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Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt
State President
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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mary Cardinal-Vogt

I welcome all of you to the 99thth State Convention of the Maryland Delaware and District of Columbia Elks State Association here in Solomons Island, MD. This weekend we are honored to have with us State President of the Pennsylvania Elks Association, David J. Edwards and his wife Linda Raye, as well as our Grand Lodge sponsor, Paul D. Hesel PGER and our First Lady Jane, along with Grand Lodge Trustee, Warren Johnson and his wife Debbie; and Grand Inner Guard, Richard Burg. Please join me in welcoming them by *Stepping Up* and making them feel welcome. Show them some of that great MD DE & DC hospitality.

Thank you, Camp Barrett and your dedicated team for the beautiful luncheon and tour of the camp for our Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr and First Lady of Elkdom Barbara and our members who attended. A special thanks to Deale Lodge #2528 for our dinner on Thursday. It was great, and "You are the Real Deale." Annapolis Lodge #622 thank you so much for being our host in March. Words cannot express all the compliments I received regarding the hospitality, food, and entertainment. I will say the "A" in Annapolis must stand for awesome. What a great time everyone had. It was a wonderful workshop weekend, thank you all.

Since we last met, my travels continued. We were so happy and grateful to have Sam

Yetman from Chestertown Lodge #2474, and Saige Oliver from Camp Springs Lodge #2352 win the regionals taking us to the National Hoop Shoot competition in Chicago IL. Although we had no national winners this year, their experience, as well as mine, was something we will never forget. Carl and I were also able to visit the Elks National Memorial Building, and if you have never been there, you should plan a visit to this beautiful work of architecture.

After spending a few days at home, it was off to the Pennsylvania Elks to attend their State Convention. Carl and I thoroughly enjoyed all the meetings and hospitality extended to us. It was a wonderful weekend, although rainy in Harrisburg.

At the Convention last year, The Elks Camp Barrett Booth received a 5 Stars rating, and Con-Con Committee made money selling John's bargain basement wares.

There have been so many improvements at the camp, including new dining room doors, new roof, and the bathhouse upgrades. A very special thank you to Camp Sunrise and their benefactor for the wonderful repair of the Arts and Crafts building and the rain water run off remediation.

One of the Camp's greatest achievements was completing the online registration system, Regpacks for our campers.

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- June 14 Flag Day
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 30—July 3 Grand Lodge Convention, St. Louis, MO
- July 4 Independence Day
- August 2019—DD Clinics
- September 2 Labor Day
- September 11 Patriot Day
- Sept 21-22 Adult Camporee
- Oct 2019—ENF Month
- Oct 4—6 Fall Conference
- Oct 23-31 Red Ribbon Wk
- Oct 26—Drug Awareness Festival
- Nov 22—24 Scout Camporee
- Nov Veterans Remembrance Month

NOTE: Lodges should refrain from scheduling conflicting events so key officers and members may attend all of these meetings.

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**Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia ELKS Association
Meeting Agenda
2019 Annual Convention Holiday Inn, Solomons, MD**

Friday, June 7

Noon - 5:00 PM W-ELK-come & Registration
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch - Past President's Spouses at Issac's Restaurant
1:00 PM Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 PM—5:00 PM Hospitality Suite Open
5:00 PM State Trustees Meeting
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dinner on your own
5:30 PM Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM—11:00 PM Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, June 8

7:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM - Noon W-ELK-come & Registration
8:00 - 8:45 AM Elks Camp Barrett (Meeting)
9:00 AM Convention Called to Order by State President Mary Cardinal-Vogt
9:00 - 9:30 AM Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 - 9:35 AM Accident Prevention, Stu Burgoon
9:35 - 9:40 AM Auditing and Business Practices, Bill Simonds
9:40 - 9:45 AM Americanism, Linda Greaver- Vibbert
9:45 - 9:50 AM Drug Awareness, Angela Meyers
9:50 - 9:55 AM Elks Veterans Servc, Welcome Home, Robert McIntyre & Carl Robinson
9:55 - 10:10 AM Elks National Foundation, Marge McIntyre (Donations Accepted)
10:10 - 10:15 AM Elks Camp Barrett, George Tunnicliff (Donations Accepted)
10:15 - 10:20 AM Elks Camp Barrett improvement & Fund Raising Louis B.Schmeltzer
10:20 - 10:25 AM Government Relations, Bonnie Howell
10:25 - 10:30 AM Lodge Activities, Michael Todd
10:30 - 10:35 AM Membership/ Lapsation George Tunnicliff
10:35 - 10:40 AM Con/Con, Merrilyn Ramsey
10:40 - 10:45 AM Directory Betty Hardin
10:45 - 10:50 AM Protocol, Ralph Patterson
10:50 - 10:55 AM Youth Activities, Colleen Ford
10:55 - 11:00 AM Webmaster, Joseph E. McGeeney, 11
11:00 - 11:05 AM William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, John Loftus
11:05 - 11:10 AM Advisory Committee Report, Jim Stewart, PSP
11:10 - 11:15 AM State Officers' Reports
11:15 - 11:25 AM Unfinished Business, New Business, Good of the Association
11:25 - 11:30 AM Comments State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt
11:30 - 11:35 AM Comments Pennsylvania State President, David Edwards
11:35 - 11:40 AM GL Trustee, Warren Johnson - GL Inner, Guard Richard J. Berg
11:40 - 12:00 Noon Comments by GL Sponsor Paul D. Hesel
12:00 Noon Lunch - On Your Own - Resort or Local Restaurant
12:00 Noon-5:00 PM Hospitality Suite Open
1:00 - 1:30 PM Warren Johnson GL Trustee (2020 Meeting of Steering Committee)
1:30 - 2:00 PM President Elect John Loftus Meeting with ER's
2:00 - 3:00 PM State Pres. Elect John Loftus Meeting w/ VPs and State Officers & Chairman
3:00 - 4:30 PM Committee Meetings: Called by Committee Chairs with District Chairs
3:00 PM Meeting Con-Con St. Louis Convention Attendees
6:00 - 7:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 - 8:30 PM Dinner Buffett (*Theme-On to 2020 Baltimore*) Awards & Entertainment
9:00 PM Hospitality Suite Open

Sunday, June 9

7:30 - 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet
8:00 - 9:00 AM W-ELK-come & Registration
9:30 AM Memorial Service (Summer Tux - Formal for Participants)
10:15 AM Installation of Officers for 2019-2020
11:30 AM Closing

Sept 12**Newsletter Deadline - Send to statenewsletter@outlook.com****Oct 4—6****Next Meeting MD-DC-DE Association Fall Workshop
@Princess Royal, Ocean City**



MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND EXALTED RULER

HOW TO LURE BACK YOUR DELINQUENT MEMBERS

By Michael T. Luhr, GER

It's hard to believe a year is almost over. In a few weeks we hope to see everyone in St. Louis at the Grand Lodge Convention, where we will be ready to celebrate our first Membership gain in 38 years.

