



# Maryland, Delaware AND District of Columbia

## Elks Association News

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**Richard Burg**

*President 2011-2012*

## Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to the 92nd State Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. This is the time when the outgoing Officers of our Association usually say "I can't believe that the year is already over". Well, I am not going to say that. Everything we do as an Elks State Association is on an Annual basis - Budgets, Goals to be accomplished, appointed or elected terms of

office, etc. I make these statements not as a complaint but as a fact. My term of office will be over but my involvement in this Association will not. I hope to continue being involved with the very "Best State Elks Association in ALL of Elkdom" for many years to come.

This weekend James Stewart will be installed as our President for the 2012 - 2013 Association year. Jim, an outstanding Elk will do a great job as our President. Sandy, our new First Lady, adds a new dimension to that title because of her experience within the Elks and her willingness to help everyone. If all of you give them the support that I received, next year will be a banner year. This weekend we have the pleasure of hosting the newly installed President and First Lady from Pennsylvania and the newly installed President from the State of New Jersey. I hope that you will take time to talk with Kevin and Gloria Brouse of Pennsylvania and James Hall of New Jersey. Please show them that our Association is known for its hospitality.

During my year as your State President I tried to re-install some of our great traditions that have all but slipped away over the years. Every Elk takes the same oath and swears to support our constitution and obey our rules and regulations when they are initiated into our Order. As long as these rules and regulations (Statutes) and our Constitution are current (have not been changed), they are to be obeyed by each and every one of us, regardless of our position in the Order. I have said repeatedly throughout the year that the only way to stay out of trouble is to follow the rules. A simple thing like waiting to be recognized by the Exalted Ruler to speak on a subject at a meeting is to raise your hand and stand after being recognized and make your statement. Don't just start speaking from your seat!! This pro-

cedure is in our Protocol manual.

I thank each and every one of you new officers for accepting an office in this Association. Also, my thanks to each of you who have accepted the responsibility of chairing a State Committee. All of you have assumed a responsibility that is extremely important for the success of our organization. Remember that information flows from the lodge to the district to the state chair who then passes it to our membership after combining the information into a suitable message for presentation for the committee.

Richard J. Burg  
President

# COMING EVENTS

- June 15-17, 2012**  
92nd State Convention  
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD
- July 1 - 5, 2012**  
Grand Lodge Convention  
Austin, Texas
- July 22-24, 2012**  
**Youth Tennis, Golf & Bowling**  
Seven Springs, PA
- July 28, 2012**  
Fishing Extravaganza
- October 5-7, 2012**  
Fall Conference • Ocean City, Maryland
- October 23 - 31, 2012**  
Red Ribbon Week
- October 28, 2012**  
Safety Day & Red Ribbon Event  
Kent Island Lodge
- January 18 - 20, 2013**  
Winter Workshop • Calvert Lodge #2620
- March 21-24, 2013**  
GER Visit/Spring Conference  
Annapolis Lodge # 622

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Sept. 7, 2012**

# 92nd Convention of the MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION ELLCOTT CITY, MARYLAND

## AGENDA ----- JUNE 15 - 17, 2012

Friday, June 15, 2012

Noon - 5:00 P.M. . . . . Registration  
1:00 P.M. . . . . Advisory Meeting  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. . . . . Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairman  
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. . . . . Trustees Meeting  
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. . . . . ECB Executive Committee

Saturday, June 16, 2012

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. . . . . Breakfast  
8:00 - 8:30 A.M. . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Meeting  
8:00 A.M. - Noon . . . . Registration  
8:45 A. M. - Noon. . . . Business Session (Committee Chairs have 3 minutes  
to summarize the 2011-2012 year)  
11:50 A.M. . . . . Announcements  
12:00 P.M. . . . . Adjournment  
Noon . . . . Lunch  
1:00 P.M. . . . . State President-Elect meeting with incoming Officers  
and State Chairs (Dutch Treat)  
2:30 - 4:00 P.M. . . . . Flag Day Program (Summer Tux for participants)  
6:00 - 6:45 P.M. . . . . Cocktail Reception  
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. . . . . Dinner (Business Suit / Coat & Tie)  
8:00 P.M. . . . . Presentations and Awards

Sunday, June 17, 2012

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. . . . . Breakfast  
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. . . . . Registration  
9:30 A.M. . . . . Memorial Service (Summer Tux for participants)  
10:15 A.M. . . . . Installation of Officers for 2012-2013 (Summer Tux for participants)  
11:00 A.M. . . . . Closing

Next Meeting:  
**State Convention**  
**June 15 - 17, 2012**  
**Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD**

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Hon. David R. Carr

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

Prior to this date, various banners of different designs were used in a number of the colonies. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the first and only fraternal organization to require formal observance of Flag Day. In July 1908, the Grand Lodge,

assembled in Dallas, Texas, provided for the annual nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14 each year, by making it mandatory upon each Local Lodge of the Order. June 14 was officially established as Flag Day by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, issued May 30, 1916.

