

# Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia



## Elks Association News

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**Sandy Brantner**

### Message from the State President

Welcome special guests, members and friends to Solomons Island for the 98th Annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. As our Order celebrates 150 years, we have a lot to celebrate as our Association year comes to an end. We had a GREAT YEAR!! A gain in membership of 258!! Thank you for working so hard to get those members initiated and place our Association 5th in the nation in membership!

As a family of Elks, we accomplished many goals: 5 stars for the ECB display in Reno, 5 stars for our Newsletter and 4 stars for the Website. In promoting our youth, we had another successful camping season and achieved on-line registration for ECB campers. We had 12 scholarships, 1 MVS award, and Sydney Snyder, Frostburg Lodge #470, represented our Association in Chicago at the National Hoop Shoot. In addition, we have 2 lodges with a Junior Elks Program, and 3 lodges setting the groundwork to institute a Junior Elks program.

We reached new heights in Elks National Foundation with all 37 lodges meeting the GER goal of \$4.75 per member, and 14 lodges achieving my goal of \$10.00 per member. We received 95 grants, amounting to over \$192,000.00 coming back to our lodges!

Our members continue to support our veterans by hosting great fundraisers that add to our "bank for the vets" to assist homeless veterans. Our charitable reporting increased by 54% over past years. Thank you to everyone for making our Association one of the most premier associations in Elkdom! Thank you to Frederick and Glen Burnie Lodges for hosting our Winter and Spring Conferences. And thank you to Broadneck Lodge for hosting our GER, Malcolm McPherson, Jr., for the Thursday night dinner. All did a great job, and these lodges showed us what we can accomplish with teamwork!

I want to thank the Vice Presidents, Eric Sines - West, Lloyd Barron - SE, Robert Broom - SW, Mike Greaver - NC and Mike Ford - NE, for doing an outstanding job for their districts and the Association, joining me as I visited the lodges of our Association and delivering my message to the lodges they visited on my behalf. Also, thank you to the District Deputies for always being there to assist. But, mostly, thank you to the State Committees and Chairpersons for their hard work and dedication throughout the year!! You are all the best of the BPOE, and I wish you all the best in Elkdom!

Congratulations to Mary Cardinal-Vogt and Carl (the new 1st Dude) as they begin 2018-2019 as the ambassadors for our State Association. Thank you Mary for being by my side this past year, and I wish you a successful year. I know you will be a great President. Also, best wishes to John and Eileen Loftus.

It has truly been an honor for Jim and I to once again represent the MD, DE & DC Elks Association this past year, and I want to express my sincere appreciation to each one of you for your support. You showed that we were "Elks - Serving Proudly, Promoting Youth and Honoring Veterans" with heartfelt dedication to our youth, our veterans, our Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!! May God Bless you.

Fraternally with love to my Elks Family,  
**Sandra C. Brantner, President**  
MD, DE & DC Elks Association

### COMING EVENTS

**June 23, 2018**  
Pickin-4-Troops  
Elks Camp Barrett

**July 1 - 4, 2018**  
Grand Lodge Convention  
San Antonio, TX

**August 2018**  
DD Clinics - All Districts

**September 22 - 23, 2018**  
Adult Camporee  
Elks Camp Barrett

**September 28 - 30, 2018**  
Fall Workshop  
Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD

**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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**2018 CONVENTION AGENDA OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION**  
**SOLOMONS ISLAND, MD – JUNE 8 – 10, 2018**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018**

12:00 – 5:00 P.M. .... Registration (**Patuxent Concourse**)  
1:00 P.M. .... Advisory Committee Meeting (**Mill Creek**)  
5:00 P.M. .... State Trustees Meeting (**Mill Creek**)  
5:30 P.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting (**Back Creek**)  
**DINNER – ON YOUR OWN – RESORT OR LOCAL RESTAURANT**  
**3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. .... Hospitality Room Open**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018**

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. .... Breakfast Buffett (**St. Leonard Creek**)  
8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. .... Registration (**Patuxent Concourse**)  
8:00 A.M. – 8:55 A.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett Representatives Meeting (**Patuxent Ballroom**)  
9:00 A.M. .... **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SANDRA BRANTNER**  
**(Patuxent Ballroom)**  
Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Calls, etc.  
9:30 A.M. .... Committee Reports  
9:30 A.M. .... Convention/Conference - Merrilyn Ramsey  
9:35 A.M. .... Directory - Betty Hardin  
9:40 A.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee - John Loftus  
9:50 A.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund - Lou Schmeltzer  
9:55 A.M. .... Elks National Foundation - Mary Cardinal-Vogt (donations accepted)  
10:10 A.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett/Drug Awareness - Angela Meyer  
10:15 A.M. .... William J. Jernick Fund - John Loftus (donations accepted)  
10:25 A.M. .... Membership - George Tunncliff  
10:35 A.M. .... Elks Veterans - Robert McIntyre  
10:45 A.M. .... Youth Activities - Colleen Ford  
10:55 A.M. .... Government Relations - Bonnie Howell  
11:00 A.M. .... **BUSINESS MEETING:** Advisory Committee Report - Jim Stewart, PSP  
Secretary's Report – Jim Harbour/Minutes/Communications  
Trustees' Report – Voucher – Gerald Morrow  
Treasurer's Report – Jackie Phillips  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** State President – Sandra Brantner  
New Jersey State President – Ronald Mangone  
Pennsylvania State President – Steven Kempff  
Grand Lodge Trustee – Warren Johnson  
Grand Lodge Sponsor – Hon. Paul D. Helsel

