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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stu Burgoon

"HAPPY 2021" WE MADE IT

It is still, "Holy Corona Virus," but we are doing what we must do.

I hope you all had a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

We are ten months into what seems like an eternity. Hopefully, some of these new vaccines help, and we can get back some normalcy in our everyday living. I guess some of it will be the "New Normal." We have battled temporary closures, the local Health Organizations, Local Liquor Boards, and Licensing. We have worked through all of the roadblocks and have, in Elk's fashion, become stronger. I know during this time, some of our members and families have suffered some personal tragedy. I know I have. And some of our Lodges dealt with this pandemic firsthand; remember we are all here as "One Lodge" of Elks together. We all have your back. When the clock strikes 11, let us in silent meditation, "Remember."

These are unprecedented times. As much as we have been trying to have a meeting with some of us together, with the ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions, we decided to have a Virtual Meeting. This seems to have become the norm. But this is a 1st to have a limited Association workshop and District Deputy Clinic via Zoom. I know we can pull it off.

Let us talk about some great Elk's work that has been happening in our Association. I first want to congratulate Robert

Raleigh, and his 1st Lady Jackie, from Chestertown Lodge #2474 for being elected as our State President-Elect. Rob has many years in Elkdom. I know he will serve our State Association well as State President.

Many Lodges donated food baskets, toys, and made trips to our Veterans hospitals where possible. I am so proud of the charitable work we continue to do in our communities. We do make a difference.

Thank you to all the Lodges that have worked and contributed to our Pearl Harbor Campaign. Our Association hit Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr's goal of \$1.00 per member. MD, DE, DC Association raised \$23,017. WOW. I want to shout out congratulations to Laurel Lodge # 2283 with contributions of \$8.19 per member. Thank you.

Speaking of ENF: Most Lodges are well on their way to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler's Goal of \$4.80. Let us finish strong to continue to help our major project Camp Barrett and our other youth and veteran's programs. I also am proud to announce that Dolly Broom and her Soccer Shoot Committee were able to pull off the State Shoot. Great job, team.

Julie and I have been busy making my Official President Lodge visits. As we travel from Lodge to Lodge through our Association Districts, we have been overwhelmed with kindness. All Lodges, in their unique way, have made us feel

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MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND EXALTED RULER

By Paul Ryan, Grand Lodge ER

RESOLUTIONS, GOALS: MAKE THEM NOW FOR YOUR LODGE

Frohes Neues Jahr, Godt Nyttår, Feliz Año Nuevo, and Happy New Year!!!! No matter how you say it, 2021 can ONLY be a better year!

Do you still have resolutions? Or maybe they are goals. I had a few goals as your Grand Exalted Ruler for my year as your representative of this organization. My biggest thing is to make sure that the Order builds on what we already have. Create more ways to give back, add to the programs to help others, build on our benevolence. But, we can all say that—are you **doing** it? Knowing what I know about all of the Members that we have had the opportunity to meet, there is no doubt in my mind that we are doing a lot, but can we do more!

Because of our wonderful new program, the Financial Reporting System (FRS), normally at this time I would be suggesting that it is time to get your Auditing and Accounting Committee on

regular meetings to look at the budgets and prepare the financial documents to ship to CPAs. But because of the FRS, we only need to prepare, compare, and send for your 990s to be completed. Although our “Lodge year” is different, the IRS needs your information for a calendar year. Make sure to get them prepared.

This is also the time to start preparing for your PER Night. Get your new officers ready to start their year. Help your future officers and prepare for the next regime. But, don’t stop your current momentum. This is what is going to take you into the new year. It will also teach your future leaders to Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.

I had the honor of participating and being a part of the 150th anniversary celebration of this great Order. I will never forget what an honor that was,

and the fact that two of my children were also able to be a part of it. February is the birthday of our Order. Use this to have a celebration, a dinner, or an outing to help create funds for your Lodge, to help with the community, or to help another organization. No matter what you do, make the birthday of the Elks an event in your Lodge.

For ERs, Secretaries, and PERs, this is the time also to choose your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. As always, take time to deliberate and choose thoughtfully.

Lapsation should also be a focus of your Membership Committee. My Lodge has reported that we are nearing 2% in lapsation. Although for me that is a small number, for many it is huge. Let’s make this another year of growth.



MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE SPONSOR

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Dear Friends and Members of the MDDEDC Elks Association:

I will again, as in my message of three months ago, express my continuing hope that our MD, DE & DC Elk family and friends across our 37 Lodges are all well and successfully coping with this COVID-19 Pandemic, all the health-related issues, operational restrictions, and shutdowns that we’ve all experienced over the past nine months. I know this horrible Pandemic has negatively affected every Lodge and every Elk in our Association and our nation – obviously some more so than others. These have been and continue to be unprecedented and unpredictable times. While we may be at perhaps the worst point in this unfathomable experience, there does appear to be a glimmer of light/hope and

a possible end in sight. With a vaccine starting to be distributed, we may be about to turn the corner; however, it is likely that widespread distribution of the vaccines won’t be accomplished until well into 2021. The bottom line is, we must continue to be vigilant, continue to do what’s necessary to stay safe and well as individuals, and keep improvising to keep our lodges healthy and sound – follow the rules, think out of the box, and do what’s necessary to “survive”!

I know that many of our brother and sister Elks are struggling on an individual basis, as are a number of our Lodges. We all need to be aware of those Elks and Lodges that need assistance and reach out to them and help them in whatever manner we can. While it is important that we continue our work and assistance in our communities, it is equally and

perhaps more important to reach out and help our members and/or our own Lodges. We want to exit this Pandemic with all our Lodges and membership intact and ready, able, and willing to continue the noble work our communities, our youth, our Veterans, and the less fortunate have come to expect from the Elks.

While this fight is not over, I believe we are winning the battles and will ultimately win the war. Seeing what many of our Lodges have done and are doing on a day to day basis to get the job done and maintain a viable operation is simply amazing. To every MD, DE & DC Elk, I extend my most profound appreciation and thank you for what you have done and are doing to help your Lodge and our Association fight this battle, this war – I know we will come out of this Pandemic with a stronger membership and stronger Lodges, with new tools and capabilities to carry on our work as an integral part of our communities.

