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Dave Wolcott
State President

Message from the State President

Fisher's popcorn, salt water taffy, sea gulls and Thrasher's French fries - ah, it must be October in Ocean City. Welcome to the Fall Workshop of the MD, DE and DC Elks Association. There will be excellent presentations and a lot of information provided this weekend for everyone's benefit and for the benefit of our Lodges, and I encourage everyone to take full advantage of our sessions. The lessons we learn this weekend can only strengthen our Members, our Lodges and in the

our communities as well as being creative in finding other ways to provide that service. I have great faith in the Members of our Association and their commitment to the good works of our Order. We are, after all, the Best People On Earth and we should be proud of why we are Elks.

On that note, I wish everyone a fruitful, informative and energizing workshop. I hope we all get our Elk batteries recharged and that we return to our Lodges with a renewed enthusiasm to do what we do best - serve others. I wish safe travels to all and I look forward to seeing you in your Lodge.

Dave Wolcott

end, our Association.

After my installation in June, Connie and I made a couple of visits to Elks Camp Barrett to attend Cindy Taylor's excellent Drug Awareness presentation for the campers and we then attended the Faces of Valor event at Annapolis #622, a simply outstanding fundraiser for our wounded veterans. We were back in Annapolis the next day for the Ritual clinic and we were then off to New Orleans for our National Convention. It was indeed a humbling experience to carry the Maryland flag during the opening ceremony and our Association was well represented by PDDGER John Loftus who carried the Delaware flag and Charlie Banez, ER of Washington-Rockville #15, carried the District of Columbia flag. I sincerely thank the Con-Con committee for the excellent job with the Association dinner on Sunday evening and for all of the hospitality room arrangements. I also assisted with the balloting process on Tuesday, attended all of the sessions and witnessed Annapolis #622's excellent presentation of the Initiatory Ritual.

Connie and I attended Family Day at Seaford #2458 and the Pig Roast at Cape Henlopen #2540 and we were then off to Seven Springs for the Youth Golf and Tennis Tournament of Champions. As you will hear from Chairman Pete Peterson, unfortunately this is likely the last year for this great youth event and I thank him and Joan Thompson for their years of service and their graciousness and hospitality during our visit. I have attended the Camp Barrett meetings and the Southeast District Deputy clinic at Seaford Lodge #2458, the Northeast District Deputy clinic at Newark Lodge #2281 and the West District Deputy clinic at Hagerstown Lodge #378. I have finalized my visitation schedule and it has been presented to all of our Lodges, the District Vice-Presidents and the District Deputies. I will begin my official visits after this is written and I am really looking forward to spending more quality time with the Members of our outstanding Association.

As I mentioned above you will be provided with a huge amount of useful information this weekend but it is only useful if we put it to work. To achieve "Growth Through Service" we must keep our existing programs current, active and in front of

COMING EVENTS

October 2014

Elks National Foundation Month

October 12, 2014

NE District Soccer Shoot
Dover Lodge #1903

October 23-31, 2014

Red Ribbon Week

October 25, 2014

State Soccer Shoot • Ocean City, MD

November 2014

Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

November 14 - 16, 2014

Elks/USNA Scout Camporee
Elks Camp Barrett

December 1, 2014

Elks Memorial Service

January 16-18, 2015

Winter Workshop
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

March 7, 2015

Regional Soccer Shoot
Frederick Indoor Soccer Complex

March 20-22, 2015

Spring Conference • Easton Lodge 1622

March 21, 2015

Regional Hoop Shoot
Middletown (MD) High School

NOTE: Lodges should refrain from scheduling conflicting events in order that their key Officers and members may attend all of these meetings.

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FALL WORKSHOP

OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION

Princess Royale • Ocean City, MD

AGENDA • OCT. 3-5**Friday, October 3, 2014**

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, October 4, 2014

7:00 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast Buffet (Atrium-Pool Side)
8:00 AM. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. - Noon. Registration
9:00 A.M. Meeting Called to Order
9:30 A.M.- 11:45A.M. Presentations and Committee Reports
• Drug Awareness - Cindy Taylor
• Membership - Bob Baxendell
• Elks Veterans Service - Bob McIntyre
• Elks Training - Dan Monte Carlo
• Inter-Lodge Activities - Jack Boehmer

Begin Committee Reports If Time Allows

11:45 A.M. Announcements & Recess until 9:00 AM.
Noon Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting with DDGERS
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
1:30 - 2:30 PM. State President Mtg with VPs and State Committee Chairs...
6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cocktail Reception
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner (Mardi Gras Theme)

Sunday, October 5, 2013

7:00 - 9:00 AM. Breakfast Buffet (Atrium - Pool Side)
8:00 - 9:00 AM. Registration
9:00 A.M. Meeting Called to Order
• Officers' Reports
• Resume State Committee Reports
• Communications - Secretary Eckenrode
• Unfinished Business
• New Business
• Good of the Association
Noon Closing and Adjournment

