

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT



Warren Johnson
President 2007-2008

Members and Guests

I welcome you to the Spring meeting of the Association. We are honored to have with us Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis "Lou" Sulsberger and his wife Beth. We also have our Sponsor, the Hon. Carlon M. O'Malley; Kay is unable to be with us this weekend, and extends her best to all of you, and Special Deputy Paul Hesel and his wife Jane. Please join Debbie and me in extending a warm welcome to our guests.

I hope you will find the sessions informative and interesting. Saturday will have presentations on Investigation, Membership, and Lapsation. As we start the new Elk year, I hope each new Exalted Ruler will gain some information on these very important topics, to aid them during their year. There will also be a presentation on Ethics by the Hon. Priscilla Schwab. Since she has not filled me in, I don't know if it will be like the Ocean City presentation.

We will honor our Law Enforcement officer of the year as we have in the past. This is a great honor for us to bestow on a person who through their work, shows that they are "**Committed to the Community**".

Saturday afternoon will include the 11 O'clock contest, trustees, Special Project Committee, and a presentation on the new Grand Lodge membership software by PSP Earl Schellman.

Sunday's session will include committee reports, remarks from GER Sulsberger, and elections.

Since our last meeting, Debbie and I have attended the State Free Throw contest, Prince George's County Lodge Charity Ball, the Americanism Awards Luncheon at Calvert Lodge, the State Ritual Contest in Annapolis, a fund raiser for Paul at Cambridge Lodge, the Invitational Soccer Shoot in Hagerstown, the Regional Hoop Shoot in Fredrick, the installation of Officers for Hagerstown Lodge 378, and the installation of Officers at Frederick Lodge 684.

I wish to thank the out going Exalted Rulers for their hard work this year and their support of our programs. I encourage the incoming Exalted Rulers to hit the ground running and if I can be of any assistance, please contact me or you District Vice President.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Warren H. Johnson State President



Elks-Care **Elks-Share**

Coming Events

March 28-30, 2008
Spring Conference
GER VISIT
Frederick Lodge No. 684

April, 2008
DD Clinics

May 25, 2008
Elks Camp Barrett
Family Bull Roast

May 30 - June 1, 2008
88th State Convention
The Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD

June 14, 2008
Flag Day

July 6-10, 2008
Grand Lodge Convention
Anaheim, CA

August, 2008
DD Clinics

October 3-5, 2008
Fall Conference
The Grand Hotel
Ocean City, MD

January, 2009
DD Clinics

January, 2009
Winter Workshop
Date and Location to be announced

March 20-22, 2009
GER Visit/Spring Conference
Location to be announced

June 12-14, 2009
89th State Convention
Dover Sheraton Hotel

**Paul D. Hesel GER Campaign Fund
Golf Tournament, Saturday, May 3, 2008**

At Salisbury Lodge #817

Two separate start times A.M. and P.M.

Shotgun Start

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**Next Newsletter
 Deadline...
 May 1, 2008**



SPRING MEETING
Of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia
Elks Association
Frederick Elks Lodge #684
March 28-30, 2008



Friday, March 28, 2008

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Lunch Available
 2:00-6:00 P.M. Registration
 2:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting-Garden Room
 1:00-5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings as requested by Chairpersons
 6:00-9:00 P.M. Dinner (reservations requested through Lodge)
 8:00 P.M.-Midnight Entertainment

Saturday, March 29, 2008

7:00-9:30 A.M. Breakfast
 8:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. Registration
 8:00 A.M.-8:45 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett-Lodge Room
 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon Presentations and Reports
 Ethics-Hon. P.A. Schwab
 Drug Awareness – Joe McGeeney
 Special Project Committee-
 PSP Maguire/PSP LaGier
 Investigation, Indoctrination and Retention
 12:00 -2:00 P.M. Lunch Available
 1:00 P.M. Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest-Lodge Room
 1:00 P.M. Special Project Committee-Garden Room
 2:00 P.M. District Deputy Meeting-Garden Room
 2:00 P.M. State Trustee Meeting-Lodge Room
 6:30 P.M. Social
 7:00 P.M. Dinner –Advanced sales
 8:30 P.M.-Midnight Entertainment -D.J. In the Lounge