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A strong and active membership has always been a major factor in the long-term success of the individual Lodges, our Association, and our Order and never more so than right now. It is imperative we continue to retain the members we have and attract, initiate, and develop a continual stream of new working members. With the current ongoing stresses and other factors brought on by the Pandemic, membership is a significant concern for this 2020/2021 year and will probably be so for the 2021/2022 year as well. For the first eight months of this year (2020/2021), we have seen a net gain of 513 members across the Association, with currently 2311 delinquents and 330 individuals waiting for initiation. It's certainly not a good picture, and while the numbers have improved over the last month or so, we are on track to potentially lose around 1500 members this year. Over the next three months, there is much work to do if we expect to complete 2020/2021 with little or no loss. This issue can only be addressed and solved at the individual Lodge level.

Every Lodge must have a designated team working a non-stop campaign. Convince every delinquent member they are WELCOMED, WANTED, and most importantly NEEDED if their Lodge and its important community work is to continue and perhaps survive. Every Lodge needs the revenue that a member brings to the Lodge in the form of dues and goods and services purchased, as well as the potential manpower. Every member represents the possibility to fill a position of leadership and the workers needed to do the many things required for a Lodge to function properly. There needs to be a continual and ongoing effort to build and maintain a relationship with every member that keeps the member wanting to be a part of the Lodge, what it does, and what it stands for.

Many times, members are delinquent simply because the Lodge fails to bill them. Many of our members today prefer to use a credit card for their bills, and they are used to being routinely billed, which most Lodges don't or can't accommodate. Grand Lodge now offers an optional Billing

Renewal Program where a contracted third party (OSG) routinely mails invoices to members and takes payment via credit card, etc. The cost to the Lodge is \$0.32 per invoice mailed – less than the price of a stamp and no work for our Secretaries. I encourage all Lodges to look at this optional service on the Grand Lodge website - there is a webinar and detailed information about the program. Only what a Lodge does in building a relationship with every member can eliminate delinquency. However, this service is a tool available to the Lodges that, at a minimum, will lower delinquency at little cost and no effort by the Lodge – it is working across the Order, try it!!

While the first eight months of 2020/2021 have had its share of roadblocks and obstacles, I am confident that the hard-working and dedicated Elks of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association can overcome the challenges we still all face, and that once again, we will have an outstanding 2020/2021 year.

December and the holiday season upon us will be like no other we have ever experienced – keep the faith, hold steady on course, lean on one another, and we will get through these difficult times.

Best wishes to every MD, DE & DC Elk and their families. I wish you continued good health, prosperity, and joy – all the joy you can capture with family and friends. Family and friendships will make the difference and carry us through this individually, and as the premier organization, we are. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; hopefully, 2021 and the 2021/2022 Elk year will see better days for us all.

And finally, THANK YOU for your unwavering and dedicated support and efforts on behalf of your Lodge, our Association, our Order, and all those we serve – you/we are the BPOE, indeed the BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!!!

Sincerely and fraternally,



Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

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Hello all. I hope you enjoyed a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. Welcome to Virtual January workshop. Thank you to all who organized our Zoom meeting.

Since being elected and installed in October, I have been working on getting up to speed to be ready for our June Conference. I want to thank all of you who supported me during the election and thank all of you who have given me advice and guidance.

I do not need to say how much we have missed this year and how stressed we all have been as citizens and Lodges. Keep up the hope and prayers that we will all have a better year coming up, and we can all be together again in Elkdom and fellowship.

I have been contacting folks to serve as my State Officers and State Chairs. I have attended Camp Barrett meetings and met with the Advisory. Not much else has been happening during these trying times.

I hope to see many of you at Bowie Lodge so we can catch up. Prayers to all the Lodges that have had to temporarily close and let's all be Elkdom Strong.

God Bless America and our Veterans and Youth!

Robert Raleigh

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Our MD-DE-DC ELKS ASSOCIATION—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE will be presenting an all-out Public Relations Blitz in this New Year & a **“New Beginning” - “NEW YEAR—2021”**. Help our State PR Team to help your Lodge with a New Generation of rebuilding.

Our Nation (and World) has changed dramatically in the past year. Thankfully, most of us have all made it through this awful year of 2020, and it is now behind us!! Those that have not let us not forget them, and we shall meet each day at the “Hour of Remembrance.” Let’s start to rebuild our lives, and yes, this includes our Elk Lives, as well. Let’s put by-gone—where it belongs “By-Gone”!! We need to reach out to our younger generation with this rebuilding of our lives and let them know the Elks are still here and ready to help our Communities!!

Our Grand Lodge Public Relations Team has already started new Websites with shareable graphics to assist the Lodges in their Media & Community Rebuild. Visit these Websites for more information and ideas:

Elks.org/Join.Elks.org and <https://virtualmanuals.elks.org>. (this last one

needs you to sign-in with your Grand Lodge login for access).

The State PR Committee (*contact info. listed to the left on this page*) stands ready to help your Lodge grow into the future and get the word of Elkdom out into your Communities. Our State Committee has already met (virtually via Zoom) several times and has several ideas that we would like to implement to help our Lodges. This will ultimately help increase Membership. Each of our Lodge PR Chairs should contact their District PR Chair (again listed on this page & in the State Directory on Page 34). In 2021, we will be attempting a short video PSA’s for any Lodge that would like to have their Lodge presented in the e-Media (State Website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc.). This will be available when the COVID-19 Restrictions are eased, hopefully by springtime.



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WWW = World Wide Web

The internet of today is a necessary information gathering encyclopedia section that is virtually endless...

Millions and Billions of Pages, Documents, Books, Manuals, Videos, etc. are Downloaded & Uploaded—every day. Downloads, as opposed to uploads, are retrieving the information from a source somewhere in the world and placing onto your computer hard drive—thereby Downloading it onto your computer.

Uploads are the information from your computer being placed onto a website or another computer—thereby Uploading it onto that Website/Computer. These Documents, Books, Manuals, Pictures, Videos are made readily available by the “Click & Order” (*replacing the old brick & mortar stores basically—when using it as a shopping tool*).

Millions of people are accessing the internet as a now, way of life, to get necessary information that they need for business or personal reasons. These Manuals, Documents, Pictures and Videos are now very easily downloaded in minutes, if not seconds depending upon the speed of your internet provider.

It is believed that an internet column may be helpful with many Elks in regards to:

- ◆ **What is or may be available?**
- ◆ **How to Navigate Websites, etc.?**
- ◆ **How to Download/Upload?**
- ◆ **How to access a variety of information?**
- ◆ **What type of information that may be helpful/ useful with our *Elk* biz?**

This will hopefully help the many thousands of Elks that may or may not be internet savvy. I will also learn, as we go from Newsletter to Newsletter with these articles. If anyone has information that may be useful for other Members and/or Lodges, please feel free to send me an Email with your information or Requests. I will research it and provide it into the next State Newsletter.