While we prepare for the Convention, let us not forget to put on an impressive Flag Day ceremony on the 14th of the month. Just a couple of days later it will be Father's Day. How many of us joined because our parents and grandparents were Members? As we carry on the legacy of the Elks, and a great resurgence in our Order, let us all make sure we work just as diligently next year as we did this year. Perhaps we will have growth in the Order for many years to come.

In order to have growth, we need to address our delinquent Members much earlier in the year than most of us have done in the past. Have your membership team assemble to work on those in arrears on their dues now. Have great

summer activities planned at your Lodge such as Red Ribbon Week, military stand downs, community celebrations, or an event to honor your volunteers. That just might be a way to stir up those Members who haven't paid. Get them to come to the Lodge for a special event and collect their dues. This will make your task in March much easier!

We should also be certain that our Auditing and Accounting Committee is working so that deadlines are met. You should be looking at budget adjustments at this time, too.

Make certain when you come to St. Louis you take advantage of all the wonderful seminars that will be put on by our committees and take home the knowledge necessary for you to keep up the momentum in your Lodge. Don't waste the opportunity for learning. Garner as much knowledge as you can and spread the wealth when you return home. You will have a better Lodge, a thankful community, and a sense of great accomplishment.



MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE SPONSOR

By Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor

Dear Friends:

Welcome back to the Holiday Inn Solomons and this, our 99th annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association.

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, David Edwards and his wife, Linda-Raye. Please join with us in giving them a warm welcome and extending to them our very best Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks hospitality, as well as sharing with them what Elkdom looks like in our Association.

Throughout this weekend, we will hear about the accomplishments of this past year – yet another great year for our Association. Once again, our Association ranks right up there with the best of our Order. While there are many accomplishments we can be very proud

of, of particular note is the fact that our Association has for the 3rd year in row attained a positive gain in membership – at about a plus 300 – the highest gain in 29 years, placing us in 4th place in membership growth in all of Elkdom. My congratulation and thanks to all those Elks, and their spouses, who have worked so hard to make their individual Lodge a success and our Association the shining star that it is. I particularly want to congratulate and thank State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt and her fine team of officers and committee personnel for their fine leadership and untiring efforts in our continuing quest for greatness.

This convention also begins a new Association year - the time to set new goals, to rededicate ourselves to the cause, and to continue the efforts necessary to reach new levels of success. Hopefully, this 2019/2020 year will see our Association continue to climb even higher in accomplishments. However, our leadership cannot do the job alone, every

Lodge, every member must get on board and contribute in this effort. In both the Lodges and the Association, the leadership and committees must be organized and communicate with Elks who want to be involved. They must work the programs of Elkdom, both Association and Grand Lodge Programs, within their Lodges and the communities they serve.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend. Best wishes to incoming State President John Loftus, his officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all 37 Lodges for a most prosperous and successful year. Working together I am sure that 2019/2020 will be another great year for our Association and all 37 Lodges!!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor



PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

By John Loftus

Greetings all! I have been working diligently to ensure I am prepared to assume the reins of the Association! I am as sure as anyone who has never held the office before can be!

I have remained involved in other State activities, participating in Elks Training, District Deputy Clinics, the W. J. Jernick Memorial Fund, and the activities at the Camp.

I have consulted regularly with President Mary Cardinal-Vogt, and she has kindly brought me along, giving me the benefit of her experiences to prepare me to hit the ground running.

I am prepared to brief my Officers and Committee Chairs, so we all are pulling the wagon in the same direction!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTD.

Thank you to Ted Reinhold, from Annapolis Lodge for completing this task.

We, *Stepped Forward Together* as a team and have accomplished so many things. **In membership, we placed 4th in the nation with a plus of 323.** Thank you for all your efforts in achieving this level.

This year, our State website has been updated and received a 4 Star rating. The Elks National Foundation had 33 Lodges meet the GER goal of \$4.75 and 15 of those Lodges achieved my goal of \$10.00 per member. **The total of our donations for our association this year was \$183,627.12.** We received 87 CIP grants for our Lodges totaling \$183,000.00. I urge you to continue to apply for these grants, as they not only improve your Lodge's image and status in the community, they likewise point out to the members of your Lodge, and community, what the true mission of the Elks is.

Our other programs, Americanism, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Scholarship, Soccer, Youth Activities, and Veterans were all outstanding due to the dedication of some very hard working Chairpersons this year. Thank them and see their reports in the newsletter.

Carl joins me in extending our best wishes to John Loftus and his lovely wife Eileen, who will be taking over the reins of our Association. They are a talented couple, and with your help and support, I know the Association will be in good hands and will continue to prosper. We also extend our best wishes to all the newly elected and appointed officers and chairpersons in the year ahead, have fun, and enjoy the year.

It has been an honor for Carl, and me to once again represent



I have had my pins made and ready for distribution.

In short, I have been very busy preparing to be very busy!

I look forward to serving our membership in a manner consistent with the high level of proficiency established by my predecessors! Those of you who know me well, know that I am but a phone call away. If you have a situation that causes me to research to help you find a resolution, we both win! Learning is a lifelong endeavor, and I love life!

I look forward to sharing this weekend with you and working with all our member Lodges in the ensuing year! God Bless our Association, it's members, and the good works we do!

the MD, DE & DC Elks Association this past year, and I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your support.