Sunday, March 30, 2008

7:00-9:30 A.M. Breakfast
 8:00-10:00 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 Association – Remarks by GER Sulsberger
 Elections
 Closing and Adjournment
 12:00-2:00 P.M. Farewell Lunch



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

NEXT MEETING-STATE CONVENTION

MAY 30, JUNE 1, 2008 - THE WISP, McHENRY, MD

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

General Fund Raising Committee

General Co-Chairmen	Thomas Rabickow, PSP (302)537-9164 Rabickow@cs.com		Reginald Maguire, PSP (410)673-7405 rmaguire01@comcast.net
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Southwest	Darwin Leatherman, PDDGER (301)862-4857 fltengdarwin@verizon.net		

Pin & Coin Sales Committee

Co-Chairmen	Richard Burg, PDDGER (302)368-4754 rjburg@verizon.net		Terry LaGier, PSP (302)697-3592 talagier@aol.com
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Thanksgiving in St. Thomas Raffle Committee

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Southwest	Marilyn Leatherman (301) 862-4857	Florida	Judy Spurgin (321)725-9777 jhspurgin@msn.com

Fund Raising Activities

Pin & Coin Sales – see committee listing above
 Basket Bingos – Carl & Beth Robinson (301)604-4153
 April 13, 2008 Annapolis #622
 April 21, 2008 Hagerstown #378
 Spring Golf Tournament – Dave Wolcott (410)479-4877 (Lodge)
 Thanksgiving St. Thomas Vacation Raffle – see committee listing above
 Alaskan Carved Wooden Train Set Raffle – Priscilla Schwab (301) 871-1758

The Thousand Dollar Club

By Priscilla Anne Schwab State President-elect

One thousand dollars is a lot of money. At \$10 a week, it takes almost two years to save up such a sum. For some people, a thousand dollars is what they live on for a month. As best they can. For others, a thousand dollars is what they take to the racetrack or Las Vegas to gamble.

The Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association has 25,000 members. If one percent of those members each had a thousand dollars to spare, the association would have raised the entire sum of money needed to support Paul D. Helsel, our endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler. 2008-09.

One hundred dollars is no small sum. Yet, these days, it takes the better part of a hundred dollars to fill your gas tank. That amount won't even buy some of those brand-name sneakers. But it will buy a Patron pin, and if ten percent of our association's 25,000 members each had a hundred dollars to spare, the association would have again reached its goal.

Ten dollars used to be a generous weekly allowance or a much appreciated birthday gift. Today, your child asks for ten dollars the way we used to ask for a quarter. Yet, if half of our 25,000 members coughed up two ten-dollar bills for a Pal pin, we would have all the money we need to honor our state association's first Grand Exalted Ruler.

Finally, one dollar today is like a nickel used to be. But, as we Elks well know, a dollar here for a raffle ticket, a dollar there to the Jernick fund, a dollar in the basket for charity—it all adds up to the humongous sums that our lodges raise every year for our charitable causes. Even a dollar a member adds up to a tidy sum.

The bottom line is this—the goal for Paul's year as Grand Exalted Ruler is \$250,000.00. That is an enormous amount of money, but that is what it costs in this day and age to be the Grand Exalted Ruler of our Order.

Presidential candidates will spend millions in pursuit of a job that pays \$400,000.00 a year. The \$250,000.00 we raise will be used to support our association's first Grand Exalted Ruler through his year, starting in Anaheim in July 2008 when he will be introduced socially and fraternally to the thousands of members who attend, and continuing throughout the year as he attends to Grand Lodge business—new lodges, lodges in trouble, executive orders, and the general operation of a multi-million-dollar organization—and visits the 47 state associations for three days at a time as national president.

