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State President Stuart Burgoon
MD-DE-DC Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Stu Burgoon

Members, Families, and Guests of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Elks Association,

It seems we have "Social Distanced" ourselves back into existence and some normalcy. Although it may never again be like it once was.

Welcome to Solomons Island and our 100th Elks State Association Convention, which is quite a milestone. Our 1st official Association Convention was in Hagerstown back in 1921. We hope to have lots of celebration and remembrance as our weekend progresses. "Fellowship, Fraternity and FUN"

We are all very honored to host the current Pennsylvania State Association President, Steven Lucas and his lovely 1st Lady Joan from Tyrone Lodge #212. And always a pleasure to have our Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul D. Helsel, and his 1st Lady, Jane. Please introduce yourselves and say hello. Julie and I look forward to chatting with you and having some social time as well.

I do not even know where to begin or what to say about this year. It seems like a dream and a blur. We all know the impact it had on our Lodges and members. We cannot dwell on the "would" or "could". I know that it was a disappointment to so many who worked hard on projects and their Lodges to have them canceled or not allowed to hold events. Unprecedented times. The "19" did not let us have our Camp Barrett season, Grand Lodge Convention, Installations, and too many others to mention. But our Great Association, as families do, persevered and held together. I am so proud of all our Lodges and members for their hard work. We are continuing our charitable work in your communities. It may be bitter-sweet, but as I write this message, our Govern-

nor in Maryland has been lifting "19" restrictions daily. C.L Lewis said it best, "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

We changed the ending. So many businesses failed, but our Lodges stayed the course, you thought out of the box, and reinvented yourselves repeatedly. Even in financial hard times, 33 Lodges hit the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF goal, and 11 Lodges made my President's goal of \$10.00 per member. I applaud you all.

Although we had a slight drop in membership, we had 6 Lodges who finished the year with a plus: Crisfield, Frederick, Selbyville, Pocomoke, Salisbury, and Glen Burnie. "Elkstanding." I am incredibly proud of the comeback Crisfield and Selbyville are making. Great job. I know you will continue your work in the community.

I want to thank my officers. Karen McNitt, Tiler; Stan Stumbers, Inner Guard; Trent Manson, Sgt. Of Arms; and Carrie Kane, Chaplain. Carrie always says a few extra prayers for me daily. I sure need them. Thank you for your dedication to our Association and Elkdom.

In this challenging year, I also want to thank all the committees and chairpersons who carried on their work for our Association.

My V.P.s did a fabulous for our Association: North Central - Matt Briggs, North East - Jessica Todd, South East - Dan Kane, and in the West - Marion "Junior" Davidson. Thank you, guys, and "Gal," You dealt with numerous schedule changes, "19" cancellations, re-schedules, and countless other obstacles. You always made it work. At times it seemed surreal.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND EXALTED RULER

By Paul Ryan, Grand Lodge ER

JUNE: OUR FLAG, OUR LOYALTY, AND OUR VETERANS

Honoring the flag of our country on a day of national recognition for our flag is one of the proudest things we can do as Elks. After all, Flag Day was first introduced by the Elks.

You should be honored to put on the Flag Day ceremony. Talk to your city if they have a memorial that can be performed in conjunction with the Legion or VFW. My Lodge has performed it at a Veterans Hospital. Perform the ceremony in a place where many will see it and be educated by it. As you can see by my pin, the flag of the greatest country on earth is something that Stacey and I cherish deeply. I hope you will feel the same sense of pride this Flag Day.

That being said, you should also honor fathers this month. I know that my father has taught me a great plenty in life and

I am so proud to call him dad.

My father-in-law has also been a great influence on me. My wife may have been the one that got me into the Elks, but he was the one who set me on my path and mentored me to where I am today. I am proud of them both and I am so glad that they have both been an influence to me.

Make sure to come to Tampa and partake in all of the great convention seminars and meetings. There is so much to do and so much to learn. You will also have a chance to meet other great Elks throughout the nation and gain new ideas and develop new connections. Don't just rush out and join your own state in their hospitality room—go get introduced to others.

Stacey and I look forward to seeing you soon in Tampa. Remember to Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom!



MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE SPONSOR

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MD DE & DC Elk Family and Friends:

Hopefully, this message finds you and your Lodges all well and finally beginning to navigate your way back to the "normal" we've all missed and not been able to experience for at least 14-15 months. With more and more folks receiving the Covid-19 vaccine every day and restrictions steadily being lifted, our individual and Elk lives are slowly taking a definite turn for the better and opening up the opportunity to get back to that "normal" the Elks need so much.

For the past couple of months, we have all been experiencing this slow and deliberate move back to where we were some 14-15 months ago. It's not been easy and not without a good bit of anxiety and indecision among many of our Elk family, our non-Elk friends, as well as the local communities, etc.

Over those last 14-15 months, we learned new ways to keep our Lodges viable and alive. To comply with the restrictions in place and keep our fellow Elks safe, we've become used to conducting business from afar using Zoom and other digital and communication platforms. Still, I might add, not always in strict compliance with Elk Statutory requirements. Please also note no one, or no Lodge, has been or will be cited for any Statutory non-compliance in how they had to conduct business to survive these past 14-15 months.

I am happy to say that, for the most part, it appears that our Lodges have come through this pandemic in a relatively good

fashion. There are some negatives, and there is much work to be done in almost every Lodge, but the fact remains there has been much good work accomplished over the past 14-15 months and our 37 Lodges are still alive, kicking, and in pretty good condition considering. My sincere thank you to each and every MD DE & DC Elk who helped in any way for their individual Lodge, our Association, our Order to persevere and survive this pandemic – because of your individual and collective efforts, we will be a better Order of Elks moving forward.

I am also happy and excited to say it is time for the Elks - our Association, our Lodges, and our Order to get back to normal operations. While we now have some new tools and Zoom meetings may still be helpful in certain situations, it's time that all Lodges conduct in-person meetings – Trustees, Board of Directors, Governing Bodies, and general meetings including the membership. Budgets need to be approved on the Lodge floor, and business decisions need to be brought to the floor for a vote – Business must be conducted according to Statutory requirements. It's time we truly get back to "normal" and get back to doing things the Elks way.