NEXT MEETING:
WINTER WORKSHOP
January 16-18, 2015
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 12, 2014

GRAND LODGE

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler



Grand Exalted Ruler
Millard Pickeing

This is a simple reminder that when we were initiated as Elks we each took a solemn oath called the Obligation. We all took the same oath as there is no short form of the Obligation. At the beginning

of this oath, in fact the second paragraph, we each swore to support the Constitution, and obey the Statutes, rules and regulations of this Order. As long as you obey the Statutes you are in a safe harbor, free from discipline or

chastisement. Additionally, every serving Officer doubled up by solemnly promising at his installation to office to conform with and maintain the Constitution, Statutes, rules and regulations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Lodges have a large degree of independence and sovereignty but each and every Lodge must adhere to a basic structure and rules that are specified in the Statutes. Our Statutes are not laid down as tablets of stone but are adjusted every year by the delegates to the Grand Lodge Sessions. Thus, the Statutes are adjusted to the evolution of our society and culture. Every Member has the opportunity to

initiate a change to the Statutes. The procedure for changing them must be strictly adhered to and also must receive the approval of a majority of the delegates at a Grand Lodge Session. Truthfulness and adherence to our self-made laws is represented by the principle station of each Local Lodge and the station of the Exalted Ruler. In fact one of the few express statutory duties is to enforce the Laws of the Order.

Enjoy Columbus Day this month and have a safe and Happy Halloween.

P.S. Be sure to carry a tri-fold membership application, you never know when you might need it ... and thank you for Elevating America.



Paul D. Hesel
PGER & Sponsor

Well it is October once again and we find ourselves gathering in Ocean City, Maryland for our Annual Fall Conference.

Hopefully you all have had a great summer, vacations are over, kids are back in school and

you are once again hard at work for your lodge, your community, and the programs of Elkdom.

Half the lodge year is behind us, and thanks to all the hard working Elks from the 38 lodges of our Association, many accomplishments have already been achieved and much progress made. However six months still remain to reach the goals we all set in April and make this a banner year of the your lodge, our Association and Order, and also those we serve in our communities.

There is still time to make the \$4.60 per capita ENF donation goal set by GER Amen, as well as the \$9.00 per capita goal set by President Wolcott. There is still time to participate in the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot programs (reaching out to the youth of your community) as well all other Elk programs. Hopefully your lodge is taking advantage of the ENF Grant Programs and making a difference in your individual community with those Grants and other activities sponsored by your lodge.

Membership growth should be at the top of your list of things to accomplish. If your lodge is not keeping the members it already has and attracting enough new members to show positive growth, your lodge is failing!! Many of our lodges are managing this problem, but it is obvious that a few of our lodge have not addressed this issue at all and are going downhill fast. Every lodge needs to get on board with the Membership management efforts now being directed by our new Grand Lodge Membership Manager, Rick

Gathen and as applied through the hard work of our own Membership Chairman Bob Baxendell. If your membership efforts are not showing positive results contact Bob for assistance in getting your program working in a positive manner.

Also please don't forget our Veterans, active Military, and National Guard. Our programs and your continuing service for these heroes should be an ongoing twelve month effort.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference and best wishes for continued success and proprietary to the 38 lodges that make up our Association. Let's all use these next six months to grow our individual lodges and make our lodges and Association number "ONE" in all we do!!!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Hesel
PGER & Sponsor

DRUG AWARENESS ~ "OCTOBER DRUG AWARENESS MONTH"

October is "Drug Awareness Month" an excellent time to get our drug awareness programs out to the public. October 23rd through 31st is "Red Ribbon Week" a great time to promote our poster and essay contest. Visit a local elementary school within the next two weeks and take them a box of coloring books, red ribbons, and the poster contest information. Then visit a middle school taking red ribbons, bookmarks and the essay contest information. Offer to go into a classroom and share information about the dangers and facts of drug use using our literature as your resource and Elroy, visit your local or state police office

and share information about the Enrique Camarena Award and the criteria, plan a youth night at the lodge to share information and have children complete the poster and essay contest that night, these are just a few ideas. This is a perfect opportunity for us to get our message out and most all schools across the country celebrate "Red Ribbon Week" in some way.

Need some help; just call you District Chair or State Chair, that's why we are here, to help. Please take the time to pick up the Drug Awareness newsletter provided to all lodges and share with members. We have a lot of wonderful things going on with-

in our lodges with the drug awareness program and we want to thank all of you who are involved. Remember we are here to help and our contact information and current programs can be found on our State website.

