motion.

17 DAVE HAGEN: Do I have a second?

18 GINA STASKAL: Gina Staskal,
19 Oshkosh 292, seconds.

20 DAVE HAGEN: All in favor?
21 Discussion. Discussion. Any discussion?
22 Hearing none, all those in favor, please
23 signify by the vote of an Elk. All those
24 opposed? Motion carries.

25 RYAN SWANTZ: Mr. President, the

1 final bylaw amendment that was suggested is
2 Resolution number 7, proposal to amend
3 Article 5, Section 13 of the bylaws, which
4 will read as follows: The Board of
5 Directors shall consist of the Trustees, the
6 President, the President-Elect, the
7 Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District
8 Vice-Presidents. Additionally, the
9 immediate Past State President shall be
10 appointed to the Board of Directors in an
11 ex officio capacity.

12 The purpose of this is to add the
13 immediate Past State President to the Board
14 of Directors, which will allow for
15 continuity from one administration to the
16 next while still maintaining the odd number
17 of votes on the board.

18 The Committee on Resolutions and Laws
19 has reviewed this bylaw request and finds
20 that it does not conflict with our existing
21 bylaws.

22 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a motion to be
23 made? Anyone want to make a motion?

24 BILL FORREST: Bill Forrest, Wausau
25 Lodge 248, so move.

1 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a second to the
2 motion?

3 KARL HANKE: Karl Hanke, Wausau 248.
4 Sit down, Bruce. I so second.

5 DAVE HAGEN: Any discussion? Hearing
6 none, please vote with the sign of an Elk.
7 Those opposed? Motion carries.

8 All right. I now recognize our
9 chairman of the Credentials, Marla, for the
10 results.

11 MARLA GYGLI: All right. So after
12 counting the ballots once, second,
13 confirming against the credentials that were
14 turned in, we had 206 people vote. The
15 ballots were 108 to 98 in favor of Pat
16 Moran.

17 (Applause.)

18 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. I need a motion
19 to destroy the ballots.

20 MARLA GYGLI: I make a motion to
21 destroy the ballots.

22 DAVE HAGEN: Do I have a second?

23 KEN JOHNSON: The motion was made by
24 Marla. The second will be made by Ken
25 Johnson, Wausau.

1 DAVE HAGEN: All those in favor of
2 destroying the ballots, sign of an Elk.
3 Those opposed? Destroy the ballots. The
4 election is official.

5 (Gavel bangs.)

6 DAVE HAGEN: All right. We are now
7 going to move forward with the budget
8 review, so we're going to recognize our
9 secretary, Ken Johnson, for his secretary's
10 report, budget report.

11 KEN JOHNSON: Okay. Everybody kind
12 of bear with me, because you understand that
13 I can't be seeing on the screen. I'm
14 looking at the monitor, so if there's a
15 question, shout it out. But first of all,
16 I'm talking the charitable budget, those of
17 you who've got them in your hands, those are
18 the ones that are printed this-a-way. The
19 administrative is up and down. It says on
20 the top left-hand corner under column A, it
21 says charitable, okay?

22 On the charitable account -- I'm
23 going to keep this as simple as I can for
24 everybody. I'm not the federal government.
25 I can't print more money, so I can only

52

1 spend the amount of money that we have. If
2 you follow my mouse going down -- which I
3 hope you can, right? Yeah, I think you can.
4 From last year for the checking carryover,
5 we're bringing 2,254. I'm not reading the
6 change.

7 The Elks National Veteran's Service
8 Commission, I'll explain this in a minute.
9 This is a wash. It's what we get from the
10 veterans that goes right back out to the
11 veterans. We have no say in how it's
12 allocated.

13 You'll see the next one, Special
14 Project Grants. Do not ask me how the Grand
15 Lodge develops these. It's very
16 complicated. It is what it is, but it's
17 82,910, and you will see that previously
18 last year, it was 114, so we took a
19 substantial loss there.

20 On the next one, we've got the State
21 Charities Grant of 96,970. The bonus grant
22 of 17,100.

23 We got from our Benevolent Fund for
24 charitable works \$150,000. Last year's, in
25 the money market that we bring forward to

1 this year, was 25,544, which makes an income
2 of 398,479.39.

3 For informational purposes only, on
4 the bottom, you'll see that the
5 Bruckner/Bohnsack account, which they have,
6 and mainly that's used to support
7 camperships, still has 16,000. And the
8 Nitze account has 73 hundred that they use
9 for other charitable works and veterans'
10 services. But that's not part of the budget
11 at all. Just this number right here of 398.

12 Scrolling to the top. Because we
13 took the reduction of about 17,000 from
14 Grand Lodge, that equaled us pretty tight to
15 the previous budget of last year. The Board
16 of Directors reviewed and kind of said,
17 "Let's hold it just as it was and we'll go
18 that way." Again, I mentioned right there,
19 23,700, that's the extra increase that we
20 got from the veterans' service. It's a
21 wash. It comes in, it goes out.

22 If you look down the column H, that's
23 last year's budget, and so as we go down the
24 line, there's just not a lot of change going
25 down them. You had a reduction right here

1 in the scholarship expenses. That's all the
2 same. I got to get to it.

3 Right here we went with a motion that
4 at the current time we give each
5 Vice-President -- I'm talking current last
6 year -- \$400 for expenses, gasoline,
7 et cetera, for touring around. That's not
8 much at all, but we upped it to 500, so that
9 made, you know, the total of the \$2,000 --
10 or \$3,000 in that account. What?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible).

12 KEN JOHNSON: I see what you're
13 saying. So -- Am I okay right there for
14 you? No. But that's the Bugle and the
15 directories, that's paperwork, et cetera,
16 that had a slight increase there.

17 Our lodge grants are staying at the
18 1,750 for the lodges that we have. Your
19 Government Relations are at 49,000.

20 So, again, the paperwork will be up
21 for those. Get them in to me as early as
22 you can for those grants. There is no
23 penalty to be early.

24 So what we got is the expense of
25 398,479, which happens to equal the 398,479,

55

1 so I am presenting to you a balanced budget
2 on the charitable side, so I move for
3 adoption of this budget.

4 ROB RADIG: Rob Radig, Beaver Dam
5 Lodge 1540. I second it.

6 DAVE HAGEN: I don't have a problem
7 with this.

8 All right. All in favor, sign of the
9 Elk. Discussion first. Anybody have
10 anything to bring up about the budget?
11 Okay. Now hearing none, you can vote with
12 the sign of an Elk. All those opposed? The
13 charitable budget has been approved.

14 (Gavel bangs.)

15 KEN JOHNSON: I'll move to the
16 administrative budget now. Maybe I can read
17 my notes better in front of me. We'll start
18 right there. We're bringing over a negative
19 3,799. Why do we bring a negative? We have
20 money in restricted accounts and that can't
21 be used in the budget, such as money for
22 this event and other things I'll get to in a
23 second. When you deal with a CPA like Jeff
24 Langton, it all has to be done correctly.

25 The membership dues came out at

1 41,466. Yes, we had 30-something increase,
2 and so that's where the money increase came
3 from.

4 Money market interest, it's so
5 flexible. We start at 60. It was higher
6 last year, but we got less money in the
7 money market, so don't bet on that.

8 Our Raymond James account has
9 212,000-plus into it. The Board of
10 Directors, for quite a few years now, has
11 authorized and utilized transfer out of the
12 Raymond James. It used to be 15, 20 years
13 ago that we were always going to keep the
14 Raymond James for a rainy day, but we
15 decided a whole lot of us would never be
16 around to see the rainy day.

17 So instead, to use some of this
18 money -- and some of it is -- and I'm on a
19 little side channel here -- that the money
20 is used to offset some of your meal prices
21 and your expense at conferences and
22 conventions. The board decided that the
23 people attending here should get the break.
24 Trust me. I do this. You can't get meals
25 at the prices we're paying here if you were

57

1 buying them yourself, so that's part of
2 where this money is going to.

3 Back up here. The total expenses
4 then being projected or proposed would be
5 66,767.

6 I'll jump back down. Our money
7 market, as you can see, last year was
8 17,000. We're at 281. That kind of shows
9 the drop in the interest there.

10 Our checking carryover in our First
11 Federal account's got 5,140 into it. And if
12 we jump down to the total cash on hand
13 available is 5,422.

14 Scroll down to the bottom, for
15 informational purposes only, the Grand Lodge
16 trailer account has been zeroed out. We got
17 a new trailer and used everything that was
18 there.

19 The convention, right at this
20 printing, I've got 64 hundred dollars, and
21 that will go to pay for some of what we're
22 getting here for food, the designated
23 designee housing, et cetera.

24 Meet and greet, that's a restricted
25 account used just for meet and greet, and

1 it's got 25 hundred in, and that came from a
2 lot of dues and contributions that just came
3 in from this fiscal year.

4 Conference income reserve is a
5 whopping 230.

6 The Grand Lodge account, which Jason
7 uses for going to Grand Lodge and his
8 expenses, of 1,121.77. So the restricted
9 accounts right now are just a shade over
10 \$9,000.

11 But if we back up here, the total
12 income we have to use this year being
13 proposed is a little over 66,000.

14 We go up, then, and go to the expense
15 side, and a lot of it stayed right the same.
16 The Ritual judges and Ritual Committees, Ben
17 likes to get a little bit more active in
18 here and needed a little bit more money. We
19 all kind of agreed that that should be.

20 The Credentials and Elections, they
21 may need some new equipment to upgrade,
22 so -- and again, this is not a guaranteed
23 expense. It's money so they have it if it's
24 needed.