In closing, my husband, mentor, "traveling partner," and your First Honey Bee, Carl also wishes to express his gratitude for the overwhelming hospitality extended to him on our many visits. Have a great weekend, and may you return home safely with renewed enthusiasm and motivation in carrying forth Elkdom.

May God bless all of you, your Lodges and especially those serving in harm's way. God Bless the USA.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt



Mary Cardinal-Vogt and her 1st Honey Bee Carl
at the Westminster Lodge #2277



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

By Larry Sheldrake, VP
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First, I would like to congratulate all of the SW new officers starting with Dolly Broom from St. Mary's Lodge as the SW VP, Renee Rivituso of Waldorf Lodge as our 2 Year State Trustee and congratulations to SW District Deputy Robert Broom, along with all of the Lodges and their incoming Officers and Chairpeople.

Where has the time gone? I guess it has flown, as we all are aware the SW District flies and as your Vice President, it has been a great ride piloting this South West plane. I had several mentors who helped guide the plane; you know who you are and thank you.

Congratulations to all the Lodges whose youth participated in our district programs and went on to the State Association level. Congratulations to Camp Springs, Deale, and Waldorf who had Hoop Shoot regional winners and Camp Springs Lodge, congratulations to Saige Oliver who competed in the National Hoop Shoot.

To my Lodge, thank you to all the members of the committee who put together the wonderful dinner for the Thursday night dinner when the Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr and his wife, Barbara, visited. Thank you for your support this year.

I can't believe we've accomplished so much since my last article. I am proud as we continued to work hard together to bring home a plus in membership for our district.

To all of the Lodges, Thank You for all of the hospitality extended to me and our State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt. It has been an absolute pleasure to accompany our State President Mary on her visits along with First Honey Carl.

I want to thank you, President Mary, DDGER Charles Spadone, and the SW District leaders for giving me your support as your Vice President. I will always remember my year serving this great district.

Fraternally, *Larry Sheldrake*



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CAMP SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2332

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On May 4, 2019, Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332 members, participated in a Health Fair at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex in Maryland.

For this event, we partnered with the Top Ladies of Distinction (TOP), the District Governor, and Lions from District 22C. We proudly displayed information regarding our on-going programs, with particular emphasis on the Elks Drug Awareness Program, Camp Barrett, and Hoop Shoot. Because of this event, we were able to reach over 500 members of the community, and there were 50 hours of volunteer service provided by ELK members from the Camp Springs Elks Lodge.



ELKS CAMP BARRETT SNEAK PEEK

L to R: Mary Underwood,,Kathy King, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Eileen Loftus, Ruth Collins-Shaw, & Renee Rivituso





NORTH EAST DISTRICT

By John Opitz, VP
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Greetings from the Northeast District.

As we prepare to end our Association year, I would like to thank the members and Lodges from the Northeast District for choosing me to represent you for the past year. Our District has accomplished a lot, and I am confident we will continue to be at the forefront of our Association with our good works. I'm proud to say I'm from the best District in our Order, and I look forward to serving with all of you in the future.

We are finally getting to experience spring weather, and as the seasons change, so do our activities in our communities. It's car show season, with shows in both Newark and Milford. Outdoor events are always well received after winter.

Abingdon participated in a local drug awareness event called Rage Against Addiction where our District's Fatal Vision goggles were a big hit. These goggles are available upon request.

Most of our Northeast Lodges will be hosting veterans events this spring, either at the Lodge or in the VA facilities. Let's all take time to remember and thank our veterans.

Our District members attended our spring DD clinic on April 28 in Newark. After an informative clinic, our District Caucus was held to elect our three State Association Officers for next year. Thank you to C. P. King from Milford Lodge, he will be our District Vice President, Kathy King from Dover Lodge will be our State Trustee, and Robert Raleigh will be our Camp Barrett Executive Board Member. I wish you three all the best for the next Association year.

I want to thank our President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, for an inspiring year, I appreciate all the guidance and advice you provided throughout the year. Good luck to John Loftus and your entire team of Officers in the upcoming year. See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally, *John Opitz*



Dover Lodge #1903. Provided Welcome Home Kits to our Veterans



WEST DISTRICT

By Ruth K. Collins-Shaw, PER VP
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President Mary, State Officers and Maryland, Delaware, DC, Elk members, I want to thank you for the opportunity of serving as your West Area Vice President for the 2018-2019 Elk year. It has been a privilege.

I want to thank the five Lodges in the Western District of our State Association. Sometimes the distance can make it a challenge, but we always seem to make it work. Thank you, Oakland, Frostburg, Hagerstown, Frederick and Westminster, each of your Lodges is as unique as the communities you serve. That service is done with pride, loyalty, and respect, which I have experienced during my visits to your Lodges and communities. Your dedication is a true testament to our State President Mary's theme of "Stepping Forward Together." I am proud to have served as your State Vice President. Barrett, Rob, Jim, Harry and Duane you guys ROCK!

Thank you for finishing the 2018 -2019 Strong!! I wish President John, and the 2019 -2020 West District officers, the very best in the coming year.

Ruth Collins Shaw WVP 2018 - 2019



*Coastal Hospice
& Palliative Care*

By Joan Thompson, PR

Coastal Hospice has a new facility opening May 20, 2019. Ocean City Elks #2645 has pledged to give \$50,000 for a patient room of which there will be 12 in the building. There will be a plaque outside the room bearing the name of Ocean City Elks #2645 as the donor. The funds will be paid through our Charity Committee who have pledged the amount to be paid in five years. We have already donated \$20,000. Pictured are members of the Charity Committee:

Jim Flaig, Susan Caldwell, Bruce Martinek, Peggi Ball, Charlie Loane, *Carroll Wagner (not pictured)*



SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

By Angela Meyer, VP
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This is the time of year when each District VP secretly thinks, "Oh man, I hate to see this end." I can't speak for all Vice Presidents, but for me, my time as VP for our SE district was pure joy. As I said at our late season, caucus. "... the position of SE District VP is the best job in Elkdom." I was blessed to be allowed the opportunity to recognize the best of Elkdom, cheer for all the great accomplishments, and spread the words and goals of our dynamic State President Mary Cardinal Vogt. Best of all, I spent time with impressive and accomplished members and friends who reminded me why I chose to be an Elk.

