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Jay Strong
State President

Message from the State President

Welcome to the Fall Workshop of our State Association! Early October is a perfect time to enjoy Ocean City, so let's not neglect to have fun this weekend, shall we? You'll note fun appears frequently on the Agenda!

The Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis actually exceeded the expectations Karen and I had for the place and the event! From our room we had an unobstructed view of Lucas Oil Stadium, where the Baltimore Colts now play. In just about every other respect, however, our week there was

just a terrific experience. I was honored to carry the Maryland flag in the opening ceremony. Charlie Banez, ER of Washington-Rockville Lodge, carried the District of Columbia flag, and Past State President Edward Willis carried the Delaware flag. During the Convention I had the honor to serve as Assistant Grand Inner Guard. This meant that I had an extra training session to attend, and I had the privilege of getting up at "o-dark-thirty" to assist with distributing and later retrieving the ballots the day we voted on Resolutions.

A special note of congratulations to PSP Ed Willis: he was installed as Grand Inner Guard at the Grand Lodge Convention. Also, PSP Priscilla Schwab is now the Chief Justice of the Grand Forum. Check the Protocol Manual and you will see that in all of Elkdom, only the Grand Exalted Ruler outranks her! When you see Ed and Priscilla, please be sure to congratulate them!

The schedule for my Lodge visits has been finalized and distributed. I intend to visit every Lodge PSP David Wolcott was not able to visit. Karen and I are looking forward to the adventure, and spending time with the Members in their own Lodges.

If you haven't heard before now, be advised the Vice Presidents will be conducting three very important surveys this year. The surveys have been designed to find out: first, what you, our customers, want, need and expect from the State Association; second, what your thoughts are on our State Major Project, Elks Camp Barrett; and third, what are the most successful practices to attract, engage and retain members.

After all, the purpose of the State Association is to assist the Lodges to succeed in every way. So we need to hear from the Lodges, our customers, how we can do that best. Please, take these surveys seriously. I'm asking the Leaders in each Lodge to take the time to meet with your Vice President and provide thoughtful, meaningful responses to all the questions. President Elect Connie DeYoung has been of invaluable assistance to this effort by laboriously transcribing the surveys into the software we will be using to tally and analyze the results. We promise, we will use the results to help us make the best possible choices for the way forward in our State Association, that is, the way that will most benefit our customers, the Lodges.

Speaking of benefits, we will not be having Committee Reports this weekend! (Applause!) Instead, we'll be having "How To" pieces and training presentations. The goal is to give you something useful, something of value, in return for the time you are giving us, and the expense of being here for the weekend. It is my earnest hope that we succeed in this. If we do not, please send me an E-mail, tell me what you think. What did we do wrong? What would you rather that we do? Seriously, if you're not happy with how the weekend went, tell me. If you are happy, tell your friends in your Lodges (and PGER Paul Hesel! and the Advisory Committee!).

Now, enough of all that! This is Elkdom! We are Good People, having a Good Time, doing Good Works. So, have fun, do good, and never forget...

Brotherly Love, the Roots of Elkdom!

Jay V. Strong, Jr.

COMING EVENTS

October 2015
Elks National Foundation Month

October 23-31, 2015
Red Ribbon Week

November 2015
Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

December 6, 2015
Elks Memorial Service

January 15-17, 2016
Winter Workshop
Frederick Lodge #684
Frederick, MD

March 4-6, 2016
Mid-Atlantic Soccer Shoot
Frederick, MD

March 18-20, 2016
Spring Conference
Dover Lodge #1903
Dover, DE

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 AGENDA OF THE MD, DE, & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION
Princess Royale - Ocean City, Maryland**

Friday, 2 October 2015

12:00 Noon - 5 P.M. Registration
1:00 P.M. Advisory Committee Meeting
5:00 P.M. State Trustees Meeting
5:30 P.M. Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting
Afternoon and Evening HOURS OF FUN ! (Unstructured) while not in meetings

Saturday, 3 October 2015

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast Buffet (Atrium - Pool Side)
8:00 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M - Noon Registration
9:00 A.M. Workshop Called to Order
9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. The "Beginning" - Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 A.M. - 11:50 A.M. Training, "How To" Pieces & Presentations:
(9:30).....Ritualistic - Larry Mathers & Priscilla Schwab (20')
(9:50).....Americanism - Sandy Brantner (15')
(10:05).....Donate Life - Dana Gourlay / Latrice Price, of the Living Legacy Foundation (15')
(10:20).....Membership - Bob Baxendell (25')
(10:45).....Auditing & Business Practices - Maurice DiPoli (25')
(11:10).....Elks National Foundation - Mary Cardinal-Vogt (15')
(11:25).....William J. Jernick Fund - John Loftus (25')
11:50 A.M. Announcements & Recess until 9:00 A.M. Sunday, 4 October
12:00 Noon Lunch break - can be combined with HOURS OF FUN !
All Afternoon HOURS OF FUN (Unstructured) while not in meetings !
1:30 - 3:30 P.M. PGER Paul D. Helsel, Meeting with DDGERs & PSPs / DLs
1:30 - 4:30 P.M. Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
1:30 - 2:30 P.M. President & President Elect Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
3:00 P.M. Convention & Conference Committee Meeting
6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Officially Structured An Hour of FUN ! - Cocktail Reception
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Officially Structured An Hour or more of FUN! Dinner (USO Theme)
8:00 P.M. - ? STILL MORE HOURS of FUN (Unstructured) Hospitality Suite!

