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**Carl F. Vogt**  
State President

## Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to Fall Workshop of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association here in Ocean City, Maryland. Hopefully we will all be here and be blessed with some beautiful Indian Summer weather at the beach.

Since my installation at Turf Valley in June, it was indeed a great honor to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada as the President of this great Association along with Mary, your First Lady. At the Grand Lodge, it was an honor to carry the

Maryland Flag during the Opening Ceremony; the Delaware Flag was carried by Richard Reynolds, DDGER from Dover Lodge and the District of Columbia Flag was carried by Diana Patton, ER from Washington-Rockville Lodge. In addition to my attendance at all of the sessions, I was appointed to serve as one of the Assistant Grand Esquires during the Legislative Session to assist with the distribution and collection of ballots that were used to vote on the many resolutions proposed by the Judiciary Committee.

In July, Mary and I attended the Seven Springs Tournament of Champions where our Association was well represented in the golf and tennis programs. What a great feeling it was to see all these youngsters compete and enthusiasm that the committee had in assuring everyone has a great time. Pete Peterson and Joan Thompson from Ocean City Lodge do a fantastic job of handling all of the arrangements for our association, including my itinerary and getting all of the awards for our winners.

My Motto this year is "Elks Serving Our Communities". So what does that mean to you? Think about it...everything we do in our benevolent and charitable work basically engages our communities in one way or another. It is here where the opportunity arises where we can all make a difference. The programs we sponsor...Scholarships, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Elk Camp Barrett, Veterans Service are all avenues whereby we engage with our communities. Please utilize these opportunities to publicize what you are doing by engaging the local news media. It is also a great way to recruit potential members.....remember at times we just need to ASK would you be interested in becoming an ELK.

At this workshop you will also hopefully learn about another goal that we deem is necessary to develop the future leaders of our Lodges, Districts and State Association. Some of you may have heard a bit about it at your recent DD Clinics, namely...The ELKS Mentoring Program. Please think about the opportunity this affords to individuals who wish to expand their knowledge and potential for a leadership role in Elkdom. We are looking for Mentors as well as Mentorees; it's similar to the

technique employed by successful businesses today. Have an open mind regarding this necessary program, it will take time to implement and eventually measure the results. It's an opportunity to move into a leadership role.

My visitation schedule has been finalized and has been sent to all the Vice Presidents and District Deputies. Both Mary and I look forward to making all these visits.

In closing, have a great weekend in Ocean City and we hope that you return home with a renewed enthusiasm and motivation in carrying forth Elkdom as "ELKS Serving Our Communities".

**Carl F. Vogt**  
State President

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER - ENF Month

**October 19, 2013**

State Soccer Shoot  
Ocean City, MD

**October 25-31, 2013**

Red Ribbon Week

**November**

Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

**December 1, 2013**

Elks Memorial Service

**January 17-19, 2014**

Winter Workshop  
Dover Lodge #1903

**February 15, 2014**

State Hoop Shoot  
Whittier Rec Center • Frederick, MD

**March 8, 2014**

Regional Soccer Shoot  
Frederick Indoor Sports Complex

**March 15, 2014**

Regional Hoop Shoot  
Middletown, MD High School

**March 20-23, 2014**

GER Visit/Spring Conference  
Frederick Lodge #684

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT of COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
**FALL CONFERENCE**  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

**AGENDA • OCTOBER 4-6, 2013****Friday, October 4, 2013**

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

**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

7:00 - 9:00 AM .....	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 - 8:45 AM .....	Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 - Noon .....	Registration
9:00 A.M .....	Meeting Called to Order
9:15 - 10:00AM .....	Elks Training, Jay Strong, State Chair
10:00 - 10:45 AM .....	Mentoring Program (John Boehmer/Carl F. Vogt)
10:45 - 11:45 AM .....	Committee Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elks Camp Barrett, John Istvan, Chairman</li> <li>• Trustees Budget Preview 2014 - 2015 Claudia Finley-Bowalick, Chairman</li> <li>• Auditing and Accounting, Warren Johnson, GLC</li> <li>• Con/Con Committee, Greg Wilkes, Chairman</li> </ul>
11:45 AM .....	Announcements & Recess until 9:00 AM Sunday
Noon .....	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 PM .....	Hon. Paul D. Hesel, PGER Meeting with DDGERS
2:00 PM.....	Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
2:00 - 2:30 PM .....	State President Mtg with VPs and State Committee Chairs
6:00 - 7:00 PM .....	Cocktail Reception
7:00 - 8:00 PM .....	Dinner (Hawaiian Attire)

**Sunday, October 6, 2013**

7:00 - 9:00 AM .....	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 - 9:00 AM .....	Registration
9:00 AM.....	Meeting Called to Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers' Reports</li> <li>• Reports by State Committee Chairs</li> <li>• Unfinished Business</li> <li>• New Business</li> <li>• Good of the Association</li> </ul>
Noon .....	Closing

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WINTER WORKSHOP  
DOVER LODGE #1903  
JANUARY 17-19, 2014**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: December 20, 2013**

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler: Checkpoints help gauge Lodge progress



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Millard Pickeing

In the Elks calendar, there are a number of checkpoints - times to step back and take a cold, hard, objective look at how things are going. October is one of

those times for Local Lodges. It is the mid-point for Lodge operations. The District Deputy is either on the way or the report letter is in the works.