The Elks Flag Day Service is very special as it not only covers the history of our flag, but many of the flags of the earlier colonies are displayed for the audience. It is important to plan and advertise your Flag Day ceremony well in advance in order for the general public and media to make plans to attend. You may want to include a military salute by a local veterans group, a flag folding exercise by local scouts or military group, a choir or vocalist, a community leader as a guest speaker, a school student or students to pro-

vide taps, etc. With proper planning, you will be able to conduct an impressive service and demonstrate to everyone present our commitment to honoring our flag and all it stands for.

On June 17 we celebrate Father's Day. Demonstrate our commitment to family values by inviting your Members and public to a special Lodge event to honor all fathers, living or dead. I encourage every Lodge to call those Members who are elderly, disabled or otherwise unable to attend these activities on their own, and offer them a ride to and from your event. They will appreciate your demonstrating that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

David R. Carr



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & SPONSOR

## Reflecting on the past Association year

Welcome to Turf Valley and the 92nd annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. Turf Valley is a new venue for our Association, but our Convention Committee assures us that this weekend, like all our convention weekends, will be filled with a lot of fun and good fellowship and a little bit of business. I know Jane and I look forward to the opportunity of visiting once again with all our dear Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elk family.

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Jim Hall and the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, Kevin Brouse and his wife Margie. Please join with us in giving them a warm welcome and extending to them our outstanding Elk hospitality.

As we gather at this convention we will be reflecting on this past Association year. And as we have come to expect, the records of this past year will again show that our Association ranks at the top in accomplishments and successes across all of Elksdom. My congratulation and thanks to all those Elks and their spouses who have worked so hard to make our Association the shining star

that it is. I particularly want to congratulate and thank State President, Dick Burg and his fine cadre of officers and committee personnel for their fine leadership and untiring efforts this past year.

With this convention we also begin a new Association year. The accomplishments of this past year, while significant and outstanding, are now history. It is time to set new goals, rededicate ourselves, and begin the efforts necessary to reach even higher levels of success. Under the capable leadership of incoming State President, Jim Stewart and his officers and committee personnel, I am sure that our Association is on track for yet another outstanding year. However, as in the past, they cannot do the job alone. They will need the continued help and support of all the lodges and members in this great Elks

Association. At both the Lodge and Association level, committees need to get organized, start communicating with Elks that want to be involved, and get on with working the programs of Elksdom within the individual Lodges and the communities they serve.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend, best wishes to incoming State President Jim Stewart and his officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all our lodges for a most prosperous and successful year. Working together I am sure that 2012/2013 will be another great year for our Association and all its lodges!!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT

We have been busy as of this writing, with major work at your Camp. The new well is up and running, the asphalt sidewalks, and aprons, have been repaired or replaced, and the shed roof over the grille on the back of the pavilion, has been replaced.

A sincere "Thanks" to all who have made these improvements possible, by buying the Improvement Fund Raffle Tickets. At the Turf Valley State Meeting, we will report on other work at the Camp, which, has yet to

be completed, and also the progress made on the Junior Warrior Program, as well as the the "regular" camper numbers.

Fraternally,

Les Bussard, Chairman  
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## Message from the President-Elect:



Jim Stewart  
PG&R & SPONSOR

As this weekend marks the end of my year as President-Elect of our great MD, DE & DC State Association, I want to thank Dick Burg, State President and his wife Sheila, for serving our Association with grace and pride this past year. Dick has been of great assistance to me this past year by keeping me informed of the happenings and forth-

comings of our Association.

Warren Johnson, Chairman of Advisory and friend, has been my mentor and support through this past year as your President-Elect. I thank him for his outstanding dedication and perseverance he has for our State Association.

As for the incoming year, all positions and appointments have been completed and they are ready to start serving the Association.

This past year, I have attended ECB meetings, State Trustees meetings and ECB Executive Committee meetings and Conference/Convention meetings.

I attended the District and State Hoop Shoot, State and Regional Soccer Shoot. The Americanism/Hoop Shoot Awards Banquet at Frederick, and also a few lodge events throughout the Association.

I have traveled in excess of 4,000 miles.

In closing, I am looking forward to beginning the year as your State President. Sandy and I are anxious and ready to begin our new adventure. We are looking forward to visiting lodges, both socially and officially. Please remember us when your lodge is hosting an event.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Jim Stewart

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Bonnie Brussard  
NE District VP

The Northeast District Caucus was held in April at Havre De Grace Lodge where David Reihl from Chestertown Lodge was elected for the office of Northeast Vice President. Northeast District welcomes John Ramsey, Dover Lodge for State Trustee-2 year term and Ralph Allen, Dover Lodge for 2 year term Camp Barrett Executive Committee. I

have the utmost confidence these three gentlemen will be an asset to our District and also to our State Association.

I attended the initiation of Officers for Milford Lodge on March 31st, where I had the honor to install my good friend, Ed Pettit, as Secretary.

A quick shout out for the Northeast District regarding the Annual Joint Review for Perry Point VA Medical Center. We have increased the number of regular volunteers by +6, regular and occasional volunteer hours +577 and our donations were +\$3,599. I was so pleased with this report, I had to say thank you for supporting our Veterans. Keep up the great work.

Our District did a wonderful job this past year, and with our new ER's in place since April 1st,

I am sure we will continue supporting all of our programs.

