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## MINNESOTA *ELKS* ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 7, 2011

TO: North District Lodges and North District Committee Chairs

RE: North District Spring Conference and District Deputy Clinic  
April 09, 2011 - Hosted by Thief River Falls Lodge #1308

Dear Members,

Our North District Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 09, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. (\*NOTE EARLIER START TIME) at Thief River Falls Lodge #1308. In addition to our meeting, the District Deputy Clinic will be presented by DDGER Patty Theisen. A luncheon will be served prior to the meeting, starting at 11:00 a.m. The Agenda is attached for your review.

**All ER's, Leading Knights, Secretaries, Trustee Chairs and North District Committee Chairs are required to attend this meeting. Any other members from the North District Lodges are welcome to attend. ER's - Please post the enclosed meeting notice.**

**Outgoing Exalted Ruler:** 1) It is your duty to make sure that local Committee Chairs (Lodge Year 2010-2011) report to the respective North District Committee Chairs prior to this meeting.

**Exalted Ruler-Elect:** 1) Please bring a completed Goal Sheet (enclosed). 2) Please be prepared to give a brief overview of your lodge events and activities.

All North District Committee Chairs are required to report at this Conference. Reports will be held to a maximum of 10 minutes and a **copy of the written report** is to be turned in at the time of presentation. If you are unable to attend, please send your report with another member from your Lodge.

I will be taking orders for MN shirts (for the National Convention). Please be sure to bring cash or have a check to pay for the shirts you order (anticipated cost: \$30/shirt).

I look forward to seeing all of you.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lynn M. Rohlf'.

LYNN M. ROHLF, PDDGER, PGR  
North District President - MN ELKS Association

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cc: Dwayne Rumney, PGER, PSP, State Sponsor  
Patty Theisen, North District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
Todd Coulombe, Esquire to the North District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
Rosemary Tedrick, Auditor to the North District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
Jerry Shoults, State President, MN ELKS Association  
ND PSP's: Floyd L. Spence, Jack St. Martin, Bill Reynolds, Ron Tedrick, Charlie Radika, Dean D. Holm,  
and, George Walters  
Lisa Richmond, South DP; George Lehn, Central DP; Neil Johnson, Metro DP  
Todd Deal, North District Trustee  
Dennis F. Bertilson, Secretary to the North District President



**NORTH DISTRICT  
2011  
SPRING CONFERENCE &  
DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC**

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

**Thief River Falls Lodge #1308  
123 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701  
218-681-3045**

**11:00 AM      LUNCH  
12:00 PM      MEETING**

**\*PLEASE NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME**

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**Hosted By: Thief River Falls Lodge #1308**  
**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening by Lynn M. Rohlf, North District President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation, Chaplain of Thief River Falls Lodge #1308
4. Roll call of Lodges: Bemidji, Duluth, Eveleth, Hibbing, Int'l Falls, Thief River Falls, and Virginia
5. Introductions of distinguished guests: Grand Lodge Officers; Grand Lodge Committee Members; Current District Deputy, Current Esquire to the District Deputy; Current Auditor to the District Deputy; Past District Deputies; Past State Presidents; Current State Officers; Current State Committee Chairs; Secretary to the North District President
6. Welcome by Exalted Ruler, Thief River Falls Lodge #1308
7. District Deputy Clinic by Patty Theisen, DDGER, MN North
  - a. Presentation of Grand Lodge Program
  - b. Presentation of Grand Lodge Committee Reports
    1. Americanism Tammy Lyon
    2. Business Practices George Walters
    3. Drug Awareness Larry Cuffe
    4. Government Relations Patti Naughton
    5. PER Organization Fred Wilson
    6. Lodge & Club Activities Shirley Reuter
    7. National Foundation Cathy Engelking
    8. Membership & Lapsation Peg Mehrkens
    9. National Service Dan Neumann
    10. Elks Training Program Beverly Smith
    11. Publicity & Public Relations Diane Blight
    12. Ritualistic Ben Erickson
    13. Youth Activities Mark Muhich
    14. Soccer Shoot Anthony Jeffries
    15. Hoop Shoot Dan Holm
    16. Scholarship Karen Swenson
    17. Accident Prevention Todd Coulombe
8. State Committee Reports
  - a. Presentation of State Committee Reports
    1. Elks Youth Camp Krazy Thompson/Charlie Radika
    2. Youth Camp Memorial Trust Fund Cheryl Olivanti
    3. Elks Bowling Association Leroy Belanger/Kraig Raiber
    4. Elks Golf Committee Joe Dunn/Dave Vincent
    5. Penny-A-Day Becky Radika
    6. Laws and Resolutions Keith Marek
    7. Credentials Butch Blight/Don Ewald
    8. New Lodge Development Dick Vesely