**ADJOURNMENT BY 12 NOON**

12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. .... **Hospitality Room Open**  
**LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN – RESORT OR LOCAL RESTAURANT**  
1:30 P.M. .... SPE Mary Cardinal-Vogt meeting w/ Officers/Committee Chairs (**Back Creek**)  
2:30 P.M. .... SPE Mary Cardinal-Vogt meeting with Exalted Rulers (**Back Creek**)  
2:30 P.M. .... Convention/Conf meeting for GL/San Antonio w/ members (**Mill Creek**)  
6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. .... Cocktails (**Patuxent Ballroom**)  
6:45 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. .... Dinner & Awards (Dinner/Nautical Theme) (**Patuxent Ballroom**)  
**HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN AFTER DIINER/ENTERTAINMENT**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018**

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 P.M. .... Breakfast (**St. Leonard Creek**)  
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. .... Registration (**Patuxent Concourse**)  
9:30 A.M. .... Memorial Service (Summer Tux for Participants) (**Hunting/Battle Creek**)  
10:15 A.M. .... Installation of Officers for 2018-2019  
11:30 A.M. .... Closing

**ECB 50/50 Drawing – Next Conference – September 28-30, 2018 in Ocean City, MD**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: September 1, 2018**





Grand Exalted Ruler  
Malcolm J McPherson Jr.

## Message From Our Grand Exalted Ruler

### Civic duty centers on flags and fathers in June

June is here, and with that, I am just one month shy of finishing this journey with you. Until then, there's still time before your Lodge breaks for the summer to find ways to fulfill my theme of *Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness*, especially with Flag Day and Father's Day.

Alliance to our country's flag has been a requirement for every Elks Member since our inception. When the Grand Lodge designated June 14 as Flag Day in 1907 and made the occasion a mandatory observance for all Lodges in 1911, the holiday became an even more important day in our country's history. President Harry Truman, an Elk himself, recognized June 14 as a national observance of the flag in 1949, and ever since, all Americans honor the flag on this day.

I hope you participate in Flag Day services at your Lodge this year and I encourage you to welcome all members of your communities, Elks or not, to these events. Take a moment to reflect on the values our country's flag stands for as well as remember all the men and women who have served and continue to serve it. As Elks, let's be proud of the role our leaders before us have played in making Flag Day such an important day for this remarkable nation.

Father's Day on June 17 is a time for Elks to remember our organization's founding fathers, as well as all fathers in our Lodges and communities. Take some time now to plan a brunch, game night, or other event to show your appreciation for the dads that do so much for their families and your Lodge.

For those of you I've yet to visit on this journey, what will you do to honor flags and fathers this month? I can't wait to experience the great things you are working on to support my theme and our shared Elks values.

I'll see you in San Antonio next month for my last moments as your Grand Exalted Ruler. I'm looking forward to celebrating all that we have accomplished this year and welcoming a new year of leadership to Elkdom.



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

## Message From Our State Sponsor

June 8, 2018

Dear Elk Family:

Welcome to the Holiday Inn Solomons and the 98th annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. Thanks to our Convention/Conference Committee it promises to be a fun filled weekend of good fellowship and celebration sprinkled with a bit of Elk business. Jane and I are looking forward to visiting with all our dear Elk family and enjoying that good fellowship.

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey Elks State Association, Ronald A. Mangone and his wife Theresa and the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, Stephen Kempff and his wife Cindy. Please join 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.

2017/2018 has been another great year for our Association with a plus in membership for the second straight year. The numbers are not final yet, but we have definitely posted a gain – congratulations and thanks to all those individuals and lodges who worked so hard to make it happen. This needs to be the new norm for our Association and our individual lodges – a growth in membership each and every year! Also our Association achieved \$9.694 per capita in donations to ENF placing it at 17th in the nation – up from \$8.89 per capita and 24th in the nation last year – another great accomplishment for our Association. Thanks to all throughout the Association who worked tirelessly to make it happen. In addition, this past year our total Association level of charitable efforts has increased by about \$600,000 – primarily as a result of much improved monthly reporting – another step forward in our

efforts to register the true value of the great work we do with our Association programs. Thanks to all who are performing our charitable works, as well as reporting what they do each and every month. These are but a few of the many, many accomplishments we can celebrate and be proud of – thanks and congratulations to President Sandy Brantner, her officers and committee folks, and everyone throughout the Association who participated in making it all possible.

This convention also marks the start a new Association year with new leadership and new higher goals. Higher goals mean that each of us must dig a little deeper and raise our individual and collective efforts up a notch or two. The continued growth and success of our Association is dependent on more lodges achieving growth and success, which means more of our members must be involved in this effort. Thankfully, the majority of our lodges are on the right track – not all perfect, but on the right track. We need all lodges on this track of growth and success - we need all lodges contributing to our growth and success. 2018/2019 has the possibility of being the best year ever for our Association and thusly our lodges. We are poised to make history. Are you and your lodge ready to take us there?? I certainly hope so!!!

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend, best wishes to incoming State President Mary Cardinal -Vogt 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 2018/2019 will be an outstanding year for our Association and all our lodges. With everyone's help, perhaps the best ever!!