Although the specifics will certainly vary from place to place, some things should be universal to every Lodge. How is the business plan going? Is the budget working out? We all know a budget doesn't create income, it man-

ages it. Everyone starts the year with target figures but do you take the time to make comparisons? Use the audit report and comments from your District Deputy, if available, as the tools they are intended to be to craft management decisions and adjustments to the plan or determine if a modification to the budget is needed.

From a strictly-business point of view, Lodges market fraternity. Club facilities exist to provide social opportunities for our Members. What do you have planned for your membership as the busy holidays approach? Have you considered the needs of all concerned including veterans, families and auxiliaries in your planning?

Those events finance charitable and community service projects. They also figure into the success of the State Association and Grand Lodge. How close are you to meeting your goals for State Major Projects, National Foundation and other priorities set as you started the Lodge year last April?

It is obvious that this article is more about suggesting questions than giving universal answers. While there is no single, one-size-fits-all answer, if you take a hard look at the questions in October, there is time to find the solutions needed to close the Lodge year in good form.

I think I'll take my own advice.  
See you down the road.



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & SPONSOR

Welcome to the Fall Conference, once again being hosted in the highly popular vacation and weekend destination of Ocean City, Maryland. With this being the "beach" with all its trappings - plus the program laid out by our President Carl

Vogt - plus the fine accommodations and super social happenings planned by our Convention Committee - plus all our dear Elk friends in attendance, this promises to be a super fun filled weekend of fellowship and hopefully a learning experience as well. Jane and I look forward to being with you all and having the opportunity to visit and share some of that good fellowship.

The Fall Conference marks the midpoint of the lodge year and an opportunity to take stock of how well things are going and what midcourse corrections need to be made to reach our goals and objectives. I congratulate and thank all the lodges that are on a solid course for a successful financial year, as well as a successful year in pursuing Elk and community programs. For the lodges that are not doing so well don't be surprised that you may find help knocking on your door shortly.

From an Association standpoint, we are now about four months into our year and we will also be taking stock on how our commit-

tees and individual chairpersons are doing to encourage each other and our lodges to be involved and active in our programs, activities and efforts of Elkdom. Remember our goal and intent is to strengthen the individual lodges and promote and encourage "Shared Responsibility" throughout all levels of our Association, from the President to the individual lodge member. Hopefully all of you in positions of responsibility are doing your best to make things happen, as well as reporting on an ongoing basis what you are doing and what progress is being made.

I know that throughout the weekend we will learn that our Association and even many

of our individual lodges are doing well and we as a total entity are once again on track for having another successful year. My congratulation and thanks to all of you who are contributing to these efforts to make it happen in your individual lodges and across our entire Association organization!!

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference weekend, and best wishes to all of our 38 lodges for a continuing successful year.

Sincerely and fraternally  
Paul D. Helsel



T.P. Simons  
SW District VP

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT

Greeting from the Southeast District. Once again, I would like to say that it is an honor to represent the Southeast District as your Vice President.

President Vogt and I have published our visitation schedule for the District. We will be visiting each of our Lodges between now and the Winter Workshop in Dover. In fact by the time this report

is published, President Vogt and I will have visited Easton Lodge #1622 and Selbyville Lodge #2173.

In August I attended the District Deputy Clinic at the Selbyville Lodge. It was well attended and very informative. Also, I will be attending the Camp Barrett meeting in September.

I am looking forward to my travels throughout the District this fall to see and hear of all the good work being done for Elkdom in the Southeast.

Until then.  
Fraternally,  
T.P. Simons

## Message from the President-Elect:



Carl F. Vogt  
President-Elect

I thank everyone who supported my candidacy for President-Elect and I will do all that I can to justify that trust; to paraphrase our Ritual, "I will strive diligently to merit your approval".

Following our State Convention I attended the Ritual clinic at Dover Lodge #1903 and on July 4 I attended the Fishing Rodeo hosted by Kent Island Lodge #2576. This is an annual event that benefits a huge number of children, congratulations for a job well done. It was then off to Reno for a memorable convention as I was able to witness a stunning rendition of the Ritual by Dover Lodge (I guess the clinic worked) and then to see

Connie installed as District Deputy for the Southeast District.

On our return I accompanied the District Deputy to Seaford Lodge #2458 for their first Family Fun Day, an event they were able to provide by utilizing a Beacon Grant they were awarded. I attended the August Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Lodge Representative's meetings and then Connie and I headed south to St. Mary's Lodge #2092 for their first "Piggin' on the Patuxent", a great barbecue event that raised a substantial amount for designated charities. We then attended the Luau at Selbyville Loge #2173 and then it was the Southeast District Deputy clinic. There are several events scheduled after the deadline for this newsletter and I will report on them in January.

Thank you to those Lodges that have included me on their mailing list, and to those Lodges that have not I ask that you do so. I enjoy reading about the good works of our Lodges; also,

Connie and I thoroughly enjoy going "Elking" so we appreciate knowing of your Lodge activities and events.