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9. Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
10. Reading of Communications
11. Old Business
12. New Business
  - a. ER Goals/Lodge Update (by Exalted Rulers of each Lodge)
  - b. State Directory
  - c. North District President Report/Comments
13. Nominations/Elections
  - a. Election of North District Deputy Esquire
  - b. Discussion regarding upcoming Fall Elections
    - (Youth Camp Director - Charlie Radika's term is up 2012)
    - (Bowling Director - Kraig Raiber's term is up 2012)
    - (Golf Director - Joe Dunn's term is up 2012)
    - (Youth Camp Memorial Fund Investment Board - Cheryl Olivanti's term is up 2012)
    - (North District President - Lynn Rohlf's term is up 2012)
    - (Need to Elect DD Esquire @ Fall Meeting)
14. Good Of The Order
  - a. Youth Camp Opening, May 13-15, 2011
  - b. Ladies Youth Camp Weekend, May 20-22, 2011
  - c. State Convention & GER's Visit, Hopkins, June 24-25, 2011
  - d. Grand Lodge Session, Phoenix, Arizona, July 17-21, 2011
  - e. State Elks Golf Tournament, Wadena, July 30, 2011
  - f. District Soccer Shoot, **date/host needed:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Elks Kids & Grandkids To Camp - Session I - July 24 to July 30, 2011
  - h. Elks Kids & Grandkids To Camp - Session II - July 31 to August 6, 2011
  - i. Family Camp, August 12-14, 2011
  - j. State Soccer Shoot, Youth Camp, **date needed:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - k. Youth Camp Closing, September 23-25, 2011
  - l. Fall Conference & District Deputy Clinic, Virginia, September **date needed:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - m. Mid-Year Conference, St. Cloud, October 21-22, 2011
  - n. Split The Pot
15. Additional Business
16. Benediction, Chaplain of Thief River Falls Lodge #1308
17. Adjourn

**MINNESOTA ELKS**  
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**NORTH DISTRICT 2010 FALL CONFERENCE & DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC**  
**Hosted By: International Falls Lodge #1599**  
**Saturday, September 11, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by North District President Lynn M. Rohlf at 1:00 p.m.  
Discussion on Lodges failure to turn in committee rosters.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Leroy Belanger of International Falls Lodge #1599.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Leroy Belanger of International Falls Lodge #1599.

There was a moment of silence in observation of 9-11.

Roll call of Lodges: Bemidji; Duluth; Eveleth; Hibbing; International Falls; Thief River Falls; and, Virginia.

Introductions:

Special Deputy Ron Tedrick

DDGER Patty Theisen; DD Esquire Todd Coulombe; and, DD Auditor Rosemary Tedrick

PDDGER's were recognized

PSP's: Floyd Spence, Jack St. Martin, Bill Reynolds, Ron Tedrick, Charlie Radika, and George Walters

State Committee Chairs: Leroy Belanger; Bev Smith; Becky Radika; and, Fred Wilson

Secretary to the North District President Dennis F. Bertilson

Welcome by Exalted Ruler Russell Strand of International Falls Lodge #1599. Russ welcomed all to the Lodge and thanked all for coming.

Correction to Agenda - No vote for Trustee (was already done last Fall).

Presentation of Grand Lodge Program by DDGER Patty Theisen.

Patty DD Esquire Todd Coulombe.

DDGER Theisen outlined and presented the Grand Lodge Program as expected by GER Smith. The ENF goal of \$4.50 per capita is being stressed again this year. Also being stressed this Lodge year are Veterans programs, membership recruitment, public relations, correct business practices and leadership.

