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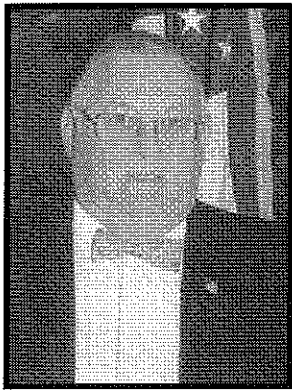
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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT



Ed Willis
President 2006-2007

Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Spring Workshop being held at Washington-Rockville Lodge #15. This is a very special weekend as we are honored with the presence of Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. "Jack" Frost, III and his lovely wife Sharon. We are also very pleased to have our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Honorable Carlton M. O'Malley and his wife Kay with us this weekend. My sincere thanks to Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul D. Helsel for his detailed planning and coordination of the itinerary for this extended weekend. We appreciate the effort put forth by Exalted Ruler Carl Riffle, the Officers, members and ladies of Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 for making this a successful event.

In January, after the completion of the Winter Workshop in Annapolis, I finished my official visits to the Lodges and have now found time to accept invitations to attend fundraisers and other events at various Lodges throughout the Association. In February, I attended the meetings at Camp Barrett and the Advisory meeting at Annapolis. Then Nancy and I traveled to Waldorf Lodge for crab legs and shrimp where we made some new friends. The following weekend we attended the State Hoop Shoot Finals in Frederick. Congratulations go out to Jim McNitt and his wife Karen for a well organized and successful event. Jim, with the help of the District Chairpersons and the Lodge Hoop Shoot Directors and volunteers made it look easy. I would be remiss if I did not thank Frederick Lodge for hosting the banquet and awards afterwards. Thanks to all involved. Nancy and I were invited to Selbyville Lodge for a Bull and Oyster Roast which was great. We rounded out the month by attending the Annual Lowell J. Thomas ENF Dinner and Auction at Seaford Lodge. The dinner was great and the auctioneer kept the members entertained while making a lot of money for ENF. It was a wonderful evening.

I speak for the entire Association when I say "Thanks" to Dave and Maggie Smith for their dedication to the Americanism Program. The awards ceremony this year was hosted by Frederick Lodge and their Lodge Chairman, Jack Boehmer. March also brought us the Regional Soccer Shoot hosted by Hagerstown Lodge and the Regional Hoop Shoot hosted by Frederick Lodge. The results will be announced at this Spring Workshop.

Congratulations to the District Ritualistic winners, SE-Easton Lodge #1622, SW-Prince George's County Lodge #1778, W-Frederick Lodge #684, NC-Annapolis Lodge #622 and NE-Dover Lodge #1903. The State Ritual Finals are several weeks after the deadline for this Newsletter, therefore the official results will also be announced at this Spring Workshop.

To the newly elected Exalted Rulers and Officers, I congratulate you. I hope you have made your committee appointments and have established your goals by this time. I urge you to become involved by giving your full support to the State Association and Grand Lodge Programs. The success of your Lodge and the success of the State Association depends on your leadership and that of your Officers. If you should need help, the State Association Officers, State and District Chairpersons are available for assistance.

"ELKS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY"

Sincerely and Fraternally
Ed Willis



Coming Events

- March 23-25, 2007
Spring Conference
GER VISIT
Washington-Rockville Lodge #15
April 2007
DD Clinics
May 6-12, 2007
Elks National Youth Week
May 27, 2007
Elks Camp Barrett
Family Bull Roast
June 8-10, 2007
87th State Convention
WISP, McHenry, MD
June 14, 2007
Flag Day
July 8-12, 2007
Grand Lodge Convention
Charlotte, NC
August, 2007
DD Clinics
October 5-7, 2007
Winter Workshop
The Grand Hotel
Ocean City, MD
December 2, 2007
Subordinate Lodges
Memorial Service
January, 2008
DD Clinics
January 18-20, 2008
Winter Workshop
Easton Lodge No. 1622
March 28-30, 2008
Spring Conference
GER VISIT
Frederick Lodge No. 684

Mark your calendar

ECB CAMPING 2007 SEASON
WEEK SCHEDULED

- June 24 - Boys week #1
July 01 - Boys week #2
July 08 - Boys week #3
July 15 - Girls week #1
July 22 - Girls week #2
July 29 - Girls week #3
Aug 05 - Special Olympics week