Les and I traveled over 3,000 miles since last June and enjoyed every visit. I want to thank the Lodges in the Northeast District for their hospitality, friendship and continued support in Elkdom.

Thank you Les for supporting me this past year and being by my side for my term as VP.

Fraternally,  
Bonnie Brussard

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Kelley Randolph  
SW District VP

Greeting from the GREAT SOUTH WEST!  
First, let me thank everyone who attended the Spring Conference at Camp Springs Lodge #2332. Our Grand Exalted Ruler David Carr and his lovely wife Penny were most impressed with our State Association and all of you wonderful people who made them feel so welcome. I also want to thank each of the Lodges in the South West District for their gracious hospitality when I visited, both with and without State President Burg.

To wrap up the year, Prince George's Lodge #1778 sponsored both a children's and adult Easter Egg Hunt. Waldorf Lodge #2421 is sponsoring the Braves Little League baseball team and had our Drug Awareness trailer at their opening game. Camp Springs

Lodge #2332 will be holding their May Teen Fling Dances for all of the Special Needs middle and high school students in Prince George's County Public Schools, hosting well over five hundred students during this three day event. St. Mary's Lodge #2092 held a Christmas in April event, restoring a

house (by themselves) for a family in need. Way to go guys!

Thanks again for a wonderful year, and of course to Charlie for helping with everything!

Fraternally,  
Kelley Randolph

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Wald  
NC District VP

these hard times as they are pulling together

In closing out my year as the North Central Vice President and Esquire to the North Central District Deputy I would like to thank all the Lodges for their hospitality.

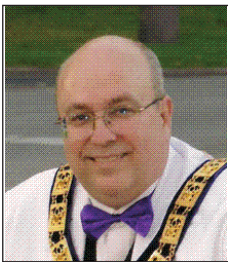
A special thanks to the Lodges that are having problems in

and moving in the right direction. It is up to all the Lodge members to support their Lodges by attending various events and the monthly meetings to ensure the Lodge's are operating properly. The core of the Lodges are the committees and members that become involved. Don't wait for someone to ask for help, get involved and you will feel rewarded!

I look forward to performing various duties in Elkdom in the years to come.

Fraternally,  
John T Wald, Sr

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Rick Konrad  
SE District VP

Since my last report I have had the pleasure of attending a great Spring Workshop in Camp Springs. Congratulations on the fine job that the Lodge did in hosting that State event. Having co-chaired a Lodge Workshop Committee I can tell you it

in honor of Corporal Scot King for the kick off for the second leg of his fund raising trip across America and had the honor of presenting a \$250 check from my Lodge in Salisbury supporting this great cause.

Congratulations to the new Southeast District Officers: Southeast Vice President - David Neal (Salisbury #817), Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee (2 yr) - David Walker (Selbyville #2173) and State Trustee (2 yr) - David E. Wolcott (Easton #1622). Thanks to those in attendance at the DD Clinic on April 15th for participating in the democratic process and thanks for the wonderful show of approval at the conclusion.

In this my final report to the State Association I wish to thank all of the Southeast District Lodges for providing me a chance to serve you and I wish to say how grateful I am for all of the hospitality and warm feelings of fraternalism that I felt as I participated in meetings and events at your wonderful Lodges.

My message this year has been to promote quality membership, support the Elks Camp Barrett Patron Program, and to use your website and your e-communication abilities to promote your Lodge and Elkdom. I hope this message will continue to ring true in the coming year.

During my year as State Vice President for the Southeast District I made 35 trips and traveled more than 3400 miles and spend over 240 hours serving in my post.

I am looking forward to taking time off from serving the Elks to concentrate on my personal life and career but the memories and friendships I have made this year will stay with me for many years to come.

*"There is no higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed."* Woodrow Wilson (1856 - 1924)

Rick Konrad

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION

I am ending my term as your State Chairperson and wishing Bill Kummer, Salisbury Lodge #817 the best for this coming year. Bill has been Vice-Chairperson for the past two years, and he is very qualified to take over this position.

Once again, I must remind lodges that you need to review the insurance needs of your lodge. All lodges need to have Directors and Officers insurance in place, this is strongly advised by Grand Lodge.

Such coverage can be obtained locally or through a discount program available through AON affiliated services.

Make sure that walkways, playgrounds, etc are safe and free of debris and holes.

Entering the summer season, there will be many outdoor events, such as lodge picnics, etc.; I must remind you that the bartender (paid or volunteer) should inform a member that they are approaching intoxication and will be refused service. Excuses of

Designated Driver, walking or not driving is unacceptable. In some states, you may be responsible and liable for an over-served patron leaving your lodge.

In closing, CUT THE PATRON OFF EARLY AND THERE WILL BE NO REGRETS LATER!!! Remember, being served in the lodge is a privilege, not a right.

Sincerely,  
Jim Stewart

## Online Membership Invitations and Applications - Now Available!



Members of the Elks are now able to send membership invitations to friends and family via the [elks.org](http://elks.org) website. Invitees can then "click through" to submit their application online, and secretaries can then import the application into the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS) with the simple click of a button. This streamlined application process will enable members to invite worthy candidates to join any lodge in the country, and will significantly reduce the delays and inconvenience associated with hardcopy applications. Please visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more details.

