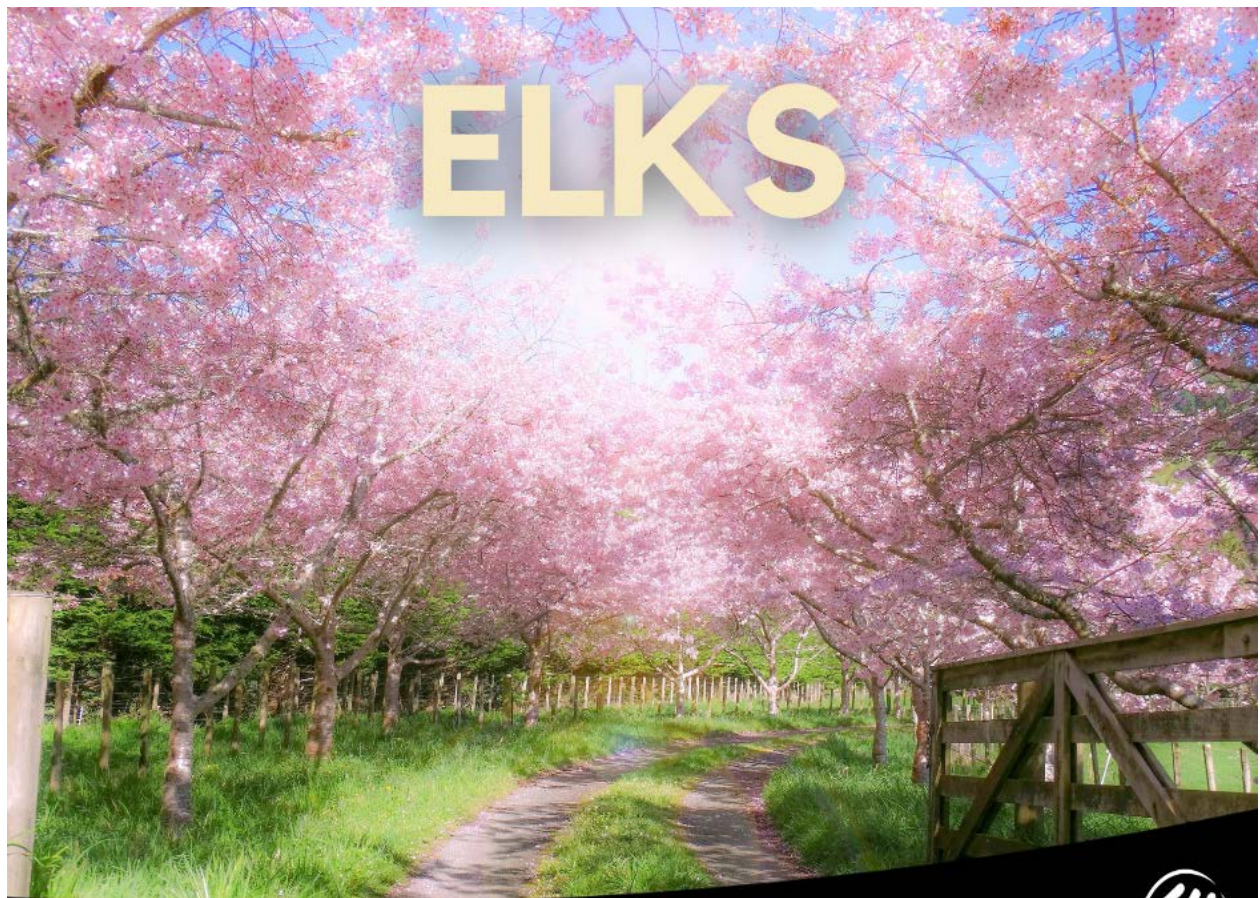




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2024 Spring Convention: 5/2-5/5 Appleton

2024 Fall Conference: 9/12-9/15

2025 Mid Winter Conference: 2/20-2/23

2025 Spring Convention: 5/1-5/4

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June 1 – VERY FIRM DEADLINE

Fall Bugle deadline'

August 1 – VERY FIRM DEADLINE

Winter Bugle Deadline

Nov. 1

Spring Bugle Deadline

March 1

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It's a great day to be an Elk!

My Fellow Elks,

I would like to start this, my last letter as your WEA President, by thanking each and every one of you for allowing Annie and myself to serve you this past year. It has been my honor.

I started the year with seven lofty goals, and I am proud to say that you met or exceeded each and every one of them!

- Over \$110,000.00 was donated to the ENF
- A potato challenge was created, and you purchased and donated more than 3,300 pounds of spuds or in other words, more than 10,000 meals.
- State Major Project witnessed more Elks attending Camp events than ever before
- A state Google calendar was created and now more information is available at your fingertips than ever before.
- You donated more than \$4 per person to the Benevolent Fund.



- We enjoyed lots of laughs, music, and inspiration at the evening banquets.

We were given the incredible honor of visiting 27 lodges. We enjoyed lots of different themes and experienced Elkdom at its finest. We learned about lots of different programs and ways that you help the less fortunate members of your community, youth, and veterans. Your spirit

of Elkdom has inspired Annie and I for many years to come.

We are excited for Pat and Pam as they take over the role of WEA State President and First Lady.

I know that they will lead and encourage all the state membership into another fantastic year.

Once again, I want to sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing the incredible honor of serving you as your State President. It has been an incredible journey! And don't forget that today is "A Great Day to be an ELK!"

**Gratefully yours, Karl K. Hanke
WEA State President 2023-2024**

The time of transition has come

Being your First Lady has been a great experience to say the least. Karl and I have had such a great time at each of our visits learning all the great things our organization is doing throughout our state. We have met some outstanding people and created some fantastic relationships throughout the year. Through this, I hope I was able to portray some sense of grace and dignity. I hope that some of the ideas I brought forward will make it so that the future ladies of our state will have an easier and more condensed role, so they can focus on the friendships, personal growth, and learning opportunities that come along with the job.

I've enjoyed our travels and the many stories and words of encouragement throughout our visits. I hope that I have touched some of you with my message of always having courage, strength, faith, and trust in what God has planned for us. He always gives us strength and guidance whatever challenges we may face. Tomorrow is never promised, so live your life with integrity and find something positive in every day.

I am so thankful for this opportunity and it will forever be a highlight in one of the otherwise most challenging years of my life. I battled cancer this past year, but this role turned a very otherwise negative experience into a year of hope, friendship, support, and a high point of my life. Thank you all for this opportunity, and I'm indebted to you all for your support and love.

Good luck to Pat and Pam as we leave you in very capable hands. I'm sure they will do a great job and keep our future bright and the momentum for the state moving in a positive direction.

Be a good human.

Gratefully yours, Annie M. Hanke, First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association 2023-2024

A note from the State President Elect

What a year it has been. The miles were many, the hours long but it was all worth it. From Superior to Springfield, Illinois, from Platteville to Ashland and Minneapolis to Marinette and all the lodges in between, Pam and I have been warmly greeted and we appreciate all your hospitality extended to us.