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*Next Newsletter
Deadline...
May 11, 2007*

**SPRING WORKSHOP OF THE
MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON-ROCKVILLE #15**

AGENDA-MARCH 23, 24, 25, 2007



Friday, March 23, 2007

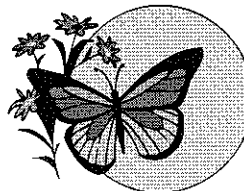
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Lunch
Noon - 6:00 P.M. Registration
2:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting
1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairpersons

Saturday, March 24, 2007

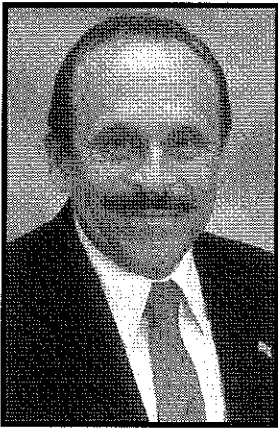
7:00 A.M.. - 9:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
7:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Registration
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon Presentations and Committee Reports
Maurice DiPoli "Reasons For Success"
Hon. Priscilla Schwab Meditation
Les Bishop Proclamation & Gov't Relations Report
Start Committee Reports
11:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Announcements and Recess Until 9:00 A.M.
Sunday
Noon Lunch (11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.)
1:00 P.M. 11th Hour Contest - Dick Fleck
2:00 P.M. DDGER's Meeting with Paul Hesel, SDGER
2:30 P.M. Trustees Meeting - J. Gordon Alexander, Chairman
1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M. Any Committee or Other Meetings as Requested
by Your Chairpersons - Check With Your Committee
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Reception/Banquet
9:00 P.M. Entertainment/Dancing

Sunday, March 25, 2007

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Registration
9:00 A.M. Call to Order / Reconvene Business Session
Officer's Reports
Finish Remaining Committee Reports
Reading of Communications - Secretary Hearn
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the Order (GER Frost - Remarks)
Elections
12:00 Noon Closing and Adjournment
12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M. Farewell Lunch



**NEXT MEETING -ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 8-10, 2007 AT THE WISP, McHENRY, MD**





WELCOME
GER. ARTHUR H. "JACK" FROST, III

OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE LODGE NO. 1684

To MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association

Spring Conference, Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15

March 23-25, 2007

Arthur H. Frost III, born August 2, 1944, to Arthur H., Jr. and Leona Frost, grew up with his two younger sisters Terry and Mary Ellen in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he attended school. Graduating from Oak Ridge High School in 1962, he continued his education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Majors in Propulsion Systems and Heat Transfer in 1967.

Known to his friends and associates as 'Jack,' he began both his family life and professional career in June of 1967, with marriage to Sharon Beth Anderson on June 11th, and then one week later as a junior engineer in Huntsville, Alabama with a consulting firm to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. While working for NASA, he was recognized for distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the success of the Sky Lab Mission with a NASA Director's Special Commendation, one of only seven given. In 1974, he moved back to Oak Ridge to work for Martin Marietta Corporation where he spent the next 24 years, as Engineer, Principal Engineer, Section Head, and ultimately Department Head. In 1998, he joined Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as a Project Manager in Information Technology. In 2004, Jack joined Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC as Manager of the company's Information Technology Application Department.

Initiated into Oak Ridge Lodge No. 1684 in November of 1977, he was appointed Chaplain in April of 1978 and six months later, Esquire. He subsequently progressed through the chairs while also serving on most of the Lodge Committees, culminating in being elected Exalted Ruler for 1982-1983. Jack served as Secretary in his Lodge from 1990 through 1997 and continues to serve as the Chairman of the Budget and Auditing Committees. He was elected to Honorary Life Membership in 1999.

His talents were recognized by the Tennessee Elks Association beginning in 1982, when he served with distinction as a member of the Public Relations Committee. A member of the State Ritual Committee for

20 years and Chairman for four, he was also Chairman of the Elks Training Committee for two years, Chairman of the MVSS Committee for four years, Editor of the state bulletin for six, years, and Chairman of the Elks 'Soccer Shoot' for two years. He founded and was Chairman for five years of the state Technology Committee and is a member of the Leadership Committee and the "Thirsty Thespians." In 1992, he was inducted into the Tennessee Elks Hall of Fame. He served as Vice President of the East District in 1984, co-founded the Exalted Ruler/Secretary Seminar in 1999 and was State President in 1998-1999.