I will very soon be asking our Lodges about their interest in hosting one of our workshops during the 2014-2015 Association year. I strongly encourage each Lodge to ramp up its' involvement in our Association by offering to host one of our meetings- it is admittedly a bit of work but in the end very satisfying. Connie and I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful Holiday season and look forward to our next meeting in January. As always, if I can be of help on any matter please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,  
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## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Ramsey  
NE District VP

Since I took office, I have attended the State Ritual Clinic in Dover and was impressed by the information given by our State Ritualistic chair Larry Mathers. My next stop was attending the State Trustees and Camp Barrett meetings in

August. Next was the District Deputy Clinic in Abingdon where I gave my report. It's always a pleasure to visit Abingdon with the fellowship and friendliness that they always extend to visitors and a beautiful location.

This is where ER Earl Briel offered to purchase a trophy and present to any lodge that brings the largest number of visits from another lodge. Of course he offered this after we brought about 20 people from Dover to Milford's crab feast. Trophy or not we had a great time and were treated like family in Milford.

My first official visit of the year was Havre de Grace and ER Debra McFadden rolled out the welcome mat and it was a pleasure to be there. I always pick up good ideas from every visit and one I like is that Havre de Grace supports a bicycle EMT program and I think we could use a program like that in our area with our highly attended events.

Also Newark was going to bring a busload to Havre de Graces cook out. Earl, I hope you wiped the dust off that trophy, Newark might have a place to put it. I just attended September's State Trustees meeting and Camp Barrett meeting on the 14th. I am looking forward to October as we have a lot of Lodges to attend and with that comes a lot of good ideas. I will repeat what I said at the DD clinic --- if you want to increase your \$\$ and attendance on your events send a PERSONAL invitation to your neighboring lodges. That can result in \$100s of dollars and great fellowship.

Yours in Elkdom  
John Ramsey

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Jay V. Strong, Jr.  
NE District VP

In July I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno. I have to say, the Convention and Conference Committee, especially Greg Wilkes and Joyce Bailey, together with the incoming District Deputies and the Exalted Rulers, did an outstanding job with

the Hospitality Suite!

In August I attended the Trustees' meeting, and the Elks Camp Barrett meeting, and the Convention and Conference Committee meeting. I also spent considerable time preparing

materials for Elks Training for this Elk Year. I met with Dave Wolcott to discuss and brainstorm a training program he is developing for incoming Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights and Vice Presidents. Like the other Vice Presidents, I'm gearing up to help promulgate President Vogt's Mentoring program. I attended the August Clinic of District Deputy John Wald, and made a brief presentation on both the Mentoring Program and Elks Training. And, I prepared an article on the mission, methods and challenges of the Convention & Conference Committee.

Now, the deadline for this report to be included in the Newsletter is 1 September, and my first official visit is not until 3 September (at

Broadneck Lodge No. 2309). By the time you read this I will have made that visit. By 2 December I will have made all of my official visits, and will have accompanied President Vogt on all of his official visits in the North Central District.

If there is anything I can do to help you, or help any citizen in the North Central District to take advantage of any of the community strengthening missions of the Elks, please do not hesitate to contact me. What can be better than helping a fellow Elk, or a citizen who can benefit from what we Elks do in our communities?

Fraternally,  
Jay V. Strong, Jr., PDDGER

## WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Danniele McKnight  
West District VP

First of all, I would like this opportunity to thank the members of the West District for electing me to serve as your Vice-President this year. I will strive to do the best of my abilities to live up to the expectations you have placed on me.

Since the June meeting, I have had the honor of attending the Boy Scout troop 1998 Flag retirement ceremony at the Frederick Elks on the 17th of June. It has always touched my heart the amount of pride and respect these boys and young men put into retiring the flag

with dignity. Later in June I also had the pleasure of attending the "half way to Christmas" dance at the Frederick lodge. This was a great partnership between the lodge and a local charity, Patty Pollatos Fund, to raise fund for the "Christmas Cash for Kids" charity that provides gifts for children who might not receive anything under the tree on that special morning. This charity has become a Frederick tradition and I was so proud to be a part of the evening. I would like to thank past District Deputy "Fat" Jack Boehmer for working to build this partnership.

I attended the August Camp Barrett meeting, our state project. The video presentation was a true pleasure to watch. The children have such a great time at the camp. I hope that next year all the lodges in the West will be able to send campers.

On 17 August, I attended Dale Sears District Deputy clinic in Frostburg. As expected Dale did a wonderful job with the clinic and tried a new format which made it easier to highlight our different projects. If you get a chance to talk to Dale about how well it went. I was able to give the West a highlight of the new Mentoring program State President Carl Vogt developed and had a positive response to this new incisive.

I look forward to working with all of the lodges within the west district this year to promote the outstanding programs of Elkdom and truly show the pride of the "Wild West".

Fraternally yours,  
Danniele McKnight

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

There are still some questions and discussion as to Unrelated Business Income and the whole Member/Guest issue. This has been reviewed numerous times and I will offer that there are two excellent resources if you have questions as to how these apply, and they are our Annotated Statutes for our Guest policy and our Auditing and Accounting Manual for Unrelated Business Income. Section 14.130 of the Statutes is very clear as to who has privileges in the home or club facility of the Lodge - members, their spouses and guests of members. We must keep those limitations sacred to avoid any inference that we are a public accommodation. This section is very short and to the point and it should be understood as such; there is no reason to overthink it or try and interpret it as anything other than what it is. Our social quarters are open to those individuals listed in 14.130 and to them

only - no gray area, no exceptions, end of discussion.

