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**James Stewart**  
*President*

## Message from the State President

Welcome to the Spring Workshop of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association. We are honored this weekend to host our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas Brazier and his lovely wife Venita. I hope that each one of you will introduce yourself to them and let them witness the great hospitality and friendliness of the best association in our Order!

Since we last met in January, besides shoveling snow, I have attended the State and Regional Hoop Shoots. The Americanism presentations, in conjunction with the State Hoop Shoot presentations, was held at Frederick Elks Lodge #684 and Mary Cardinal-Vogt and Jack Boehmer did an excellent job! Thank you to Frederick Elks Lodge for being the gracious host of that event. The contest was well organized, plenty of help in attendance and the kids did a great job. A few tears were shed, some of joy and some of sadness, but enjoyed by all. I would like to see more participation from our lodges in these programs. We have children in every district who could participate, we just need to search them out.

I attended the Annual Appreciation Banquet at Oakland Elks Lodge #2481 in which the Exalted Ruler, Raymond Monk and PER Sandra Brantner did an excellent job as hosts. This event honored local firefighters, law enforcement officers, teachers and the essay contest winners with a banquet, plaques and certificates of appreciation as well as lodge officers.

As our lodges come to the year's end, I want to congratulate Exalted Rulers and all officers for your dedication to your lodge and Elkdom this past year. As we enter the new lodge year, I encourage all new officers to remember that you are the leaders within your lodge. Be perseverant in your duties and work together to achieve your goals as a team. It takes every member in the lodge to make it successful. You can do this by following the guidelines of the Grand Lodge Statutes and relying on your Past Exalted Rulers for guidance and support. Remember to always be professional when representing your lodge in the public eye. Good luck to you in this coming year!

Remember, get your charity reports into Dave in a timely manner. These are very important numbers for our Association and our time to shine in the White House.

To date, I have traveled approximately 15,812 miles, not counting Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas in July.

Until our next meeting in June at Turf Valley when I will retire as your president, I wish you all well and continue to be "Soldiers of Service" in our communities.

Jim Stewart  
State President

## COMING EVENTS

**April 25-28, 2013**  
Hoop Shoot Finals  
Springfield, MA

**May 1-7, 2013**  
Elks National Youth Week

**June 14-16, 2013**  
93rd State Convention  
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD

**July 14-18, 2013**  
Grand Lodge Convention  
Reno, Nevada

**October 4-6, 2013**  
Fall Conference  
Princess Royale  
Ocean City, MD



## 2013 CAMPER SCHEDULE

Boy Week #1	June 23 through June 28
Boy Week #2	June 30 through July 5
Boy Week #3	July 7 through July 12
Girl Week #1	July 14 through July 19
Girl Week #2	July 21 through July 26
Girl Week #3	July 28 through August 2

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
May 5, 2013**

## Spring Workshop of the MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION Annapolis, MD

### Agenda - March 22-24, 2013

## WELCOME GER THOMAS BRAZIER

**Friday, March 22, 2013**

Noon - 5 P.M. . . . . Registration  
1:00 P.M. . . . . Advisory Meeting  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. . . . . Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairs  
5:00 P.M. . . . . State Trustees Meeting  
5:30 P.M. . . . . ECB Executive Committee Meeting

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. . . . . Breakfast Buffet (\$8.00) 7:30 am -9:30 am  
8:00 - 8:45 A.M. . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Meeting  
8:00 A.M. - Noon . . . . Registration  
9:00 A.M. . . . . Meeting Called to Order  
9:15 - 11:00 A.M. . . . . Grand Forum, Priscilla Schwab, GL Judiciary  
11:00 - 11:15 A.M. . . . . Lou Schmeltzer, ECB Raffle  
11:15 - 11:45 A.M. . . . . Colleen Ford, Abingdon Lodge, Antlers Program  
11:45 - 12:00 P.M. . . . . Greg Wilkes, Conference/Convention  
Noon . . . . Lunch (\$8.00) 11 am - 2 pm  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M. . . . . Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting  
with DDGERS & District Leaders  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. . . . . Committee Meetings  
Conference/Convention Committee Meeting  
Scholarship Committee  
Maurice DiPoli, Presentation  
6:00 - 7:00 P.M. . . . . Social Hour  
7:00 P.M. . . . . Dinner (Business Suit) (\$30.00 includes entertainment)

**Sunday, March 24, 2013**

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. . . . . Breakfast Buffet (\$8.00) 7:30 am - 9:30 am  
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. . . . . Registration  
8:30 A.M. . . . . Meeting Called to Order; Officers' Reports  
Reports by State Committee Chairs  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Good of the Association  
Noon . . . . Closing & Lunch (\$8.00)

### NEXT MEETING:: JUNE 14 - 16, 2013 STATE CONVENTION OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION TURF VALLEY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD

## FLAG DAY CEREMONY June 15 • 2PM TURF VALLEY

The Order of Elks is committed to promoting the patriotic principles of individual freedom, opportunity, and dignity. In 1907, Elks members adopted a resolution which designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. Please attend our State Association Flag Day Service in Turf Valley.

