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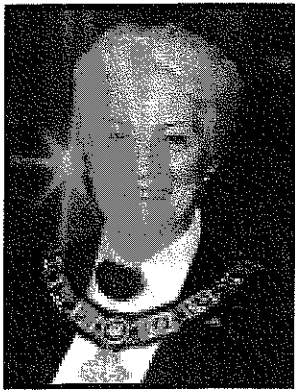
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Message from the State President



Priscilla Schwab
President 2008-2009

February is now history, with another Elks birthday and another lodge election cycle behind us. Having survived the latter one way or the other, members must now be thinking about the lodge year ahead. Thinking is good, of course, but planning is better, and doing is best of all.

That is why this spring workshop will focus on planning and doing. First, our state ritual chairman, Dick Fleck, will conduct a demonstration of parts of our Order's ritual—the opening, the closing, balloting on candidates, death of a member, and honors to guests. The current Exalted Rulers will take the chairs and act as guests—after appropriate rehearsal and coaching. The objective of this exercise is to provide the new officers with a consistent template for conducting these basic rituals in the lodge. And each incoming Exalted Ruler gets to take home a three-ring binder detailing how to do it all—the right way.

After that, we will break up into two focus groups. The newly elected officers, including repeats and those moving up, will meet with several past state presidents led by PSPs Frank Clopper and Vince Pingitore for a round-table discussion on "What Every Officer Needs to Know." Topics include: leadership skills, committee liaison, financial matters, and statutory responsibilities. Even those who think they know it all may learn something new.

The other group will focus on the Lodge's Governing Body, familiarly known as the House Committee, the workhorse of any lodge. Past state presidents will introduce guidelines and templates for House Committee operations, including (1) integration with Lodge events; (2) tracking income, costs, overhead, and inventory; (3) full disclosure reporting to the lodge; and (4) sub-committee assignments and member responsibilities. All members who have served, are serving, or will serve on House Committees are invited to attend this session.

The highlight of our workshop will be the Homecoming of our Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul D. Hesel, and his wife Jane. Naturally, special events are planned. On Friday, we'll have a Jail Night fund-raiser for the Wounded

Warriors program, featuring our own Judge, the Hon. Carlon O'Malley, "High Noon" Sheriff Mike Green, and assorted "felons" wanted for various heinous offenses, whose followers will have to buy their way out of, or pay to keep them in, the jail. On Saturday, the Terrific Trio of Nancy Wert, Martha Scully, and Kelley Randolph will conduct a silent auction to benefit Elks Camp Barrett. Each lodge has been asked to contribute an auction item, and Amazing Auctioneer Bill Wert will choose a few for a live—and lively—auction. As in Anaheim, we will have some fun.

On another subject, whether or not you are having a personal recession in the present economy, you need to think carefully about the proposed dues increase on which we members will vote this weekend. The proposal is to increase the association's per capita fee from \$2.25 to \$4.25. Arguments will be heard on both sides of the issue, but the available statistics show that in addition to a per capita fee, 12 state associations also assess a special fee. The total amounts range from a high of \$13.00 per member in Alaska with 17 lodges and 7,000 members to a low of \$1.00 per member in New Jersey with 118 lodges and 42,000 members. Most state association fees per member are in the \$3.00 to \$5.00 range. Consider the arguments carefully and vote wisely.

In closing, I'd like to borrow a bit of wisdom from one of our past state presidents (that would be Bill Buttrill). If any of you were asked, "Are you proud to be an Elk," I'm sure your answer would be yes. But just how proud are you? At lodge functions and state association events, some members' jackets are literally encrusted with dozens of Elks pins and other memorabilia. But what about at non-Elk events? Are you willing to proclaim your Elks allegiance at work, at church, at social functions like weddings and parties, on vacation?

Luckily, our Grand Exalted Ruler has provided the ideal pin—it's got a flashy little diamond and the word Elks, and it doesn't weigh a lot. Why not get into the habit of affixing Paul's pin to your collar or lapel every day? What are the chances that someone might ask you about that pin and thus give you the opportunity to tell them all about the wonders of Elkdom? And what might that lead to? At the very least a chance to publicize Elkdom and maybe even a new member! So why not "Be Proud to Be an Elk" and pin your pride on your person.