We enjoyed traveling with Karl and Annie. We shared laughs, tears, jokes, friendships and learned a lot from them. Pam and I thank them so much for their guidance and support. This next year will be one tough act to follow.

But along the way we have learned incredible stories of what YOU, the members and Lodges have accomplished within your communities. Your use of State and Grand Lodge Grants as well as your individual Lodge Programs have made a significant impact on others. From our Youth to Veterans, the Disabled and homeless and the less fortunate, our Wisconsin Elks Lodges have made a difference.

Sitting back thinking of my motto for the next year is summed up in the above paragraph. So it's simple but to point – **Wisconsin Elks – WE HELP OTHERS**. It's the founding principle of the order, it's what we do and will continue to do in the future, and you do that well. So, keep up the great work and be proud of what you do at the same time.

Plans are underway for the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas this year and I would like to extend a Thank You to Jason Somers and his Grand Lodge



Committee for again taking on this overwhelming task and making it look so easy. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and I'm sure that Wisconsin will be the talk of the Convention this year once again. I encourage all of you that plan on attending the Convention to register ASAP to make Jason's life easier.

Also, please make plans to attend the Spring Cleanup Day at Camp Wawbeek. Also enclosed in the issue will be a copy of the State President's schedule for visits for the upcoming year.

My focus for the next year will be on Veterans, the ENF, membership growth and again making an impact on our own communities. I will be discussing this more in upcoming Bugle issues and Lodge visits.

Pam and I thank you for your continued support and friendship. We look forward to all the upcoming Lodge visits and hearing about your successes. We look forward to serving the WEA Association as your next State President and First Lady. We promise to do the best that we can.

Again, Thank you Karl and Annie for your support and all those Elks from around the State that have helped us throughout the past year. We couldn't be here without you.

Keep up the great work you do and remember – **WE HELP OTHERS!**

Pat Moran.
WEA State President Elect

Ritual News

The Mid-Winter Conference has passed and again we held our annual Ritual Competitions. Congratulations to the following:

- 11 O' Clock Toast ER: Deb Schreiber – Oshkosh 292
- Deb will represent Wisconsin at the Grand Lodge 11 O' Clock Competition
- 11 O' Clock Toast PER: Jason Ellis – Oshkosh 292
- 11 O' Clock Toast OPEN: Barbara Mezera – Oshkosh 292
- Individual Chaplain: Katie Godlewski – Waukesha 400
- Flag Charge: Jason Ellis – Oshkosh 292

THANK YOU to all who competed. You may see a lot from 1 Lodge but as I stated: You don't have a chance to win if you don't compete! There are quite a few that know it and that was proven at the hospitality room Saturday night. At the May Convention the committee will be discussing on how we can hold an afternoon session, at the Fall Conference, to allow members to attend and ask questions about ritual and/or read a part and get critiqued. This is not a competition, just an open session for Q&A. I will give an update at the General Session, and I will mail an update to all ER's and Secretary's.

Fraternally, Ben Godlewski, Ritualistic Exemplification Chairman

State president schedule

Spring Convention Appleton	5/2/24-5/5/24
Camp Wawbeek Respite Center Cleanup	5/11/2024
Appleton Flag Day Parage & Visit	6/8/2024
Elks Day at Camp Wawbeek	6/22/2024
Portage	6/22/2024
Grand Lodge Convention Austin	6/30/24-7/3/24
Janesville	7/13/2024
State Golf - Wausau	7/22/2024
Ashland	8/2/2024
Superior	8/3/2024
Eau Claire	8/9/2024
Chippewa Falls	8/10/2024
Rice Lake	8/11/2024
State Campout Plymouth	8/16/24-8/18/24
Watertown/Beaver Dam	9/7/2024
Fall Conference Appleton	9/12/24-9/15/24
Waukesha	9/28/2024
Camp Wawbeek Breakfast	10/6/2024
Kaukauna	10/11/2024
Oshkosh	10/12/2024
Neenah - Menasha	10/18/2024
Marshfield	10/19/2024
Baraboo	11/9/2024
Madison	TBD
Green Bay	12/6/2024
Oconto Venison Feed & Visit	12/7/2024
Antigo	12/14/2024
Milwaukee	1/25/2025
Elks State Bowling	TBD
State Hoop Shoot and Wausau Visit	2/8/2025
Mid - Winter Conf, Green Bay	2/20/25-2/23/25
Marinette	3/1/2025
Manitowoc	3/7/2025
Sheboygan	3/8/2025
Regional Hoop Shoot	TBD
Stevens Point	3/21/2025
Wisconsin Rapids	3/22/2025
Platteville	4/11/25-4/12/25
National Hoop Shoot Chicago	TBD
Spring Convention Appleton	5/1/25-5/4/25

A message from your State Sponsor

Welcome to the May
2024 Wisconsin Elks
Spring Convention!

This gathering brings
with it the traditional
“changing of the guard”
and Beth and I would like
to thank and congratulate



State President Karl Hanke and First Lady Annie for
a job well done serving our State Association this
past year. They have represented Wisconsin well
and I know you all join me in wishing Karl and
Annie the best. We look forward to their serving the
Order for years to come.

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

Congratulations also to all of the newly installed
Exalted Ruler's and their Officers whom we
welcome to this Convention. You are all wished a
successful year as the leaders in your respective
Lodges. I hope these new ERs are looking forward
to the Convention in Austin, Texas! Please make all
of the sessions and take back to your Lodges ideas
that may enhance the operation of your Lodge. I
promise you that the enthusiasm you will come
away with by attending the Grand Lodge
Convention will stay with you your entire year as
Exalted Ruler!

Beth and I look forward to being with you at the
Spring Convention. As most of you know, we were
unable to attend the February Mid-Winter
Conference in Green Bay due to a schedule conflict
with my Mid-year Grand Lodge Advisory meeting.
We truly hated that we were not there and
appreciated your understanding.

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

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor

Creating a climate for developing leaders

All these, men of war, arrayed in battle order, came to Hebron with a whole heart to make David king over all Israel. Likewise, all the rest of Israel were of a single mind to make David king.

1 Chronicles 12:38 ESV

We can conclude from the list of warriors who joined David at Ziklag that his “ragtag” team was diverse, loyal, and hungry for victory. What did David do to reproduce his leadership in them?



1) He was relational: David’s personable and approachable manner enticed hundreds of “misfit” volunteers to serve him. David accepted everyone.

2) He was resourceful:

David made use of every situation and got the best out of it – even when in the wilderness. He resourced his team to be all it could be and enabled it to succeed.

3) He was rewarding: David shared both rewards and recognition for victory. He affirmed his men and motivated them with words of encouragement and spoils from battle.

4) He was respectable: David modeled a leadership style that others wanted to imitate. Friends and foes alike respected him; people saw in David an example of good leadership.

It seems to me that the potential for leadership in our respective lodges is high. If our current leadership exudes the traits reflected by David we may have a plethora of willing future leaders. It seems to me that if we take the time to nurture the constructs outlined above in our membership, the future for our respective lodges and Elks Association is bright.

Remember, God loves you, and so do I.