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Paul D. Helsel*



## Message From the President-Elect

I welcome you to the Holiday Inn, Solomons Island, MD, in Southern Calvert County....the Home of Pleasant Living...for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of our great State Association. Enjoy your stay as the Island, although small, has much to offer.

Congratulations to John C. Loftus, our incoming President-Elect, the Trustees, Vice Presidents, ECB Executive Committee Members, our Secretary and Treasurer and my appointed State Officers and Committee Chairmen. All of my appointments have been finalized and the TEAM is looking forward to working with all the other Elected Officers as soon as we are installed and start serving you and this great Association.

Thank you all for accepting your positions as the success of this Association is dependent upon all of us working together as a TEAM. Further, I also congratulate all the new Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers for this year, and I look forward to visiting your Lodges and celebrating the goals and accomplishments of each of your Lodges. May you succeed by increasing your membership and community involvement and prosper financially.

I wish to thank Sandy Brantner, State President, and Jim for serving our Association with dignity and pride this past year. Sandy kept me informed of all the events and activities that she and Jim were involved in. Congratulations Sandy! You were an outstanding State President, and our Association had a great year under your leadership and guidance that will be remembered for a long time. I personally thank you for your guidance and including me in the

business of the Association; but more importantly, for the friendship that we developed throughout the year.

The mentoring which I also received from my Honey, PSP and Advisory Co-Chair Carl, and my close friend, PSP Vincent Pingitore, Jr., and the entire Advisory Committee will never be forgotten. Thank You All for your time, dedication and perseverance in helping me this past year.

In closing, Carl and I are both anxious and ready to start my new adventure, and I hope that you will also be ready for me. It is my intent to visit your lodge, both officially and socially. Please keep me informed whenever your lodge is hosting an event. If we're available we will stop by and join you. Carl and I enjoy traveling, and we never worry about logging miles as long as we have the friendship of our Elk family.

This year as we continue to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will embrace ourselves for a revitalization to insure that we motivate and cultivate new leaders for the ensuing years by immersing them and getting them involved in every facet of Elkdom. We should all enjoy and be happy with whatever we are doing as ELKS. This year to coincide with our Anniversary, I have chosen "**Stepping Forward Together**" as my theme. Carl and I both look forward to seeing all of you in Solomons Island.

Fraternally,  
**Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt**  
 State President-Elect



## Message From the President-Elect-Elect

Well the time has arrived for our annual change of leadership in our State Association. I would like to begin this first message as President-Elect-Elect by conveying my Gratitude and Appreciation to the members of our Great State Association,

MD, DE & DC, for electing me to this position, and I assure you that I will make every effort to perform the duties of this office and those to come in an exemplary manner.

Our current State President, Sandy Brantner, has done an exceptional job as our leader, which we knew was inevitable as she strives to do her best in whatever she is involved in. Sandy, Thank you so much for your contributions to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks!!! I wish you all the Best in your future endeavors.

I would like to extend my Congratulations to Mary Cardinal-Vogt, incoming State President, and wish her a Happy, Healthy and Productive Year. I look forward to learning

and assisting State President Mary in the coming year.

For my part, I will be taking on the duties of State President -Elect. Through the course of this year I hope to develop a program that will allow me, during my term, to uphold the long tradition of improving and refining our State Association. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year to develop the skills necessary to perform the job ahead. As time goes on, I will be seeking information relative to members who are interested in serving in a leadership capacity during my term as President.

I also want to Thank each and every one of you, as well as your family and friends that have been praying for me during my recent medical issues. We believe it's because of our Dear Lord above and all your prayers that I am standing here in front of you today to take on this worthy role as your State President-Elect.

With appreciation and gratitude,  
**John C. Loftus**  
 State President-Elect-Elect

# North Central District

## Michael Greaver, VP

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Hello North Central,

As you know, my year serving as Vice President of North Central is over. At this time I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the Lodges and to the ER's for the overwhelming hospitality that was extended to me during my visits. I hope that all of the Lodges continue on the path of great success, now and in the future.

I want to thank the Glen Burnie Lodge for doing such a great job in hosting the Grand Exalted Ruler and our Spring Conference in March. Also, "Thanks" to Broadneck, the "Little Lodge with the Biggest Heart" for hosting a great dinner for the Grand Exalted Ruler on Thursday evening.

I would also like to give a very special "Thanks" to Sandy Brantner for doing such a great Job as our State President. I'm so proud to call her not only my State President but also my Friend for Life. I wish you well Sandy in all of your endeavors and the Best of Luck in all that you do!

Again, thanks to all the Lodges for helping me through my journey as VP of North Central. It was an honor and privilege for me to serve. Who knows, you might see me one day as your DD.

To all the Elks, I wish you the Best of Health. Be Safe and God Bless.

Thank you,  
Michael Greaver



### FROSTBURG



Sydney Snyder from Frostburg, MD represented our Association in Chicago at the National Hoop Shoot.



### Southeast Central Region 10



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Virginia  
West Virginia

Elks Care -  
Elks Share

# North East District

**Mike Ford, VP**

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Wow, we are already at the end of another State Association year. It feels just like yesterday that I was installed as the NE Vice President and embarked on one of the greatest adventures of my life. My travels have taken me down seven different paths, each one leading to a jewel in the Northeast crown. Along the way I have witnessed the true meaning of "The Beasts of the Northeast", and gained an even deeper respect for them. Another banner year has passed, whether it be the major support of our Veterans, the continued support of our youth and communities, our undying quest for every

ENF grant out there, or most importantly that every Elk makes a difference.