As always, the SE District has been busy giving to the community. It feels good to be able to say there were too many great programs to fit into this small space. A few pictures below are but a fraction of all that was done in the past few months. Your new South East District leadership team serving our Incoming State President, John Loftus is listed below. Please welcome them as warmly as you have me.

Thank you for your hospitality, friendship, and fun. As, I move on to serve as your SE District Deputy, I have no worries; I know the Elks of the South East District have a deep respect for each other, their communities and for Elkdom. Working together, the "Sky is the limit for the Great South East!!"

- Trustees: Eileen Loftus (2 yr.) and Bill Simonds (1yr.)
- SE District Vice President: Susan Caldwell
- Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Members: George Tunnicliff (1yr.) and Ben Stone (2yr.)

Angela Meyer

Below: Improvements at Camp Barrett



Below: Landscaping install for the leaky art shack at Camp Barrett. Thanks Windsor Electric and Camp Sunrise.



By Angela Meyer

FIVE FACTS ABOUT RED RIBBON WEEK

You may wonder why I mention an event in the fall, but October will be here before we know it, and you may want to **start your plans early**.

Red Ribbon week is October 23—31, 2019. Are you new to celebrating Red Ribbon Week? Those who aren't familiar with the October occasion might even confuse it with World AIDS Day or Heart Disease Awareness because of the red ribbons.

So for the newbies, or those who are just curious, here are a few quick facts about Red Ribbon Week to get you started:

What is Red Ribbon Week?

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign. Today, millions of people celebrate.

How did Red Ribbon Week start?

Red Ribbon Week started after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who in 1985 was brutally murdered by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico. After his death, people wanted to honor his sacrifice. Local celebrations began in California – where Camarena grew up – in 1985, and in 1988 the National Family Partnership started the first National Red Ribbon Week.

Why the red ribbons?

As a tribute to Camarena during the initial local celebrations, high school friend Henry Lozano and Congressman Duncan Hunter, created "Camarena Clubs" and the wearing of a red ribbon to show their oppositions to drugs.

What are some ways Elks can celebrate Red Ribbon Week?

Come to the MD, DE, DC Elks Drug Awareness Program Red Ribbon Week and First Responders Recognition Festival, at camp Barrett October 26th.

Distribute red ribbons to your area schools.

Wear a red ribbon during the week of October 23-31.

Distribute the wonderful Elks Drug Awareness materials to your communities. Plan your own Lodge Drug Awareness Event.

Call your District DAP Chairman or Angela Meyer, State DAP Chairman for more ideas!

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

By Corey Bradley, VP
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This isn't "goodbye," this is simply, "I'll see you again." 2018-2019 has been an amazing year. I had a blast being the Vice President for the North Central District. I learned so much and met so many amazing Elks.

First, I want to say congratulations to North Central's own Stu Burgoon for being elected as State President-Elect. North Central should be proud to have Stu representing us during the 2020 Convention.

I would also like to give my best wishes to Mark Walp for being elected as incoming Vice President for North Central. Mark brings enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge.

As 2018-2019 winds down, here are a few things that happened in North Central District:

Glen Burnie Elks Lodge #2266 hosted a well-attended First Responders Dinner. Police, Fire Fighters and EMS workers from all over Anne Arundel County were celebrated and thanked for their hard work and dedication.

Bowie Elks Lodge #2309 helped the wife of a veteran who was serving our great Nation overseas. The help came in the form of donations from the Bowie Lodge, Lodge members, and Police Officers from Anne Arundel County's Special Operations Response Team.

Exalted Ruler Stephen Williams, and the members of Annapolis Elks Lodge, have been busy hosting a plethora of events. Many of which benefit their community, such an adult Easter Egg hunt which raised \$866 for the Anne Arundel County SPCA.

PER Mary Underwood, PER Frank Kane, Steve Roth and Michael Jacoby of Laurel Elks Lodge, used grant money to fill snack packs which benefited local schools. Laurel Elks Lodge has made this an on-going project, and I know the community looks forward to their continued efforts to supporting children in the area.

Towson Elks Lodge #469 hosted a barbeque cookout which was attended by more than 100 veterans from Loch Raven VA Rehabilitation Center. Great job!

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, Exalted Ruler Danelle Chapman and the members of Broadneck Elks Lodge #2608 celebrated 40 years as a Lodge. They recognized the anniversary through a new pin which they look forward to handing out in Baltimore.

I could go on and on about the accomplishments the Exalted Rulers, and members of North Central have accomplished since my last article.

I want to end by saying THANK YOU. Thank you to Mary Cardinal-Vogt for your inspiration and support. Thank you to the members of North Central who made this year a memorable one. Thank you to my amazing girlfriend, Kelsey Stritzinger for sticking it out with me through many visits and Lodge events.

Sincerely, Corey Bradley, PER

ANNAPOLIS ELKS DISTRIBUTE \$15,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

By Ted Reinhold, Webmaster

Anthony Anzalone, Scholarship Committee Chairman and Stephen Williams E.R. recognized the winners of the Elks Scholarship Program. Awards were made from the Annapolis Elks Lodge, the State MD/DE/DC Elks Association and the Elks National Foundation. The Lodge hosted the students and parents for dinner followed by the presentations.

Photo below-left to right: Samantha Lund, Kaitlyn Moore, Mimi Goldstein, Muhammad Zahid, Robin Martinez, Nicholas Marsh



MICHAEL LUHR, GER, PRESENTS AWARDS

Ted Reinhold, Webmaster

During his visit to the Annapolis Lodge, Michael Luhr, GER, presented annual awards to Kim Blades for the Elk of the Year, to Libby Dohm for Officer of the Year, and to Mark Walp for Citizen of the Year. These three went above and beyond and thus deserved these awards this year. Our Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Hesel, and our State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, and Carol Riggins, Exalted Ruler, also joined in the presentation of the awards.