His abilities earned him the respect of Grand Lodge in 1988 with his appointment as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East District of Tennessee, then as a Special Representative from 1998 through 1999, and in 2000, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Membership Committee. In 2002, Jack was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, and served as Building Applications-West, Pension Member, Approving Member and Chairman of the Board in 2005-2006.

Jack and Sharon have two daughters, Michelle Diane and Jennifer Ann, and one grandchild, Johnny, 2. Jack and Sharon are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge where he has served as usher and they both have taught Sunday school. Jack enjoys golf, restoring cars, and furniture making while Sharon enjoys gardening, cross stitch, and reading. Jack is active in his community, building parade floats, helping with community fund-raisers, and as a benefactor and sponsor of the high school band.

Sharon, raised as the daughter of a 53-year Member- PER - Past State President - Past Grand Lodge Committeeman, also believes in Elkdom's values and has always supported and been a part of Jack's efforts. They both look forward to many years of continued service in demonstrating that Elks are an *Enduring Legacy Kindling Service, and that*

*Elks-Care
Elks-Share."*

AMERICANISM

Dave Smith, State Chairman

How good of a job has your Lodge done so far in Americanism this year?

Did your Lodge

- send in entries for the Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest?
- send in entries for the Association Americanism Poster Contest?
- send in a Lodge Brochure to the Grand Lodge Brochure Contest?
- attend the Association Americanism awards day hosted at the Frederick Lodge?
- attend the Association Flag Day ceremonies?
- donate Flags to Classrooms in your communities?
- present certificates to individuals or businesses in your Community that fly the Flag appropriately?
- contact the Association to get Americanism Activity books to pass out to the youth in your community?
- utilize the Flag folding teaching aids in your Lodge available through our Association?
- present Pledge of Allegiance certificates or cards to the youth in your Community?
- invite your District or State Chairman to your Lodge to speak to your membership on ways to do a better job of teaching Patriotism to the youth in your community?

THERE IS STILL TIME ... yes, the contests are pretty much over, but there is still time to help your Lodge attain a huge WELL DONE if you will just help it to get the job done! See your District and State chairpersons this weekend, and make it happen!

We want yours to be the BEST Lodge possible when it comes to teaching our youth about Patriotism, and it starts fresh today. Take advantage of the teaching aids on the Americanism table, see the various Americanism Chairmen and get fresh and innovative ideas to take back to your Lodges and make it happen!

Remember, the Crystal Eagle Award is awarded at the Association Convention to the Lodge that does the BEST POSSIBLE JOB in working the Grand Lodge and Association Americanism Program. It could go to your Lodge this year.

Best of luck, and keep up the good work! GOD BLESS AMERICA!!



How to Assemble an Americanism Brochure

To help insure that each Lodge receives full credit for their Americanism Programs and to achieve the highest score possible in the Brochure Contest, we recommend that you use the following guidelines when you assemble your brochure. (These are in addition to the guidelines already printed in the Grand Lodge Americanism Supplement)

- Membership Certification letter should be the first page.
- Next should be an index page. When it comes to judging, this is by far the most important page in your brochure. Assemble your brochure in the exact order listed in the Americanism Manual Supplement starting with Flag Programs and ending with Other Americanism/Patriotism Programs.
- As an example:
- Flag Programs
 - Fly Flag day and night
 - Flag Flying Calendar
 - Presented Flag to City
- If that is all you did in that category then that is all that should be listed in your index.
- Make tabs to separate Flag Programs from Community Image Programs etc.
- Page numbers would be helpful but are not required.
- Do not mix any of your "Other Programs" in with the "Flag Programs" or "Community Activities" etc. as the judges may not recognize it for what it is and you may not receive credit for it.
- Make a tab and list each of your "Other Programs" separately. Many "Other Programs" are very similar in nature and need to be separated to insure credit for each of them.
- Always keep in mind, too much information is not a substitute for the right information. Be as concise as possible without losing the content.
- Do not concern yourself that your Lodge does not do all the programs listed. A large percentage of the points earned in the brochure contest fall into the "Other Programs" category.

