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Connie deYoung
State President

Message from the State President

Welcome Guests, Members and Friends to the 97th Annual Convention of the Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia Elks Association. It has been a great year for our State Association. One of my goals was to have a plus in Membership, which we accomplished with 111 new members. This is the first plus in membership since the year 2007. Thank you to all members who worked so diligently toward

this goal.

We, as a team, have accomplished many initiatives. The Website has been re-vamped, now offers credit card sales for the Con-Con Committee, and received a 4 Star Award from Grand Lodge. We started the Peer Leadership Committee working in conjunction with the New Jersey State Association, and we started posting our Elk events on Facebook. The Drop Box is being utilized for archiving data, the Convention Booklet was resurrected, the Government Relations/Charity Reporting has improved substantially, the gathering and reviewing of our State Association History is underway, and several Committees have started telephone conferencing.

It has also been a very successful year for Camp Barrett with rentals and donations, including our Mexico trip, with the largest attendance ever. The Veterans/Army of Hope held the raffle of Dave's Car for a profit of over \$24,000. We had 15 students receive Grand Lodge Scholarship finalist rankings, the State Newsletter received a 5 Star Award from Grand Lodge, and we had a 1st Place U10 Girl at the Regional Soccer Shoot. The William J. Jernick Fund and our Youth Activities, including Junior Elks, continues to grow and support our community. There were 13 Lodges that met the President's ENF goal of \$10.00, and 35 Lodges met the GER goal of \$4.65. We were also honored to have the Regional Soccer Shoot and Regional Hoop Shoot in our State Association.

Thank you to Cambridge Lodge and Kent Island Lodge for hosting the winter and spring offsite meetings, and Chestertown Lodge for hosting the Thursday night dinner for our Grand Exalted Ruler. Kent Island "ROCKED" the March Conference. Once again, the food, entertainment and courtesies extended to the members, and especially our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady, were exceptional. These Lodges demonstrated what dedicated Elks working together can accomplish.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Vice Presidents for traveling with me for my visits and delivering my message to the Lodges in their Districts. Also, thank you to the District Deputies for their support, the Committee Members for their dedication, and

the Advisory for their guidance.

Congratulations to our incoming State President Sandy Brantner and (The Second "First Dude") Jim. It has been great working with Sandy. Thank you for your help, I know you will do an excellent job as our new President.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your State President this past year. Brian (The "First Dude") and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing this Great State Association. My sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all for your support this year.

My Motto is: Membership – Fellowship – Success. What a very Successful year with the Fellowship we have shared giving us a Plus in Membership. We are "Elks Having Fun Getting the Job Done"!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Connie J. deYoung, State President
DE, MD & DC Elks Association

COMING EVENTS

July 16 – 19, 2017
Grand Lodge Convention
Reno, NV

August 2017
DD Clinics – All Districts

September 8 – 10, 2017
Adult Camporee @ Camp Barrett

September 29 – October 1, 2017
Fall Workshop
Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD

October 2017
ENF Month

November 2017
Veterans Remembrance Month

November 10 – 12, 2017
Scout Camporee @ Camp Barrett

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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2017 CONVENTION AGENDA of the MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION
WISP Resort, McHenry, Maryland

FRIDAY, June 9, 2017

11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. LUNCH – available at Resort Restaurants
12:00 – 5:00 P.M. Registration – Whitewater Room
1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Advisory Committee Meeting – Crawford Room
5:00 P.M. State Trustees Meeting – Birch Room
5:30 P.M. Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting – Crawford Room
6:30 P.M. Past State Presidents' & Wives Dinner at Oakland Lodge
5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Dinner on your own – **Also available at Oakland Lodge.**
3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite Open

SATURDAY, June 10, 2017

7:30 – 9:00 A.M. **BREAKFAST Buffet** – McHenry Lodge Room
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Registration – Whitewater Room
8:00 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Representatives Meeting – McHenry Lodge Room
9:00 A.M. **SESSION CALLED TO ORDER**
Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Calls, etc. – McHenry Lodge Room
9:30 A.M. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
(9:30) Convention & Conference – Marilyn Ramsey
(9:35) Directory – Betty Hardin
(9:40) Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee (*Donations welcome*) – John Loftus
(9:50) Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund – Lou Schmeltzer
(9:55) Elks National Foundation (*Donations welcome*) – Mary Cardinal-Vogt
(10:00) Elks Veterans (Army of Hope, ENVSC, VA Volunteer Reps) - Bob McIntyre
(10:05) Elks Training – Trent Manson
(10:10) Government Relations/Charity Reporting – Carl Vogt
(10:15) William J. Jernick Memorial Fund (*Donations welcome*) – John Loftus
(10:20) Lodge Activities – Mike Todd
(10:25) Membership – Bob Baxendell
(10:35) Newsletter and Convention Booklet – Margie McIntyre
(10:40) Ritualistic – Larry Mathers – 11th Hour Contest Awards
(10:45) Soccer – Ron Lamot
(10:50) Scholarship – Lynn Evans
10:55 A.M. **BUSINESS MEETING:** Advisory Committee Report – Priscilla Schwab
Secretary's Report – Jim Harbour / Minutes / Communications
Trustees' Report – Vouchers – Gerald Morrow
Treasurer's Report – Jackie Phillips
Unfinished Business / New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Comments: President – Connie deYoung
New Jersey Elks President – John Szczomak
Pennsylvania Elks President – Glenn Foster
Grand Lodge Sponsor – Paul Helsel

ADJOURN by 12:00 Noon

12:00 – 5:00 P.M. **HOSPITALITY SUITE Open**
12:00 **LUNCH** – available at Resort Restaurants
1:30 P.M. SPE Sandy Brantner meeting with Officers and Committee Chairs
2:30 P.M. Con-Con Committee meeting with Members going to GL in Houston
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. **Cocktails**
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Dinner and Awards - McHenry Lodge Room (Sports theme – Causal)
8:30 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite Open

SUNDAY, June 11, 2017

7:30 – 9:00 A.M. **BREAKFAST Buffet** – McHenry Lodge Room
8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Registration – Whitewater Room
9:30 A.M. Memorial Service (Summer Tux for participants) McHenry Lodge Room
10:15 A.M. Installation of Officers for 2017 – 18 (Summer Tux for participants)
11:30 A.M. Closing

Elks Camp Barrett 50 - 50 Drawing

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 29, 2017



Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Zellen

Message From Grand Exalted Ruler

Meeting the needs of veterans and military members

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission was established in 1946, immediately after World War II, with the sole mission of "Serving Our Nations Veterans." Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve our veterans and military members in need has never changed.

