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Message from the State President: Challenges Launched



Priscilla Schwab
President 2008-2009

Welcome to Prince Frederick in beautiful Calvert County, a long drive for many of us but what else are you going to do on a January weekend after New Year's and before the Super Bowl. It really is too cold to play golf.

Last October I asked all of you to undertake four missions: (1) membership, (2) ENF, (3) Scouting, and (4) Good Kids. And I warned you that I would expect reports on these missions. I also offered small rewards and promised a full debriefing at this winter workshop. That debriefing starts with ENF.

In visiting 22 lodges officially from last September to December, I have championed ENF to the new—and the more experienced—members (I say more experienced because "old" is not a word I like to contemplate). Every new member initiated during an official visit was challenged to fork over \$10.00 to ENF before leaving the lodge room. They did. If there was no Initiation at my official visit, I challenged the officers who may have neglected ENF to follow my example and contribute. Most did.

The point is that ENF is a lifetime investment for every member of our Order. I've always believed that, and our state chair, Claudia Finley-Bryant from Waldorf Lodge No. 2421, will justify that belief at one of our breakout sessions this weekend. Claudia will explain when and why ENF got started, how the operation works, who actually runs the fund, what programs are included, and where the money goes. She will also report on how many of you accepted that mission last October to persuade a fellow member to part with \$10.00 for ENF. If you all did, then maybe every lodge has met our Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member.

Your membership mission was to get a newly initiated member involved in the workings of your lodge—I left the specifics up to you. Our membership chair, Chuck Donaldson from Prince George's County Lodge No. 1778, assisted by the district chairs, will moderate a brainstorming session on the Order's biggest challenge, retention of the members we have. The goal of this session is to provide innovative ideas to solidify the bonds of membership first fashioned at Initiation. What turns off those new members, initially so full of enthusiasm, so that after

a year or two, they end up on the lapsation list? Our Order needs answers, and you can help find them.

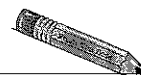
The other two missions are underway. Our Scouting Coordinator, Joe McGeeney, is working with the lodges to ensure that every one is sponsoring or chartering at least one Scouting unit. Joe's challenge—and yours—is 100 percent of the lodges supporting this source of future members. And our Youth Activities Chairman, John Istvan, will kick off the Good Kid medallion program this weekend.

In addition to our missions, two other breakout sessions will take place on Saturday morning. The first concerns Government Relations, chaired by David Wolcott of Easton Lodge No. 1622. To some of you, the word "government" might be off-putting, but the term covers a plethora of issues that can impact our lodges like a falling meteorite. They range from discrimination policy to Internal Revenue Service audits, to ASCAP demanding royalties, to the postal service regulations, closed-door mandate, unrelated business income, and maintenance of charitable status. Someone once said, you don't know what you don't know. But as private entities dealing with the government's many intrusions into our lives, all lodges and their leaders need to know all that we can know.

The final breakout session will focus on the five-year plan. In governmentese, I'm talking about a strategic plan—a methodical system of setting lodge goals, assigning responsibilities, implementing actions, charting progress, and modifying the results as needed. Such a plan involves all aspects of your lodge, revenues, expenses, charity, membership, location, and physical plant. Where will your lodge be in five years? Where do you want to be? Lodges that are not thinking about answers to those questions are inviting future extinction, because an organization that does not grow will eventually die. And we have certainly seen the demise of lodges in our association.

On a personal note, I have truly enjoyed my official visits—and a few non-official, social visits—to the lodges in our association. My next goal is to visit the other 16 lodges unofficially and to do that I need your help. I'd like to attend meetings at which new members will be initiated—under the Good of the Order, I have a few thoughts to share. So please let me know over the next few months when your lodge schedules a group Initiation and e-mail me an invitation. I will try to be there.