Sincerely,
Cindy Taylor, State Chair
Worthington, Washington West Chair
Doris Becraft, South East Chair
Robert Raleigh, North East Chair
Rodney Young, South West Chair
Keri Albright, North Central Chair

Message from the President-Elect:



Jay V. Strong, Jr/
President-Elect

Thank you again for your support, and entrusting me with the honor of being your President - Elect for 2014 - 15.

Well, Karen and I were very sorry to miss the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans this year. An unexpected family crisis (now resolved) required our full attention, and kept us away. Then, we were away for most of August on a trip we had planned almost a year ago.

We're back now. We've resumed volunteering for the Bingo Operation at Cape Henlopen Lodge, among other things, and it feels good to be in familiar routines again.

On 2 August and 6 September I attended

the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings, and the Camp meetings. Kudos to all the Elks who worked so hard to achieve a perfect score on the American Camp Association inspection of the Camp Barrett facilities in July! Not a single negative notation made - now that is quite an accomplishment! We can all be proud of our Camp facility, and grateful to those who make it the terrific Camp it is!

By now each Lodge should have received from me an invitation to host one of the 2016 Conferences - either January or March. So far I have received three responses: two Lodges have asked to be considered, and one Lodge has asked not to be considered. If any Lodge did not receive my letter (with the Hosting Guidelines) which went out in June, let me know; I'll send you another copy. If you just haven't had an opportunity to fully consider and decide on the matter, I urge you to do so. Let me know, either "Yea" or "Nay." The sooner we can decide which Lodge will host which

Conference, the sooner those Lodges can begin the planning process.

Meanwhile, several Lodges have added me to their Bulletin distribution list - thank you. If your Lodge has not done so yet, please do. Your Bulletins give me the opportunity to know what our Members are doing to further the Grand Lodge Programs. Plus, Karen and I would like to attend some of your events if we can. Your Bulletins will inform us of our options to do so.

Karen and I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season. God Bless you, every one.

Fraternally,
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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Julie Hasson
NC District VP

First of all I would like to say that it is an honor to represent the North Central District and to thank everyone for electing me as Vice President. I will do my utmost this year in order to live up to your expectations.

Since I was installed, I have attended the Camp Barrett Meeting in August.

It was very informative and encouraging for the upcoming year. Both Dave and I have finished our Visitation Schedules and they will be sent out by the time this Newsletter is published. I am looking forward to visiting each lodge and seeing old friends as well as making new ones.

Recently I visited the Severna Park Lodge unofficially and had the pleasure of not only attending their meeting but it was also an initiation. They initiated two new members that night which is always a good thing. The Severna Park and Bowie Lodge have many upcoming

events already planned that I am hoping to attend, such as Crab Feasts, Bull Roasts and Charity Balls. I also look forward to attending the functions of all my other lodges. My visitations both with the President and by myself will begin in late October ending next year in January.

In closing, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Ocean City Workshop.

Fraternally,
Julie Hasson

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT

What an honor to represent the Northeast District as your Vice-President! Thank you all for this opportunity.

The Grand Lodge convention in New Orleans was a real treat, especially since I was officially unofficial. We went sight-seeing, tasted beignets, rode the buses, walked and - best of all - talked to lots of other Elks. No matter how many times I have attended opening ceremonies, I am always thrilled with the spectacle and the parade of flags. We arrived too late to watch the Annapolis ritual team perform, so spent one afternoon watching the team from Georgia. I will admit that it was an interesting performance, even if it was

not exactly what I expected.

Back on home turf, I attended the Camp Barrett and Trustee's meeting hosted by Kent Island Lodge on August 2nd, and the District Deputy Clinic on August 10th hosted by Newark Lodge. I learn something useful each meeting I attend. As I write this, there are several more meetings prior to the fall workshop, but my crystal ball is a bit foggy so will have to report on them later.

The Lodges of the Northeast District are busy with lots of special events to entice all Elks; these include Steak and Shrimp dinners at Abingdon, a fish fry and Antique Tractor pull at Chestertown, Crab and Shrimp at Milford, a

Crab Feast at Newark, a Bull and Oyster Roast at Havre de Grace and much more. Officers' and members are preparing for District Deputy visits and working in their communities to achieve "Growth Through Service".

If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Joyous Holiday Season, and look forward to seeing everyone again in Havre de Grace in January.

Fraternally,
Patti Gray

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WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members in the West District for electing me to represent them this year as the West Vice President.

Since being sworn in at the State Convention at Turf Valley, I drove to New Orleans for the Grand Convention, where we had a wonderful time. I attended the August Camp Barrett meeting at Kent Island and will attend the September meeting at Bowie.

At the present time, I am in the process of changing my e-mail address. I took an early retirement so I have to come up with an alternative. Mom is the one who set up the home e-mail and she took that to the grave with her. I will notify everyone of my new e-mail address when that is set up.

I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful fall and holiday season that is coming.