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt Americanism Chairman

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Thomas S. Brazier

As the fraternal year ends for our Order, we begin the transition from the Officers who have worked so hard this last year to ensure the success of their Lodges, to the new Officers who will carry

on a long tradition of fraternity and charity. Congratulations to all Exalted Rulers as you complete your terms. I encourage you to continue your dedication to our Order by taking an active part in your PER Association and district.

For those who are moving into new positions in your Lodge, know that we all appreciate your continued dedication. Your experience is invaluable to your Lodge, and you will

grow with each position you complete.

For the new Exalted Rulers, you are now the president and chief executive officer of your Lodge. As such, people will look to you for leadership. You have the responsibility to represent the Order to your Members and community with dignity and professionalism. But you are not alone. You are surrounded with a wealth of experience in those who have come before you and those who are continuing another term in their position. Get together with your Past Exalted Rulers Association. Draw from their learning and find out what worked well for them and what would they have done differently. Spend time with your Lodge Secretary to find out what you need to do to make things run smoothly for him or her. They have a big job to do and can use your help and cooperation in

many areas. Be sure to attend your Trustees and House Committee meetings, as well as other committee meetings as needed. You cannot lead if you do not know what is going on around you.

Sounds like a big job? It is. So . . . share the workload. Get your Officers involved. Have regular meetings with them to review how the year is progressing and to work out who needs help and where. You can't do everything in the Lodge, so elicit the help of your Officers to ensure that the work of Elkdom is being done in your Lodge and elsewhere. Not to mention it will be more fun if you are all working together toward your goals! Together, you will all achieve success and move our Order forward in the upcoming fraternal year.

Welcome aboard!



Paul D. Hesel  
PGER & SPONSOR

Welcome to Annapolis Lodge No. 622 and the Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. A full weekend of fun, good fellowship, and a little bit of business has been planned for

your benefit. Jane and I both are looking forward to the weekend and the opportunity to visit with all of you, enjoy all of that good fellowship, and help set the tone for a very successful 2013/2014 lodge year that is about to start on April 1.

Also this weekend we are honored to have our Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas S. Brazier and his lovely wife Venita with us. They hail from the great State of California. Tom is a Member of Santa Cruz, California Lodge 824 and Venita is a Past Exalted Ruler of Monterey, California Lodge 1285. I know they look forward to meeting each of you, please take a few minutes to greet them personally and explain to them how your lodge and our Association are prime examples of "Elks-A Beacon of Hope"!!!!

During this conference we will have the opportunity to learn about and reflect on the accomplishments of our 38 lodges for the 2012/2013 lodge year which will end on March 31st. As we have come to expect, the combined accomplishments of our lodges will again show that our Association ranks among the best in all of Elkdom. My congratulation and thanks to all those Elks and their spouses who have worked so very hard to make this year a success for their individual lodge and our Association.

While we should be very proud of our continuing high level of accomplishments, I firmly believe there is much more we can do both individually and collectively. The key to long continuing success and growth is having a strong and properly functioning organization in place - an organization made up of dedicated individuals who know what to do and how to do it properly in each of the 38 lodges of our Association. We began some initiatives this year that require some changes in how our lodges do business, as well as how our Association is expected to function - all in the effort to provide the information necessary for lodges to make good business decisions, to provide "how to" training where necessary, and to

instill a culture of Elks taking responsibility for the position they hold and accountable for their actions or lack thereof. These initiatives will continue during 2013/2014 and until they are a routine part of the operation of our lodges and Association.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Spring Conference weekend and best wishes to all the new Lodge officers for a most prosperous and successful 2013/2014 lodge year. Working together I am sure that 2013/2014 will be another great year for the 38 lodges of our Association!!

Sincerely and fraternally  
Paul D. Hesel  
PGER & Sponsor

## Drug Awareness Report

Our Drug Awareness Programs continue to grow throughout our State Association. Reporting is down and needs to be up, I know that many lodges have actively been involved in some type of Drug Awareness and hope that you are including this in your Charity Report. I would appreciate it if all out going Exalted Rulers would please send their District Chair and me a copy of Drug Awareness Activities for their year as Exalted Ruler.

I have finally been in touch with Display Communications and the Display's will cost \$150.00 (cost for Lodge \$100) and a Tabletop Display (which is here for you to look at) will cost \$65.00 (cost for Lodge \$32). Several Lodges have in the past shown interest in one or the other and I ask that you email me and I will take care of ordering them.

I have also talked to "Fatal Vision" and I am ready to start ordering your "Fatal Vision Goggles" as soon as the new budget year begins. Currently, it looks like the North East District will be the first to get a set of goggles

thanks to Dover Lodge and Chestertown Lodge. Please consider donating so your District can have a set of "Fatal Vision Goggles". They are an awesome tool to use with any program.