Recently, I traveled to Washington, D.C., the epicenter of the military and veterans' affairs government agencies. Joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Hesel and Government Relations team members Shawn Bullard and Jennifer Naaden, we met with top military and veteran officials. In these meetings, I received resounding gratitude and admiration for the Elks' service to the military and veterans.

The leaders asked the Elks to join them in addressing two challenges. First, numerous veterans are struggling to find employment. Frequently employers misunderstand a veteran's skill set and how to utilize it. This confusion has led to an increase of homeless veterans.

Second, there is a lack of awareness among the National Guard Bureau of the Elks' programs available for their members, veterans and their families.

How can your Lodge alleviate these problems? The answer will vary Lodge to Lodge, but here are some ideas. Your Lodge could facilitate career fairs, host workshops for business leaders on translating a veteran's skills into success, and provide veterans with professional skills training. Additionally, your Lodge could provide scholarships for veterans to further their education.

Since the onset of the War on Terror, National Guard members have been called to serve at an unprecedented rate. This has created difficulties for soldiers and their families. Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau Lieutenant General Hokanson asked for greater collaboration between National Guard units and Local Lodges.

Hokanson has shared information on the Elks' programs, encouraging his Adjutant Generals to form relationships with Local Lodges. I ask every Lodge to reach out to your local National Guard unit and engage it on how to best support the soldiers and their families.

Look for more details of my D.C. trip in the July/ August edition of The Elks Magazine for more about the new partnerships with congressional, administration and military leaders.

May God bless our veterans and the men and women who serve in the military worldwide, and may God bless America. They will all be in the line of duty, and some of them may give their lives in that duty.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing and for continuing to demonstrate that, "Elks are Leading the Way."

Michael F. Zellen, GER



Paul D. Hesel
PGER & Sponsor

Message From Our State Sponsor

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the WISP and the 97th annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. It has been 9 years since we traveled to the far west of our Association and this fine venue. The facility has been upgraded since then, and there is much more to see and do in the area today versus 9 years ago. Our Convention/Conference Committee assures us that from the hotel to the surroundings, to the attendees and programs, this promises to be a fun filled week-

end of good fellowship with a little Elk business. I know Jane and I are looking forward to visiting with all of our dear Elk family and enjoying some of that good fellowship with you.

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, John Szczomak and his wife Jody and the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, Glenn Foster and his wife Bonnie. Please join with us in giving them a warm welcome and extending to them our outstanding Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association hospitality throughout the weekend.

Thanks to the outstanding leadership of our State President Connie deYoung, her officers and committee personnel, it was another great year for our Association. While the numbers are not yet final, it is definite that our Association, for the first time in 10 years, has posted a gain in membership – congratulations and thanks to all those individuals and lodges that helped to make it happen. Our Association achieved \$8.89 per capita donations to ENF placing it at 24th in the nation – a great accomplishment considering the competition today in this program. Just a couple

years ago an \$8.89 per capita level would have put our Association in the upper ranges of the top 10 Associations. Reported charitable contributions in time, mileage and monies were well over \$3 million again this past year – a great accomplishment but, imagine what it could have been if we actually got our reporting effort working properly. We have a lot of accomplishments to celebrate and a lot to be proud of – thanks and congratulations to Connie, her officers and committee folks, and to all who participated in making it all possible.

With this convention we also start a new Association year with new leadership – it's the time to set new goals, rededicate ourselves to the cause, and continue the efforts necessary to reach new and higher levels of success. Hopefully this 2017/2018 year will see a repeat in membership growth, increased donations to the ENF, and increased charitable giving. However, our leadership cannot do the job alone, every lodge and every member must get on board and contribute to the various efforts. In both the lodges and the Association, committees need to be organized, communicating with Elks that want to be involved, and working the programs of Elkdom within the individual lodges and the communities they serve.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend, best wishes to incoming State President Sandy Brantner and her officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all our lodges for a prosperous and successful year. Working together I am sure that 2017/2018 will be another great year for our Association and all its lodges!!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Hesel , PGER & Sponsor



Message From the President-Elect

Welcome to the WISP Resort for the 97th annual convention of our great State Association. I am so excited to have our convention in the West District to give our Elks family the chance to visit our lovely area. Congratulations to Mary Cardinal-Vogt, our incoming President-Elect, the Trustees, ECB Executive Committee and our Vice Presidents: West District, Eric Sines, Oakland #2481, North East District, Mike Ford, Abingdon #2354, South East District, Lloyd Barron, Kent Island #2576, North Central District, Michael Greaver, Essex #1886 and South West District, Robert Broom, St. Mary's County #2092. Congratulations also to Jim Harbour, Secretary and Jackie Phillips, Treasurer on their re-elections. Thank you to Jessica Todd, Eileen Loftus, Rodney Young and Mary O'Brien for accepting to serve this year as our State Chair Officers. I am looking forward to serving with the Vice Presidents, Trustees, appointed Officers, various committees and members of our great State Association in 2017-2018.

Thank you to Connie and Brian for an outstanding year as State President and first gent! They represented our Association well. Congratulations Connie! You were an outstanding State President, and our Association had a great year under your leadership and guidance. Your accomplishments this past year will be long remembered throughout the Association. I personally thank you for your guidance and including me in the business of the Association; but mostly for the friendship that we have developed through this year. You should be commended for your tireless efforts and continual dedication and hard work to the betterment of our State Association! Thank you to the Advisory Committee for the guidance and support that you have also offered me this

year to help me prepare to serve as State President.

