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Check Points Help Gauge Lodge Progress

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MILLARD C. PICKERING

In the Elks calendar, there are a number of checkpoints – times to step back and take a cold, hard, objective look at how things are going. October is one of those times for Local Lodges. It is the mid-point for Lodge operations. The District Deputy is either on the way or the report letter is in the works.

Although the specifics will certainly vary from place to place, some things should be universal to every Lodge.

How is the business plan going? Is the budget working out? We all know a budget doesn't create income, it manages it. Everyone starts the year with target figures but do you take the time to make comparisons? Use the audit report and comments from your District Deputy, if available, as the tools they are intended to be to craft management decisions and adjustments to the plan or determine if a modification to the budget is needed.

From a strictly-business point of view, Lodges market fraternity. Club facilities exist to provide social opportunities for our Members. What do you have planned for your membership as the busy holidays approach? Have you considered the needs of all concerned including veterans, families and auxiliaries in your planning?

Those events finance charitable and community service projects. They also figure into the success of the State Association and Grand Lodge. How close are you to meeting your goals for State Major Projects, National Foundation and other priorities set as you started the Lodge year last April?

It is obvious that this article is more about suggesting questions than giving universal answers. While there is no single, one-size-fits-all answer, if you take a hard look at the questions in October, there is time to find the solutions needed to close the Lodge year in good form.

I think I'll take my own advice.

See you down the road.

The State of Wisconsin Elks Association

recently held their Fall Conference at the HoChunk Convention Center in Baraboo. Bresa Vuittonet of Fond du Lac, currently a 6th grader at Sabish Middle School, who, along with her family, were invited guests of the Wisconsin State Elks Association for the Saturday noon luncheon on September 14th.

As a 5th grader from Evans school one year ago, Bresa submitted her essay at the local level (Lodge 57 for judging) in January and was a finalist among three at the local level. Bresa went on through district competition and her essay was

judged top of the class, first place in Division 1, (5th and 6th grade) during competition throughout the state of Wisconsin.

During the luncheon, Bresa was introduced and invited up front to read her winning essay, "What does the National Anthem mean to me." In addition to monetary awards she received previously, Bresa was also given a plaque for her efforts from the State Elks Officers. Elk members from throughout the state, including many from Lodge 57, were on hand for the luncheon to support Bresa.

I am stepping down as Chairman of

the Americanism Committee and the essay contest chairman during this next year. As I bow out, Scott Reath will be transitioning in. I thank all the volunteer judges, including my wife Jan, for all their help and support over the years. You all helped make my job easier. Our Lodge has been very blessed to have so many finalists finish at the state level with honors in the essay contest.

Jerry Lauby
Outgoing Chairman
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Greetings, Fellow Elks,

They say that time passes more quickly the older you get, but as we enter October, it is hard to believe that we are already half way through the lodge year. Summer is behind us and we are moving into that part of the year when Lodge and Club activities tend to pick up, what with bowling leagues beginning, football parties occurring and the holiday season just around the corner. At our lodge, October will be a particularly busy month this year. On October 5, we will be hosting our annual Spaghetti Dinner, which supports Camp Wawbeek, our State Major Project. Hopefully you have already received your tickets, are planning to attend and are inviting friends to do so, as well. On October 19 there will be a Neil Diamond impersonator performing at the Club, which promises to be an excellent evening of entertainment. And on October 26 we will be having our annual District Deputy's visit, combined with new member initiation and banquet. All in all, a busy and exciting month at Lodge #57.

I also want to report here on the State Elks Association Fall Conference, which was held in Baraboo September 12-15. There we were able to meet and greet Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering and also attend the recognition for Bresa Vuittonet, a 6th Grader from Fond du Lac who won the State Americanism Essay contest, and who shared her winning essay at the convention. Well done, Bresa! At the conference, GER Pickering expanded on his theme for this year, Elks Live – Elks Give. His theme is a reminder to us all that we, as Americans, are blessed to live in a country where we have freedom and opportunity, but that with these blessings comes an obligation to give back. If you are like me, you probably don't have to think too hard to come up with ways that you have benefited, and continue to benefit, from the support of family members, friends, clubs, churches, groups, or the community at large. As Elks, we have a unique opportunity to be a powerful source of encouragement and support to youth, veterans and others in our community. In so doing, we can also set an example for those generations coming up of what it means to be a positive, participating member of society so that when their turn comes they can carry on this important work. Beyond donations of time and money, this gift of a positive attitude and example to others may be our most lasting legacy. See you around the Club.