Dana Gourlay

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



T.P. Simons
SE District VP

I am honored to be representing the Southeast District as your Vice President. I have attended all Elk Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings since May 2014.

I attended Brother Reggie McGuire's Elks Funeral Service in Cambridge. I have worked with our State President to get his visits identified and will be notifying each Lodge of his visit date as it gets close.

I attended T.P. Simons District Deputy Clinic at the Seaford Lodge on August 17th. It was well attended and was well managed. I look forward to visiting all 10 lodges within our district to hear of all the great things our Lodges are doing.

If any Lodge in the Southeast District would like me to attend any functions please let me know and I will make every effort to attend.

Fraternally,
Wayne Becraft
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E.C.B. JUNE 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle held at Turf Valley on Sunday, June 15, 2014 was Essex Elks Lodge No. 1866. The total income was \$734.00. The Camp received \$367.00 for their winnings and Essex Elks Lodge donated their winnings

of \$367.00 back to the Camp. Thank you very much Essex Elks Lodge No. 1866 and "Thanks" to everyone that purchased tickets that weekend.

Fraternally,
Hilda & Lee Davis

The Passing of a Statesman



Reginald Maguire, Jr.

Death always comes unexpectedly, it can never be foretold. And when it happens to a close friend, the blow is even harder to take. So it was with our friend, Reginald A. Maguire Jr.. To us he was known as "Reg" or "Reggie", a very boyish name to

place on one of his stature.

"Stature" is a both a measure of one's physical size and also the size of their imprint upon the world. Reg carried both very well. Upon graduation from Cambridge High School in 1948 Reg enlisted in the United States Air Force and served honorably in England until his discharge in 1957. During this time he was awarded the Silver Star for his service to our Country. I think that speaks to his stature.

Reg married Dortha A. Milligan - whom we

know as "Dotty" - in 1953. And "No" that is not a typo: her name is Dortha. Reg and Dotty have a son, Reginald A. Maguire III and, with his wife Vicky, they have a son, Patrick, who is also a member of our Nation's Armed Services. He is currently stationed in Norfolk. I think that speaks to his stature.

As we grow, we wear many hats during our lifetime. I have mentioned two of Reggie's "hats:" military service and as a family man. A family man has to make a living to support his family. Reg worked for a number of years at Provident State Bank and then later as an accountant for Albert W. Sisk and Son from which he retired. It takes loyalty, dedication and ability to be able to stay with one company all the way through retirement. I think that speaks to his stature.

Here are some of the other "hats" Reg has worn throughout the years. Service and dedication to his community: Reg served as President of the Preston Town Council for six years. Caring for our veterans: Reg was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a past Commander of the Hurlock American Legion Post # 243. I think that speaks to his stature.

But the hat most familiar to us is his Elk hat. And believe me, it is a BIG hat. His Elk life begins and ends with Cambridge Lodge # 1272. I would be hard pressed to tell you exactly how many years Reg has served Cambridge as its Exalted Ruler. But his Elk life did not stop there. He was a District Deputy for the South East District, he was elected President of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association, he served the Grand Lodge on the Committee on Registration, he was elected to the position of Grand Lodge Loyal Knight and last, but certainly not least, during Paul Helse's tenure as our Grand Exalted Ruler, Reg served as a Special Deputy to the Grand Lodge and was, in effect, our sponsor. I think that speaks to his stature quite eloquently.

If there is to be any blessing in the passing of our Brother, it is to know that Reg died without pain and suffering, peacefully in his sleep. Rest my Brother, Friend and able Statesman.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Buttril
Secretary Advisory Comm.

Martha Anne Scully



Martha Anne Scully died on July 29, 2014 after battling a serious illness for years. She was only 63, the daughter of Rose Anne (Nancy) Seebach and the late Henry F. Seebach. She had recently retired after a 30-year career as a speech and language pathologist, lately at the Joyce Kilmer Middle School in Vienna, Virginia. She graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., obtained a master's degree from George Washington University, and studied for her doctorate at Syracuse University.

Martha's career at Kilmer was devoted to helping children with speech and language difficulties and learning disabilities. It was fascinating to hear her talk about the various forms of autism and the mental disorders that afflicted youngsters. I never envied her the daily commute over the bridge to Virginia, but she loved her work passionately-the educational bureaucracy not so much.

And then she joined the Elks-Washington-Rockville Lodge 15 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It was my father's idea. He wanted his three girls to be members after the Order decided that women were really equal to men and therefore worthy to join.

Of late, Martha concentrated on chairing the scholarship committee for the Maryland,

Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association, which annually distributes \$50,000.00-plus to college-bound seniors in high school. Her special avocation, however, was awarding two-year vocational scholarships to high school seniors seeking job training and certification. Her goal was to expand this program throughout the state association.