Our workshops have changed in the past few years with training sessions and "fun" Saturday night dinners, and I plan to continue to implement these throughout the coming year. We need to do business when called for but remember that we can also have fun. Sharing ideas and suggestions with each other can only make our lodges better, and there is no better time to do that than at a workshop. Remember, that we can only be successful with dedicated members who are interested in promoting our Order and its programs.

I congratulate all the new Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers for this year and I am looking forward to visiting the Lodges and celebrating the accomplishments and goals of each Lodge. May your Lodges be prosperous in membership and finances.

Remember to thank a veteran for your freedom and pray for those serving both home and away. Offer your hand in friendship and be a mentor to a child. We are Elks – Serving Proudly, Promoting Youth and Honoring Veterans.

Fraternally,

Sandy Brantner
President-Elect



From Your State Membership Chair: **Net Plus – At Last!**



The headline speaks for itself folks. Based on reported CLMS results for March 31st – **The State Association is NET PLUS for the year!** 17 Lodges have overcome the obstacles that we all face to be in a NET PLUS position for the year. This accounts for an actual gain of 1.04% for the year. We have blown away the 5 year trend report of net lost members for the Association. This was accomplished by significant efforts every step of the way in the recruiting, indoctrination and initiation process. A few *All Stars* stand out. Cape Henlopen and Ocean City, combined, have initiated over 300 members. Cape Henlopen's 17% gain for the year was an incredible achievement; taking the South East by storm and of course leading the way for the whole Association. Other leaders by district included: Deal in the SW; Laurel in the North Central; Wilmington in the North East; and Westminster in the West. Regrettably, despite such gains, there were still over 1,000 delinquents (down from last year) out there that were lost for various reasons.

It's time to take a look at what we have done and how we did it. What did we all do right to drive these results? From our Exalted Rulers, through all the Chairs, through all the committee chairs, and even that growing list of PER's: Are we doing all we can to recruit and retain membership? Do we have an active Public Relations effort to increase visibility and attract Members? Do we screen applicants carefully so that this year's recruits are not next year's Lapsation? Do we conduct an effective orientation with every incoming candidate to give them a true picture of Elkdom? Do we make every effort possible to seek out reinstatements, recover Delinquents and, moreover, overcome the root issues that lead to Delinquency? Do we have an active Membership committee? And lastly, do we have a Standing Relief Committee? If you can answer YES to every one of these questions, then chances are your Lodge has built a favorable Membership result. As is always the case, the results that WE generate start with YOU. With the new ER's in place, it's time to take advantage of every opportunity. Let's not miss any!

Bob Baxendell,
State Membership Chair

South West District

John F. Amer Jr., VP

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Hello Everyone,

It's been a wonderful year for me visiting all the lodges in my district. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness. It has been an interesting and intriguing time for me, as I learned, and watched how all the lodges conduct the meetings and rituals. As this year ends I know I have made many new friends. I highly recommend going to visit the neighboring lodges in your area, district or wherever you may travel. It will only make our fraterni-

ty stronger. Thank you once again for the chance to learn more about our organization and grow. I hope each one of you will take the opportunity to get involved with your lodge, whether it is at the state or local level. I guarantee it will enrich your life.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
John F. Amer, Jr.

WASHINGTON-ROCKVILLE LODGE

Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 kicked off their kayaking season on April 2nd with a band, a birthday party and veterans from the USA and the U.K. Member Bob Morris and his group, "The Bobby Lewis Blues Band", played for the enthusiastic crowd to celebrate the opening of our kayaking project on the Potomac River and raise funds for Team River Runner, our partner on the river. Lodge member Joe Mornini, the founder of this unique program for wounded vets, welcomed a group of blind veterans from England for a special project with blind veterans from the USA. A good time was had by all including the hard working veterans committee singing Happy Birthday to vets co-chair, Judy Black, who became a senior citizen that afternoon. Our U.K. visitors stayed long after the last song, ignoring their exhaustion from having just arrived from the airport. They thanked us for our generous hospitality and expressed that they have never received such a warm welcome anywhere. Family Day on the River will be held every Sunday through October (weather permitting) at Riley's Lock on the Potomac River with gentle and challenging water sports along with a fabulous cookout hosted by Lodge #15. This is our fourth season hosting the cookouts with burgers, dogs, homemade salads and homemade desserts all made by Lodge members.



CAMP SPRINGS LODGE



Teen Spring Fling

May 1-3, 2017, Camp Springs Elks Lodge, sponsored Teen Spring Fling dances for the Special Needs population of several schools in Prince Georges County, MD. During the 3-day period, over 600 middle school and high school students, accompanied by their teachers and assistants, were special guests of our Lodge.

Lodge volunteers and volunteers from the Southwest Club, provided a festive party atmosphere along with lunch and music provided by one of our favorite DJs, Doug Guinn.

These dances are a tradition that this Lodge has carried on for 51 years. We are very proud that we have been able to forge a lasting relationship with the schools in our county and we all look forward to engaging in this event every year.

With the help of our selfless volunteers, we are honored that our Lodge was awarded a Gratitude Grant, through ENF, to help fund this very special affair.

Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332 has become an important part of the surrounding community and we will continue to establish and work with our community partners and others to provide services and programs that will prove to be beneficial to all involved.

Elks Care - Elks Share

West District

Dale Sears, VP

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Wow! Time sure flies when you're having fun! It has been an honor to serve as the West VP this past year under our President, Connie de Young. A big thank you to all the lodges in the District for their warm hospitality, hard work, and dedication. Most of our State/National goals have been met!

Since our last meeting in Kent Island, I have attended the **Hagerstown's** installation of officers, the West DD clinic in **Westminster**, and **Frostburg's** Awards Dinner. Each of these events made me proud of our benevolence and the many ways we serve our communities.

As my year ends as your VP, I wish Eric Sines, our incoming VP from Oakland, much success and my full support.

The "West" remains the "Best" and we sure had fun while getting the job done!