All Lodges are actively involved in Americanism programs and making a brochure to document that fact is a very important part of your Lodge History and, if for no other reason, one should be made for each and every year. If you agree with that, why not send it in and share your successes with the other Lodges?

G/L Americanism Committeeman

Grand Lodge Activities/State Association Committee 2007 - 2008 Program

Congratulations to all the newly installed Officers and appointed Committee Chairmen. Most importantly, I wish to address the new, as well as, repeating Exalted Rulers and their Committee Chairmen. Exalted Ruler, this is your year, and the success of your Lodge is dependent upon the course you take as the Captain of Elkdom's and your Lodge's ship. Bear in mind that a good Captain has a destination plotted, and a chart in hand to guide the ship toward that destination and a log to record the trip. So too, each of you as the Captain will be responsible for the ship and the crew you have on board. Elkdom's success or failure depends upon how active your Lodge is, and how well it meets the goals of the Grand Lodge Programs for the Year 2007 - 2008.

The time to start is now; make sure that you have the best members as part of your crew filling all of the Lodge's Committees, especially the Chairmanship. Meet with them regularly and help them understand the important role they play in the Lodge. Make sure they understand their roles and responsibilities, if they do, the ship will run smoothly. Use all of the resources available to you, not only the manuals, but also past leaders of your Lodge, District and State. Bear in mind that times and people change, just because something was tried in the past and failed does not necessarily mean it shouldn't be tried again.

Every successful Captain wants to show his colors; in order to do this a close review of the Grand Lodge Programs is mandatory. Once you are certain that your course is charted, you should begin keeping records of your accomplishments in your ships log book. This scrapbook of events will not only assist in keeping track of your charitable activities, but also but also provide you with the necessary info to participate in all of the various Grand Lodge Contests toward the end of your tour. Now is a good time to put forth that extra burst of energy to insure that you, your committee and Lodge will experience a fantastic year.

All this will culminate in your participating next year's ALL-AMERICAN LODGE CONTEST -CONTEST "A"; by being the best Lodge statewide out of all the contenders in your membership division. This is no small accomplishment and I hope that your lodge will participate in this program.

I am certain that with your support and encouragement, your Lodge and our State Association will achieve our common goals of insuring that "Elks Care ... Elks Share". Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance that you may need. Further, I encourage you to actively seek advice from your District State Vice Presidents, who are there to help you in these programs.

The ALLSTATE ALL AMERICAN LODGE AWARDS for FY 2006 - 2007 will be presented at the State Convention in June.

In closing I wish each of you success in the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you all at the June Convention. Lastly, let me you remind you that we all can accomplish, "Success Through Teamwork".

Sincerely and fraternally,

Cad F. Vogt, PDD, PSVP, PER,
State Lodge Activities Chairman

DID YOU KNOW??

The Improvement Fund was set up to improve Elks Camp Barrett. With this fund we accomplished the following from 1980-1996:

- Added a second Pavilion.
- Built a building to display artifacts and an history of our camp.
- Blacktopped a parking pad for trucks to unload in the back area of kitchen.
- Blacktopped Tennis Court
- Put Cedar Siding on the exterior of all Cabins and Dining Hall
- Added additional walkways and added blacktop to existing-walkways
- Put air conditioning and heat in the Directors apartment, First Aid room and Nurse's office.
- Put electric to garage and history building from Caretakers House

"Remember to sponsor a child"

Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

Northeast District VP Report

Since my last report, I have had the pleasure of escorting the State President to my own Milford lodge on January 24. Also, I have made all of my state vice president visits to Dover, Elkton, Abingdon and Newark lodges. All showed tremendous hospitality and are having good lodge years.

In addition, I attended the Camp Barrett and Executive Board meetings in February.

I also attended the District Hoop Shoot in January and the State Hoop Shoot in February.

As far as ENF News, 7 of the 8 lodges have already met or exceeded the Grand Exalted Rider's goal of \$4.00 per member.

The Northeast District caucus was held March 3rd at Newark lodge and the results will be reported at the Spring Workshop at Washington-Rockville.

I've traveled 820 miles and spent 32 hours since the Winter Workshop on official duties.

Fraternally yours,
Edward Pettit
VP, NE
Milford #2401

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The Winner of the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 Raffle held in Annapolis on January 14, 2007, was David E. Wolcott from Easton Lodge No. 1622.