All articles can also be found on the State Website on the **IT** (IT = Information Technology) page. Go to the State Website: www.MDDEDCElks.org and click on the “**Main**

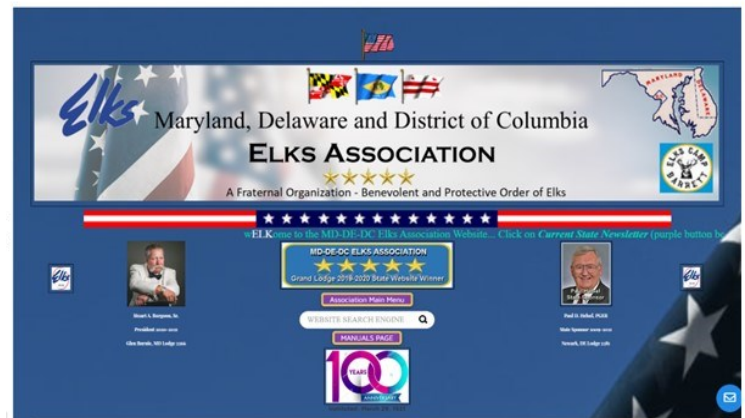
Menu” (located on the Left side of every page). Click on the “**Committee”** Page, then click on the “**IT’** Button.

SOCIAL MEDIA: FaceBook, FaceBook Messenger, Instagram, Google+, Pinterest, Twitter, YouTube, Tik Tok, LinkedIn, Snapchat, Tumblr, Whatsapp, Wechat, etc.

Our State Association has a FaceBook page. This usually gathers real-time information and pictures from our Members. Our State Chair Danniele McKnight—Frederick #684 (240) 367-6392 can help anyone with questions or concerns regarding Social Media. Bits & Pieces will also be added in these articles that are being planned for upcoming Newsletters.

Fraternally,

JoeMcGeeney, Webmaster



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<https://www.mddedcelks.org/>
<http://www.elkscampbarrett.org/>

GRAND LODGE WEBSITES:

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First Lady's Corner

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Wow, what a year this has been; goodbye 2020. Although it has been difficult at best, it is heartwarming seeing Elks do what we do best, helping the community. I have enjoyed seeing the posts on social media of the various Lodges donating to food banks, veterans' homes, etc. Some of the Lodge visits had to be canceled, but we have made some of them.

One of the best things I witnessed was at Westminster Lodge. There were two new younger members in the lounge when it was time for the meeting, the Lodge members personally went to them and invited them into the meeting. These two young men were made to feel so very welcome in being a true part of the Lodge; future officers for sure.

Let's all pray for this virus to end so that we can get back to some kind of normal. Please stay safe, and instead of a hug, I send you all a knuckle bump!

Cheers to a great 2021

Today's Youth, Tomorrows Future

Julie Burgoon



Glen Burnie Lodge # 2266

Above: Stu Burgoon, President and John Degan assisted with Christmas Baskets deliveries.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM COVER

"WELkome." It was such a pleasure to meet so many members and make new friends. And proud to hear and see 1st hand about the charitable work they continue to do in their neighborhoods and communities.

We are six months into our State Association year. If you know a member who wants to get involved as an officer, work on a committee, or get involved, we want to hear from you. It gives you another perspective of Elkdom you may not experience at your own Lodge. Our Local Lodge will be electing new officers for the 2021 - 2022 year. Let us finish this year strong. Get some of those members back that are on your delinquent list. Make that ENF goal. And continue to support our veterans and charities. I want to thank all the Exalted Rulers and their teams for the hard work they did in these ever-changing times. "All Elks, One Lodge."

Julie and I want to thank you for all the support and love we have been shown throughout our Association. We will continue to proudly represent our great Association.

If you need any help or information or want to chat, send me an email or give me a call.

Have an "Elkstanding" day,

Stu

"Fishers of Elkdom"

"Shake a Veteran's Hand. Keep a Smile on your Face and a Song in your Heart"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16—Winter Workshop & DD Clinic Zoom Meeting 10:00 am
- January 25—State Elks Public Relations Committee Meeting - via ZOOM from 7pm - 8pm
- Feb 14—Valentine's Day
- Feb 18—Deadline for next Newsletter articles
- March 19-21, 2021—Spring Conference GER Visiting-location and details pending
- April 1—Postmark Deadline for All American Lodge Contest "A"

NOTE: Lodges, please refrain from scheduling conflicting events so key officers and members may attend all meetings.

AUDITING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES COMMITTEE

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The calendar year is over, and the Elk year will be coming to an end in just a few short months, so it's time to start thinking about new IRS requirements, so all is in order when it comes time to file tax returns and comply with other IRS changes. A few things to note for changes started in 2020: There are new rules for 1099MISC and the new 1099NEC. See this link for more information: <https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i1099misc>. There are also new accounting standards for leases. Your accountant will be able to assist you with either of these items.

Thank you to the Lodges who have worked hard to

become FRS compliant and reporting their monthly information by the due date. We still have a few Lodges that are not FRS compliant. District Chairs, please reach out to your non-compliant Lodges and ask them how we can help. If you would like to set up a meeting with those Lodges in your district, I will be happy to attend as well. It would also be a good idea to contact Lodges, that are delinquent in reporting, and offer our assistance.

This has been a challenging year for all of us and our Lodges. Thank you for your dedication to the FRS project and to your Lodges. May 2021 be prosperous for us all!



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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

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As we enter the New Year, 2021, we are a short three months away from the end of our Elk Year. How are we doing with our ENF Contributions? As of December 7th, the MD, DE & DC State Association was in 21st place nationally. Fourteen of our Lodges have met the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.80 per member (that means that 23 Lodges have not). Four Lodges have met our State President's goal of \$10.00 per member (that means that 33 Lodges have not). Take a look at the top 5 Lodges in our State as of December 7th, 2020:

Rank	Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Member
1.	Kent Island, MD, 2576	746	\$11,748.57	\$ 15.749
2.	Essex, MD, #1866	476	\$6,217.00	\$ 13.061
3.	Washington DC-Rockville, MD, # 15	407	\$5,019.75	\$ 12.334
4.	Newark, DE, #2281	454	\$4,540.90	\$ 10.002
5.	Abingdon, MD, #2354	214	\$1,848.50	\$ 8.638

The Mission of ENF is to help Lodges build stronger communities. For the 2020-2021 year, 30 of our Lodges received 81 Grants, which totaled \$210,700. There is excellent work being done in our communities, for our veterans, and our youth. The deadline to submit Grant applications passed on December 31st, so please get your Final Reports submitted. ENF recently launched a new CIP Grant History page where Lodges can review their information and Final Reports due dates.

