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**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT**



**Warren Johnson**  
*President 2007-2008*

I welcome you to the Fall Meeting of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association. I hope you find the new location with easy access to the boardwalk and the social aspects of the weekend to be enjoyable.

Debbie and I hit the road the weekend after the convention and it seems like there has been an event or meeting every weekend. I started my official visits in late September and plan to have all completed by mid December. There is a listing of activities on another page.

There are several mini presentations this weekend as well as 2 workshops scheduled for Saturday after the lunch break. I encourage all of you to attend the Elks Training course or the Scholarship judging clinic.

School is back and I encourage all Lodges to participate in one or more of the many Youth Activity programs that are offered through the Grand Lodge. All Lodges should have received information on the Americanism contests and Scholarship programs. Soccer Shoots should be wrapping up and plans should be in place for the Hoop Shoot contests. Information is available on the Student/Teenager of the Month/Year program. Remember, add one new program this year to what your Lodge does.

As we recognize Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and Christmas in the coming months, I ask that you remember our Veterans who made this possible and those who serve in the Armed Forces today.

Fraternally,  
Warren Johnson  
State President



***Coming Events***

**October 5-7, 2007**

Fall Workshop  
The Grand Hotel, Ocean City, MD

**November 16-18, 2007**

Scout Camporee at Camp Barrett

**December 2, 2007**

Subordinate Lodges  
Memorial Service

**January, 2008**

DD Clinics

**January 18-20, 2008**

Winter Workshop  
Easton Lodge No. 1622

**February, 2008**

State Hoop Shoot in Frederick

**March 2, 2008**

State Ritual Contest (To Be Announced)

**March 7-8, 2008**

Invitational Soccer Shoot in Hagerstown

**March 14-15, 2008**

Regional Hoop Shoot in Frederick

**March 28-30, 2008**

Spring Conference  
GER VISIT  
Frederick Lodge No. 684

**May 25, 2008**

Elks Camp Barrett  
Family Bull Roast

*Make  
your  
calendar*

**2008 GRAND LODGE SESSION  
ANAHEIM, CA  
JULY 6-10, 2008**

**PAUL D. HELSEL, PSP, NEWARK LODGE NO. 2281  
FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER 2008-2009  
MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION**

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*Next Newsletter  
Deadline...  
December 14, 2007*

**FALL CONFERENCE  
OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE, and DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ELKS ASSOCIATION**

**Grand Hotel-Ocean City, Maryland  
October 5, 6 and 7, 2007**



**Friday, October 5, 2007**

Noon-4:00 P.M. ....Registration  
2:00 P.M. ....Advisory  
1:00-5:00 P.M. ....Committee Meetings as requested by Chairpersons

**Saturday, October 6, 2007**

7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. ....Breakfast in Grand Terrace Dining Room  
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. ....Registration  
8:00 A.M. -8:45 A.M. ....Elks Camp Barrett Meeting- Grand 2 Ballroom  
9:00 A.M.-12 Noon .....Presentations and Reports  
Public Relations and Publicity-Connie DeYoung, SVP  
Elks National Foundation-Claudia Finley-Bryant, PDD  
Subordinate Forum-Hon. Priscilla A. Schwab,  
PDD, Grand Lodge Judiciary  
Drug Awareness-Joe McGeeney, State Chairman, PDD  
ECB-Fundraising Trips  
Greg Wilkes, PSP  
Jack Boehmer, PER  
Reports of Committees as time permits  
11:45 A.M.-12:00 Noon .....Announcements and recess  
until 9:00 AM Sunday  
Noon- .....Lunch  
1:00 P.M. ....District Deputy Meeting with Paul Helsel, SDGER  
1:00 P.M. ....Scholarship Judging-Joe Pallozzi, PDD  
1:30 P.M. ....Elks Training Course-Jim Stewart, PDD  
2:00 P.M. ....State Trustees Meeting, Gordon Alexander, PDD  
6:00 P.M.-6:45 P.M. ....Cocktails  
7:00 P.M. ....Dinner-Castaway Room

**Sunday, October 7, 2007**

7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. ....Breakfast in Grand Terrace Dining Room  
8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. ....Registration  
9:00 A.M. ....Call to Order  
Officer Reports  
Committee reports  
Communications-Jim Harbour, State Secretary  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Good of the Order  
Closing and Adjournment

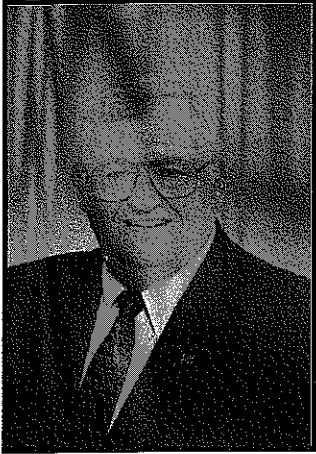


**PAUL D. HELSEL, PSP, NEWARK LODGE #2281  
FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER 2008-2009  
WEAR YOUR PIN PROUDLY - SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

**NEXT MEETING - WINTER WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 18-20, 2008 EASTON LODGE NO. 1622**

**Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia  
Elks Association  
to get first Grand Exalted Ruler**

By now you should all be aware that the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee, at its meeting in Charlotte,



**Paul D. Hesel, SDGER  
Candidate for GER**

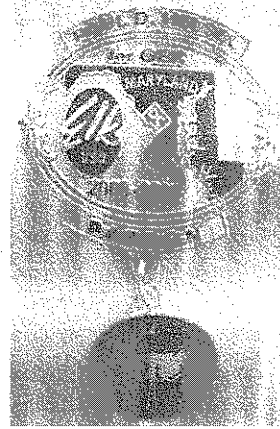
endorsed Paul D. Hesel, a Past State President and dedicated member of our Association, as the candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler for 2008-2009. Paul will be installed to this highest position in all of Elkdom at the next Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Anaheim, California, July 6 through July 13, 2008.