25 The rest of these are all pretty much

1 self-explanatory except right here. If we
2 go back many years ago, there was always a
3 line item for Grand Lodge expense, and
4 Jason's been doing good with contributions
5 up to this time, but now it's kind of the
6 savings account has dwindled, so the Grand
7 Lodge Committee asked for a budget of \$5,000
8 to help with the expenses to go to Grand
9 Lodge.

10 Again, Conferences and Conventions
11 went up a thousand, and some of that is just
12 offsetting some of the cost that you see
13 around here. The other expenses are pretty
14 much flatlining from the previous, and the
15 difference would be right here, is the VP,
16 as I was trying to say last time around,
17 because I was in the wrong church in the
18 wrong pew, that last year we were at sixteen
19 hundred dollars, and so we increased that to
20 \$2,000 to offset their expenses, but we will
21 be asking the VPs to turn in an expense
22 sheet showing mileage or showing an expense
23 for a hotel or whatever, and it keeps the
24 IRS off our back and not having to issue
25 1099s.

1 So anyhow, for our proposed expenses
2 of 66,767, which miraculously equals the
3 income of 66 -- because that's how I do
4 budgets -- so we have a balanced budget on
5 the administrative, and with that, at this
6 time, I move for adoption of the
7 administrative budget for the year
8 2023-2024.

9 DAVE DeROSIER: Dave DeRosier,
10 Milwaukee Lodge 46, chairman of the Board of
11 Directors, wholeheartedly seconds this
12 motion. This was not easy to do.

13 DAVE HAGEN: Is there any discussion
14 on the administrative budget?

15 TONY VOULGARIS: My discussion --
16 Tony Voulgaris, Oshkosh 292. The only thing
17 I was going to say for the VPs, you're not
18 getting the whole 2,000. It's 500 bucks a
19 person. Thank you.

20 DAVE HAGEN: Wow. That was a save.

21 KEN JOHNSON: Yes.

22 DAVE HAGEN: All right. Hearing no
23 other discussion, all in favor with the sign
24 of an Elk. Opposed? Motion passed. Budget
25 is -- administrative budget is approved.

61

1 (Gavel bangs.)

2 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. This is going

3 to -- We are going to recess the general

4 session of the 2023 business session general

5 session of the Wisconsin Elks Association so

6 that we can have a 15-minute break before

7 the memorial service. Please stay for the

8 memorial service.

9 All newly elected board members,

10 please report near Ken. All

11 Vice-Presidents --

12 KEN JOHNSON: Once again, before you

13 run away -- I'm louder than he is up there.

14 All the newly elected VPs, President-Elect,

15 officers for the new year, come over by me,

16 we need to elect the officers for the

17 current year for the Board of Directors.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Now.

19 (The transcription ended at the

20 1:21:39 audio mark.)

21 - - - - -

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

2023 WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
SPRING CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS
SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Hilton Appleton Paper Valley
Appleton, Wisconsin

1 (The audio transcription began at the
2 00:00 audio mark.)

3 DAVE HAGEN: Good morning.

4 ALL: Good morning.

5 DAVE HAGEN: Please take your seats
6 so we can begin the general session. I ask
7 that you do turn off your cell phones. I
8 now call the Sunday session of the 2023
9 Spring Convention of the Wisconsin Elks
10 Association to order. I ask the Secretary
11 Ken to take the roll call.

12 Oh, we should do that. I have that
13 on here later.

14 Can we have Reverend Mike come
15 forward? Reverend Mike, can you come
16 forward? I kind of want to skip over that.
17 I don't know why. You do such a great job.

18 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
19 me.

20 Almighty and everlasting Father, you
21 have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us
22 forever. Bless, we pray, with His grace and
23 presence, the delegates assembled here in
24 Your name, that this Elks Association, being
25 preserved in true faith and godly

1 discipline, may fulfill all that you desire
2 in us. Guide us in our decisions, that we
3 may do what is right for the benefit of our
4 Order of Elks and for the benefit of those
5 whom we seek to serve. Amen.

6 ALL: Amen.

7 DAVE HAGEN: Please repeat after me
8 the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

10 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. Now we will ask
11 the secretary to do the roll call.

12 KEN JOHNSON: State President Dave
13 Hagen.

14 DAVE HAGEN: Here.

15 KEN JOHNSON: President-Elect Karl
16 Hanke.

17 KARL HANKE: Present.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President
19 Northwest Kevin Keener.

20 KEVIN KEENER: (No response.)

21 KEN JOHNSON: Excused.
22 Vice-President Northeast Joe Heimerl.

23 JOE HEIMERL: Here.

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

1 JIM FRANCISCO: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Vice-President South

3 Manuel Salinas.

4 DAVE HAGEN: Excused.

5 KEN JOHNSON: Excused. Secretary Ken

6 Johnson, still here. Treasurer Jeff

7 Langton, excused. Chaplain Reverend Michael

8 Hackbarth.

9 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Present.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Thank you. Tiler Nikki

11 Shannon.

12 NIKKI SHANNON: I'm here.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Sergeant-at-Arms Don

14 Behnke.

15 DON BEHNKE: Present.

16 KEN JOHNSON: Inner Guard Ryan

17 Swantz.

18 RYAN SWANTZ: Here.

19 KEN JOHNSON: Parliamentarian Rob

20 Radig.

21 ROB RADIG: Present.

22 KEN JOHNSON: Protocol at Conferences

23 and Conventions Todd Kostuck.

24 TODD KOSTUCK: Here.

25 KEN JOHNSON: Photographer Pat Buck.

1 PAT BUCK: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Grant Coordinator Pam
3 Schedivy.

4 PAM SCHEDIVY: Here.

5 KEN JOHNSON: State Trustees, the
6 Chairman David DeRosier.

7 DAVE DeROSIER: Here.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Jaye Franklin, excused.
9 Secretary Rob Radig.

10 ROB RADIG: Here.

11 KEN JOHNSON: Ray Dabler.

12 RAY DABLER: Here.

13 KEN JOHNSON: Tony Voulgaris.

14 TONY VOULGARIS: Here.

15 KEN JOHNSON: Grand Lodge, the
16 Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger.

17 LOU SULSBERGER: Present.

18 KEN JOHNSON: I know. Special Deputy
19 Grand Exalted Ruler Dennis Daley running
20 late, but he'll be here. Government
21 Relations Dave Nitze.

22 DAVE NITZE: Present.

23 KEN JOHNSON: District Deputies.
24 Northeast. This is for yesterday, because I
25 missed it, and for today. Nicole Bourassa.

5

1 NICOLE BOURASSA: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: And Esquire to District

3 Deputy Bruce Conard.

4 BRUCE CONARD: Here.

5 KEN JOHNSON: District Deputy Grand

6 Exalted Ruler is Christine Zupanc for the

7 Northwest.

8 CHRISTINE ZUPANC: (No response.)

9 KEN JOHNSON: And Esquire is Marla

10 Gygli.

11 MARLA GYGLI: Here.

12 KEN JOHNSON: I always butcher that,

13 but that's okay. Central District District

14 Deputy Jason Ellis.

15 JASON ELLIS: Here.

16 KEN JOHNSON: And Esquire to District

17 is Richard Miller.

18 RICHARD MILLER: Here.

19 KEN JOHNSON: And South District is

20 Dan Foss.

21 DAN FOSS: Here.

22 KEN JOHNSON: And Kathy Hagen,

23 definitely excused. And Central Sponsors.

24 Tom Widzinski.

25 TOM WIDZINSKI: Present.

1 KEN JOHNSON: Northeast Gerald Brien.
2 JERRY BRIEN: Present.
3 KEN JOHNSON: Northwest George Myers.
4 GEORGE MYERS: Here.
5 KEN JOHNSON: South Ron Bertrand,
6 excused. Once again, I'll run through the
7 lodges. You're representing them, just
8 acknowledge it and go from there. Antigo.
9 ANTIGO: Here.
10 KEN JOHNSON: Appleton.
11 APPLETON: Here.
12 KEN JOHNSON: Ashland.
13 ASHLAND: Here.
14 KEN JOHNSON: Baraboo.
15 BARABOO: Here.
16 KEN JOHNSON: Beaver Dam.
17 BEAVER DAM: Here.
18 KEN JOHNSON: Beloit. Obviously
19 gone. Chippewa Falls.
20 CHIPPEWA FALLS: Here.
21 KEN JOHNSON: Eau Claire.
22 EAU CLAIRE: Here.
23 KEN JOHNSON: Green Bay.
24 GREEN BAY: Here.
25 KEN JOHNSON: Janesville.

1 JANESVILLE: Here.
2 KEN JOHNSON: Kaukauna.
3 KAUKAUNA: Here.
4 KEN JOHNSON: Madison.
5 MADISON: (No response.)
6 KEN JOHNSON: Madison is still not
7 here. Manitowoc. Manitowoc.
8 MANITOWOC: (No response.)
9 KEN JOHNSON: Absent. Marinette.
10 MARINETTE: Present.
11 KEN JOHNSON: Marshfield. They were
12 excused. They had to leave early this
13 morning. Milwaukee.
14 MILWAUKEE: Here.
15 KEN JOHNSON: Neenah-Menasha.
16 NEENAH-MENASHA: Here.
17 KEN JOHNSON: Oconto.
18 OCONTO: Here.
19 KEN JOHNSON: Oshkosh.
20 OSHKOSH: Here.
21 KEN JOHNSON: Platteville.
22 PLATTEVILLE: Here.
23 KEN JOHNSON: Portage.
24 PORTAGE: Here.
25 KEN JOHNSON: Rice Lake.