Your Association started doing just that back in March with the successful Spring Conference and GER visit held at Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540 (the first in-person meeting since October 2019). While COVID-19 social distancing, wearing masks, and other restrictions were still in place, we had 136 members/34 Lodges present for the meetings and social events of the weekend – about 80% of our regular March Conference attendance. The entire weekend went very well, with two dinners at other Lodges, and a luncheon at Elks Camp Barrett.

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE & DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION HOLIDAY INN, SOLOMONS, MD JUNE 4-6, 2021

Friday, June 4, 2021	
Noon - 5:00 PM	Registration
1:00 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting - Room TBD
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner on your own
5:30 PM	Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Mtg. - Room TBD
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
Saturday, June 5, 2021	
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM - Noon	Registration
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Elks Camp Barrett (Meeting)
9:00 AM	Workshop Call to Order by State President Stu Burgoon
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 AM	Begin Presentations & Committee Reports
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Con-Con Report, Robert Bloom
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Elks National Foundation Awards (Donations Accepted)
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Elks Camp Barrett, Ben Stone (Donations Accepted)
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Drug Awareness Program, Angela Myer
10:10 AM - 10:15 AM	Government Relations, Bonnie Howell
10:15 AM	5-Minute Presentations Begin
	Directory, Betty Hardin
	Trustee's Report
	Scholarships, Janie Swigert sitting in for Lynne Evans
	William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, Susan Caldwell (Donations Accepted)
	All American Award, Mike Todd
	Soccer Shoot Presentations, Dolly Broom
10:35 AM - 10:45 AM	Credentials Report State Officers Reports VPs
10:45 AM - 10:55 AM	Treasurer Secretary
10:55 AM - 11:05 AM	Unfinished Business New Business
11:05 AM - 11:15 AM	Good of Association
11:15 AM - 11:25 AM	Comments, Connie deYoung GL Area 2 Membership & James E. Stewart GL Area 2 Fraternal Committee
11:25 AM - 11:30 AM	Comments, President Elect Robert Raleigh
11:30 AM - 11:35 AM	Comments, Pennsylvania President Steven Lucas
11:35 AM - 11:40 AM	Comments, Stu Burgoon
11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	Comments, Grand Lodge Sponsor Paul D. Helsel PGER
11:50 AM - 12:00 Noon	Remembrance of Departed Members
12:00 Noon	Adjournment Prayer, Chaplain Carrie Kane
Announcements	Recess until Sunday 9:30 AM
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Meeting Con-Con Tampa Attendees
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	State President Elect Robert Raleigh Meeting with ERs
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	State President Elect Robert Raleigh Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting with DDGERS
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Committee Meetings (<i>subject to change</i>)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Social Hour
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner, Awards, Presentations 100th Year Celebration
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite
Sunday, June 6, 2021	
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Memorial Service (White Summer Tux for formal for Participants)
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Installation of Officers 2021-2022 (White Summer Tux for formal participants)
11:30 AM	Closing (NEXT MEETING: October 1-3, 2021 Princess Royal, OC, MD)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM COVER

I feel we may finally be back on track. We have been cramming a state association year into 2 ½ months. Julie and I had a great time when we went to visit Pennsylvania State Association Convention. It was great to see some old friends and make some new ones. It was also enlightening to sit in their meetings and see the similarities of State Associations with today's challenges.

I want to congratulate Junior Davidson from Westminster Lodge being elected President-Elect. I know Robert and Junior will make a Dynamic Duo. The Association will be in good hands with you guys.

There are so many to thank. I would be remiss to mention everyone by name for fear I would leave someone out. Now, on to my next chapter in Elkdom, Past State President. I hope I can serve Advisory well.

My 1st Lady, Julie, was at my side the entire year. "I love ya', Hon."

As my year as our President comes to an end, I want members, friends, and families to know how Julie and I appreciate all your love and support, and for having faith in me to lead our great State Association.

"All Elks, One Lodge."

Here's to an "Elkstanding" weekend,

Stu, "Fishers of Elkdom"

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



First Lady's Corner

By Julie Burgoon, First Lady MD, DE, DC, Elks Assoc.

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Well, this will be my last First Lady's Corner article; I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed writing it. I also want to thank all of the members of the Lodges in our state association for their kindness and hospitality.

A lot has changed over the last year; we were finally able to have a workshop at the Cape Henlopen Lodge in March and host the Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan and his lovely wife, First Lady Stacey. We were also able to be guests at the Pennsylvania State Convention in April. Although masks and social distancing were still in place, we were able to have a wonderful time. We did our best to represent our Association well and make you all proud.

As we meet for fellowship at our State Convention, please give a warm welcome to our guests Pennsylvania State President Steven Lucas and his First Lady Joan. I look forward to this weekend and will proudly make the most of our last official

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Everyone participated and had a good time, with no COVID-19 issues – all in all, a very successful and fun-filled weekend.

With our continuing efforts to get back to normal, your Association is happy to be holding our annual Convention (the first since June 2019) here at the Holiday Inn in Solomons Island, MD, June 4-6, 2021. The President and the Con/Con Committee promise this will be another fulfilled weekend you don't want to miss. We will be conducting some important business during the Business Sessions and individual Meetings, the Memorial Service, and the Installation of Officers, but the most important part of the weekend will be what Elks do best – interact together socially. Be sure you and other members of your Lodge are a part of that social interaction – it is likely to be helpful for you and our Lodges moving forward.

With this Convention comes a "changing of the guard." President Stu Burgoon and his Officers will be stepping down, and our new President Robert Raleigh and his Officers will be installed for the 2021/2022 year. Congratulations to President Stu and First Lady Julie for serving our Association with dedication and distinction during unprecedented times. Thank you for your unwavering efforts to move our Association forward, and be proud that under your capable leadership, our Association has indeed shown progress and faired exceptionally well.

