

LOCAL MAN RECEIVES STATE AWARD

The Elks State Convention recently held in Green Bay Wisconsin April 30 through May 3, 2015 awarded the Exalted Ruler of the Year award. At the recent convention, the award was granted to a member of the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Bob Willis of the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 received the award at the recent State Convention. Have you met Bob Willis? Well, I have, and even though he is a transplant from Illinois (via Iowa), you have to admire and respect all that he has accomplished in his tenure as Exalted Ruler, as well as his tenacity to see a project through to completion.

Under Bob's leadership for two consecutive terms as the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 Exalted Ruler, he rolled up his sleeves and was instrumental in several unusual and memorable responsibilities including navigating the local lodge through a condemnation process for an unsafe building structure that houses Stevens Point Elks Local #641, working with frozen pipes in the middle of an unforgiving Wisconsin winter, coordinating and executing the Dictionary Project and is also involved in the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Program as well as such regular tasks as forming hamburger patties for members burger night, picking up supplies for the kitchen or painting the card room and the men's bathroom as well as assisting with Christmas decorations at the Lodge.

I understand from Bob's wife, Mina that the award along with a gavel is at a local business in Stevens Point being mounted and framed for proud display in his home.

It goes without saying in these current and uncertain times, that when there are community members such as Bob that devote their time and talents to charitable causes, many deserving people share in the rewards.

Congratulations, Bob and best of luck to all future Exalted Ruler(s) to strive for his excellence.

Submitted by Kathy Berg, Plover, Wisconsin