Grand Lodge Committee Reports:

- Americanism - Tammy Lyon - Theme is "Why I Am Proud To Be An American." Information will be sent to all lodges and she requested contact information.
- Business Practices - George Walters - Thanked lodges for submitting audits and reminded lodges that there is a fine for late submission. You can do an internal audit, but need prior permission from Grand Lodge. Secretary and Treasurer need to be bonded. Lodges need to use the voucher system. He requested contact information.
- Drug Awareness - Larry Cuffe (report by Sparky Reuter) - Information received from Thief River Falls, Hibbing, and Virginia was shared.
- Government Relations - Patti Naughton (report by Patty Theisen) - Reminded lodges to keep track of charitable works.
- PER Organization - Fred Wilson (report by Leroy Belanger) - PER's are active in all lodges. Information received from Eveleth, Int'l Falls, Thief River Falls, and Hibbing was reported on.
- Lodge & Club Activities - Sparky Reuter - Information received from Thief River Falls, Hibbing, and Virginia was shared. GL information was distributed to all lodges.

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- Elk's National Foundation - Cathy Engelking - Int'l Falls is top donor in the North, followed by Eveleth, and then Virginia. She covered the ENF grants and scholarship information.
- Membership/Lapsation - Peg Mehrkens - Lodges need to make a serious effort to reduce or eliminate delinquencies. She distributed the latest Membership/Lapsation statistics.
- National Service - Dan Neumann - Not present and no report.
- Elks Training Program - Beverly Smith - The training test has been distributed. Please complete the test and return to her by January 31, 2011.
- Publicity & Public Relations - Diane Blight - The PR Contest winner for the North was Int'l Falls. She advised that she attended the Public Relations seminar at Grand Lodge this past July. She encouraged lodges to complete the forms and send them to her!
- Ritualistic - Ben Erickson (report by Peg Mehrkens) - 11 O'Clock Toast and Flag Charge contests will be held at the Mid-Year; Ritual Clinic will be November 27, 2010 at the Minneapolis Lodge; State Ritual Contest will be January 9, 2011 at the Willmar Lodge.
- Youth Activities - Mark Muhich (report by George Walters) - Reports were received from Duluth, Eveleth, Hibbing and Virginia and that information was shared.
- Soccer Shoot - Tony Jeffries - Only Thief River Falls and Eveleth participated in the Soccer Shoot this year. 4 kids from each lodge advanced to the State Competition.
- Hoop Shoot - Dan Holm - Dan thanked outgoing co-chairs Rick and Sally Erickson. He went over his vision to have a more centrally located District Shoot. He will also ask that all local lodge chairs become involved with the District Shoot. The stipend received from the State would go to help the host lodge cover rental fees, meal costs, etc. The District Shoot will be in Virginia on Sunday, January 30, 2011.
- Scholarship - Karen Swenson - The contest began on September 1, 2010, and all lodges should have received the information. Applications are due to the local lodge by December 1, 2010, and must be forwarded to the District level by January 5, 2011.
- Accident Prevention - Conni Wilson (report by Fred Wilson) - Nothing new to report. It was decided that, in the future, this position will be held by the DD Esquire. Todd Coulombe will take over from this point forward.

### \*\*\*BREAK FOR RITUAL COMPETITION\*\*\*

**Judges: Keith Marek, PER, Bemidji Lodge #1052; Peg Mehrkens, PER, Thief River Falls Lodge #1308; and, Dan Holm, PER, Duluth Lodge #133**

**Winning in both the Flag Charge and PER 11 o'clock Toast - Tony Jeffries - Eveleth Lodge #1161**

### State Committee Reports

- Elks Youth Camp - Krazy Thompson/Charlie Radika (report by Charlie Radika) - .No written report submitted.
- Youth Camp Memorial Trust Fund - Cheryl Olivanti (report by Lynn Rohlf) - The next meeting will be January 28, 2011. Balance as of August 24, 2010 - \$1,731,971.63; balance as of August 31, 2008 - \$1,509,462.61. The fund has rebounded fairly well, especially when you consider there were also withdrawals of about \$170,000.00 for camp expenses.

