

**MINNESOTA ELKS**  
**MINUTES OF FALL 2010 METRO DISTRICT MEETING & DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC**

DATE: September 11, 2010    TIME: 2:00pm    LOCATION: Hopkins #2221    ATTENDANCE: 58  
INVOCATION BY: Doug Dryland, Hopkins    PLEDGE BY: Fred Tremper    PRESIDING: Neil Johnson  
OPENING REMARKS: Bob Oakes, Hopkins Exalted Ruler    MINUTES APPROVED: YES

**RECOGNITION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PATRIOTS DAY (9/11)**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT:**

-DDGER Royce Bottin, Esquire to DDGER Pat Tisot

-PDDGERS: Tom Hoelscher, E.J. Ernie Taylor, Aaron Lundblad, Neil Johnson, Joe Donkers, Pat Wright, Jeff Ellison, Craig DeForge

-PAST STATE PRESIDENTS: Ernie Taylor, Joe Donkers

-STATE: State Esquire, Terry Wagner; State Chaplain, Craig DeForge

-EXALTED RULERS PRESENT: Tracy Rusinyak - Minneapolis #44; Lottie Aslakson – Red Wing #845; Marcia La Vine - St. Cloud #2843; Joe Joslin - Stillwater #179; Joe Willenbring - Dakota County #2832; Bob Cochran - Faribault #1166; Bob Oakes - Hopkins #2221

Roll call of Exalted Rulers: The Exalted Rulers introduced their members who were present and gave a brief update on their Lodge's activities and goals.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Copies available from District Secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

ER 101: Leading Knights should start preparing to attend, get information to Lynn Rolf. There will be break out as well as group sessions, bring ideas and be ready to brainstorm.

State Directory: Bring current contact info and events to District Planning meeting.

Committee Reports - breakout sessions: There will be two more topics added; Trustees - Duties, Responsibilities, and Boundaries; Committee Responsibilities at lodge, district, and state levels, flow of communication and how to help/retrieve flow of information.

Midyear Convention - Minneapolis 44 update, Jeff Ellison: Committees are in place, however there is a serious lag in registration. There will be shuttles to and from the American Inn and Crowne Plaza hotels. Notify the committee chairs of any special needs or concerns. Ads for the booklet need to be in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

District planning date: It was determined to hold the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in Stillwater.

Recap Grand Lodge Session - Bob Cochran: There were 14 resolutions voted on, copies are available. Resolutions 2010-05, 2010-09, and 2010-10 were discussed extensively at Grand Lodge with all three being defeated. The Grand Lodge voting mechanism was impressive in handling the delegates votes.

State raffle tickets - deadline October 1, 2010: Some lodges having difficulty in selling tickets, Strategies

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were discussed by members that had sold numerous tickets, i.e. group buy in, comparison to other gambling odds, the benefits for the Elks Camp, etc.

**ELECTIONS**

The following were nominated and a unanimously elected:

Youth Camp Director - John Miller, nominated by Tom Hoelscher  
Bowling Association - Gerald "Mick" Thiebault, nominated by Tom Hoelscher  
Golf Committee - Jerry Shoults nominated by Tim Johnson  
DD Esquire - Greg Hammes, nominated by Jerry Shoults  
Metro District President - Neil Johnson, nominated by Aaron Lundblad

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Youth Camp Closing, September 24-25, 2010  
2010 Mid Year Conference, Minneapolis, October 22-23, 2010  
Minnesota Elks Mixed Curling Bonspiel, Hibbing, November 19-20, 2010  
State Ritual Contest, Willmar, January 8, 2011  
District Deputy Clinic, Red Wing, January 15, 2011  
Exalted Ruler Seminar, Wadena, January 22-23, 2011  
State Elks Bowling Tournament, Winona, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2011  
State Hoop Shoot Contest, Hutchinson, February 12, 2011  
Elks International Bonspiel, Eveleth, February 25-27, 2011  
Regional Hoop Shoot, Iowa City, IA, March 12-13, 2011  
District Planning Meeting, Stillwater, March 15, 2011  
State Officers' Budget Meeting, Owatonna, March 27, 2011  
Metro Spring Conference, Red Wing, April 16, 2011  
Youth Camp Opening, May 13-15, 2011  
Ladies Youth Camp Weekend, May 20-22, 2011  
2011 State Convention and Grand Exalted Ruler's Visit to Minnesota, Hopkins, June 24-25, 2011  
2011 Grand Lodge Session, Phoenix, AZ, July 17-21, 2011  
2011 Mid-Year Conference, St. Cloud, October 21-22, 2011

**LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS, James Michaels**

- No proposals or amendments have been presented at this time – any presented by September 23rd will be considered at convention in Minneapolis in October 2010.
- The Minnesota State Elks constitution is now available on line via the state website.
- The All members attending the Metro District Fall Meeting and DD Clinic expressed their gratitude to Hopkins Lodge #2221 for their hospitality in hosting this conference.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETING**

\*Appropriate committee reports will be given during this meeting as specified by the DDGER.

\*Hoop Shoot – DD Royce Bottin issued Hoop Shoot packets to ERs.

\*Lodge and Club Activities – DD Royce Bottin presented citation to Stillwater and Hopkins for All American Lodge participation. Presented citation to Red Wing for Memorial Service.

\*Membership and Lapsation – DD Royce Bottin presented citation to Dakota County for Net Gain in

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Membership.

\*Ritualistic – Metro District Ritualistic Winners, Tracy Rusinyak (ER – 11 O’Clock Toast Contest); PER Jeff Ellison (PER – 11 O’Clock Toast Contest); and PER Jerry VonRuden (Flag Charge Contest)

\* DD Royce Bottin presented GER Commendation of Excellence to PDDGER Craig DeForge for service as District Deputy.

**DRAWING:**

Myla Trout won the 50/50 drawing, with \$150.00 to Myla Trout and \$150.00 going to the Youth Camp.  
\$300.00 total

**MEETING ADJOURNED WITH CLOSING PRAYER BY DAVE DRYLAND HOPKINS, AT 5:35 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

Timothy Johnson,  
Metro District Secretary