*Congratulations to all the newly elected officers, I hope you have a great and rewarding year in Elkdom and help in our goal of turning Membership into a +1 for your Lodges and our Great State Association.*

The Association finished the year with a loss of 545 members compared to a loss of 833 last year, that's a sign of improvement and with a little more effort we will reach the goal of +1 Membership.

Awards for Membership 2011 - 2012 will be made at our June Convention

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD  
State Membership Chairman

## Quarterly Report 06/16/12 Auditing & Business Practices

Our State Association finances for 2010-2011 are within budget, from May 1st through April 30, 2012. The State Association has earned \$364,993.70 of the \$412,630.00 Budget or 88%. Expenses for the same time period are: \$344,359.04 or 83%.

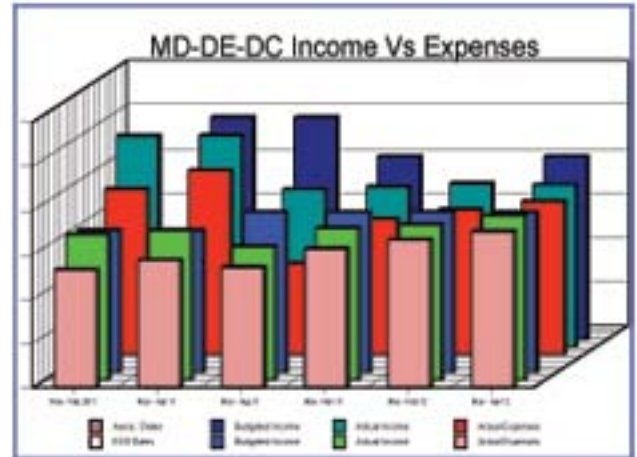
Elks Camp Barrett from May 1, through April 30, 2012 are within budget. The Camp has earned \$370,618.17 or 102%. of budgeted income of \$361,520. Expenses for the same time period were \$351,377.98 or 97% of Budgeted Expenses.

State Association Balance Sheet through February 29, 2012, Checking/Savings assets of \$546,727.23. Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$873,786.16 less accumulated depreciation of \$412,239.00 for a total fixed assets of \$461,547.16. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$30,083.75. For Total Assets of \$1,069,675.19. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending.

I gave a training session at Milford Lodge, on Sat. January 14th, 2012. Title: "What does it Take to Survive in Hard Times." Hand outs were available, along with a question and answer period, very well attended.

I have prepared a graph to show Income Vs Expense over the last year. Please look over the figures from my reports from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chairman and, if he or she is not available, please call or e-mail yours truly. We are only a phone call or e-mail away!



Fraternally yours,  
Maurice B Di Poli, PDDGER  
State Chairman Auditing & Business Practices

## Government Relations

The legislative action in Maryland was fairly mild this year with revenue and how it would be created being the general emphasis. The Governor called for a special session, which concluded as this was written, to finalize income tax revisions and to remove the burden of certain pension funding responsibilities from the State budget and pass them along to the individual counties. State-wide legislation addressing gaming for fraternal organizations did not gain traction this year, while the Lodges on the Eastern Shore that already have slot machines will now report to and renew their licenses through the comptrollers office instead of the county Sheriff. This new process raised some issues that will be briefly touched on at this meeting,

While the Government Relations Committee will continue to monitor and report on State and Federal legislation that may impact on our Lodges, the Lodges must continue to monitor and abide by their Statutory and legal responsibilities. Try and keep your Unrelated Business Income to a minimum and if you do have it, report it; be entirely aware of your State and local liquor and gaming laws; watch your advertising both for your facility and in your bulletins and, of course, continue to monitor guest admittance and purchasing policies and remember that your ability to maintain your tax-exempt status depends on you functioning as a private fraternal organization. Your

guests are just that, guests, and must not be allowed to purchase or pay for goods or services. These are all topics we have covered this year and in past years, and we will continue to stress their importance at every opportunity. There is too much at stake not to do the right thing.

Our Lodges must continue to use their most valuable tool, Public Relations, to get the word out to your community on all the fantastic things you can do, and are doing for them. I will give you three numbers to ponder: \$ 335,328,157.80 - the amount of services and cash Elks nationally have provide to their communities; this number could have been even higher, but six Associations did not file their report on time; \$ 4,851,187.11 - the amount the Lodges of our great Association provided; unfortunately, four of our Lodges did not meet their Statutory requirement and file their report; \$198,923.00 - the amount contributed through our Association programs and activities. These numbers certainly make us proud to be Elks but their real value comes when they are presented to non-Elks who are not aware of all of this outstanding charitable work that we consider our duty as Elks. Keep your Charitable records accurately but, most importantly, utilize them to promote Elkdom in your community through Public Relations.

In summary, treat your guests as guests, pay your taxes, don't advertise as a public

accommodation when you are not, keep accurate charitable records and file reports when they are do and, as we often say, remember that it only takes a minute to do the right thing and to do the thing right. Oh, and of course, FGSKIP - For God's Sake Keep It Private.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman  
Government Relations Committee

## DRUG AWARENESS

I would like to start by thanking Cindy Taylor for stepping up to fill the position of State Drug Awareness Chair. I know she will do an outstanding job. Please give her all the support that I have received from everyone.