Worthington Washington, West District chair will be presenting information of current drug use and drugs being used by our youth at 2 pm Saturday afternoon. Please plan to attend if possible, this is very important information and will help you when using our literature and talking with the public.

District and State Essay and Poster Contest Winners will be announced at the workshop along with our Camarena Award Winner for the State of Maryland. Please continue to educate our youth and families through our Drug Awareness Programs and let me know your ideas to improve our programs.

Thank you,  
Cindy Taylor  
DAP State Chair



## Message from the President-Elect:



Carl F. Vogt

I hope everyone enjoyed their visit to Calvert Lodge for the January Workshop. Congratulations to all the newly Elected Officers, I wish you all a very successful year and hope that you will meet the challenges that come with your

positions.

As your President-Elect, I am looking forward to working with you in a few short months. I have attended the ECB Meetings, as well as, the ECB Executive Board

Meetings and Convention/Conference Meetings.

At the Advisory Committee in January my State appointments and goals were presented and discussed and I'm pleased to state that all were approved. By now, you should have received a letter confirming your appointment. Choices are not always an easy task especially when replacing a chair person; however the Association is grateful for the service you performed as a volunteer for the good cause of Elkdom.

The selection of the Lodges to host the January and March Workshops has been made and a formal request submit your proposal will be sent after the March Workshop as the Trustees are currently rewriting the requirements to eliminate any misunder-

standings. Recently I attended the Hoop Shoot and Americanism Awards Banquet at Frederick Lodge. For those of you who missed it, Jack (The Hoop) Boehmer and Mary All American) Cardinal-Vogt again did an outstanding job in acknowledging and presenting awards to the youth for their respective programs. They can really lighten these youngsters and put a smile on their faces.

As I continue to travel, I look forward to the year still ahead and the path we will all take in making this the great association.

Mary and I both look forward to seeing all of you at Annapolis.

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt,  
President-Elect

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Dave Reihl  
NE District VP

With only a month left in the fraternal year, we are only two short of maintaining our membership at last year's level and I'm still hopeful that we will have a gain by March 31.

I'm delighted to report that for ENF donations, seven out of eight lodges in our district have met and exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per capita. While the totals are lower than last year, we usually see some great last minute activity that pushes us over the top, and I am optimistic that this too shall happen.

The Northeast District Caucus will be conducted on April 21, 2013 at Chestertown Lodge immediately following the District Deputy Clinic. Letters will be mailed with information pertaining to this caucus.

Note that all Lodges are accorded a specific number of ballots based upon the number of members as of April 1, 2012. Lodges must have the proper number of representatives present to receive the correct number of ballots.

As of this submission (March 1), John Ramsey of Dover Lodge, and Gary Thompson of Milford Lodge have been presented as candidates for the position of District Vice President.

As of this time, March is building up to be a busy month with attending the Installation of Officers at Milford Lodge, The Grand Exalted Ruler's visit, and our Spring Conference at

Annapolis Lodge.

Once again, I remind you that I am here to support you, and if you have any needs you believe I can assist with, don't hesitate to call, e-mail or write me, and I will answer swiftly, and to the best of my ability.

Yours in service,  
Dave Reihl

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Robert Riggins  
NC District VP

As the year comes to an end I want to thank all of the Lodges and the Exalted Rulers in the North Central District for their hospitality. It has been a pleasure serving as Vice President for this year.

I had the opportunity to witness the great works that we as members of the Elks Association accomplish. Please continue your good works in the years to come.

Thanks again for all your co-operation.

Fraternally,  
Robert Riggins

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Rick Anderson  
SW District VP

Greetings from the Great Southwest District! I have completed all my lodge visits and want to say I truly enjoyed all the visits. I would like to thank all the

Southwest lodges for their incredible hospitality. Through very difficult economic times Southwest lodges are doing pretty well and are supporting many Grand Lodge and State Programs and I would like to commend them on their efforts.

Lodges please keep me informed of your upcoming charitable events. Even though my official visits are done I still would like to get out and see all the good works being done in our communities. Just think another helper at your event.

That's really all I have to report at this time. I would like to send greetings and welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier to our great State Association from the Southwest District. Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend.

Fraternally;  
Rick Anderson, PER

## WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Brian Westfall  
West District VP

Greetings from the West District, home of Abigail Maddy, Erica Lindsay, and Morgan Edwards, State Division Winners in the Hoop Shoot; and Ethan Adams and Kayla Guthrie, Division runners up in the State Americanism Essay

Contest. Our congratulations to these fine young people (and future Elks!). Kudos to Frederick Lodge for once again hosting the annual competition and the awards ceremony.

Valerie and I had the privilege to attend and participate in Oakland Lodge's Community Appreciation Dinner on February 24, 2013. It was rewarding to see the young people, educators, and

public safety personnel receive their awards.