There is a basic concept to Unrelated Business Income and Article 10 of the A&A manual defines it very well; if the income comes from members it is exempt, if it comes from non-members (guests also) it is not. Obviously there are exceptions and certain circumstances that affect the strict interpretation of that statement, but my point is that a review of that section of the manual is instructional, enlightening and should be mandatory for every Lodge governing body. You will learn from that manual how you can hold functions in your hall and lessen your exposure to the tax implications of Unrelated Business Income, how to properly allocate income for a 990 (and what a 990 is), what sort of information the IRS will ask for and an enormous amount of other instructional material.

The Internet has made it very easy to

access information as to how the IRS determines the legitimacy of fraternal organizations and establishes how they must operate. I suggest you Google "IRS Fraternal" and a wealth of information opens up to you. In particular, Publication 557 tells you everything you need to know about the determination, organization and requirements of a 501 (c) (8) fraternal organization, which includes the Elks. Use these tools to increase your knowledge of how your Lodge is to properly operate when it comes time to open your doors and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. As a Maryland attorney used to say in his ads, "Let's talk about it".

And for God's sake, KEEP IT PRIVATE!!!

Dave Wolcott, Chairman  
Government Relations Committee

## 2013/2014 ELK TRAINING

This year we're going to try something old, and something new, to enhance the leadership skills of our Officers and our Members.

Before the Grand Lodge Elks' Training Committee was axed in a cost cutting move, the Committee would promulgate a "Grand Lodge Training Course" each year. It would be distributed to the Lodges through the State Elks' Training Committee, and each Lodge would be expected to administer the course to its Officers and other interested Members. It was intended to familiarize the Officers and Members with the Statutes and selected Manuals, so they could readily find answers to their questions when issues or disputes came up around the Lodge.

That style of training has been reconstituted with a new "MD, DE, DC Elks Association Training Course" this year, which focuses on the Statutes only. The District Chair Persons will be sending each Lodge the Course, with the Answer Key. Now that the Annotated Statutes are on line at Elks.org, any Member with a computer, laptop, smart phone or tablet has access to the Statutes, and can find the Answers. We'll be looking for every Lodge to administer the Course to, as a minimum, the Exalted Ruler and the Leading Knight.

For something new, we'll be posing a set of hypothetical "situations" to be solved by breakout groups at the October Conference in Ocean City.

Each hypothetical will have one correct solution under our Statutes, and copies of the relevant Sections will be provided to each participant. Here's the kicker: in addition to finding the correct solution to the hypothetical situations, the breakout groups will also have to develop a strategy to lead the Lodge out of a divisive, injurious dispute and to "...the green pastures of knowledge, and beside the still waters of peace."

Anyone can be right; it takes good leadership to inspire everyone to want to agree on what is right.

Jay Strong, Jr.  
Chairman, Elks Training

## DOVER LODGE #1903

# Eastern Division Ritual Champions



Congratulations to the Officers and the Coaches of Dover Lodge #1903 for being the First State Association Team to finish first in the Eastern Division and to compete in the Final Four. They did finish 4th in the Nation!!! Not to bad for first timers. Not only did Dover win first in the East among 15 competing Lodges, they also had the highest scoring Exalted Ruler, Connie DeYoung, and 3 All-American winners, Coach Greg Wilkes, Inner Guard Nancy Wallace, and Loyal Knight Merrilyn Ramsey and also winner of the William King Award for the highest scoring Officer in the entire competition.

The Dover Lodge Championship Team included Exalted Ruler, Connie DeYoung, Leading Knight, Jeff Carlson, Loyal Knight, Merrilyn Ramsey, Lecturing Knight, Kathy King, Esquire, Marvin Solomon, Chaplain, Linda Velez, Inner Guard,

Nancy Wallace, Candidate, Doris Solomon and their Coaches, Greg Wilkes, Joyce Bailey and Susan Conlogue.

I congratulate Dover Lodge #1903 for representing the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association with such pride and enthusiasm which comes from great team work and many hours of practice and attending those Ritual Clinics.

I want to give special thanks to the Ritual Judges that came to the Clinics and give their remarks to the Team. This is invaluable information and it sure helps the Team.

On behalf of our Sponsor Paul Helsel, our State Associations Officer and myself for making us Soooo Proud.

Larry Mathers  
State Ritual Chairman



## Dover Lodge #1903 Jernick Fund Recipient



Dover Elks Lodge #1903 and the Maryland, Delaware, DC State Association were proud to present Jernick Fund checks to Haley Shiber and her family on September 6, 2013. Haley and her family attended a dinner at the Lodge and they shared slide shows and movie clips of Haley's progress with her new wrex arms. We wish the entire family well in this challenging journey.

## William J. Jernick Memorial Fund Report

The William J. Jernick Memorial Fund has had a fairly busy summer! We have received and processed six applications from Lodges representing three of our five Districts. As a result we have granted Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) in aid to children and families in distress! This is up from four applications during the same period last year, a fifty percent increase!