This past year we have had the trailers on the move with lots of hours and miles. We have distributed 10,000 pieces of literature and 2,000 items with the drug awareness logo to the lodges that have participated.

Thank you all for the work that has been done for the DAP. I will still be around to help with anything that I can.

Again thanks to everyone  
Ben Stone  
MD,DE,DC Elks State Chairman  
Drug Awareness



Greg Wilkes, PSP

## Man of Many Hats

So often we take so many things for granted; air, sunshine, our freedoms. And sometimes we take people for granted also. We see them every day and know that they are doing their job but don't stop to say "Thank You" for a job well done.

One of those people is PSP Greg Wilkes. He does so much for this association that I think we tend to take him "for granted." Just one of his many jobs would be enough to wear me out: Director of Operations for Elks Camp Barrett. This is a job that we used to have to pay a large sum of money to someone to undertake. Greg does it for free. The Convention/Conference Committee. Do you have any idea how much work is involved in organizing all of the details that go into hosting one of our Association meetings?? Greg does all of this tirelessly. And the list goes on. The next time you see Greg, offer your hand in friendship and say, "Thank You."

Submitted by Bill Buttrill, PSP



## FLAG DAY CEREMONY

# Sat., June 16

## 2:30PM

For too many years we have hidden away the Stars and Stripes of Old Glory at sundown. We no longer need to deny Our National Emblem the opportunity to provide us with its thrilling sight during darkness. The Americanism committee challenges every lodge to make it a Primary Project to illuminate the flag in front of your lodge so it may fly 24 hours a day.

MARY E. CARDINAL-VOGT  
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

## Wolfgang Candy Campaign

Our Wolfgang Christmas Candy Campaign and our Candy Bar Campaign in now complete. Our 2011 Christmas campaign will continue but we really need more participation. Think about participating because before we know it, it will be time to place your orders. Keep in mind that it makes a nice Christmas gift. The profit from our 2011 Christmas campaign was \$1,361.15

Our candy bar campaign was a big success. Kudos to all. This year we sold 227 boxes of candy giving us a profit of \$3,677.40. Both campaigns had cash donations which makes our total donation to Elks Camp Barrett \$5,038.55.

A special thank you to Kelly Randolph and Charles Spadone from Camp Springs Lodge for having people available to help unload the candy from the truck and assisting us throughout the weekend. Good job Camp Springs Lodge.

Most Lodges sell the candy bars around the bar or at other Lodge functions. Some give the bars to the Veterans at their local VA facility. However you sell them, it works and my heartfelt thanks to each and every person who participated in any way shape or form.

Out of all the Lodges that participates, Frederick takes a different approach. They sell a few boxes to bingo and the rest are purchased by Lodge members. I do not know how they get rid of that box of candy but they come back year after year to purchase another box or so in support of Elks Camp Barrett. Some do not buy a box but will donate the money instead. Kudos to Frederick Lodge for purchasing 29 boxes of candy bars and making a cash donation.

I have always said this is not a competition between Lodges but I like to point out how others sell the candy, to give you ideas.

### THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE MADE CASH DONATIONS:

- Frederick - Paula Larson, Joe & Peggy Yusko and an Anonymous Donation
- Milford - Ladies of the Elks

### FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE CHAIRPEOPLE FOR ONE OR BOTH CAMPAIGNS:

- |                         |   |                            |                             |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Abingdon Lodge #2354    | Bonnie Bussard, Doug Kadolph                            | Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Mike Todd                   |
| Annapolis Lodge #62     | Mary O'Brien  | Kent Island # 2576         | George Tunnicliff           |
| Bowie Lodge #2309       | Doris Nowotnick   | Laurel Lodge #2283         | George & Pat Larkins        |
| Broadneck Lodge #2608   | Sherrie Hall  | Milford Lodge #2401        | Ed Pettit, Greg Adams       |
| Calvert Lodge #2620     | Mary Cardinal Vogt, John Curran                         | Newark Lodge #2281         | Sheila Burg, Michael Rhodes |
| Camp Springs #2332      | Charles Spadone & Kelly Randolph                        | Oakland Lodge #2481        | Tracy Harvey                |
| Cape Henlopen #2540     | John & Eileen Loftus                                    | Ocean City Lodge #2645     | Carroll & Toni Wagner       |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474 | Robert Ra'leigh   | Salisbury Lodge # 814      | David Neal                  |
| Dover Lodge #1903       | Connie deYoung  | Seaford Lodge # 2458       | Art & Joan League           |
| Easton Lodge #1622      | Dave & Connie Wolcott                                   | Severna Park Lodge #2482   | Earl Christan               |
| Essex Lodge #1866       | Lee & Hilda Davis                                       | Selbyville Lodge #2173     | Mae Fleck                   |
| Frederick Lodge # 684   | Jack Boehmer, Judi McKnight                             | Towson Lodge #469          | Devin Foggo                 |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266 | Larry & Pat Mathers                                     | Waldorf Lodge #2421        | Claudia Bowalick            |
| Hagerstown Lodge #378   | Rosalie Ridenour, Nina Garrett & the Ladies of the Elks | Washington/Rockville #15   | Gary Eckenrode              |

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought, sold or helped in any way. Thank you for your time and remember it is never too late to help. Our Christmas sales for 2012 will start sometime in September. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lee or Hilda Davis at 410-256-9691. Kudos and thank you.