Yes, it takes a lot of money to be Grand Exalted Ruler. But the money comes from us, the members of our association, and from the members of the associa-

tions in Area II, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. So, if you are one of the fortunate few who has a thousand dollars to spare, please consider writing that check to the Paul Helsel GER Fund. And if you have a hundred dollars you were going to spend on personal amusement, maybe delay the fun and write a check for a Patron pin. And if you have ten dollars, save it until you have twenty so that you can proudly wear a Pal pin. Finally, remember, every dollar helps, so when the hat—or basket or bucket—is passed at our meetings, throw in a dollar for Paul.

VP WEST DISTRICT REPORT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season.

Since my last report I have completed 4 lodge visits, Westminster, Hagerstown, Frederick and Frostburg. All lodges are to be commended on their work in Elkdom and the communities they serve.

Frederick Lodge #684 is a shining example of how the lodges within the State Association should be involved in their communities. Frederick Lodge participates in National Night out and makes use of the drug awareness trailer at various locations including Frederick's "In the Street" celebration. They sponsor the Power of One motivational presentation at Frederick's High schools. As well they sponsor a variety of youth activities and teams. I had the honor of attending Frederick's annual Charity Ball where they made donations to 11 charities totaling approximately \$25,000. Frederick lodge is also very active in their Veterans Programs. The Officer's and Members clearly work very hard. I urge each lodge in the Association to take a close look at their community activities and see what else can be added.

By the time you read this I will have made my official visit to Oakland Lodge and will have accompanied President Johnson on his trip to Cumberland Lodge. I have also attended the Camp Barrett Executive committee meetings and the District Soccer shoot. I will be attending the District Hoop Shoot in January.

The West District caucus was held and announcements regarding the outcome will be made shortly. I have enjoyed working with all in the District and State Association over the last 6 months and thank everyone for the hospitality they have shown. I look forward to working with each of you in the final 6 months of my term.

Fraternally,
Scott Wishard
VP - West

VP North Central Report

Not much has happen since are last meeting at Easton Lodge and this is the perfect time to thank all the people at Easton Lodge for the great weekend the great food and fun that we all had.

I have completed all my official visits within the North Central District at this time. I am now visiting Lodges with my district on an unofficial status.

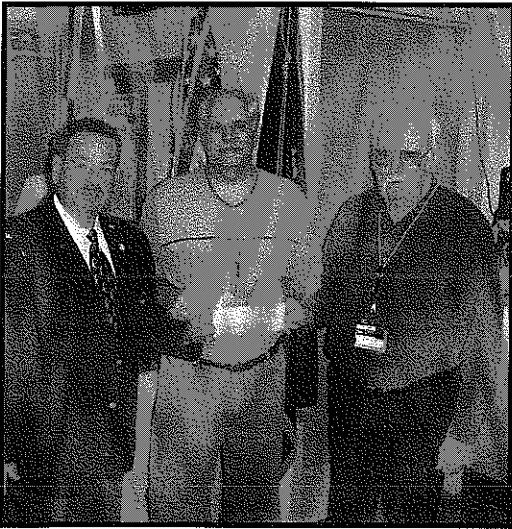
Also, attended the DD Clinic held at the Annapolis Lodge and the Elks Camp Barrett meeting.

At this time I am looking forward to attending the Spring conference and the GER visit at Frederick Lodge.

North Central District is doing well at this time embracing all of the State and Grand Lodge Program. I have travel 575 miles with about 21 hours of travel time.

Fraternally yours,
Richard L. Hasson V.P.N.C.

LAUREL LODGE SUPPORTS VETS



Shown Left to Right: Battista Delia, Exalted Ruler; Dallas Renninger, Voluntary Therapy; and George Larkins, VAVS REP/PDDGER

Laurel Lodge #2283 made a monthly visit to the BVAMC. They presented goodie bags to the patients; wheelchair gloves, prepaid phone cards and a check for \$1,400.00 to equip one room with a new television system. The \$1,400.00 donation helped them reach their goal of \$80,000.00.

Fraternally,
George Larkins, PDDGER
VAVS Rep/NC

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION LODGE BUDGET FOR VETERANS

We, as ELKS, have an unparalleled history of proud and charitable contributions to our Nation's glory at every level, from Grand Lodge Programs to State Association Programs and to the grass roots efforts of each of our Lodges across America. All of these programs are budgeted by each of these entities and that is the very basis of this message.