State Committee Reports Continued:

- Elks Bowling Association - Leroy Belanger - Tournament will be held in Winona.
- Elks Golf Association - Joe Dunn and Dave Vincent - Not present - No report.
- Penny-A-Day - Becky Radika - She covered donations by lodge and District and reminded lodges to bring their baskets to the Mid-Year in Minneapolis.
- Laws & Resolutions - Keith Marek - No proposed amendments have been received and the Constitution is available in PDF format on the Minnesota Elks web site.

**Resolution: Thank you to the members of International Falls Lodge #1599 for their collective hospitality in hosting this year's Spring District Meeting and District Deputy Clinic.**

- New Lodge Development - Dick Vesely - The process has started in Detroit Lakes. The Committee met in St. Cloud on August 9, 2010. The first meeting in Detroit Lakes is set for September 23, 2010. Possible new lodge sites: Walker and Greenbush.
- Credentials - Butch Blight - 38 attending (same as last Fall).

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (April 10, 2010) - A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes as hard copies had been distributed; motion seconded and carried.

Reading of Communications

- a. Letter indicating new dates of State Convention - June 22 & 23, 2012, Hibbing.
- b. Invitation to the State Soccer Shoot.
- c. E-Mail regarding possibility of ND Elks Ritual Team
- d. Letter from Rainy River Community College Foundation thanking us for supporting their scholarship program.
- e. Letter from Bryce Ziemba thanking us for the \$500 ND Elks Scholarship.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Lodge Updates - All Lodges reported.
- State Directory - Updates given.
- North District President Report/Comments - ND President Rohlf.
- Discussion on meeting with Dwayne Rumney regarding monies left over from folding of Detroit Lakes Lodge.

Nominations/Elections

- a. Election of North District Youth Camp Board Director (2011 to 2013)  
Nominations: Krazy Thompson, Int'l Falls #1022; unanimous ballot cast for Krazy Thompson
- b. Election of North District Golf Committee Director (2011 to 2013)  
Nominations: Dave Vincent, Hibbing Lodge #1022; unanimous ballot cast for Dave Vincent
- c. Election of North District Bowling Committee Director (2011 to 2013)  
Nominations: Leroy Belanger, Int'l Falls #1599; unanimous ballot cast for Leroy Belanger
- d. Election of North District President  
Nominations: Lynn Rohlf, Duluth #133; unanimous ballot cast for Lynn Rohlf
- e. Election of DD Esquire - Tabled to January Clinic

Good Of The Order

- a. Youth Camp Closing, September 24-26, 2010
- b. Mid-Year Convention, Minneapolis, October 22-23, 2010
- c. MN Elks Mixed Curling Bonspiel, Hibbing, November 20, 2010
- d. State Ritual Contest, Willmar, January 8, 2011
- e. Winter District Deputy Clinic, Hibbing, January 15, 2011
- f. Exalted Ruler's Seminar (ER 101), Wadena, January 22-23, 2011
- g. District Hoop Shoot, Virginia, January 30, 2011
- h. State Elks Bowling Tournament, Winona, All 4 Weekends - February 2011
- i. State Hoop Shoot Contest, February 12, 2011
- j. Elks International Bonspiel, Eveleth, February 25-27, 2011
- k. Regional Hoop Shoot, Iowa City, IA, March 11-13, 2011
- l. State Officer's Budget Meeting, Owatonna, March 27, 2011
- m. Spring Conference and District Deputy Clinic, Thief River Falls, April 9, 2011
- n. Hoop Shoot Finals, Springfield, MA, April 28 to May 1, 2011
- o. Youth Camp Opening, May 13-15, 2011
- p. Ladies Youth Camp Opening, May 20-22, 2011
- q. First Camping Session, June 12, 2011
- r. State Convention and GER's Visit, Hopkins, June 24-25, 2011
- s. Grand Lodge Session, Phoenix, AZ, July 17-21, 2011
- t. Split The Pot - \$105 to Peg Mehrkens - \$100 to buy a Camp Raffle Ticket for the North District

Additional Business

Motion to hold the next meeting one hour earlier with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting to start at Noon. Motion seconded and carried.

Benediction by Chaplain Leroy Belanger of International Falls Lodge #1599.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,



Lynn M. Rohlf, PDDGER, PER  
North District President - MN Elks Association

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