At this upcoming Convention, we will be reviewing where we are and what we (individuals, Lodges, and Association) must do moving forward. There is a lot of work ahead of us, but nothing that the MD DE & DC Elks can't do.

Best wishes to every MD DE & DC Elk for continued good health and prosperity. Best wishes to our 37 Lodges in their efforts to get back on track with the work of Elkdom and service to their communities. And best wishes to incoming President Robert Raleigh and his Officers and Committees for a most successful 2021/2022 Association Year.

Jane and I welcome you to Solomon's Island.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor

duty as State President and First Lady of the MD, DE, DC Elks Association as we celebrate the 100th birthday of our great Association.

Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Future

Julie Burgoon, First Lady
MD, DE, DC Elks Association

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR **NEW** 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Betty Hardin, Chairperson



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Robert H. Raleigh, Jr.,
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Welcome everyone to our June Convention of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association in lovely Solomon's Island. A big thank you to Rob Broom and his Con-Con committee for their hard work to make this conference happen.

Congratulations to Marion (JR) Davidson, incoming President-Elect, and our new Vice Presidents who have were elected to their important positions: North Central District - Frank Kane, Laurel Lodge #2283; North-East District - Betty Hardin, Havre de Grace Lodge #1564; South-East District - Carrie Kane, Cambridge Lodge #1272; South West District - Renee' Rivituso, Waldorf Lodge #2421; and West District - Mike Collins, Hagerstown Lodge #378.

I want to thank my State Officers for stepping up to help make this a good year: Chaplain, Darlene Harmon; Sargent at Arms, Kevin Rose; Inner Guard, Barrett Fitzwater; and Tiler, David Marchyshyn. A special thanks to our Secretary, Jim Harbour, and Treasurer, Jackie Phillips, who will continue their jobs with the Association.

Congratulations to the new Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Lodge representatives. The Camp is in your charge to continue, run well, and see that it thrives.

We also have new and returning Trustees and new and returning State Committee Chairs. Thank you all for assuming these positions. I look forward to working with all of you and the Association, having a terrific year.

We have had a tough year with COVID-19 closing us all down and separating us. COVID-19 is on the run, so let's improve on what we have learned. Get together this weekend and share ideas on improving our membership, Lodge activities, and Elkdom camaraderie.

Thank you to State President, Stu, and First Lady, Julie, for leading us through this past year in the absolute best way we could expect, under the circumstances. We are all still here!

A special thanks to everyone who has helped guide me and answer my many questions throughout the last eight months. If I had a question, someone had an answer to it!

Congratulations to the new Exalted Rulers and officers in all of the Lodges. I look forward to seeing you soon and see everyone having an enjoyable and successful 2021-2022 year.

Have a GREAT year in Elkdom as we...."Bring Them Back!"

Fraternally,

Robert Raleigh

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 10** - Gov't Relations Charity Reports Due
- **June 19** - PICKIN-4-TROOPS @ ECB
- **June 29** - State PR Committee Meeting - ZOOM 7-8:00 pm
- **July 4—7** - Independence Day and our National Convention in Tampa
- **July 10** - Elks Training Info
- **September 1** - Newsletter Deadline for articles
- **September 11** - 911/Patriots Day Celebrated
- **October 23—31** - National Red Ribbon Celebration
- **October 1—3** - Fall Workshop, Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD

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

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ELKS NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE MISSION

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On behalf of the Elks National Veteran Service Commission of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association, I would like to welcome everyone to our State Convention in Solomons Island, MD, located on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Who knew two years ago when we last met here that the MD DE & DC State Association Convention and the National Convention for the year 2020-2021 would be canceled due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic? Thankfully, we are beginning to see an end to this terrible pandemic, and we can come together once again to continue the works of our great organization.

Our Voluntary Service Reps have stayed in touch with the Voluntary Service Directors at their assigned facilities by attending online teleconferences or through Zoom meetings. Our Reps have provided financial support through donations to many of the facilities in support of the Recreational Therapy Programs, Holiday Gift Cards, and Canteen Coupons. The Wilmington VA received a Jukebox for the residents living in the Community Living Center, enabling them to download and listen to their favorite music. The music therapy relaxes them and relieves some of the loneliness and isolation that our sheltered veterans have experienced while they were unable to visit with family and friends due to the pandemic. Some VA facilities are beginning to slowly open up and allowing volunteers and family members to visit with the veterans, but they must have proof that they have received both the COVID-19 vaccine shots and a flu shot before visitation.

The Army of Hope continues to receive requests for financial assistance from the HUD-VASH social workers in the Delaware and Washington, DC area. These requests are usually for security deposits, rent and/or assistance with utility bills. Most recently, the Army of Hope partnered with Delaware Veteran Services and shared the expense of replacing a home heating and air conditioning unit for a veteran living without heat this past winter.

The Welcome Home Project receives requests for assistance from the HUD-VASH social workers looking for veteran assistance with security deposits, furniture, and Welcome Home Kits. This year, the Welcome Home Project provided start-up furniture for ten homeless veterans transitioning into HUD-VASH housing. The ENVSC has expanded the Welcome Home Project to 10 cities across the country. The ENVSC/Welcome Home Project has also increased reimbursement for Welcome Home Kits from \$200.00 to \$300.00 and to \$500.00 if bedding is provided. For Welcome Home Kit information and reimbursement, go to www.elks.org/vets.