On the Grant side of the Ledger, thanks to the generosity of our members, as of September 1, 2013 we had raised almost Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,486.28) to be added to our Investment Trust where it will continue to earn interest and dividends to provide funds for future grants!

While I am grateful for each of these gifts, I am sorry to report that this is down (roughly 38%) from almost Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,883.75) in the same period last year.

As of September 1st we had received donations from Chestertown Lodge #2474, Newark Lodge #2281, and the Ladies of Dover Lodge #1903, Essex Lodge #1866, Cambridge Lodge #1272, Cape Henlopen

Lodge #2540, and Easton Lodge #1622. In addition we have received donations of One Thousand Dollars from Kent Island Lodge #2576 and over One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars from Selbyville Lodge # 2173.

The District Deputies have kindly permitted collections to be held during the August Clinics and donations have been received from the Northeast, the Southeast, and the Southwest Districts.

There are few better, or easier, ways that your Lodge can generate positive press for itself, and make it's good works known to the general public and community leaders alike, than a William J. Jernick Memorial Fund Grant. It involves a one page application, an envelope, and a stamp. Each District has a District Chairman (listed on page 24/25 in the State Directory) that stands ready to assist you, many Lodges even have a Lodge Jernick Fund Chair!

Please remember us on both sides of the ledger. It takes money to make money, and we exist solely to return it to you so that you can reach out to those in your communities experiencing hardship or medical crisis.

I am sure that you have seen the reports

showing how much of your donation to a given charity actually gets eaten up by salaries and overhead. I stand before you today and proudly say that every penny donated to the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund is invested, and only the Interest and Dividends are distributed in the form of Grants. There are no salaries and no overhead, One Hundred percent of the money goes to grants!

We are there for you, Identify a family in distress, fill out an application, work with your District Jernick Fund Chair, invite the local press to a presentation ceremony at your Lodge, and raise your positive profile in your community.

Thank you,  
John C. Loftus PDDGER, Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540, SE District, State Chair  
Michelle Rhoads PER,  
Newark Lodge #2281, NE District Chair  
Julie Burgoon,  
Severna Park Lodge #2482, NC District Chair  
Jack Stush PDDGER,  
Frederick Lodge #684, West District Chair  
Mike Hall PER,  
Prince George's County Lodge #1778,  
Southwest District Chair



## Youth Tennis and Golf



We had great weather and a great golf and tennis tournament. We had six lodges represented with five tennis players and eleven golfers for a total of 16 participants. West Virginia had three lodges with a total of six participants, Kentucky had one lodge with one participant and Pennsylvania had seven lodges with fifteen participants. There were a total of eleven tennis players and twenty eight golfers.

Chestertown participated this year for the first time and their golfer thought the program was great and will help to recruit additional golfers next year. Prince George's sponsored a Junior girl golfer and she won the 1st place in the girls Tournament of Champions. Ocean City's Junior golfer lost by one stroke to a boy from West Virginia in the Tournament of Champions. They both shot a 77 the first day and were in the same threesome on the second day. When they came to the 18th hole, they were still tied. Ocean City golfer two putted and the West Virginia boy sank a 35 foot put to win the Junior Division by one. Great match up. Both individuals will be returning next year

### **MDEDEC AWARDS**

#### **Tennis - Girls Senior Division**

- 1st Place Danielle Naftali - Annapolis  
2nd Place Alie Burt - Annapolis

#### **Boys Senior Division**

- 1st place Grant Hudson - Annapolis  
2nd Place Noah Orders - Annapolis

#### **Golf - Boys Senior Division**

- 1st Place Andrew Unger - Ocean City  
2nd Place -Ryan Artis - Prince George's

#### **Golf - Boys Junior Division**

- 1st Place Matt Kristick - Ocean City  
2nd Place - Danny Parker - Ocean City

#### **Golf - Girls Junior Division**

- 1st Place -Micaa Thomas - Prince George's  
2nd Place Tori Buchaman -Cape Henlopen

This year there were only eleven tennis players and four came from Annapolis Lodge. Their two girls ended up in a tie and had to have a play off for the 1st place senior division and 2nd place. The Seven Springs tennis courts are no longer available, so we were required to rent courts in a nearby community. Shuttle buses were provided by the resort

President Carl Vogt and I attended the Steering Committee meeting on Sunday and the entire meeting was on alternative facilities. Each of the facilities had its drawbacks. Most other facilities cost more than Seven Springs and not as confined. Seven Spring prices for next year will be \$10 and \$15 more than this year. Pennsylvania representatives are looking at one more facility in the PA area.

Lodges requesting reimbursement for their participants must send me an email (petedward@aol.com) requesting reimbursement with the cost of each participant. Reimbursement will be made after all the bills have been paid.

Pete Peterson  
Youth Tennis and Golf Chairman

## **MDEDEC Participants At Seven Springs**



These are the participants to Seven Springs Tournament of Champions this year. Annapolis sent 4 Tennis Players, Cape Henlopen sent 1. Ocean City sent 4 Golfers, Frostburg 2, Prince Georges 3, Chestertown 1 and Cape Henlopen 1 for a total of 16 participants. This was our best showing. Keep up the good work.