Fraternally,
Priscilla Schwab, President



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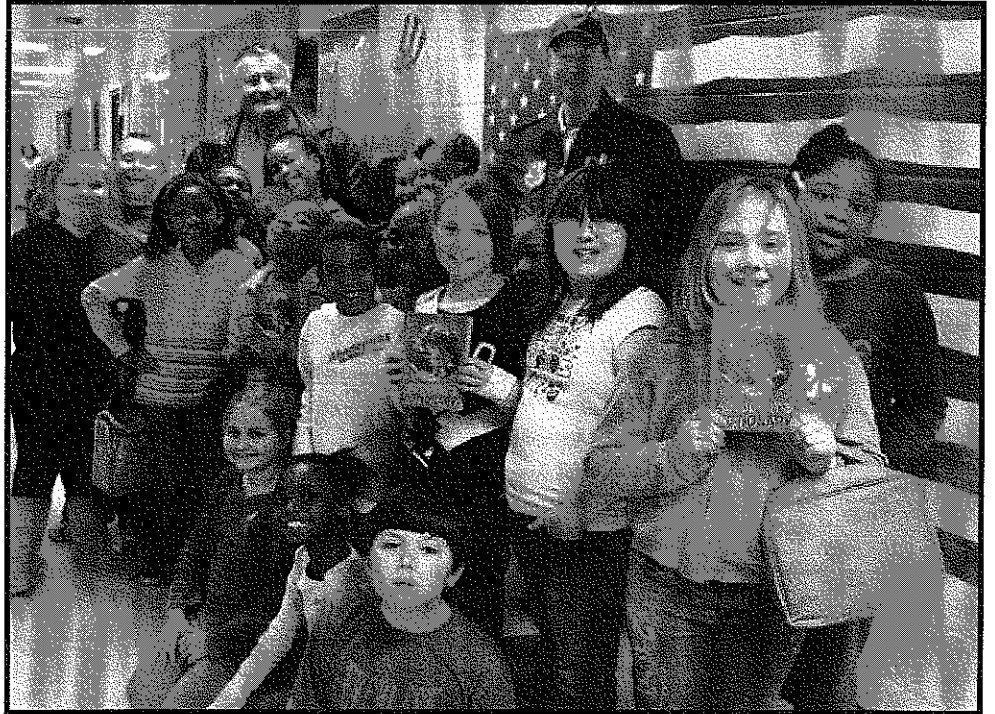
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**Next Newsletter
Deadline...
May 10, 2009**

"Crisfield Lodge Donates Dictionaries"



Shown above is the 3rd grade class at Greenwood Elementary School, Princess Anne, MD. Crisfield Lodge #1044 recently donated 264 dictionaries to the students of the school to assist their educational program. With with students are Lodge members: John Mackenzie, Lodge Secretary (left) and Terry Pehan, Lodge Vets Program Coordinator (right). This is just one of the many community programs supported by Crisfield Lodge.

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION LODGE BUDGET FOR VETERANS

The Lodge officers for the 2009-2010 fraternal year have been elected. Now is the time for the incoming Exalted Ruler and Lodge Veterans Chairperson to plan together to fund activities for the Lodge's Veteran programs for the upcoming year. I could take this opportunity to expound for pages on all the wonderful programs that our Order has developed to honor our Veterans and our active military personnel, but I know that I would be preaching to the choir. Therefore, it is very important that we take this time to plan and budget appropriate funding that will allow us to outwardly show our Veterans and military-personnel that we honor and respect them and their families for the sacrifices they made.

Programs such as the "Army of Hope", "Comfort Care Kits", "Adopt-A-Vet", and "Student/Veteran Volunteer Program", have been developed as tools to allow our members to pay tribute to those Veterans and military personnel who have given so much to allow us to live free.

I encourage you to plan your programs, prepare your budget, and put the appropriate teams in place to allow your Lodge and its members to show your Veterans that you care. Give a little bit of your time now and it will go a long way as you prove throughout the year that Elk's never forget.