Fraternally,
Dale Sears

WESTMINSTER LODGE



Westminster Elks Lodge had several volunteers helping with the Prom Dress Event at Winter's Mill High School in May. There were approximately 700 dresses and accessories donated for the young girls to choose from who were not financially able to purchase new dresses to attend their prom. We hope to partner with them next year to continue to give these young girls a special and memorable evening to remember.

Thank you to Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen and First Lady Donna for your visit to the Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks State Association. We were honored to have you as our guests.



North East District

Merrilyn Ramsey, VP

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This will be brief as we wrap up this Elk year. I participated in the Conference at Kent Island (what a super job they did!) and attended 2 Camp Barrett meetings as well as a teleconference. I am proud to have served on the Executive Board for ECB during this past year and to have seen firsthand the passion and dedication so many have for our State Project.

I attended the dinner for the Grand which Chestertown Lodge hosted. We have a real comedienne in PER Donna Moloney – it was

a fun, fun night.

I attended the DD Clinic held at Dover Lodge in April and conducted a caucus for nominations for ECB Executive Board, VP, and

Trustee for the Northeast. Your Executive Board members are Gerry Emerick, Chestertown and John Ramsey, Dover. Trustee is Dave Reihl, Chestertown and Mike Ford, Abingdon, is the incoming Vice President. Please give these incoming officers your support. I want to thank Ralph Allen, Dover, for his past contributions to the Camp; due to his work schedule he is unable to continue on the Executive Board, but will be involved in the future as his schedule allows.

I am proud to have seen the growth in NE Lodges and to have seen some overcome difficulties. I thank you for allowing me to serve as your VP and wish you all the best as you begin a new year!

Fraternally,

Merrilyn Ramsey

NEWARK LODGE

Tanner is an 8 year old boy who was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes two years ago. He has required two emergency visits to A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital as well as numerous scheduled appointments with specialists in order to adequately control his disease process. In addition, insurance changes have resulted in higher co-pays and out of pocket expenses for his family. Currently, his parents are trying to get Tanner a continuous glucose monitor to help with the monitoring of his blood sugar level. Tanner and his family applied for a **William J. Jernick Memorial Grant through Newark Lodge**, and it was recently approved. On May 3rd at the monthly steak dinner at the Lodge, a check in the amount of \$1500.00 was presented to Tanner's family.



Pictured (L-R): Tanner's grandparents and Newark members - Jeanne and Ed Wortham, Tanner's parents - David and Christy Nolan, and Jernick District Chair - Michelle Rhoads

ABINGDON LODGE



Left: Abingdon Lodge celebrated the completion of their Patio on April 15th, just in time for Spring.

Pictured L to R: Mike Ford, Doug Kadolph, Joe Gagliardi and Rich Eckert. Many thanks to all who helped with this project.

WILMINGTON LODGE



On May 1st, Wilmington Lodge #307 joined forces with *Rock Manor Golf Course* as they hosted the **World's Largest Golf Outing**. This largest one-day golf tournament in the nation benefits veterans and the community. Proceeds from this golf outing went to The Fisher House, providing military families housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury, and Arnie's Army investing in the well-being and development

of our children and youth.

Wilmington Elks invited our member veterans, along with other Delaware veterans, to be honored at a pre-tournament flag ceremony. Secretary Candy Geise coordinated the event, bringing in the Mount Pleasant High School JROTC color guard, commanded by Sergeant First Class Gonzalez, USA, Ret. to perform the flag ceremony.

Delaware veterans Bill Rash and Phil Hanavin added to the ranks of veterans from Wilmington Lodge. Also present were James Braack, Brian Dougherty, David LePanne, Robert Morris, Jack Gleason (PER), and Artillio DiAndrea, the oldest veteran, having served under General Patton in WWII. Afterward, the veterans and their guests joined the color guard for a complimentary breakfast at the Rock Manor clubhouse. The group answered the young men's questions and shared their stories. As Mr. Morris commented, the flag ceremony was an "excellent idea and was very well appreciated."



North Central District

Rick Lawton, VP

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Dear Members,

First I would like to take the time to congratulate all our new officers starting with Mike Greaver from Essex Lodge as NC VP, Frank Kane of Laurel Lodge as State Trustee, myself as 2 Year Executive Board Member for Elks Camp Barrett, and last but not least my wife, Dawn Lawton, as 1 year Executive Board Member for Elks Camp Barrett. I feel good about all who have been placed in their positions and know that they will do a great job. I

will assist Mike Greaver in any way that I can on his new journey as NC VP.

I would also like to take this time to congratulate all the officers, newly elected, or those that are moving up. NC is doing a great job so let's keep up the good work. Finally, I want to thank all the Lodges in NC for the great hospitality that was shown to myself and my wife Dawn on our visits. It was a lot of fun and we made a lot of new friends along the way. I also want to thank my wife Dawn for supporting me along my journey. Thank you all again for your kindness. NC Rolls!

Elks Care Elks Share,
Rick Lawton Jr.

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

The Mid-Atlantic Elks Soccer Shoot was held on March 3 – 5, 2017 in Frederick, Maryland.

Pictured below is "Team MD, DE & DC", together with State President Connie de Young and State Soccer Chairman, Mike Taylor. Also pictured is Kaylee Bowser, 1st Place winner in the U10 Girls Division, with her Trophy.



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

The Regional Hoop Shoot was held in Frederick, Maryland, on March 11, 2017. Children from MD, DE & DC, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia State Associations competed for a spot to join in the National Competition that was held in April in Chicago. Although we did not have a winner to send to the nationals, a great time was had by all.



L to R: State Chairman Basil Wadkovsky, State President Connie de Young and Jim McNitt.



Contestants are joined by State President Connie de Young, PSP Frank Clopper, PSP George Hamilton and State Chairman Basil Wadkovsky.

South East District

Charlie Herbert, VP

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This June ends my term as the Southeast District Vice President. I'd like to thank the Seaford Lodge for hosting my caucus that was held on April 23rd, 2017. Congratulations to Stu Kerr who was elected to continue as our Camp Barrett Executive Committee member. Congratulations to Jerry Miles of Pocomoke Lodge on being elected as Association Southeast Trustee and to Lloyd Barron of Kent Island Lodge on being elected as my successor to the Southeast Vice President position. I wish everyone a very successful and prosperous term.