## **SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE THANK YOU**

Dear Fellow Elks,

On behalf of the Silent Auction Committee for Camp Barrett, I am very proud to announce that we made \$3,460.00. You all did a fabulous job on your donations and fun was had by all that had the winning bids. The baskets were beautiful and thoughtfully planned. Thank you to all the lodges and individuals who made generous contributions to make this happen! You truly are Elks who Care and Share.

I personally really love our camp and I am grateful to work along with all of you who keep our State Project thriving, your commitment shows! Our special thanks to individual donors: Scott and Melita Wishard who donated one week at their condo in Surfside Beach. The lucky bidder was Charles Spadone. Mary Lehman who made 4 baskets for the auction. Greg Wilkes and Joyce Bailey who donated the Grand signed apron.

Your committee,  
Nancy Wert, Chair  
Kelly Randolph  
Mary Lehman  
Martha Scully



# Newark Lodge 50th Anniversary



Left to Right: Paul Helsel PGER, Richard Burg PSP with 3 original Charter members, Robert McIntyre PER, Mel Melancon PER and John Benson PER.



Left to Right: Robert McIntyre PER and Paul Helsel PGER

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# A Toast to Carl and Mary in Reno



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*Connie McYoung  
and  
Todd Ratledge  
at the  
Unveiling of the  
9/11 Memorial*

Todd Ratledge of Dover Lodge #1903 was instrumental in the completion of the 9/11 Memorial at Dover Air Force Base. He generously contributed and installed the sprinkler system and landscaping with a lifetime commitment to its upkeep. Thank you Todd for all you do!

## MD DE DC State Soccer Shoot

The MD-DE-DC State Shoot will be held October 19 at Ocean City at the Northside Park Recreation Complex on 125th Street.

Registration starts at 11:00 AM ALL SHOOTERS--bring a copy (NO ORIGINALS) of your birth certificate. At 1:00 PM we will begin the soccer shoot competition. Shooters will be called down to the floor area and each will draw a number for their shooting position in their age groups.

After the shooting is complete there will be an Awards Banquet at the Ocean City Elks Lodge for all in attendance while we tabulate and prepare for the Trophy Presentations. During Trophy Presentations please take as many photos as you wish. After the Trophy presentation I will need to meet with all the 1st Place finishers to talk about Regional Shoot in March and get uniform sizes.

The Soccer Manual is available on line at Grand Lodge Web Site for free. Score sheets for U-10, U-12, and U-14 are all the



same now.

Below are the changes that we adopted which were put in place last year. Please make sure that all your chairman are aware of these changes. Unfortunately, we are unable to get these changes into the GL Soccer Manual at this time.

The goals and ball sizes are as the GL soccer manual states along with the shooting distance for the U-8 children. The changes involve the U-10 and U-12 competitors.

U-8 children shoot with the 4 ball at the small goal.

U-10 children shoot at the large goal with the 4 ball from 18 feet from the goal.

U-12 children shoot at the large goal with the 4 ball from 27 feet from the goal.

U-14 children shoot at the large goal with the 5 ball from 36 feet from the goal.

No Soccer Cleats allowed!!! This is an indoor facility with a rubber floor, only indoor soccer shoes or tennis shoes (NO BLACK SOLES) will be allowed.

There will be 2 goals set up like at the district shoot and both goals will have people shooting at the same time. There will be NO FLASH photography during the actual shooting portion of the contest. Cheering and applause are allowed and encouraged--there is noise on soccer fields so we expect the same here--just be courteous!!!

Thank you for your support of this great program and your commitment to the Elks.

G. Gerald Morrow, State Chairman

## HOOP SHOOT REPORT

First, let me thank all of you who were at Turf Valley for making the experience of our 3 National Finalists a memorable occasion. I have never heard the word "Awesome" so many times in the course of a day and a half in my life. All 3 champions and their families could not express enough how thankful they were for the experience we afforded them.

But that was last year and it is time to move forward.

There is one new District Director this year. Matt Morgan of Washington-Rockville #15 has taken on the responsibility in the Southwest. I hope that each Lodge has been in contact with their District Director by now and plans are in full swing for your Local shoot. The District Directors will be able to provide you with the dates of their shoots very shortly, if they have not done so already. We had an increase in the number of Lodges participating last year and I hope we see that trend continue.

As part of my duties as State Director, I was asked to help man the Hoop Shoot booth at the National Convention in Reno. What an experience !!!! To see how widely accepted and supported this activity is at the national level, made me even prouder to be a small part of it.

I hope that we will have a successful year this year and I plan to honor any National finalists we have in the future the same way we did this year, by having them attend the State Dinner at our Annual Convention.

I know this is a Hoop Shoot report, but I cannot end without saying how proud and honored I was to witness both performances of the history making Dover Ritual team in Reno. I know, from experience, how much time and effort it takes for those officers and coaches to attain that level and to be there and enjoy their success with them is one of the highlights of my 20

years in Elkdom. If you come in contact with anyone from Dover this weekend, please extend your hand in congratulations.

Jack Boehmer, State Director



## That “#Z@\*#Xz!Zx%!\*!Xz@!” Convention and Conference Committee!

Few Elks are as misunderstood as the Convention and Conference Committee. Let's see if we can clear away some of those misunderstandings.