Blessings to all,

Rev. Mike Hackbarth

Wisconsin Elks history: What if?

As you may know the Wisconsin Elks Association is 122 Years old. We have seen many changes through those years. Our history has encompassed several cities.

Within that history has been many sad times as well. We have lost 12 charters and 1 merger during that time. I pose the question, “What if we still had Elks in all these cities?” Here is a list of the lodges we sadly have lost:

Fond du Lac #57

Racine #252

La Crosse #300

Rhineland #598

Hudson #640

Merrill #696

Kenosha #750

Beloit #864

Two Rivers #1380

Beaver Dam #1540 (Merged with Watertown #666)

Sturgeon Bay #2076

Walworth-Lakeland #2201

Wauwatosa (Number Unknown)

Can you imagine the impact we would have had in the state of Wisconsin if we continued to have all those lodges along with our current 27 Lodges of the Wisconsin Elks spreading the great work of Elkdom?

**PSP Jerry Brien,
Wisconsin Elks State Historian**

Want to meet fellow Elks?

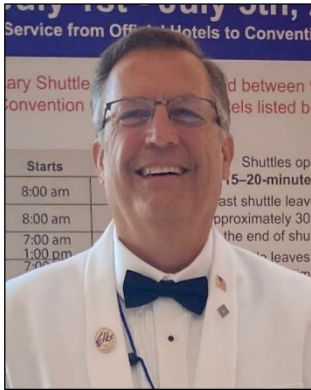
The registration table is always looking for volunteers to help check in members for conferences and conventions. If you have a couple hours to spare from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, May 3 or 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, let me know! I will also be looking for assistance counting ballots on Saturday afternoon during the business session of the meeting. Please text or call 715-205-0911 or email gygli@yahoo.com with your availability. Thank you!

**Marla Gygli,
Credentials and Elections Chairman**

District Deputy Central District Rick Miller

Hello, Wisconsin Elks –

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and is having a happy and prosperous beginning to the new year.



As I write this letter, the 2024 WEA Fall Conference has passed. In less than three months, the current WEA year will come to a close and the new year will begin at the May Spring Convention.

Our current Elk Year is

coming to a close, also. During the month of February, we nominated and elected a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to working with the newly installed Exalted Rulers and their teams.

I want to thank the 2023-2024 Exalted Rulers for their leadership in the Lodges. While being invested with the Exalted Ruler Jewel, they were reminded that they were being accorded the highest honor within the power of the Lodge, that all may not be plain sailing, the need to steer the vessel as calmly in storm as in fair weather, and to always consider what is best for the Lodge. What goes unstated in the ritual? It's lonely at the top! I'm pleased to report that the 2023-2024 Exalted Rulers performed admirably.

I mentioned "Growing the Business" in my Winter Bugle message. The 2023-2024 Lodge officers, under the leadership of the Exalted Ruler, delivered this message. The Wisconsin Central District experienced membership and ENF contribution growth during the 2023-2024 year. As I write this letter, we have a few weeks remaining in the year and I expect growth to continue. Thank you!

For our incoming slate of officers, the message is simple. You will be charged with many responsibilities in the upcoming year, two of them being membership growth and ENF contributions. Growth in membership and ENF contributions equal positive growth in our communities. And that is what we are really all about!

We are... the Elks!

Fraternally yours,

Rick Miller
DDGER Central District No. 9660

District Deputy Northeast District Bruce Conard

Over the last eight months I have been privileged to witness a lot of progress by lodges in the



Northeast District No. 9600. I'm very proud that everyone understands the vision of the four pillars of Elkdom: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

I see this in action with our support of the veterans, our encouragement for education of our youth,

and our passion for maintaining the legacy of our lodges and the great history of the Elks.

With all the good things we do for our communities we bear a great responsibility, and I want to reiterate that we have an obligation to fulfill our financial reporting every month. I'm grateful for our volunteers serving for many years in positions such as lodge secretary and treasurer that are the key to success in completing FRS, our 990/990-Ts, and reconciling the financial summary of each lodge.

There is so much work being done behind the scenes that most members never realize, and I want to express my gratitude to the individuals doing this necessary work, because without you, our lodges couldn't continue!

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

Bruce Conard
DDGER Northeast District No. 9600

District Deputy South District Kathleen Hagen



I want to recognize all my district lodges for the increase in membership. You have all worked diligently on recruiting new members and increasing the South District Membership.

The south district lodges have all met and exceeded the Grands Per-Member

ENF giving of \$4.80 per member. (see next page)

Kathy Hagen from previous page

I want to remind my district that the Grand Lodge Charitable Giving activities reports are due monthly, and we need to initiate our new members as soon as possible after they have been voted upon.

I am so proud of the South District #9680 and all the wonderful activities that they do supporting their youth, veterans, and community.

I hope to see you at the Spring Convention and remember "We are THE ELKS!"

**Kathleen Hagen,
DDGER South District No. 9680**

South District Vice President Manny Salinas

Spring is in the air and our South District Lodges continue to promote the virtues of Elkdom and support our communities.



I am very pleased to be able to highlight activities our district has accomplished benefiting our causes and charities.

Janesville Lodge 254 held its Fall Sportsman's Charity banquet (Oct. 20), Janesville held a monthly cookout for ENF. The lodge held its annual

Smoke & Barrel fundraiser (Nov. 4). The lodge held a party for the Wisconsin School for the Visually handicapped (Dec. 6). A Special Olympics awards banquet was held (Dec. 9) at which time the Janesville Elks Lodge was awarded Service Organization of the Year. A \$6,500 check was presented to Special Olympics (ENF Grant), and a \$1,000 check was presented to Delavan-Darien Police Dept. for their Shop with a Cop community program. The annual Spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held Jan. 28th.

Madison 410 maintains the largest Elks membership in the state of Wisconsin at 773. Madison held a Blood Drive with the Red Cross (Sept. 6) with 30 members / participants donating. A Veteran's Day breakfast took place (Nov. 11), A Children's Christmas party and photos with Santa was held (Dec. 9). The Madison Elks Lodge annual Toys for Tots campaign raised over \$7,000 in gift donations. Lodge #410 also raised \$447 for the Porchlight Transitional Housing for Veteran's.

Waukesha 400 Lodge completed major repairs to their parking facility adding a new blacktop coating, lot restriping, new indoor cameras, and new high-intensity LED Lighting. Lodge #400 hosted their 3rd annual Car

Show (Oct. 1). Waukesha hosted a Veteran's Day Dinner event (Nov. 9) and a second annual Senior Big Band Swing Dance with over 200 attendees (Nov. 17). Lodge 400 participated in the Waukesha Christmas Parade (Dec. 3) and held a Members Appreciation Social Night Chili dinner with no charge to attendees (Dec. 14). The Elks Hoop Shoot District competition was held in Waukesha on Jan. 20.