Last year was difficult for all due to the Pandemic, but I hope all Lodges work diligently with their fundraising in this last quarter of our Elk year to move our State Association forward. And remember, the ENF office must receive all monies by March 31st.

Thank you for your continued support of ENF!

Margie McIntyre,
State ENF Chair



ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT WINTER OF 2020

"Don't become Lodge Mayhem like Me."

Mike Ford, NE State Chair Abington Lodge #2354
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I would like to wish my Elk family of the great MD, DE, and DC State Association a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

As I sit here in my home Lodge of Abingdon 2354, I am looking at how we can make our Lodge more COVID-19 safe. We have sanitizer everywhere, and all touchable surfaces are frequently wiped down. Staff wears masks and gloves, and members/guests social distance while wearing their masks. The threat is not from inside our Lodges; it's coming from the outside.

While we must stay vigilant and on top of the COVID-19 situation, we must

look at why it's infiltrating our Lodges. With the weather turning cold, forcing us indoors, and the holidays upon us, it is harder to social distance. We must remain vigilant, continue to use our hand sanitizer, wear our masks, and practice our social distancing. If you do not feel 100%, please stay at home until you feel better. It's also a good practice to take temperatures at the door on everyone who enters the Lodge, not just staff.

Please avoid any unnecessary travel. If you absolutely must travel, please remember to get your COVID-19 test within three days of returning home and quarantine 7-10 days after that. Howev-

er, there is light at the end of this dark tunnel. The COVID-19 vaccines have been approved by the FDA and CDC and will be distributed to the public in the next few months. Our front-line heroes and elderly are slated to get this vaccine first, and we will see it shortly thereafter.

I urge you to pursue the vaccine when it becomes available so we can get back to some sense of normalcy. Remember to protect our members and their families in this time of darkness, and fondly reflect on those we have lost from this pandemic. As the sun rises on the Bush River, I will leave you with your winter tips from Grand Lodge.

FACILITY RENTAL POLICIES

Anyone using Lodge facilities must provide an Additional Insured Certificate of Insurance that names the Lodge as an additional insured on their insurance policy. If the entity or individual cannot name the Lodge as an additional insured on their insurance policy, Facility Rental Policies can be obtained by contacting Aon Affinity Services at (800) 421-3557.

ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

Ice and snow removal Plan for keeping walkways, steps and parking lots safe for the coming months:



- Determine whether a contractor or Lodge employees or volunteers remove the snow
- Obtain a written contract if a contractor plows and shovels
- The contractor should provide an insurance certificate confirming insurance coverage
- Request that the Lodge be named as an additional insured on the insurance certificate
- Lodges that use employees/volunteers to remove snow will need salt and shovels

- Salt applied at the right time and location helps with footing
- Clean and dry mats inside the Lodge reduce tracked in snow and water
- Update Members and guests when the weather changes during Lodge events

SERVICE OF ALCOHOL TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS



The service of alcohol is a privilege the Lodge extends to Members and their guests, not a means of revenue for the Lodge. Cutting off a Member or guest who is approaching intoxication is better than defending a multi-million dollar lawsuit.

- Know all State and Local Liquor laws
- Never serve anyone approaching intoxication
- Do not let others buy drinks for anyone who might be close to intoxication
- Stop service to anyone else if they will give drinks to someone approaching intoxication
- No beer kegs, no pitchers and no coolers
- Remind Members/guests not to drink and drive
- Be observant while serving alcohol

- Encourage designated drivers
- Never permit BYOB
- Do not allow games/contests involving alcohol consumption
- An outdoor tent/bar must have a server
- Do not hold a "Happy Hour"
- Never discount prices to promote liquor sales
- "Last call" should be well before closing
- Insist on a taxi or a ride for someone who has too much to drink; and members who have a problem need our help, now!

BEWARE OF SCAMS



Scam artists always follow the money, so look out for the following:

- Deposit cash in the bank promptly, do not wait until the next day
- Government agencies & Law Enforcement never ask anyone for cash for any reason
- Do not provide anyone with bank account information
- The IRS never directs Not For Profit Corporations to make special payments
- Someone "in need" requests plane fare and cash since they heard that the Elks do good deeds



WEST DISTRICT

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Greetings Everyone!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. I have enjoyed visiting all the West District Lodges with our State President, Stu Burgoon, and 1st Lady Julie.

What a great job the West District has done. Three Lodges in the West District have reached the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF goal, and all of the West District Lodges have met the \$1.00 per member goal for the Pearl Harbor Campaign. The State Chairman for the Pearl Harbor Campaign wishes to thank the Westminster Lodge for being 1st in the State with a donation of \$2.02 per member.

A special Shout out to Frederick Lodge; they have initiated 104 new members so far this year and have 33 candidates awaiting Initiation.

The Frederick Lodge, with almost 1,200 members, has a lapsation rate of only 5.8%. What a great job their Membership Committee is doing.

I also enjoyed attending and helping the Westminster Lodge with the Beacon Grant they received from Grand Lodge. Westminster Lodge hosted an outdoor Christmas Event for 48 needy families in their area and their chronically ill children. The families could also visit Santa, received gifts for the children, groceries, and a Turkey dinner. Special Thanks to the Live, Hope, Laugh Organization, the Local Volunteer Fire Company, and Sparky, the fire dog who helped with the event.

Incoming Exalted Rulers for Lodge Year 2021 thru 2022, it is time to start getting ready for your year. Start planning your year by picking and asking members to serve as your Committee Chairpersons. Do not wait until April 1st; it will be here before you know it. We can only hope with the new vaccine, the next Lodge Year will be back to somewhat normal, and we can have another great year of being involved in and helping our Communities.

Stay Safe, and I hope to see everyone soon!

These photos (below) were taken at Westminster Lodge of the of the Beacon Grant Event hosted by Westminster Lodge.

It was called Christmas Town. 48 needy families got to visit with Santa, the Grinch and our local Volunteer Fire Co. with Sparky.



The picture of the little girl above, with gifts has brain cancer. What a joy to see her smile as she visited Santa and received her gifts.