Keep in mind no one on the Convention and Conference Committee asked to be there. We were all appointed by our Sponsor, who no doubt gave considerable thought to which Elks would, as a team, have a chance of fulfilling his vision for the Committee.

That vision: to increase participation in the Conventions and Conferences staged by the Association, and increase participation in the annual Grand Lodge Sessions, while raising all the money necessary to cover the Association's costs incurred in connection with them. Just to make it interesting, about the same time the Committee sprang into existence, the Trustees made it clear there was no longer any money in the budget to subsidize those costs. So, the “Con Con” Committee has to raise every nickel it spends. If we were a government run bus service, we could just raise the fares, watch ridership decline, operate at a deficit, and sell bonds to cover the shortfall. But we're Elks, and no one is buying our bonds.

So, we have to raise more money AND increase attendance! Make it bigger, make it better, and make it pay for itself. Hmmmm. Now there's a challenge for you, especially when many if not most Elks are already feeling they are being overly assaulted with donation and contribution and raffle ticket purchase requests, and the like.

First, the attendance part: we're trying to make our Conventions and Conferences fun. Fun is something we think the majority of Elks understand, and are willing to tolerate. We're counting on that. Last year's Western themed dinner dance in Ocean City was one such effort. This year's Luau theme is another. If you enjoyed the Western thing last year, and/or the Luau thing this year, tell your friends back in your Lodges about our show and bring them along for the next one. You like the idea

of making these things fun, but Western and Luau don't do it for you? Then bring us your ideas!

Now, the money part: Let's talk about the registration fee we're charging for the June Convention, and the Fall Conference. It has been thought of by many, and referred to by quite a few, as an admission fee for the Hospitality Suite. We don't know how that story got started, but it just ain't so! It's a registration fee, just like the one you pay to attend the Grand Lodge Conventions, only smaller. The registration fee goes to pay for incidentals that are not covered by the room rentals. We have to pay for setting up tables, and taking them down; we have to pay for setting up chairs; we have to pay for setting up and using audio and visual equipment (multiple microphones cost extra); we have to pay for bartenders and ice at the dinner; we have to pay for the VIP rooms and amenities we provide for them. And so on. The Trustees aren't using your dues to cover these expenses, and the money has to come from some place. We thought disclosing the registration fee was a more transparent approach than just boosting the cost of your rooms. So, you pay your registration fee, you get your credentials, and your credentials are your ticket to attend the meetings.

What about the other fund raising we're pursuing? Well, the “Con Con” Committee has the responsibility to raise the money to pay for the VIPs and Dignitaries, including our own State President, who attend our State Dinner at the Grand Lodge Conventions. (Why pay for VIPs and Dignitaries? The Elks have a long tradition of honoring Members who have given much to the Order by helping them with expenses, and in the case of Life Members we have even codified the tradition: Section 14.260.) There are also incidental expenses at Grand Lodge Conventions: bartender's fees, ice, tips for deliveries to the Hospitality Suite, handling charges for items shipped in

advance, audio equipment at the State Dinner, etc., etc.

In the future, the Committee will also have to cover the expenses of the State President at our June Convention and October Conference, as well as the VIPs and visiting Dignitaries. Thus, you are seeing fund raising events now, and you'll see more later. We'll try any scheme we think might work. But it may not be enough.

So, we're planning to resurrect the “Booth at Grand Lodge Idea.” We'll try to come up with things we can sell at a booth. The whole point of the booth is to make a profit. As these plans develop more fully, we'll let you know how they're shaping up.

Now, if all of this money raising ends up netting more than the Committee needs to meet its expenses, what happens to the extra? Well, it will NOT be distributed to the Committee Members, and it will NOT go into a slush fund. No. If the money we have left over after covering our expenses exceeds \$5,000 as of 30 April each year, the excess will go toward operating expenses of Elks Camp Barrett. The \$5,000 we retain will be “working capital” to get us started on the next year's Committee operations.

The silver lining is that the annual dues payable by the Lodges still haven't been increased. (See, we are here to help, after all!)

So, now that you understand us better, if you can think of a better way to get all this done, talk to us first. If you don't get any satisfaction from us, talk to our Sponsor. Let's not grumble or murmur against the Committee, though. That doesn't help anything.

Also, we are always looking for more help. If you like challenges like ours, think about becoming a part of the solution - part of the Committee. Then you'll really understand!

Jay Strong, Jr.  
Legal Counsel to the  
Convention and Conference Committee

## E N F Grants: Don't let this money go down the drain. Use it to serve your community.

Beacon Grants - offer Lodges an opportunity to develop an ongoing, charitable, Elks-led community project. Beacon grants have five requirements: New- Ideally, Lodges will use their Beacon Grant for the same successful. Ongoing project each year. It must be something the Lodge is committed to continuing on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. It must be something Elk -led and have Elk hands on involvement. It must be Charitable and geared toward helping those in need, ie underprivileged youth, homeless veterans or the hungry. The Project must be an activity, and not be split between two causes. It may not be a donation of supplies or funds. This \$2,000.00 grant is available to all Lodges.

Promise Grants - encourage Elks to actively engage with youth by addressing one or more of these five promises.