Platteville 1460 participated in the Annual Dairy Days Parade featuring the Wisconsin Elks Association State Trailer driven by PER Jason Somers in the parade route. A \$2,000 Beacon Grant presentation was made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace in September. UW Platteville Homecoming Parade food stand fundraiser was held (Oct. 7). Sweet Treats on Main - Street Brat and Hot Dog Fundraiser took place (Oct. 28). Community Baby Shower (free baby supply give-away) using then Spotlight Grant was held at the Platteville Public

Library (Oct. 21). A Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup fundraiser was held (Nov. 8th). Lodge 1460 completed a Christmas Food Basket Distribution (Dec. 12). Platteville Lodge participated in "Adopt A Family" program with monetary donation to help a local family during the holidays. Help Build A Bed Night (for Sleep in Heavenly Peace) was held Jan. 17.

Milwaukee 46 provides a \$100 give-away for Teenager of the Month program under their Youth Activities program. \$565 was presented to Brown Deer Middle School and High School for their Special Education Program. Lodge 46 held a Chili Cook-off fundraiser (Oct. 28). The Lady Elks Fall fair took place (Nov. 18). The Milwaukee Elks held their annual Children's Christmas party (Dec 2).

I am very proud of the efforts of our South District Lodges; the heart & spirit of Elkdom shines ever brightly by our charitable actions and deeds.

It has been my honor & my privilege to serve two terms as the WEA South District Vice President. I now look forward to continue serving Elkdom in my forthcoming duties as the District Deputy GER - South for the 2024-2025 Elks year.

Fraternally,

**Manny, Manuel Salinas, III.
Vice President South District**

Central District Vice President Ryan Swantz

To the Members of the WEA Central District... My how the time flies. It seems like only



yesterday I was being installed as your Vice-President for the 2023-24 year, and now here I am writing my final address as your Vice-President. First and foremost, I want to say thank you to all the Central District members for your support and encouragement throughout the year. Early

in the year, President Karl set a goal for the WI Elks Members to give a total of \$110,000 to the Elks National Foundation. I can't begin to express how grateful I am with the support of the Central District in rising to this challenge. As of the Feb. 26 reporting date, the Central District had donated a total of \$45,541.23 to the ENF which equals out to 41.4% of President Karl's goal for the entire state. President Karl also wanted to see more participation in our three main events at the State Major Project, and I can honestly say that we crushed previous attendance records. I believe that every Lodge in the District was represented at least once during one of these events. You have all helped us achieve Growth through Pride.

And speaking of growth, let's not forget about membership. As a whole, our District is showing a net increase of 50 members as of March 1. Unfortunately, we are also showing a total of 43 delinquent members as of the same date. While we do have to realize that there are some people who make the decision to no longer be united with us in the good work that we do, we should always try to reach out and extend the hand of friendship to those who have not paid their dues. Please do not let them wander away without trying to keep them as members.

To the new Officers for the 2024-25 Lodge year, I warmly welcome you to your new positions of leadership. You will prove to be a vital piece in the growth and success of your Lodge, the Wisconsin Elks, and the BPOE as a whole. Please begin with encouraging membership and initiating new members in your Lodge quickly. Then, once your new members are initiated, it's time to begin the

process of converting them into Elks. As I visited each Lodge this year, I have been speaking on the importance of everlasting dedication, and transitioning our new members into lifelong Elks. Encourage your new members to get involved, but never force them. Guide them as they find what sparks their passion. Ask their opinion on what the Lodge can do; when they ask questions, ask them what they think the answer is; listen to their opinions and suggestions; encourage new ideas; and most importantly, when a new member asks to help, always say yes. Telling a new member their help isn't needed is a guaranteed way to lose them.

Walt Disney once said, "You can design, and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world, but it takes people to make the dream a reality." This speaks mountains about membership, because without our members, everything we strive to do as Elks will never be more than a dream.

As I close this message, I again want to say thank you. Thank you to the members of the Central District for all you have done this year. Your dedication, kindness, and friendship has made this one of the most enjoyable jobs in the state. Thank you to President Karl and First Lady Annie for your leadership and continued friendship as we have toured the Central District with you. Thank you to President-Elect Pat and First Lady-Elect Pam for demonstrating that the Wisconsin Elks will continue to be in good hands in the coming year. Most importantly, thank you to my lovely wife Joy. Without you being by my side every day, I could not continue doing what we all do as Elks.

Sincerely,

Ryan J. Swantz, PER, PDDGER
WEA Central District Vice-President

Northwest District Vice President TJ Jungwirth



I am honored to be the Vice President of the Northwest District. The Lodges have been working on Membership and delinquent lists. We had one major hit this year and they are contacting their members to see if they will reup.

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A little about my area.

Superior is working on fixing equipment in the lodge to be able to serve food out of the kitchen. The lodge members painted their bouquet room downstairs and removed items that weren't needed. A major improvement. I'm so proud of Lance and Carly, their officers, event committee, their manager and membership for pulling together. They're moving in the right direction.

Chippewa Falls is working hard with the community to hand out their contribution checks and charities funds. They held their memorial service, hoop shoot and are working with the American Legion on Flag Day next year. They held a Christmas Party as a membership opportunity and got some prospects. Their constitution contest went well.

Ashland is working on their delinquent list. The trustees have taken on that task. They held a Veteran Appreciation Day that raised close to \$10,000 dollars. The cash is king raffle was held in January now the lodge is looking for places to give it away.

Wisconsin Rapids is bringing back food in the middle of the week to help increase their revenue stream. There are plans for a taco night, Cajun night and a build your own pasta bar, The officer team has been working really hard on get out into the community and spreading what they have to offer.

Marshfield Lodge went through a renovation early this year. They remodeled their bar area and made improvements though out their lodge. They have been working with the community on Camp Victory with a donation of \$6,000 and donated \$5,000 to The High Grounds. They held an Elks par three golf outing for veterans.

Rice Lake has been working on reducing their delinquent list. They have been doing some remodeling and that will be done soon. They have had events like Special Olympics fundraiser, Marine Birthday Dinner, and Giving Tree Program.

Stevens Point Lodge has been working very hard on membership. They are very proud of the young new members who have come in. Getting them involved is what they are working on right now. Anne and the lodge have increased the amount of money given to that program. McKinley Backpack Program is going strong. Morning Joe and Dough Vet Program is a work in progress. The Lodge has a lot of activities going on all the time. Bingo has been very successful and is run top notch. They are

looking at plans for a renovation of the cardroom to increase bar and dinner seating. They are working on getting their name out into the community with spaghetti fundraisers, Holiday Basket Program and Breakfast with Santa.

In Eau Claire, Mona and her officers have done a great job with their Lodge on membership, activities at their lodge and getting out into the community and spreading Elkdom. The grant committee chair and volunteers worked on the Welcome Home Kits. They shopped for supplies for six kits. Great job. They participated in the Give a Vets a Smile event at CVTC and served over 100 vets. They also served over 100 veterans on the annual prime rib veterans' dinner at the lodge. They have many activities at their lodge every day of the week. They are working on their pricing in the kitchen to help with profitability.

In closing I would like to be your vice president for the Northwest District next year.

I'm asking for your vote at convention time. Thank you.