It is no secret that the true effect on our Veterans comes from the efforts given on the grass-roots level, our Subordinate Lodges. These Lodge Programs absolutely touch Veterans personally on a one to one basis. This is where a strong Lodge budget becomes necessary as without it many of those programs will be hollow or possibly even left out.

Today, there are a few more avenues we can take to help to make the lives of Veterans, "The Heroes of America" a little brighter. You know what they say, "Life is all the Sweeter for a Song", and this is just one of those avenues to take by supporting "Re-Creation," a group of young men and women who travel around the country visiting and entertaining our veterans. We now offer "Comfort Care Kits" to those who are hospitalized, an "Adopt a Vet Program" where we accept a Vet as a family member, our "Elks Army of Hope", where we help the families of our "Fallen and Severely Wounded Heroes". These are the programs we now have and they add to the already long established "Leather Program" in which we are the largest source of hides to the Veterans Administration. Our On Station and Off Station Programs speak for themselves. They certainly brighten the days for thousands each year. These are just some of the creative programs we offer to those who sacrificed so much for "Our America".

Now is the time to make a sacrifice yourself. Now is the time for all Lodges to provide that little extra in their Veterans Program budget to help expand and strengthen your program, thereby making them "All the Sweeter for a Few More Dollars in the Pot"!!!

Fraternally,
Art "RT" Mayer, Jr., PGER, Past Chairman

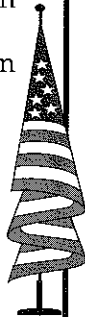


AMERICANISM

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 WISP ?
- attend the Association Flag Day ceremonies at your Lodge ?
- donate Flags to Classrooms in your communities? present certificates to individuals or businesses in your Community mat 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?
- Spruce up and update the Heritage Comer in your Lodge?
- Complete the Flag Lapel Project this year?



THERE IS STILL TIME ... yes, the Essay and Poster contests are completed, but there is still time to complete your Lodge Americanism Brochure (SCRAP-BOOK). Additionally, there are still many Americanism Projects available to do. As an individual, you personally can help your Lodge attain a huge WELL DONE if you will just make the effort to 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 your youth about Patriotism, and that opportunity' can be aided by taking advantage of the teaching aids on the Americanism table as well as by seeing the various Americanism Chairmen to get fresh and innovative ideas to take back to your Lodge!

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!!

Northeast District VP Report

I attended the January Workshop and Camp Barrett meeting in Easton.

On February 17th, I made my official visit to Havre de Grace Lodge. Thank you to ER Mike Todd and the Officers for the warm welcomed. I congratulated them on their many accomplishments. I have completed all my official visits in the Northeast and have submitted my reports.

I am pleased to announce some of the many accomplishments to date in the Northeast District:

- All eight Lodges have completed the Elks Training Test
- Congratulations to Milford Lodge for winning the NE District Ritual Contest
- Milford and Dover Lodges participated in the District Soccer Shoot. Congratulations to Dover Lodge for their "Under 8 Boy" winning at the State level and advancing to the Regional Soccer Shoot
- Seven Lodges have exceeded the GER's ENF goal
- Six Lodges have meet or exceeded our State President's ENF goal of \$9.00
- Dover, Abingdon, Milford and Chestertown Lodges participated in the District Hoop Shoot. Congratulations to Milford and Abingdon Lodges for having first place winners in Girls 8-9 and Boys 8-9 categories.
- Wilmington, Havre de Grace, Milford and Dover Lodges participated in the Americanism Poster and Essay Contest. Congratulations to Dover Lodge for having 1st place winners in the Poster and Essay Contest
- All Lodges have supported our Veterans Program in numerous ways

I am very proud of all the Lodges in the Northeast. Keep up the good work!

On April 2nd, I will accompany our State President Warren Johnson on his official visit to Elkton Lodge and I have traveled 253 miles since January.

Fraternally yours,

Connie J. de Young, SVP NE District

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

I apologize for not having the October winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in the January State Newsletter. I missed the deadline.