Sunday, 4 October 2015

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Breakfast Buffet (Atrium - Pool Side)
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Registration
9:00 A.M. Workshop Called to Order
9:00 - 11:20 A.M. Training, "How To" Pieces & Presentations:
(9:00).....Convention & Conference Committee - Merrilyn Ramsey (10')
(9:10).....Army of Hope - Thomas "TP" Simons (20')
(9:30).....Auditing & Business Practices - Maurice DiPoli (25')
(9:55).....Soccer Shoot - Gerald Morrow (15')
(10:10).....Hoop Shoot - Jim McNitt (10')
(10:20).....Youth Activities - Coleen Ford (20')
(10:40).....Scholarship - John Ramsey (15')
(10:55).....Drug Awareness - Cindy Taylor (25')
11:20 A.M BUSINESS MEETING: Secretary's Report - Gary Eckenrode / Communications
Treasurer's Report - Joyce Bailey
Trustees' Report - Vouchers - Claudia Finley-Bowalick
Unfinished Business / New Business
Announcements
Comments - President - Grand Lodge Sponsor
Departed Members / Silence / Sickness & Distress
Elks Camp Barrett 50 - 50 Drawing - ADJOURN by 12 noon

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 15, 2015

GRAND LODGE

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler: "Great Heart of Elkdom"



Grand Exalted Ruler
Ron Hicks

October is Elks National Foundation Month, a time to focus our attention on the "Great Heart of Elkdom" and the remarkable services provided by our Order. These services can be funded either directly by the Foundation, through State Associations or through the Lodges via the ENF Community Investments Program.

The strength and vitality of any organization largely depends on its ability to maintain and increase membership, and in that regard, I expect us to soon begin reversing the decline in membership that we have been experiencing since the 1980s.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the faith and trust you have placed in me to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler. It is indeed my honor and privilege to accept this role and my desire to show that your confidence has not been misplaced. As Nancy

and I travel our great country, visit your Lodges, and attend your State Association meetings, we know we will be inspired to hear about your many acts of kindness, charity and brotherly love. It is our hope that we can return the favor by inspiring you to build on those endeavors in order to accomplish even more in the name of Elkdom.

Ron Hicks. GER



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Welcome to the 2015 Fall Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. President Jay Strong and the Convention/Conference Committee have planned a very informative and fun filled weekend for us all. I always look forward to

these gatherings and the opportunities to visit and enjoy good fellowship with all our dear Elk family.

This Fall Conference marks the midpoint of the lodge year, with still six months remaining to make our individual and collective goals to strengthen and grow our individual lodges, and in doing so our State Association as well. I congratulate and thank all the lodges that are on a path toward having a successful financial year, a growth in membership, and a successful year in pursu-

ing Elk and community programs. For the lodges that are not doing so well in any of these areas use your time at this Fall Conference to seek advice and/or assistance in how to improve and do better.

For the long term health and success of our individual lodges and our State Association, membership growth remains the number one priority. If your lodge is not now on board and working this ongoing initiative in earnest, it must do so immediately. You and your lodge can not simply expect others to get it done - others having success will help the numbers for the State Association, but it won't be of any value to your lodge if it doesn't happen in your lodge. The tools and know-how to help your lodge experience a gain in membership are available to you - use them and let's all help make an upward trend in membership a constant accomplishment year after year.

President Jay Strong continues to stress that our State Association is here to help and assist our 38 lodges, a concept that I share as well. You will note that our structured

meeting time at this conference will be devoted to "How To" training for lodge members and leadership. Of course the conference will continue to have ample social opportunities for good fellowship, food, drink, and fun. The State Association is ready to do its part, but there is an equally important (perhaps most important) part the lodges must play to achieve positive results. Lodges must insist that their leaders and members attend, participate, learn, have fun and return with the "know how" to be a successful Elks Lodge - and then repeat the process at each future conference, workshop and convention. Lodge leaders and members are you ready to make this work??

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference weekend, hopefully you will participate, have fun, be involved, and return home a little smarter and ready to help your lodge and our State Association grow and prosper.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Stu Burgoon
NC District VP

Hello All Maryland, Delaware, D. C. Elk Members,

As I write this, it is hard to believe that Summer is already over. It seems that we were all just at the Convention in Solomons. I want to first thank North Central District for having faith in me to represent us for this year. I will try to make us proud. I also look forward to working closely with Jay in his term as our State President. I have started scheduling my visits to the Lodges. I will send e-mails to each as when they will occur and look forward

to meeting one on one with the ER's and officers to process the new surveys of "How can the State Association" serve your Lodges better and how we can improve as an organization. I have been busy this quarter

organizing the first, of what I hope will continue as an annual event, the Adult Jamboree at Camp Barrett. This event turned out to be a "Hooty Hoot". I will try to have some pics for the next newsletter. But remember, "What happens at Camp, stays at Camp". I am also privileged to represent North Central on the Camp Executive Board this year. The Camp had a great season. Angela Meyer has done a fantastic job. Congratulate her personally. As we go into Fall I look forward to seeing you all in Ocean City as we all gather to make our Great State Association grow and enjoy the fun and helping others less fortunate. If anyone needs anything or info please call me or send me an e-mail.

In closing I want to thank my girl, Julie, The Sunshine and Love of my life. Without her I couldn't accomplish all I try.