Fraternally,

John Emery, Exalted Ruler



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James Ruppel.....	6
Raymond Gulbrand.....	7
John Giese.....	8
Anton Meister.....	8
Scott Louks.....	9
Thomas Kraus.....	11
Karen Ruedinger.....	11
Marvin Oelke.....	12
Norman Behnke.....	13
J Julka.....	13
Mark Vande Berg.....	13
Myron Bartelt.....	15
Virginia Reath.....	18
John Snider.....	18
Roger Zuleger.....	18
Edward Foy.....	19
Elwood Bilse.....	21
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Scott Krueger.....	21
Craig Larson.....	21
James Sabel.....	21
David Kuen.....	22
John Neumann.....	23
Thomas Carew.....	24
Joe Golichnik.....	24
Gary Sadoff.....	25
Bruce Atkinson.....	28
William Parker.....	29
Graham Schnese.....	29
Thomas Lohmann.....	30
Ann Seibel.....	31
Elizabeth Suprenand.....	31

DO THE DEAD SLEEP AT OLD 57?

Reprinted from 10-01. By Bill Weinshrott, PER and Terrence Lemke PER

As a past Officer and Trustee of our Fond du Lac Lodge, for many years now, it had often happened that my duties required me to be in the building alone. As fate would have it, this often happened at night. Now I don't think of my self as someone who scares easily, but I would be lying if I did not admit that at least once or twice, I found the hair on the back of my neck standing up and the feeling that I was not alone creep in upon my thoughts. This feeling was the strongest while leaving the ballroom or walking along the basement, in the crypt-like corridors and rooms behind the bowling alleys. I know this manifestation is a product of my own imagination-or at least I did, until the following article from the May 15th, 1903 Daily Common Wealth was discovered.

“Bones of a human being, thought to be a man, were found by workmen excavating for the Elk's Club House, at the northeast corner of Sheboygan and Portland Streets.

The discovery was made Thursday afternoon about two feet below the surface of the ground. The skeleton was not complete, and indications are that it is of considerable age., and that the missing parts had decayed. Near the bones were found rotten bits of boards, as though the body had been enclosed in a box. The parts of the skeleton best preserved were a jawbone, several ribs, bones from the arms and legs, and a portion of the skull. The size of the fragments indicates that the skeleton was that of a man of good size.

The find was made near the rear or north end of the lot and about the center of it, east and west. There was no building over the spot. Excavations have not proceeded below the level on which the bones were found, and some of the workmen are of the opinion that more will be found lower down.”

Searching the archives at the library, I hoped to find more information on these bones. Whose were they? How long had they been there before rough hands drew them from their rest/ Where do they lay now?

I am sorry to say that no other information could be found. Only two other questions then remain. Are there indeed more bones, as the workers predicted, under our foundations? And do those who possessed them in life, sleep in peace or wander our halls at night?

Happy Halloween

Bill Weinshrott, PER/ PDDGER

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Auxiliary President 2013-2014

The Auxiliary meeting was an interesting one for many reasons in September. I'm here again! Unfortunately; President-Elect Chris Carew had to bow out from the position due to health reasons and I have agreed to take the position for a second term.

In addition to that; for all that were not at the meeting – Judy Krueger has agreed to take the position of Corresponding Secretary again. As a result, we were both unanimously voted in and installed.

Special thanks go out to Laura Ketelhut, our guest speaker for September. She is the only female Fire fighter/paramedic for the city of Fond du Lac. Her presentation was quite informative and very enjoyable. She was definitely worth waiting for.

Our October meeting will feature “Back porch poet” who I hear puts on an entertaining presentation and well worth coming to hear. Watch for your post card in the mail in early October. You can either email or call Judy Krueger with your reservation.

The coming year is filled with great guest speakers and entertainment along with a menu of great food.

As Always; please consider supporting the Lodge by joining us for a meal, meeting or special event. There are several upcoming events: Trivia Nights, The Spaghetti dinner and the Neil Diamond impersonator to name a few! And there is always “Party on the Patio” on Thursdays, Friday night fish and more.

This year, the Auxiliary Board chose to adopt the Solution Center. Watch your post card for the desired contribution each month. **THANK's to all the ladies** who brought diapers to the first meeting of the year.

Lastly, if you are still interested in joining or renewing your Auxiliary membership you can send it to Liz Suprenand at: 323 E. Division Street, FDL. Your membership is important to us!

Claudia Beaster-Christie
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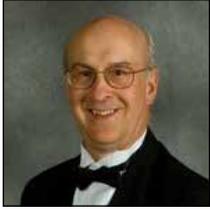
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



Per Member Donations as of 9/7/2013: \$9.62 Per Member

Here we are already, at the halfway point of the 2013-2014 Lodge year. And, as has been the custom for many years, it is Elks National Foundation Month. During the month of October, the ENF asks us as members to look back on what the Foundation has accomplished not only this year but in years past.

Thousands upon thousands of scholarships the Elks have been provided to students in college, to help them with education. Numerous donations were made by the Elks to homeless shelters and food pantries across America. Veterans in homes across the country received useful supplies to be used in their daily activities. Thousands of brochures were distributed by the Elks to the youth of America to inform them of the danger associated with drug use.