T. J. Jungwirth
Vice President Northwest District

A letter from Dave DeRosier

To my fellow Elk's,

I am stepping down from the trustee position after all these years for health reasons.

This will also make Kate happier.

I want to thank everyone for all the support I've been given over the years. I will continue to attend the meetings and be available to assist with any questions or problems.

There are two very capable Elk's campaigning for the position. Kevin Lonien and Ron Whelan. I know either one will do a great job.

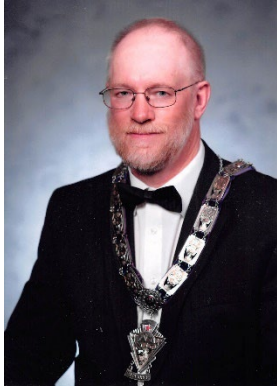
On another note: I am not done with my position yet. It is budget time. All chairmen need to submit their budget request to Ken Johnson before April 1. Please make it a realistic budget, not a dream.

If you any questions, call me and I will as best I can.

Yours in Elkdom,

Dave DeRosier, PSP

Hats in the Ring State Trustee South District



Janesville Elks Lodge 254
2100 N. Washington Street, Janesville, WI 53548
608-752-2342 JanesvilleElks@elks254.org

The officers of Janesville Lodge 254 wholeheartedly recommend Ron Whalen for the position of State Trustee for the South District. Having known Ron for many years we can attest to his unwavering commitment, dedication and service to the Elks.

Ron's 33 years as a member of the Elks is a testament to his dedication. For 27 years Ron was a member of Walworth Lakeland Lodge 2201, where he held the office of Treasurer for 9 years, and served as Trustee for 10 years. He chaired the Board of Directors multiple times.

As a member of the Janesville Lodge, Ron served as Treasurer for 2 years and is currently Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, as well as South District Chair.

At the State level he has been a member of the Scholarship Committee for several years and is Co-Chair of the Americanism Committee. He is also a member of the State Constitution and Youth Activities Committee, showing his leadership and passion for the Elks.

Ron and his wife Cindy have been married for 42 years and are blessed with three children and six grandchildren. Both have been active contributors of the Elks for years, extending their service at both the local and state levels.

We firmly believe that Ron Whalen is the ideal candidate for the position of State Trustee of the South District. We sincerely hope you will consider our recommendation and lend him your support and vote for this well-deserved appointment.

David Nitze, Sr.

Exalted Ruler

Dale Fulton

Chairman Board of Directors

Lisa Foss

President, PER Association

Hats in the Ring State Trustee South District

Kevin Lonien has been employed at Rolite Company/PuraWellness Labs LLC since 1983. First as Plant Manager and as VP Operations for the last 35 years.

Kevin joined the Elks on May 9, 2003, and was immediately urged to run for Trustee in a Special Election for a vacant position in July. He won that position and then ran for a full term being a Trustee from 2003-2008. He was then encouraged to go through the Chairs. Following is a list of accomplishments as an Elk:

2009-2010 Esteemed Lecturing Knight

2010-2011 Esteemed Loyal Knight

2011-2012 Esteemed Leading Knight

2012-2013 Exalted Ruler

2013-2014 Esteemed Leading Knight

2014-2015 Exalted Ruler

2016-Present Lodge Secretary

2017-2018 VP South District

2019-2020 DDGER South District



Awards

2006-2007 Committee Chairperson of the Year

2008-2009 Officer of the Year

2016-2017 Officer of the Year

2018-2019 Chauncey Yockey Award (Lifetime Services)

2021-2022 Officer of the Year

2022-2023 PER of the Year

Other Lodge Activities

2006-2009 Plugs President

2003-Present Agent for Food and Tavern Licenses

2007-2012 Representative on State Ritual Team at Nationals

2011-Present Bingo Committee Chairman

State Committees

2003-Present Member Ritualistic Committee

2013-Present Chairman Legalized Gaming

2021-Present Vice Chair Auditing

Hats in the ring for State President Elect

When Jeff Miller retired from coaching for the Rice Lake School District after 35 years, Coach Barney Slowey presented him with a lapel pin shaped like a starfish. Coach Slowey went on to tell his fellow coach why he gave him that pin.

A young boy was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had washed up during a terrible storm. When he came to each starfish, he would pick it up and throw it back into the ocean. People watched him with amusement. He had been doing this for some time when a man approached him and said, "Young man, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all the starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The boy was crushed, suddenly deflated. After a few moments, he bent down, picked up another starfish and hurled it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he looked up at the old man and replied, "Well, I made a difference for that one!"

The old man looked at the boy and thought about what he did and what he said. Inspired, he joined the boy in throwing the starfish back into the ocean. Soon others joined and all the starfish were saved.

Jeff has worn that pin on the label of his Elks red jacket since he first became an officer. It reminds him every time he puts that jacket on that he makes a difference.

At Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441, Jeff has continued to "throw the starfish into the ocean". A member for 19 years, he has served as our Exalted Ruler five times, including the year we celebrated our 100th anniversary. When we wanted to pay down our debt at the bank, he spearheaded two major fundraising campaigns. He was asked to be the chairman of our Lodge's ENF committee. Until that year we had not met the GER's goal. Every year since, we have succeeded in reaching and exceeding the GER's goal. He has been our membership



chairman, trustee, mentor, and cheerleader. He is at all our events in the community, always ready to lend a hand. Nearly every Friday night, he greets all the members by name for our Friday Fish Fry and shows them to their table.

We are proud of the work he has done at the District and State levels. He served as the Vice President-Northwest District for two consecutive years and Past District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. Since then, Jeff has been appointed to several state committees and currently is the chairman of the Youth Activities committee.

Jeff made his announcement at our June 13 meeting that he was going to "throw his hat in the ring" at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis. The officers and members present along with our PER Association unanimously voted to endorse and support Jeff Miller for State President-Elect for the Wisconsin Elks Association so he can "keep throwing the starfish in the ocean" and continue to make a difference in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

Donald Putnam, Exalted Ruler

Anthony Wampfler, PER, Trustee Chair Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hats in the ring for State President Elect

During the 2022-2023 Elk Year, Waukesha Lodge of Elks No 400, motioned to support the candidacy of Jason Somers PER, for the position of Wisconsin Elks State President Elect.

This motion was unanimously approved by the membership of the Waukesha Elks Lodge and still to this day, members continue to support Jason Somers PER on this journey.

Jason has served the Waukesha Elks Lodge with exemplary leadership in the roles of the chairs, and as an Exalted Ruler, and Past Exalted Ruler.

During the past several years he has served as a trustee, and as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. He follows through with the tasks, generates and supports ideas and activities for the Lodge and Elkdom. He makes sure that we follow the rules and regulations of not only the B.P.O.E., but also the city of Waukesha, County of Waukesha, and the State of Wisconsin.

What is popular is not always right. What is right is not always popular. Jason keeps Waukesha 400 on the right path. He reads the rules, and bylaws needed to keep the organization on the right track and shares his knowledge with others. He is willing to listen to and support different ways of accomplishing tasks and events.