If you want to win the 50/50 E.C.B. Raffle You may have to demit to Easton Lodge No. 1622. This makes two in a row for Easton.

Remember, the success of the raffle depends on the efforts of all our Association Lodges taking tickets to their lodges and selling them. Thanks to everyone that sold and bought our 50/50 Raffle tickets.

DO NOT FORGET TO BUY SOME TICKETS FOR SUNDAY'S DRAWING.

Lee Davis, PSP

Southeast District VP Report

Greetings from the Southeast District.

The three Winter months since Annapolis have been slow. The cold weather in February was sobering.

I have completed all my Lodge visits in the District and things are moving forward. The District has done fairly well in membership and will have an overall gain.

I attended the Camp Barrett meeting on February 3.

On February 8, I conducted an Elks Training Session at Seaford Lodge. Ten members completed the course.

On February 10, I attended a District-wide Initiation held at Salisbury Lodge and conducted by the Southeast District All Stars. The Ritual was excellent and the dinner that preceded it was delicious. Thanks to Salisbury Lodge for their great effort.

On February 18, I, along with State President Ed Willis, attended the Bull and Oyster Roast at Selbyville Lodge. The food and hospitality were great.

On February 24, I attended Seaford Lodge's 2nd Annual Lowell J. Thomas Memorial ENF Dinner & Auction. This event is a fundraiser for the Elks National Foundation. It was a most enjoyable evening and quite beneficial for the Foundation. Congratulations, Seaford.

I will be conducting a caucus after the morning meeting at the Spring Workshop on March 24 to elect a District Vice President, District State Trustee and District Camp Barrett Representative. The winners will be presented at the Sunday meeting.

I have traveled 600 miles and spent 30 hours on State Association Business.

Fraternally,

Arthur V. League, VP, S.E.

MD, DE, DC ELKS RESIDENTS OF ELKS NATIONAL HOME

Name	Lodge
Maxine Besosa	Cape Henlopen, DE #2540
Sheridan Besosa	Cape Henlopen, DE #2540
Charles Blumenauer	Frederick, MD #684
Robert Davidson	Kent Island #2576
Virginia Davidson	Kent Island #2576

Southwest District VP Report

During the meetings in Annapolis I learned that Prince Georges Co. Lodge 1778, Will be representing the Southwest in the Ritual Finals. I wish them the best along with the other four Lodges. I made my last visit to St. Mary's County Lodge on Jan. 9, they are doing well plus they are making improvements to better their Lodge. On January 21, I attended our District Deputy clinic at Washington/Rockville Lodge. After the clinic I held my Vice Presidents Caucus. Here are the results: President-Elect Priscilla Schwab from Wash/Rockville, Darwin Leatherman from St. Mary's County. Vice President R. Trent Manson from St. Mary's County, 2 year State Trustee Claudia Finley-Bryant, 2 year Camp Barrett Executive Committee Robert Long. I would like to Thank Past State Presidents Vince Pingitore Sr., Vince Pingitore Jr. and Ron Lamot for Helping with the counting during the voting. On Jan. 25, I attended Camp Springs meeting to watch them initiate 3 new members, and to my surprise was asked to help so I filled in for the Leading Knight. I must say it was an honor to help initiate those new members. On Feb. 17, my wife Janice and I were guests at Calvert Lodge's Charity Ball. It was a great affair and both of us had a wonderful evening. Keep up the good work. Southwest District will always be Number #1 in my Heart.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
 Robert E. Long
 Southwest VP

LOOK CHANGES TO STATE DIRECTORY

Page 37 ECB Convention: Booth Display Committee
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West District

Since the beginning Of the year I have traveled a total of 2820 miles. I have completed my official visits to Westminster Lodge #2277, Cumberland Lodge #63 and Hagerstown Lodge #378. I accompanied President Willis' and President-Elect Warren Johnson during President Willis's official visits to Oakland Lodge #2481 and Frostburg Lodge #470. I served as a word judge during the initiation for the West DDGER visit to Hagerstown Lodge #378. I have attended the monthly Elks Camp Barrett meetings.

During my visits I have found that the Lodges in the West District are working to initiate new members into our Order with all showing a plus in the membership. The lapsation lists still need work. All the Lodges in the West District are working hard to meet the Grand Exalted Rulers goal and President Willis's goal for the Elks National Foundation. I'm happy to report that all the Lodges in the West District are very involved in the communities in various ways to show "ELKS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY".