Hilda Davis

## Elks National Foundation Final Report Lodge Year April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012

I am very pleased to announce that our State Association has come in 7th in the nation at \$9.20 per capita with total donations of \$199,376.43. This is an increase of \$0.67 per capita. We have increased 2 places and have an increase in total contributions of \$7,263.49 from last year. Our Association's continued support for the Foundation is remarkable during these tough economic times. Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 13 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member. A total of 33 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member. I would like to congratulate Washington-Rockville No. 15 for being our top per capita winner at \$44.71 per capita. I would also like to congratulate Ocean City Lodge No.2645 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 89.17 and Washington Rockville No. 15 for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$24,364.95. I would like to congratulate the following lodges for being first in their District: NC: Laurel Lodge No. 2283; NE: Abingdon Lodge No. 2354; SE: Kent Island Lodge No. 2576; SW: Washington-Rockville #15; and W: Westminster Lodge No. 2277.

I want to thank all of the members of the MD, DE, and D.C. Elks Association for making this a wonderful ENF Year!

Claudia Finley Bowalick  
State Chairman ENF

<u>Lodge Name and Number</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Lodge Name and Number</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
Washington-Rockville #15	SW	545	\$24,364.95	\$44.71	Essex #1866	NC	537	\$3,636.00	\$6.77
Kent Island #2576	SE	539	\$18,471.50	\$34.27	Chestertown #2474	NE	422	\$2,808.00	\$6.65
Laurel #2283	NC	287	\$5,795.00	\$20.19	Havre De Grace #1564	NE	306	\$2,005.75	\$6.56
Abingdon #2354	NE	269	\$4,745.72	\$17.64	Selbyville #2173	SE	312	\$2,036.00	\$6.53
Seaford #2458	SE	178	\$2,817.00	\$15.83	Severna Park #2482	NC	393	\$2,442.12	\$6.21
Milford #2401	NE	484	\$7,014.00	\$14.49	Elkton #2618	NE	93	\$563.78	\$6.06
Annapolis #622	NC	1083	\$15,106.50	\$13.95	Waldorf #2421	SW	407	\$2,417.06	\$5.94
Cape Henlopen #2540	SE	692	\$8,105.00	\$11.71	Prince Georges County #1778	SW	326	\$1,721.00	\$5.28
Camp Springs #2332	SW	330	\$3,490.70	\$10.58	Wilmington #307	NE	580	\$3,057.00	\$5.27
Westminster #2277	W	622	\$6,231.08	\$10.02	Hagerstown #378	W	1631	\$8,171.93	\$5.01
Ocean City #2645	SE	1268	\$12,164.70	\$9.59	Frostburg #470	W	342	\$1,668.04	\$4.88
Newark #2281	NE	355	\$3,356.95	\$9.46	Bowie #2309	NC	489	\$2,300.00	\$4.70
Pocomoke City #1624	SE	342	\$3,142.25	\$9.19	Oakland #2481	W	823	\$3,760.00	\$4.57
Frederick #684	W	1709	\$14,218.93	\$8.32	St. Mary's County #2092	SW	309	\$1,400.00	\$4.53
Salisbury #817	SE	1048	\$7,833.02	\$7.47	Towson #469	NC	841	\$3,135.00	\$3.73
Dover #1903	NE	767	\$5,441.25	\$7.09	Glen Burnie #2266	NC	557	\$1,445.00	\$2.59
Easton #1622	SE	795	\$5,575.00	\$7.01	Crisfield #1044	SE	429	\$560.00	\$1.31
Cambridge #1272	SE	440	\$3,058.00	\$6.95	Deale #2528	SW	361	\$225.00	\$0.62
Calvert #2620	SW	513	\$3,529.70	\$6.88	Broadneck #2608	NC	248	\$70.00	\$0.28

## 4th Annual North Central Elks Fishing Extravaganza

July 28, 2012 • Herrington Harbor North



Join us for a day on the bay. Just for the record we will have drinks at the Tiki Bar while your catch is cleaned then over to the Deale Elks for lunch and cocktails. Historically everyone has had a wonderful time!!!

**\$110 per person** and a **\$25 deposit** is required to reserve a spot.

Contact Stu Burgoon  
410-608-4573 or email  
mdrodman@yahoo



## William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

We have reached that point in our Association calendar when our focus changes briefly, from what we should be doing to what we have done. As this relates to the Jernick Fund I am happy to report that we have had, by all measures, a very successful year.

At the time of this writing we have granted fifteen requests for aid. These requests have been submitted by thirteen different Lodges representing each of our five Association Districts. We have disbursed seventy six percent of the funds available for use this year. As you know, any funds remaining at the conclusion of the year are added to the available funds in the new year.