Have a great time "Down the Ocean, Hon"

Fraternally,
Stu

Message from the President-Elect:



Connie deYoung
President-Elect

I welcome everyone to the Fall Workshop of the Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia State Association here in Ocean City, Maryland. I thank everyone for your support and the continued guidance as I acclimate myself to the duties

and responsibilities of President-Elect and prepare for next years honorable position.

I sent out letters to each Lodge and Exalted Ruler requesting to be included in their distribution of newsletters, E-mails and Lodge events. Also, to include me in their communications with our State President, Jay Strong, as this will help me learn what your Lodge is doing, what your successes are and what areas may need changing. This will keep me informed of the happenings within

our State Association. Thank you to the Lodges that have included me in their distribution of bulletins, news blasts and Facebook. If your Lodge / Public Relations Committee has not added me, please ask them to do so.

Since my installation in June, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Trustees and ECB Meetings held at Chestertown Lodge and Bowie Lodge, the Auditing and Business Practices Training Session at Annapolis Lodge, the Northeast District Deputy Clinic at Wilmington Lodge, as well as several social events.

Our President Jay Strong has tasked me with the responsibility of researching/developing a mechanism for tallying the Camp Barrett, State Association and Membership Surveys. Electronic versions of the surveys have been created in Google Forms which will allow for online data entry, automatic excel database updates and graphic reporting. I meet with the Vice Presidents to "Roll Out" and instruct them on the usage of these electronic surveys. As this is one of our

President's initiatives, please be cooperative with the VPs as they visit your Lodge to get answers to these survey questions.

I will be sending out a letter to each Lodge requesting their interest in hosting a State Association meeting in January or March 2017. If your Lodge Membership is interested in "Hosting" one of these Workshops/Conferences, please contact me. Also, I am currently reviewing the State Association Committee Chairs and will be contacting each one of the Chairmen, as I work on the 2016-2017 committees. Please contact me if you have interest in any one of our State Association Committees.

I look forward to seeing everyone in January at the Winter Workshop at Frederick Lodge #684 in Frederick, Maryland.

I wish you a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season. God Bless our Military.

Fraternally,
Connie deYoung
President-Elect

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Bob McIntyre

I would like to thank the members of the Northeast District for the privilege of serving as Vice President this year. I was hesitant to take on the responsibility of the

duties of Vice President due to my involvement with my Lodge, the ENVSC and my employment. After much prompting from my Elks friends around the District and the support of my family, I decided to "Get Involved".

It was an honor for me and Newark Lodge to have PSP Richard Burg install me at our State Convention in June. At the Convention my first order of business was to attend a meeting with State President Jay Strong where he discussed his agenda and goals for this year. With respect to Jay's goal to improve our State Association, Elks Camp Barrett and our Membership, he has prepared Surveys pertaining to these three areas which will be presented to each Lodge to complete with the assistance of the District Vice Presidents.

On August 1st, I attended the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee meeting and State Trustees' meeting at Chestertown Lodge 2474. I attended the DD Clinic at Wilmington Lodge 307 on August 23rd, where I distributed to each Lodge in the Northeast District copies of the 3 Surveys. Once I am contacted, I will be visiting each Lodge to assist them with the completion of the Surveys.

I received from State President Strong his visitation schedule for the year and have sent this on, along with

request for meals and lodging, to each Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary in the Northeast District. I am looking forward to accompanying President Strong on his visits and representing our President and State Association during my visitations.

I hope to see you all at the Fall Conference in Ocean City, and to quote President Strong "We are Good People, Having a Good Time, Doing Good Works", so let's have fun!

Fraternally, Bob McIntyre

✦ *Calling All Chaplains*

Our State President Jay Strong, Jr., has *Brotherly Love, the Roots of Elkdom* as his theme this year. He signs his communications with this phrase. How can we, as Chaplains, show the state and our respective Lodges what this means and help them implement this sometimes nebulous thought? What is Brotherly Love? Wikipedia defines it as "the love for ones fellow-man as a brother." The Free Dictionary defines it as "a kindly and lenient attitude toward people, charity, benevolence...". The Obligation of our Order has an abundance of references to how we can practice brotherly love. It is

the simple, caring things that we can do (introducing yourself to a new member - making them feel welcome; sending a card to someone who is ill, giving them a call letting them know you and your Lodge are thinking of them; maintaining the confidentiality of what a Brother shares with you; appreciating the differences in personalities; saying thank you. I hope you will be a beacon and a role model for your Lodge in the practice of Brotherly Love.

God Bless and Keep You,
Merrilyn Ramsey
State Chaplain

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



George Tunnicliff
SE District VP

First, I would like to thank the South East District for the Honor of being Vice President.

As you know our State President Jay Strong has charged the Vice Presidents with a survey for Membership, Camp Barrett and the State Association. The

surveys are to help make improvements for the lodges and the members, so your answers will be helpful whether good, bad or indifferent. We want them all.

Some of you may now know Wayne and Doris Becraft will be moving to Florida soon so Wayne has stepped down from the Camp Barrett Executive Committee. Let's wish them well and thank both of them for all that they have done for us.

At the District Deputy Clinic held at the Cape Henlopen lodge on August 22, 2015, I held my first South East Vice President Caucus. As a result of that vote I would like to Congratulate Stu Kerr for becoming the new Elks Camp Barrett Executive Chairperson for the South East. Also we have Nicole [Nicki] Ireland as the new South East District Drug Awareness Chairperson, Angela Meyer our new South East District ENF Chairperson, Linda Knapp our new South East District

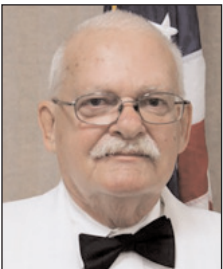
Youth Activities Chairperson and Sue Gilmore as our new South East District Government Relations Chairperson.