Fraternally,
Roger R. True, PGER, Past Chairman

**NEXT MEETING - JUNE 12-14, 2009
2009 STATE CONVENTION
SHERATON DOVER HOTEL - DOVER, DE**

Coming Events

March 20-22, 2009

GER Visit/Spring Conference
Prince George's County Lodge

April 2009

DDGER Clinics

May 24, 2009

Elks Camp Barrett
Family Bull Roast

June 12-14, 2009

89th State Convention
Dover Sheraton Hotel

June 14, 2009

Flag Day

July 5-9, 2009

Grand Lodge Convention
Portland, OR

August 2009

DDGER Clinics

October 2-4, 2009

Fall Conference
Princes Royale Hotel
Ocean City, MD

January 15-17, 2010

Winter Workshop
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

March 19-21, 2010

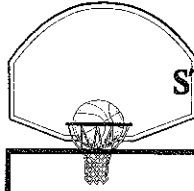
GER Visit/Spring Conference
Annapolis Lodge #622

June, 2010

90th State Convention
(Tentative)
Hagerstown, MD

July 4-8, 2010

Grand Lodge Convention
Orlando, FL



STATE HOOP SHOOT CONTEST WINNERS

Name	Age	Lodge	Place	Score
Morgan Edwards	8-9 Boy	Frostburg # 470	1	24
Colin Miller	8-9 Boy	Towson # 469	2	20+5
Arno Babcock	8-9 Boy	Washington-Rockville # 15	3	20+4
Dominic DeLuca	8-9 Boy	Easton # 1622	4	18
Brighton Conway	8-9 Boy	Milford Lodge #2401	5	13
Mackenzie Dewees	8-9 Girl	Westminster # 2277	1	21
Maddie Taylor	8-9 Girl	Chestertown Lodge #2474	2	15
Anna Slaughenhaupt	8-9 Girl	Easton # 1622	3	14
Sophia Lundeen	8-9 Girl	Severna Park # 2482	4	11
Melanie Osborne	8-9 Girl	Washington-Rockville # 15	5	9
Taquan Rodriguez	10-11 Boy	Milford Lodge #2401	1	21
R. Miles Miedusiewski	10-11 Boy	Towson #469	2	19
Jack Wheatley	10-11 Boy	Easton # 1622	4	17
Robert Scanlon	10-11 Boy	Washington-Rockville # 15	4	17
Michael Livingstone	10-11 Boy	Frostburg # 470	5	14
Olivia Burchfield	10-11 Girl	Severna Park # 2482	1	19
Bianca Boggs	10-11 Girl	Waldorf # 2421	2	17
Carly Muir	10-11 Girl	Pocomoke City #1624	3	13
Emma Bowman	10-11 Girl	Frederick # 684	4	11
Tori Sebastian	10-11 Girl	Dover Lodge #1903	5	10
Wyatt Thurman	12-13 Boy	Dover Lodge #1903	1	24
Jalen Houchins	12-13 Boy	Waldorf # 2421	2	23
Javaar Barnett	12-13 Boy	Easton # 1622	3	19
Ryan Crabtree	12-13 Boy	Hagerstown # 378	4	17
Jack Callahan	12-13 Boy	Towson # 469	5	11
Taylor Croson	12-13 Girl	Waldorf # 2421	1	18
Stephanie Pantos	12-13 Girl	Hagerstown # 378	2	17
Chloe Fauntleroy	12-13 Girl	Ocean City # 2645	3	12
Devan Bowser	12-13 Girl	Chestertown #2474	5	Did not show

MD, DE, DC ELKS RESIDENTS OF ELKS NATIONAL HOME

Name	Lodge
Sheridan Besosa	Cape Henlopen, DE #2540
Charles Blumenauer	Frederick, MD #684
Virginia Davidson	Kent Island #2576

Northeast District VP Report

Since the Winter Workshop at Calvert Lodge No. 2620 in January, I have made my official visit to Newark Lodge No. 2281 on January 13th, to Dover Lodge No. 1901 on January 15th and to Elkton Lodge No. 2618 on January 21st. All three of these Lodges are doing well and are supporting the Grand Lodge Programs. I would like to thank these lodges for the warm hospitality extended to myself and my traveling partner Connie deYoung, DDGER.