Turning our attention to the future, we have received almost Twenty one Thousand Dollars (\$20,955.) in contributions. These funds have been donated by Lodges, Ladies of the Elks, and collected at Elk gatherings such as Camp Barrett meetings and DD Clinics. These funds have been added to our principal investments. Our Fund Board of Directors will manage these funds to insure that these monies will generate income which will be available for grants in the future. The source of these funds has been;

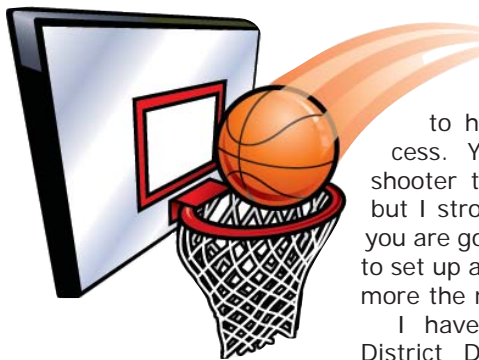
District Deputy GER Clinic Donations	\$ 869.00
Camp Barrett Meetings	\$ 965.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 930.00
Ladies of the Elks	\$ 600.00
Lodge Donations	\$ 17,591.00
	\$ 20,955.00

On behalf of the Jernick Fund, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in our program this year! Those dollars that we collect at meetings such as this convention translate into resources to make everything else happen. The generosity of our member Lodges and Ladies to the Fund insures our ongoing viability.

The members who have identified children and families in distress, and in need of our help, and caused applications for aid to be prepared and submitted, should be proud of their having fulfilled the Lecturing Knights charge "let us do good unto others, for we pass this way but once." Elkdom in action!

Thanks again for a great year! Let's work together to build on our success into the future!

John Loftus, Chairman



## HOOP SHOOT REPORT

to help you attain success. You only need one shooter to conduct a shoot, but I strongly suggest that if you are going to take the time to set up a date and place, the more the merrier.

I have 5 very dedicated District Directors. Gil Dunn and Henry Rinta are the veterans of the group, while John Ramsey, Devin Foggo and Gary Eck-enrode are, like myself, still a little wet behind the ears. We are all committed to this program and want you to be also.

Enough preaching, it's time to do a little boasting.

This year we came as close as you can come to having a National Champion in our State Association. Morgan Edwards, representing Frostburg Lodge #470 made 24 of his first 25 shots to tie for first place in the 12-13 year old boys division. He was the first

of the 12 shooters in that group and had to sit and wait until the other 11 completed their shots. The 11th contestant also made 24 of his shots, which resulted in a shoot off. After missing his first shot, Morgan made the next 4 and had to sit and watch the eventual champion from PA made all 5. For those of you who have had the pleasure of meeting Morgan over the past 5 years, I know that you will agree what a great kid he is and I know that he (and I) are already planning for next year when he brings home the big one. We also had 2 other MD-DE-DC contestants finish second in our Region, Mackenzie DeWees of Westminster and Colin Miller of Towson. All in all, a pretty good year.

Speaking of the National Finals, in Springfield MA, I had the pleasure of attending, for the first time, and can not

even begin to explain how impressed I was by the way the whole weekend was run. It is a great tribute to retiring National Director, Cam Cronk, and all the men and women who work so hard to make this the cornerstone of our programs in Elkdom.

So keep your eyes and ears open for more information on this year's program. I will have the dates for our District and State contests in Ocean City.

As I have stated in the past, if you don't run a Local Shoot, you are only hurting the kids. Who knows, there might be another Morgan Edwards in your area just waiting for the chance.

Jack Boehmer  
State Director.  
jimstewart11@verizon.net

We had a good year, but not a great year in the Hoop Shoot Program this past State Association year. We had more Local Lodges participate, but less overall participants. Some of this was due to school districts no longer using the Hoop Shoot in their curriculum.

I have stated since I took over as State Director, that my goal was to have every Lodge hold a shoot and that goal has not changed. It is a very easy program to run and I, along with my District Directors, are at your disposal



### Boys

**Week #1: June 17 - 22**

**Week #2: June 24 - 29**

**Week #3: July 1 - 6**

### Girls

**Week #1: July 8 - 13**

**Week #2: July 15 - 20**

**Week #3 July 22 - 27**



There is still time to participate in The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Youth Invitational Tournament of Champions Tennis, Golf and Bowling to be held July 22-24, 2012 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA. June 22, 2012 is the final date to register participants. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Elks. Remember these young people are your next generation of Elks. There is no other tournament in our area that includes participants from Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The 2012 rates are as follows:

#### Contestant

288.00 per person single occupancy  
266.00 per person double occupancy  
257.00 per person triple occupancy

#### Chaperone

329.00 per person occupancy  
306.00 per person occupancy  
292.00 per person occupancy

Our State Association, through ENF, helps each lodge financially by reimbursing a portion of the participant's fees. Last year each lodge that requested reimbursement received fifty percent return. Plan for next year by applying in July 2012 for one of the 500 Promise Grants available for youth programs.