L-R: Paul Hesel, PGER, our State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Carol Riggins, ER, PDD, Mark Walp PER, PDD, Libby Dohm, Lecturing Knight, Michael Luhr GER

ANNAPOLIS ELKS DONATE EVENT PROCEEDS TO LOCAL SPCA

Ted Reinhold, Webmaster

Brandi Dohm, Lecturing Knight of the Annapolis Elks Lodge presented staff member Nick of the Anne Arundel County SPCA with a donation of \$866 raised from a recent evening Adult Easter Egg hunt. In this popular event, participants, equipped with a flashlight, hunt for eggs at night. The event raised \$366. An anonymous donor generously donated \$500 at the event.



ELKS CAMP BARRETT SNEAK PEEK

Corey Bradley, VP Severna Park Lodge & Kevin Rose, Glen Burnie Lodge

ANNAPOLIS ELKS DONATED FUNDS AND FOOD TO SARAH'S HOUSE, FT. MEADE

Stephen Williams, Leading Knight

Steve Williams, Leading Knight and Libby Dohm, Lecturing Knight of the Annapolis Elks Lodge presented a Gratitude Grant for \$2,000.00 to Bruce Clopein, Volunteer Resource Manager of Sarah's House in Fort Meade. Founded in 1987, Sarah's House is a supportive housing program offering emergency shelter and project-based supportive housing with an array of other services for families experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County. The Annapolis Elks Lodge also prepared and delivered 60 dinners and desserts to Sarah's House.



ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE



By Lou Schmeltzer, PDD, Chairman

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Annapolis on Sunday, March 24, 2019 was George Tunncliff, from Kent Island Lodge #2576. George was to receive \$337.00 and Elks Camp Barrett received \$337.00, but George donated his portion back to the camp which made the total raffle income was \$674.00.

The Camp wants to thank everyone who purchased tickets to support the Elks Camp Barrett Raffle. And once again, we ask you to please support your Camp this weekend, purchase your tickets for the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 raffle at the Registration Table.

"THE WINNER COULD BE YOU"

Sincerely,

H. Lee Davis



**FLAG DAY
JUNE 14TH**

VISITING PENNSYLVANIA

Pictured Below:

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Carl, Honey to the President, PA State President Steve Kempff & First Lady Cindy Kempff with West Virginia State President Bill Verelst & 1st Lady Michele Fisher-Rice.





ELKS NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE COMMISSION

By Bob McIntyre, Chairman

On behalf of the ENVSC, I would like to welcome all honored guests and members to the MD, DE & DC Elks Association June Convention here in scenic Solomons Island on the Chesapeake Bay.

Congratulations to incoming State President John Loftus, State President-Elect Stu Burgoon, District Vice Presidents, and State Officers.

Thank you Mary Cardinal-Vogt for a great year representing our State Association and all out-going officers for a job well done.

I want to thank all the Lodges and members of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association for all of the hard work, time, and dedication spent on assisting and promoting our Veterans Programs this past year.

The Army of Hope Committee approved 42 requests for veteran assistance this past year.

The Army of Hope purchased fuel oil, supplied food gift cards, assisted with utility bills and rent and purchased furniture totaling \$20,386.00.

The Army of Hope received donations in memory of deceased

members, individual donations, and Lodge donations totaling \$13,381.76.

Thank you to the Army of Hope Committee for their dedication and time spent approving all requests to assist our Veterans.

The ENF Grant Committee has approved applications from 9 Lodges within our Association for the Freedom Grant. Congratulations to Newark, Abingdon, Chestertown, Dover, Easton, Cape Henlopen, St. Mary's County, Camp Springs, and Severna Park.

The State Association allows us to honor two outstanding members each year who have given extraordinary service to our veterans. This year's recipients of the **Elks Veteran Volunteer of the Year Awards** are **Joe Lancaster of Towson Lodge #469** and **Joe Mornini of Washington-Rockville Lodge #15**. Congratulations to the two Joes!

The MD, DE & DC Elks Association's Charitable Giving Report for the year ending 3/31/2019 for Veterans Service Programs is listed below:

Have a great weekend! *Bob McIntyre*

| | # Elks | #Helpers | Elk Hours | Helper Hours | Elk Miles | Helper Miles | Non-Cash Est Value | Cash |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Vet Events | 343 | 1,925 | 1,186 | 8,891 | 15,956 | 2,414 | \$1,600.00 | \$21,140.00 |
| Army of Hope | 188 | 124 | 1,958 | 403 | 3,816 | 9,983 | \$27,700.00 | \$21,877.00 |
| TOTAL: | 531 | 2,049 | 3,144 | 9,242 | 19,772 | 12,397 | \$29,300.00 | \$42,027.00 |

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

By Coleen Ford

On May 4, 2019, Elks National Youth Week, celebrated our youth by having a "family" style picnic at Elks Camp Barrett. Many enjoyed the 2nd annual boat races, painting pictures, playing games, and positive conversations with other Elks and their families. Grand Lodge requires Elks National Youth Week.

This week always falls on the first week in May. It provides an excellent opportunity for individual Lodges to educate our youth and their families on what it is to be an Elk. The conclusion of Elks National Youth Week, MD/DE/DC Elks Association, honors youth with positive reinforcement through a day of family fun and relaxation. On this day, we show our youth and community that you do not need to be the best athlete or a scholarship winner to make a difference. All you need is a positive attitude and know how to spread a kind word or two.

Next year's 3rd Annual Youth Day will be May 2, 2020, from 2 pm until 6 pm. Please mark your lodge calendars now. On this day, show the youth and the community the true meaning of an Elk. Who knows, you may even get a member or two. As always, your Youth Activities Committee is ready to assist you in your efforts to educate our leaders of tomorrow.

- Colleen Ford, State Chair
- Kevin Rose, NC
- Kathy King, NE
- Betty Ketterman, W
- Rebecca Miller, SW
- Marty Vandergrift, SE

"The past can not be changed. The future is yet in your power!"-Unknown



John prepares to sail away into the sunset

William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

2018-2019 Annual Report June 7 2019

By John Loftus, State Chairman



Since our last meeting in March at Annapolis Lodge, I have processed four new applications for aid and logged twenty-one hours of service. I have attended the SE District Deputy's Clinic at Easton Lodge, as well as the Elks Training Session at Washington-Rockville Lodge, and provided a tutorial on Applying for WJMF Grants and encouraged the Lodges to avail themselves of the positive nature of a grant to enhance their image in the community. I have received funds collected for the benefit of the WJMF, prepared a transmittal, and forwarded them to our Fund Treasurer, Carl Robinson, PSP.