Elks Hoop Shoot

Submitted by Phil Popielski
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WEST DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT

Results:

10-11	Girls Ellianna Schwartz	Hagerstown	1 14/25
10-11	Girls Hannah Neske	Westminster	2 13/25
12-13	Girls McKenna Murphy	Hagerstown	23/25
12-13	Girls Jazmyn White	Frostburg	22/25
12-13	Boys Hunter Solwold	Westminster	21/25
12-13	Boys Owin Rice	Frostburg	20/25
10-11	Boys Calvin Moss	Hagerstown	21/25
10-11	Boys Kyle Wheeler	Westminster	16/25
8-9	Boys Carter Croft	Hagerstown	17/25
8-9	Boys Patrick Rinard	Frostburg	13/25
8-9	Girls Addison Cline	Hagerstown	12/25

No runners up

Dewayne Wilcher is the Hoop Shoot State Chairman (301-372-0343, dewaynewilcher@yahoo.com). With the COVID 19 restrictions State Contests are not recommended for this year, therefore future contests are to be determined.

FREDERICK LODGE #684

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The Frederick Lodge #684 has been busy supporting our community for the past two months. In addition to making several trips to the local Hospice Kline House with donations of needed supplies, we donated \$2,780 from our recent golf tournament.

We also hosted an event by the 24/7 Dance Studio, which collected many additional items for our donation to Kline House. With a Freedom Grant from the ENF, we completed two projects for the Martinsburg VA hospital. We donated 55 \$20 Sheetz gift cards to the Volunteer Coordinator's office as gifts to the Veterans. We purchased \$1,200 worth of Welcome Home supplies to support four veterans moving out of homelessness. Between ENF grants and our sales of Historic Bridges of Frederick County books (photographs by Dr. John Vitarello, a #684 Lodge member), we were able to provide gift cards to the high school homeless students in the New Horizons program of the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP). We funded the holiday party for the local Boys & Girls Club. We also had a canned food drive, donating about 30 bags of groceries to the Frederick Community Action Agency's food bank and donated \$2,000 from a Spotlight grant to their program. We also were a Toys for Tots drop off location.

Despite the restrictions for gathering in our county, our Elks members really rock when it comes to supporting our community!



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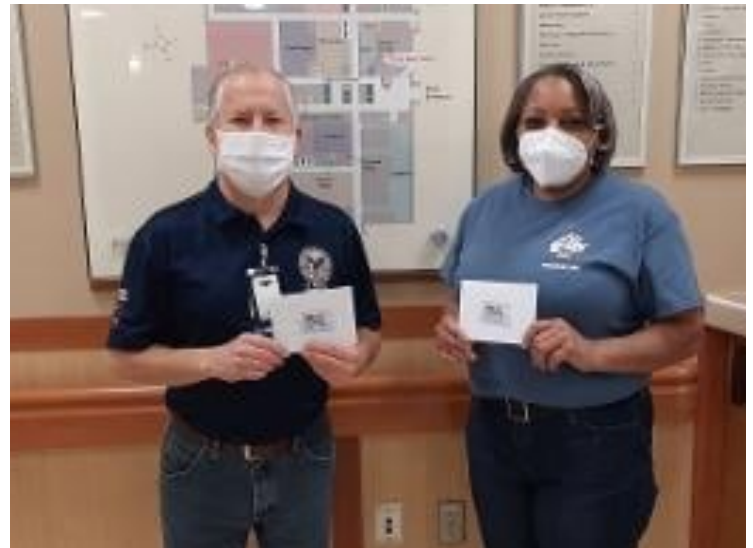


First, I would like to thank Stu Burgoon for allowing me to serve as the new Americanism Chairperson. Also, thank you to Mary Cardinal-Vogt for guidance and advisory.

In early November 2020, certificates were created for the 2019-2020 Americanism poster and essay contest winners. In total, 18 poster contest winners and 10 essay contest winners were identified for an award. A personalized certificate and gift cards were sent to the lodges for distribution to the participants. Unfortunately, I could not return the actual posters and essays to the participants, but thankful that we could close out this



Above: Tom Lynch, Lodge Trustee, Golf Tournament co-chair, Judi McKnight, Leading Knight, Karen McNitt, ER and Katrina Wilson, Kline House.



Above: Terry Stotler, Martinsburg VA Volunteer office and Mary Onley, Frederick Lodge Veterans committee

year's program.

The 2020-2021 Americanism Program is in full swing!! Notifications have been sent to all Lodges in the MD-DE-DC Association. This year's Poster Contest continues with the Favorite American Symbol theme, and the Essay contest topic is "How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?"

We are quickly approaching the initial deadline for poster/essay submittal to the individual Lodges. District Chairs should receive posters and essays by mid-January for final submission to the State Chair and Committee for judging. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an official award presentation program has not been determined.



SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

By Dan Kane SE District VP
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Happy New Year. Let us hope that with 2020 in our rear-view mirror that 2021 will bring better circumstances for all our Lodges and Elk Families. The Southeast District is a strong district, and I am proud to represent all the South East District Lodges.

It was a busy fall with official visits in Cambridge, Crisfield, Easton, Pocomoke City, and Seaford, all while State Chaplain Carrie Kane and I planned our November wedding. We still have a handful of Lodges to visit here in the coming weeks. It has been great to see so many faces after being cooped up due to restrictions. All the Lodges are doing so well and making things happen the best they can with the ever-changing executive orders, but what I have found while visiting different Lodges is that we are safer within our own herd of Elks. This mostly due to us being cautious and caring of others, more so than many of the local establishments throughout the towns.

So, what has been happening throughout our District during these past few months? Cambridge #1272, in conjunction with the Cambridge Police, held a Trunk or Treat event that was attended by over 400 children and their parents.

Crisfield had the District Soccer shoot with 29 attendees, a Trunk or Treat, a Veteran's Breakfast drive-thru, a winter wonderland drive-thru, and a toy drive.

Easton has been doing many things in the community, celebrating what would have been their best weekend with the Waterfowl Festival. They decided to hold a carry out style Waterfowl event that featured some of the food they usually serve over the 3-day event. They teamed up with the Senior Center in Talbot County to prepare Thanksgiving meals to be distributed to over 300 senior citizens throughout the Talbot/Caroline Counties.

Ocean City always has something going on. During an unofficial visit to support our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Angela Meyer, we were privileged to witness two members in attendance awarded their hometown hero banners that are hung on the boardwalk during the busy tourist season.