Exalted Rulers, please invite all of your committee chairpersons and members to attend the DD Clinics as well as the State meetings. There is a lot of information that will help them out and your lodges.

As State President Jay Strong and his lovely wife Karen will visit your lodges please remind your kitchen that Karen needs to be served Gluten Free foods.

Fraternally
George Tunnicliff

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Theodore Keen
SW District VP

I am honored, humbled and proud to be your Southwest District Vice President this year. I will represent and serve you and your lodges to the best of my ability.

Since June, I have visited six of the seven lodges in the district to conduct the State Association Survey. During these trips, visitation reports were completed and have been sent to the appropriate persons. The survey is designed to further enhance the State Association's service to the Lodges in their quest to improve.

Because of the process I used to collect the survey data, I am following up with additional visits to clarify inconsistencies in responses. Once this process is complete, the data will be entered into the computer program for tabulation.

I am fortunate to also represent the District on the National Veterans Service Commission. ALL the lodges are doing so much for our veterans and their families. The lodges have veterans attend Flag Day, Veterans Day, Christmas in August, numerous special dinners, cookouts and other events just for them.

- Deale Lodge raised over \$3400 for "Truck'n 4 Troops"
- Camp Springs Lodge supports Charlotte Hall and Walter Reed with various events and activities
- Prince Georges County lodge has monthly events for the VA hospital
- Waldorf Lodge conducts "Quarter Auctions" for veterans
- Washington-Rockville lodge has "Team River Runners" for disabled veterans
- St. Mary's Lodge supports "Three Oaks" veterans' shelter

These are some, but not all, of the activities the lodges are doing in their communities. THANK YOU for your hard work in support of our troops, their families and the community at large.

Let me know if you are having or have had a veterans or community event - so that I might attend or make a report of your activity. My NEW email address is: Tedtsk@Verizon.net

Fraternally,
Ted Keen

On a sad note...

We are broken-hearted to announce that Anna Marie Kueberth passed away Saturday, July 15, 2015, at the age of 89. Her husband, Jack Kueberth, was a charter member of Edgewood/Abingdon Lodge 2354. He held all local lodge positions, as well as serving as District Deputy and State President. Anna was active in the Ladies as well as becoming an Elk herself after her husband's death. They both loved the Elks and had a great ride serving, attending conventions, and visiting other lodges. They are greatly missed. Please keep their daughter, Peg Kueberth, and family in your thoughts and prayers.

WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Scott McKnight
NC District VP

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the West District for electing me to serve as our Vice-President this year. I will strive to the best of my abilities to live up to the expectations you have placed in me. Since the June meeting, I have had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis. Later in June I also had the pleasure of attending a dance at the Frederick lodge. In coordination with the Patty Pollatos Fund, the lodge worked to

raise funds for the purchase of a Trak-chair for a wounded warrior. The Elks were acknowledged for their support at special ceremony in August at the county fairgrounds.

In August I participated in the Frederick City National Night Out. Members and the lodge's Boy Scout troop hand out anti-drug literature. I also attended the West District Deputy clinic in Oakland. The breakout sessions were a big hit and enjoyed by all; and I presented State President Strong's thoughts on "Brotherly Love, The Roots of Elkdom." In September I attended Frederick's 10 Annual Patriot's Day Ceremony where they recognized the first responders of Frederick County.

I'm looking forward to meeting with the lodges of the West District with President Strong and working to continue to improve our great association.

Fraternally yours,
Scott McKnight

Camp Barrett News

**Have you been to your Camp lately?
Things are changing and things are in the works!**

Picnic:

We had perfect weather for the picnic in May and had 743 paid adults that attended and had a good time. There is no count for the kids as if they are under 12 there is no charge. The camp was packed! PG was in charge of the beef; Annapolis was in charge of the wheel games; Ocean City manned (or womaned) the grill; and Kent Island was in charge of corn hole and those daiquiris. Oh, and your Exec Board tried out the bouncy slide!

Hagerstown had a good idea and brought a bus-load of Elks. Maybe next year they can bring two buses and pick up along the way.

Camp Season:

We had approximately 412 campers, which was about 100 more than we had last year. There were 18-20 Junior Warrior campers - thanks to Pat! This year's campers had about 20 new programs they tried out: fiscal responsibility; line dancing; metal detecting. If you have an interest that you would like to pass along, please see one of your Exec Board and maybe next year you can teach at the Camp.

We will be having a fall cleanup on October 10 and 11, 2015. If you can come help, your participation will be greatly appreciated. We had a group come up before the camp season started and worked on the cabins. Painting was the name of the game and most of it did go on the walls. Come down and see your cabin! Cabin 6 went from worst to first and it took a lot of hard work. Thanks to all of the workers who worked on the cabins.

Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund

Greetings to one and all! Welcome to our State Association 2015 Fall Workshop. I have gotten off to somewhat of a slow start this Elk year. You might say I have been doing extensive research, spending a month in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, followed by about three months evaluating the performance of visiting nurses at my home, and finally concluding with a one week stay at Beebe Hospital here in Lewes, DE. I now feel certain that when I review applications for aid from the William J. Jernick Fund I will have even more empathy for the applicant having had firsthand experience on which to rely.

I would like to thank Robert Raleigh of Chestertown Lodge for filling in for me as State Chairman during my absence. As you might expect he kept everything on track in my absence and we didn't miss a beat.

