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EXALTED RULER

May has turned out to be fantastic as we traveled to Green Bay to experience our exciting state convention that was held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Many sessions were held including the swearing in of our new State President Mr. George Myers and our First Lady Muriel. What a wonderful and joyous time had by all and I would like to give a great round of praise to all of our officers and members who took part in this unique experience. The committee for credentials and elections stated that the attendance from all state lodges was the largest showing they have had in years. It shows that Wausau #248 truly has great leadership when it comes to Elkdom. On Sunday, our lodge had 11 officers and members attend to experience the installation of officers of our new state Board of Directors. We represented the most officers and members per lodge this year by far. My hats off to those of you who attended.

Well, June starts off some great events starting with our Flag Day celebration on June 14th on the 400 block followed by Father's Day and the Concerts on the Square. I am asking that those of you who wish to be part of these and participate in helping us spread Elkdom around our community, please contact me so I can get you involved with those events. My contact info is in the bulletin. I would love to have you.

Also keep in mind that we are setting the stage for our 125 yr. celebration with the organizing and planning of this great event which will be held in October this year. You will not want to miss this so watch the bulletin for further updates.

As we move through the year I would still like to remind everyone about sharing your pride in Elkdom which has been my motto from day one. "Share Your Pride" has been the burning desire for me and Renee and with that, I wear my lodge pin proudly on my lapel as well as carrying Elkdom in my heart. I am still waiting to hear your responses about what makes you proud of your pride of being an Elk. Is it about being at the lodge with others, the felling you got when you were initiated or just giving back to those in need within our community. I'm still waiting to hear from you. With your stories and shared experiences I have no doubt that we, Wausau Lodge #248 will grow and prosper within our community. Let me hear from you.

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NEWS FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

When someone finds that I am an Elk, or when I ask someone if they might be interested in joining the Elks, I of course receive the question of what exactly do the Elks accomplish? The easy answer is to say we focus on youth and veterans, but my response is to ask the prospective member if he/she has ever heard of Camp Wawbeek. Without fail they have not, and then I have my chance. Imagine, I say, a place that has the personnel to take care of severely challenged children and young adults so that their parents or guardians can get a week for themselves knowing that their charges are in expert hands. Further, it comes at no cost. "Impossible," they say. Nope. That is Camp Wawbeek, which receives major funding from the Elks. Among many other things, that is what we do. Because I was an Elk in Two Rivers, I knew of Camp Wawbeek. As a high school principal, I helped families take advantage of the camp on a regular basis. The greatest testimony I heard came from a family whose son was severely multiply handicapped and had little awareness of his surroundings. He did not know if he was at school or at home, but when they traveled to their cabin just north of the Dells, he could recognize the entrance to Camp Wawbeek and became excited. June 24 is Elk's day at Camp Wawbeek. If you have never visited the site, you need to go. You will never again have a problem answering a question about what the Elks do. By the way, make sure you have some Kleenex.

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IN MEMORIAM

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us, what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." Albert Pike

Timothy Lambert

Born July 24, 1937, Initiated November 2, 2000, Died May 10, 2017, A Member 17 Years

~ In vain we call, they have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death ~