This is a "once in a life time" event and a tremendous honor for our Association to have one of its own serve as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With Paul's assent to this high position our Association must assume funding obligations for certain aspect of the ceremony and pageantry associated with his election and installation. A Committee set up in late July to handle the fund raising necessary to cover these obligations estimates that about \$250,000 will be needed over the next 24 months. That equates to about \$10 per member of our Association. In addition to fund raising in our own Association, it is expected that we will receive help in this effort from neighboring State Associations.

Under the guidance of the Committee the fund raising effort is off and running. All Lodges of our Association have been requested to make at least a \$500 initial donation to the fund, as well as various fund raising efforts have been endorsed and are under way. It is expected that individual Lodges will participate in the current initiatives now under way, as well as do their own thing to help raise the needed funds. The goal of the Committee is to get all 25,124 members of our Association involved in this effort.

The committees and fund raising initiatives are and will be listed in this Association News under the heading of Fund Raising Activities for the Paul D. Hesel GER Campaign Fund.

**Paul D. Hesel for Grand Exalted Ruler  
2008-2009  
Fundraising Pins**



1 1/4" Lapel Pin:  
\$100.00



1 1/4" Pendant:  
\$100.00

Both "Patron Lapel Pin and Pendant", can be purchased together if a couple would like, at a combined cost of \$150.00.

With the purchase of a "Patron" lapel pin or the combination you are eligible for an invitation to the "Monday Night GER-Elect Reception" in Anaheim. Make sure to completely fill out the "Pin Reservation Form" so that we can send you your invitation for the Reception, that is, assuming you will be attending the 2008 Anaheim Grand Lodge Convention.

If the cost of the "Patron" pin is not in your price range, below is Paul's "Pal" lapel pin that is also available.

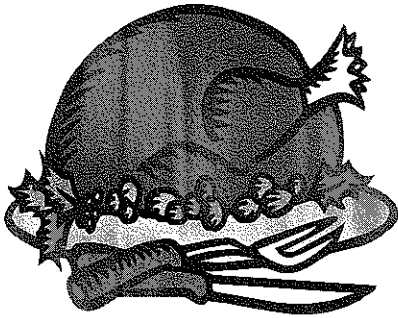


1 1/8" Lapel Pin: \$20.00

To purchase these pins or pendant see your Lodge pin salesperson, your District Pin Sale Coordinator, or contact Richard J. Burg (302) 368-4754 or (302) 438-4874 or [rjburg1@verizon.net](mailto:rjburg1@verizon.net)

Make checks payable to; Paul D. Hesel GER Campaign Fund.

# Thanksgiving in St. Thomas



Spend Thanksgiving week in the famous *Blue Beard's Castle*\* located in the beautiful Virgin Islands. St. Thomas is a world-renowned vacation destination and *Blue Beard's Castle* is a **3-Star** rated hotel.

**Your week** includes your choice of either a Hotel Unit in the Castle during Thanksgiving Week (Saturday to Saturday)

**—OR—**

A One-Bedroom Condominium Unit two weeks later. Both at *Blue Beard's Castle*\* on St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands.

**This prize\*\* includes:**

- Round-trip air fare for two.
- \$ 1,000 spending money.
- Unlimited use of the hotel facilities for the week.

\* [www.bluebeards-castle.com](http://www.bluebeards-castle.com)

\*\* Retail value of this prize estimated at \$4,500. Need not be present to win. Not a taxable donation. Proceeds to benefit Paul D. Helsel G.E.R. Campaign Fund.

**Fund Raising Activities  
For the Paul D. Helsel GER Campaign Fund**

**General Fund Raising Committee**

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**Pin & Coin Sales Committee**

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**Thanksgiving in St. Thomas Raffle Committee**

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**Fund Raising Activities**

Pin & Coin Sales – see committee listing

Basket Bingos – Carl & Beth Robinson (301)604-4153

December 1, 2007 ..... Newark Lodge #2281

March 1, 2008 ..... Cambridge #1272

April 21, 2008 ..... Hagerstown #378

January 26, 2008 ..... Havre de Grace #1564

April 13, 2008 ..... Annapolis #622

Spring Golf Tournament – Dave Wolcott (410)479-4877 – information available at January Workshop

Thanksgiving St. Thomas Vacation Raffle – see committee listing

Alaskan Carved Wooden Train Set Raffle – Bill Buttrill (410)968-2455

## Northeast District VP Report

Thank you to the members of the Northeast District for electing me to serve as your Vice President for this year. Congratulations to Paul D. Helsel, SDDGER for receiving the nomination for Grand Exalted Ruler for 2007 – 2008. The Northeast District is very proud to have one of our members receive this most prestigious honor and is extremely excited that Paul is from the "NORTHEAST" District.