I have also learned a few more things along the way:

1. That the Office of Vice President is extremely rewarding, it has given me the opportunity to learn more about Grand Lodge and the State Association, and it is extremely fun.
2. That Oakland Lodge is literally a stone's throw away from Montana, no really.

3. That I am looking forward to moving up the ladder in the future.

4. That Vice President Broom does have tighter biceps than me.

I would like to take the opportunity in this, my last newsletter message, to thank all the Lodges in the Northeast for the wonderful hospitality you have shown to me and Colleen, and all the support and respect you have shown to me as your Vice President. I hope I have been half as helpful to you as you have been to me and the State Association. I will always be grateful for the new friends I have made and the old friends that helped guide me along the way.

And to our State President Sandy Brantner, thank you for all your hard work, hard fun, and making it an easy job for your Vice Presidents. It was an honor to serve under you and this year will always stay warm in my heart.

To the "Beasts of the Northeast" I bid you adieu for now, and I am honored to be a part of your District.

Remember: Work Hard, Play Hard and "Don't talk me to death, show me"!

**Fraternally,  
Mike Ford**



## DOVER

The Dover Elks Lodge 1903 Pantry is in full swing with ambitious plans to help the homeless in our community. With two years of experience under our belt, we have broadened our ways to help the homeless in the Dover area. Our weekly give away of non perishable foods, toiletries, and other necessities is under way. Additionally, we are determined to provide a hearty, healthy lunch to a minimum of 40 homeless people on a weekly basis. A group of dedicated volunteers devise a menu and prepare a meal weekly. We are truly humbled to be a third year recipient of the Impact Grant and strive to show our community that Elks Care, Elks Share!



## ABINGDON



Abingdon Lodge 2354 has been using the funds from the Anniversary Grant to feed the homeless at a local homeless shelter. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, members volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to the men, women, and children that are housed at the shelter that evening and follow-up with breakfast service on the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month. The Lodge has been volunteering at the shelter for the past year and our goal is to apply for the Anniversary Grant, again, to continue the community service project for another year.

# South East District

Lloyd Barron, VP

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Well, this is my final article for the State Association's newsletter, and I want to take this time to thank each and every Exalted Ruler, Officer and Member that has welcomed me into their Lodge this past year. The year just seemed to fly by. I also want to express my sincere gratitude for the fantastic hospitality given to our State President and myself by every Lodge in our district.

I want to congratulate the Lodges of the South East District on their many accomplishments this past year. This is why we can truly say South East Rocks, and we really do.

I want to welcome our incoming new District Vice President -Elect, Angela Meyer. I know she will do a great job for our District. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Solomon's Island, and I wish everyone a safe and fun summer.

Fraternally,  
Lloyd Barron



## MILFORD



Can it really be 3 years since we had our first Young Athletes Program (YAP) class with 2 children? How time has flown and Milford Elks Lodge 2401 is now the premier YAP facility for Sussex County. We reached out to the community and the community responded with a resounding "We Need This Program for Our Children". The program has allowed us to reach out to additional partners, "Autism DE" and "Easter Seals" to find participants. YAP is for children aged 2 to 7 with physical and intellectual disabilities. "This is only the beginning", stated Cyndee Sammons, ER. "I am happy to announce that Dover Lodge will be starting a program of their own this year in Kent County and my personal goal is to have a program in every Elks Lodge in the United States where this is a need." Please call our lodge for additional information on starting your own program.

## CAPE HENLOPEN



John Renshaw, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 2540 presents PER Lynn Clougher with their annual charter. Troop 2540 holds their meetings at the Cap Henlopen Lodge. Scout Troop 2540 has approximately 25 scouts ranging in age from 10-17. Lodge 2540 has sponsored the scout troop from their inception hence the same lodge/troop number, 2540.

## What was happening in 1868?

By MIKE CHAMERNIK, Publications Coordinator

The Elks aren't the only ones celebrating a sesquicentennial this year. The flat-bottomed paper bag, traffic signal light, and railway air brake all turn 150 years old in 2018 as well. The world was very different when a group of actors and entertainers in New York City formed the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Other notable events in 1868 include:

- Decoration Day, a predecessor to Memorial Day where mourners decorated the graves of Union Civil War veterans with flowers, is first observed in Decatur, Ill.
- The House of Representatives votes to impeach President Andrew Johnson for violations regarding the Tenure of Office Act. He is later acquitted by the Senate.
- The Fourteenth Amendment, which grants citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, is adopted.
- Republican candidate Ulysses S. Grant is elected President, defeating Democratic challenger Horatio Seymour.
- The Territory of Wyoming is created.
- Congress passes an eight-hour work day law for federal employees.
- Japan's Shogun military dictatorship is overthrown and the city of Edo is renamed Tokyo
- The element helium and the first skeleton of the Cro-Magnon are both discovered



## South West District

**Robert Broom, VP**

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Howdy Y'all,

Welcome to Southern Maryland and the South West District – home of this year's state convention! We are thrilled to host our state association this year and celebrate Mary Cardinal-Vogt's installation as our State President. I am now convinced that the coup to leave my home lodge off this past year's state directory map was part of a larger scheme to excite us for dual hosting duties with Calvert Lodge – well done! I truly hope you get a chance to drive across the Solomon's Island Bridge and enjoy a social visit to our lodge; don't

forget your bathing suits and sunscreen!