1 RICE LAKE: Here.

2 KEN JOHNSON: Sheboygan.

3 SHEBOYGAN: Here.

4 KEN JOHNSON: Stevens Point.

5 STEVENS POINT: Here.

6 KEN JOHNSON: Superior.

7 SUPERIOR: Here.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Watertown.

9 WATERTOWN: Here.

10 KEN JOHNSON: Waukesha.

11 WAUKESHA: Acknowledged.

12 KEN JOHNSON: Wausau.

13 WAUSAU: Here.

14 KEN JOHNSON: Wisconsin Rapids.

15 WISCONSIN RAPIDS: Here.

16 KEN JOHNSON: Mr. President, the

17 roll's been taken.

18 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Ken. Is

19 there any other secretary issues that need

20 to come before us right now?

21 KEN JOHNSON: Okay, well, let me --

22 You're probably going to say this anyhow,

23 but when you come to the microphone to give

24 your committee reports, you know, again, I

25 have to have your name and your lodge, and

1 let's do things a little different. Please,
2 I do not need to know that you met at
3 8 o'clock in the morning. I do not need to
4 know that you had 18 present and six
5 excused. Let's just get the meat of the
6 report and not the little details about how
7 many were or weren't there. Thank you.

8 DAVE HAGEN: All right. That saves a
9 paragraph of my speech. Thank you.

10 All right, we're going to start with
11 the Board of Directors followed by Advisory.

12 ROB RADIG: Good morning. Rob Radig,
13 Beaver Dam Lodge 1540. Secretary Board of
14 Directors. We met Friday morning, all
15 members present with three excused.

16 (Laughter.)

17 ROB RADIG: Let's see. I'm not
18 supposed to say that, I'm not supposed to
19 say that. Okay. Board of Directors
20 authorized Ken Johnson to sign contracts
21 with the hotels through 2030. Year-end
22 financials were given by Ken Johnson for
23 both the administration and the charitables.
24 Draft budgets were presented, modified, and
25 passed. We heard Vice-Presidents' reports

10

1 for three of the districts. Brief
2 discussion on two of the resolutions. We
3 had a lengthy discussion regarding Grand
4 Lodge this year.

5 Immediately following the general
6 session yesterday, the board did meet with
7 the new officers to elect Dave DeRosier as
8 the chair and myself as the secretary.

9 Lastly, Nikki Shannon thanked Ken
10 Johnson for all the hard work he puts into
11 planning and organizing these state meetings
12 so they run as smooth as they do.

13 A certain wizard once said, "Pay no
14 attention to the man behind the curtain."
15 Ken, thank you once again for everything you
16 do behind the curtain. This report will be
17 on file with the wizard.

18 KEN JOHNSON: Thank you.

19 DAVE HAGEN: Advisory followed by
20 Auditing.

21 SAM DEMMIN: Sam Demmin, Oshkosh
22 Lodge 292. We did meet on Friday. I won't
23 need to say the time or members. Everything
24 was read, the minutes was read and approved.
25 Todd Kostuck gave the treasurer's report and

1 all is in good order. Dave DeRosier
2 reported that the budget is balanced and
3 will be presented to the members for
4 approval. And the four districts were asked
5 how the lodges are doing in their district.
6 They're all doing well. And we held the
7 election of officers for the upcoming year.
8 The rest of my report will be with Ken.

9 DAVE HAGEN: Auditing followed by
10 Credentials and Elections.

11 CINDY WHALEN: Cindy Whalen,
12 Janesville Lodge 254. We met and approved
13 the expenditures of the Wisconsin Elks
14 administration [sic] and charitable accounts
15 for the period of February 1st through
16 April 30th. We were not able to complete the
17 bank reconciliations due to Jeff's absence,
18 so we'll do that when he returns from
19 vacation.

20 And also we approved the veterans'
21 accounts for the Appleton and Tomah VA. And
22 the rest of my report will be on file with
23 Ken.

24 DAVE HAGEN: Credentials and
25 Elections followed by Resolutions and Laws.

12

1 MARLA GYGLI: Good morning. Marla
2 Gygli, Rice Lake Lodge 1441. We had 173
3 preregistered, 70 registered on site, for
4 the total of 213. I'm sorry. 243. We had
5 214 voting credentials issued, 206 ballots
6 were turned in. The election was 108 for
7 Pat Moran for State President and 98 for
8 Jason Somers. You guys ran a great race.
9 Congratulations to Pat. Jason, you're
10 great, too.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MARLA GYGLI: I didn't quite know how
13 to word that. I apologize.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

15 MARLA GYGLI: I need to thank all of
16 the people that helped me this weekend. I
17 think everything ran fairly smooth. And the
18 rest of my report will be on file with Ken.

19 DAVE HAGEN: Resolutions and Laws
20 followed by Membership and Lapsation.

21 RYAN SWANTZ: Ryan Swantz,
22 Watertown 666, chair, Resolutions and Laws.
23 Committee met yesterday morning at 7:30 to
24 discuss the five housekeeping resolutions
25 and the two presented resolutions that were

13

1 voted on yesterday afternoon. We discussed
2 how we wanted to present them, who would be
3 making motions. The resolutions were then
4 brought forth to the general session and all
5 seven have passed. Report will be on file
6 with the secretary.

7 DAVE HAGEN: Membership and Lapsation
8 followed by Lodge Development.

9 LANDRY LONG: Yes, Landry Long,
10 Milwaukee 46. We were well attended
11 yesterday. We spoke of using the various
12 tools from the membership tool kit in
13 Elks.org to continue to grow the membership.
14 And the rest of the report is on file with
15 Mr. Ken. Thank you.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Lodge Development
17 followed by Business Practices.

18 LODGE DEVELOPMENT: (No response.)

19 DAVE HAGEN: Business Practices
20 followed by Publicity and Public Relations.

21 BUSINESS PRACTICES: (No response.)

22 DAVE HAGEN: Public Relations
23 followed by Conferences and Conventions.

24 AARON HOLBROOK: Aaron Holbrook,
25 Beaver Dam Lodge 1540. I've got quite a few

1 things to address, but I'll make it quick.
2 I'm in the process of trying to track down
3 Facebook admins for all the state lodge
4 Facebook accounts. I have a handful. I'll
5 be contacting lodges individually. One
6 thing that I'd like people to take back
7 is -- Talk about this at your meeting. Who
8 is the Facebook admin? I think you'll find
9 that oftentimes nobody knows in your lodge
10 who the Facebook admin is. That's why I'm
11 trying to put this together, to help the
12 lodges, but also so that when a problem does
13 arise, we know who to contact.

14 You might want to go on Facebook and
15 just search for your lodge name and number
16 or your lodge number. You'd be surprised
17 how many lodges have multiple Facebook
18 pages, because people have created them,
19 maybe they didn't tell somebody in the
20 lodge, or maybe they moved on.

21 So just kind of check that. Let's
22 get that under control, and I will be in
23 contact with your lodges.

24 We also talked about the MyElks app.
25 There's a new app that's been developed.

15

1 You can put it on your phone. It's called
2 MyElks app. Lodges can participate for \$47
3 a month. They're trying to bring the cost
4 down, but I would encourage everybody to
5 download that app to your phone, especially
6 if you're somebody who uses apps. If you
7 would need help doing it, you know, reach
8 out to somebody who can help you.

9 The state association has a free
10 account. We will be making use of that more
11 often. It can send notices, there's
12 information about Grand Lodge programs on
13 there, so there's a lot of availability on
14 your phone if you have the MyElks app. Like
15 I said, I'm encouraging everybody to do
16 that. Part of this is we've got to build an
17 audience, and then we'll provide some
18 content for that.

19 Finally, there's been a lot of
20 questions about what's going on with the
21 Bugle, and the answer is for now just
22 continue using the Elks Bugle email. Ken
23 and I will be working together for the next
24 edition of the Bugle. We'll be working
25 together for website updates, as well.

16

1 Eventually there will be a new email that
2 you can send information to, and kind of in
3 the words -- to paraphrase a previous Bugle
4 editor, bear with us while we figure this
5 out.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Conferences and
7 Conventions followed by Lodge Activities.

8 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson,
9 Wausau 248. We met yesterday and discussed
10 the fact that the board has authorized me to
11 go out and extend the contracts. We are
12 good through 2030 at Green Bay right now,
13 and we're good through 2028, with '29 and
14 '30 penciled in here. The rates are going
15 to be pretty good. I can't complain.

16 I'd like to say that one of the main
17 sticklers -- and you keep hearing me say
18 this, but I got to -- is our meet-and-greet
19 room is a privilege to have. You ain't
20 going to find many hotels in Wisconsin that
21 allows this to happen. You had to be at the
22 board meeting to know that finally at 8:30 I
23 got confirmation from Green Bay -- 8:30 in
24 the morning -- confirmation from Green Bay
25 that they would again allow us through 2030

17

1 to bring in our meet-and-greet room.

2 I met with the district manager from
3 Hilton here, and they have agreed to let us
4 bring in, but he summed it up very
5 correctly: What God giveth, God can taketh.
6 And he says, "As long as you maintain
7 yourselves, you're policing yourselves, if
8 there's trouble, it can end at a handshake."
9 So again, we have to police ourselves to
10 keep the meet-and-greet room going the way
11 we'd like it, so please remember, it is
12 definitely a privilege, not a right.

13 So the last thing I want to say is,
14 again, to Jason and to -- I'd be remiss to
15 say the names. I'd lose too many of them.
16 All the helpers he's got to put that
17 meet-and-greet room on early in the morning
18 through late at night, and boy, we all enjoy
19 it, and I'm privileged to see a couple
20 hundred people here that -- We haven't had
21 numbers like that for a long time. And it's
22 great to do it, and thank you, Jason, and
23 your crew.