After taking office in June at the WISP, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was an exciting Convention especially waiting for the final vote for next year's GER. On June 16th, I had the honor of participating in the Delaware Flag Day Ceremony performed at Dover Legislative Hall, which is traditionally performed by Past State Presidents. Francis Clauser, Dover's Leading Knight and his committee did a wonderful job orchestrating this event. I attended Milford Lodge's Crab Feast on July 20th and the crabs were delicious. It is always a pleasure to visit Milford Lodge.

The State Association held its first meeting, to elect Paul Helsel to Grand Exalted Ruler, at Camp Barrett on July 28th, which I attended. They presented the many goals for the GER Campaign and the required financial support needed. Our District Coordinator for General Fund Raising is Myron Morgan. Also, presented were several pins and souvenirs available to purchase from Dick Burg, Terry LaGier or Greg Adams. I hope each Lodge can support this endeavor to make Anaheim Convention in 2008 the best ever!

A big Thank You to Newark Lodge for holding a reception honoring Paul and Jane Helsel on August 25th. It was well attended, the food was great and it is just a start of many events to come. I sincerely hope other Lodges in our District schedule an event to help support our State Association's financial goal to support Paul.

In August, I attended our District Deputy GER, Ed Pettit's first Clinic hosted by Abingdon Lodge. I handed out this year's Elks Training Test to all the Lodges and encouraged everyone to participate. Newark Lodge will host the next DD Clinic on January 6, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

As I write this report, I plan to attend the Official DD visits to Havre de Grace Lodge and Abingdon Lodge on the September 20th and 27th, during which I will help judge their rendition of the Ritual. As always, I encourage other members in our District to support the Elks Ritual and consider becoming a

judge. Also, I plan to attend the Camp Barrett Crab and Shrimp Feast on Saturday, September 22nd.

I look forward to working with all the Lodges in the Northeast to provided any support they need to make this a successful year. The visitation schedule for our DD and President has been posted and I am currently working on my visitation schedule. I have traveled 2050 miles, which includes traveling to the Grand Lodge Convention and look forward to visiting each Lodge this year.

Fraternally yours,  
Connie J. deYoung, VP NE District

### PRESIDENTS PIN CRITERIA 2007-2008

1. **Membership**  
Propose 3 (or more) new members.  
Reinstate 3 (or more) members.  
Combination of 3 (or more) new or reinstate members.
2. **Charity**  
Donation of \$100 (or more) to any of the following:  
Elks National Foundation  
William J. Jernick Memorial Fund  
Elks Camp Barrett  
State Veterans Program
3. Complete the Elks Training Course.
4. Serve our major project as a volunteer at one of its functions.
5. Support our major project, by serving on its board.
6. Serve your association as a State Officer or State Chairman.
7. Be nominated by your Exalted Ruler or District Vice President, for your contributions to "ELKDOM".

**COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY**

### 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
George Worst	Cape Henlopen #2540

## South West VP Report

I am honored to hold the position of Vice President, South West District for the 07-08 State Association years. Many thanks to all the members who voted for me; I hope to realize your expectations in me this year. For those of you who did not vote for me, I hope to prove my worth in your eyes through hard work and dedication to the Order of Elks.

First, all of us in the Southwest district would like to congratulate Paul Hesel on the endorsement for the high honor of Grand Exalted Ruler for the upcoming year. Paul, we have many talented people within our district and the state association to help your year become successful. You can count on the SW District's support!

By the time this communication is read, I will have had the pleasure of escorting our State President Warren Johnson to my lodge, St. Mary's County 2092. It will be an honor and privilege to receive our State President. All of the SW District visitation dates have been selected for District Deputy, State President, and SW VP. The bulk of the my visits will occur this calendar year, leaving the next 5-6 months left for visiting the SW District less formally.

There hasn't been much reason to travel in this first quarter, although I did attend the GER round table at Elks Camp Barrett in August and a ritual clinic held at the Prince George's County lodge. I took my second floor judge test so if I pass this one I plan to start judging the ritual. I plan to attend the Elks Camp Barrett bonanza on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> as well.

The ritual is an important part of our organization. Foremost, it is an extremely impressive ceremony as the first event for our new candidates. It's prestigious and it's regal. Secondly, practicing the ritual is an informal way for the lodge officers to bond. All of the lodge officers can feel the same emotions before an initiation and the well-deserved relief after a well-performed initiation. These are just two reasons why it is important for our new leaders to promote the ritual. It is important!

Lastly, we are reviewing how to become a more proactive SW district. The basic premise is to have a district representative from each committee visit each respective lodge committee ready to present a step-by-step process to become successful. Not all lodges

are going to need help because they are already successful with certain committees, but an open sharing of successful ideas will not hurt even the most successful local committee. It may also provide the district representative with even more knowledge to pass along. On the contrary, less successful local committees can benefit from an exchange of successful ideas and a "how to" process to become successful. Some may argue that the Elks manuals are just that, best practices. That will certainly get one started in the right direction; however, there is no substitute for an expert's one-on-one help. Also, it is not easy for most people to call and ask for district help, but few would turn help away from a truly concerned proactive district representative. This is still in the embryonic stage but can be developed over the next few years to become an efficient and successful process. Please hop on board.