Her own lodge is well aware of Martha's involvement and contributions to Elksdom. What impressed me most were her untiring

efforts to make life better for everyone she encountered. Martha served as Leading, Loyal and Lecturing Knight, was on the House Committee and worked on service committees helping veterans and students. She served on the State Project Camp Barrett Committee for several years. She couldn't do much heavy lifting, but she was an ardent believer in the Elks motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share," and she found other, less arduous ways to make that motto work.

Kenneth William Largent



Kenneth Largent

Kenneth William Largent, 90, born April 19, 1924 in Winchester, Virginia passed away July 12, 2014.

Kenny graduated from Handley High School. He served in the U.S. Navy 1942 to September 1945 in World War II. Among his many decorations are the Asiatic-Pacific and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Distinguished Service Cross, Good Conduct and Victory Medals, a Presidential Citation and two Ship Citations.

Kenny was Initiated as a member of Prince George's County Elks Lodge No.

1778 on November 24, 1958, serving as a lodge trustee for ten years; serving on the Lodge Building Committee and serving as Exalted Ruler for the lodge year 1973-1974.

He was voted to Life Membership on July 6, 1989.

He also served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southwest District for the Grand Lodge year 1978-1979, and also served our State Association as State Trustee and was District Chairman for Public Relations.

Kenny was very active with our State Association Major Project " Elks Camp Barrett". When ever a new cabin, pavilion or the bathhouse was being planned and built, With his experience in the building trade he was there with his suggestions and supervision. He was elected to the ECB Hall Of Fame in 1991.

Kenny served our State Association with distinction as State President for the Association year 1993-1994.

I would like to thank State President Dave Wolcott, our Sponsor Paul D. Helsel and the Advisory Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve our State Association as your Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman. I have worked under the direction of John A. Curran as the VAVS Representative for the Elsmere VA Hospital for 8 years. I would personally like to thank John for his service and dedication to our State Association, to the veterans of our country, and especially to the veterans at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. I would also like to thank John for his help and guidance as I we go through this transition period.

As Chairman of ENVSC, the first thing I asked the VAVS Representatives to do was to consult with the Chief of Voluntary Services at each of the Hospitals, USO's and Veterans Homes that we service about the Freedom Grant. The Freedom Grant is

intended to provide financial support to local Lodges for programs that assist the veterans. It can be used to clothe, feed or house homeless veterans. It can be used to take



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local veterans and military personnel on outings such as a ball game or host a dinner at a local Lodge. Last year Newark applied for a grant to provide a touch screen computer to the Elsmere VA Hospital so the patients and Nursing Home Veterans would have access to the internet and e-mails. I

am happy to inform you that several Lodges have already applied to ENVSC for a Freedom Grant.

I would like to ask that all Lodges, VAVS Reps and District Reps keep me informed of any and all Lodge programs or fundraisers that pertain to the Veterans, whether it be a monthly Pizza Party, sponsor a Vet to a ball game or a charity event benefiting the USO or Wounded Warriors. This information will be shared and reported so that each Lodge may enhance and improve their veterans programs. Please drop me a line at bobbymac72@yahoo.com to let me know how you are all servicing our veterans.

Thank you for your confidence and support.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Bob McIntyre
ENVSC Chairman

"NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH"

Some twenty two million veterans live in our communities. Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen has proclaimed November as Veterans Remembrance Month to encourage us to find local veterans and help them with their needs.

As Elks, we proudly state "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks with never forget them". Elks are present in every VA hospital.

We adopt veterans (www.Elks.org/Vets-AdoptAVeterans.cfm). Elks support families with our Army of Hope. We place POW/MIA tables in our Lodges. Elks participate in the National Veterans History Project (www.loc.gov/vets). We happily pack and distribute Comfort Care Kits. We do a great deal for our veterans. To learn more, visit www.Elks.Org.vets/programs.cfm

But, more can be done. The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars have generated more than 2 million young veterans. Many have returned home with disabling injuries. More than eighteen percent of new Veterans suffer from PTSD (2008 Rand Corporation study). These young Veterans and all Veterans and their families have sacrificed something for us. In November, let's thank our Vetearns and remember them in some special way. It is the least we can do.

Our Veterans are everywhere - in VA hospitals, Veterans homes, in hospices, in our communities - and too many are homeless. Find them, help them, and show how important they are to us and to all the people living in the United States of America. Let our

Veterans know they are not forgotten and that we truly appreciate the sacrifices they made for us.

If you know a Veteran who may be in difficulty, let them or their family know about the Veterans Crisis Line, a completely private chat line sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Crisis line has provide help to countless Veterans in need,

just call 1-800-273-8255.

Finally, should you see someone in a uniform of our Armed Services, please march right up to him or her and say "Thank you for your service. Have a great day!"