I am so thankful I was given the privilege to serve the South West District this year. I have learned much, but most importantly, I have met a great number of new elks that I now consider friends. The works you do in support of our communities is a testament to how great this association of Elks is, and I am very proud to count myself among your numbers.

In life, we are fortunate, on occasion, to meet someone who makes a lasting impact on our lives. I was fortunate to have met

a great man, through my professional life, who became my Elk brother and mentor. In my visits this year, my speech ended with a simple life motto: "See One, Do One, Teach One." Fred Allard imparted these words of wisdom to me through a shared hunting passion, and I would like to finish my year as SW VP, by saying to each of you:

See One - Find something new in your lodge and life and learn about it;

Do One – Take that new passion you have discovered and put it to action;

Teach One – Use this passion and pay it forward to another person who matters to you.

This simple message has given me great joy in my life, and I have made it my task to carry this mantle for my dear friend Fred, who left us 3 years ago on Good Friday. While he is not with us physically, I know he would be proud that his motto in life was alive and impacting people in a positive way.

Thank you for the great year; for the wonderful hospitality and for allowing me to "See One, Do One, Teach One." God Bless each of you.

**Fraternally,  
Robert Broom**



### CAMP SPRINGS



April 30, and May 1-2, 2018, Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332, sponsored its Annual 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 and the Lions Club, provided a festive party atmosphere along with lunch and music provided by DJ Doug. Our lodge was awarded a Gratitude Grant, through ENF, to help fund this very special affair.

### ST. MARY'S COUNTY



Sydney Smith is a member of the St. Mary's County Elks Lodge #2092 youth group and recipient of the Elks National Foundation Legacy Scholarship for the 2018-2022 academic years. Sydney will be graduating Leonardtown High School and the Global and International Studies (GIS) academy this May. She will attend University of Louisiana Lafayette in the fall and is enrolled in the nursing program. In addition to being our Young Bucks youth group's first Junior Exalted Ruler, Sydney's academic and community service accomplishments are commendable. Some accomplishments include participation in the Global International Studies (GIS) Academy, St. Mary's Association of Model United Nations (SMAMUN) and community service in Africa.



# West District

## Eric Sines, VP

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Greetings All,

As our year comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and friendship this past year. It was a great honor to serve the West District as Vice President over the past year. I was very impressed and proud to see all that our lodges in the West are doing to serve our veterans, children and communities. Keep up the good work!

Good luck to Ruth Collins Shaw as she takes over in June. It makes you proud to be an Elk when you visit the lodges in the West and see all that they are doing and how they enjoy the fellowship of other elks.

I look forward to seeing you all in Solomons.

**Fraternally,  
Eric Sines**



#### HAGERSTOWN

Cindy Fair, in partnership with the Washington County Sheriff's Department, presented a Sponsorship Recognition Certificate to Ruth Collins-Shaw, Exalted Ruler, for Hagerstown Elks Lodge \$1000 donation for the drug awareness activity books for third and fourth grade students.



L-R: Cindy Fair and Ruth Collins-Shaw, Exalted Ruler.

#### HAGERSTOWN

Ruth Collins-Shaw, Exalted Ruler, also presented a check for \$2000 to Dr. Kristen Flagg, DVM MPH, of the Promise Animal League. Promise Animal League, Inc. was formed for the prevention of cruelty to animals and educational purposes by a group of individuals who have been helping animals in the local community for over 25 years. The group of dedicated volunteers provides a small pet food bank for other shelter and rescue groups in the four state area.

#### NEWARK



Pictured is PER Valerie Huot with Newark Lodge's 2017-2018 Citizen of the Year, Ann Phillips. After Ann's 19 year old son was injured, suffering a traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury, Ann grew to become an advocate not just for her son but for others.

Ann currently is Director of Delaware Family Voices, a non-profit where she advocates for family centered care, equitable health care in all communities and assisting families of children with Special Health Care Needs (SHCN).

In the most basic terms, this woman is a hero. She fights for those who can't, gives courage to those who need it, and knowledge to all to have the best life they can.

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

I would like to thank all State Officers, State Chairmen, District Chairmen, District Deputies, VAVS Reps, Past State Presidents, and our Past Grand Exalted Ruler, who sent in reports this past year, 2017-2018, and all the Lodges that completed the reports in CLMS.

Now it is time to begin a new year, 2018-2019. And I am hoping for an even better year to come for our State Association, reporting what is done in the name of Elks.

Charity is one of our most valuable assets. We can say all the right words, but the act of doing is so rewarding. There are many things we do within our Lodges that we do not even consider charity, we just do it because that is who we are (volunteers). This year I'm asking the ER's to explain how important it is for the Lodge committee chairmen to report all that the Elks do for the community, veterans, youth, needy, and the list goes on. Each Lodge does something different. Reporting is the key, if there is an audit by the IRS, which no one wants; you have the tool to recover everything you have contributed because you have it all in CLMS. CLMS, if used monthly, will have the hours spent on a project, the miles accumulated doing the project, the money spent or donated, and the people who helped, Elks and non-Elks.