Pocomoke City held a Veterans Dinner and have started providing an open mic night to provide entertainment all while maintaining all safety guidelines.

Seaford has been holding Bingo games safely, lady's,

and men's nights, which have been well attended, and during my official visit, voted on sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop.

Again, I am proud and honored to attend Official visits to Lodges with our State President. The hospitality and warm receptions at our visits have been appreciated and overwhelming in true South East fashion.

Let us all look forward to a prosperous year in 2021 for the South East District.

#southeaststrong



NORTH EAST DISTRICT

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Greetings Everyone!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! Hopefully, 2021 will bring a lot of great things to us all.

President Burgoon and I have been busy visiting the North East District. In October, we visited Abingdon, and in December, we visited Havre de Grace. I was busy visiting Milford on November 11th, Dover on November 19th, and Newark on December 8th. It has been great to see everyone, and President Burgoon and I look forward to visiting Chestertown and Wilmington in the near future.

I have had the pleasure of attending a few events in the District. I attended the Lucky Duck Saloon at Havre de Grace Lodge, a craft show and trivia nights at Abingdon Lodge, which have been great fun! As I have been visiting the different Lodges, it has been great to see everyone has adapted to the ever-changing COVID-19 guidelines. I would love to visit more Lodges' events, so please make sure I am on your Lodge's newsletter distribution list and keep me informed of upcoming events.

As we are at the State Association year's halfway point, it is time to start thinking about representing our District next year, beginning in June 2021. If you have any questions about the District positions that will be voted on at the caucus in April at the District Deputy Clinic, please do not hesitate to ask me. I look forward to seeing everyone as I continue to visit the Lodges. While I know times are challenging, please continue to do the great work of Elkdom.

Fraternally,

Jessica Todd



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

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Hello fellow Elk Members. It is my sincere hope that all of you had a joyous holiday season by whichever holiday you chose to celebrate!

COVID-19! It's been the bane of our existence since early 2020. As you know, it has infiltrated our homes, jobs, Lodges, and just about every other aspect of our lives. Having had COVID-19 in September, I can personally attest to the havoc it has wreaked.

Throughout it all, though, Elks have come through on so many levels doing great works of charity and being there for one another like it was business as usual! Below are just some the examples of what the Lodges in North Central have been up to:

Essex: Carry-out food sales, Christmas Craft Bazaar, 30 gift baskets for needy children and families created and delivered, a \$5,346.00 donation to the Lodge for charitable works and numerous other activities.

Towson: Community Blood Drive, Kentucky Derby & Preakness events, Halloween Party, Installation of Officers & awards ceremony, wreath-laying at Veterans Cemetery, renovation of a rumpus room, drive-thru tree lighting dedicated to First responders & Front-Line Workers, Elks Memorial Service, and so much more!

Glen Burnie: Various dinner nights, Trunk or Treat, gift baskets created and delivered, Toys-for-Tots drive, canned food drive with a special visit from Santa himself! A massive membership drive initiating 27 people in December, and other works of charity and fellowship.

Severna Park: Community blood drive, Toys-for-Tots collection, Angel Tree, multiple carry-out food nights, drive-by visits with Santa, Trunk or Treat, Bingo, trivia nights, karaoke, massive collection and distribution of food baskets for Thanksgiving, among other events.

Laurel: Multiple food nights & carry-out, chili cookoff, wine tasting event, Joe Corbi fundraiser, crafting nights, Turkey Shoot, Breakfast with Santa, Elks Memorial Service, Bull & Oyster Roast, trunk or treat, tailgate event, and more!

Broadneck: Food nights, pit beef sales, craft nights, multiple initiations, \$2K Gratitude Grant. Funds donated to the West Annapolis Pop-Up Pantry, \$5,500 Beacon Grant/Spotlight Grant funds donated to the Maryland Food Bank, Coats, and toiletries donated to Linda's

Legacy Homeless Drive. Collected were 100 new/gently used coats plus \$130.00 in cash donations to purchase toiletries, 23 Thanksgiving Meal baskets for local families serving 77 individuals, and various other events.

Annapolis: Multiple food nights & carry-out, Toys-for-Tots collection, craft show, hall rentals, Elks Memorial Service, Ornament decorating party with DJ, Karaoke, Costume/mask party, Red White & Blue Event honoring Police, Fire, Paramedics, Military, & Veterans, for 9/11 & POW/MIA Soldiers on 9/18.

Bowie: Trunk or Treat, Karaoke nights, Toys-for-Tots collection, parking lot restriped, and Lounge renovation, all donated by Member Dave Weaver. \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant distributed to We Care & Friends for homeless assistance & to local food pantry organized by several local churches.

Please know, all of the above events and charitable acts at every Lodge were done so in a safe, socially distanced, mask-on manner!

Many events were canceled! But you cannot stop the charitable heart of an ELK! I am so proud to a member of this organization!

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Respectfully,

Matthew Briggs

ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE 2021

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and please join me in saying goodbye to 2020 in hopes that 2021 will be significantly better.

Initial preparations are being made to get the raffle for 2021 underway. As usual, the tickets will be mailed in March, and they will be the same as in previous years, \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

Hopefully, we will be able to hold the Family Picnic in May, at which we will draw the winners.

I look forward to opening a lot of envelopes and depositing many donations.

Fraternally,

Lou Schmeltzer, PDD, Chairman E.C.B.I.F.R.



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

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Hello to all my fellow Elks family,

I hope everyone had a safe and amazing heartfelt holiday, and pray you all were able to love on your family and close friends. I truly understand this time is hard for us. We cannot share the moments that we look forward to in Elkdom, but I'm delighted to see the Southwest is still flying high.

Lodges that I could get in contact with, and Exalted Rulers that I've spoken with, responded although we're not working at full capacity, we're still working. I appreciate that you always take the time to show your communities that

we're here for them. I'm thankful to hear that we're still able to take care of our veterans. I'm proud of you.

I know we have come to virtual meetings and small gatherings, but I'm proud to say that we're making it work. Indeed we all look forward to a better day, and this day will come, but we will stand like our great symbol, the Elk, strong and fleet of the foot, the great protector.

We will continue to protect our families by doing things the right and proper way for today's time in COVID-19, but we will stay prepared for the time when we can open up and be as one again and perform at our full capacity! I genuinely look forward to seeing you all. I miss my Elks family.