Fraternaly,
Robert Hennings, Director
Elks National Veterans Service Commission



Carlton M. O'Malley Award Recipients

Newark Lodge # 2281 receiving the Carlton M. O'Malley Award for the Highest Present Gain In Membership and the Top Membership Gain in the Northeast District at the NE District Deputy Clinic in Newark.

L - R Bobby McIntyre, PER, Membership Chairman, Robert Baxendell, State Membership Chairman and Margie McIntyre, ER

Elks Camp Barrett

PATRON PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The Patron Program is alive and well. Listed below are contributions to ELKS Camp Barrett through the patron program, Junior Warrior Program, memorial donations and general contributions from 2011 forward.

Patron Program

Carl W. Riffle	\$3,000
Vincent A. Pignatore Jr.	\$1,000
Kent Island Lodge	\$1,000
Pocomoke City	\$2,000
Salisbury Lodge	\$2,000
Paul Mellott, PSP	\$1,500
Joyce Bailey	\$1,000
Ed Peterson	\$500

Thanks also to Priscilla Schwab, Robert K. Jones, Richard Baublitz, Edward A. Peterson, Joan Thompson, Roger Wilbrandt, Ed Seddon, Robert Nation, Deale ELKS Lodge, Bill Buttrill, Brian Westfall, Marie Frolio, Essex Lodge, Carolyn Riggins, Joe McGeeney, Mike Dietz, Les and Bonnie Brussard, John Turdnsky, Carroll Wagner, J. Gordon Alexander, Wayne Ingram Maurice DiPoli and Lane Coyle for additional contributions.

Thank you to those who contributed to the

John Brungott, Ronald Numbers, W. Lee Ridenour and Kenneth Largent Memorial Funds. These efforts yielded an additional \$2,080 for the camp.

Junior Warrior program was initiated in 2011 as a means of opening up the camp to deserving children of Wounded Warriors and active duty service personnel. What better way to tie together our efforts to honor those who serve by making the camp available for their children. You can use the patron program form and identify your contribution as for Junior Warrior Program. More importantly, each lodge should make efforts locally to partner with Veterans organizations to raise funds and promote this program to develop a broader awareness of the Camp so that we can fill it each year.

Junior Warrior Program Donations

Selbyville Lodge	\$1,875
Calvert Lodge	\$1,500
Dover Lodge	\$1,335
Kent Island Lodge	\$1,000
Carl F. Vogt	\$500
Newark Lodge	\$500
Prince Georges Lodge	\$375
Camp Springs Lodge	\$375

Thanks also to Paul D. and Jane Helsel, Ladies of Washington Rockville, Abingdon Lodge, Danniele McKnight, Deale Lodge, Ronald T. Lamot, Stu Burgoon, and Milford Lodge for their donations.

General Donations \$500 or more since 2011

Kent Island	\$15,138
Chestertown Lodge	\$4,124
Dover Lodge	\$3,424
Cape Henlopen	\$2,000
Selbyville Lodge	\$1,100
Cambridge Lodge	\$1,000
Pocomoke City	\$1,000
Westminster Lodge	\$953
Severna Park	\$775
Newark Lodge	\$500

Donor forms are available on the Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association Web site or through your ELKS Camp Barrett representative. If we have missed anyone, please bring this to our attention and we will be sure to recognize you in the future.

Charles Spadone
Lodge Activities

Audit and Business Practice Report for May - August 2014

Our **OVERALL State Association Income**: Overall Income (State, ECB & Convention Committee) = \$388,148.97.

Our **OVERALL State Association Expenses** for (State, ECB & Convention Committee) = \$451,904.47; or a loss of \$63,755.50. Remember, these figures include combined totals of Income & Expenses from the State Association, Elks Camp Barrett and the Convention Committee.

State Association Balance Sheet: Total Assets of \$839,722.44 up from previous report of \$772,425.96 or up \$67,269.48. Included within this figure are the Edward Jones Investments of \$172,913.77. Unrealized gain from the Edward Jones account of \$4,745.71. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, but we must continue to watch our spending, for there is always more work to do, just like owning a house, your work is never done.

All of these numbers reflect a very complex accounting system within our State Association, it takes many, many

hours or work to keep up with all of our transactions. I ask everyone who is spending or taking in money for the MD-DE-DC Elks association to keep accurate records and receipts, for this money is not yours. You may be asked by the State Audit Committee to supply receipts and accounting for your project in the near future. This may be done by the District Chair for Auditing and Business Practices and supervised or overseen by the State Chair. This in no way reflects anything other than, checks and balances within our association.

I hope all lodges are not only within budget, but 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 the Benefits -> FREE KNOWLEDGE!

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chair and, if they are 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 Chair, Auditing & Business Practices

A THANK YOU

My Elks Family: Thank you so much for the cards, emails, phone calls, thoughts and prayers for me, Jim and my family during the difficult time of losing my father.