All Lodges can put what they contributed to charity this past year on the bill board in front of the Lodge or in the local paper, so that everyone in town knows that your Lodge is a great place, thereby encouraging others to join for those reasons. Let's be loud and proud of what we do as ELKS.

**Bonnie Howell, PER**  
State Government Relations Chairman

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

In late April the Legacy Scholarship winners were announced. The winners from our State Association are: Lucas Ellis, Annapolis; Arin Gasiorek, Pocomoke City; Connor Hudson, Salisbury; Caeley Murray, Hagerstown; Sydney Smith, St. Mary's County; Graden Willson, Deale; and Abigail Wittman, Easton. Each student will receive \$4,000 toward their college expenses.

In addition, Mercedes Thompson, Towson Lodge, is among the top 20 finalists in the 2018 Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest. She was invited to attend the MVS Leadership Weekend held in Chicago on April 26 – 29, 2018.

### NEWSLETTER



I am excited to announce that Bernie Huot of Newark Lodge #2281 has accepted the position as Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia State Newsletter Editor. Bernie's contact information is listed on page 2 of this Newsletter and in the 2018-2019 Directory. Bernie has worked with me on the layout of the Newsletter since I assumed this position, so I am confident you will receive the same great Newsletter you have enjoyed in the past.

As your Editor, it has been my pleasure to work with all of you over the past two years, and I thank you for the informative articles you have supplied for the Newsletter. It has been a very rewarding, educational and enlightening experience.

I would also like to sincerely thank my predecessor, Linda Velez, and my Advisor, Connie deYoung, for all their support and guidance.

Thank you "ALL" again!

**Fraternally,**  
**Margie McIntyre**



**Left:** Susan Kern, Manager of Voluntary Service at the VA Maryland Health Care System, presents an Award to State President Sandy Brantner recognizing the MD, DE & DC State Association for their continued support of our Veterans.



### 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.





On behalf of the ENVSC, I would like to welcome everyone to Solomon's Island for the MD, DE & DC State Association June Convention. I would like to congratulate outgoing State President Sandy Brantner for a great year and for her support of our veterans this past year. It has been a pleasure working with her. I would like to welcome incoming State President Mary Cardinal-Vogt and thank her for allowing me to continue as the ENVSC State Chairman. I look forward to continued growth with the ENVSC and the Army of Hope this year.

If your Lodge is struggling to start an active Veterans' Program or looking for ideas for Grants, the ENVSC has added a new resource called Veterans-focused InstaGrants, which are perfect when planning Grant applications such as the Anniversary and Gratitude Grants or planning your Lodge's veterans program. Good news,

the ENVSC will add 100 additional Freedom Grants, for a total of 300 this year. Applications for the Freedom Grant are due July 1<sup>st</sup> and are approved on a first come, first served basis. Last year 6 of 9 Lodges in our Association that applied for the Freedom Grant had their applications approved. With the funds received from the Grant, Lodges are working with County Governments helping Homeless Veterans, providing meals for Veterans living in transitional Homes, and taking veterans on fishing trips. July 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner so submit your applications on time. For information on InstaGrants and how to apply for the Freedom Grant go to Elks.org Veteran Services.

The Army of Hope received 3 requests for assistance last month. Through the Wilmington VAMC, the Army of Hope was asked to assist a veteran family who could not afford to pay their water bill, and to assist a veteran who was injured in a car accident and was delinquent on his rent. The Army of Hope received a request through Westminster Lodge, who is partnering with Carroll County Veteran Assis-

tance, in helping a Homeless Veteran acquire an apartment by paying the 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent. The Army of Hope is funded strictly by donations and fundraisers. Please keep this in mind.

If you missed the Spring Conference in Glen Burnie, you missed Jack Boehmer's contribution to the Army of Hope. Jack donated his hair and beard and raised \$6060.01 for the benefit of our Veterans. Thank you Jack Boehmer!

I would like to congratulate our Male and Female Elks Veteran Volunteers of the Year recipients: PSP Carl Robinson and Marie Cavey. Carl is the Homeless Veteran Coordinator for the Welcome Home Project. He has worked closely with the Virginia Elks Association and Kevin Morton, Homeless Director at the Washington, DC VAMC. Carl's efforts are nationally recognized for helping our homeless veterans transition into new apartments. Marie is the VAVS Deputy Rep at the Baltimore VA working with our Veterans together with Lee and Hilda Davis. Marie is a part of the fundraising at Essex Lodge and plans the entertainment and visits at the VA. Marie works tirelessly for the benefit of our veterans and does a great job. Congratulations Carl and Marie and thank you for all you do for our veterans.

I would like to thank and welcome Kevin Frick of St. Mary's County Lodge and Mike Benson of Kent Island Lodge for accepting the position as ENVSC, Army of Hope District Chairmen for the SE and SW Districts. I look forward to working with both of them as we dedicate our time and talents to our veterans.

**Fraternally,  
Bob McIntyre, Chairman**



**Jack Boehmer, Before and After, with GER Malcolm McPherson.**



Jerry and Debbie Snyder of Essex Lodge #1866 receive an Award from the ENVSC of the MD, DE & DC State Association for their outstanding service to our Veterans.



Susan Kern, Manager of Voluntary Service at the VA Maryland Health Care System, recognizes VAVS Reps. PSP H. Lee Davis, Marie Cavey and Mike Ford for their work with our Veterans.