Jason also serves the Lodge by working on the cooking crew for Lodge Friday Fish Fry activities, Bingo Sundays, Brew City Wrestling, and many other Lodge events. He will take a broom, and clean where needed, wiping off tables, washing dishes, carrying out trash. Ask, and he is ready to help.

"Hats in the Ring" State President Elect Wisconsin Elks Association



At the Waukesha Elks 400 Lodge he has served as: Past Exalted Ruler, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors, ENF Chairman, Officer of the Year 2020-2021, Exalted Rulers Exemplary Elk Award 2019-2020, GER Outstanding Service Commendation 2018-2019.

For the Wisconsin Elks Association, Jason has served as: WEA Grand Lodge Attendance Chairman,

WEA Conferences & Conventions Vice-Chairman, WEA Past Lodge Activities Chairman, WEA Past Publicity & Public Relations Vice-Chairman, Past Vice President South District, GL Past DDGER Auditor South District.

Outside of the Elks, Jason has also been involved in his family activities: Assistant Scoutmaster Muskego Troop 19, BSA Oakleaf Leadership Trained, St Paul's Lutheran Eaglebots Robotics Coach, Muskego High School Robotics Mentor. But most importantly a dedicated father to his three amazing children: Mikala, Isaiah and Stephanie.

Jason is endorsed not only by the membership of the Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400, but also by the Past Exalted Rulers of the Waukesha Elks Lodge No. 400.

On Behalf of Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400's Exalted Ruler, Dan Desjardin, the members, and Arlyn Clarksen PER, Secretary Waukesha Lodge of Elks, we are honored to submit this letter of support for Jason Somers PER to the Wisconsin Elks State Membership for WEA 2024-2025 State President Elect.

Hats in the ring for State President Elect

WHEREAS, Ryan J. Swantz was initiated into the Elks in October 2000, and has continued to be a dedicated member of the Order for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has served in the offices of Trustee, Tiler, Esquire, Esteemed Lecturing Knight,

Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight, and two terms as Exalted Ruler in 2004-05 and 2018- 19; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was recognized for his commitment to the Lodge by being named Officer of the Year in 2001-02 and 2009-10; and

WHEREAS, Ryan currently serves as the ENF Fundraising Chairperson, Investigative Committee Chairperson, and ENF Grants Coordinator for Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge #666; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has served two terms as President and five terms as Secretary of the Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge #666 PER Association; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has served seven terms as ENF Fundraising Chairperson for the Central District of the Wisconsin Elks Association; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has served the Wisconsin Elks Association on numerous State Committees including three terms as Chairperson of the ER/Leading Knight Advisory Committee, current Chairperson of the Resolutions and Laws Committee, and Vice-Chairperson of the Ritualistic Exemplification Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has previously served the Wisconsin Elks Association as State Inner Guard for a total of 10 terms, Vice-President of the East-Central District for the 2010-11 year, and is currently serving as the Vice-President of the Central District; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has served the Grand Lodge as a Word Accuracy Judge at the 2017 Grand Lodge Ritual Competition in Reno, NV and as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2009-10 year; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was recognized for his continued dedication to the Elks by being presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime Achievement in April 2023 by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been employed as a public servant since 2009 with the State of Wisconsin and the City of Sun Prairie; and

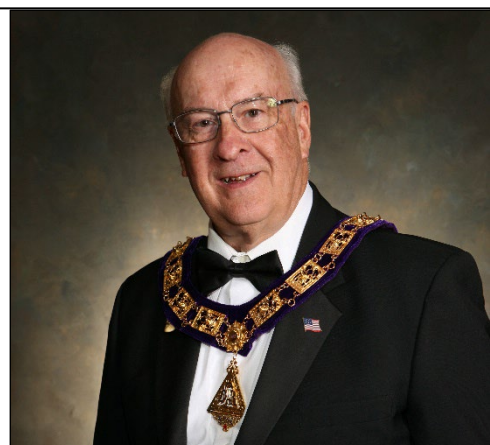
WHEREAS, Ryan and his wife Joy have unselfishly given their time and dedication to the Elks on the local, state, and national levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Past Exalted Rulers, Officers, and Members of Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge #666 proudly endorse and hereby submit the name of Ryan J. Swantz, PER, PDDGER for the position of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association for the year 2024-25.

Mike Meyer, Exalted Ruler 2024-25
Shane Wagner, PER Association President
Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge #666



Don Behnke
Hats in the Ring for
State Sgt. At Arms



Hats in the ring for State Inner Guard

The Officers and Members of Oshkosh 292 proudly announce their support of Gina Staskal for the office of State Inner Guard of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Gina became a member of Beaver Dam Lodge #1540 almost 25 years ago, shortly after learning about, through her husband Jim, all the wonderful programs the Elks support. Her background in not-for-profit accounting was very helpful to the Lodge.

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

A move in late 2020 out of the area meant a transfer to Neenah Menasha Lodge #676 in January of 2021 but she has continued to assist the Secretary in Beaver Dam, as well as many other Secretaries

and Treasurers throughout the state. She transferred to Oshkosh #292 in April 2023 and was elected to a Trustee position shortly after.

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

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

**Deborah Schrieber,
Exalted Ruler Oshkosh 292**

**Jeannie Lange,
PER Association President Oshkosh 292**

Hats in the ring South District Vice President

Hello fellow Elks brothers and sisters, let me start by introducing myself. My name is Dan DesJardin and I am a member of Waukesha Lodge #400 for 17 years now. I am married to my lovely wife Lisa for 37 years and have raised our two kiddos one of which is also a member of our great organization. You can ask Lisa, I am a full-blooded Elk and all that Elks stand for and do for our communities, youth, and veterans.

I was Lecturing Knight in 2020, Loyal in 2021, Leading Knight in 2022 and Exalted Ruler in 2023; received Grand Lodge Outstanding Service Award in 2020; Waukesha Lodge #400 Officer of the Year in 2021.

I have been on the State Bowling Committee for almost 10 years now and serving as vice chair for the past 3 years. I am a Fidelity Club member as I see the importance of ENF. I am a NEW member of Grand Lodge attendance committee.

At our Lodge you will most likely find me in our kitchen as I am a member of our volunteer cooking team for Bingo, Wrestling, TMC dance, vendor fairs and anything else that needs our kitchen when it comes to food preparation and service.

I live and breathe Elks and what we stand for and would love to continue doing this as a Vice President of our state association. I would like to ask for your support of this goal at our Spring Convention.

**Fraternally
Dan DesJardin**

Proposed Resolutions for Wisconsin Elks 2024 State Convention

Resolution 2024-01

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 19 WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

All Elks in good standing in the Lodges comprising this Association shall be eligible to hold office, either elective or appointive, in the Association, and to serve on any standing or special committee thereof, with the exception that the offices of President and President-Elect may be held only by a Past Exalted Ruler who is a member of an Elks Lodge in the State of Wisconsin said Lodges comprising this Association.

PURPOSE: This will clarify the qualification to hold the office of President or President-Elect. The wording of “said Lodges comprising this Association” could be interpreted to mean only current Lodges, thereby making PERs from defunct Lodges or PERs who held office outside of the State of Wisconsin and have since transferred to a Wisconsin Lodge ineligible to hold the offices of President or President-Elect.