At the Spring Conference in March, the Army of Hope/Welcome Home Project kicked off our current Car Raffle for the 1975 Mercedes. The funds derived from the car raffle will hopefully provide the funds needed to continue to assist our veterans. Please refer to the Flyer for information concerning the raffle. Online ticket sales will soon be available for purchase

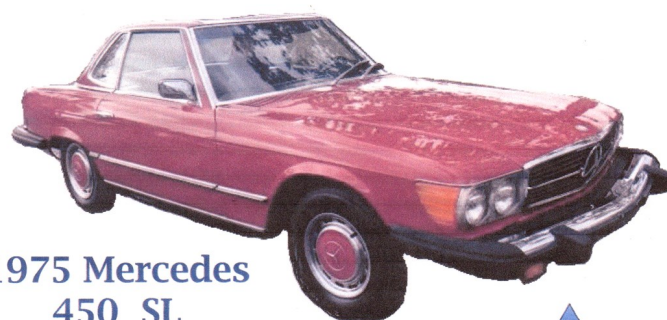
through PayPal. I want to thank and recognize the following Lodges for donations the Army of Hope received at the Spring Conference: Kent Island Lodge #2576, Newark Lodge #2281, and Wilmington Lodge #307.

Congratulations to the following Lodges that received the Freedom Grant for this year: Newark Lodge #2281, Easton Lodge #1622, Abingdon Lodge #2354, St. Mary's County Lodge #2092, Westminster Lodge #2277, and Calvert Lodge #2620.

In closing, I extend congratulations to all of the incoming State Officers for the year 2021-2022.

Enjoy the weekend!

CAR RAFFLE



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MD, DE & DC Elks Association

Elks National Veterans Service Commission
Army of Hope & Welcome Home Project



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State President Stu Burgoon, & 1st Lady Julie Burgoon, Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan, and his 1st Lady Stacey Ryan, Past GER Paul and our 1st Lady Jane at Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540



By Donna Sheldrake-Marks State Chair Americanism
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The Americanism Banquet was held Saturday, March 27th, at the Glen Burnie Elks Lodge. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. This year's winners are listed below. I want to thank all the Lodges that participated this year and the District Chairs who managed their District programs.

All awards have been mailed to the District Chairs for final distribution. It was a pleasure to serve as your Americanism Chair this year, and we look forward to starting the new Elk year.

Fraternally, Donna Sheldrake-Marks

0-3 Years	1 st place poster	Sloane Fox	Calvert Lodge #2620
4-5 Years	1 st place poster	Skyler Baldwin	Prince George's #1778
	2 nd place poster	Adalynn Martinez	St. Mary's Lodge #2092
6-7 Years	1 st place poster	Reagan Pettitt	Chestertown #2474
	2 nd place poster	Braden Smith	Calvert Lodge #2620
	3 rd place poster	Sage Shorter	Abingdon #2354
	4 th place poster	Matthew Carter	St. Mary's Lodge #2092
	5 th place poster	Kash Ward	Crisfield Lodge #1044
8-9 Years	1 st place poster	Leah Champion	Abingdon #2354
	2 nd place poster	Mackenzie Adams	Calvert Lodge #2620
	3 rd place poster	Everleigh Finnelle	Deale Lodge #2528
	4 th place poster	Fabrizio Dilaurdo	Washington-Rockville #15
	5 th place poster	Bo Shorter	Abingdon #2354
10-13 Years	1 st place poster	David Hayden	Calvert Lodge #2620
	2 nd place poster	Jace Raynor	St. Mary's Lodge #2092
	3 rd place poster	Chloe Holland	Crisfield Lodge #1044
	4 th place poster	Scarlett Wooster	Deale Lodge #2528
	5 th place poster	Carrie Farrell	St. Mary's Lodge #2092
14-17 Years	1 st place poster	Elaina <u>Finnelle</u>	Deale Lodge #2528
	2 nd place poster	Anna Gulden	Deale Lodge #2528
Division I Essay	1 st place	Kennedy Evans	Camp Springs Lodge #2332
	2 nd place	Evangelen Hill	Salisbury Lodge #817
	3 rd place	Meredith Timmons	Salisbury Lodge #817
	4 th place	Trinity Anderson	Salisbury Lodge #817
Division II Essay	1 st place	Ryan Boyd	Havre de Grace Lodge #1564



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
PICKIN'-4-TROOPS
 All Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House and Elks Welcome Home Program

JUNE 19th 12-6pm

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
 Elks Camp Barrett
 1001 Chesterfield Road
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\$22 donation gets you Pig Pickin' with all the Fixin's!

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Laurel Lodge #2283 helps with COVID-19 Relief for local families in need through Spotlight Grant:

On March 30, 2021, members from Laurel Lodge #2283 donated bags of non-perishable food to Brock Bridge Elementary school families just in time for the Spring Break. Several members gathered around (socially distanced, of course) and packed up grocery bags with food and some much needed school supplies. PER's Mary Underwood and Frank Kane made the short trip to the school to deliver the bags. Unfortunately, kids are not able to have visitors or get photos taken. Geoffrey Crocker, School Counselor was happy to accept the food bags for the families. The families were very appreciative of the generosity that continues from Laurel! Job well done, Laurel.



WEST DISTRICT

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It has been an honor to have served as the West District Vice President. I want to thank all of the West District Lodges for their support and the fantastic work they have done this year despite the restrictions caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic. Special thanks to our State President, Stu Burgoon, and the West District Leaders for their help and guidance throughout the year.

Congratulations to the Frederick Lodge for their gain in Membership during these difficult times. Congratulations to the incoming West District Vice President Michael Collins from Hagerstown Lodge and Tim Eaton from Westminster Lodge, who was re-elected to the Camp Barrett Executive Committee.

To the West District Officers for Lodge Year 2021-2022, I wish you all a great year. Be visible in your communities, recruit new members, and help us grow our Membership in our Lodges. Thanks, West District Officers, for your time and dedication in serving your Lodges and providing needed help to your communities. It was great to see everyone in person at the Spring Conference in Cape Henlopen, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone again this weekend at the June Convention at Solomons.

Everyone stay safe and healthy, and with the lifting of many more Covid restrictions, remember what our State Sponsor Paul said at the Spring Conference "Hopefully, the light may soon be seen at the end of the tunnel."



2021-2022 Officers of Westminster Lodge #2277

Left to right: Marion Davidson, Jr., Trustee; Amy Anderson, Chaplin; Christy Landsman, Lecturing Knight; Robert Detrow, Loyal Knight; Les Mariner, ER; Brian Walsh, Leading Knight; Deborah Barnes, Esquire; Richard Riesett, Inner Guard; Karen Riesett, Tiler.



SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

By Dan Kane SE District VP
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Welcome to summer and our State Association Meeting in Solomons Island. There will not be much from the South East District. I cannot believe my term as VP is slowly winding down. As I drive to my place of employment, I recollect my year and how much fun I have had serving this great district. I was blessed with this opportunity to come into each Lodge and recognize the best of Elkdom and celebrate their efforts and accomplishments in a very trying year for everyone. We continue to recover and are anxious to get back to doing what we Elks do best, support our communities.

One of my final accomplishments as Vice President was to award Crisfield Lodge #1044 with the State Association Soccer Shoot Trophy and what a visit it was. Exalted Ruler, Emely, and the members hosted the Soccer Shoot young men and their parents at a Lodge meeting. The young men were presented with their very own personal soccer shoot jackets and a delicious meal. If these young men keep going in the soccer shoot competition, the trophy should stay in the South East for quite some time. Yes, there was a challenge made in March from the western shore that they were coming for the soccer trophy. I challenge our South East Lodges to get out there and get some young men and women to participate in the soccer shoot and not forget our hoop shoot competition needs competitors.

Your new South East District leadership team serving our incoming State President, Robert Raleigh, is listed below. Please welcome them as you warmly welcomed me at each of your Lodges this past year.

Thank You for all your hospitality, guidance, friendship, and most of all, the fun and memories. As I move on to serve in other capacities within the State Association, I have no doubt the Elks in the South East District will continue to strive to be the Best Elks in the State Association. SOUTHEAST!!

- ◆ South East District Vice President Carrie Kane
- ◆ Trustees: Dan Kane (2yr.) and George Tunnicliff (1 yr.)
- ◆ Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Members: Stu Kerr (1 yr.) Ben Stone (2 yr.)

HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM FOR OCEAN CITY BOARDWALK

Submitted by Susan Caldwell

This is the 8th year the Ocean City Lodge #2645 has sponsored a total of forty banners to honor local active duty service personnel, living veterans from WWII through the Vietnam era that are residents of Worcester County. The banners will proudly fly along the Ocean City boardwalk from Memorial Day Weekend through Sunfest into October. When you visit and see them on the boardwalk you will have a great sense of pride knowing this is Elks showing how they will always honor and remember our Veterans. In mid-October they will be taken down, cleaned and presented to the honorees, or their families, during a Banner Presentation Ceremony at OC Elks Lodge #2645 in the Flaig/Wagner Banquet Hall on October 23rd.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

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As we round the corner on another Elk year, albeit the most challenging Elk year in recent history, I look back in awe at what the 8 lodges in North Central District have accomplished!

In the midst of a global pandemic, among lockdowns, social distancing, shortages of supplies, members not wanting to leave their homes, some getting the virus and some of our members passing away from it, and so many more restrictions, the Lodges in North Central District still managed to be as charitable as always and even more so in some cases. Your work is impressive and deserves recognition!

I could not be more proud of being an Elk! Especially as an elected official in my District!

I want to thank State President Captain Stu Burgoon for his leadership during this most unprecedented time!

It is heartbreaking we, as an Association, couldn't host the Grand Lodge Convention in Baltimore as we had planned in our 100th Anniversary as an Association. We have, and we will continue to persevere!

As we meet in Solomons with renewed energy and vigor, we continue our charitable works and honor our mission as Elks. I wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy new year!

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Officers!

Thank you all for your unwavering support throughout this challenging year!



Dover Lodge #1903 presented Warriors helping Warriors in Middletown, DE with a grant check for \$750.00 to help support a transition home for veterans.

Above photo left to right: Andrea Maucher, Lecturing Knight, Mindy Bachas, Veterans Services, Patti Stanley, Exalted Ruler, Mr. Conley, Warriors helping Warriors



Dover Lodge #1903 presented a grant check for \$750.00 toward the 2021 Veterans Stand down.

Above left to right; Mindy Bachas Veterans Services, Patti Stanley Exalted Ruler, Mr. Conley, Warriors helping Warriors.



NORTH EAST DISTRICT

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Happy Summer, Everyone!

It is hard to believe my term as North East Vice President is coming to a close. I want to thank everyone for their support this year.

I want to congratulate incoming North East Vice President Betty Hardin from Havre de Grace Lodge #1564. I wish you a successful year!

Congratulations to the Lodges who were featured in the latest edition of the Elks Magazine. As we work our way through the beginning of the Lodge year, I want to encourage all of the Lodges to host a Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot this year. As you plan events, don't forget to support our charities; Army of Hope, Welcome Home Program, Elks National Foundation, Elks Camp Barrett, and the William J. Jernick Fund. I know the North East district will continue to do great things.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Solomon's Island!

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

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Catching up on Awards!

Congratulations are always in order! So please join me in congratulating the following Lodges for the excellent job they did last year with their contributions to ENF:

Frederick Lodge #684	1st Place in the W District	\$10.37 Per Member
Essex Lodge #1866	1st Place in the NC District	\$14.05 Per Member
Washington-Rockville Lodge #15	1st Place in the SW District	\$21.79 Per Member
Abingdon Lodge #2354	1st Place in the NE District	\$18.80 Per Member
Kent Island Lodge #2576	1st Place OVERALL	\$26.71 Per Member

In addition to those Lodge Awards, I would also like to mention an exceptional Lodge ENF Chair who, for the second consecutive year, is the recipient of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association ENF Chair Challenge Award. **The Award goes to Mr. John C. Stokes, Sr. from Severna Park Lodge #2482, who achieved a composite score of 864.000 Points.** Congratulations John and thank you for the great job you did promoting the Elks National Foundation in your Lodge! Last year, the GER Goal per member giving was \$4.80, and 33 of the 37 Lodges in our Association achieved that goal. We also had 11 Lodges that reached the State President's goal of \$10.00 per member, and the MD, DE & DC State Association jumped from 20th place in 2019-2020 to 14th place nationally for the 2020-2021 Elk year. Congratulations to all!