I am proud to report that our Fund Treasurer has informed me that we have successfully expended virtually all available grant funds allotted for the year. All five Districts have submitted successful applications. The West District has led the charge with ten applications. (SE-2, NE-4, NC-5, SW-3, W-10). A total of twenty-four applications have been received and processed. While I have not been involved since its inception,

I believe this is a record number of submissions for our Fund!

Susan B. Caldwell PER, and SE VP Elect, of Ocean City Lodge, will be moving up from SE District Chair for the WJMF to State Chair in the new year. Lynn Clougher PER of Cape Henlopen Lodge will be filling the SE District Chair. Susan filled in for me as State Chair during my protracted illness and has demonstrated both the ability and the enthusiasm to carry on the work of the Fund.

I want to thank those who allowed me to serve with the WJMF, specifically Carroll Wagner PSP, who arranged for me to serve as the SE District Chair. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Association in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

John Loftus

MEXICO TRIP TO BREATHLESS

By James Harbour

This was the 13th year for our State Spring trip. Forty three Elks and guests spent a week at Breathless Riviera Maya Cancun Resort working hard to raise money for Camp Barrett. Their endeavors raised \$6,200 for the Camp. It was hard, but

we stayed the whole week. We'll try to do better next year. Stay tuned.

We have visited Mexico, Dominican Republic and Jamaica. The trip has raised over \$73,600 for the Camp over the years.





STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

By Margie McIntyre

The Elks National Foundation allocated \$13.7 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

The Community Investments Program, the largest funded by the Elks National Foundation, just got a little bigger! It's now offering the brand-new Spotlight Grant.

Every Lodge can use this \$2,000 grant to shine a light on two important issues fac-

ing nearly every community—family literacy and homelessness among our nation's veterans.

The Spotlight Grant offers seven "projects in a box." These project plans are meant to remove the barrier of having to plan effective projects.

The need for the Spotlight Grant is clear. The National Bureau of Economic Research has shown that children whose parents have low literacy levels have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. There are four Spotlight Grant project plans to target literacy: Warm Welcome to the Library, Suds & Stories, Imagination Library, and Community Baby Shower.

According to the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development, on any given night, nearly 38,000 veterans are homeless. In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks has pledged to help end veteran homelessness and ensure that every veteran has the safe, stable home they deserve. One of these three Spotlight Grant project plans will combat veteran homelessness in your community: Welcome Home, Stand Down, and Adopt-A-Haven.

All Lodges are encouraged to apply for the Spotlight Grant. The Lodge does not need to meet the GER's per-member-giving goal to receive this grant. Applications for 2019-20 Spotlight Grants are now open and will close December 31, 2019. To learn more about the Spotlight Grant visit, enf.elks.org/SpotlightGrant.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & CHARITABLE REPORT

By Bonnie Howell, PER, State Government Relations Chairman, Delaware
Corey Bradley, PER, VP, State Government Relations Co-Chairman, Maryland



THE FINAL COUNT IS IN, AND MD, DE, & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION HAS DONATED: \$6,661,130.02 FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019.

This total represents all Lodges in the Association reporting and the information you sent to be posted to the State Report. Everyone knows we are still not capturing everything we do for charity. Can you imagine what the total would be if everything was included in the reports?

I read in the AARP magazine that we live longer if we volunteer, we get a giver's high, and there is nothing any cheaper than being a volunteer. It gives us a sense of being needed, that is a good thing.

I know how I felt the first time I took gifts and food to a needy family with small children at Christmas. The Mother cried for what we were bringing to the children, and the children were excited about the fresh fruit they saw. The children couldn't see

what was in the gifts as they were all wrapped and in bags, but when they saw the milk, fruit, eggs, canned goods and turkey, they were overjoyed as these are things they did not have. The older children helped carry the packages into the home, and when it was time to leave, the smallest child held out her arms for a hug. WOW right, that is a high. The next day was Christmas, and I wondered all day what those children said that day.

The local Lodges are our backbones to volunteering for the good of the communities. Did you know volunteers have less depression and fewer heart problems? We live longer to do more great things for others; we become teachers for others. People look at volunteers with respect and want to become part of something good.

We are ELKS, Caring, and Sharing. Keep up all the great work we do for others. Thank you for all you do and keep doing.



Mary Larue Villeneuve, Julie Burgoon, Stu Burgoon NCCD, Connie deYoung PSP Patty Stanley NE ENF Chairman



Carl F. Vogt PSP, Donna Marks SW Americanism, Larry Sheldrake SWVP



By Linda Vibbert,
State Chair Americanism



Thank you everyone who had a hand in helping to promote and support this very important fraternal committee! We had a good year, and I am looking forward to having an even better year in 2019-2020. As the new State Chairman, my information is in the Directory, and I am always available for any questions, comments, or concerns.

God Bless America! God Bless this Great B.P.O.E. Organization of Elks!

ESSAY, DIV I, GRADES 5-6

1st PLACE Angeline Todorov Ocean City Lodge # 2645
(Congrats! Angeline won National 1st Place Essay Contest)

2th PLACE Mollie Durkin Deale Lodge #2528
3rd PLACE Brayden Ruby Abingdon Lodge #2354
4th PLACE Isabella Murphy Severna Park Lodge #2482



ESSAY, DIV II, GRADES 7-8

1st PLACE Lauren Van Meter St. Mary's County Lodge #2092
2nd PLACE Anna Kucharik Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540
3rd PLACE Zayda Williamson Abingdon Lodge #2354

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

0-3 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Camden Stollings Abingdon Lodge #2354

4-5 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Dominic Will Deale Lodge #2528
2nd PLACE Sophia Tobery Hagerstown Lodge #378
3rd PLACE Zack Mooney Wilmington Lodge #307

6-7 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Anabelle Lingg Hagerstown Lodge #378
2nd PLACE Vivian Spraul Ocean City Lodge #2645
3rd PLACE Jack Barnhill Deale Lodge #2528
4th PLACE Chen Wang Havre de Grace Lodge #1564
5th PLACE Khloe Buckholdt Laurel Lodge #2283