24 The rest of my report is on file with
25 the wizard.

1 DAVE HAGEN: Lodge Activities
2 followed by Officers Training.

3 KATHY FRANCISCO: Good morning, I'm
4 Kathy Francisco from Baraboo 688. Traci
5 Rothenburger from Portage 675 is my co-chair.
6 I'm pleased to tell you that as chairman of
7 this committee, we received applications
8 that I have forwarded to Grand Lodge from
9 two lodges in Wisconsin who have applied for
10 the status of All-American Lodge for the
11 activities that they perform during their
12 year. And so we want to congratulate
13 Green Bay and Milwaukee, and we're cheering
14 you on, and we'll be your biggest
15 cheerleaders at Grand Convention this
16 summer. So well done.

17 (Applause.)

18 KATHY FRANCISCO: Our meeting
19 yesterday was held at 11 o'clock. We had a
20 lively discussion about activities that
21 concern youth, concern veterans, and
22 extended to the elderly members of our
23 memberships. We've divided our meeting into
24 different areas so that we're not discussing
25 the same thing at each meeting during the

19

1 year, so we do a round-table discussion.
2 Traci and I introduce, and then we share a
3 wealth of knowledge that is coming from all
4 of our lodges. So I think -- I'm proud to
5 say that in Wisconsin, we're the greatest
6 copycats in the world, but it's a compliment
7 to each other for all the hard work that we
8 do.

9 The rest of my report will be on file
10 in the secretary's office.

11 DAVE HAGEN: Officers Training
12 followed by Leading Knight ER Advisory.

13 RICK MILLER: Rick Miller,
14 Baraboo 688, reporting for Officer Training.
15 We began showing all the new members --
16 training all the new members on how to use
17 Elks.org and how to sign up, and then we
18 emphasized the manuals that are available
19 for their training, as far as what their
20 individual position is all about. We
21 reviewed some of that.

22 And then I guess just to cut to the
23 chase, the most important thing for officer
24 training is not only to know what you're
25 doing and what your position is within the

20

1 lodge, but when you're performing your
2 duties as far as the opening, the closing,
3 and the initiation, to read your part that's
4 in the manuals. It tells you exactly what
5 to say, how to stand up, how to sit down,
6 and to practice that for at least 10 or 15
7 minutes per day, if you can. It's not a lot
8 of time, but if you do that, by the time you
9 come to the lodge meeting to do the opening,
10 the closing, or the initiation, you're going
11 to feel much more comfortable, and then any
12 member that's sitting outside the lodge
13 officer group, maybe they'll see that that
14 person feels more comfortable and maybe that
15 person that's observing will want to become
16 an officer someday and not be intimidated by
17 it.

18 So that was pretty much the focus of
19 the committee meeting. The remainder of our
20 report will be on file with the state
21 secretary.

22 DAVE HAGEN: Leading Knight Advisory
23 followed by Drug Awareness.

24 NIKKI SHANNON: Good morning. Nikki
25 Shannon, Beaver Dam 1540. It's great to see

21

1 all you guys out there in red. This is
2 fantastic to have this many people show up.
3 It really shows that Elkdom you do care
4 about. Dave, thank you for a wonderful
5 year.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you.

7 NIKKI SHANNON: You and Kathy. Okay.
8 Now on to my report, ER Leading Knight.
9 Yesterday there were five lodges that did
10 not have an ER there represented. There
11 were ten lodges that the Leading Knight was
12 not represented. We need to work on getting
13 you guys at the meeting. It's not that we
14 go through a whole wealth of information and
15 push stuff out to you, but this is one
16 meeting that the visitors, anybody that has
17 anything that needs to get across to all the
18 lodges, can come to and talk to us. This is
19 the one that we have more visitors every
20 time and it takes a good half of the
21 meeting, but it's worth it because they can
22 go to one spot and do their shopping and
23 tell you everything they need to know and
24 get out there. So really take this to
25 heart, this is one meeting you really do

1 need to go to.

2 We discussed the Grand Lodge coming
3 up. Safety in numbers. So really adhere to
4 what Jason told you and is passing on.
5 Minneapolis can be kind of scary, and we
6 really need to watch out for each other and
7 be safe.

8 We also discussed a lot on the
9 statute book. Make sure you have that
10 little purple book. Very important. That's
11 our guide.

12 Just other than that, it was kind of
13 questions and answers. The main thing is
14 get your report in to the DDs on time. They
15 need it because they have to pass that on.

16 Thanks. You guys have a good rest of
17 your day and safe travels home. The rest of
18 my report will be with Ken.

19 DAVE HAGEN: Drug Awareness followed
20 by Ritualistic Exemplification.

21 CHRISTINE CRUM: Christine Crum,
22 Watertown 666. We started our meeting with
23 Scott Sullivan from Chippewa. He did a good
24 presentation on Crime Stoppers, and how to
25 start a Crime Stoppers in your area. A lot

23

1 of information.

2 And we talked about the Narcan boxes.

3 Two lodges are in the process of having it
4 installed or are already installed. One is
5 Green Bay and one is Watertown.

6 We discussed brochures. We discussed
7 a lot of different items, and there was good
8 participation all across the board.

9 The rest of my report will be on file
10 for Ken. Thank you.

11 DAVE HAGEN: Ritualistic
12 Exemplification followed by Grand Lodge
13 Attendance.

14 BEN GODLEWSKI: Ben Godlewski,
15 Waukesha Lodge 400, Ritualistic. We had a
16 committee member, Jeanie Lange, brought up
17 that she was approached by about four or
18 five people about trying to get a training
19 or coaching with some of the people that
20 want to do ritual. So at the Fall
21 Conference, in the afternoon, we're looking
22 at from 1:45 to 3 o'clock is we will have a
23 room open, and I will be mailing out all the
24 initiation parts to every officer that's in
25 a directory. You are more than welcome to

24

1 come into that room, ask questions, we'll
2 try to answer them, and if you'd like to
3 read the part, we will help critique you so
4 that we get it right and you're not nervous,
5 and we have more at the Midwinter Conference
6 competitions.

7 As of last night, I saw dang near
8 99.9 percent of the people do the 11 o'clock
9 toast by memory. Congratulations. Now I
10 want to see that at the Midwinter
11 Conference.

12 Also, we will be trying to get the
13 Area 5 chairman to the Fall Conference to
14 certify judges and help out with our
15 question and answer.

16 Rest of my report is on file with the
17 wizard.

18 DAVE HAGEN: Grand Lodge Attendance
19 followed by Elks National Service.

20 JASON SOMERS: Jason Somers, Waukesha
21 Lodge number 400. We met yesterday.
22 Biggest discussion we have is just our
23 attendance in Minneapolis. It is a record
24 turnout in over 12 years, so yes, everybody
25 that had already turned in your reservation

25

1 forms or contacted me, your room is on. You
2 have a room for Minneapolis. Everybody
3 else, unfortunately, is on hold until the
4 hotel agrees to give more rooms or we wait
5 to hear from our co-part in Illinois, if
6 they have rooms to give us.

7 If we can't get more rooms in the
8 hotel, we will be housing you at a different
9 hotel. We cannot guarantee the \$129 rate.
10 For our rate in Minneapolis, we're 111 to
11 139 per night, so we'll keep those that are
12 on a waiting list updated on what's going
13 on.

14 Also, too, the old Grand Lodge
15 trailer is still up for sale. We've had
16 bids, but traditional Facebook bids, they
17 are kind of the ones you laugh at and say,
18 "No thank you. I'll just delete your bid,"
19 and we'll keep going from there.

20 Rest of the report will be on file
21 with the secretary.

22 DAVE HAGEN: Elks National Service
23 followed by Americanism.

24 ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE: (No
25 response.)

1 DAVE HAGEN: Americanism followed by
2 Elks National Foundation.

3 BRIAN JEANTY: Good morning,
4 everyone. Brian Jeanty, Sheboygan 299,
5 Americanism. I'm going to send an email to
6 every secretary of every lodge reminding
7 them that Flag Day is in June, to get their
8 report submitted to me by August 15th. It
9 was discussed, we are not going to accept
10 anything past August 15th for this. We
11 raised it to \$200 this year, hoping we can
12 get more lodges involved.

13 It's too hot in here, Keith. That's
14 all I have. The rest will be on file with
15 Ken.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Elks National Foundation
17 followed by Executive Committee.

18 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan
19 Lodge 299 for the Elks National Foundation.
20 We had a great turnout at the meeting, which
21 is something that is really nice. Getting
22 the message out is very important for this
23 committee.

24 We started out with Past Grand
25 Exalted Ruler Lou congratulating all of the

27

1 lodges on making the GER's goal of \$4.80.
2 Each lodge received a certificate to take
3 back to their lodge.

4 Lou encouraged members to join and
5 promote the Fidelity Club. It's an easy and
6 safe way to donate to the ENF, plus you get
7 the tax deduction, plus you get
8 accountability for your donations.

9 State President Dave Hagen also
10 thanked all present for their efforts in
11 promoting the ENF and the CIP grants.
12 Again, every lodge in the state last year
13 received a CIP grant from anywhere from
14 \$2,000 up to one lodge -- two lodges
15 received \$12,000.

16 State President-Elect Karl laid out
17 his goals for the ENF for this coming year
18 by stating that he set a goal of \$110,000
19 for all the lodges to shoot for. Not
20 individually, but collectively.