Camp Springs Elks Lodge, Calvert Elks Lodge, Waldorf Elks Lodge used their Freedom Grants to Build a Bocce Ball Court for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located in Charlotte Hall, MD

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Three Lodges in the MD-DE-DC South West District joined together to construct a Bocce Ball court at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home located in Charlotte Hall, MD. The Veterans Home serves 393 Veterans, both male and female, and some of their residents are Elks.

Each one of the Lodges donated their Freedom Grants (\$2,500 each) for a total of \$7,500 to complete this project.

The members from all three Lodges had intended to help build the Bocce Ball Court before the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still preventing the Veterans living at Charlotte Hall from leaving the facility. The Director, Ms. Sharon Murphy, requested the funds be placed in their Veteran Assistance Fund until the court can be constructed. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission granted the request. Members from all three Lodges will assist with building the Bocce Ball court when the pandemic is over. As Elks, we want to help improve the health of our Veterans. During this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is even more necessary to provide our Veterans with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities that allow for social distancing, wearing protective masks, and are accessible to those who require a walker or wheelchair. Often residents of the Home do not go outside, and there is nothing for them to do. The courts will also provide an opportunity for some friendly, individual, and team competition.

A thank you note was received from the Veterans Home Director, Sharon Murphy.



Seated Front Row Left to Right: Kelley Randolph (Past District Deputy Camp Springs Lodge Treasurer), Mary Cardinal-Vogt (Past District Deputy, Past State President Calvert Lodge Treasurer), Sharon Murphy (Director Charlotte Hall Veterans Home), Renee' Rivituso (Past District Deputy, Exalted Ruler Waldorf Elks Lodge), Peggy Miller (Waldorf Elks Lodge Tiler)

Back Row Left to Right: David Marchyshyn (Exalted Ruler Calvert Elks Lodge), John A. Curran (Past District Deputy Calvert Elks Lodge Veterans Chairman), Walter E. Benson Sr. (Exalted Ruler Camp Springs Elks Lodge), Pat Miller (Esquire Waldorf Elks Lodge)

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

Elks Care - Elks Share

ELKS NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE MISSION

By Bob McIntyre, Chairman, ENVSC



On behalf of the ENVSC, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we begin 2021, we are still experiencing the effects of the pandemic. Our VA Community Living Centers and State Homes continue on lockdown and are restricting volunteers, family, and friends from visiting our veterans living in these facilities. The Hospital staff says they miss the extra help and support our VAVS Reps and volunteers provide. They also report that our veterans are dealing with isolation and miss the social interaction that our volunteers provide. There has been a decline in the donations of hygiene items, underwear, socks, sweat pants, and other clothing items that the veterans need. Throughout the pandemic, the ENVSC has continued to fund our VAVS Reps with their monthly allotments, so our VAVS Reps have provided cash donations to the VA Holiday Fund, purchased Walmart Gift Cards, electric razors, Canteen Coupons, and clothing items for our veterans at these facilities.

I want to congratulate both Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 and St. Mary's County Lodge #2092 for the recognition they received in the ENVSC Newsletter and at Elks.org. In the spring of 2020, Washington-Rockville partnered with the non-profit Fields 4 Valor Farms to get food boxes into the hands of veterans and families served by the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. With the funds from the Spotlight Grant, Washington-Rockville was able to pay the expenses of packaging and transporting the food baskets. Special thanks to Washington DC VAVS Rep Judith P. Black and all the volunteers from Washington-Rockville Lodge #15. St. Mary's County Lodge #2092 received a Focus Grant for \$10,000.00 and used the funds to supply mattresses, bedding, food, and household goods for veterans exiting homelessness. Many thanks to Trent Manson, Veterans Chairman, and all those who helped and participated with this project at St. Mary's County Lodge #2092.

The Army of Hope continues to receive requests to assist veterans with rent and utilities. The requests we receive are mostly from the VA Social Workers. On November 5th, Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540 hosted a meeting and invited veterans and Representatives from the Wilmington VA. The Representatives answered questions concerning veteran healthcare benefits, compensation, and services. At the meeting, I was able to offer the Army of Hope as an additional resource to assist veterans in need. As a result of that meeting, the Army of Hope was contacted by the Delaware Veteran Services requesting assistance in replacing a low-income veteran's home heating unit. The Army of Hope Committee approved an expenditure of \$1,600.00 towards the home heating unit. We partnered with other veterans organizations such as Del Vets, Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, and the Disabled American Veterans Organization. As it turned out, our donation was not needed because one of

the organizations anonymously came forward and covered the heating unit's entire cost.

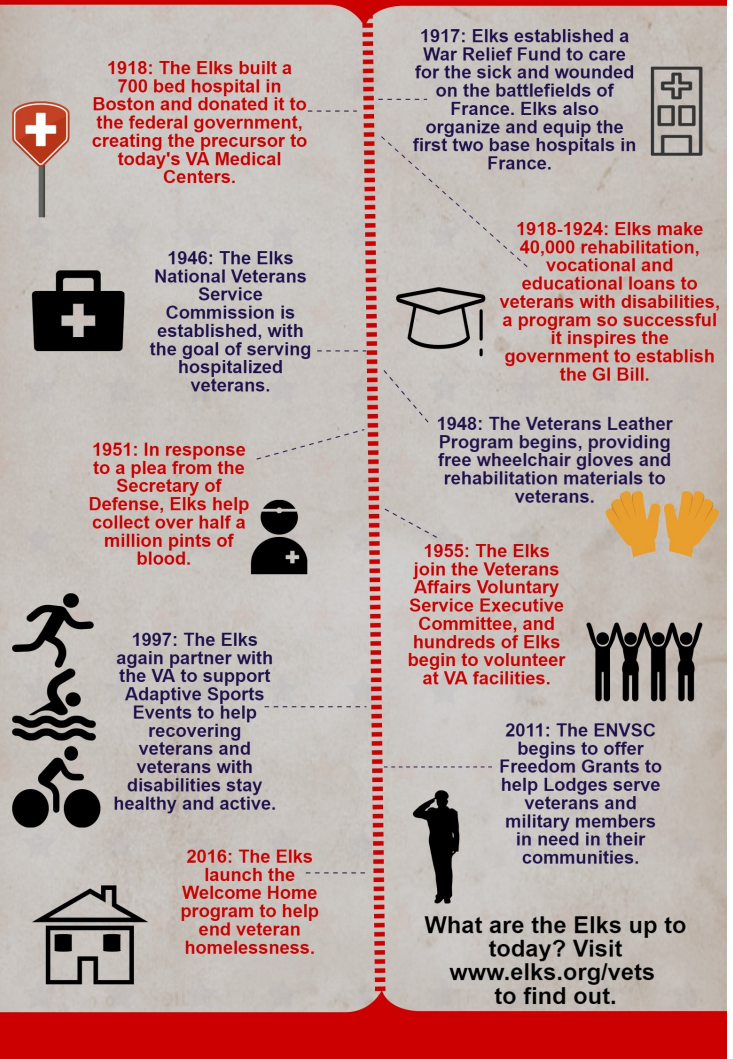
On December 3rd at Newark Elks Lodge #2281, the Wilmington VA hosted a drive-thru Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Luncheon. On behalf of our Association, I attended to accept the Spirit of Service Award, recognizing the MD, DE & DC Elks Association and the Army of Hope for their support and assistance to our veterans. The award was presented to the Association by VA Director Vince Kane, and Chief of Voluntary Services, James Coty. Both Mr. Kane and Mr. Coty thanked the Elks for this year's donations, which totaled over \$31,000.00.