Edward "Pete" Peterson  
Chairman

## Jernick Fund Recipients



The Dean family, recipients of the Jernick Fund from Chestertown Lodge #2474, expressed their thanks to the State Association at the Winter Workshop in Milford.

## LODGE ACTIVITIES

Many thanks to those lodges who participated in the All American Lodge Contest A for our Association. The winning lodges are Abingdon Category I, Camp Springs Category II and Calvert Category III. I will be presenting a plaque to the Exalted Rulers for these lodges at the Summer Conference at Turf Valley. If the Exalted Ruler is not able to attend the conference, I ask that they designate someone to receive the award on behalf of their lodge. I also thank Westminster and Newark lodges for their participation. I will present them with a certificate acknowledging their participation in the program.

I would appreciate everyone's help in increasing participation in this contest. State Vice President's are district representatives who assist me with promoting this program during lodge visits, by e-mail and at DD clinics. I would appreciate it if each of them would reach out to the Exalted Ruler's in their districts to gain participation.

If each lodge designates someone to fill out the form each year and uses it as a living document all year, it becomes easy at year end to submit it and receive recognition for the good works that your lodge is doing. I put forth a challenge at the SW District DD clinic for all lodges to participate for the new lodge year and I am hoping that by year end we will have 100% participation.

In closing, I remind all of you that there is a manual in your secretaries offices that explains the lodge activities program and provides many ideas on how to manage this successfully. I encourage all of you to designate someone from your lodge to be a focal point for lodge activities and I hope that all of you use these activities as a way of increasing membership in your lodges.

Charlie Spadone  
Chairman Lodge Activities  
Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ELKS ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS**



PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL  
9100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 6, 2012

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. Weekend Package

Includes two nights Ocean/Pool View Suite on October 5 and October 6; Saturday Evening's Western BBQ Buffet/Dance with DJ. Western attire is optional and encouraged. Also included are Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Double Occupancy:  \$370.00      Ocean Front - Add \$58.00  
Single Occupancy:  \$302.00

2. Individual Room Rates

One Night  \$122.00      Ocean Front - Add \$29.00 per night  
Two Nights  \$244.00

3. Dinner Only - (Advanced reservations only - no tickets will be sold at the door)

One person  \$38.00  
Two persons  \$76.00

Total amount due this reservation based upon above selections: \$ \_\_\_\_\_




**KING BED**

**TWO QUEENS**

**(BASED UPON AVAILABILITY)**

Enclose payment with reservation and check payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Association:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:**  
Gregory W. Adams  
712 Meadow Brook Lane  
Milford, DE 19963-3008  
302-422-7274 (home)  
302-270-2464 (cell)



I saw a tremendous growth in this State Association's Veterans Service Committee activities and personnel supporting those activities. It started with the lodge's Veterans Committee with increased participation and through ENVSC District Chairmen's involvement with the DD Clinics and continued to spread throughout most lodges. I am proud to be part of this team supporting our

## ENVSC Chairman's Report

Veterans and Armed Forces with continuous involvement on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

One of our highlights was the Maryland, Delaware & D.C. Elks Association's support of the Third Annual Veterans' Valentine Concert that was held in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 18th of this year.

This Grand Lodge Program was supported with dedication and financial assistance from the members of this State Association. In a matter of a few weeks, we exceeded

raising the State Association's donation of \$1000 required to receive the matching Funds from the Grand Lodge Grant through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

All Donations were recognized during the Concert. In addition to being recognized in the program for the concert, we promised that all Lodges and personal members' donations would be recognized at this Convention for the State Association.

**\$25 Donations:** Richard Hassen form Bowie Lodge 2309; Newark Lodge 2281; Annapolis Lodge 622; Jay R. Nave, PSP from Westminster Lodge 2277; Westminster Lodge 2277; Milford Lodge 2401

**\$100 Donations:** Lee Davis VAVS Rep from Essex Lodge 1866; Essex Lodge 1866 PER Association; Essex Lodge 1866; John Curran VAVS Rep fom Calvert Lodge 2620; Pocomoke Lodge 1622; Oakland Lodge 2481; Robert McIntyre, VAVS Rep from Newark Lodge 2281; Selbyville Lodge 2173; Ed Pettit, VAVS Rep from Milford Elks Lodge 2401; Ocean City Lodge 2645

**\$200 Donation:** Easton Lodge 1622

**\$500 Donation:** Severna Park Lodge 2482

\$1,850 Total Donations through this State Association

\$1,650 Grand Lodge BPOE ENVSC

\$3,500 Total Donation to the Valentine Concert for Veterans

Thank you for your support  
Fraternally,  
John A. Curran, Chairman

Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576

**Red Ribbon  
Week Kick-off**

**9th Annual  
Safety Day**

**October 28**

**Noon -4PM**

Bay Bridge Airport



**Rain or Shine • Free Admission • Door Prizes**

1PM NRP K-9 • 1:30PM Police K-9 Demonstration

2PM Free State ChalleNGe Academy Color Guard

2:15PM Sudlersville Middle School Band honoring our Veterans and Law Enforcement

3:55PM EIk's RED RIBBON kick-off

For event information: Terry Ober - 443-995-5367 visit: [www.terryober.com](http://www.terryober.com)