21 ENF chair Don reviewed last year's
22 accomplishments and thanked everyone for
23 everything they did to make it a very
24 successful year for all the ENF programs and
25 for all the dollars we will get back in the

1 state of Wisconsin.

2 Six of the last seven years, every
3 lodge in Wisconsin has surpassed the GER's
4 goal. Many lodges earned from an extra 500
5 to \$1,500 because of -- on their Gratitude
6 Grant for next year by obtaining three goals
7 during this year. Four lodge chairs will be
8 receiving plaques from ENF for participation
9 in the Chairman's Challenge. Kelly Downard
10 from Green Bay, Pam Byrd from the Portage
11 Lodge, Tony Voulgaris from the Oshkosh
12 Lodge, and Bill Richards from the Sheboygan
13 Lodge, who, by the way, had a perfect score
14 of 1,000 points.

15 The Kaukauna Lodge was number eight
16 in the nation and number one in Wisconsin
17 with donations of over \$135 per member.
18 Thank you, Santa.

19 Beaver Dam was number five in the
20 nation. Janesville was number 27 in the
21 nation. And Neenah-Menasha 25th, and
22 Sheboygan 67th. We had five lodges in the
23 top 100 donor lodges in the whole
24 United States. Congratulations to all of
25 you.

1 (Applause.)

2 DON BEHNKE: I want to put a plug in
3 for the Fidelity Club. I strongly encourage
4 each of you to consider donating to the ENF
5 by setting up a Fidelity Club withdrawal
6 program. It is simple, very safe. Year
7 after year you receive an accurate account
8 of your donations to the foundation, and you
9 can sign up for as little as \$5 per month.
10 There's nothing easier than what we have
11 right here.

12 At this time, I'd like to present the
13 district plaques. If I could have a
14 representative from Beaver Dam come up.
15 Hopefully the ENF chairs are all here. If
16 not, I'd like the ER to come up. Kaukauna,
17 Janesville, and Chippewa Falls. I would
18 also like the ER from Sheboygan to come up
19 here, as well.

20 Chippewa Falls. Congratulations.
21 Your lodge donated \$17.06 per member. You
22 were the top donor lodge from the Northwest
23 District.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very
25 much, Don.

30

1 DON BEHNKE: Congratulations. Kathy.
2 Kaukauna Lodge was the top donor lodge in
3 the Northeast District, and like I just
4 said, the number eight lodge in the whole
5 United States, had \$135.29 per member.
6 Congratulations, Kathy.

7 Guess who's next. Cindy from
8 Janesville. Congratulations. Your lodge
9 was the top donor lodge in the South
10 District at \$60.17 per member.

11 Sheboygan Lodge was the top lodge in
12 the state for the Chairman's Challenge, as
13 Bill Richards had the perfect score of 1,000
14 points. I'll pass this on to their ER,
15 Randy Gerritson.

16 (Applause.)

17 DON BEHNKE: And Randy, Sheboygan was
18 also the top dollar donating lodge in the
19 whole state of Wisconsin. They donated
20 \$19,735.46. Congratulations.

21 Okay. This is for the Central
22 District, of which Aaron was kind of
23 sheepish to come up here. Beaver Dam was
24 the top donor lodge in the Central District
25 with donations of \$62.72 per member.

31

1 Congratulations.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thanks. If we
3 can do it, you all can.

4 DON BEHNKE: A couple years ago,
5 Aaron and I decided to do something -- a
6 little add-on to the awards program. We put
7 together six criteria for the individual to
8 receive -- for an individual to receive an
9 award for what they did within their lodge
10 in promoting the Elks National Foundation.
11 This year, this being the second year we've
12 done this, this award will go to Bill
13 Richards from the Sheboygan Lodge for
14 attaining 1,000 points in the Chairman's
15 Challenge, besides filling all the other --
16 dotting all his I's and crossing all his T's
17 and all the other aspects of what it takes
18 to accomplish this feat. So we'll present
19 this to Bill. I thought he was going to be
20 here, but he decided to stay home and watch
21 golf, I guess. But anyway, we will present
22 this to Bill at a lodge meeting.

23 Thank you, and that concludes my
24 report.

25 DAVE HAGEN: Executive is followed by

32

1 Government Relations.

2 Dave Hagen, Janesville Lodge 254.

3 The Executive meeting met and Advisory met
4 together and we did something new yesterday
5 morning. We met together and we brought in
6 the new VPs along with the current officers,
7 so we had a little transitional meeting.

8 The Vice-Presidents talked to each other
9 about, you know, how they handled their year
10 this year and what they should watch out for
11 and what they should look for, and then Karl
12 set some of the goals for the VPs. And it
13 was a very productive transitional meeting.

14 The rest of my report is on file with
15 the secretary.

16 Government Relations followed by the
17 Hoop Shoot.

18 GINA STASKAL: Gina Staskal,
19 Oshkosh 292, Government Relations. We had a
20 much better turnout of individuals this
21 time, so I'm glad to see that growing, and I
22 want to personally thank Randy Gerritson
23 from 299, or Sheboygan 299. He has stepped
24 up to be my co-chair, so now if I get hit by
25 a bus, he's the guy you talk to.

33

1 I gave out several handouts. One was
2 the list of the eligible items for reporting
3 on the charity reports. It's not an
4 all-inclusive list but it is quite
5 extensive. Those are also available on the
6 Wisconsin Elks website. The local lodge
7 charity report form, and the lodge -- the
8 Grand Lodge monthly reporting form, all of
9 these are PDF fillable and Ken has
10 graciously put them on the Wisconsin Elks
11 website, so please go download them, use
12 them. I will be emailing out an Excel
13 spreadsheet for those that have a lot of
14 activity, and then that way it's a little
15 easier to keep track of.

16 Any questions, any problems with
17 charity reports, don't understand why you do
18 it, how you do it, anything, please contact
19 me. We have a dedicated email,
20 weagovrel@gmail.com, and my phone number is
21 in the directory somewhere, probably
22 multiple times.

23 I do have -- I have three lodges
24 that, unlike the membership reports that are
25 automatically filed at certain times of the

1 year, the charity reports are not. We're
2 working on that, but the deadline for
3 submission was May 1st, so I have three
4 lodges that have not pushed their button
5 yet. But actually I talked to two of them,
6 so I'm not going to call them out, but
7 Marinette, you have not pushed your button
8 yet. Please, go in and do that, because if
9 we get a hundred percent reporting, the
10 state gets an award, and I will bring that
11 back and share that with everybody at the
12 Fall Conference.

13 And we also had probably at least a
14 dozen lodges that have ten percent growth
15 from last year's reporting, and the
16 individual lodges will get an award for
17 that, as well, so I'll be bringing that back
18 with me, hopefully giving that to your
19 lodges personally, depending on how far I
20 have to go. Ashland, I don't know. I might
21 have to email it.

22 And then we went over a little bit
23 about how to share your things in the
24 newsletters, on the Facebook page, share
25 your Grand Lodge magazine with your local

1 charities or your local elected officials,
2 that sort of thing, and how we monitor with
3 the State of Wisconsin, their government
4 sites, to see if there's any legislation
5 coming up that will affect us as an order.
6 Luckily, State of Wisconsin's not doing
7 anything to us, so we're doing pretty good
8 there.

9 I also went over the civics program
10 again. I have 600 books in my basement.
11 Nobody's taken advantage of this program in
12 the last year, and I would really like to
13 not only get them out of my basement, but
14 get them to the 65,000-plus seventh graders
15 in the state. Obviously 600 books isn't
16 going to go very far, but if your lodge has
17 done it in the past, you need help with how
18 to do it, I mirrored it after the dictionary
19 program, and I would really like to see us
20 get these out to the kids, because that
21 generation is going to be leading us
22 someday, so we really need to get them the
23 information so they know how the State of
24 Wisconsin is supposed to work.

25 The rest of my report will be on

1 file.

2 DAVE HAGEN: Hoop Shoot followed by
3 National Foundation Scholarships.

4 EUGENE WUSTERBARTH: Good morning.
5 Eugene Wusterbarth, Oconto Lodge 887.
6 Yesterday we discussed the highlights of our
7 regional shoot, which was back in March. We
8 had high hopes for our six contestants.
9 Although they did very well, they fell just
10 a little bit short. As Dave said last
11 night, we had five second-place finishes,
12 along with one fourth-place, I believe it
13 was. Although we didn't have any national
14 finalist, I did, along with Joe Heimerl, a
15 local director from Green Bay Lodge, travel
16 to Chicago, along with President Dave and
17 First Lady Kathy, and Kathy Brien. And we
18 had a host of Past State Presidents: Todd
19 and Leah, Pat and Dave, and Ron and Nikki,
20 so we had a big cheering section there,
21 which we cheered on the rest of our region.

22 It was mainly Illinois and Minnesota
23 this year with three national finalists in
24 the bunch, and Lou was there, yes, also, as
25 a Wisconsin representative, as well as

37

1 Illinois.

2 But overall, it was a great year, I
3 want to thank, again, all the local
4 directors. We had better participation from
5 the lodges than last year. We went from 10
6 or 12 last year to 20 out of 29 this year,
7 so I'm looking forward to next year.
8 Hopefully we can get the rest of them on
9 board.

10 Thanks again. ERs, try to get those
11 lodge directors in place before September.
12 We'd appreciate it. Thank you. The rest of
13 my report will be filed with Ken.