HELP! Each year, every Lodge and every District must have a registered ENF Chair with Grand Lodge. Even if you were registered as the Lodge Chair last year, you must still register again this year. We currently have only 11 Lodge ENF Chairs that are registered with Grand Lodge. Thank you to those 11 Lodge ENF Chairs! But, this means we also have 26 Lodge ENF Chairs that are not registered. Exalted Rulers, I am asking for your help in making sure that your Lodge has an ENF Chair and that your Chair is registered with Grand Lodge. Registration is accomplished on the Elks.org website. This will guarantee that you are receiving the most up-to-date information concerning all that ENF has to offer.

Thank you to all the members of our Association for all that you do to help and promote ENF. Remember ENF also offers many Grants to assist your Lodge in its charitable works. Check out the Community Investments Programs page on Elks.org to see all that is offered, and make sure that your Lodge is taking advantage of those offerings.



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The 1st quarter of the Lodge year is over, Officers have been elected or appointed, and committees have been formed. Are your Lodge Officers only attending meetings? Chair Officers should be tasked with other responsibilities to ensure they are knowledgeable and well prepared for the next chair in the Lodge, culminating to Exalted Ruler. Below is a suggested list of responsibilities for each Chair Officer.

EXALTED RULER OVERSEES

Auditing and Accounting Committee, Accident Prevention Committee, PERs Association, Standing Relief Committee, Ritual, Elks Camp Barrett, House Committee, and Building & Grounds

LEADING KNIGHT OVERSEES

Americanism, Elks National Foundation, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Membership, Lodge Activities, and Veterans Services

LOYAL KNIGHT OVERSEES

Activities Committee, Community Projects & Activities, Youth Activities, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness, Public Relations Committee, and Scholarship Committee

LECTURING KNIGHT OVERSEES

Government Relations Committee, Food (Special Events) Committee, Bulletin Committee, and Entertainment Committee

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to me at RRivituso@Hotmail.Com or 240-508-8636.

Grow With the Elks,

Renee' Rivituso, PDDGER,
State Chairman Elks Training

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Lynn Evans, State Scholarship Chairperson
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2021 has been ANOTHER unusual ending to the school year. Who would have thought that the lockdowns would have continued this long? The deadline for submitting applications for the Most Valuable Student Contest was November of 2020. The membership of each state association determines the number of scholarships given by the ENF. There were 15 national semi-finalists, 15 state winners, and ten district winners, two from each district.



2021 MD/DE/DC MVS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NATIONAL, STATE, DISTRICT AND LEGACY



NORTH CENTRAL

ANNAPOLIS			
MVS National Semi – Finalist	Haley Havard	\$4,000	
ESSEX			
State Winner	Shantika Bhat	\$3,000	
GLEN BURNIE			
MVS National Semi- Finalist	Philip Wang	\$4,000	
State Winner	Krystyn Muiruri	\$1,500	
LAUREL			
MVS Semi- Finalist	Nesochim I - Igwe	\$4,000	
State Winner	Mohamad Elhassan	\$3,000	
TOWSON			
State Winner	Oluwadunni Ojumu	\$1,500	
District Winner	Olu Kopano	\$1,500	
District Winner	Darian Hauf	\$1,500	

NORTH EAST

ABINGDON			
State Winner	Emilianna Perrault	\$1,500	
DOVER			
Legacy Winner	Paxton Easton	\$4,000	
Legacy Winner	Smith Easton	\$4,000	
MILFORD			
District Winner	Rachel Brzezicki	\$1,500	
District Winner	ColeGarlick	\$1,500	
NEWARK			
State Winner	Georgia Angeletakis	\$2,000	
State Winner	Kylie Leung	\$1,500	
WILMINGTON			
State Winner	David Miller	\$2,000	
Legacy Winner	Patrick McKenzie	\$4,000	

SOUTH EAST

CAMBRIDGE			
State Winner	Natalie Kerr	\$1,500	
EASTON			
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Owen Mank	\$4,000	
State Winner	Katherine Chapple	\$1,500	
KENT ISLAND			
District Winner	Hannah Kries	\$1,500	
OCEAN CITY			
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Christine Lizas	\$4,000	
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Gavin Conner	\$4,000	
Legacy Winner	Jackson Miles	\$4,000	
SALISBURY			
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Margaret Harkins	\$4,000	
State Winner	Tenley Pelot	\$1,500	
District Winner	James Seip	\$1,500	
Legacy Winner	Raegan Porter	\$4,000	

SELBYVILLE

MVS National Semi-Finalist	Teresa Morelli	\$4,000
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SOUTH WEST

Prince George's County		
State Winner	Sloane Simmons	\$1,500
State Winner	Sabaina Scott	\$1,500
District Winner	Emerson Tiwang	\$1,500

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

District Winner	Julia Stevenson	\$1,500
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WASHINGTON – ROCKVILLE

MVS National Semi-Finalist	Daniel Juan	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Samuel Klm	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Angela Yu	\$4,000
State Winner	Sanjula Tomlinson	\$1,500

WEST

FREDERICK

MVS National Semi-Finalist	Brina Ratangee	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Pruthav Patel	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist	Jeanie Chang	\$4,000
District Winner	Ana Anand	\$1,500
Legacy Winner	Devon Brunner	\$4,000

HAGERSTOWN

MVS National Semi-Finalist	Logan Hine	\$4,000
Legacy Winner	Kaleb Kalbflesh	\$4,000
Legacy Winner	Morgan Koeneke	\$4,000

WESTMINSTER

State Winner	Phoebe Wang	\$1,500
District Winner	Andrew Opincar	\$1,500

2021 STATE SKILLED TRADES WINNERS

The Skilled Trades winners have been selected and the winners do not represent a particular Lodge, just from within our state association. The top male and top female will receive \$2,000 per year for two years. The remaining winners will receive \$1,000 per year for two years, upon Verification of Student Enrollment.