**Thank you to Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. and First Lady Pat for your visit to the Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks State Association. We were honored to have you as our guests.**



Glen Burnie Junior Elks Exalted Ruler, Katie Rose, receives her gavel from GER McPherson.



Bonnie Howell and Corey Bradley present Proclamations for Elks 150th Anniversary.



GER and First Lady receive gifts from MD, DE & DC Elks Association.



Glen Burnie Junior Elks with GER McPherson.

### AMERICANISM

The Americanism Banquet was held on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277. I want to express my sincere appreciation to PER Sharon Hinton, Marion Davidson, Tim Eaton, Worthy and Ella Washington, Shelly Calp, Dale and Linda Sears, and all the other members and staff who helped in any way in hosting such a wonderful event! Thank you also to State President Sandy Brantner, PSP Jim Stewart, President-Elect, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, and PSP Carl Vogt for attending and assisting with the event.

The Banquet was well attended and the children were delighted when receiving their certificates and awards. Worthy Washington had the posters downloaded into a power point presentation so that when the winning child came forward, their poster was displayed on the screen for all to view. Thank you, Worthy, for doing such a great job!

Please stop and take a look at the Americanism Display sometime this weekend, where all the winners are listed together with their sponsoring Lodge. Thank you to all the Lodges that participated. It is a very important and rewarding program, and I hope to see more Lodges represented next year.

The Americanism program for the year 2018-2019 has not been released yet, but when it becomes available the information will be distributed to the District Chairs to forward to all Lodges.

Exalted Rulers, please pick up the packet I prepared for each Lodge and distribute the Flag pins to your officers.

Thank you and God Bless America!

**Margie McIntyre**  
State Americanism Chair



### Convention-Conference Committee Update

We are still busy taking reservations for the Grand Lodge Convention – the response was overwhelming nationally and we were able to add an additional 30 rooms to our 55 allocated. The 55 rooms are at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio (adjacent to the Convention Center), and the additional rooms are at The Drury (an historic, renovated hotel 3 blocks from the Grand Hyatt and facing the Riverwalk). All those planning to attend Grand Lodge should attend the informational meeting this weekend to get your packet of “stuff”.

We are really excited about the June Convention and the added benefit of professional dinner entertainment – Jay the Illusionist – a first runner up in “America’s Got Talent”. It will be worth your weekend just to see him! Planning for the Fall Conference is underway also and in our efforts to give you “more bang for your buck” professional entertainment will continue at this Conference.

We are now established with a variety of merchandise companies to find new products and to get you good prices. Let us know what you would like to see. Con/Con is growing all the time with new members (both contributing and appointed) and new ideas! Let us know if you are interested in participating.

**Merrilyn & John Ramsey**

### CONVENTION BOOKLET

I would like to extend a very special “thank you” to all the lodges, special groups, and supporters who participated in ending Sandy's year and starting Mary's year on a good note; to make the June Convention Booklet an extra special success. Special thanks to Margie, Bernie, and all those who helped put it together.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
**Mary E. O'Brien, Convention Booklet Chair**



**CAPE HENLOPEN**

Cape Henlopen Lodge celebrated our 150th Anniversary on Feb 16 to a sold out crowd of 150 members and their guests. ER, Lynn Clougher, gave a brief history of the Elks, describing our humble beginnings as the Jolly Corks and how we have grown to over 850,000 members of the BPOE of the United States of America and we are still growing. Then the festivities began with food catered by The Blue Moon Restaurant. Our members enjoyed dancing the night away to music by Bryan Clark. Ending the night with our Silent Auction of some amazing items. Fun was definitely had by all. A huge thank you to our House Committee for planning this fantastic Gala to celebrate 150 years of Elkdom.



**House Committee**



**Officers**



**A good time had by all!**



**ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE**

The winner of the ECB 50-50 Raffle at the Spring Conference at Glen Burnie Elks Lodge No. 2266 on Sunday, March 25th was Jackie Phillips. She donated her winnings of \$383.00 back to the Camp, which netted the Camp a total of \$766.00. "Thank You Jackie" for your generosity towards our Elks Camp Barrett.

Members, please buy your ECB raffle tickets this weekend for the drawing to be held on Sunday.

**THE WINNER COULD BE YOU.**

Sincerely,  
H. Lee Davis

**2018 CAMP BARRETT CAMPER SCHEDULE**

<b>Staff Week</b>	<b>June 11 – June 15</b>
<b>Girls Week #1</b>	<b>June 17 – June 22</b>
<b>Boys Week #1</b>	<b>June 24 – June 29</b>
<b>Girls Week #2</b>	<b>July 1 – July 6</b>
<b>Boys Week #2</b>	<b>July 8 – July 13</b>
<b>Girls Week #3</b>	<b>July 15 – July 20</b>
<b>Boys Week #3</b>	<b>July 22 – July 27</b>



**ENF - Our Mission:**

**Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities**

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.



Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

Thank You all for your support during my tenure as the chairman of the Elks National Foundation. I have thoroughly enjoyed this chairmanship, and I want to thank all of you for supporting me as I could not have done this without all of you. It is now time that I turn over the reins. I would like to introduce Valerie Hout, our New Elks National Foundation State Association Chairman. Take time this weekend to meet her, I know that she will make you feel that with ENF you can be an expert, whether it's fundraising or grants.