It's been a great year serving the Southeast District. I will miss the comradery of all the officers I have had the pleasure to work with at each of the 10 lodges and wish the new regime of officers all the best.

I am proud to announce the state of the Southeast District is strong. The district leads the Association in membership num-

bers, activities, and financial status. We have been fortunate to have the leadership, overview, and accountability under District Deputy John Loftus and his team. John has done a great job keeping the lodges running smoothly and we welcome his successor, George Tunncliff, as our new District Deputy.

Log online and keep watching the individual lodges' Facebook pages along with the MD/DE/DC Association Facebook page for all the upcoming events and activities. It's going to be a fun summer and you don't want to miss any of it. When your lodge does an event, initiation, or any special function take some pictures, write a short description, and post so everyone can see the great work being done. It's your free soapbox, so step up and take advantage of it. Show your community what Elkdom is all about.

I started a new slogan during my term of #southeaststrong. I hope I have laid some groundwork for that message to continue. Thank you all for your support and endorsement during my term.

Fraternally,
Charlie Herbert

CAPE HENLOPEN LODGE

Cape Henlopen Lodge Makes Donation to Home of the Brave Foundation

As part of its commitment to the community and Delaware veterans, Cape Henlopen Elks recently donated \$3,000 to The Home of the Brave Foundation. Jessica Finan, Executive Director of the foundation said, "As a nonprofit foundation, we operate on a tight budget. This generous donation from the Elks was used to repair leaky windows and water damage done to floor and walls."

"Our nonprofit foundation's mission is to reduce homelessness among our military veteran population. In addition to providing transitional housing (15 males and 8 females), food and security, the foundation assists with employment, counseling services, access to healthcare, transportation and locating affordable housing." said Jessica.

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



L to R: Tom Clougher - Loyal Knight, Jessica Finan - Executive Director, Home of the Brave Foundation, Tom Volatile - Veterans Chairman. Shown Standing in front of the original farmhouse which now houses 15 beds for males and administrative offices. A separate 8 bed facility for females is also located on the property.

OCEAN CITY LODGE



OCEAN CITY LODGE HOSTS DINNER FOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

On April 22, 2017 Ocean City Lodge held a dinner for the Michael Strange Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers and Fathers. This Group was in Ocean City for a weekend of fellowship and healing due to the loss of a child in active military duty. It is because of their children and others like them that we are able to truly live in the "land of the free". Charlie Herbert worked with the firemen, police and American Legion riders to help show our appreciation and escort them to their Release Ceremony on the Bay, then to the Lodge for a relaxing end to their day. Volunteers from the Auxiliary and Lodge were happy to serve them. All that attended could not be more thankful for the outpouring of kindness and compassion.

Should anyone ask, "Who are the Elks?"

Elks are community.

No matter where you go in the country, an Elks Lodge is right around the corner. With more than 850,000 members and 2,000 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities.

VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN

The United States Congress initiated a program to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. One of the main objectives of The Vietnam War Commemoration, as the program is called, is to thank and honor, on behalf of the Nation, all U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the Armed Forces any time during the period of 1955 to 1975, regardless of location. As "A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks", the Commemoration is providing Lapel Pins to those who served. I know a number of recipients, and I can tell you first hand that they are happy to finally be recognized for their courageous efforts during that period in our history. As you know, there was no fanfare or welcome home for them, so to be recognized was very important. They will now have a memory to hold with them of the kindness that one can show, even though it was decades later. I will continue to honor the Vietnam Vet. It means a lot to both the vets and their families.

Larry Mathers, Member of the Board of Directors
Association of the United States Army
Francis Scott Key Chapter, Fort Meade, Maryland

VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN SYMBOLISM

EAGLE – The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our nation.

BLUE CIRCLE – The color blue matches the canton of the American Flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice.

LAUREL WREATH – A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity and strength.

STRIPES – The stripes behind the Eagle represent the American Flag.

STARS – The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.

MESSAGE – "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. Also, the official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative, and this lapel pin is the nation's lasting memento of thanks.



Photo Left: GER Michael Zellen and State President Connie de Young join members of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association who received Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins. Thank you to Larry Mathers for coordinating this effort for our Association.



Government Relations Report

Make government relations a priority in your Lodge

The Government Relations Committee is one of the most important committees in the Lodge and requires a chairman that takes the position seriously and is dedicated in fulfilling the assigned responsibilities that accompany the position.

This is my Final Report for FY 2016 – 2017. First, I wish to thank all of you who submitted your Monthly Charity Reports in a timely manner.

Bonnie Howell has taken on the responsibility for generating this report and I encourage all of you to support her in this very important role. She will also be the Government Relations State Chair for Delaware and Corey Bradley will be the State Chair for Maryland.

*In analyzing our Charitable Report for last year, it appears we are making some headway as actual figures are up, although the number of individuals reporting still needs improvement. **Let's make it happen this year!***

*As you may already know, our quest to get Slot Machines for the Western Shores on HB1230 did not get out of Committee this year, due to many factors in the House and Senate. We are already strategizing and will be back again next year. A total of 1200 bills were introduced by the Senate, 1661 by the House for a Total of 2,861. Of these, only 935 were passed, this clearly demonstrates the controversy that exists in the current Legislative Branch. **Stay Tuned!***

We must continue in our efforts to protect our rights as citizens, and to make sure our charities are indeed what we stand for. Let's spread the word and continue our good work. Let's move on to the new year with the same "Vigor" and "Enthusiasm" that makes our organization one of the best in the nation – "BPOE" Best People on Earth.