The winner of the **October 7, 2007** 50/50 E.C.B. Raffle in Ocean City was Bob Hearn from Severna Park Lodge No.2482.

The winner of the **January 20, 2008** 50/50 E.C.B. Raffle in Easton was Larry Mathers from Glen Burnie Lodge No. 2266.

I want to thank all the people that supported the 50/50 raffles at the last two workshops and throughout the year. We could not do these raffles without the support of the people such as all of you.

Fraternally, Lee Davis, PSP

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.



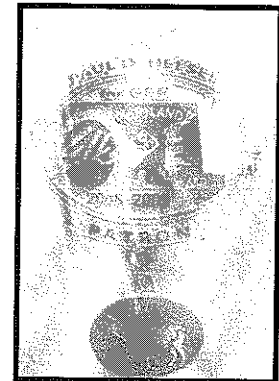
All Lodges are actively involved in Americanism programs and making a brochure to document that fact is a very important part of your Lodge History and, if for no other reason, one should be made for each and every year. If you agree with that, why not send it in and share your successes with the other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

G/L Americanism Committeeman

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



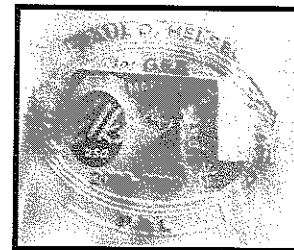
1 1/4" Lapel Pin:
\$100.00



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.

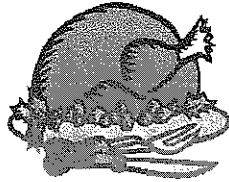


1 1/8" Lapel Pin: \$20.00

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

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

THANKSGIVING IN ST. THOMAS



Spent Thanksgiving week in the famous **Bluebeard's Castle*** located in the beautiful Virgin Islands. **St. Thomas is a world-renowned vacation destination and Bluebeard'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 Bluebeard'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.**
- **Can be used in either 2008 or 2009**

* 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. All taxes are the responsibility of the winner or winners. Either option can sleep 4 people. Drawing to be held July 9, 2008.*

PURCHASE ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND TICKETS

Members:

Soon you will be receiving your "Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund" 2008 raffle tickets in the mail. Members, if cannot buy all five tickets, give your friends a chance to win one of the 23 prizes awarded. Sell them a ticket. Exalted Rulers, please do your best to put something in your lodge newsletters to encourage your members to buy the E.C.B.I.F. raffle tickets.

Remember, this raffle allows the many improvements to be done to our camp, that are needed from time to time in order to keep the camp the best that it can be. The camp needs money for the many activities that go on at the camp throughout the year, but remember, the Improvement Fund money goes into a separate account and is only used for camp improvements.

We all know what has to be done for Paul D. Helsel, our endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, but we cannot forget what we need to do for our state major project, Elks Camp Barrett.

When your tickets arrive in the mail, grab your pants by the belt loops and pull them up a couple of inches higher than normal. Reach down to the bottom of that pocket and get some of those dollars that haven't been pulled out for recently and by a ticket or two.

Please continue to support the "ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND" and give a child a chance to go to a first class camp this year.

Fraternally,
H. Lee Davis, PSP

South East VP Report

Greetings from the Southeast District!

Things have been a bit slower for me this quarter, as work has been hectic. I have completed my visit to Kent Island Lodge and was able to witness their PER's not only run the meeting but initiate 10 new members. They did a fantastic job! I was very fortunate to help Easton Lodge host the January Winter Workshop. ER David Wolcott and all of the officers and members did a fantastic job and certainly did Easton proud!

I have one more visit, which will be to Pocomoke City Lodge. I will have that done by the time we get to Frederick. I plan on finishing the year strong by attending as many lodge functions and officer installations as I can, as well as assisting the incoming officers as best I can. Speaking of which, the State Association officers for 2008-2009 will be as follows: Vice President David Wolcott from Easton Lodge, Camp Barrett Executive Board member Marie Frolio from Cape Henlopen, and Two Year Trustee Carol Holland from Salisbury. As you all know by now, the top vote getters for President Elect were Art League with 42 Votes and Stu Kerr with 15 votes. Dick Fleck had 8 votes. Best of luck to the two of them as either one will do the Southeast District and the State Association proud!