14 DAVE HAGEN: National Foundation
15 Scholarships followed by Committee on [sic]
16 the Disabled.

17 PAT BUCK: Pat Buck,
18 Neenah-Menasha 676 reporting for Jan
19 Doleschal.

20 We met yesterday morning. Jan
21 reviewed all the scholarships that were
22 awarded based on the ENF scoring portal. We
23 also reported on the technical scholarships
24 that the Wisconsin Elks awarded. There were
25 11 of those awarded. She also looked for a

38

1 new chair -- district chair for the
2 Northwest District, and Erick Boon has
3 decided to take over that.

4 And the rest of the report will be on
5 file with the secretary.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Committee on [sic]
7 Disabled followed by Youth Activities.

8 DON PUTNAM: Don Putnam, Rice Lake
9 Lodge 1441.

10 We met and we discussed last year's
11 budget. Well, last year's awards, really.
12 The applications we had, we had 16
13 applications. Many lodges had several of
14 them. I don't know where other lodges are,
15 but we've got money to give for special
16 needs. It's more than our respite camp down
17 there. Not saying that's not a good idea,
18 it's wonderful, but have you thought about
19 what your own lodge needs? We've been
20 giving out awards for defibrillators in the
21 lodges. If your lodge doesn't have one,
22 good chance to buy one and have it
23 supplemented.

24 So there is more than wheelchairs and
25 things like this. There's weighted

1 blankets. There's a lot of special needs
2 parties for pizza parties, dances, things
3 like this. So don't narrow yourselves down
4 to buying wheelchairs and things like this.
5 There's so much more that the Committee for
6 the Disabled, which I almost think needs to
7 have its name changed to better describe
8 what we do. The rest of my report will be
9 on file with the secretary.

10 DAVE HAGEN: Youth Activities
11 followed by U.S. Constitution.

12 JEFF MILLER: Good morning, everyone.
13 Jeff Miller, Rice Lake Lodge 1441. Chairman
14 of Youth Activities. We'll make this short
15 today. Basically, we went over a review of
16 last year. Our budget was 87 hundred, our
17 budget again is 87 hundred. We had all
18 lodges participate this past year but six,
19 so our goal is to try to get it to six or
20 under. Our budget is 87 hundred, like I
21 said. Everybody's doing something for the
22 youth. Please fill out the form, send it to
23 me in Rice Lake, and we'll get your money
24 back.

25 My report will be filed with

1 Mr. Johnson, and I will follow up with it
2 and make sure he gets it this year.

3 DAVE HAGEN: U.S. Constitution
4 followed by State Major Projects.

5 PAT BUCK: Pat Buck,
6 Neenah-Menasha 676 again. We had a very
7 good turnout yesterday morning. Reviewed
8 the results from this year's contest. We
9 had 15 lodges participate. First place was
10 from Kaukauna, again. He had one wrong out
11 of 40 multiple choice.

12 Second place, I believe was Superior,
13 and that person had two wrong out of 40.

14 Third and fourth place had nine
15 wrong, and fifth place had 10 wrong. So
16 very good results based on the toughness of
17 the test.

18 Budget, I reviewed with the members,
19 and thank you all for the approval
20 yesterday. And I also reviewed next year's
21 test and the time frame that we're going to
22 be working with. And the rest of my report
23 will be on file with the secretary.

24 DAVE HAGEN: State Major Projects
25 followed by Recreation at State.

1 LEAH KOSTUCK: Leah Kostuck,
2 Platteville Lodge 1460. The Major Project
3 Committee met and approved the 2023-2024
4 budget. The cabin remodel that was approved
5 at our previous meeting is nearly complete.
6 The committee also approved making a \$5,000
7 donation on behalf of Major Project to a
8 waterline project that is being worked on
9 that impacts both Camp Wawbeek and the
10 respite camp.

11 We filled all six of our camperships
12 for this year. Cleanup Day is scheduled for
13 next Saturday, May 13th. I would like to
14 see as many people from your lodges as
15 possible come. It's a lot of work, but we
16 still have a lot of fun doing it, and it's a
17 great opportunity to see the camp and meet
18 with some of the counselors that are on
19 site.

20 Elks Day is scheduled for June 24th.
21 Again, that's another opportunity for you to
22 come and tour the camp.

23 And lastly, just to make you aware,
24 Bob Bohnsack and Char have the new pins, and
25 I want to thank them for all the work that

1 they put into making those pins available
2 and the fundraising that they do.

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

5 DAVE HAGEN: Recreation at State
6 followed by Bowling.

7 DOUG VAVRICKA: Doug Vavricka,
8 Platteville Lodge 1460, Rec Committee.

9 Again, we'd good a turnout. Thanks
10 to everybody that's stopped and help support
11 the nonfunded youth activities.
12 Unfortunately, we only had one lodge out of
13 the state ask for a reimbursement.
14 Remember, we're there to help give some
15 money back to the lodges. So you've got to
16 bring it at our meeting, which is between
17 7:30 -- between 7:30, quarter to 8. Be
18 there because by quarter to 8 we're done
19 with our meeting.

20 But our lucky winner this year was
21 Bob Henning from 246 is it?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 248.

23 DOUG VAVRICKA: 248. \$263, so it's
24 worthwhile to try. Rest is on the report.

25 DAVE HAGEN: Bowling followed by

1 Golf.

2 DAN DESJARDIN: Dan DesJardin,
3 Waukesha 400, co-chair of Bowling. We
4 started the meeting with Gary Cernoch
5 informing the committee that he is retiring
6 from the committee. Was then informed that
7 Tony Kieffer from Baraboo will step up and
8 take the chairman.

9 Waukesha then reported on their
10 tournament. Eight lodges and one member
11 from another lodge, for a total of nine
12 lodges participated. Notable lodges
13 missing: Milwaukee, Wausau, Madison,
14 Rice Lake, Beaver Dam, and Watertown. We
15 hope to see you next year.

16 Lodges that participated: Baraboo,
17 Antigo, Sheboygan, Waukesha, Janesville,
18 Wisconsin Rapids, Eau Claire, Marshfield,
19 and Oshkosh. The tournament had a total of
20 124 bowlers; however, four were disqualified
21 for not being members. A total of 30 teams
22 participated, which is sad. That's 18 teams
23 down from four years ago when Waukesha held
24 the tournament.

25 The winners were announced. Our

1 singles winners -- I have to say, the
2 scores were monstrous this year. There were
3 some good bowlers. So your singles winner
4 was Stephanie Streaan from Sheboygan, shot
5 855.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Wow.

7 DAN DESJARDIN: Your doubles winners
8 were Ron Dallant, Junior, and Mike Perry
9 (phonetic spellings) out of Antigo, shot
10 1580. It gets better. Your team score was
11 Baraboo 688 number one. They shot 2825.
12 And your all-event, go figure, Stephanie
13 Streaan out of Sheboygan. Her all-events
14 total from doubles, singles, and teams,
15 2,264 pins.

16 (Applause.)

17 DAN DESJARDIN: With the low
18 attendance at the tournament, discussion was
19 started on how to get more bowlers involved.
20 After discussion, a motion was made that we
21 change the rules for the state tournament to
22 allow teams of four to be made up of two
23 Elks and two nonmembers, hoping that we
24 would get more bowlers in and increase
25 membership in the lodges. That motion

45

1 passed by a unanimous vote.

2 Sheboygan will hold the tournament
3 next year followed by Eau Claire.

4 Waukesha reported that the raffles
5 did very well at their tournament and raised
6 just under \$5,500.

7 I do have one packet of checks for
8 Wisconsin Rapids, so if somebody from
9 Wisconsin Rapids could see me after the
10 session, I can give you all of your winners'
11 checks and final standings sheet.

12 And I think that is it. The rest of
13 the file will be on report [sic] with the
14 man behind the curtain.

15 DAVE HAGEN: Golf followed by
16 Curling.

17 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke, Sheboygan
18 Lodge 299, reporting for the Golf. This
19 is -- I have to say this. I know we're not
20 supposed to, but I'm going to do it anyway.
21 We had a great group of golfers in that
22 meeting. It's possibly the biggest group
23 I've seen in several years that came in and
24 participated in this meeting. Jim Wold from
25 the Eau Claire Lodge gave an update for the

46

1 June 26th event at the Wild Ridge Course in
2 Eau Claire. Deadline for registering is
3 June 12th, so you have a little over a month
4 to get your registrations in. Currently
5 they have 72 golfers lined up for this
6 event, which is a foursome on each of the
7 holes, so there's still plenty of room for
8 anyone else who wants to put a team together
9 to get their information over to Eau Claire.

10 If you need applications, you can
11 send Jim an email, or I believe the
12 application is on the Wisconsin Elks website
13 under Forms. So you can check that out, as
14 well.

15 The deal with the golf, to try to get
16 more people involved in it, Susie Gutknecht,
17 my co-chair, and I decided a year or so ago
18 that we were going to try to -- we were
19 going to rotate the districts. This year is
20 Northwest District. Next year, Northeast
21 District, of which Wausau put a bid in and
22 was awarded the tournament for 2024. And
23 that will be on July 22nd at Greenwood
24 Hills, so if you want to write that down now
25 and plan your golf events for next year,

1 please do that.

2 We also have a situation where, in
3 order to get your neighbors and your
4 relatives and friends involved in the golf
5 event, you really only need one Elk per
6 foursome. This way here, it's a fun event.
7 It's a way to bring a non-Elk into the Elk
8 environment and encourage them to
9 participate and maybe become a member down
10 the road, so something else for you all to
11 consider.

12 The -- Going back to the event up in
13 Eau Claire, they're going to have a \$10,000
14 hole-in-one prize. They'll have several
15 different raffles and basket raffles at the
16 lodge. They'll also be doing a 50/50 event
17 or ticket raffle. And they'll have prizes
18 on several of the holes on the course, but
19 betting holes on the par 3s.