8-9 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Tiana Sirmans Newark Lodge #2281
2nd PLACE Haven Harrison Ocean City Lodge #2645
3rd PLACE Jaime Calhoon Deale Lodge #2528
4th PLACE Casey Cavanaugh Westminster Lodge #2277
5th PLACE Adam Stacharowski Essex Lodge #1866

10-13 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Jacob Brasure Ocean City Lodge #2645
2nd PLACE Jessica Garcia Alvarez Seaford Lodge #2458
3rd PLACE Sofia Miller Calvert Lodge #2620
4th PLACE Alexander Quashne Wilmington Lodge #307
5th PLACE Leah Stacharowski Essex Lodge #1866

14-17 YEARS OLD:

1st PLACE Grace Rorke St. Mary's County Lodge #2092
2nd PLACE Travis Phillips Seaford Lodge #2458
3rd PLACE Emily Neal Chestertown Lodge #2474



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Lynn Evans, State Scholarship Chairperson

The Skilled Trades Scholarship Program winners were determined earlier in May.

The top male winner was **Michael Briggs (West)** and the top female winner was **Melyn Rhodes (South East)**. They will receive \$2,000 each year for two years as they continue their education.

The other eight winners were (*These students will receive \$1,000 per year for two years.*):

1. Trevor Simpkins (West)
2. Patricia Beuchamp (South East)
3. Trenton von Philp (West)
4. Andrea Belanger (West)
5. Carter Nagel (North Central)
6. Alyssa Burhop (North East)
7. Zachary Pheasant (West)
8. Nea Orem (West)



The West District was well represented with six outstanding student winners, followed by South East with two and North Central and North East with one each.



Contest Participants



CAMP BARRETT HALL OF FAME

From left to right: George Tunnicliff, PDD, ECB Executive Chairman (Kent Island Lodge), Mike Greever, PER (Essex Lodge), Dana Gorlay (Frostburg Lodge), Charlie Spadone, PDD (Camp Springs) and Danielle McKnight, PDD, President of ECB Hall of Fame (Frederick Lodge).

THANK YOU DEALE LODGE FOR HOSTING OUR THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER



L-R John Ramsey NE PDD, Merrilyn Ramsey Con-Con Chairmen , Bonnie Howell Chairmen Gov't Relations , Standing is Linda Kilpatrick ER Deale Lodge, Bruce Howell PSP, David Reihl State Trustee Chairmn, and Linda Reihl



Joey Miller son of ER Linda Kilpatrick, Linda Kilpatrick ER of Deale Lodge, 1st Lady of Elksdom Barbara Luhr, GR Michael Luhr



GER Michael Luhr, Jane Helsel Past Grand 1st Lady, Donna Marks SW Americanism Chairperson



PGER Paul D. Helsel and First Lady of Elksdom, Barbara Luhr



ANNAPOLIS WELCOMED OUR STATE ASSOCIATION

Warren Johnson, Paul D. Helsel, Michael Luhr Mary Cardinal-Vogt, John Loftus, Jackie Phillips, Richard Burg, Timothy Eaton, Frank Kane, & James Harbour

WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

By Hilda Davis

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

A special "Thank You" to Robert Riggins from Annapolis Lodge #622 for his help in making the arrangements for the candy distribution throughout the entire weekend. Robert was always there to lend a hand and help out in any way possible. "Thank you," Robert and Annapolis Lodge.

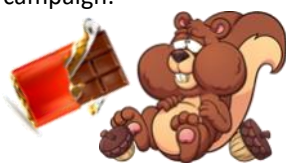
Another special "Thank You" to Jeffery P. Rogyom, E.R. of Towson Lodge, and Judi McKnight from Frederick Lodge who both ordered, and paid for, three boxes of candy bars and then said resell them to make more money "Thank you" Judi McKnight and Towson Lodge. Our profit this year is \$ 4,405.00.

The **TERRY LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN** starts in August of this year and will be available for Christmas baking and gifts.

A special "Thank You" to the following Chair People.

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Annapolis Lodge #622 | Steve Williams |
| Bowie Lodge #2309 | Steve Gildersleve |
| Broadneck Lodge #2608 | Jim Johnson |
| Calvert Lodge #2620 | John Curran, Mary Cardinal -Vogt |
| Cambridge Lodge #1272 | Gage Thomas |
| Camp Springs #2332 | Charles Spadone, Dewayne Wilcher, Kimberly Johnson |
| Cape Henlopen #2540 | Lynn Clougher |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474 | Robert Raleigh, Jackie Phillips |
| Deal Lodge #2528 | John Amer Jr. |
| Dover Lodge #1903 | Kathy King, Beth Tarrant, Patti Stanley |
| Essex Lodge #1866 | Marie Cavey, Lee Davis, Mike Greaver |
| Frederick Lodge # 684 | Judi McKnight, Curtis Kendall, Bob Comer |
| | Debbie Johnson |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266 | Larry & Pat Mathers |
| Hagerstown Lodge #378 | Frank Bradley |
| Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Patti Gray |
| Kent Island # 2576 | Sally Kramer |
| Laurel Lodge #2283 | Frank Kane |
| Milford Lodge #2401 | Ed Pettit, C.P. King |
| Newark Lodge #2281 | Jane Helsel, Margie McIntyre |
| Ocean City Lodge #2645 | Susan Caldwell |
| Pocomoke City Lodge #1624 | Paula Boyd, Jerry Miles |
| Prince Georges Lodge #1778 | Ronald Lamot |
| Seaford Lodge #2458 | Pat James, Bill Buttrill |
| Towson Lodge #469 | Jeffery Rogyom |
| Waldorf Lodge #2421 | Vince Pingitore |
| Washington/Rockville #15 | Diana Patton, Jean Miles-Riffle |
| Westminster #2277 | Tim Eaton |

Once again, this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought, sold and helped in any way. Kudos to those who participated. See you for our next candy bar campaign.



By Angela Meyer
Director of Operations

At the Camp, busy is a state of mind. Is this time of year our busy time? Oh yes, it definitely is, but how can we be stressed or worried when so many great things are going on? We all fuss about being busy, but we wouldn't change it for the world. Busy time means that camp time, the best time of year, is right around the corner, and for us, "It doesn't get better than that."