We have distributed ten Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund grants thus far to applicants submitted by Lodges in all five Districts of our Association. In addition, the Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund has made a contribution to our Association's major project, Elks Camp Barrett.

On the "Income" side we have received Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$4,946.00) in donations that will be added to our investment trust. It is critical that we continue to "grow" our investment trust to generate the interest and dividends necessary to fund future grants. Thanks to all who have supported the Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund this year.

If things go according to plan, I will be presenting information relative to the Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund during the workshop. Please make sure that if you don't have what you need to include the Wm. J. Jernick Memorial Fund in your Lodge activities this year, that you take a moment and let me know what you need.

Be safe, have fun!

Fraternally yours,
John Loftus

2015- 2016 Grand Lodge Inner Guard ED WILLIS Dover Lodge #1903



I would just like to say what an honor it was to be installed as Grand Inner Guard and that I can hardly wait until we get to Houston next July.

Ed Willis

2015- 2016 DISTRICT DEPUTIES



L-R: Danniele McKnight (West), Patti Gray (North East), Carolyn Riggins (North Central), Thomas Coyle (South West), Ron Conrad (South East)

Audit Report - May 1, 2015 through August 28, 2015

- 1) **State Association Ordinary Income:** Overall Income: \$228,586.92; Budgeted \$228,300.00 Remaining balance of: \$10,286.92.
- 2) **Association Other Income:** \$43,979.49; Budgeted \$42,000.00. Remaining balance of: \$1,979.49.
- 3) **Camp Barrett Donation Income:** Income \$3,861.00; Budgeted \$149,000.00. Remaining balance of: \$145,139.00.
- 4) **Camp Barrett Fund-raises Income:** \$1198,618.57; Budgeted \$356,240.00. Remaining balance of: \$157,621.43.
- 5) **Elks Camp Barrett Ordinary Income:** \$54,405.91; Budgeted \$85,925.00. Remaining balance of: - \$31,519.09.
- 6) **Convention/Conference Income:** \$82,784.95. Budgeted \$0.00 Remaining balance of: \$82,784.95.
- 7) **Elks National Foundation Income:** \$238,586.92. Budgeted \$228,300.00 Remaining balance of: \$10,286.92

***OVERALL TOTAL NET INCOME:** (no off site) \$ 264,219.38; (with off site) Net Income 365,496.36 or 121.73%

- 1) **State Association Ordinary Expenses:** \$8,323.52; Budgeted \$51,658.00. Or a remaining balance of -\$43,334.48.
- 2) **Association Other Expense:** \$590.36; Budgeted \$20,300.00 Or a remaining balance of -\$19,709.64.
- 3) **Camp Barrett Donation Expenses:** \$0.0. Budgeted \$0.0. Or a remaining plus balance of \$0.0.
- 4) **Camp Barrett Fund-raises Expense:** \$34,612.26; Budgeted \$89,500.00 Or a remaining balance of -\$54,835.30.
- 5) **Camp Barrett Ordinary Expense:** \$196,703.99; Budgeted \$266,740.00. Or a remaining balance of -70,036.01.
- 6) **Convention/Conference Expense:** \$74,011.55; Budgeted \$0.00 Or a remaining bal-

ance of (OVER BUDGET) \$74,011.55.

- 7) **Elks National Foundation Expense:** \$9,578.15; Budgeted \$228,300.00. Or a remaining balance of -218,721.85.

OVERALL TOTAL EXPENSE: \$797,327.93, Budgeted \$827,627.56. Or a remaining balance of -50,299.53

NOTE: Overall total Income: \$831,462.77, last quarter \$758,147.65 and, Overall total Expense: \$797,327.84, last quarter \$700,313.33 or a NET PROFIT of \$34,134.84, last quarter \$57,834.31

State Association Balance Sheet: As of August 28, 2015: Checking/Savings assets of \$579,907.96 last quarter \$688,276.40. Overall total assets of \$1,134,782.50, last quarter \$1,230,998.76. Not Included within this figure, the Edward Jones Investments of \$30,423.75, last quarter \$41,085.69. Total Liabilities & Equity \$1,134,782.60, last quarter \$1,230,998.75. 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.

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 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 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 Chair, Auditing & Business Practices

TO OUR ABSENT BROTHER



Vincent A. Pingitore, Sr., PSP, PGLC
September 10, 1927 - August 15, 2015

To All members of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association:

The Pingitore family and I would like to thank all of you who called, emailed, sent a card, attended or performed in the service or said a prayer on behalf of my father, PSP Vince Pingitore, Sr. The greatest comfort in our time of sorrow was the expression of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. Dad loved each and every one of you and I hope you will keep him in your memories and prayers.

Sincerely,
Vince Pingitore, Jr., PSP, PGLC

Directory Changes & Corrections

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ELK SCHOLARSHIPS

MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The 2016 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

- Applications for the 2016 contest are available to download on elks.org after September 1, 2015.
- Applications must be submitted to the Elks Lodge nearest to the applicant's home by **December 4, 2015**.
- Awards range from \$1,000 - \$12,500 per year.
- Students must pursue a four-year degree fulltime (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university.
- All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

2016 Most Valuable Student Award Offers			
500 Four-Year Awards for the			
2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-2019, 2019-20 Academic Years			
	<u>Four-Year Total Award</u>	<u>No. of Awards</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Place	\$50,000	2	\$100,000
Second Place	\$40,000	2	\$80,000
Third Place	\$30,000	2	\$60,000
Fourth Place	\$20,000	14	\$280,000
Runners Up	\$4,000	480	\$1,920,000
		Total:	\$2,440,00

LEGACY AWARDS

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards in the 2016 contest.