Submitted by

Carl F. Vogt, PSP

Government Relations Liaison

On the behalf of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, welcome to McHenry, MD for the Annual Convention of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association. This weekend is the beginning of the 2017-2018 year when we install our new State Officers. Congratulations to Connie de Young and her officers for a great year, and best wishes to Sandy Brenner and all the newly elected officers. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve another year as Chairman of the ENVSC-Army of Hope.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission is excited to kick off another year serving our veterans. With a grant from the ENF in the amount of \$2.6 million, ENVSC will be able to continue to provide funding for our Veterans Programs. The largest program is the Welcome Home Project, now in its third year of helping Homeless Veterans. This year ENVSC increased the number of Freedom Grants to 200, up from 180. To the excitement of our VAVS Reps, there will be a small increase in the monthly allotment to be used at our VAs, USOs, and Veterans Homes. ENVSC will continue to support Re-Creation, a touring group of young adults that provides entertainment and comfort to our veterans.

This year will mark the beginning of the Army of Hope for our Association, as we



now have the funding necessary to implement the program. The funding began with Dave's Dream, a Car Raffle to raise the funds for the Army of Hope. The Car Raffle ended on March 16th at Newark Lodge when the winning ticket was drawn. Almost \$25,000.00 was raised for the Army of Hope from the car raffle. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the following for these additional donations: \$1,200.00 from Frederick Lodge, a personal donation from a member of Frederick Lodge in the amount of \$500.00, \$8,000 from Kent Island Lodge (Kent Island does Rock), \$800.00 from Newark Lodge. And from PSP Carl Vogt's VFW Post, an extremely generous donation of \$10,000.00! Thank you so very much.

The mission of the AOH is to offer and provide assistance to our Reserve and Active Duty Military veterans and their families. In order to get this started we need to reach out to the local National Guard and Reserve Units, and to partner with the VFW and the American Legion Posts. Recently, I had the pleasure to meet with the Marine Corp Reserve 1st Sgt at Ft. Detrick in Frederick, MD. Accompanying me to Ft. Detrick were Judy and Danielle McKnight. We spoke about the Elks and the Army of Hope. The Sergeant was very interested to hear about the Elks and our history. Being a member of the local American Legion, he was unaware of the Elks involvement with the veterans. Both Judy and Danielle reached out and offered the Lodge's assistance and also invited the Reserve Unit and their families to attend the Flag Day Ceremony at Frederick Lodge.

I have said that the Elks are the best kept secret, so let's reach out into our community, to our veterans and their families and "Tell the Secret".

Fraternally,

Bob McIntyre, Chairman



**ELKS CAMP BARRETT
50/50 RAFFLE IN JANUARY**

The winner of the ECB 50/50 Raffle at the Spring Conference at Kent Island Lodge on Sunday, March 26, 2017, was Bobby Long from Prince George's County Lodge No. 1778. Total Income was \$689.00. Bobby received \$345.00 and the Camp received \$344.00. Please purchase your ECB tickets this weekend to help support the operation of our Elks Camp Barrett.

Sincerely,
H. Lee Davis



VETERANS' WELCOME HOME PROGRAM

Beginning on 17 June 2016, the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Welcome Home Homeless Veterans program has had a positive impact on the lives of the veterans that have been helped. This program has provided and continues to provide needed furniture and household items, such as sheets, blankets, pots, pans, plates, flatware, glassware, etc. Of the 10 Lodges in our Association that qualify for the Welcome Home Grant, Laurel, Bowie and Washington-Rockville, have received their grants and are active in providing support to newly housed veterans. Camp Springs, Prince George's County, St. Mary's County and Calvert have already submitted their grant request or are in the process of submitting them.

Since our Spring Workshop at Kent Island Lodge, Bob McIntyre and I have been working on expanding this program into the remainder of Maryland and Delaware. Our first effort was to provide funds to a veteran who was in danger of being evicted from his residence because he had fallen behind in his rent. This was due to extenuating

circumstances with his extended family and an unforeseen hospitalization due to pneumonia.

With the assistance of the Trustee Chair, Treasurer, Accountant and our State Sponsor we have put into place a process whereby Lodges outside of the Washington, DC Metro area can utilize State Association Veteran funds to help veterans in the remainder of the State Association.

By the time this article is published, we expect to have met with the Baltimore VA Medical Center Homeless Veteran outreach coordinator whose area of coverage is from the western Frederick County line to the ocean. This meeting is to explain our program to him and his team of field social workers.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob McIntyre or myself. Our contact info is in the directory.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Robinson, PSP

Elk State Auditor Quarterly Report

This Report covers from May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017

1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Income:	Income \$226,814.38	Budgeted \$225,708	Over \$1,106.38
2) Association Ordinary Income:	Income \$43,291.72	Budgeted \$42,750	Over \$541.72
3) Assoc/Con/Con Off Site Income:	Income \$118,904.34	Budgeted \$103,186	Over \$15,708.34
4) Association Other Income:	Income \$43,117.90	Budgeted \$29,282	Over \$13,835.90
5) Camp Barrett Ordinary Income:	Income \$85,624.24	Budgeted \$101,250	*Under -\$15,625.26 (low)
6) Camp Barrett Donation Income:	Income \$156,814.10	Budgeted \$144,500	Over \$12,314.10
7) Elks Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	Income \$123,521.21	Budgeted \$69,650	Over \$53,871.21
OVERALL TOTAL INCOME:			
	Income \$798,087.89	Budgeted \$716,326	Over \$81,761.89
1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Exp:	Expense \$206,512.48	Budgeted \$225,708	Under -\$19,195.52
2) Assoc. Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$26,380.07	Budgeted \$58,482	Under -\$32,101.93
3) Assoc/Con/Con Off Site Exp:	Expense \$102,251.91	Budgeted \$103,186	Under -\$934.09
4) Assoc. Other Exp:	Expense \$21,947.99	Budgeted \$13,550	*Over \$8,397.99 (High)
5) ECB Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$271,921.10	Budgeted \$286,750	Under -\$14,828.90
6) ECB Donation Exp:	Expense \$0.0.	Budgeted \$0.0.	No Budget
7) ECB Fund Raiser Exp:	Expense \$50,868.89	Budgeted \$28,650	*Over \$22,218.89(High)
OVERALL TOTAL EXP:			
	Expense \$679,882.44	Budgeted \$716,326	Under -\$36,457.11

Total Profit/Loss Income: \$798,087.89 minus Exp: \$679,882.44 = \$118,205.45 **Net Profit**

State Association Balance Sheet: As of April 30, 2017: Checking/Savings assets of \$816,090.67. Overall total assets of \$1,375,588.31; included within this figure, the Edward Jones Investments of \$44,688.26. Total Liabilities & Equity \$1,375,588.31. What does this mean? We are making money, 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.