So many improvements have been made to our camp this year. It all started with the replacing hall doors, along with four roofs (hall/kitchen, garage, cabin 5 and the Nurses/directors cabin). Thanks again to Mike Greaver and his staff for a great job and the generous discount for work they've done. Our tight budget appreciates it!

Next, we started work on the bathhouse, replacing the water heaters with a propane powered tankless hot water systems. Thank you to Bill Buttrill for keeping an eye on the new system install and saving us from future problems while keeping our campers safe and happy. We laid new epoxy flooring and shower walls, and replaced shower heads and valve units. They look great and will be much easier to maintain and keep clean.

All these items are made possible by the generosity of our Lodges, and all the recognition should go to our members for donating to ENF, purchasing the ECB improvement fund raffle tickets, and all of the beyond generous donations of money, in-kind items, and free labor. Thank you all for helping to keep our camp up to date, safe, and a place where kids want to come and have fun.

Through the generosity of Windsor Electric and Camp Sunrise, the ever flooding Art Shack is finally high and dry. The finished landscaping is beautiful and very well done. Thank you, our dear friends from Camp Sunrise for a great partnership and all their efforts for our camp.

As this report is being written before the first camp week, I can't give you the ECB summer camper numbers except to say that as of May 21st, we have in hand 241 pre-applications. With just over three weeks left, if the run continues, we hope to sport some good numbers this year. Keep finding new outlets for camper recruitment and help us reach max capacity. Staff training begins June 9, and we could use some help cooking for staff that week, as the camp cook is still working for the schools through the 14th. Please call Angela, if you can give us a hand.

New standards dictate that we can no longer employ anyone younger than 16, so that means no CITs to do some of the kitchen work. We will need some volunteers to help out with cooking duties, and dishwashing daily from 10 am until 1 pm and then again, from 4 pm to 7 pm Monday through Thursday. Please let us know if you can give us a few hours of your time.

Well E.C. the Bee is ready for the onslaught of some awesome kids. Thanks for sending them our way. Don't forget, great things happen at E.C.B!

U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!



ACCIDENT PREVENTION | INSURANCE RISK

By Captain Stu 410-608-4587
mdrodman@yahoo.com

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Happy Convention Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Elks Association:

Below are some helpful tips for our Lodges. If you have any question please feel free to send an email to mdrodman@yahoo.com or call 410-608-4587. There is also

a lot of great information on Elks.org Member Login— Accident Prevention pages under manuals. I'll have more to report from the Podium.

Congrats to all the new State Officers. Let's have an "Elkstanding" safe year for all our Lodges, **CAPT. STU**

SUMMER PATIOS & DECKS

Now is the time to make sure Lodges' outdoor areas are in good condition, safe, clean and ready for use by Members & Guests. Consider the following at this time of year:

- Inspect all decks and patios and clean the surfaces for the summer season.
- If smoking is permitted on decks/patios, make sure there are receptacles.
- Repair deck boards & patio surfaces where needed.
- Make sure there is adequate lighting for after dark events.
- Inspect all umbrellas/stands to ensure the umbrella is anchored.
- Have a plan to secure outdoor furniture during summer storms.
- If a deck is old, have it inspected to make sure it is safe.
- Discard any worn or damaged outdoor furniture.
- Determine whether a permit is necessary before undertaking repairs.

PARADES

The Master Liability Program cannot assume responsibility for conducting a parade. The city, state or county will want to be named as additional insured under Elks Master Liability Program, however such certificated will not be issued. The sponsoring Lodge must purchase special parade insurance. For example, many Lodges sponsor Mardi Gras parades and always have special insurance coverage.

If any Lodge sponsors a parade, the Lodge should make sure all outside participants indemnify the Lodge and name the Lodge as an additional insured under that entity's general liability policy (in addition to purchasing parade insurance). In order to finance the necessary special insurance, the Lodge can charge the outside entities a fee to participate.

If a Lodge is participating in a parade being sponsored by others, the Master Liability Program will provide a certificate of insurance. The Master Liability Program will not provide *additional* insured certificates to parades organizers, towns and cities, since these organizations already have insurance.

HELPING A LOCAL SERVICEMAN AND HIS FAMILY

By Matthew Briggs, PER Bowie Elks Lodge #2309

April 15th, the Anne Arundel County Police (AAPD) was called to an address in Glen Burnie, for a possible homicide and a barricade situation lasting over 8 hours. The police needed a place to conduct a protective overwatch and were welcomed in a nearby apartment belonging to Active Duty Navy Petty Officer Daniel Darden, his wife, and their six-day-old baby.

During their time in the residence, the officers noticed the family needed furniture and kitchen items. Two days later, Corporal Crawford went back the home to thank them. He also wanted to see if there was anything they could do to help. Crawford was able to talk the family into allowing us to provide them with a few donations.

Corporals Crawford & Myers relayed to Special Operations Commander Thomas Kholmann, the conditions in which PO Darden and his new family were living. They asked if it would be possible, to provide the family with a comfortable recliner, a new coffee pot, and some new cookware, at the least, knowing PO Darden would most likely never request these items, but sure the donation would be much appreciated. Captain Kholmann, also a Three-year Trustee at Bowie Elks Lodge #2309 saw an opportunity to help an active duty Veteran and sprang into action!

He contacted Esteemed Leading Knight Wilford Davis, Veterans Committee Chair, at Bowie Lodge and from there the wheels were turning. After calls to Past State President Carl Robinson from Laurel Lodge and Past Exalted Ruler Robert McIntire from Newark, DE Lodge, the Darden family was given several pieces of furniture, much-needed kitchen items, and a trip to Walmart for other needed items. They were very

grateful.

It is a tragic story where a young man about to graduate college was needlessly gunned down by a mentally unstable person. If any good is to come of it, it is good to know the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and their members were able to help a Veteran in need. After all, it's what we do!



Pictured left to right: Captain Thomas Kholmann Anne Arundel County Police, also a Trustee at Bowie Lodge #2309, Petty Officer Darden US Navy, his wife and child, and Esteemed Leading Knight Wilford Davis, also of Bowie lodge #2309.