Collin Chizmar, Tuscarora H.S.,	\$2,000	Maritime Welding
Angelina Battaglia North East H.S	\$2,000	Business Mgmt.
Trent Ortega Stephen Decatur HS.	\$1,000	Welding
Jayden Miller Mt. Ridge H.S.	\$1,000	Electric Utility Technology
Joseph Serpe Stephen Decatur H.S.	\$1,000	Maritime Welding
Anna Butler Pocomoke H.S.	\$1,000	Baking & Pastry
Ethan Taylor Bel Air H.S.	\$1,000	Automotive Tech.
Mya Heath Col. Richardson H.S.	\$1,000	Veterinary Asst.
Cameron Vinson Huntington H.S.	\$1,000	Computer Science Information Technology



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Happy Camp Barrett Summertime Greetings to All,

We think many folks must have read the article in the last newsletter because we have done a basket full of campus tours over the past two months. It's great having folks interested in camp. We believe every member should come to see the camp and all it has to offer, so you can share the pride we all have in this wonderful place - Elks Camp Barrett.

As of the writing of this article, we have not yet had the family picnic, so we can't thank all the great picnic volunteers or give you the results of the Improvement fund raffle and cake auction in this report. We want to thank those folks who helped out with the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to the camp. It was a wonderful visit with 48 members in attendance. The rainy day didn't stop the joy of sharing the accomplishments of our great State Major Project. A special thank you to Judi McKnight, who organized and made a fantastic lunch, and her great helpers: Daniele McKnight, Ruth Collins Shaw, Mary O'Brien, and Melissa. Thanks to the inside set up and outside set up crews: Greg Settle, Dawn and Rick Lawton, Jerry and John Meyer, Corey Bradley, and the four members from "Nicks Place" who came up and helped get the grounds prepared for the visit. Also, thanks to all the members of the Executive and Representatives committees who attended and volunteered. It was indeed a Grand visit.

Finally, the Spring rains have stopped, and it seems like warm Spring weather is coming on. With the water, sunshine, and warmer temps come one of our five biggest challenges at camp, keeping the grass mowed

(grass mowing, keys/locks, mud, trees, and willing volunteers are our challenges). It's a never-ending job, and without a full-time caretaker on the grounds, it falls to our generous volunteers to keep the place from looking like a jungle. A huge thank you to Mark Walp for mowing the entire cabin side of the campus, which was no easy job with the grass as high as a Billy goat's belly. Frank Kane and Ed for repairing the mower, and John Meyer, who came in and cut the ball field for the soccer league that has a rental contract with us.

Hopefully, we will have hired a caretaker by this time, but please keep a lookout for anyone who may be interested in the position if we have not. If you would like a list of the job duties or more information, contact Ben Stone, Executive Committee Chairman, or Steve Williams, Executive Committee Secretary. Without a caretaker, we need all the help we can get to keep things going. Please call Angela Meyer if you can spare some time to help out.

Great News! We will have the "Family Pool Days" again this year, beginning in June. Look at the elkscampbarrett.org website for dates and times. All members are welcome to bring their children, grandchildren, and guests. We will not charge, but we encourage a donation per person to help offset lifeguards and pool maintenance expenses. There will not be a concession stand this year, so please bring your (non-alcoholic) refreshments. No food inside the fencing and no glass, please.

We have had a busy spring with loads of scout rentals. In June, July, and August, we will host Camp Possibilities, Sea Cadets, AACS High School Band Camp, and Camp Tomahawk. We are sad that we will not have our camp again this year but are optimistic that we will come back next year even better than before. Thank you to all the Lodges, members who generously give to the camp to continue our mission to support youth and the community. Great things happen at ECB, thanks to you.

Buzzing Hugs from E.C. the Bee and the ECB Leadership and Staff.



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



Stacey and Paul Ryan, GER with Mike Benson, PER



Greetings to All,

Unfortunately, drug abuse and addiction continue to plague our society and harm children and families. The COVID-19 epidemic and its quarantines and shutdowns have only made the problems worse. Our children are hurting. Youth depression and suicide have increased exponentially during the pandemic. These facts are a knife to the hearts of the many devoted volunteers of the Elks National Drug Awareness programs in our state and across the nation. I am proud to say that our State Drug Awareness Program, even during COVID-19, not only survived but thrived. We were able to find many new and creative ways to get our message out.

We were able to tap into virtual learning with our distance learning, lesson plan, and TEEN Zone. These programs continue to be used by more than ten schools across our Association. We've continued to partner with many public and private Drug abuse organizations and boost our outreach in the community. Linda Buchanan, Deale Elks DAP Chairperson, writes about our DAP programs for a monthly blog in her county. Colleen Ford, NE DAP District Chairperson, organized

members from across the Associations Lodges to walk in the annual Rage Against Addiction walk-a-thon. She and her team of walkers earned over \$900.00 for the cause. Ray Lazano, the National Drug awareness speaker, has had his videos played to students virtually in some of our schools.

This year, while the Grand Exalted Ruler visited, we finally had the opportunity to celebrate the 2019-20 National Camarena Award winner from Deale Lodge at the spring workshop. We are so proud to have a National Award winner. Thank you, Corporal Brookman, for all you do for the children of the community.

So much more is being done daily in our Lodges to further the mission of Elks DAP. Thank you to all the volunteers who selflessly devote their time to help our communities combat drug abuse.

Welcome to the DAP family to our District Chairpersons for 2021-22. Darlene Harmon South East, Colleen Ford North East, Danniele McKnight West, David Marchyshyn South West, Keri Albright North Central. Thank you for joining the cause.

I am looking forward to working with all of you.

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

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Angela Meyer, State DAP Chairman, John Loftus, PSP, Corporal Brookman, Camarena Award Recipient, and Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan.



Members from Abingdon Elks Lodge who walked to benefit Rage against Addiction. Keelan Family, Sharyn King, Donna Addicks, Mel Loughlin, Haley Loughlin, and Mike and Colleen Ford

5-STAR BULLETIN AWARD WINNERS FOR 2020/2021



The following State Associations received the coveted 5-star rating for their exceptional News Bulletins.