I want to thank each Lodge in the West District for all of the great hospitality shown to President Willis, President-Elect Warren Johnson and me during our visits.

I attended the DD Clinic held at the Hagerstown Lodge in January after which a caucus was held and the following members were selected to serve the State Association in the upcoming year: Scott A. Wishard, Hagerstown Lodge #378, West District Vice President, Waler L. Shepherd, Hagerstown Lodge #378, State Association 2 Year Trustee, and Robert J. "Bob" Comer, Westminster Lodge #2277, Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee. Congratulations to all three. I know they will serve the State Association and the West District well.

I would like to congratulate all the newly elected Lodge Officers for the upcoming year. I know that all of you will do an outstanding job serving your Lodge and Elksdom in the months ahead.

Bill Collison
 Vice President, West District



CHARITY REPORTING

This is the time of year we wrap up loose ends. We do our taxes. We plan our summer vacations. We wrap up the lodge year. In my opinion, there is no better way to wrap up the year than to record all the good things we have done. Your Charity Record Book chronicles these activities.

First, let's look at the lodge reports. Throughout the year, you have been recording activities in your Charity Records Book. If you did not keep your records current I am sure you will overlook several events and your data will be incomplete. In any event, your charity report will fall short of the data needed by Grand Lodge to Justify our existence. If you have diligently kept accurate records, you must now complete your duty and submit your charity report on time. Late reports do not get compiled and your information's usefulness, as well as your hard work, is lost. Remember to get your reports in by May 1st. Please note that a copy of p.2 of your report goes to the State Association Government Relations Chairman. That me - Les Bishop. My address is in the Directory. Please get your p.2s to me by May 1st.

For many of you, the job is not over. Our State Association must submit a report just like the lodges do. Our State Association conducts numerous activities which are separate and distinct from the lodge activities and these should be reported as well. For example, our State Association conducts a Flag Day service. We have a State Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot, judge scholarships and conduct essay and poster contests at the state level. We send athletes to Seven Springs and, more importantly, we have a summer camp for children. These examples are a few of many unique State Association activities that should be included in the State Association charity report. In years past the compilation and submission of State Association activities has been poor to non-existent. Here are some guidelines to use in reporting appropriate activities: First, Grand Lodge has said that the meetings we attend to do State Association business is reportable charity information. For all you State officers and committee-persons, the miles traveled and time spent at these meetings would add up greatly. Second, think of all the functions you chairpersons have sponsored to advance the cause of your committee - Hands across the Border, banquets for contest winners, USO work, visits and donations to veterans hospitals. These are reportable activities.

I hope you get my point that there is a lot of activity that never gets reported. Please think about

what you have done and report that activity. How do you report it? Use the p.2 format in the Annual Report. You can get a copy from your Lodge Secretary (because he/she is doing the lodge report) or you can download it from the Government Relations page on the State Association website. Basically, we want to know the number of people involved, the number of hours put into it, the miles traveled and the nonrefundable costs. The State Secretary consolidates your information and sends it to Grand Lodge. In past years, I have assisted him in compiling the data. Therefore, please send your information to me or the State Secretary by April 15th so we can meet the May 1st deadline.

I cannot express adequately the importance of charity reporting - both at the state level and at the lodge level. It is the information our Grand Exalted Ruler uses when he travels, especially to Washington, D.C. It is data Public Relations uses when promoting the BPOE. It truly is the cornerstone of the Elkdom.

Les Bishop, Chairman
Government Relations Committee



*Oakland Elks Lodge #2481
Welcomes You to The Wisp Resort
for the 87th Annual Convention of the
MD, DE & DC Elks State Association!!*

Planned Events:

Shuttle to and from the Wisp to the Lodge
Beginning Friday afternoon till late Saturday night.

A dinner at the Lodge on Friday night
with Karaoke in the Lounge.

A Golf Outting on Friday at the
Oakland Golf Course
(See Jim Cuppett for information).

Packets Available at the Spring Conference.

Enjoy your visit to the West!

**ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS
SERVICE COMMISSION
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE
LODGE CHAIRMEN**

This is the last month of our current Lodge year. I ask you to review with the members of your National Veterans Service Committee your activities for the past year and evaluate your programs, i.e. those that were successes and those that were not as successful as you might have hoped.