I cannot, again, express the love and gratitude I hold in my heart for each one of you! We are truly an Elk family!

Adoringly,
Sandy Brantner, Past 1st Lady



STATE SOCCER SHOOT

October 25, 2014

Ocean City Recreation Center in Ocean City, MD

Registration table will open at noon for check-in and final registration.

The Shoot will start at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

We will have the registration table filled with surprises again this year, the Drug Awareness Display and goodies for the kids.

At the conclusion of the shoot all will be dismissed and proceed to the Ocean City Elks Lodge for refreshments and to award our trophies to the shooters.

A big thank you to the Ocean City Lodge for the assistance in arranging the shoot site and the use of their Lodge.

NEW THIS YEAR --- we will be awarding a special "Traveling Trophy" to the District with the highest shooter scores in the shootout. All Vice Presidents, Soccer Shoot Chairs and Lodge ER's should be present to accept the award if your District wins. The District with the highest total Shooter points overall will be awarded the trophy. The winning

District gets to keep the trophy for one year. If a District wins the Trophy for 3 consecutive years, then we will retire the Trophy to that District permanently and begin a new one.

Please take out an advertisement in the Regional Program Book even if your Lodge or District may not have a shooter going to Regional Shoot-these shooters represent us-the MD-DE-DC Elks State Association. The advertisement application is on the MD-DE-DC Elks website for (Full page, 1/2 page and 1/4 page ads). Booster Ads (\$5.00 per name) will appear in the Regional Program Directory along with the ads.

The Regional Mid-Atlantic Invitational Soccer Shoot will be in Frederick MD from March 6-8, 2015. The Shoot is Saturday, March 7 at 9 am. Hope to see everyone in Frederick to support our MD-DE-DC Elk Shooters.

G. Gerald Morrow, PDDGER, PER
State Soccer Shoot Chair



Youth Tennis and Golf



It is my sad duty to announce that the Youth Tennis and Golf Tournament of Champions has been discontinued as of this year. Last year the tournament only had a total of thirty-seven participants and the PA Elks Association Advisory Committee informed the tournament committee that an increase in participation for this year must be met to continue the program. This year the tournament only had twenty-six participants. The steering committee met and decided that this was the last year for the Tournament of Champions.

Frostburg Lodge No. 684 was the only lodge within the MDDEDC State Elks Association to sponsor two participants in the golf tournament.

The Tournament of Champions has been in existence for seventeen years. Dropping this program leaves us with no program for 14 to 18 year olds.

The Youth Tennis and Golf Committee will be looking into the possibility of each District having a one day golf tournament and the top four would then participate in a MDDEDC State Association golf tournament. Let me know if your lodge would be interested in such a program. We are also open for any other ideas.

Edward "Pete" Peterson
Youth Tennis and Golf Chairman

Oakland Lodge Soccer Shoot

Oakland Lodge Soccer Shoot was held with over 50 children participating. Top three winners in each category received a trophy. All participants received a tee shirt, a certificate of participation, Drug Awareness bracelets and erasers. The lodge provided Little Caesar's pizza and bottled water for the event.



Pictured are the children who participated, top left is John Foley, Exalter Ruler and far right is Chris Missimer, Soccer Chairman.

SouthEast District Jack Wright Membership Award Recipients



Kent Island Officers receiving the Southeast District Jack Wright Membership Award at the SE District Deputy Clinic at Seaford on August 18, 2014.

Photo L-R TP Simons (Ocean City - DD), Jimmy Cox (Kent Island ER), Bill Simonds (Kent Island Leading Knight), George Tunnicliff (Kent Island Trustee Chairperson) Leo Sincavage (Kent Island Treasurer, Rick Konrad (Salisbury - SE Membership Chairperson)



October is ENF Fundraising month and Fundraising is a major part of the role of ENF Chair.

The [ENF Learning Center](#) offers the education you need to become certified as ENF Fundraising Chairman in your Lodge, and District. Guided by the ENF Fundraising Chair Duties and Responsibilities, these courses provide information and instruction on how to be an effective ENF Fundraising Chair. This interactive, dynamic learning system replaces previous manuals, handbooks and disks. Courses must be completed in the order they are presented, and you may work on one course at a time as your schedule permits. At the end of each course, you'll find a few quiz questions to reinforce your learning.

Please contact ENF at fundraising@elks.org or 773-755-4762 with Learning Center questions. Let me know about your Fundraising events as I would like to attend. During October, ENF Month, we should raise awareness and support for the **Elks National Foundation**. Every Lodge ENF Chair should remind

their Lodge members to make their annual donation; the State President's Goal of \$8.00 is only \$.021 cents per day. The Lodge should also hold a fundraiser in October. I request the ENF Chairs to reflect and share their fundraiser's successes and shortcomings by completing a **Fundraiser Reporting Form**. While completing this form, you may select YES to publish the fundraiser so it will be viewable as reference for other ENF Chairs. This form is to be completed by the ENF Chairs Only not the Lodge Secretaries.