This amendment is submitted by the Committee on Resolutions and Laws.

Resolution 2024-02

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 6 WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

Forty-five (45) duly accredited delegates shall constitute a quorum at all conferences or conventions of the Association, provided that at least ~~fifteen (15)~~ a simple majority (50% plus one) of the Lodges of the Association shall be there represented.

PURPOSE: This will continue to make the By-Laws a “living document” by setting the number of Lodges needed to constitute a quorum to be a simple majority instead of a defined number.

This amendment is submitted by the Committee on Resolutions and Laws.

Resolution 2024-03

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 28 WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

A Committee on the Wisconsin Elks Association Major Project, consisting of ~~twenty-four (24) members one member from each Lodge~~ (hereinafter referred to as “regular members”), ~~six (6) from each District.~~ In addition, the current Vice-President from each District shall be considered a regular member. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee will be designated by the Association President. It shall be the duty of this Committee to serve as regular members of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation of the State of Wisconsin. The Board of Directors, ~~President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer~~ of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. shall be elected from the regular members of this Committee by the regular members of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for terms of one (1) year. Only ~~twenty-four (24)~~ regular Committee members shall vote on the election of the Directors or serve on its Board of Directors. The Officers of the Board of Directors; consisting of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary; shall be elected from the Board Members by the Board Members.

The Chairperson of the Committee will bring to the Convention of the Association for approval, any changes or amendments

to the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. By-Laws, said request for approval to be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions and Laws before submission for review and comments. This action is to be taken at least ~~forty five (45)~~ **thirty (30)** days prior to the **annual Association Convention convening of the Mid-Winter Conference of the Association.** In addition, this Committee shall be charged with carrying out all functions prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. This committee shall coordinate all phases of the Major Project between the State Major Project Committee and the subordinate Lodges of the Association. They shall be specifically charged with carrying on the necessary fundraising programs to finance the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc. The Committee is encouraged to have interim meetings on a District basis with each District Vice-President serving as Chairperson of such District Meetings.

PURPOSE: This will allow for one member from each Lodge and the District Vice-Presidents to serve on the State Major Project Committee. This also clarifies who the members of the Major Project Board of Directors are and how they are elected. Additionally, this adjusts the calendar for amendments to the Major Project By-Laws to coincide with the calendar for all other amendments to the State Association By-Laws.

This amendment is submitted by the State Major Project Committee.

		WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION								
		Membership Dues & Charitable Monies returned								
		How did your Lodge do?								
									%	
3/3/2024	2023-2024	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Returned	Sum of	Return on	
MEMBERSHIP		W.E.A.	Comm. For	Youth		Americanism	Returned	Dues		
LODGE	DUES PD.	Grants	the Disabled	Activities			Monies	Paid		
ANTIGO # 662	257	\$ 1,542.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	126%		
APPLETON # 337	44	\$ 264.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	856%		
ASHLAND # 137	127	\$ 762.00	\$0.00			\$200	\$200	26%		
BARABOO # 688	183	\$ 1,098.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	206%		
BEAVER DAM # 1540	32	\$ 192.00	\$0.00			\$200	\$200	104%		
CHIPPEWA FALLS # 1326	138	\$ 828.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	273%		
EAU CLAIRE # 402	342	\$ 2,052.00	\$1,727.06	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,237	109%		
GREEN BAY # 259	76	\$ 456.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 612.47	\$ 310.00	\$200	\$2,872	630%		
JANESVILLE # 254	150	\$ 900.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	217%		
KAUKAUNA # 962	38	\$ 228.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	991%		
MADISON # 410	713	\$ 4,278.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	53%		
MANITOWOC # 687	199	\$ 1,194.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	189%		
MARINETTE # 1313	320	\$ 1,920.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	118%		
MARSHFIELD # 665	579	\$ 3,474.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 750.00		\$200	\$2,700	78%		
MILWAUKEE # 46	243	\$ 1,458.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 300.00		\$200	\$2,250	154%		
NEENAH-MENASHA #676	67	\$ 402.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	485%		
OCONTO # 887	73	\$ 438.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	516%		
OSHKOSH # 292	330	\$ 1,980.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	114%		
PLATTEVILLE # 1460	103	\$ 618.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	366%		
PORTAGE # 675	192	\$ 1,152.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	169%		
RICE LAKE # 1441	555	\$ 3,330.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	68%		
SHEBOYGAN # 299	530	\$ 3,180.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 1,313.50	\$ 310.00	\$200	\$3,574	112%		
STEVENS POINT # 641	280	\$ 1,680.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 310.00		\$200	\$2,260	135%		
SUPERIOR # 403	307	\$ 1,842.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	106%		
WATERTOWN # 666	222	\$ 1,332.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	146%		
WAUKESHA # 400	202	\$ 1,212.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 310.00	\$200	\$3,010	248%		
WAUSAU # 248	501	\$ 3,006.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	65%		
WISCONSIN RAPIDS # 693	108	\$ 648.00	\$1,750.00			\$200	\$1,950	301%		
TOTALS	6,911	\$41,466.00	\$45,477.06	\$3,425.97	\$ 5,260.00	\$0.00	\$5,600.00	\$59,763.03	144%	

Who Gets Voting Credentials???

All Lodges upon payment of the State Association Dues, will receive delegate certificates based on your membership on April 1, 2024, by State Secretary, Ken Johnson. One certificate will be issued for every 50 members in your Lodge. Each Lodge will be issued a minimum of 5 delegate certificates. These certificates must be signed by both the Exalted Ruler and the Secretary of your Lodge and stamped with your Lodge Seal. These certificates are required to receive Voting Credentials at the Spring Convention from a member in good standing at your Lodge not listed below. All members must also present their current membership card at registration. NO EXCEPTIONS!

From Your Lodge:

- All current Exalted Rulers
- All current Leading Knights
- All current Secretaries

From the State and Grand Lodge:

- All State Officers
- Anyone on a State Committee
- Past State Presidents
- All Grand Lodge Officers
- All members of Grand Lodge Committees

By-Laws as Printed in the Directory

Section 2. Each member Lodge shall be entitled to representation at all meetings of the Association, whether regular or special, by its Exalted Ruler who shall be considered as entitled to the privileges of delegates to the meetings of this Association. It shall also be entitled to one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, as shown by its last report to the Grand Lodge, provided that each subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to at least five (5) delegates in addition to its Exalted Ruler and those provided for in Section 3 of this article. Delegates authorized under this Section, with the exception of Exalted Rulers, shall present to the Committee on Credentials and Elections, on a form authorized by the Board of Directors, credentials signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary of their Lodge, and their membership card, before such Committee issues a voting certificate as provided under the duties of the Committee in Section 3, Article VI.