The 2016 ENF Legacy Awards contest kicked off on September 1, 2015. Applications for the 2016 contest are available **ONLINE ONLY** at elks.org.

The applicant must apply **online only**. The 2016 Legacy Awards application is due online by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time on Friday, January 29, 2016.

EMERGENCY SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The grant is for educational assistance only and not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. Assistance cannot be extended beyond four years.

Grant amounts are based on the information submitted in the application and can range up to \$4,000.

- The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his or her death. or
- The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made

- The grant is for one year only; however, the student may submit up to three annual renewal applications for succeeding years.
- New and renewal applications should be filed between May 1 and October 31. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

To apply for this grant go to elks.org

THE ELKS VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

is available to MD/DE/DC residents pursuing vocational-technical training in an accredited post-secondary school.

- Must be no longer than two years in duration and culminate in a certificate, diploma or associate degree, not a bachelor's degree.
- Two year transfer programs culminating in a four year degree are not eligible.
- Scholarships are available to United States citizens only.
- One male and one female will receive \$2000 a year.
- Four other males and four females will receive \$1000 a year for two years.

All applications must be endorsed and postmarked by March 31, 2016 for the 2016-17 year. Please complete all parts of the application. Please print/type all information neatly. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Mail to:

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Soccer Shoot Contest Dedicated to Myron Morgan

This year's Mid-Atlantic Soccer Shoot Contest will be held in Frederick Maryland on March 4, 5 & 6, 2016. This year, for the very first time, we would like to dedicate this year's contest to one of our long time members who recently passed away. This year's Mid-Atlantic Soccer Shoot will be named in honor of Myron "Butch" Morgan for his commitment and dedication to our program. We can find no greater honor than to name this year's contest after Butch.

I will write the dedication myself, but, can you help me and provide some details? Titles and honors Butch may have received and family background? Lodge titles and positions possibly? Anything that you think may help (including pictures) which may help me develop of fitting tribute to our friend...

Robert Jani, PGLC, PSP

rjani@optonline.net

Past Grand Lodge, Government Relations, Past NJ State President

Advisor; NJ Elks Soccer, Government Relations, National Veterans Service and Americanism

"Be kind, be safe and be well!"

IT'S ALL ABOUT SOCCER

Wow how time flies!!! Yes it is Soccer time already. Your Lodges should be wrapping up their local shoots and the districts should be either scheduled or done by October 14, 2015.

Calling for helpers, the State Soccer Shoot is scheduled to be held in Ocean City again this year at the Northside Recreation Complex just off of 125th Street. This year I really will need helpers since we are doing everything from registration, to shooting, to feeding and finally awards on site. It will be several setups then teardowns and then setup next phase throughout the complex.

We have a few rule changes this year which I hope are being tried at the districts shoots so we can evaluate them and respond back to Regional with our pro's and con's. Here they are:

1. Shooting distant and goals remain the same as last year for all age groups:

- a. U8 Small goals 15 feet #4 ball
- b. U10 Large goal (Grid Goal) 18 feet #4 ball
- c. U12 Large goal (Grid Goal) 27 feet #4 ball
- d. U14 Large goal (Grid Goal) 36 feet #5 ball

2. **(District and above only)** Shooters will shoot 1-2-3 practice shots and then their 5 shots on goal (except for U8) and then sit down while the other shooters in that age group shoot their 5 shots. After all shooters have shot 5 shots then shooter 1 will begin and shoot the next 5 (NO WARMUPS/PRACTICE SHOTS) and again sit down and wait for all to finish. After the second round is completed then shooter 1 will begin the last 5 shots on goal again no warmups/practice and sit down. After all shooters have completed their 3rd round scorers will check for any ties and then shot-offs will take place. If no ties then shooters are released back to the audience.

3. **(State and above only)** Last but very important are the shooting shoes, I have distributed to all district chairs, and VP's copies of the acceptable soles for shooting at Regional. Since we are shooting indoors we will enforce the shoes being one of those shown **to the District Chairs and VP's. NO CLEATS-Indoor or outdoor will be**

allowed!!!! This is a preventive safety item which will be strictly enforced this year.

I need the Southeast to bring the Traveling Trophy to Ocean City this year so we can award it to the high scoring cumulative district for this upcoming year. Thanks!

Now a little more details on the October Shoot Off; the registration table will open at noon for check-in and final registration. Setup people are needed at the recreation center around 11am to help assemble goals and mark out the shooting areas. The Shoot itself will start at 1PM sharp.

Ok now my push for support!! Hey got to ask-Please take out an advertisement in the Regional Program Book even if your lodge or district may not have a shooter going to Regional-these shooter represent us-the MD-DE-DC Elks Association at the regionals; the advertisement application is on the MD-DE-DC Elks web site (Full page, _ page and 1/3 page ads) . These ads can be from anyone not just Elks or Lodges, on the new forms you will see the Regional is selling inside and outside covers plus certain pages. Get a corporate sponsor to buy and ad. An Example---3 lodges in a District could take a full page ad---1/3 page apiece and split the \$100 cost 3 ways. Or you can take a Booster Sheet and get patrons at the Bar or Lodge events to sign up and pay (\$5.00 per name) then send the Booster Sheet and Money in by the deadline in February, those names will appear in the Regional Program Directory along with the ads. This really helps to defray the cost that the Regional Committee incurs and tries hard not to send down to the States.