God Bless our Troops!

Fraternally,  
R. Trent Manson  
VicePresident, South West District

## VP North Central District Report

Since our June meeting in Wisp, Md., I have attended the following events;

All Camp Barrett meetings

Flag Retirement Service at Bowie Lodge # 2309 in July 2007

Grand Convention in Charlotte N.C. in July 2007

DD Clinic at Severn Park Lodge # 2482 in August 2007

Cocktail party for Paul D. Hesel at Newark Lodge # 2281 in August 2007

As of this writing, I had not completed any of my Official visits as Vice President of the North Central District due to some medical problems following my surgery. However, I should be back full strength very soon.

Also, I attended two crab feasts at Severn Park Lodge # 2482 and at Bowie Lodge # 2309.

I have traveled a total of 1530 miles, with 95 hours of travel time.

Fraternally  
Richard L. Hasson VP NC District

## The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007

Recently, I attended a hearing that solicited input from citizens about how the "no-smoking" bill could best be administered. Here is where things stand as of today.

Given the fact that the bill goes into effect on February 1, 2008, the enabling resolutions or guidelines for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene staff have not been finalized. These regulations should be in draft form very soon and there will be another hearing somewhere in middle Maryland sometime in October when citizen comments will be received on these draft regulations. I will keep you informed when and where this hearing will be held. For now, here is a website for you to look up information to date or to place your own comments on file. (CIAA@dnhm.state.md.us) If you prefer to write, send your comments to:

Clean Indoor Air Act Comments  
c/o Ms. Amy Kirksey  
Community Health Administration  
DHNM  
201 W. Preston Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Here are some issues and my take on them: There is not a clear definition of "indoor." According to the discussion today, "indoor" means almost everywhere indoors (there are some exceptions) AND outdoor areas that include three walls (permanent or temporary) and a ceiling (permanent or temporary). You can see from this that there is some risk still if any lodge is planning to build a deck/patio/porch attached to the lodge building for their smokers. The predominant opinion expressed today was that these areas should be smoking areas unencumbered by the bill.

Waivers will be administered by local Health Department officials - I think. At least, this seemed to be the direction they were heading. Currently, they are talking about providing two continuous months of 15% losses to be compared with the same two months for the past two years. I will try to follow this aspect of the bill closely. The local health officers will also be the lead for the administration of penalties. If anyone is going to write the DHMH, please emphasize that we want the administration of this bill kept at the local level and out of the hands of state officials.

"NO SMOKING" sign will have to be posted, but

there was no definition on size, how many, where they have to be placed or when they have to be posted. This information should be available by the October meeting.

By implication, it will be up to the lodges/businesses to police their own facility. This is another gray area of the bill. When I talked with the administrator there today, he told me that if a facility has its signs up and has taken all the proper steps to enforce the law, that facility would not be penalized if cited through the complaint process.

Well, you can see that there are a lot of things left to be decided and many gray areas that have to be defined. It was heartening to have a local Washington County Delegate speak out and say that he hoped the DHMH would not legislate more into the regulations than the legislature intended with the bill. STAY TUNED!

Submitted by: Les Bishop  
Government Relations Chair

### PRESIDENT'S GOALS 2007-2008

1. Elks National Foundation  
Increase in the number of Lodges that reach the goal of \$9.00 per member.
2. William J. Jernick Fund  
Goal of each Lodge reaching \$1.50 per member and an increase in the number of children we help.
3. Membership  
A gain in every Lodge of new members, along with a reduction in lapsation.
4. Drug Awareness  
Increase participation in the DAP, within the Lodges and the community.
5. Youth Programs  
Increased participation in the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot programs.
6. Every Lodge adds 1 new Youth Activity Program.
7. Communications  
Improved communications between Officers, Chairmen and the Lodges. Remember, communications is 2 ways.
8. Elks Camp Barrett  
Increased support from the Lodges through campers, donations, and attendance at Camp fundraisers.

**COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY**



## VP West Report

It was an honor to be installed as the West District Vice President with our new State President Warren Johnson also from the West District. I appreciate the confidence the district membership has shown in me by electing me to this position. I will endeavor to do the best job possible in representing our district in the State Association.

Since being installed, I attended all Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings. I observed the Flag Day Ceremony presented by Hagerstown Lodge #378. I was able to attend the Grand Lodge session in Charlotte, North Carolina and I enjoyed the many conversations I had with other attending members and state officials. It was an honor to attend a reception for Paul Hesel held at the Newark, Delaware lodge to kick off his campaign as the Endorsed Candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler. I'm sure Paul can count on the West District as well as the rest of the State Association to help him meet his goals in preparation for his new office. The final event I attended prior to writing this article was Bill Collison's first DD clinic held at Cumberland Lodge. Bill held an informative clinic and I would like to thank Dana and her people for the hospitality shown to everyone.

Switching hats for a moment, I have made a section available on the State website ([www.mddedcelksassn.org](http://www.mddedcelksassn.org)) for events relating to Paul Hesel's campaign for GER. Information regarding events can be found on the site, along with contact information for the district chairs who will be coordinating different aspects of the campaign. Please forward any event information to me at [webmaster@mddedcelksassn.org](mailto:webmaster@mddedcelksassn.org) for inclusion on the site. I have also entered our site in the national competition; I am hoping we receive a 5 star rating. To do this, I need your help. Please forward to the email address above, pictures, articles, Lodge bulletins, etc. to be added to the site. We need to demonstrate to the rest of the membership outside of our association what we already know, we are active and involved.