As you know, the Army of Hope is funded strictly through donations and fundraisers. I want to thank Kent Island Lodge #2576 for their donation of \$1,500.00, Newark Lodge #2281 for their donation of \$1,000.00, and PER Carroll F. Hamilton for his donation of \$1,000.00. In these challenging times, Lodges are struggling, but please keep The Army of Hope in mind when preparing your upcoming budgets.

Thank You!

The History of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Our story is long; our work is humble; our history is proud.





PROUDLY ANNOUNCING A GREAT NEW DRUG PREVENTION TOOL FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Greetings to All,

Just because the rest of the world is in shutdown mode doesn't mean our work with drug prevention stops. This pandemic and the emotional damage COVID-19 related shutdowns have caused has pushed the drug overdose and deaths caused by overdose higher and higher. Sadly, the struggle is real and won't be cured by hiding ourselves away until the pandemic is over. Elks National Drug Awareness Program has developed a great tool to aid teachers, students, and parents in our fight to prevent drug abuse. Some local Lodges are already distributing and using the program.

THE ELKS TEEN ZONE WEBSITE is new and improved. The website contains current, accurate, age-appropriate drug abuse prevention information, as well as important "Life Skills" that young people need in order to be successful in today's challenging world. Included on the website are online lessons that can be used independently or incorporated in Distance **Virtual Learning lessons**. These **DVL** lessons can be created by teachers, youth leaders, and/or parents. The materials in these online lessons are designed to provide teens with facts and engage them in critical thinking about how drugs affect their lives, behaviors, and different parts of the body. Currently, there are six (6) lessons that have been developed. Topics covered include General Drug Information, Decision Making, Alcohol, Marijuana,

Tobacco, and Bullying.

In addition to the online lessons, there are articles, videos, trivia games, contests and resources which support the development of the Distance Virtual Learning lessons. The Elks Teen Zone is a continually evolving website, and the Elks have plans for completing another eleven online lessons including, but not limited to topics on Stimulants, Depressants, Vaping, Healthy Eating & Exercise, Hallucinogens, Steroids, Stress, Feelings, Grief, Conflict Information, Self-Esteem, Gambling, and Success. We invite you to join in this new program with members, parents, teachers, youth groups, and churches in your area. Use the capabilities of the **Lesson Plan Creator** to create **Online Distance Virtual Lessons** to provide support to children in dealing with these issues.

These lessons are intended to promote healthy lifestyles through sound decision-making practices. By completing our online lessons, students will understand how specific drugs can affect the brain and body, possibly causing lasting physical or mental problems, including addiction. They will also learn how an individual's drug abuse can affect friends and family and have a lasting effect on their future. To access the program go to Elksteenzone.org and register. Also available is an instruction manual for teachers using the program for online classes; to access this manual go to <https://elksdap.blob.core.windows.net/lessons/instruction-manual.pdf>

Thank you to All MD, DE, DC Elks for working so hard to protect our youth from the ravages of drug abuse. Please contact me if I can help in any way.

U + ME Drug Free = A GR8 Place 2B!

Angela M. Meyer, State Chairperson

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The MVS District Judging is taking place now through January 18, 2021.

The State Judging will be from February 5th through 25th, 2021





GREAT ELKS HAVE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF STATE MAJOR PROJECT ELKS CAMP BARRETT

MD, DE, DC Elks should be very proud that they sponsor one of the nicest youth camps on the east coast.

In case there are a few folks out there who don't already know, our camp consists of 187 acres of rolling hills, meandering streams, hiking trails, athletic fields, an Olympic sized pool, bathhouse facility, picnic areas, two pavilions, competition horseshoe pits, a basketball court, seven overnight sleeping cabins with bathrooms and air-conditioning, an arts and crafts building, a mess hall with a capacity of 208 that houses a complete commercial kitchen, and staff offices. That's not all. There is a challenge course complete with climbing wall and zip line, archery and marksmanship ranges, playgrounds, and an orienteering course. Its natural beauty is unparalleled in our area. Elks Camp Barrett has been called a diamond in the woods and a secret gem.

Elks Camp Barrett's beauty isn't solely in the lovely grounds and facility; our beauty exists in our service to the community and youth in need. Holding to our mission, from our summer camps to our medically oriented partner camps, sports teams, and scouting partnerships, ECB supports thousands of children in a season. Don't forget the local police, churches, military, veterans, and recovery groups who are helped by ECB.

While the pandemic has had us shut down for almost a year, we continue to hope that by spring, we will actively be able to start serving our community once again. Maybe even have summer camp or a version thereof.

We thank all the Elks who have supported us through this very lean year, keeping our facility maintained, working on the electric, and keeping the grass cut. Your donations to ENF, financial support directly to camp, and your hands-on work at the camp have kept us up and operational, and we thank you so much.

Right now, more than ever, we need your help at the camp to work on facility goals for the next season. Many hands make light work, and there is much to do. Please don't be a stranger; we are at camp most weekdays and love company. If you are coming to help with some of our many projects, even better. Call ahead so we can prepare for you. If you've never been to the camp, please plan to stop by, and we will give you the E.C. Bee's special tour.

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For now, please include ECB and the members and Lodges who support us in your prayers. Our hope and prayer are that we will be able and ready to hold another great season by summertime.

Virtual Hugs from E.C. the Bee and the ECB staff

U + ME Drug Free = A GR8 Place 2B!



Above: Our new camp stove replaced the very old unreparable one.



Left: New U.S. flag and MIA flag to replace weather-torn ones.