20 Like I said, next year's event, 2024,
21 will be in Wausau, and that concludes my
22 report. It'll be on file with the gentleman
23 behind me. Thank you.

24 DAVE HAGEN: Curling, followed by
25 Legalized Gaming.

1 CURLING: (No response.)

2 DAVE HAGEN: Legalized Gaming
3 followed by Accident Prevention.

4 KEVIN LONIEN: Good morning,
5 everyone. Kevin Lonien, Milwaukee Lodge
6 number 46, chairman of Legalized Gaming
7 Committee.

8 I won't share any of the numbers with
9 you today as I was told not to do that, but
10 I will point out, we had a huge headcount
11 yesterday in our meeting, but less than half
12 of the lodges in the state, and I really
13 think a lot of people might not hold bingos
14 or they might not run raffles in their
15 lodges, but this still is a very important
16 committee for every lodge in the state to
17 make sure that the things that you are doing
18 are legal.

19 And one of the things, I am not
20 (inaudible), but I am observant, and I see
21 and I hear a lot of things, and yesterday, I
22 heard that in other committees, they're
23 talking about how bingo can legally spend
24 their moneys. And that just seems weird.
25 Why not come to the committee that can tell

49

1 you the legal ways to do it? It just seems
2 weird that other committees are discussing
3 that.

4 Anyway, when I was preparing for the
5 meeting last week, I came across something
6 that I have never seen before. The
7 Wisconsin Division of Gaming put out a 2018
8 through 2022 report. They never did this in
9 the past, and it goes over all of the
10 charitable gamings and raffles and all the
11 Indian casinos, and it's very informative.
12 So we discussed this for quite a while in
13 our meeting yesterday.

14 Also somebody came up with a question
15 Friday night in the hospitality room.
16 Looked up some information that evening, so
17 I was able to have the state statutes -- not
18 Elks statutes but the State statutes -- on
19 gaming printed out for the meeting yesterday.
20 we went over that.

21 We discussed there are two lodges,
22 one is going to be bringing bingo back after
23 many years' hiatus, one is starting bingo
24 new. So it is a very important committee
25 even though a lot of lodges obviously think

1 it's not. So I would encourage at least one
2 person from each lodge to attend in the
3 future. My report will be filed with the
4 wizard.

5 DAVE HAGEN: Accident Prevention
6 followed by Benevolent Fundraising.

7 JIM STASKAL: Jim Staskal,
8 Oshkosh 292, Accident Prevention. There was
9 a short discussion on some of the topics in
10 the spring newsletter, and the rest of the
11 meeting was taken up with a lot of
12 discussion on the insurance premiums that
13 have massively gone up for some of the
14 lodges. My report had been emailed to the
15 wizard this morning.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Benevolent Fundraising
17 followed by the Benevolent Board.

18 DAN CRUM: Dan Crum, Watertown
19 Lodge 666, Benevolent Fundraising. We had a
20 few discussions. One of them was the big
21 prize raffle, which will be for the Fall
22 Conference, and the prices for the tickets.
23 The prize for Fall Conference will be a
24 two-night stay here, gift card for a
25 two-night stay here, and also we're going to

51

1 have a couple lower prizes, which will be
2 Kwik Trip gift cards.

3 We also discussed the need for more
4 raffle tickets, as the last three
5 conferences we have ran low on raffle
6 tickets, where not everybody was able to
7 purchase them.

8 We also discussed the need for more
9 help at the table on Fridays. We need to be
10 open the same time that registration is
11 open, so that's a long day on Friday.
12 That's an eight-hour day.

13 I also informed the committee that I
14 was stepping down as chairman due to health
15 issues.

16 At the end of the weekend, our totals
17 came out basket raffle, we brought in
18 \$1,455. Pin sales, \$73. And the 50/50
19 ladies' raffle, \$500, for a grand total of
20 \$2,028 this weekend. Thank you, all.

21 DAVE HAGEN: Benevolent Board of
22 Directors followed by Trustee Training.

23 KEN BRUCKNER: Ken Bruckner,
24 Sheboygan Lodge number 299, president of the
25 Wisconsin Benevolent Fund. We met and we

1 had Tyson join us this time around, and he
2 gave us an excellent presentation on how the
3 markets are going, what to expect, what he's
4 doing for us, which again, I need to
5 emphasize that he is doing an excellent job
6 for us. We currently have about 2.6 million
7 in that account.

8 We have approved again for this year,
9 for on the charitable side of the Elks
10 Association account, \$150,000.

11 Again, we talked about some issues,
12 we're looking at where there were some
13 requests for additional funds. We asked for
14 more information on that and we'll review
15 that in the future.

16 The rest of the report is on file
17 with Ken.

18 DAVE HAGEN: Trustee Training
19 followed by Grants.

20 PAT MORAN: Good morning. Pat Moran,
21 Milwaukee Lodge 46 reporting for Trustee
22 Training. The meeting was well attended;
23 however, not every chairman of the Board of
24 Directors was there. This is a requirement
25 in your booklet, and I would advise lodges

1 here today to ask your chairman of the Board
2 of Directors to be at the Fall Conference.
3 Karl will be watching. I know he will.

4 We discussed timeliness of budgets,
5 purpose of accident prevention officers,
6 audit committees. Get your statutes books.

7 We also discussed POS systems, and
8 every trustee was given -- or every person
9 there was given a trustee test to take home
10 for their lodge.

11 The rest of my report will be on file
12 with Ken. Thank you.

13 DAVE HAGEN: Grants followed by
14 Secretaries' Meeting.

15 PAM SCHEDIVY: Pam Schedivy,
16 Oshkosh 292. Like the Kentucky Derby
17 yesterday, you lodges were quick out of the
18 gate, with 20 out of 28 submitting for the
19 Freedom Grant, and one lodge did -- is on
20 pending. You need to push the submit button
21 to get your grant submitted.

22 Is Jim Francisco here? If you are,
23 please stand. Jim, please stand. Okay.
24 ERs, take a good look at Jim. He's going to
25 be the new jockey riding you as the State

1 Grant Coordinator in case your horse decides
2 to get distracted and strap on the feed bag
3 or take a nap or whatever. We do have five
4 Beacon Grants submitted, three Gratitude
5 Grants submitted, and four Spotlight Grants
6 submitted. We still have a lot of grant
7 work to do out there, folks.

8 ERs, give Jim a courtesy email, and
9 let him know who your new grant coordinator
10 is for this year, because I know that does
11 sometimes change, and it is helpful to know
12 who you're supposed to be contacting. Thank
13 you, and have a good year.

14 DAVE HAGEN: Secretaries' Meeting.
15 Are there any other committee reports to
16 come to this session this morning?

17 GINA STASKAL: Gina Staskal,
18 Oshkosh 292. I was looking for Arlyn to see
19 if he was here.

20 DAVE HAGEN: You're good.

21 GINA STASKAL: Secretary CLMS
22 meetings, obviously the resolution passed
23 yesterday, so thank you all. We are now an
24 official committee. Woo-hoo. Arlyn and I
25 are still tag-teaming. He does the first

1 hour, I do the second hour. Any secretaries
2 have any issues with anything, please
3 contact one of us. We are more than willing
4 to help. We'll do Zoom accounts, we'll come
5 to you, we'll talk to you on the phone,
6 we'll text you. I mean, there's just a
7 multitude of ways we can help you. We want
8 to see you succeed, and as I tell every
9 secretary that I help, if you're new to the
10 position, it takes at least a year to get
11 your bearings on what's going on, so do not
12 freak out. If you need to freak out, call
13 me. I'll freak out with you and we'll deal
14 with it.

15 I'm assuming Arlyn will send you the
16 report.

17 DAVE HAGEN: Are there any other
18 committee reports to come before us this
19 morning? Are there any other committee
20 reports to come before us this morning?
21 Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to
22 approve all committee reports.

23 KEN JOHNSON: Ken Johnson, Wausau 248,
24 so moves that all reports be accepted.

25 DAVE HAGEN: Is there a second?

1 DON BEHNKE: Don Behnke,
2 Sheboygan 299, seconds the motion.

3 DAVE HAGEN: Is there any discussion?
4 All in favor by the sign of an Elk.
5 Opposed? All right. Motion has carried.

6 I want to thank all of the committee
7 chairmen, co-chairmen, and even if you're
8 just a member of the committee, for all the
9 hard work you have done during my year as
10 State President. You have made my year easy
11 because you all came forward, you all put
12 your best foot forward, and I believe we
13 have the best Wisconsin -- the best state
14 association in the country, and I am so
15 proud to have been your president. Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DAVE HAGEN: I want to quick
19 recognize the state awards again that I gave
20 out last night. The Loyal Elk of the Year
21 were Ron and Cindy Whalen, Janesville
22 Lodge 254. Secretary of the Year, MaryEdna
23 Hagen, Eau Claire Lodge, 402. Lady Elk of
24 the Year, Jackie Godlewski, Waukesha 400.
25 ER of the Year, TJ Jungwirth, Stevens Point

1 Lodge 641. Lodge of the Year, Watertown 666.
2 Elk of the Year, Eugene Wusterbarth -- I
3 screwed that one up -- Oconto Lodge 887.
4 Sorry, Eugene.
5 Okay, let's hear it for the winners
6 of all the awards.
7 (Applause.)
8 DAVE HAGEN: Ken, is there any other
9 reporting that needs to come toward the
10 convention?
11 KEN JOHNSON: You got Jerry's hand
12 out there.
13 DAVE HAGEN: Jerry?
14 JERRY BRIEN: Jerry Brien,
15 Kaukauna 962. As all of you know, I am the
16 state historian. I want to report that at
17 least preliminary reports coming from
18 Waukesha is that they're enthused about
19 being able to have a place for our history.
20 They're talking about how they're going to
21 present the room, if it has to be painted
22 and things like that. So I do encourage you
23 to start thinking about what kind of
24 information that you might want to have on
25 display over there to represent your lodge.