Last the Regional Mid-Atlantic Invitational Soccer Shoot will be in Frederick MD again this year from March 4-6, 2016. March 5 (Saturday) at 9am is the beginning of the actual shoot---more details will be following. Hope to see you all in Frederick to support our MD-DE-DC Elk Shooters.

G. Gerald Morrow
State Soccer Chair

Elks State Training Committee

The Elks State Training Committee is currently working to assemble the "best of the best" leadership information that has been obtained from various sources to provide to local lodges as a reference.

Once the leadership material has been assembled into a final product and vetted through State Association Leadership, the next part of the strategic plan involves the district chairpersons socializing the concept of leadership training with the local lodges, and ultimately, scheduling a day-long leadership training seminar at the beginning of each new local lodge year.

This vision for the Elks State Training Committee seemingly departs from the traditional training approach where each lodge

answered training questions while referencing the Elks Constitution and Statues, as well as other Elks manuals. Furthermore, this approach focuses more on developing local lodge leaders and becoming more consistent franchises within Elkdom.

This new State Training Committee approach of reaching out to the local lodges aligns with the State President's goal of changing the overall paradigm of the State Association and local lodge, where the State Association will now take an even more proactive role in supporting Elk programs at the local lodge level and enhancing an atmosphere for successful leadership development.

Exalted Rulers, expect to hear from your ELKS TRAINING COMMITTEE district chairperson in the near future to establish a dialogue on leadership training with the final goal of scheduling your lodge leadership seminar at the beginning of the new local lodge year.

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TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER



DAVID E. WOLCOTT
February 5, 1949 - August 6, 2015

David E. Wolcott, 66, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at the Palliative Care Unit of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health with his family at his side.

David was born on February 5, 1949 in Easton, MD. He graduated from Saints Peter and Paul High School in 1966 and was a civil engineer by trade. In 1979 he married the love of his life, Connie M. Wolcott and they enjoyed 36 years of marriage before her passing in April of this year.

David was an active member of the Easton Elks Lodge #1622, serving as Exalted Ruler, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, President of the MD, DE, DC Association and was the current Secretary at the time of his death. His adopted motto "Growth Through Service" defines his life.

If you like, donations can be made to the Constance Wolcott Scholarship Fund, c/o Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 East Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601.



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



ESSAY CONTEST – "What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of County"

DIVISION 1 – Grades 5 & 6

DIVISION 2 – Grades 7 & 8

Essays are not to exceed 300 words and must be typed or printed in ink. Entries are due to Lodges on or before December 18, 2015. Winners on the Lodge level, must be to the District Chairman by January 30, 2016. District winners must be to the State Chair no later than February 29, 2016. 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
10 – 13 Year Olds	14 – 17 Year Olds

Please have: name, address, phone number, age, name of school (if enrolled)
and the sponsoring Lodge on back of poster – 8 ½ x 11 paper
(Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed and attached to each poster)
Deadline: Lodge Chair by December 18, 2015
District Chair by January 30, 2016 – State Chair by February 29, 2016



Sandra Brantner

State Americanism Chairman

301-334-1880 (home) - 301-501-7533 (cell)



In 1917 our Country was at war. That year, Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor appointed a committee to study what the Order of Elks should do during this crisis. At the July Grand Lodge Session in Boston, this committee recommended "That the Elks give first consideration to the sick and wounded on the battlefields of France and equip base hospitals for their care; that the Order create a fund for war relief work". Grand Exalted Ruler Fred Harper, who was elected at the Boston Convention, appointed an Elks War Relief Commission. That Commission has evolved into the organization we have today: The Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Though much has changed since then, the dedication to serve our military and our veterans has never wavered. The Elks are committed to their mission "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".

With that being said, I would like to recognize Elks VAVS Reps within our State Association for their time and dedication and for taking the mission of the ENVSC to heart by serving our veterans. I would like to recognize Abingdon Lodge and VAVS Rep Mike Ford for the fine work being done at Perry Point VAMC, and H. Lee Davis and George Larkins for the fine work they have been doing at Loch Raven and Baltimore VA

Medical Center. I would like to thank Barbara Higgs and her husband Michael, for all they do at the Washington, DC VAMC and also Reps John Curren and Ed Pettit for their work

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

at Charlotte Hall and the Delaware Veterans Home. John Zeller from Broadneck Lodge is our new Rep at the BWI/USO facility, and Francis Clauser from Dover Lodge should be recognized for his long-time service at the USO Fisher House in Dover. I would also like to thank Newark and Wilmington Lodges for hosting pizza parties and bingo for the veterans at the Wilmington VAMC each month. A special thanks to all the Lodges and the VAS Reps for welcoming the Re-Creation Touring Group this past summer. I was able to see the show at the Wilmington VA with 19 veterans in attendance, together with family and staff. The show was enjoyed by all.

On September 11th, I had the pleasure

and privilege to attend the 108th birthday celebration for Alyce Dixon, the oldest living female veteran. Alyce served her country during WWII. She is a resident of the Community Living Center at the Washington DC VAMC. The birthday celebration was attended by family, friends, patients, staff and VA dignitaries and drew national attention. The ENVSC provided the luncheon and a beautiful birthday cake. On hand to receive an award from the VA was Mary Morgan, our new ENVSC Director. Also in attendance were ENVSC Chairman, PGER James Nicholson and his wife Mary Carolyn and PGER Paul Helsel. In addition to hosting the celebration that day, ENVSC signed an agreement the Department of Veterans Affairs extending the resources of our great organization to help the homeless veterans. I would like to thank VAVS Reps John Zeller and Barbara Higgs, along with Margie McIntyre, Bill Robertson, Ann Cod, Roger Moore and Guy Boniface for traveling to Washington to serve our Veterans a delicious lunch and providing Alyce with a wonderful birthday celebration.