- Providing youth with safe places
- Providing healthy living
- Offering support for caring adults
- Emphasizing the importance of education
- Encouraging community service

These \$2,000.00 grants are available to the first 500 Lodges that apply. All Lodges are eligible to apply.

Gratitude Grants - are ENF's way of saying thank you to every Lodge that meets the National Presidents Goal of giving which is \$4.60 per member. You may use

the gratitude grant for things like partnering with D.A.R.E. to hold drug awareness programs in schools, hold recreational events for people with disabilities, or partner with students to hold a community clean-up day. The possibilities are endless. The Gratitude Grant is available for use between the date your Lodge meets the per-capita goal and July 31, 2014.

I would like all District Chairman and Lodge Chairman to meet with me at 2.00 PM on Saturday. Place to be determined to discuss and become familiar with Elks National Foundation Chairman Challenge Guidelines.

Mary Cardinal-Vogt  
ENF State Chairman

## Quarterly Report Auditing & Business Practices

Our **State Association finances** for 2013-2014 are within budget, from May 1st through September 1, 2013. The State Association has earned \$304,751.08 of the \$319,540 Budget or 95.00%. Expenses for the same time period are \$43,290.57 or 17.00%. Or a Net Income of \$261,460.51 that's good.

**Elks Camp Barrett** from May 1, through September 1, 2013, are NOT within budget. The Camp has earned \$157,424.49 or 103% of budgeted income of \$382,563. Expenses for the same time period were \$240,453.73 or 62% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Loss of \$86,028.73. That's not good.

**Convention/Conference Account:** from May 1st through Sept. 2, 2013, are within budget. The Convention/Conference committee has earned \$85,872.87 of budgeted income of \$133,585 or 64% of budgeted income. Expenses for the same time period \$74,467.07 of the budgeted \$131,544 expense or 56%.

For a net profit of \$11,405.80. NOTE: There is a difference of \$2,041 between the budgeted Income and budgeted Expense? Why is there a difference?

**State Association Balance Sheet** from May 1st through Sept 2, 2013. Checking/Savings assets of \$553,512.22 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 \$34,339.82, for Total Assets & Liabilities of \$1,053,071.65. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watching spending. There is always more work to do, just like owning a house, our work is never done. Keep up the good work.

I have conducted additional Training sessions throughout the State Association on "How to Run the Business of Your Lodge," and others.

Past were given out, along with a question and answer periods. There will be a training class 2PM on "What are Good Business Practices, " location will be announced on Sat.

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 YOU'RE TIME and Benefits, 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 DiPoli, PDDGER  
State Chairman Auditing & Business Practices

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**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

**Friday, Jan. 17**

**Lunch**

\_\_\_\_\_ Fried Chicken or Fried Rock Fish, Potato Logs, Cole Slaw, Jello **\$5**

**Dinner**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pork Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas, Assorted Pies **\$10**

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

**Breakfast Buffet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Toast, French Toast, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Coffee/Tea **\$8**

**Lunch**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cream of Crab or Split Pea Soup, Deli Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw **\$6.50**

**Banquet Dinner**

\_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Flounder, Rice Pilaf, Garden Salad, Asparagus, Dinner Roll and Dessert **\$15**

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll and Dessert **\$15**

**Sunday, Jan. 19**

**Breakfast Buffet**

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Toast, French Toast, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Coffee/Tea **\$8**

NOTE: Persons with special dietary needs must notify the Lodge by January 11, 2014. We will endeavor to accommodate these needs to the best of our ability.

**Deadline for Prepaid Reservations is January 10, 2014**

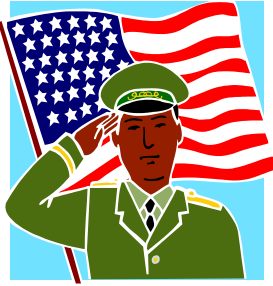
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### ESSAY CONTEST

“What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?”

DIV. 1 – Grades 5-6

DIV. 2 – Grades 7-8

Essay length not to exceed 250 words and must be typed or printed in ink. Entries are due to Lodges by January 10, 2014. Lodge winners are to be in the District Chairman’s hands on or before January 30, 2014. District winners are to be the State Chairman’s hands on or before February 28, 2014. State Association winners will be receiving awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place in each division. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will advance to the National Level.

#### Judging Criteria:

Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases — 30 points

Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don’t ramble — 40 points

Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation — 30 points



### POSTER CONTEST

“MY FAVORITE SYMBOL OF AMERICA”



Artists must be 0-9 years old.

Categories:

0-3 Year Olds

4-5 Year Olds

6-7 Year Olds

8-9 Year Olds

Please have name, address, phone number, age, name of school (if enrolled) and name of sponsoring Lodge on back of artwork

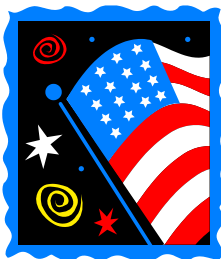
#### DEADLINE

Lodge Chairman by January 10, 2014

District Chairman by before January 30, 2014

State Chairman by February 28, 2014

**An Americanism Awards banquet will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
at St. Mary’s Elks Lodge 2092**



Renee’ Rivituso  
Americanism Chairman  
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