Now is the time to plan the necessary adjustments for the coming year. Set up your budget for the coming year and submit it to your Lodge Trustees, to be included in the overall Lodge budget. I ask that you include at least one more activity for our veterans in your budget. Hopefully you have events planned for each month, but I feel sure you have room for another activity. Our veterans gave so much to be sure we remain a free nation and continue our way of life. Let us do whatever we can to help them live more comfortable and productive lives.

Plan activities to take place in the Veterans hospitals and Veterans homes. Plan events for the Veterans in your communities and bring them into your Lodges for meals and entertainment, take them to ball games, hold picnics and fishing outings. Please be sure to locate and help those Veterans who are homeless. Remember their sacrifices for us, and whatever we can do to help improve their way of life will be greatly appreciated.

Plan well and be sure you have a Lodge budget for your National Service Committee sufficient to cover the costs of all your programs and activities. Remember our pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Our motto ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE reminds us to do all we can for those who gave so much for our beloved country. Thank you for your consideration in this most important program and budget item.

God bless you and our Veterans.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Amos A. McCallum, PGER
Member

Salisbury Lodge Troop 817 Excels
(See Photo Back Page)

On Friday January 12, 2007 the Salisbury Elks #817, Salisbury, Maryland hosted an Eagle Scout initiation ceremony in the upstairs hall for their Scout Troop #817. This year's class of inductees was the largest ever with five boys earning this exceptional distinction. Ryan Alexander, Michael Greenfield, Dustin Barrell, Kevin Ellis, and Tim Vogeli, Jr. received the highest honor the Boys Scouts of America have to offer during an emotional ceremony attended by many family, friends and scout alumni.

In order to earn their final designation of Eagle Scout these young men must do a community service project. The various projects included clearing wildlife and nature trails, landscaping a local church meeting house and a nursing home, teaching a bike safety course to 4th and 5th graders, and doing painting and remodeling at a local American Legion Post.

Elks Youth Chairman and Esteemed Loyal Knight Rick Konrad presented the newly minted Eagle Scouts with a beautiful token of appreciation in the form of a framed certificate and American flag (see photo) and stated "This Elks Lodge has been a supporter of scouting for many years and we will continue to support it for many years to come. The reason is simple- values. The Elks values of brotherhood, justice, charity, and fidelity along with love of god, flag, and county are epitomized in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We are proud to assist all scouts in their endeavor to be better Americans and better people."

The lodge provides money through its Charity Committee as well as meeting and activity space for the Troop. Scout troop leader and Elks member John McClellan expressed his thanks to the lodge for its support saying "Without the help of the Elks,, both financial, physical, and moral we would be unable to operate at the level that we do and provide these young men with the opportunity to excel in their communities."

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If you wish to purchase an Entertainment Book, contact Lee Davis at 410-256-9691 or Larry Mathers at 410-760-2634.

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Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia
Elks Association
June Convention Reservations



WISP Mountain Resort and Conference Center
290 Marsh Hill Road
McHenry, MD 21541
June 8- June 10, 2007

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2007 - Unfortunately, NO Exceptions

Check the for reservations required:

1. Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on June 8 and June 9; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner (choice of Char Grilled New York Strip Steak {medium rare to medium ONLY} with Caramelized Onions or Crab Stuffed Flounder with Lemon Butter Sauce) and Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Double Occupancy: \$320.00
Single Occupancy: \$255.00

New York Strip# _____
Stuffed Flounder# _____

2. Individual Room Rates

One Night \$95.00
Two Nights \$190.00

3. Dinner Only

One person \$35.00
Two persons \$70.00

New York Strip# _____
Stuffed Flounder# _____

Dinner Advanced Reservations Only - No tickets will be sold at the door

Total amount due this reservation based upon above selections: \$ _____

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Enclose payment with reservation and check payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Association:

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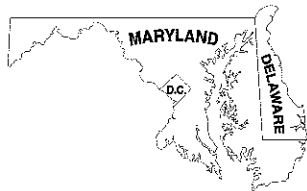
Salisbury Lodge - Troop #817 Excels in 2007



Photo: L to R: Youth Committee Chairman - Rick Konrad, Scout Troop #817 Eagle Scouts - Ryan Alexander, Michael Greenfield, Dustin Barrell, Keven Ellis, and Tim Vogeli, Jr.

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