It's always a special time when the Elks National Convention comes around, but this year will be like no other because the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is celebrating 150 years of Elkdom! Throughout the weekend, 150 Elks scholars will also join the Elks to serve, connect and celebrate the organization's 150th anniversary. These scholars have become an Elks family of their own, and some of them go on to become Elk members, too. These future leaders are going to help us kick off the next 150 years.

Next month's National Convention is sure to be one for the books. Join us to celebrate 150 years of the BPOE. Find more information online by visiting [enf.elks.org/150](http://enf.elks.org/150).

**Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt**  
**MD-DE-DC State Chairman**

**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.

A special "Thank You" to Dawn Lawton from Glen Burnie Lodge 2266 for her help in making the arrangements for the candy distribution throughout the entire weekend. Dawn was always there to lend a hand and help out in any way possible. "Thank you" Dawn and Glen Burnie Lodge.

A special "Thank You" to Patrick Sullivan, E.R. of Towson Lodge, who purchased 3 boxes and then said resell them for more money. Another special "Thank You" to Judi McKnight who ordered 3 boxes and donated one box to her lodge for bingo and also said resell the other two. "Thank you" Judi McKnight and Towson Lodge

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

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| Annapolis Lodge #622       | Mark Walp  |
| Broadneck Lodge #2608      | Ken Chapman  |
| Calvert Lodge #2620        | John Curran, Mary Cardinal Vogt  |
| Camp Springs #2332         | Charles Spadone, Dewayne Wilcher, Chester Hayes                        |
| Cape Henlopen #2540        | Lynn Clougher  |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474    | Robert Raleigh, Jackie Phillips  |
| Dover Lodge #1903          | Andrea Maucher   |
| Essex Lodge #1866          | Marie Cavey, Lee & Hilda Davis, Margie Gessinger                       |
| Frederick Lodge # 684      | Jack Boehmer, Judi McKnight, Curtis Kendall, Bob Comer, Debbie Johnson |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266    | Larry & Pat Mathers, Dawn Lawton                                       |
| Hagerstown Lodge #378      | Ruth Shaw  |
| Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Patti Gray   |
| Kent Island # 2576         | Sally Kramer   |
| Laurel Lodge #2283         | George Larkins, Frank Kane   |
| Milford Lodge #2401        | Ed Pettit, C.P. King   |
| Newark Lodge #2281         | Jane Helsel, Margie McIntyre, Sheila Burg                              |
| Ocean City Lodge #2645     | Susan Caldwell   |
| Pocomoke City Lodge #1624  | Paula Boyd   |
| Prince Georges Lodge #1778 | Ronald Lamont  |
| Seaford Lodge #2458        | Pat James, Bill Buttrill   |
| Towson Lodge #469          | Patrick Sullivan   |
| Waldorf Lodge #2421        | Rodney Young   |
| 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 2019. The **TERRY LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN** starts in August of this year and will be available for Christmas baking and gifts.

Sincerely,  
**Hilda Davis**

## EASTON

**The Morton Family: Four Generations of Easton Elks**

On January 13, 2018, Heather Morton Stallings became the fourth generation of her family to join Easton Lodge #1622. Quite the family tradition, the only question that remains to be answered is, "Will Heather's son become the fifth generation to join?"

Ivon T. Morton – A Charter Members of Easton Elks Lodge

Married Margaret Laing. Daughter Shirley Miller (Deceased) Son Richard (93).

Born 1889. Died Nov. 1969.

Had a Tobacco shop in downtown Easton and then started Morton Signs in 1938.

Richard I. Morton

Born 1924. Is a Veteran of WWII and Korea (Army). Married to Ella Y. Morton.

Second generation member of Easton Elks Lodge.

Has two sons, Rick & Jeff.

Is the second generation to run Morton Signs.

Jeff Morton (Chairman of Trustee Board)

Born 1954. Married to Debbie H. Morton.

Third Generation of Easton Elks lodge.

Has two daughters, Heather & Kathleen.

Is the third generation to run Morton Signs.

Heather Morton Stallings

Born 1975 Married to Jason Stallings.

Fourth Generation of Easton Elks Lodge.

Has one son, Wesley.



**L to R:** Lodge Treasurer Bob Colman, and ER (now PER) Shelby Barnes with Jeff Morton and our charter.



**L to R:** Heather, her grandfather Richard Morton (WWII and Korea Veteran), ER Shelby Barnes and her father Jeff Morton (Board Chairman).

**Grand Lodge News****Concert caps first day of convention**

By JIM O'KELLEY, ENF Director

July 1 will be a banner day for Elkdom. The Elks National Convention, held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, starts that Sunday with a volunteering opportunity in the Exhibit Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees can help Elks scholars with assembling hygiene kits for homeless veterans. Then, Rick Gathen will take the stage at 11 a.m. for a productive and entertaining membership seminar.

We will officially open the convention at 4 p.m. with a stirring parade of state flags, the moving Elks National Foundation report, and the inspirational address by our Grand Exalted Ruler.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies is a 150th anniversary concert and celebration that they'll still be talking about at our 200th anniversary. Re-Creation, a song-and-dance troupe that tours the nation entertaining hospitalized veterans, will perform for about 30 minutes to get things started. Then we'll bring out our headliner, Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. Sinise and his 12-member cover band have been boosting morale on military bases and raising awareness at benefit concerts for more than 15 years.

We're the Elks. We serve together, and we celebrate together. See you on July 1!