Fraternally,  
Scott Wishard, VP West District

## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

### VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH

In November, we honor our nation's veterans for their sacrifices that resulted in the freedoms we enjoy today. Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger has underscored the Elks' recognition of those sacrifices by proclaiming November as Veterans Remembrance Month.

Subordinate lodges are encouraged to host a function in honor of their area veterans. If the veterans can get out, bring them to the lodge for recognition and possibly a meal. They always enjoy excursions away from their residence. Should the veterans be unable to leave home, bring the function to them. Our month-long observance, augmented by our celebration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of the month, should serve as a springboard into our host of other veterans programs throughout the year. These programs, beyond mere observances, can provide real help for our veterans. Those programs with which the Elks are becoming increasingly identified include Adopt-A-Vet, Army of Hope, Student/Veteran Volunteer Program and Comfort Care Kits. We should strive to redouble our efforts in support of all these fine programs.

In addition, lodges should be encouraged to honor veterans throughout the rest of the year. Try to plan a function every month. No function is too small or insignificant. Anything you do will help relieve the boredom that many of our hospitalized veterans face.

The help we provide to veterans throughout the year demonstrates how much we really mean it when we say thank you to them in November.

Fraternally,  
C. Valentine Bates, PGER  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Elks** Care - **Elks** Share



**SELBYVILLE LODGE WORKS  
SAFE KIDS DAY**



The Selbyville Lodge participated in the annual Sussex County Safe Kids Day. Lodge members set up a table displaying the Elks Drug Awareness literature and distributed copies to many in attendance. They also took their portable basketball nets and had a mini Hoop Shoot. Each child was given 5 shots at the basket. The more shots made, the better the prize. Prizes included book marks, rulers, pencils, balloons, gliders, frisbees, and sun glasses with the Elks Drug Awareness logo. About 300 kids took part in the shooting.

**BOWIE  
ELKS LODGE #2309  
CHARITY BALL  
AND AUCTION**

Bowie Lodge #2309 will be having a Charity Ball and Silent Auction at the Lodge on Saturday, October 20, 2007 with Cocktails, Dinner, Silent Auction and Dancing. Two charities have been selected to benefit from the proceeds, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Chapel Forge Special Ed Center of Bowie. Tickets are \$25.00 per person to attend or donations will be accepted. For Information call Doris Nowotnick at 301-464-8478 or Bowie Elks Lodge 301-261-3260.

**"WAL-MART SAFETY DAY & ELKS DRUG AWARENES"**

**AT GOLDEN RING WAL-MART STORE**

**6420 PETRIE WAY in ROSEDALE MD, 21237**

(I-695 Baltimore Beltway - Exit 34 - Rt 7 Philadelphia Road)

A Red Ribbon Celebration - Honoring Slain DEA

"Special Agent Enrique Camarena" @ 4 PM



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007: - 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

SPONSORED BY:

**MD-DE-DC ELKS ASSOCIATION DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM  
& ROSEDALE WAL-MART STORE #3489**

**JOIN US IN A CELEBRATION OF UNITY AGAINST DRUGS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!**

**\*MANY DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS: MOON BOUNCE, K-9 DEMOS,  
YOUTH PRESENTATIONS, CLOWNS, FACE PAINTING, DJ MUSIC, & REFRESHMENTS SERVED AT NO COST TO ALL  
IN ATTENDANCE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joe McGeeney @ 443-825-8880 / or ERIN at Wal-Mart @ 410-687-4858

\*\*VISIT US ON THE WEB: [www.WALMART.com](http://www.WALMART.com) / [www.MDDEDCELKSASSN.ORG](http://www.MDDEDCELKSASSN.ORG)

## DA Trailer Use

On many occasions you will hear accolades being directed to me for utilizing the South East Drug Awareness trailer. (**SOUTH EAST !!**) In all fairness, you should be aware of the many Elks who dedicate their time and energy to this effort. And, this is just a *partial* list of people and events, so I apologize if I have left anyone out. But the bigger reason for this article is to give YOU an idea of the many and varied ways that the trailers can be used in **YOUR** district. After all, I believe that we (at last count) have four of these trailers throughout the Association; one in the South East, one in the West, one in North Central and one at the Camp. It's simple to arrange their use: call or e-mail Carl Robinson. Done!

Now, bear in mind, this article is being written in August and being read in October so there could be other events that I am not aware of. Let's start with Pete Peterson and the Ocean City Lodge. He has members staffing the trailer for a month on the boardwalk in Ocean City while the "June Bugs" are in town. In addition to that, when the trailer is not in use it is sitting on the municipal parking lot right next to Ocean Highway getting plenty of drive-by visibility. Steve Smith of Chestertown Lodge picked up the trailer and had it in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, the Picnic in the Park and the Kent County Fair. Donna Delery used it at Salisbury Lodge for their soccer shoot. The trailer was in Crisfield for National Night Out and will be manned by Cindy & Gordon Taylor for the National Hard Crab Derby over the Labor Day weekend. Dick Fleck *would* have had it in Selbyville's Parade but for a scheduling conflict. Ocean City and Pocomoke Lodge manned the trailer for the Worcester County Fair. Seaford's Del & Peggy Frye have really stepped up to the plate by moving the trailer to the Delmarva Chicken Festival, the Somerset County Home & Garden Show, the Laurel School Field Day and Bridgeville's Apple Scrapple Festival, as well as helping me move it around the District. In December, Seaford Lodge will put Christmas lights on the trailer and pull it in the Christmas Parade.