I am happy to report that seven Lodges in the Northeast District held local Hoop Shoots. Our District Hoop Shoot was held in Chestertown on February 7th. I was unable to attend our District Shoot because I had an Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee meeting, but I understand that Dave Reihi, PER from Chestertown Lodge No. 2474 did a fine job in organizing this event. Having spoken with Elizabeth Bolt from Elkton Lodge No. 2618 about the Hoop Shoot, I am sure next year all eight Lodges in our district will have local Hoop Shoots.

Having received the results of the State Hoop Shoot, I am proud to report that the Northeast District has a first place winner who will be moving on to the Regional Hoop Shoot. The Northeast District wishes Wyatt Thurman (Boy 12-13) sponsored by Dover Lodge No. 1903 the best of luck in the Regional competition. At the State level, Wyatt scored 24 out of 25. Way to go Wyatt!

The Northeast District is showing good support of Elks National Foundation. Seven Lodges have already reached the Grand Exalted Rulers goal, and three Lodges, Milford Lodge No. 2401, Abingdon Lodge No. 2354, and Chestertown Lodge No. 2474, have exceeded the State President Elks National Foundation goal.

On April 4th, I will be holding the Northeast District Caucus following the District Deputy Clinic at Dover Lodge No. 1903. At this time, we will be electing Vice President for Northeast, a two year State Trustee, and a two-year Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee member.

This completes my report and I look forward to seeing everyone at Prince Georges County Lodge No. 1778 in March.

Fraternally,
Susan Conlogue
Vice President- Northeast District

Proud to be an Elk

I am quite sure that if I asked any of you if you were proud to be an Elk you would say "yes." And if asked "why" you could tell me about our charitable work, our scholarships for young people, our concern for the veterans of this country, our anti-drug efforts and on and on. All of which is true.

But what about when you are in a "non-Elk environment?" All of us over the years have collected Elk memorabilia; Elk hats, jackets, shirts, pins, etc. But, how many of us are willing to wear these items in a "non-Elk environment?" At church, or any event that calls for a coat and tie, do you add just one elk pin to your lapel? At lodge functions, conventions and workshops we see jackets literally encrusted with Elk pins. Some must weigh upwards of five or ten pounds. But how about putting just one pin that says "Elks" on your jacket the next time you go to a wedding or a special dinner or even to the office?

What's the chance that someone might ask you about that pin and then you can tell them all about the wonders of Elkdom? And guess what that might lead to? A new member! If the person you are talking to knows you well enough to ask you about your pin, then the chances are that you know them well enough to ask them to join our Order.

Look at how many places you could wear an Elk's hat, jacket or shirt. Sporting events, picnics, casual day at the office, family gatherings, vacations, etc, etc, etc. To paraphrase an ad campaign; "Elks. Not just for the lodge anymore." We talk about the world getting smaller; I am constantly amazed at how often I can be literally thousands of miles from home and yet meet someone who knows someone who knows me or my family. Remember the "Seven degrees of Separation?" The theory that within not more than seven people you and the person you have just met can find a common denominator. It happens more often than you think. And therein lies the opportunity to "Be Proud to Be an Elk." And maybe - just maybe - someone who would make a good member of your lodge. What does it cost to try it? Not one cent! Just a little pride.

Do you have it???

Submitted by - PSP, Bill Buttrill

Elks Care - Elks Share

**Grand Lodge Activities/State Association
Committee 2009 – 2010 Program**

Congratulations to all the newly installed Officers and Committee Chairman. Most importantly I wish to address the new, as well as, repeating Exalted Rulers and their Committee Chairman. Exalted Ruler this is your year and the success of your Lodge is dependent upon the course you take as the Captain of Elkdom's and your Lodge's ship. Bear in mind that a good Captain has a destination plotted, and a chart in hand to guide the ship toward that destination and to log to record the trip. So too, each of you as the Captain will be responsible for the ship and the crew you have on board. Elkdom's success or failure depends upon how active your Lodge is, and how well it meets the goals of the Grand Lodge Programs for the Year 2009 – 2010.