As I write this column, three lodges in the District, Oakland, Westminster, and Frostburg, have met the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 for ENF. Congratulations! I know that Hagerstown and Frederick can't be far behind!

Four lodges, Hagerstown, Oakland, Westminster, and Frostburg, are showing a plus in new members for the year. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. After going to the trouble of recruiting new members, make sure you take the time to provide them with a real indoctrination where we make them feel our passion and our dedication for the Order.

A tip of the hat to new or re-elected Exalted Rulers: Larry London, Frederick; Larry Werner, Frostburg; Scott Davis, Hagerstown; Sandy Brantner, Oakland;

and Hank Martin, Westminster. You have taken on a significant responsibility, building and maintaining your team and creating the conditions under which they can be successful. I wish you every success. Let me know if I can help.

Remember the District Caucus to be held following the District Deputy Clinic on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at 10:30AM, at Frederick Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, Maryland. The purpose of the Caucus will be to elect a Vice President, a State Trustee, and a Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member. Individuals seeking nomination to one of these offices should arrange to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
Brian Westfall, WVP

## Government Relations

Things have been fairly quiet in Maryland with the exception of the increased debate on either strengthening or weakening gun laws, removal of the death penalty as a deterrent to violent crime, should we put slots in the airport, another gas tax increase and other assorted hand-in-our-pockets exercises. As the man said, "Other than that Mrs. Lincoln, what did you think of the play?" On the other hand our Delaware Lodges have had their hands full with the back and forth over their gaming privileges and you will hear more on the status of that issue from our Delaware representative. One thing that became abundantly clear during those discussions, and that reinforces our constant (nagging) emphasis, is the importance of our charitable reporting. When battles like this come up they say, "Show me the money" and we need to be prepared to give solid examples of our charitable works. There is no good reason why your charitable reporting should not be up to date; again, we do all this great stuff, we walk the walk and talk the talk so let's cowboy up and finish the job. Get all of those hard earned hours, miles and dollars on record where it will do even more good promoting the "Benevolent" aspect of the Best People On Earth.

As the new Lodge year begins I

encourage all the Lodges to review their Rental Contracts and Agreements, Personnel Policies, Sexual Harassment policy status, UBIT reporting and guest policy. We will have examples of some of these forms and policies back on our website soon and I hope to have some information on that at this conference. The issue in Delaware, in addition to the constant scrutiny of our activities by the regulatory agencies, reminds us that we must continue to monitor and abide by our Statutory and legal responsibilities. We obviously don't want to jeopardize our Lodge's existence by not following accepted practices but we also do not want to jeopardize our ability to do what we do best and that is to help those that need it. One more time, there is too much at stake not to do the right thing.

Our battles with those who may want to limit our abilities can be made a lot easier. Keep using Public Relations to get our positive image out to your communities; keep accurate records of those fantastic charity numbers and keep them out in front of the public to remind them of just who we are and what we do; keep our noses clean by doing the right thing and For God's Sake Keep It Private.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman  
Government Relations Committee

## Elks National Home News

### Elks Home Residents:

Charles Blumenour of Frederick lodge passed away and Virginia Davidson of Severna Park lodge is in Special Care unit.

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**MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association  
Keep up the Great Work!!!  
March 23, 2013**

**Are you doing all you can do for our Association to be #1???**

As of February 19, 2013, our Association of 21,092 has donated \$153,633.61. We are at \$7.284 per member. Our Association has made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member!! A current update will be given at our meeting in Annapolis. The following 32 lodges have made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50:

Towson #469	Chestertown # 2474 Salisbury #817	Ocean City #2645
Annapolis #622	Crisfield # 1044	Washington-Rockville #15
Essex #1866	Cambridge #1272	Prince George's County #1778
Broadneck #2608	Easton #1622	St. Mary's County # 2092 Camp Springs
Laurel #2283	PocomokeCity #1624	#2332 Waldorf #2421
Wilmington #307	Selbyville # 2173	Deale # 2528
Havre De Grace #1564 Dover #1903	Seaford #2458	Calvert #2620
Newark #2281	Cape Henlopen #2540	Frostburg # 470 Westminster #2277
Abingdon #2354	Kent Island #2576	Oakland #2481
Milford # 2401		

The State President goal of \$9.00 has been made by **8** lodges.

Kent Island #2576	Cape Henlopen # 2540
Laurel #2283	Washington-Rockville #15
Chestertown # 2474	Prince George's #1778
Pocomoke City # 1624	St. Mary's County #2092

Please send me any pictures that your lodge has which shows the use of your Grant money. I want to share them with everyone in the MD, DE, D.C. State Association through our newsletter and on-line.

You have notified me about the wonderful things that you have accomplished with your Community Grants during the 2012-2013 ENF year. We have 31 lodges that are able to apply for the Gratitude Grant this year because they have made the GER goal of \$4.50 per member. Please contact your district chairman, myself or [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more information on other grants.