None of this would have been possible if it was not for you, the member making the all important donation to the Elks National Foundation. Think back to when you joined this great organization, to when you were standing on the Lodge floor reciting the obligation before the Altar of Elkdom. This was when you were introduced to the four cornerstones of the Elks: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Take a moment to reflect back to that time. For some of us it was just a few years ago, while to other members of our Order it was many years ago, but the words were still the same. Now, I ask each of you this important question: Are you living up to the oath you took, promising to support the four cornerstones of our Order, and working to make our Lodge a shining example within our community, and to make yourself a better person?

I don't know the person who made this comment, but it could have been any one of us: "We only have a short time upon this stage we call life, so let us make the best of it." Just being an Elk does not make you a better person, but you can become a better Elk as well as a better person by following the words expressed in the obligation you took when you joined this Order. We have accomplished a lot since 1928, when the ENF was established. There is plenty of work that lies ahead for all of us, but together we can make this country a better place for everyone.

Congratulations to the following members who have attained the next level in donations to the Elks National Foundation:

Scott Krueger \$500	Gary Sadoff \$500	John Emery \$250
Gerald Gruenhagen \$250	Brian Lorrigan \$250	James E. Schmitz \$100
Susan Avery \$100	Robert Schaeffer \$100	

Also, congratulations to Terry Shoemaker on attaining Permanent Benefactor status with \$2,000 in donations to the Elks National Foundation.

ALL DONATIONS TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Let's keep working together.

Don Behnke, PER
Lodge #57
ENF Chairman

ENF Month Challenge

With October being Elks National Foundation month, I will put up an offer. Any member who donates at least \$25.00 during the month of October; I will make a \$5.00 donation to the ENF up to \$200. Last year, this challenge resulted in me making a donation of \$140.00 to the ENF.

Don Behnke, PER, ENF Chairman, Lodge #57

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A Message From The Secretary:

Membership in your Elks Lodge #57 is vital to this community in which you live. Our Lodge contributes significantly to youth and veteran programs. These community assets are not possible without the assistance of Elk #57 members. It is very important to me, as Secretary, that we do not lose any members in the course of a year. In fact, it is my goal to achieve "Membership +1" again this year. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so in the next week or two...we need you!

This is your Lodge, make the most of it and make it the most fun place to be!

Trista Holz, Secretary



Bresa Vuittonet, a Fond du Lac 5th Grader who won the State Americanism Essay contest, with GER Pickering and Past District Deputy GER Ernie Bellin.



Project Blake Update...

Project Blake "Open Art Studio"

Sponsored by the ENF impact grant.

Lodge 57 has applied for a 2014 Impact Grant for the 3rd year in a row, let's keep our fingers crossed that we receive it- these \$10,000 annual grants usually run only 2 years but we were encouraged to apply again! In the meantime, here's what's been going on with the program: Project Blake was invited to join in The Fondue Fest street festival, The Elks partnered with the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership to supply the Spray Chalk and volunteers to provide a family fun event during the festival. It was a lot of fun and the wall paved the way for exploding the program through the media to let people know what the Project Blake sponsored by the Impact Grant is all about. Channel 2 news did a segment which aired on September 13th which was then picked up nationally including networks in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Maryland, Massachusetts and Delaware. The ENF has the clip on their front page so if you missed it take a peak at www.elks.org! The T.V. coverage was filmed at the Fond du Lac Juvenile Detention center where we go in and spend hours with the kids as part of an accredited part of their education. The Reporter picked up the story which also covered the Elks-funded Open Art Studio for At-risk kids at Marian College. We as Elks should be proud of our part in this programs growth and sustainability-- The Elks team goal was to help sustain the program into the future and then let it go and grow but always lending a helping hand if needed. We have had many in kind donations and support from local businesses, including Gallery and Frame, Blessed Bee Cup Cake, Sherwin Williams Paint, Habitat for Humanity, the County as well as many private donations through art supplies and time. We had a fun glazing project last Thursday during Party on the Patio! Thanks to all of those who came to help finish the pots created by some of our detention participants... A special thanks to Betty, Lyla and Mary Liz we appreciate the extra effort on your part.

Please check out the Facebook page "Project Blake" and watch as the program grows, shines and impacts our community!!! WOW!!!

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6	7 5p Monday Bowling League	8 11:30 Lunch	9 11:30 Lunch 5p Wednesday Bowling League	10 11:30 Lunch 5p Thursday Bowling League 5:30p Party on the Patio 6p Board Meeting 7p New Member Induction	11 11:30 Lunch 5p Entertainment - Jess Ellison 5p Fish Fry & Special	12 5p Cocktail Bowling League
13 12p Packer Party (Baltimore)	14 Columbus Day 5p Monday Bowling League	15 11:30 Lunch 6p House Meeting 7:30p Lodge Meeting	16 11:30 Lunch 5p Wednesday Bowling League	17 11:30 Lunch 5p Thursday Bowling League 5:30p Party on the Patio	18 11:30 Lunch 5p Fish Fry & Special 5p Tour the Town Visiting Artist	19 7p Entertainment - Neil Diamond
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