58

1 I want to thank Gina and Jim Staskal.
2 They're donating ten totes that we're going
3 to start putting some of those things in
4 there. Ideally, by the end of the time we
5 give, there'll be one for every lodge, and
6 probably for some of those lodges that we
7 lost along the way, so that's somebody could
8 kind of go and they could check through and
9 see what's all available for that.

10 I would also encourage you that I
11 know a lot of you have got the pictures of
12 your exalted rulers on the wall. I would
13 encourage you all to scan those pictures and
14 put them in a booklet kind of a thing, where
15 hopefully there aren't any disasters or
16 anything like that, but, you know, sometimes
17 we do lose lodges that have had those
18 pictures, and they're pretty hard to store
19 someplace, so I think it's better that you
20 try to scan those so that you historically
21 have those.

22 Hopefully you all appreciated all the
23 history items. Actually, everybody could
24 have seen those. That was from the
25 anniversary booklet that came from 1902 to

1 2002. And our goal is to now update that,
2 because we've gone 2002 to 2023 now. We
3 need to fill in those blanks so that we
4 don't lose that history of our present.
5 Thank you.

6 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Jerry. Todd?

7 TODD KOSTUCK: Todd Kostuck,
8 Platteville Lodge number 1460. I'd just
9 like to remind people that our camping
10 weekend's coming up July 28th through
11 July 30th at Plymouth Rock Campground,
12 Plymouth, Wisconsin. There's still plenty
13 of sites available if anybody wants to come
14 in and camp. There's also a few cabins that
15 are available for rent if you want to get
16 together with another couple or two and rent
17 a cabin. That's another good way to make
18 that weekend.

19 We are planning -- We did last year
20 a fantastic boil on Friday night where we
21 had, if you've ever seen pictures of it,
22 it's the corn, the sausage, the potatoes,
23 it's quite the spread, so that's going to be
24 on Friday night. If you're coming on
25 Saturday, bring your own item to grill, and

60

1 then Sunday morning we usually end up --
2 have a light breakfast.

3 If you're not a camper, you're more
4 than welcome to come and visit, sit around
5 the campfire, tell some stories, pass the
6 bottle, whatever we have planned.

7 So we're looking forward to having
8 good attendance this year, and we'll
9 hopefully see you there. Thank you.

10 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Todd. Ken,
11 is there any -- Okay. Now without ado, I
12 want to introduce our state sponsor from
13 Flora, Illinois 1659, Grand Exalted Ruler,
14 the Honorable F. Lou Sulsberger.

15 LOU SULSBERGER: Thank you. Thank
16 you. Let's give yourselves all a big hand
17 this morning.

18 (Applause.)

19 LOU SULSBERGER: What a fantastic
20 year. The growth in membership, the job you
21 all did with the Elks National Foundation,
22 all hitting your goals, just tremendous.
23 Dave and Kathy, you guys did a great job,
24 and I know that the two behind you will do a
25 good job, also.

1 We've had a good time this weekend.
2 I look forward to seeing some of you in
3 Minneapolis. It'll be here before we know
4 it.

5 Just keep up the good work. I'll
6 keep it short. Keep up the good work.
7 Let's keep working for Elkdom in our
8 communities, and our veterans, and our
9 youth. So with that said, safe travels
10 home, and we'll see you -- some of you in
11 Minneapolis, okay? Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Lou. It was
14 a pleasure to have you and Beth with us this
15 weekend, and we always look forward to
16 having you here, and you know it's always
17 going to be about the Packers and Lou.

18 It's now a great pleasure, I know
19 last year we had him in here, he did a song
20 and a dance. I'm not doing that, but
21 definitely it was my excitement here to
22 introduce the next and soon-to-be-installed
23 president of the Wisconsin Elks Association.
24 Kathy and I have genuinely enjoyed our
25 traveling with the kids, Karl and Annie, and

62

1 will always cherish our friendship. I know
2 they will do a terrific job. Ladies and
3 gentlemen, your next President of the
4 Wisconsin Elks Association, from Wausau 248,
5 Karl Hanke, the kid.

6 (Applause.)

7 KARL HANKE: Well thanks, Dad. I
8 don't know if you know, but Dad got a new
9 car this week and I got to drive it and he
10 was pretty nervous. He was waiting for us
11 out in the hallway, and Annie and I took a
12 little drive in it, and I said, "Were you
13 afraid we went necking?" He said, "I don't
14 care about that. How's my car?"

15 DAVE HAGEN: By the way, he couldn't
16 find park.

17 KARL HANKE: It's an Audi, there's no
18 park.

19 I don't want to talk a lot this
20 morning because we've got a whole year to
21 talk. The theme for next year, though, is
22 truly going to be communicate, communicate,
23 communicate. Although we've set seven goals
24 for the state, and we will talk about those
25 a little in length at a later time, all the

1 goals have one common theme, and that is I'm
2 trying to get everybody to start talking to
3 each other all the time. Right now we have
4 some committees that, I think, feel like
5 they're an island on their own, and I don't
6 want that happening anymore. I want to see
7 every part of the state working with all the
8 other parts of the state so we can all grow
9 together as a team. That's how we're going
10 to be.

11 Current officers, we all have a job,
12 and that is to find our replacement someday.
13 Sometimes we get kind of excited. I've been
14 in this job for so many years, and I've been
15 doing this for so many years, but someday
16 you won't be there, so we need to start
17 bringing in newer members. I don't want to
18 say younger, because age doesn't matter, but
19 newer members.

20 As I was looking at the committee
21 recommendations coming in this year, I
22 noticed we only had two new names out of 29
23 lodges submitted to a committee. That tells
24 me that incoming ERs and current ERs are not
25 reaching out to newer members to ask them to

1 be part of this organization. This
2 organization does not exist without those
3 members, so that's another area we're going
4 to work on, as well.

5 I am truly looking forward to working
6 with each and every body. It's going to be
7 a great year. Again, call me anytime. If I
8 don't answer, call Lou.

9 Thank you very much, everybody. It's
10 going to be fun.

11 KEN JOHNSON: Thank you, Karl.

12 DAVE HAGEN: Now I want to introduce
13 your soon-to-be President-Elect, Pat Moran
14 from Milwaukee 46, to say a few words. Pat?

15 PAT MORAN: A few words.

16 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you.

17 PAT MORAN: Pam and I would like to
18 thank you for your support. We look forward
19 to traveling with Karl and Annie. We look
20 forward to visiting all your lodges in the
21 next year. We look forward to making lots
22 of new friends and rekindling old
23 friendships. Thank you for your trust and
24 your support, and that's the end of my few
25 words.

1 DAVE HAGEN: Thank you, Pat. I know
2 Karl and Pat, you are going to lead the
3 association into a wonderful year and
4 continue all of the great works of Elkdom
5 that these people have done. Thank you.

6 Is there any other business that
7 needs to come before the Wisconsin Elks
8 Association Conference -- Convention?
9 Sorry, Ken.

10 Immediately following this general
11 session will be the installation of
12 officers. I hope that you all stay and
13 remain to help support these great people
14 who will be our leaders in the 2023-2024
15 Wisconsin Elks Association.

16 Are there any additional comments to
17 come at this time?

18 I will now ask our State Chaplain,
19 Reverend Mike, to do the benediction. Mike?
20 Reverend?

21 REVEREND HACKBARTH: Please pray with
22 me.

23 Heavenly Father, our business session
24 is at an end, and with Your guidance, this
25 Elks Association has made decisions that

1 will affect the lives of many people
2 throughout our state.

3 Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity,
4 that it never fails, that it may burn in us
5 and shed its light on those around us.
6 Amen.

7 ALL: Amen.

8 DAVE HAGEN: Okay. This concludes
9 the meeting. We will really take a
10 15-minute break and congregate about 10:05
11 to give us time to get our ladies down here
12 and be ready for the installation.
13 15-minute break. Thank you.

14 (Gavel bangs three times.)

15 (The transcription ended at the
16 1:18:34 mark.)

17 - - - - -

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

**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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

YEAR	CITY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>SECRETARY</i>
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>PRESIDENT</i>	<i>SECRETARY</i>
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
2023	Appleton	David Hagen	Ken Johnson
		Janesville #254	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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

YEAR	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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 Yeazle	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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
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

YEAR	DISTRICT	NAME	LODGE
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

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>LODGE</i>
2019-2020	Northwest	Thomas Weller	Stevens Point # 641
	Northeast	Nathalie Kramer	Kaukauna # 962
	Central	David DeCuno	Watertown #666
	South	Ben Godlewski	Waukesha # 400
2021-2022	Northwest	Thomas Weller	Stevens Point # 641
	Northeast	Nathalie Kramer	Kaukauna # 962
	Central	David DeCuno	Watertown #666
	South	Ben Godlewski	Waukesha # 400
2022-2023	Northwest	Christine Zupanc	Marshfield # 665
	Northeast	Nicole Bourassa	Kaukauna # 962
	Central	Jason Ellis	Oshkosh # 292
	South	Dan Foss	Janesville # 254
2023-2024	Northwest	Marla Gygli	Rice Lake #1441
	Northeast	Nicole Bourassa	Kaukauna # 962
	Central	Richard Miller	Baraboo #688
	South	Kathy Hagen	Janesville # 254