In closing, let's not forget that November is Veterans Remembrance Month. Enjoy the weekend in Ocean City and "Let's have fun"!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bob McIntyre, Chairman

Convention/Conference Committee

I am excited to have been selected to Chair this function of the State Association. I want to thank Greg Wilkes for his dedication and hard work on behalf of our Association and for the standards he has established. The Committee has a solid foundation on which to build.

My vision for ConComm is:

- To offer our members a venue that makes you feel special and provide it at a reasonable cost.
- To challenge the Committee to market events to Lodges, emphasizing the positive aspects of attending: training, networking, comradery, gaining an understanding of the State's role and responsibilities.
- To develop fundraising ideas/projects to help defray the cost of events.
- To bring more energy to our efforts AND
- To have "FUN" doing it!

We need at least 2 representatives from each District, so please contact me if you are interested in working on the Committee, in helping to make these ideas happen AND bringing new ideas.

Merrilyn Ramsey
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR ALYCE DIXON



First row: Alyce Dixon, VAVS Rep Barbara Higgs
Second row: VAVS Deputy Rep Guy Boniface, PGER Paul Helsel, Margie McIntyre, PGER James Nicholson, Chairman of the ENVSC, Mary Morgan, Director of the ENVSC, Bob McIntyre, State Chairman, ENVSC

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Thank you! You all are doing a great job in educating our youth and parents in the dangers of drug use and drug prevention. Our Drug Awareness program at Camp Barrett this year was a great success and I would like to thank Keri Albright, North Central District Chair and Hedi Garlick, Easton Lodge #1622 for giving of your time and helping. I hope many of you were able to participant in the "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day" in your communities. A special thank you to Newark Lodge #2281 and Crisfield Lodge #1044 for reaching out to the schools and submitting "Never Alone" comic book order forms that were forwarded to the National Director with the hope that the schools will receive them.

I would like to welcome two new district chairs to our Drug Awareness committee: Dick Cook, Dover Lodge #1903 - North East Chair and Nicki Ireland, Selbyville Lodge #2173 - South East Chair; their contact information is on the website and in the packet you received this weekend. A special "Thank You" goes out to Doris Becraft, Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540 for her dedication to our Drug Awareness program over the past several years. She will be greatly missed and we wish her and Wayne the best as they move to Florida.

- Below are the programs you should have been or plan to work on currently:
- Get Poster, Essay, and Video Contest information out to schools, Scouts, Youth Groups, etc... Due to District Chairs or State Chair for South West is February 15, 2016.
 - Camarena Award nominations (contact Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement agencies), all nominations due to State Chair on or before December 1, 2015.
 - Red Ribbon Week - October 23rd through 31st - Make or finalize your plans
 - President's Volunteer Service Award nominations (remember to include information on volunteer hours completed)
 - New "President's Volunteer Service Award for Youth" each state only receives five, so nominations are due to State Chair on or before March 15, 2016. Committee will determine the five nominations that will go forward.
 - Plan for a Great American Smokeout event on the third Thursday of November.
 - Remember to enter all DAP information into CLMS.

Once again, "Thank You" for all your participation in our Drug Awareness Program, for each of you is making a difference in the lives of our youth. May God Bless You All!

Sincerely,
Cindy Taylor
State DAP Chair

Are You A Donor?

Have you signed up to be a donor?

For the past few years the Elks have partnered with Donate Life to get the word out about registering to be donors. The MD, DE and DC Elks Association is just starting this new program. I feel honored that Dave Wolcott asked me to chair this program. You never know how things will turn out as I have an uncle who is now trying to get on the list for a lung transplant.

- Just one organ and tissue donor can save 8 lives and help up to 50 people.
- 18 people die every day from the lack of available organs for transplant
- Last year more than 8,000 deceased donors made possible approximately 23,000 organ transplants. In addition, there were nearly 6,000 transplants from living donors
- Last year 30,000 tissue donors saved and healed lives
- More than 120,000 men, women and children currently await lifesaving organ transplants
- People of all ages and medical histories are potential donors
- Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs an tissues can be donated.
- Donation should not delay or change funeral arrangements
- There is no cost to the donors family or estate
- It is possible to donate life to others as a living kidney or partial liver, lung, intestine or pancreas donor.

To become a donor go to www.donatelife.net

Dana Gourlay
Chairperson Donate Life

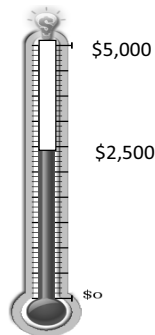
Help the ENF Reach its October Fundraising Goal

ENF Month is here! During this month, Lodges should take extra time to recognize their ENF donors, promote ENF programs, and celebrate successes made possible by ENF.

Lodges should also hold special fundraisers to help ENF continue to help Elks build stronger communities.

Where will you be at the end of this month? Set a Goal and work at achieving it.

***The amount is up to you!!!
\$***



In November, will this be your Answer:

During October, we raised \$2,500 though we did not meet our goal thanks to our member's support we had a great fundraising month.

Thanks for all your hard work.

***Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt
ENF State Chairman***