Personal Note:

*This is my final report as your State Chairman of Auditing & Business Practices; it has been an honor to serve our Great State Association for the last 28 years of which the last 14 years, I served as your State Chair for Auditing & Business Practices. It's time for me to move on to another chapter in my life. **May God Bless our Great State Association & Our Members!***

Fraternally yours,

Maurice...

Maurice DiPoli, PDDGER

State Chair, Auditing & Business Practices

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!



AMERICANISM

The Americanism Banquet was held on Sunday, March 12th at the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277. I want to express a BIG Thank You to Marion Davidson, Tim Eaton, Worthy and Ella Washington and the members and staff for hosting such a great event!

The event was well attended and the children were delighted when receiving their certificates and awards from State President, Connie de Young. Worthy Washington had the posters downloaded into a power point presentation so that when the winning child accepted their tokens of appreciation, their poster was displayed on the screen for all to view. Thank you Worthy for doing such a great job.

The winners for our State Association/Grand Lodge Essay Contest were Division 1: 1st Place, Chris Dudley (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place Abigail Butina (Oakland), 3rd Place, Mia Diehl (Ocean City), and 4th Place, Ariana Dean (Calvert). Division 2: 1st Place, Amy Whipple (Abingdon), 2nd Place, Ryan Davis (Calvert), 3rd Place, Chassady Redhood (Frostburg), and 4th Place, Hailey Lorah (Cape Henlopen).

The winners for our State Association Poster Contest were: 0-3 Year Olds, 1st Place, Emmie Winchell (Newark). 4-5 Year Olds, 1st Place, Julia Winchell (Newark), 2nd Place, Lianna Miller (Calvert), 3rd Place, Casey Cavanaugh (Westminster). 6-7 Year Olds, 1st Place, Mia Anderson (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place, Lorelei Gursky (Westminster), 3rd Place, Sofia Miller (Calvert). 8-9 Year Olds, 1st Place, Regan Garrett (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place, Erin Patton (Washington-Rockville), 3rd Place, Brigid Carr (Westminster), 4th Place, Seth Ashcraft (Ocean City). 10-13 Year Olds, 1st Place, Emily Sandt (Ocean City), 2nd Place, Chris Morrill (Milford), 3rd Place, Da'vion Robinson (Prince George's County). 14-17 Year Olds, 1st Place, Tatiana Robinson (Prince George's County), 2nd Place, Alexandria Gullion (Chestertown).

The Americanism program for the year 2017-2018 has not been released as yet, but when it becomes available the information will be distributed to the District Chairs to forward to all Lodges.

I encourage every Lodge to participate in this great program. We are a family oriented organization so let's get out there and get our children involved. They will be our future Elks!

Thank you,
Sandy Brantner
State Americanism Chair



Above: Americanism Essay and Poster Contest Winners pictured with State President Connie de Young and State Americanism Chair Sandy Brantner at the Americanism Banquet.

Above: GER Michael Zellen awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Westminster Lodge for hosting the Americanism Banquet. **Pictured L to R:** State President Connie de Young, Marion Davidson, Jr., Tim Eaton, GER Zellen and State Americanism Chair Sandy Brantner.

GER VISIT



Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen with 4 of the DD Designates: **L to R:** Stu Burgoon - NC, Bob McIntyre - NE, GER Zellen, George Tunncliff, SE, and Charlie Banez, SW (Missing from picture: Marion Davidson, W).





Well, as you read this message we are about a week away from welcoming our first group of campers for the 2017 season! Those of you who joined us for our annual "Sneak a Peek" in May have a pretty good idea of what they can expect! I want to thank all of you who participated in preparing the camp during our clean up weekend and those who have worked throughout the year to make our major project the jewel that it is.

This year we have a new Resident Caretaker, Karl E. Hoelzl, and a new Summer Camp Director, Robert Baur. Karl joined us in November and has quickly become part of the ECB family. Bob has known the camp for years, having attended camp as a youth, subsequently worked as a counselor, and now returns to run the show! Our Team is now complete, and Operations Director Angela Meyer and the Executive Committee are looking forward to a great year.

We lost a longtime friend of the camp with the passing of Pat Larkins of Laurel Lodge #2283. Pat was a staunch supporter of the Camp and she will be sorely missed. Ralph Allen, of Dover Lodge #1903, another longtime friend of the Camp and former Executive Committee Chairman, has recently left the Committee due to conflicts with his employment schedule. The Executive Committee wishes Ralph the best and we are grateful for his significant contributions.

We welcome some new members to the Executive Committee. From the SW, Past State President Priscilla Schwab (Washington-Rockville), from the NE, John Ramsey (Dover), and from the NC, Rick and Dawn Lawton (Glen Burnie)! New ideas and new energies are always welcome!

Please consider visiting the camp if you are in the area. We host a variety of activities throughout the year and cap off the summer with our annual family picnic held, May 28th, Memorial Day weekend. The Camp is yours, it has a lot to offer, see ya' there!

Fraternally,
Your Camp Barrett Executive Committee
John Loftus, Chairman



William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

It has been awhile since we have visited Oakland and the Wisp! A long trip for some of us, but well worth the effort!

At our last meeting, I was approached and asked to explain what it is that we do with your money. Let me begin by saying that One Hundred Percent (100%) of your donations to the Jernick Fund goes into the investment trust. We have no overhead! The monies that are distributed as grants are from the interest and dividends earned by the investment trust!

This year we have assisted families struggling with hearing loss, diabetes, cancer, organ transplants, respiratory issues, seizure disorders, autism, cerebral palsy, and more. When you donate to Jernick you are making possible all that we do!