**Elks-Driven Community Project**

We're almost at the end of this lodge year. I hope your lodge has developed a new, ongoing charitable Elks-driven Community Project. Please share with me what your Community project is and how the \$1,000 helped to support your project. We need to show our charitable works to our community by having an on-going program at the local lodge.

**Reminder: All donations for this lodge year must be received at Grand Lodge by midnight March 31, 2013. You are always able to make donations on-line.**

Thank you to all of our lodges for their contributions thus far. We have a long way to go to make our yearly goal. Please let me know of any ideas that you have for making your lodge's goal. I would like to share them with all of the association. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail, [cfinley@ccboe.com](mailto:cfinley@ccboe.com), with any questions or concerns. Your district chairmen will also be able to help you. In the North Central District, contact Carolyn Riggins; Northeast District, contact Ed Pettit; Southeast District, contact Roberta Maycrantz; Southwest District, contact Art Walker and in the West District, contact Sandy Brantner.

## Auditing and Business Practices Report

Our State Association Association has earned finances for 2012-2013 are within budget, from May 1st through February 21, 2013. The State

has earned \$431,926.42 of the \$414,040.00 Budget or 105.00%. Expenses for the same time period are

\$353,581.06 or 85.00%. Or a Net Income of \$78,345.35, that's good, however we still have 3 months remaining.

within budget!

There have been a number of Lodges requesting additional training sessions, therefore I will have another Training session on Saturday February 23rd starting at 2PM on "How to Run the Business of Your Lodge." Pass outs will be available, along with a question and answer period.

Hope all lodges are within budget and making money, hand over fist? If not, please try to attend one of my seminars, you *may* pick up something that will help you and your lodge? Cost per person YOUR TIME and you get FREE KNOWLEDGE!

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chairman or Chairwoman 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

### Wanted

#### A Few Good Members

At the June Convention I will announce the recipient of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association Elk-of-the-Year award. I need your help in finding this person. The criteria for this award are very much like your lodge Elk-of-the-Year award. It is someone one who has shown exemplary efforts in furthering the work of Elkdom, but on the State Association level. This is someone who has gone "above and beyond" in performing their duties. And to that end, there are a couple of classes of our members who are NOT eligible this year: any currently serving District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Any currently serving State Association Vice President. And any Past State President. The thinking being that in the first two cases, they are basically doing their job and should not get special recognition for that. And in the case of the PSP's, well this is a group of Elks who have "been there, done that" and have already been recognized for their efforts.

Your nomination for Elk-of-the-Year must be sent to me in writing. It can be by snail mail (1157 Old Crellin Road; Oakland, MD 21550), or e-mail (jimstewart11@verizon.net), but NOT by phone. It does not have to be elaborate. Not how long they have been an Elk or a list of all their past positions. Just a simple "who" and "why."

Thank you for helping me in making this decision and I look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Stewart, President

Elks Camp Barrett from May 1, through February 21, 2013, are within budget. The Camp has earned \$375,125.10 or 102%. of budgeted income of \$366,800.00. Expenses for the same time period were \$333,051.91 or 90% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Income of \$42,073.19.

State Association Balance Sheet from May 1st through February 21, 2013. Checking/Savings assets of \$616,387.03 Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$902,336.16 less accumulated depreciation of \$447,031.00, for a total fixed assets of \$455,305.16. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$32,425.75, for Total Assets & Liabilities of \$1,114,054.91. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending.

Thanks to the State Trustees, Elks Camp Barrett Committee and all State Chairperson for staying



## THINK RETENTION

### +1 Membership



*We need your Membership Team to work the issues facing us which is our declining membership.*

*This is the time of year for dues notices and excitement about the upcoming year, however amongst all of this is List of Delinquent Members.*

*Remember, it is easier to retain a Member than to find a new one!!  
Put together a TEAM to make those calls to your Delinquent Members.....*

*Their dues bolsters your bottom line.*

*Member retention is hard work but the rewards are always worth it!!!!*

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD  
State Membership Chair





# Americanism Winning Essays

## 5th-6th Grade Winner Allyson Collier

### "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me"

To me the National Anthem means that we are free and I am proud of that because in some places they are ruled by one person and that one person rules by his beliefs and it's not fair. We fought the war because we didn't want to live like that and I'm proud. In a lot of other countries a young man grows up knowing that he is required to enlist in the military. While in America we have freedom to choose whether we want to join the military.

When I hear the words National Anthem I think of freedom and the flag. When the National Anthem is on it brings tears to my eyes and touches my heart. The song really makes me honored to be an American. It's so amazing that in this big war and all the commotion, the flag was still standing there on that pole.

The flag is a symbol of our country and a symbol of our freedom. We fought for our freedom. The fact that people cared enough to risk their lives for our country's freedom touches my heart and really makes me proud. Even though some people don't care about the National Anthem or the war of 1812, I ignore them because I know it's so very important.

That is why when I hear the words Oh say can you see I feel very proud of the flag and my country.