The time to start is now; make sure that you have the best members as part of your crew filling all of the Lodge's Committees, especially the Chairmanship. Meet with them regularly and help them understand the important role they play in the Lodge. Make sure they understand their roles and responsibilities, if they do, the ship will run smoothly. Use all of the resources available to you, not only the manuals, but also past leaders of your Lodge, District and State. Bear in mind that times and people change, just because something was tried in the past and failed does not necessarily mean it shouldn't be tried again.

Every successful Captain wants to show his colors in order to do this a close review of the Grand Lodge Programs is mandatory. Once you are certain that your course is charted, you should begin keeping records of your accomplishments in your ships log book. This scrapbook of events will not only assist in keeping track of your charitable activities, but also provide you with the necessary info to participate in all of the various Grand Lodge Contests toward the end of your tour. Now is a good time to put forth that extra burst of energy to insure that you, your committee and Lodge will experience a fantastic year.

All this will culminate in your participating next year's ALL-AMERICAN LODGE CONTEST -CONTEST "A"; by being the best Lodge statewide out of all the contenders in your membership division. This is no small accomplishment and I hope that your lodge will participate in this program.

I am certain that with your support and encouragement, your Lodge and our State Association will achieve our common goals of insuring that "Elks Care...Elks Share". Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance that you may need. Further, I encourage you to actively seek advice from your District State Vice Presidents, who are there to help you in these programs.

The ALL STATE ALL AMERICAN LODGE AWARDS for 2008 – 2009 will be presented at the State Convention in June.

In closing I wish each of you success in the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you all at June Convention in Dover, DE. Lastly, let me you remind you that we all can accomplish, "Success Through Teamwork".

Sincerely and fraternally,
Carl F. Vogt, PDD, PSVP, PER,
State Lodge Activities Chairman

DID YOU KNOW??

In 1973 I was elected Exalted Ruler at Prince Georges County Lodge No. 1778. Before having that honor I traveled to all the lodges in our district and put a lot of time in at Elks Camp Barrett on the Building Committee.

When I would go to a different lodge or at a convention I would feel it was my duty to tell Elks what we had done at Elks Camp Barrett over the years. We were able to accomplish this work with the help of the Improvement Fund.

It is vital to our organization that the Improvement Fund remain as it was originally intended. Elks Camp Barrett is aging and will need the Improvement Fund and all of our volunteers to remain the fantastic project that it is.

"Remember to sponsor a child"

Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

Government Relations Report

The Maryland legislature is in full swing as this is written and the issue of gaming, namely the ability of eligible (fraternal, non-profit) organizations to own or operate slot machines statewide. Senate Bill 49, sponsored by Sen. Klausmeier and Senate Bill 102, sponsored by Sen. Stone were heard before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on Feb. 4th. The companion House Bill 608, sponsored by Del. Weir, will be heard before the House Ways and Means Committee on Feb. 25th. These bills mirror the legislation that was enacted in 1987 enabling organizations on the Eastern Shore to have up to five (5) slot machines. This legislation, if passed, could greatly enhance a lodge's charitable efforts as 50% of the proceeds are mandated to be given to qualified charities, while the lodge may keep the other 50%. All of the Senators and Delegates have been contacted encouraging their support of this legislation and they have been provided with a copy of our National Charitable Records Survey to reinforce our request of their assistance in helping us increase our charitable works. Information has been sent to all of the lodges encouraging them to contact their Senator and/or Delegate, to inform them of all of their contributions to their community and asking for their support in passing these bills.

I mentioned our Charitable Records Survey; as we approach the end of our lodge year it is extremely important that the lodge Secretary's complete the Annual Report. This can now be done electronically through Grand Lodge, but I will need copies of Page 2 also and they can be sent either by e- or snail mail, preferably by the first week in April. These reports contain the information that is most valuable when we approach our State, Federal and Local representatives for help with positive or negative legislation that either affects our charitable and community-oriented efforts or attacks our private and charitable status. It is most helpful, and impressive, when we can show our legislators in black and white the hundreds of millions of dollars our Order contributes not only in cash, but also in volunteer hours to support Youth, Veteran and Community Service programs. These reports are vital in compiling accurate information; you've done the work, take credit for it.