Bill Redmond, VP South East

ASSOCIATION FLAG DAY CEREMONIES

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH

WHERE: ASSOCIATION STATE
CONVENTION WISP MOUNTAIN
RESORT AND CONFERENCE
CENTER MCHENRY, MARYLAND

WATCH IN THE LOBBY
FOR POSTED DETAILS

DON'T MISS IT
SEE DAVE SMITH FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION



Did You Know? Brainteaser For the Month

South West District Lodges in addition to other District Lodges have supported Elks Camp Barrett through the years. Many of the South West District Lodges have merged with other lodges.

Let's see how many you can remember.

Who are they now?

District Heights Lodge
Marlow Heights Lodge
Silver Spring Lodge
Washington DC Lodge
Forestville Lodge
Marlborough Lodge
Bethesda/Chevy Chase Lodge

Answers to be revealed in June.....Submitted
by: Kenny Largent, PSP

"Remember to sponsor a child"

South West VP Report

My official visitations to Lodges in the South-west District concluded with a March 11, 2008 trip to Calvert Lodge 2620. A report will be filed after that visit thus completing all reports for lodges visited.

This has been a fantastic job, giving me an opportunity to tour the SW district and see all of the dedication to Elkdom our members offer. For the next several months I will concentrate on social aspects of our district lodges. Additionally, I will work with the State Chairman for Elks Training to ensure our district has 100% participation.

I would like to congratulate Calvert Lodge 2620 for their hard work and success in representing the South West district in this year's State Association Ritual contest. The contest was held at Annapolis Lodge 622, March 2, 2008.

At the time this report will print to the State Association newsletter, I will have driven 525 miles this quarter, for an annual total of 2573 miles driven for Elkdom.

Fraternally,
R. Trent Manson
VP-SW

AMERICANISM AWARDS

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

What is an American?

One question many people ask is "what exactly is an American?", to me an American is one who loves their own country, America, and is willing to help or defend our country. This doesn't mean you have to do something big to help like joining the army or creating a medical cure. It can be as simple as helping a less fortunate family in your town or volunteering at an animal shelter. Just remember sometimes the smallest things you do are the most meaningful.

Americans aren't all the same but we are all equal. Don't make fun of someone just because of their skin color or their religion. Also, to be an American you either have to be born in America or you have to take a test to become an American citizen. Today in America there is a lot of fighting and violence. You have to realize that we are all one country and we have to stand together. If we don't stand together our country will fall apart.

September 11, 2007, was a very devastating day for all Americans. Many Americans were either killed or injured. Luckily America stood strong. I always think about how our lives may have changed if our country didn't stand together. An American to me is one who helps and defends our country, but not also just that it also is someone who can stand strong with one nation during our countries weakest days.

Airica Paugh, 1st Place Winner
W. District, Oakland Lodge
Division II

ESSAY AWARD FINALISTS

5/6 Grade, Division I:

3RD PLACE: SE District, Cape Henlopen Lodge, Austin Moore

2ND PLACE: NE District, Dover Lodge, A.J. Adriance

1ST PLACE: SW District, Washington Rockville Lodge,
 Julian Duggan

7/8 Grade, Division II:

3RD PLACE: NC District, Annapolis Lodge, Anthony Myles

2ND PLACE: SE District, Ocean City Lodge, Riddhi Sanwal

1ST PLACE: W District, Oakland Lodge, Airica Paugh

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WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

An American is many things. We are patriotic, diverse, and bold. We are a group of descendants of people who immigrated here chancing everything, with the possibility of losing everything they had.

We are a patriotic people who stand by our country in good times and bad. We have freedom that our ancestors fought for. We are proud of that Our nation is strong because of our patriotism. We've had many great leaders. We have the oldest democratic constitution in the world. It takes patriotic people to keep a constitution.