## 7th - 8th Grade Winner James Hurd

### "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me"

The Star Spangled Banner which is our country's National Anthem was written in 1814 during a war that kept our country from being overcome by Great Britain. The song was written by Francis Scott Key, from a boat in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. The song was his perspective on how our country was fighting a war with many difficulties, but still we manage to keep our flag and country together. To me the National Anthem means though there are difficult times The United States of America will always remain free with our flag flying high in proof.

I can't seem to go anywhere without seeing at least one American flag flying high. The National Anthem is a reminder that through the bravery of the people serving our country we will remain free from tyranny and free to make our own decisions. No matter how cruel or vicious an attack on our country may be, our flag still flies high in the end thanks to the brave who call this country home.

The end of the first verse in the Star Spangled Banner reads, "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" This quote is the perfect example of how our country is free despite many attempts, from neighboring lands, to remove this from our grasp. The National Anthem is my personal reminder as a young child that I will always be free as long as the red, white, and blue flies high..

## Poster Winners

0-3 Years Old

1st Zoe Reamy Calvert

4-5 Years Old

1st Charlette Pliescott Cambridge

2nd Sierra Waxman Calvert

3rd Reed Mason Havre de Grace

6-7 Years Old

1st Callasaundra Messick Waldorf

2nd Justin Thompson Newark

3rd Gavin Adshead Cambridge

4th Lily Delasio Laurel

8-9 Years Old

1st Kayla Serimsha Cambridge

2nd Cameron Blackburn Havre de Grace

3rd Seth Baker Calvert

4th Trevor Baer Laurel

## Essay Winners

### Division I

#### 5th and 6th Grade

First Place

Allyson Collier - Milford

Second Place

Ethan Adams - Frostburg

Third Place

Steven Lee Davis - Essex

Fourth Place

Hailey Hook - Calvert

Fifth Place

Michael Bell - Seaford

### Division II

#### 7th and 8th Grade

First Place

James Hurd - Waldorf

Second Place

Benjamin Buckless - Havre de Grace

Third Place

Sha' Jones - Cambridge

Fourth Place

Kayla Guthrie - Oakland



## Elks Americanism Award Winner Recognized by Allegany County Board of Education



Pictured with Ethan are Larry Werner, Exalted Ruler, Frostburg Lodge #470; Ethan's parents, Jeremy and Deborah Adams; and Brian Westfall, Vice President, West.

Ethan Adams, Frostburg Lodge and West District Winner in Division I of the 2012-2013 Americanism Essay Contest also took second place at the State Association Awards. He was recognized for his accomplishment Tuesday evening at the Allegany County Board of Education meeting, where he read his essay for the Board.

## Youth Tennis and Golf

The Youth Invitation Tournament of Champions will be held on July 28-29-30, 2013 at Seven Springs Resort. The forms are now on the web site ([www.mddedcelksasso.com](http://www.mddedcelksasso.com)). This is the time of the year to contact your local school coaches for tennis and golf participants. Explain that the competition is coming from District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. The junior group consists of 14 to 15 and the senior's range from 16 to 18.

The financial summary is being repeated from the January bulletin, so lodges can budget for the coming year.

Lodging Financial Summary for 2013 are as follows:

### CHAPERONE RATES

- \$ 341.00 per Chaperone, Single Occupancy
- \$ 318.00 per Chaperone, Double Occupancy
- \$ 304.00 per Chaperone, Triple/Quad Occupancy

### CONTESTANT RATES

- \$ 300.00 per Contestant, Single Occupancy
- \$ 278.00 per Contestant, Double Occupancy
- \$ 269.00 per Contestant, Triple/Quad Occupancy
- \$ 160.00 Commuter Package (inc. meals)
- \$ 50.00 Entrance Fee (Commuter)



Package includes Sunday dinner, Sunday lodging, Monday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Monday lodging, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, 6% state sales tax and gratuities covering services for food service personnel. Rates for additional nights before or after the package, \$ 60.00 per person, per night plus 9% sales tax and occupancy. tax but does not include meals.

Pete Peterson  
Chairman for Youth Tennis and Golf

## HOOP SHOOT



State Association Hoop Shoot winners Abigail Maddy and Morgan Edwards with Larry Werner, Exalted Ruler, Frostburg Lodge #470

We made some strides this year with our State and Local Hoop Shoot contests, but we have a long way to go to make the program what it should be in our Association.

21 of our 38 lodges held a local shoot, which is up 3 from last year, but that means that 17 did not. That is pretty unacceptable, as this program is easy to run and Grand lodge makes material available to each Lodge as to how to organize and run your contest. I hope we can pick up a couple more Lodges next year as we strive for the magic 100% goal.

Participation was down in total numbers, but the competition was great at every level.

The District Directors all staged successful contests and I am very grateful for their hard work. Let's show them even more support next year.