Each lodge should receive the monthly Grand Lodge newsletter. The February issue, besides having Paul's smiling picture on the front, also included an excellent article by the Hon. Roland A. Seal, Vice-Chairman of the Government Relations Committee,

entitled "Can a Lodge Afford UBI?" (Unrelated Business Income). I respectfully urge each of us to review what Roland has to say and take it to heart. This topic was discussed in some detail in Calvert and this article reinforces the immediate need for our lodge's to examine their revenue policy derived from public accommodation. Please remember Section 14.130 of the Statutes, better known as Rule#1 – **Thou Shall Not Sell to A Non-Elk!** We are all struggling to stretch our lodge budgets these days while continuing our charitable donations and good deeds, but it is not worth the risks to derive our income by opening our doors to the public and competing with facilities that don't enjoy our tax-exempt status. We are a private and fraternal organization and our Home and Club is limited to members, their spouses, and guests - **not** a public accommodation. The best resolve we can make is to **KIP – Keep It Private.**

Dave Wolcott, Chairman
Government Relations Committee

ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

Members:

The Elks Camp Barrett Improvement fund Campaign tickets will be arriving at your home in about 2 weeks. We all know the state of the economy but as Elks, we need to keep in mind what our State Major Project, Elks Camp Barrett, does for our youth in the community. The camp has seven weeks of camping. Three weeks boys, three weeks girls and one week Special Olympics. We have a Scout Camporee every year, a family picnic and it is rented to the community for various functions throughout the year. The VA Maryland Health Care System rented our facility this past year to honor their Youth Volunteers at the Veterans hospitals.

Our camp requires improvements and constant maintenance to keep it the great facility that it is. **Please**, support our fundraiser for the camp and send in your tickets. Lets show our Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul D. Hesel that we agree with his slogan "**GROWING ELKDOM AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA.**"

Fraternally,
H. Lee Davis, PSP
ECBIF Chairman

South East District VP Report

It has been quite an eventful period throughout the *Super Southeast* since my last report. Our lodges continue their efforts, be it large or small, to further the programs of our Association and our Order and to strengthen the stability of their own lodge. Membership and lapsation is an issue throughout our Order but there are positive signs from many of our lodges that they are taking great strides in extending the hand of friendship to new members and working diligently on retention. Additionally, seven of our lodges have exceeded the GER's goal in supporting the Great Heart of Elkdom, and the other three are just a short step away. Three lodges have exceeded our President's goal, and I would expect that number to grow by the time we meet in March.

December 2nd I made an official visit on President Schwab's behalf to Cape Henlopen #2540. I was treated to a delightful dinner with ER John Loftus, his wife and several of the officers. I commend ER Loftus, the officers and the membership of "The Cape" for the outstanding job they have done strengthening their lodge and supporting their community. I attended the Camp Barrett Lodge Representatives meeting on Dec. 6th, and on the way home I stopped at Kent Island #2576 where John Istvan and his crew were busy baking some of the thousands of cookies that were scheduled for delivery to our veterans. I'm sure they did not miss the few that disappeared in the name of quality control.

Dec. 17th I had the pleasure of dining with ER Mae Fleck and the officers of Selbyville #2173 prior to attending their lodge meeting. I was able to speak to the membership on our State President's message and programs; Selbyville is another example of a small lodge doing big things to help their community. On Dec. 18th I accompanied President Schwab on her visit to Seaford #2458 and I was pleased to assist her as she initiated four new members into our Order. One of those new members attended DD Redmond's clinic one month later; congratulations to ER Bill Buttrill and Seaford lodge, *that* is getting your new members involved.

On Jan. 4th I attended DD Bill Redmond's very informative clinic held at Cape Henlopen #2540. It was then on to Calvert Lodge #2620 for the Winter Workshop and I attended the Camp Barrett meeting that Saturday morning. On Jan. 24th I was privileged to attend the Southeast District All-Star initiation held at Easton #1622. Congratulations to Easton for an excellent rendition of the ritual and best of luck at

the State competition on March 1st. Connie and I then traveled to Crisfield #1044 for their Vera Bradley/Longaberger Bingo fundraiser for Youth Activities on Jan. 30th. While Connie enjoyed the Bingo, I was able to enjoy some fellowship with the members in their social quarters. On Jan. 31 I had the pleasure of helping score for a very well attended Southeast District Hoop Shoot in Salisbury. Congratulations again to Chairman Gil Dunn for his dedication to our youth and an efficiently run program.