So you see, there are many more "unsung heroes" in the fight against drugs, and so many more ways that **YOU** can be a part of that fight.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Buttrill, PSP

## **2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE**

The 2008 Baltimore Entertainment Books will soon be available and can be used as soon as they are purchased. The cost of the Entertainment Book is not available at this time. **Remember**, the profit from the sale of the books goes to **ELKS CAMP BARRETT**.

The 2007 Entertainment Books expires November 30, 2007, so please get your new book as soon as they are available, so you do not incur any unnecessary expenditures, due to not having a 2008 Entertainment Book when you go out to dine.

If you wish to purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book, contact Lee Davis at 410-256-9691 or Larry Mathers at 410-760-2634.

## State President Visitation Schedule

### WEST

Cumberland 063 .....December 5, 2007  
Hagerstown #378 .....October 9, 2007

### SOUTHWEST

Waldorf #2421 .....December 13, 2007  
Wash.-Rockville #15 .....November 1, 2007

### NORTHEAST

Abingdon #2354 .....October 25, 2007  
Dover #1903 .....November 15, 2007  
Elkton #2618 .....November 7, 2007  
Newark #2281 .....October 23, 2007

### NORTH CENTRAL

Bowie #2309 .....November 13, 2007  
Essex #1866 .....October 15, 2007

### SOUTHEAST

Cape Henlopen 2540 .....November 6, 2007  
Easton #1622 .....October 11, 2007  
Salisbury #817 .....October 10, 2007  
Selbyville #2173 .....October 17, 2007

**GRAND LODGE and  
MARYLAND, DELAWARE & DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA  
ELKS ASSOCIATION  
AMERICANISM CONTESTS**

**2007-2008**

**ESSAY: "WHAT IS AN AMERICAN"**

**RULES:**

1. Participants must be enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
Entries will be judged in two groups:

5th & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

2. Length not to exceed **250 words**

3. Must be legibly **printed in ink** or **typed**.

4. Entrant must be identified on essay by child's Name, Home Address, Phone Number, Social Security Number, Grade,

Name of School, Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge

5. State Winners will be presented with Savings Bonds at a special Ceremony

**POSTER:** Drawing of

**"MY FAVORITE SYMBOL OF AMERICA"**

**RULES:** 1. Artists must be from 0 to 9 years of age  
Will be judged in categories of

0-3 years old  
4-5 years old  
6-7 years old  
8-9 years old

2. Art must be **no larger than 8 ½ by 11" paper**.

3. Must include child's Name, Address, Phone Number, Age, Name of School if enrolled, Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge

4. State Winners will be presented with awards at a special Ceremony.

**TIME DEADLINES:**

-All entries must be in to the **Lodge Chairman's hands by December 15, 2007**

-Lodge winners must be into **District Chairman's hands by January 15, 2008**

-District winners must be into **State Chairman's hands by February 15, 2008.**

**REMEMBER:** Send only your 1<sup>st</sup> place winners on for further judging, but we need to know the total number of entries you received for the report to Grand Lodge.

**Let's make 2007-2008 our best year yet for participation in this important contest!**

Submitted by: Dave Smith, State Chairman



**South East District VP Report**

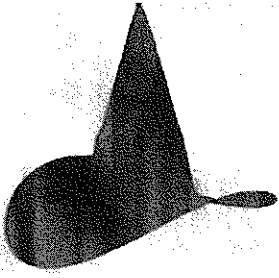
Greetings from the Southeast! It was going to be a great year anyway, but now that Paul Helsel has been endorsed for G.E.R., it is going to be an exciting year for all MD-DE-DC Elks, and hopefully everyone will embrace this experience 100%! I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to Paul and let him know that he has all the support I can muster.

Since the June Convention at Wisp, my first official invitation was to my own lodge in Easton for their Flag Day Ceremony, during which the local Vietnam Veterans performed the Flag Folding Ceremony as well as the Empty Chair Ceremony. I assure you there was not a dry eye in the house and Easton's officers did a great job. I then attended Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte and am proud to call myself a "Ramada Survivor." Those that were there will know what this means. Immediately after my return, I had the honor of attending Crisfield Lodge's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and must say that Crisfield members did themselves proud. Congratulations to Cindy Taylor, E.R., all of her officers and all of the members of Crisfield on this achievement. May we all be around for the next hundred?

I attended the fund raising meeting for Paul at Camp Barrett, as well as the August Camp meeting. I was able to journey to Newark Lodge for the Cocktail Party to benefit the Paul D. Helsel GER Fundraising Campaign, and enjoyed Newark's hospitality. By the time we get to Ocean City, I will have accompanied the Ritual Judges to Cambridge and Pocomoke Lodges during their DD visits, as well as attended the Ocean City Lodge's 9/11 Ceremony, and hopefully have had my first official visit at Cambridge Lodge.