I am a little disappointed this year because it looks like we left some of the allotted money on the table! Never fear, the unspent money will be added to the fund earnings coming available in the new year. Please know that the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund is there for you and your community. Let us help you, help them!

Susan Caldwell
Southeast

Michelle Rhoads
Northeast

Julie Burgoon
North Central

Judy Black
Southwest

Jack Stush
West

Have a great summer!
Fraternally yours,
John C. Loftus, Chairman



Get ready, 2017-18 CIP Grant Applications are coming!

2017-18 CIP Grant Applications and Freedom Grant Applications will be available on July 1, 2017.

As your Lodge prepares for the new grant year, here are a few tips for planning a successful project. Pinpoint a community problem and identify a solution the Lodge can provide. Next, create a budget and strategy for the Lodge's project. Then identify Lodge members who can help put this project in action. After project completion, find ways to publicize the charitable impact of your Lodge's project on Social Media and publicize in local media, like the community newspaper. Need some project ideas? Check out the ElksInAction Instagram page for inspiration [instagram.com/elksinaction](https://www.instagram.com/elksinaction). For help planning a successful project, reference the CIP toolkit here: elks.org/cip/resources/toolkit.cfm.

The Anniversary Grant is a one-time grant opportunity to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Elks! This \$1,500 grant will offer an opportunity for Lodges to do even more charitable work. All Lodges will be eligible for a one-time Anniversary Grant, regardless of meeting the ENF per-member-giving goal. It is flexible much like the Gratitude Grant.

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, State Chairman



President-Elect-Elect Message

I wish to convey my sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks State Association for your support and electing me as your **President-Elect for 2017- 2018**.

My year as President-Elect is one in which I will learn more about our great Association and its leadership, and I resign myself to doing that.

In the near future, I will be working on my State Chairs and appointed Officers for the 2018-2019 year. I ask that if you are interested in holding a position in the State Association, and are serious and dedicated about serving in such a capacity, please feel free to contact me. I will take your request under advisement when I begin making my selections.

Our State Association is a great Association and we will always have a need for good leaders to step up to the challenge and proudly serve our Association!

Thank you again, for placing your trust and confidence in me.

Mary E Cardinal-Vogt,
President- Elect Elect

DREAMS BECOME A REALITY FOR MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION ARMY OF HOPE

On March 16, 2017, the raffle of the 1955 Ford Crown Victoria was held at Newark Lodge #2281, and it was live-streamed on Facebook for everyone to see. The winner of the car, Alvin (Rob) Emory, a member of Newark Lodge himself, received the keys to the car that evening from PGER Paul Helsel. Rob and his daughter were also able to attend the Saturday night dinner at Kent Island Lodge, where he received the Title to the car from Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Zellen.

Dave's Dream to procure funding for the MD, DE & DC Elks Association Army of Home has come to fruition, and the raffle raised almost \$25,000. But "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work. – Colin Powell" Thank you to Bob McIntyre for spearheading this worthy project for our Association, and a great big THANK YOU to everyone involved in the project and who worked so diligently to sell or promote the sale of the tickets.



Rob Emory received the Title to his 55 Ford from GER Zellen.



Standing in front of the 55 Ford: **L to R:** PGER Paul Helsel, State President Connie de Young, Rob Emory, GER Michael Zellen, ENVSC Army of Home Chairman, Bob McIntyre.

WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

Our World's Finest Candy Bar Campaign is now complete. "THANK YOU" to all of the Lodges that participated and also anyone who purchased the candy bars.

We had orders for 116 boxes, plus the company gave me 4 free boxes. They do this to cover the \$30.00 shipping fee and to help promote the program.

A special "Thank You" to Angela Meyer from Kent Island Lodge for her help in making the arrangements for the candy distribution during the weekend of our Spring Conference. Angela was always there to lend a hand and help out in any way possible. Many thanks to Angela and Kent Island Lodge.

Another special "Thank You" to Towson Lodge and Scott and Judy McKnight from Frederick Lodge. Both purchased 3 boxes of candy bars and then said "Keep Them" and resell them". We resold all six boxes and instead of making \$180 profit on the six boxes we made \$540. "Thank you" Towson Lodge and Scott and Judi McKnight.

Our profit this year on the 120 boxes is \$ 4,050. A special "Thank You" to the following chair people:

Annapolis Lodge #622	Mark Walp, Rick Lehnen
Broadneck Lodge #2608	Ken Chapman, James Flewellon
Calvert Lodge #2620	John Curran, Mary Cardinal-Vogt
Camp Springs #2332	Charles Spadone
Cape Henlopen #2540	Gary Eckenrode, Eileen Loftus
Chestertown Lodge #2474	Robert Raleigh, Jackie Phillips
Deal Lodge #2528	John Amer Jr.
Dover Lodge #1903	Kathy King
Easton Lodge #1622	Andrea Shoener
Essex Lodge #1866	Marie Cavey, Lee & Hilda Davis, Bob & Margie Gessinger
Frederick Lodge # 684	Jack Boehmer, Judi McKnight, Curtis Kendall, Debbie Johnson
Frostburg Lodge 470	Dana Gourlay
Glen Burnie Lodge #2266	Larry & Pat Mathers
Hagerstown Lodge #378	Ruth Shaw
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564	Patti Gray
Kent Island # 2576	Sally Kramer, George Tunnicliff
Laurel Lodge #2283	George & Pat Larkins
Milford Lodge #2401	Ed Pettit, C.P. King
Newark Lodge #2281	Jane Helsel, Margie McIntyre, Sheila Burg
Ocean City Lodge #2645	Susan Caldwell
Prince Georges Lodge #1778	Ronald Lamont
Salisbury Lodge # 814	Jan Phillips
Seaford Lodge #2458	Pat James
Towson Lodge #469	John Morton
Waldorf Lodge #2421	Jim Allen
Washington/Rockville #15	Diana Patton
Westminster #2277	Tim Eaton

Once again, this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought, sold or helped in any way. Kudos to those who participated. See you for our next candy bar campaign which starts in January 2018. The TERRY LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN starts in August of this year and will be available for Christmas baking and gifts.

Hilda Davis