Feb. 1st was a special day at Easton Lodge #1622. Boy Scout Troop #532, which Easton charts, held a Court of Honor for five outstanding young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. State, county and local officials joined with ER Bill Rasin in recognizing this accomplishment, and it was a very moving ceremony to witness. On Feb. 7th I attended the Camp Barrett Lodge representatives meeting, and on Feb. 8th it was fun, food and fellowship at Selbyville #2173 for their annual Bull and Oyster Roast fundraiser. It was a great day for their lodge and I thank them again for their usual outstanding hospitality. On Feb. 14th I attended the 4th annual Lowell Thomas ENF dinner and auction at Seaford #2458, and I applaud Seaford for their commitment to continuing Lowell's dedication to ENF.

Feb. 16th, the birthday of our Order, I was proud to attend Salisbury #817 1st annual President's Day Awards Ceremony and to assist in handing out some of the awards. ER Rick Konrad and the members did an outstanding job of presenting a very patriotic program, which also stressed the theme of the importance of volunteerism. Congratulations to all of the award recipients, and to Salisbury #817 for presenting what I hope is the 1st of many successful annual events.

I will hold my caucus on April 5th immediately following the District Deputy's clinic at Seaford #2458, at which time elections will be held for the positions of District Vice-President, 2-year Camp Barrett Executive Committee member and 2-year State Trustee. I wish all of our lodges luck as they hold elections for positions of leadership in their respective lodges. These will be the men and women who will enable the *Super Southeast* to continue being leaders in furthering our principles of Charity and service to our communities.

SOUTHEAST!

Fraternally
Dave Wolcott
Vice-President, South East District

Americanism Awards



Poster Contest Winners - "My favorite Symbol of America"

Age	Position	Name	Lodge
0-3	First Place	Naomi Dugan	Calvert
4-5	First Place	Bailey Davis	Waldorf
	Second Place	Valerie Baron	Milford
6-7	First Place	Julianna Wilson	Severna Park
	Second Place	Anthony Nguyen	Waldorf
	Third Place	Jasmine Elizabeth Mayo	Cape Henlopen
6-7	Fourth Place	Taylor Culver	Milford
	8-9	First Place	Andrew Kret
Second Place		Emma Ballentine	Cape Henlopen
Third Place		Erica Syzmanski	Severna Park
Fourth Place		Micaela Thorogood	Dover
Fifth Place		Abby Burdock	Oakland

Essay Contest Winners - "What Freedom Means to Me"

Division One: 5 th – 6 th Grade			
First Place	Kenneth St. John	Waldorf	
Second Place	Jack Delmont Corbin	Oakland	
Third Place	Ana Ros	Seaford	
Fourth Place	Tacy Cresson	Milford	
Division Two: 7 th – 8 th Grade			
First Place	Claire Grissom	Camp Springs	
Second Place	David Camarillo	Dover	
Third Place	Samantha Sullivan	Severna Park	
Fourth Place	Claire Dorey	Ocean City	
Fifth Place	John Major III	Oakland	

Mary Cardinal-Vogt
Americanism Chairmen

VP WEST DISTRICT REPORT MARCH 2009

All lodge visits have been accomplished. I have attended the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's Clinic at Westminster Lodge 2277 on January 18, 2009, and all Camp Barrett meetings. I reported on Public and Government Relations at the clinic. I apprised the DD Clinic attendees that voting for Vice President West, 2 year State Trustee and 2 year Camp Barrett Executive Committee will be held at the DD Grand Exalted Ruler Clinic at Hagerstown Lodge 378 on April 19, 2009.

I have attended a dinner in honor of Past Exalted Rulers of Hagerstown Lodge 378 and have accepted an invitation to an appreciation dinner at Oakland Lodge 2481 on February 22, 2009. Advised President Priscilla Anne Schwab of the invitation and Oakland's request for her to join the celebration.