We are a diverse nation in many ways. All Americans have different talents and heritages. Some of us are 1st generation and others have been here since the beginning. All Americans are talented at something and our nation uses those talents well. We have varied experiences. Some of us have traveled all around this great nation and others stay in one place their whole lives.

We are a bold people. Our nation is still young and we have many people leaving their native countries for a new life here. That alone proves we are a country of bold people. Our ancestors took chances coming here and it paid off. They could have lost everything but because of sheer determination, hard work, and perseverance they succeeded and laid a strong foundation for us.

These are the characteristics of a true American. Americans persevere to reach their goals. We are truly patriotic, diverse, and bold.

Julian Duggan, 1st Place Winner
St. Jane de Chantal
SW District, Washington/ Rockville #15
Division I

POSTER AWARD WINNERS

0-3 year old category:

1ST PLACE: SW District, Calvert Lodge, Naomi Dugan

4-5 year old category:

2ND PLACE:

SE District, Ocean City Lodge, Quinn McColgan

1ST PLACE: SW District, Calvert Lodge, Sam Dugan

6-7 year old category:

3RD PLACE: NC District, Towson Lodge, Ellie Vanderhorst

2ND PLACE: NC District, Severna Park Lodge, Megan Peters

1ST PLACE: SW District, Waldorf Lodge, Alex Medford

8-9 year old category:

3RD PLACE: NE District, Dover Lodge, Andrew Stant

2ND PLACE: W District, Oakland Lodge, Abby Burdock

1ST PLACE: SE District, Ocean City Lodge, Oshaena Conn

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 ELKS ASSOCIATION
 June Convention Reservations



WISP Mountain Resort and Conference Center
 290 MARSH HILL ROAD
 MCHENRY, MD 21541
 MAY 30TH - JUNE 1ST, 2008

Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2008 – Unfortunately, NO Exceptions

Check the for reservations. Select complete weekend package (option #1) or Lodging (option #2) and/or Saturday State Association Dinner (option #3).

Option #1 Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on May 30 and May 31, Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner (choice of Char Grilled New York Strip Steak {medium rare to medium ONLY} with Caramelized Onions or Chicken Breast Stuffed with Crab in White Wine Sauce) and Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Double Occupancy: \$320.00 New York Strip # _____
 Single Occupancy: \$255.00 Stuffed Chicken # _____

Option #2 Individual Room Rates

One Night \$95.00
 Two Nights \$190.00

Option #3 Dinner Only

One person \$35.00 New York Strip # _____
 Two persons \$70.00 Stuffed Chicken # _____

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

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

Non-Smoking Smoking  One Bed Two Beds

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

Name: _____

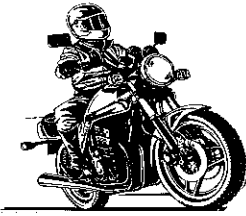
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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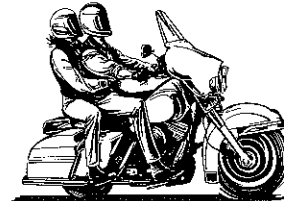
1st ANNUAL CAMP BARRETT RIDE FOR THE CHILDREN

Elks Camp Barrett is a camp designed to help young people of all backgrounds develop and grow by affording the opportunity of getting outdoors for adventure and fun. It is operated by the Elks Association of MD, DE, and DC. Campers are sponsored by local Elks Lodges and the cost of camp is covered by that sponsorship - Google Elks Camp Barrett for additional information.

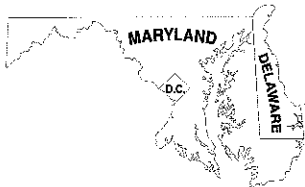
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO HELP MAINTAIN AND ENSURE
CAMP BARRETT'S CONTINUED SUCCESS.

EVENT DATE: MAY 17, 2008
EVENT TIME: 2:00 - 7:00 PM.....LIVE BAND FROM 2:00 - 5:00 PM
EVENT LOCATION: RIDE ENDS AT ELKS CAMP BARRETT, CROWNSVILLE, MD
RIDE BEGINS AT ANY ELKS LODGE OR LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE
FOOD & BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE

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