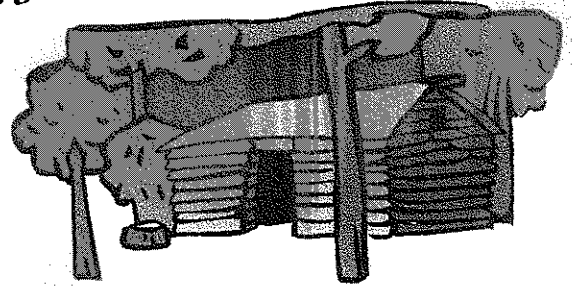
As I have said, it is an exciting time to be a member of this great association and I am humbled to be able to serve it as the Southeast Vice President. I thank the Southeast for this opportunity and will do my best not to let you down.

Bill Redmond,  
Southeast VP



# The Commitment and Camp

OCTOBER 2007



## Tricks or Common Sense

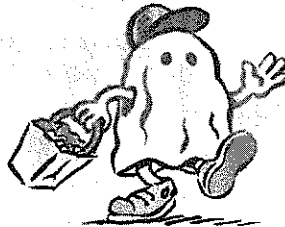
### Elks Camp Barrett Our Major Project Serving the Youth.

The Camp is an all encompassing program that provides girls and boys age 9-13 appreciation and knowledge of themselves and their peers as we promote leadership through creative adventure and activities, as they learn the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

The objectives of the Elks camping program are:

- Foster healthy attitudes and self awareness through working, living and playing with others.
- Provide opportunities for physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual growth.
- Teach self-reliance, resourcefulness and independence within each camper's capability.
- Provide each camper with the opportunity to exert creative and leadership potential.
- Provide the opportunity for each camper to have fun, adventure and make new friends.
- Develop an appreciation and knowledge of the out-of-doors
- Encourage patriotism and belief in the democratic process.

Mary E. Cardinal- Vogt  
Public Relations Chairman



### *Camp Ways to Help*

*you could*  
**SPONSOR A CABIN**  
*or*  
**RENT THE CAMP FOR  
YOUR LODGE PICNIC**  
*or*  
**HAVE  
A FUND RAISER FOR THE  
CAMP**

### **SPREAD THE WORD**

**START WORKING NOW  
TO SEND THE KIDS**



**Call Stu is their something  
my lodge can do?**  
**It's up to you!**

Every member  
can be involved.  
All members should feel they  
are part of the team.

As we all know  
Activities done by your lodge  
shows that you are a vital  
part of the community.

A strong, active lodge  
promotes youth activities.

Here are some Idea's  
of where to find children to  
send to our wonderful Camp

Ask  
Family  
Teachers

Promote Awareness of the  
Camp at

Your Halloween Party  
or leave pamphlets to be  
passed out during the  
Drug Awareness Program  
leave information for the  
meeting

of

The Boy Scouts  
The Girl Scouts  
4 - H Clubs

or you could attend their  
Meeting

and speak about the camp  
Visit the Little League Teams  
and make them aware of our  
wonderful program.

This is no

**Trick**

Your Lodge  
gives

**Treats**

## AMERICANISM

October is here, the Holidays will soon be upon us and so will the New Year. So...

- Schools have started and the information on our Grand Lodge Essay Contest and Association Poster Contest should already be in the Classrooms
- Every Officer in your lodge should wear the Flag Lapel Pin everywhere they go
- Patriotic Place mats are an excellent way for your Lodge to show its Americanism at all Lodge sponsored Breakfasts and Dinners
- October 9, 2007 is Columbus Day
- October 28, 2007 is the 121<sup>st</sup> birthday of the Statue of Liberty
- At your Lodge Children's Halloween party or when you pass out goodies to the trick-or-treaters at your door, Flag Lapel pins or Patriotic Coloring Books are an excellent give-away
- November 7, 2007 is Election Day
- November 11, 2007 is Veteran's Day
- At Thanksgiving and Christmas, when you pass out your Food Baskets to the needy in your Lodge community, hand held Flags and Patriotic Coloring Books are an excellent item to include in the baskets
- December 7, 2007 is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February each year begins National Patriotism Week
- The Heritage Corner in your Lodge is always in need of "sprucing-up"
- There are always Flags flying in your Community right this minute that are tattered and torn in need of replacing which presents an excellent opportunity to donate a Flag
- THERE ARE AMERICANISM PROJECTS JUST WAITING TO BE DONE IN YOUR LODGE COMMUNITY TODAY

Did you know that it all it takes to get it done is to do it? It's so simple!

**ELKS CARE...ELKS SHARE  
GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Submitted by: Dave Smith, State Chairman

## GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM LODGE BROCHURE CONTEST 2007-2008

What is an Americanism Lodge Brochure?

Some have said that this is a fancy name for a Scrapbook. In many ways, it is.