I have apprised Boy Scout Troop 1998, Frederick, MD., of the opportunity for Eagle Scouts to apply for scholarships sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and advised President Schwab and Joe McGeeney of the SAR scholarships. I arranged for scouts to enroll in God and Country Awards being taught by the Evangelical Reform United Church of Christ, Frederick, MD. I assisted with the District Hoop Shoot Contest conducted on February 7, 2009, in Frederick, MD., and will assist with the State Hoop Shoot scheduled for February 21, 2009, in Frederick, MD.

Jack Stush, VP West



ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 WORKSHOP RAFFLES

The winner of the October 4, 2008 E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle held in Ocean City was William Blade from Annapolis Lodge #622. Bill received \$457 and the Camp received \$456.

The winner of the January 11, 2009 E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle held at the Calvert Lodge #2620 was Jim McMickle from Annapolis Lodge #622. Jim received \$433 and the Camp received \$433.

I wish to thank everyone that supports the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle at each of our workshops and those that take tickets back to their lodges and sells them before the workshop weekend.

Fraternally,
Lee Davis, Chairman

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**All Members in good standing and their guests
are welcome to join us in Portland.**

SOUTH WEST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Winter Workshop held at the Calvert Lodge was very informative. Exalted Ruler Mary Cardinal-Vogt and the member/ volunteers did an outstanding job hosting this event.

As the Lodge year is coming to an end, so have all my official visits.

January 8th I traveled to Saint Mary's County Lodge #2092 and attended their meeting. It was very well run and the spirit of teamwork was evident. Exalted Ruler Winters discussed the many fine programs they have going on and their long range plans. January 22nd I traveled to Camp Springs Lodge #2332 for their meeting and initiation. I am very impressed by their hard work and dedication to Elksdom. The new members were very enthusiastic about joining this active Lodge. The friendliness of this Lodge always impresses me.

January 25th I attended The South West District Deputy's clinic at Lodge #15. All Lodges were well represented at this informative session.

February 7th and March 7th, I attended the Camp Barrett Executive Board and the Lodge representatives meetings.

I hope all the Lodge's participated in the Valentine heart for ENF. It was a great idea that State - in your plans for future charity activities. Let's try to do something like this for Camp Barrett!

The **V.P. Caucus** will be held April 19th at Prince George's Lodge following District Deputy Wert's clinic.

As I have observed throughout this year the super subordinate lodges of this district have worked hard to enhance the status and maintain the many programs of the state association. To all the 2008-09 Exalted Rulers, it was a pleasure to have interacted with you at your Lodge meeting and events. To the incoming Lodge officers elected for the new year, continue to make your Lodge stronger through membership growth and strive to contribute to the many state programs. This is a time when new members can be asked to get involved in committees and other volunteer endeavors.

As we all know the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is an outstanding contributor to the community, youth and veterans. Be proud to say you are a member of such a great organization.

God Bless America!
Fraternally,
Gary Eckenrode

VP North Central Report

We are at the end of another Lodge year. This is the time for nominations for the next year – getting new people involved in the Lodges.

Over the past 3 months, I have attended the Camp Barrett meetings. In November I attended a dinner at the Bowie Elks Lodge to honor the Veterans from the Baltimore Veterans Medical Center. January was a pretty busy month in which I attended the Winter Workshop that was held at the Prince Frederick Elks Lodge. I attended the State Initiation that was held at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and finally I attended the District Deputy Clinic held at the Towson Elks Lodge. After the District Deputy Clinic, I held a "Mini Caucus" in order to eliminate one candidate for State President Elect. There were three candidates and with the one eliminated, the remaining two candidates are Carl Robinson and Larry Mathers. I will be holding my Vice Presidents Caucus on March 8, 2009.

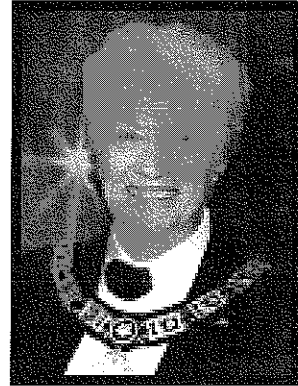
I have enjoyed working closely with the Officers this past year. I am looking forward to meeting the new incoming officers and hope that we can work as closely as in the past.

Fraternally yours,
George E. Larkins, V.P.N.C.

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