Section 3. All officers and all members of standing committees of this Association, during their tenure of office, and all Past Presidents of this Association, and all Grand Lodge officers and members of Grand Lodge committees affiliated with member Lodges shall be considered as, and entitled to the privileges of, delegates to the meetings of this Association with the right to vote in the Convention in addition to the delegates heretofore provided for in Section 2 hereof. In no event shall a member be entitled to cast more than one vote, regardless of the number of offices he/she represents. Exalted Rulers and delegates authorized under this Section shall not be required to present to the Committee on Credentials and Elections any credentials other than their membership card.

Section 4. All Past Exalted Rulers of member Lodges who do not come within the above classifications, and all alternate delegates not serving in the place of delegates, shall be entitled to all the privileges of delegates except the right to vote.

Section 5. Each Delegate shall be entitled to participate in and vote on all matters coming before the meetings of the Association.

Section 6. Only delegates in attendance at the Business Session of the Convention shall be entitled a vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 7. The delegates and alternates shall be elected at the regular meeting of each Lodge at least thirty (30) days before the Convention of the Association, or the Lodge may authorize the Exalted Ruler to appoint the Delegates and alternates and report the appointments at such meeting. The law of the Order governing eligibility for office in a subordinate Lodge shall govern in the election or the appointment of delegates and alternates. In the event that a delegate is incapacitated or is otherwise unable to attend the Convention, an alternate from the same Lodge may serve as a delegate for said Lodge.

WEA - 2024 Convention		
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
	<u>All MEETINGS AT THE PAPER VALLEY HOTEL</u>	ROOM
Thursday afternoon thru Sat.	Meet and Great	Redwood
<u>Friday, May.3, 2024</u>		
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	MACINTOSH
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Benevolent Fund	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration	POOLDOME
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	MACINTOSH
<u>Saturday, May.4, 2024</u>		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps (Executive Comm)	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
7:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	POOLDOME
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws Committee	EBONY
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	CORTLAND
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	PIPPIN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	LAWRENCE
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	EVERGREEN
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	SALON C
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	SALON D
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	MACINTOSH
7:30 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	LOBBY AREA
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	CORTLAND
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations & Membership	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Veterans Service	PIPPIN
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	EBONY
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	BRIARWOOD
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	OAKTAG
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	SALON C
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	CRIMSON (LOWER LEVEL)
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	MACINTOSH
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation ENF	BRIARWOOD
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation Scholarship	SALON C
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	At Table
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	ASPEN
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	SALON D
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	OAKTAG
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	PIPPIN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	ASPEN
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	SALON D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	EBONY
11:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	BLAZE/HICKORY
12:00 PM	Cocktails	SALON A
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	SALON A
1:45- 3:30 PM	General Session	SALON A
3:30 PM	Memorial Service to Immediately follow	SALON A
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	MACINTOSH
6:00 PM	Cocktails	SALON A
7:00 PM	Banquet	SALON A
<u>Sunday, May. 5, 2024</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	SALON A
	Installation of Officer following General Session	SALON A

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE Aug. 12, 2024

STATE Conference – Sept. 13-15th, 2024
PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER, APPLETON
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. CONFERENCE
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

One form *per member*, please print

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) _____

(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:		1 @\$15.00	\$ 15.00
GUEST/ SPOUSE LUNCHEON			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	___ @\$20.00	\$ _____
OR			
Chef Salad	-----	___ @\$20.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	___ @\$20.00	\$ _____
OR			
Chef Salad	-----	___ @\$20.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Roasted Pork Loin	-----	___ @\$28.00	\$ _____
OR			
Baked Haddock	-----	___ @\$28.00	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

Make Checks payable to WEA and send to Ken Johnson, State Sec. WEA, 1602 Foothill Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476

GUEST AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Turkey Breast Sandwich: Sliced oven roasted turkey, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese, sundried tomato aioli on artisan ciabatta roll & *kettle chips*, Coffee, Tea.

Chef Salad: Iceberg lettuce with julienne ham, turkey, and Swiss and cheddar cheeses, tomato wedges, sliced cucumbers, Hard-boiled egg, and alfalfa sprouts; served with buttermilk ranch or French dressing & *freshly made breadsticks* And Coffee, Tea .

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Roasted Pork Loin: Slow roasted Pork rubbed with honey and thyme and finished with a light supreme sauce

Baked Haddock: A Boneless Haddock Fillet, baked with Lemon Pepper and Toasted Almonds.

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

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUG. 12, 2024 WILL BE RETURNED TO
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

No meal tickets will be sold on site

2024 Wisconsin Elks Association State Golf Tournament

Hosted by: Wausau Elks Lodge #248

When: July 22, 2024 with a 10:00 am shotgun start

Where: Greenwood Hills Country Club

2002 Poplar Lane

Wausau, WI 54403 (715 849-1772)

Cost: \$120 per golfer \$85.00 for just 18 holes of golf with cart

Banquet only: \$40.00

Includes: 18 holes of golf w/cart, free range balls, dinner, drink ticket for the Wausau Elks Lodge #248, Box Lunch

Format: 4 person scramble. This tournament is open to Elks and friends. Foursomes may be co-ed. At least 1 Elks member is required in every foursome. As in past years, this is a fun event, there are no placement prizes.

Deadline for Registration: Friday, July 15, 2024. Late registration fee is \$125 per golfer.

Questions: Call Mark Stubbe (715) 507-2165

Note: Check in time for the golf will start at 8:30 with a 10:00 am start. Our goal is to finish around 3:00 pm

(Deadline is July 15th, 2024) Registration for the Wisconsin Elks 2024 Golf Tournament (Please Print)

Team Captain: _____ **(Phone)** _____

Lodge Name and Number: _____

Age as of July 22, 2024

Name: 1. _____ Age _____

2. _____ Age _____

3. _____ Age _____

4. _____ Age _____

Number of Golfers with Banquet _____ **@120=** _____

Number of Golfers w/o Banquet _____ **@85=** _____

Number for Banquet only _____ **@40=** _____

Make Checks to: Wausau Elks Lodge #248

c/o 2024 State Golf Tournament

414 Scott St.

Wausau, WI 54403

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MAKE A RESERVATION

159th B.P.O.E. National Convention

June 30th through July 3rd 2024

PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION FORM ALONG WITH:
-HOSPITALITY ROOM DONATIONS
-WISCONSIN NIGHT PARTY DONATIONS

*SIGN UP FOR **Marriott BONVoY***

MAIL TO:

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

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**AUSTIN DOWNTOWN/
CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL**

300 E. 4th Street
Austin, TX 78701

MEMBER NAME: _____ GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NUMBER: _____

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

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

-DONATION PAYMENT TYPE-

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

-ACCOMODATIONS, RATES and TRAVEL DATES-

STANDARD ROOM Preferred Bed Selection (per hotel availability):

\$130.00 per night plus applicable tax (17.61% Tax)

King Studio Suite Queen One Bedroom Suite **Marriott BONVoY #:** _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

REQUESTS (per hotel availability): ADA Compliant Parking (\$20 per day -valet only)

Adjoining Room: _____ Other: _____

Hotel will handle Room Deposit, **YOU MUST sign up for **Marriott BONVoY****

REMINDER: PRE-REGISTER FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION ONEELKS.ORG

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