It is not too early to get rolling for next year. If you did not stage a contest this year, find someone in your Lodge that is willing to run it next year and have them get in touch with your District Director or myself. We will be more than willing to sit down with them and offer our help.

Our State contest in Frederick on February 16th was one of the best I have ever witnessed. The scores were outstanding and several championships were decided in shoot outs. I have a feeling I will be joining one or more of our State Champs in Springfield in April, but, as I type this, the Regional contest is still several weeks away. I will have the results of the Regional shoot this weekend and will give them in my report, either Saturday or Sunday.

The results of the State Shoot are as follows:

### **Girls (8-9)**

Abigail Maddy (Frostburg #470) made 21 of 25

### **Boys (8-9)**

Jackson Merrill (Severna Park #2482),  
made 21 of 25 (3 way tie) wins shoot out

### **Girls (10-11)**

Laney Cornelius (Towson #469) made 16 of 25

### **Boys (10-11)**

Jayshaun Freeman (Chestertown #2474) made 23 of 25

### **Girls (12-13)**

Erica Lindsay (Hagerstown #378) made 21 of 25

### **Boys (12-13)**

Morgan Edwards (Frostburg #470) made 24 of 25 & wins shoot out

The Boys (12-13) group put on a contest worthy of a national finals. After the first group of 25 shots, Morgan and Shemar Turner (Chestertown #2474) had both made 24, Conor Mullaney (Easton #1622) had made 22 and Nitin Bandi (Washington-Rockville #15) and Colin Miller (Towson #469) had made 21. Colin won the shoot out for 4th place and as I said above, Morgan won the shoot out for 1st, 5-4.

Unfortunately, Laney had a prior commitment for the weekend of the Regional shoot, but fortunately Sarah Hortin (Washington-Rockville #15) was able to step in and take her place.

The Regional shoot was held last weekend in Middletown, so if you see me walking around this weekend with a big smile, it is a pretty good indication that I'm heading to Springfield next month.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you this weekend and always remember, if your Lodge doesn't hold a shoot, you're not cheating yourselves, you're cheating the kids.

Jack Boehmer DDGER  
State Director

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION'S  
CONVENTION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND  
149<sup>TH</sup> GRAND LODGE CONVENTION  
JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2013  
RENO, NEVADA  
RESERVATION FORM**



John Ascuaga's Nugget  
1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, Nevada 89431

All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Exalted Rulers, the Convention Committee wants this special occasion to be one of the highlights of your year.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at the Reno Convention Center. And, our State Association Reception and Dinner will be held later that day at 7 PM at the hotel. The Convention Committee recommends that you plan to arrive on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Expected attire for all** at the Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony, Business Sessions and at our State Association Dinner on Sunday is State Association Coat and Tie (or Business Attire)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2013.** LATE RESERVATIONS MAY CAUSE YOU TO BE HOUSED IN AN OVERFLOW HOTEL.

All reservations include state association dinner on Sunday in honor of our Grand Lodge Sponsor, the Honorable Paul D. Helsel, PGER and the former First Lady of Elksdom, Jane Helsel.

Circle reservation request below:

Single Occupancy Rates

Four nights \$570.00  
Five nights \$700.00  
Six nights \$830.00  
Seven nights \$960.00

Double Occupancy Rates


Four nights \$ 620.00  
Five nights \$ 750.00  
Six nights \$ 880.00  
Seven nights \$1010.00

For triple occupancy rate or any other questions feel free to contact PSP's - Tom Rabickow, Lee Davis or Gregory Wilkes.

**Exalted Rulers** – please include your **Lodge's donation of \$60.00** for the Hospitality Room at the hotel.

Enclose payment with this form and checks payable to **MD, DE and DC Elks Association:**

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Room  Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Double Queen \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ENVSC Chairman's Report

I am proud to be part of this team supporting our Veterans and Armed Forces with continuous involvement on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

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.

This past year (2012), a proposal to the Grand Lodge was approved to add a new facility to our National Veterans Service Commission for the Maryland, Delaware & D.C. Elks Association.

Our proposal to add the Dover AF Base USO Fisher House to the Elks National Veterans Service Committee, allowed us to expand our outreach and support not only to our Veterans and Armed Forces but to sup-

port the families of our fallen heroes, on their final journey home was approved. To the families, this is a phase, in their lives that we, as Elks, can assist a soldier that is no longer with us: lift some of the burden with peace, comfort and thoughtfulness to his family.

The E.N.V.S.C. members representing this State Association never stop serving. Your representation is not only at the Dover AF Base USO & Fisher House but throughout the MD. DE. & D.C. Elks Association at: the Washington D.C., VA MC, Elsmere (DE) VA MC, Perry Point, VA MC, Baltimore VA MC, Loch Raven VA MC, Martinsburg (WV) VA MC, Eastern Shore Hospitals, Charlotte Hall Maryland Veterans Home, Milford, Delaware Veterans Home and last but not least ... the USO at the BWI Airport.