**To make an Americanism Lodge Brochure**, all you have to do is

-organize all of the **pictures** your Lodge has had taken during the year relating to Americanism

-organize all **flyers, articles and program booklets** your Lodge has put out during the year relating to Americanism

- compile everything into a Brochure (loose leaf notebook), not to exceed **8 ½" wide by 11" high and 3 ½" thick**, have your **Lodge Secretary attest your membership, sign the cover sheet and affix your Lodge Seal** and send it to Grand Lodge post-marked on or before **March 31, 2008 to:**

**ROY A. WORLEY,  
Grand Lodge Americanism Committee  
6741 Austin Bay Ct.  
Sherwood, AR 72120-4063**

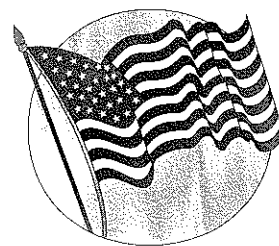
-**notify me**, Dave Smith 410-741-0807, that your Lodge has entered, so I can give you the proper credit. Refer to the Article titled "How to Assemble an Americanism Brochure" elsewhere in this newsletter for ideas. Things as simple as taking a picture of the "Heritage Corner" in your Lodge are included in the list of helpful ideas.

Remember, your Lodge can win this year! All it takes is an entry and some imagination.

As always, feel free to call me at any time at 410-741-0807 with any questions that you may have or any help that you may need.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Submitted by: Dave Smith, State Chairman



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## Grand Lodge Resolutions

It's no secret that during the Grand Lodge Convention qualified members vote on various resolutions proposed by the Committee on Judiciary and state associations. Some pass, some fail, and the legislative session ends for another year. What does it all mean for the members? Let me explain.

**Resolution 1** was approved, 2,311 to 519. It permits the Elks National Home to be incorporated. Previously, the Board of Grand Trustees ran the Home, with one Trustee designated as Home Member, an unincorporated trust. Now the Home will become a corporation under Virginia law and all assets will be vested in the corporation, thus limiting liability. The Grand Trustees will serve as the corporate directors.

**Resolution 2** was defeated, 1,809 to 1,016—as a constitutional change, approval required a two-thirds majority. It would have changed the Constitution to permit funding of the corporation when “deemed necessary and desirable.” The Grand Lodge may still annually assess upon each member, by resolution, an amount covering the maintenance of the Home. *See Article III, § 15.*

**Resolutions 3, 4, 5, and 6**, all dealing with the admission of 18-20-year-olds into the Order, were defeated again this year, with more than 2,200 against and about 500 for each. The Nebraska Elks Association proposed the resolutions. This is a contentious issue, fraught with emotional reactions and legal consequences. More than likely, it will resurface next year, as membership in our Order continues its decades-long decline.

**Resolution 7** was approved, 2,627 to 204. It requires Elks to sing the National Anthem only in English with lyrics by Francis Scott Key and the melody that Congress approved in 1931. Proposed by the Wisconsin State Elks Association, this addition to section 4.321 would prohibit in Elkdom the so-called “modern” renditions of the Star Spangled Banner that are heard—sometimes in foreign languages—and seen at sporting events and other public occasions.

**Resolution 8** was approved, 2,090 to 740. It adds to section 12.130 some due process language for an officer who fails to memorize the opening and closing and the initiation rituals within 30 days. Previously, a lodge could, by a majority vote at a regular meeting, remove an officer for failure to memorize, but that provision had been used in some lodges as a means of getting rid of unpopular officers. Now, there must be a written complaint, notice to the accused officer and the Lodge, a hearing at a regular meeting, and a required two-thirds vote to remove.

**Resolution 9** was defeated, 1,337 to 1,494, but **Resolution 10** was approved, 1,442 to 1,386. The Florida Elks Association proposed both. The former would have permitted a degree team to render the initiation ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy. The latter amends section 12.130 to permit a lodge to appoint a degree team to render the initiation ritual. The votes were quite close, but it is still the feeling of the majority that the officers need to perform for the district deputy.

**Resolution 11** was approved, 2,440 to 383. A housekeeping item, it added the Grand Exalted Ruler's power to suspend an officer from club privileges and office into section 9.010, which permits the removal of a lodge officer from office.

**Resolution 12** was approved, 2,625 to 188. It added to section 10.080 a sentence requiring the Board of Pardon Commissioners to place its records with the Grand Secretary after reporting its recommendations to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

**Resolution 13** was approved, 2,514 to 295. Another housekeeping item, it amended section 14.180 to clarify the 60-day period during which a lodge may reduce its reinstatement fee to one dollar. Now, a lodge can designate in its by-laws two consecutive months or 60 days.

Several other resolutions did not make it to the floor of the Grand Lodge, but are likely to appear next year, including a proposal to modify jurisdictional limitations to permit membership in one or more lodges. Stay tuned. Submitted by, Priscilla Schwab, GL Judiciary Committee

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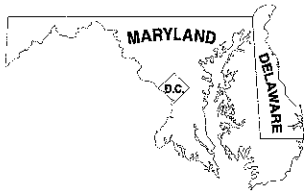
## MD, DE, D.C. ELKS FLAG BEARERS AT G.L. 2007 CONVENTION



Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks participated in the Parade of Flags during the opening ceremony of the Grand Lodge Convention held in July 2007, in Charlotte, NC. Shown from left: Warren Johnson with Maryland Flag, President MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association (Frederick Lodge #684); Edward Pettit with Delaware Flag, DDGER North East District (Milford Lodge #2401), and John Hagen with District of Columbia Flag, Exalted Ruler Washington-Rockville Lodge #15.

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### MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT of COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION



**George W. Hamilton, PSP**  
14172 Shelby Circle  
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*A Fraternal Organization*

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