[News Release Generator](#) Did your Lodge do something newsworthy that you would like to spotlight? This is an online tool that helps and assists you with easily creating a news release that you can provide to any news outlet. From the news release generator you can create a new news release or edit and preview an existing one. **For tips** on creating a release that will get your story in the news..... **Go to ENF Volunteers-ENFrontline/News to Use and tell your Lodge's story** <http://www.elks.org/enf/ChairNews.cfm>

Good Luck with your Fundraisers.

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt
ENF State Chairman

SALE OF THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME & RETIREMENT CENTER

The Elks National Home and Retirement Center was sold on Friday, August 29, 2014, thereby, ending over 100 years of operation and maintenance of our assisted living retirement facility in Bedford, Virginia of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As the time of the sale there were 112 residents. The Elks National Home was purchased under the name "English Meadows" by two local businessmen who have extensive experience in the senior living business, Mike Williams and Steve Ornduff.

The sales proceeds have been prorated to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (Grand Lodge) and the Elks National Home and Retirement Corporation according to the ownership of the assets.

The 2015 National Home assessment of \$1.00 per Member, as approved during the 2014 national convention in New Orleans, will not be needed for the Home. As for the current 2014 National Home assessment, the Home has only drawn 1/6 of the amount. The remaining balance of the assessment, \$660,000.00, has been placed in a

special account until reimbursement checks can be calculated, printed and mailed to the respective Lodges of the Order.

Our contract with English Meadows has provisions for an acceptable future for the Elks, the employees and the residents of the Home. The Home has been the site of an annual Christmas light display that was a highlight for the community. The new owners want to continue that tradition. An effort will be made to return the selected Elk items located at the Home to the Lodges and State Associations who donated them.

A master plan will be developed by the Board of Grand Trustees/Directors for use of the sale proceeds and existing funds of Elks National Home and Retirement Center Corporation. It will also address the future of the Corporation.

Marvin L. Nelson, Chairman
Board of Grand Trustees

Elks/USNA Scout Day Camporee

The 2014 Elks/USNA Scout Day Camporee will be held November 14, 15, & 16, at Elks Camp Barrett. Approximately 900 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts will camp overnight, tour the Naval Academy, and attend the Navy football game against Georgia Southern.

We provide three meals at Camp Barrett and a tailgate lunch Saturday at the stadium, and an interfaith worship service on Sunday morning.

Volunteers, both Elks and non-Elks, are welcome any time, but are especially needed to assist with serving meals at Camp Barrett on Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast Saturday is at 6:00 AM, dinner is at 7:00 PM, and breakfast Sunday is at 6:30 AM.

Please contact Brian Westfall, Scouting Coordinator, 301-724-1623 or bwestfall@alleganygov.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.



Jernick Fund Recipients

With \$500 from Dover Elks Lodge No. 1903 and \$2,000 from MD, DE, DC State Association Jernick Fund, the Morrison family was presented a check for \$2,500 to help offset the cost for three special needs children. Kenneth, 17, has Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Ellie, 7, and

Kaden, 6, were born with a rare genetic disease called Mitochondrial disease.

We had a very enjoyable visit with the family and were treated with Kaden singing and 'dancing' for us. They are a wonderful family and we were excited to be able to help them.





2014 - 2015 Grand Lodge Officers • District Deputies

South East District - Thomas P. "T.P." Simons; West District - Brian Westfall; North Central District - Robert M. Riggins; North East District - David C. Reihl; South West District - R. Trent Manson

It is time to promote **AMERICANISM** In our Lodge and Communities!!

ESSAY CONTEST – “What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me” **DIVISION 1 – Grades 5 & 6** **DIVISION 2 – Grades 7 & 8**

Essays are not to exceed 250 words and must be typed or printed in ink. Entries are due to Lodges on or before December 19, 2014. Winners on the Lodge level, must be to the District Chairman by January 30, 2015. District winners must be to the State Chair no later than February 28, 2015. State Association winners will receive awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place in each division. 1st place winners will advance to the National Level.

Judging Criteria for Essay:

- 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 American Symbol”

Artists must be 0 - 9 years of age (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
 the sponsoring Lodge on back of poster - 8 1/2 x 11 paper



Deadline: Lodge Chair by December 19, 2014 • District Chair by January 30, 2015 - State Chair by February 28, 2015

Americanism Awards Banquet will be held March 29, 2015 at the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277 at 1:00 p.m.



Sandra Brantner
 State Americanism Chairman
 301-334-1880 (home) - 301-501-7533 (cell)