- Arizona - Shawnee Carlile
- Florida - Rachael King
- Georgia - Lynda Lewis
- Kansas - Carl E. Lindsey
- Kentucky - Leigh S. Ruble
- Louisiana - Buddy Hartle Jr.
- MD, DE, DC - Jane L. Swigert
- Michigan - Karen J. Cary
- New Jersey - Nancy Rochford
- New York - Timothy R. Welp
- North Carolina - Ashley Buckwell



2021 TAMPA FLORIDA

2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION
TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER July 4th - July 7th

SUNSHINE in PARADISE

Elks Grand Lodge Convention
Tampa, Florida
2021

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THE WINNER COULD BE YOU!



ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Cape Henlopen on Sunday, March 21, 2021, was Stan Stumbers, a new member of Westminster Lodge #2277. The total money taken in on the 50/50 raffle was \$566.00. Stan and the Camp should have gotten \$283.00 each, but Stan donated his portion back to the Camp, so Elks Camp Barrett received the entire amount of \$566.00. Thank you, Stan.

The Camp thanks everyone who purchased tickets to support the Elks Camp Barrett Raffle. We ask for your support again this weekend by purchasing your tickets for the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 raffle at the Registration Table.

"THE WINNER COULD BE YOU"

H. Lee Davis, PSP



ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT SUMMER 2021

"HOAXES! I'M TALKING ABOUT BIGFOOT OR NESSIE"

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Hello All, and welcome to the Maryland, Delaware, and DC Summer Conference.

By now, I assume all your Lodge Safety Inspections for this month are complete and any issues resolved. Right?? Right!!

We need to take time to discuss a real threat to our Lodges and their members; internet hoaxes and hackers. Our State Web page has recently been used in a hoax to get our members to give up their personal information. Please take the utmost precautions to protect yourself. Most Elks know the procedures of membership dues, lapsation, and delinquency. These communications go through CLMS to the State and

Grand Lodge, a very "tried and true" method of information exchange.

Remember, always inspect your email accounts and make sure you do not open anything suspicious. Hackers will always ask you for money. Inspect any social media accounts you have and beware of friend requests or websites suggested by people you do not know. Protect yourself and your info. Change your passwords, secure your computer, and be very cautious while surfing the web.

Here are the latest Grand Lodge Safety tips for you to inspect:

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
- Do not provide anyone with bank account information • IRS always makes its first contact by U.S. Mail, not by telephone or e-mail
- The IRS never requests Not For Profits to make special payments • Someone "in need" asks for cash since they heard that the Elks do good deeds
- An unsolicited "free" inspection of the roof or crawlspace will result in an unnecessary repair bill
- Make sure that you know the sender of an e-mail before you open it to avoid cyber scams



FACILITY RENTAL POLICIES



Anyone using Lodge facilities must provide an Additional Insured Certificate that names the Lodge as an additional insured. If the Additional Insured Certificate is not provided, Facility Rental policies may be obtained by contacting Gallagher Insurance at (800) 421-3557.

Facility Rental policies are also available on the Elks website on the Safety & Insurance page.

Invoices will be sent from First Insurance Funding to each Lodge. Lodges that choose the financing option should sign the Premium Finance Agreement and send it with the first month's installment by May 1, 2021.

PROPERTY PLUS CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE

Gallagher Insurance will send each Lodge a Property Plus Certificate of Coverage this Spring. The Certificate of Coverage shows the existing coverage for Lodge buildings and contents effective April 1, 2021. Please review the Certificate and contact Gallagher Insurance at (800) 421-3557 if you have any questions.

INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2020-2021



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Gallagher Insurance (800) 421-3557 is the Elks new Insurance Broker effective April 1st. First Insurance Funding is the new Property Plus Financing Company.

INVOICES/FINANCE AGREEMENTS FROM FIRST INSURANCE FUNDING

The Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332

Submitted by Shelva B. Redd, BOD Chair/Public Relations
Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332

We had our first in-person meeting since March 2020, when restrictions began, to install the 2021 officers on April 26, 2021. Lately, we have been able to meet in small crowds, but with caution. All CDC guidelines are being followed. The Camp Springs Elks Lodge would like to extend our appreciation for our guest PERs who made this the prestigious ceremony it was meant to be.



Pictured above Guest PERs:

Left, front:

Mary Cardinal-Vogt PDDGER/Past State President; Maurice DiPoli PDDGER; Renee Rivituso PDDGER

Left rear Larry Sheldrake District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Vincent Pingitore, PDDGER/Past State President



Happy Birthday

MD, DE, DC Elks Association



Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332 ER and Officers:

Seated, Kathy Porter, Tiler. Standing: Ray Comer, Trustee/ Gary Rhinehart, Esquire/Bobby Douglas, Inner Guard/Charles Spadone, PDDGER, Trustee/Kelley Randolph, PDDGER, Treasurer/Patricia McInnis, Secretary/Walter Benson, ER/Nate Key, Trustee/Henry Proctor, Loyal Knight/DeWayne Wilcher, Trustee/Bertha Page, Lecturing Knight/Earl (Mitch) Mitchell, Leading Knight/Shelva Redd, Trustee

THE LIONS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION RECEIVE TRAINING IN TIPS AND FOOD SAFETY

On April 24, 2021, Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332, in partnership with the Lions and the American Legion, participated in training that will ensure the safety of our members, customers, and friends by updating their knowledge of safe practices, especially during COVID-19.

Shown in photo below are members from each group taking classes held at the Lodge. The TIPS (*Training for Intervention Procedures*) class is designed to empower participants to follow acceptable standards of practice for serving alcohol. The Serv-Safe Food Safety Certifications course allows individuals to obtain Food Manager Licenses in Prince Georges and Charles Counties. The classes were given by Joshua Systems, Inc through instructor Mark Fine. This training is just one of the events these organizations are participating in to ensure that when our members return to our facilities, they will be safe and protected against COVID-19.