Special note for the USO-BWI: On a monthly average, over ten thousand Armed Forces pass through this facility. As Elks, we thank our Veterans & Service Men & Women

through the ENVSC Members representing you every week, and month throughout the year! Please support them.

Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,  
John A. Curran, Chairman

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Calvert on January 20, 2013 was Patti Gray from Havre De Grace Lodge No. 1564.

Thanks to everyone that continually supports the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in their lodges and at the workshops

Please purchase your tickets at the registration table this weekend.

H. Lee Davis, PSP  
50/50 Raffle Chairman

## The Capitol View Volunteer Corps

### Making a Difference in the Community Living Center at the Washington DC VA Medical Center

One of every four individuals who die today is a Veteran. Across the country, staff in VA Community Living Centers (CLC) provide supportive care to many seriously ill Veterans receiving hospice and palliative care, helping to define the final chapters of their lives. Unfortunately, many of these same Veterans are without family, or have family who are unable to be with them to lend their support. No Veteran Dies Alone is a national VA Hospice and Palliative Care initiative charging VA caregivers to ensure that no Veteran dies alone. Washington DC VAMC Geriatrics and Palliative Care has partnered with Voluntary Services to develop a comprehensive volunteer program to meet this challenge. Under the direction of Kathy Bixby, the Capitol View Volunteer Corps (CVVC) looks to make this goal a reality—a focused reflection of excellent resident-centered care. Her vision for the Corps is a 5-part program that includes:

- **TLC Squad (Total Living Comfort Squad):** Volunteers work with nursing staff attending to the day-to-day comforts of residents; simple comforts we often take for granted—time, care, and consideration honoring Veteran preferences and supporting best care practices.
- **Honor Guard (Legends and Legacies):** These volunteers pay homage to the military service of CLC Veteran residents with opportunities to engage them as creatively expressive artists, thinkers, and storytellers.
- \* **Adjutant Corps (Administrative Support):** Volunteers assist with varied administrative tasks that support all aspects of the CLC.
- \* **RSO Battalion (Recreation Serving Others):** Volunteers support the recreational needs and interests of CLC residents by assisting them to participate in individual and group activities that promote leisure and entertainment.
- \* **TAPS Brigade (11th Hour Honor Guard—No Veteran Dies Alone):** Volunteers receive structured training to support the knowledge and skills needed to enlist in the TAPS Brigade. This is a selective role recognizing the unique opportunity to companion dying Veterans—a final testament honoring their military service.

Barbara Higgs, a member of Washington-Rockville Lodge 15 and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) Representative at the DC VAMC, is the first volunteer to serve as a member of the CVVC's TAPS Brigade—committed and scheduled to provide true 'compassion in action.'

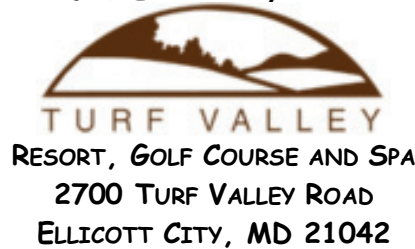
Barbara recommends that Elks interested in working with Veterans contact their ENVSC Representative or local VA Medical Center's Voluntary Services Department to learn of the numerous and varied opportunities in which an individual or a Lodge can make a difference in saluting both the living and dying of Veterans and their families.



Note: The program's name was inspired by the view of the Capitol as seen from the Community Living Center's windows. I have enclosed 2 pictures...sorry it was foggy. One has me in profile.



MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
 JUNE CONVENTION, MEMORIAL SERVICE AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
 REGISTRATION FORM  
 JUNE 14 - 16, 2013



1. **REGISTRATION FEE** : IS \$5.00 PER ATTENDEE IN ADVANCE OR \$10.00 AT THE EVENT  
 (LIST NAME OR NAMES FOR CREDENTIAL BADGE BELOW)  
 # OF ATTENDEES @ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ACCOMMODATIONS PACKAGE**

Includes hotel room for two nights on June 14 and June 15, Saturdays Evening's State Association Dinner and Awards, and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Double Occupancy:  \$400.00      12 oz New York Strip # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single Occupancy:  \$317.00      Herb-Crusted Sea Bass # \_\_\_\_\_

3. **INDIVIDUAL ROOM RATES: (CALL FOR ADDITIONAL NIGHTS ADD ON)**

One Night             \$117.00  
 Two Nights         \$234.00

Check type of room choice below

  QUEEN BED     TWO DOUBLES     DOUBLE QUEEN

(LIMITED NUMBERS OF EACH TYPE OF ROOM ARE AVAILABLE - RESERVE EARLY FOR FIRST CHOICE)

4. **DINNER ONLY: (ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY - NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR)**

One person             \$37.00      12 oz New York Strip # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Two persons         \$74.00      Herb-Crusted Sea Bass # \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BASED UPON OPTIONS CHOSEN ABOVE – INCLUDING REGISTRATION FEES \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Badge #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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