Priscilla Schwabb



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**Next Newsletter
Deadline...
February 20, 2009**

WINTER MEETING

**Of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association
Calvert Elks Lodge #2620
January 9-11, 2009**



Friday, January 9, 2009

2:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration
2:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting
2:00-5:00 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, January 10, 2009

7:00-9:30 A.M. Breakfast
8:00 A.M. -12:00 Noon Registration
8:00 A.M.-8:50 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett
9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon Call to Order, Introductions
Break-out Sessions
1. The Five-Year Plan
2. Keeping It Private
3. Keeping the Members
4. The Five Why's of ENF
12:00 Noon -1:30 P.M. Lunch Available
Committee Meetings: Times and locations subject to change.
1:00 P.M. Elks Training Course-Jim Stewart, PDD
2:00 P.M. CLMS Workshop
2:00 P.M. Word Checkers Clinic-Dick Fleck, PDD
2:00 P.M. Trustees-J. Gordon Alexander, PDD
2:00 P.M. District Deputy Meeting-Reginald Maguire, SDGER
3:00 P.M. Cornhole Tournament
6:00 P.M. Dinner (advance reservation)
8:00 P.M.-Midnight Entertainment



Sunday, January 11, 2009

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
Closing and Adjournment



2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2009 Entertainment Books are available. The profit goes to E.C.B. and they are \$25. I have Baltimore books, D.C. books and Delaware books. Anyone interested, please see Lee Davis this weekend, at the Camp or call me at 410-256-9691.
Fraternally, Lee Davis, PSP

**NEXT MEETING -MARCH 20-22, 2009
SPRING CONFERENCE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LODGE #1778**

Coming Events

January 9-11, 2009

Winter Workshop
Calvert Lodge

February 16, 2009

141st BPO Elks Birthday

February 21, 2009

State Hoop Shoot Contest
Whitter Recreation Center
Frederick, MD

March 9-11, 2009

Invitational Soccer Shoot
Carlisle, PA

March 20-21, 2009

Regional Hoop Shoot
Host Frederick Lodge #684

March 20-22, 2009

GER Visit/Spring Conference
Prince George's County Lodge

April 2009

DDGER Clinics

May 24, 2009

Elks Camp Barrett
Family Bull Roast

June 12-14, 2009

89th State Convention
Dover Sheraton Hotel

June 14, 2009

Flag Day

July 5-9, 2009

Grand Lodge Convention
Portland, OR

August 2009

DDGER Clinics

VP WEST DISTRICT REPORT

Since our last workshop, I have conducted my official visits to Westminster Lodge 2277 and Hagerstown Lodge 378. The officers and members of each lodge treated me cordially. I thank each Lodge for the cordial welcome. I attended Ocean City Lodge 2645's dedication ceremonies. I also assisted and helped coordinate President Priscilla Anne Schwab's official visits in the West District and sent an email to those not visited expressing President Schwab's desire to visit and take part in any social activity such as golf outings.

I prepared a letter to West District Lodges urging them to contact their State Delegates and Senators regarding the recent passage of the slots referendum. There is concern regarding Senate Bill 959 which tasks the State Lottery Agency to prepare a report examining gaming activities and to make recommendations as to how the State may exercise additional or improved oversight of these activities. Many fraternal organizations are apprehensive that the State may take control over their gaming activities, possibly taxing, eliminating or severely limiting their use.

At the request of Priscilla Anne Schwab, I emailed and discussed with Treasurer Lee Ridenour the possibility of conducting Lodge 5-year Plans at the January Workshop.

I submitted monthly public relations reports to the State Chairman and prepared a notebook of public relation activities in the West District. The notebook is available for all to see.

I attended the 55th Annual Charity Ball at Frederick Lodge 684. Exalted Ruler Noel Werking, his officers and committee did a fantastic job. Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Helsel and Jane, President Schwab, and DDGER Gerald Morrow and Nina attended the ball as guests of Frederick Lodge.

I attended two Boy Scout Eagle Courts of Honor at Frederick Lodge 684. The scouts assist Frederick Lodge in their Grand Lodge the Drug Awareness, Flag Day, and Memorial Service Programs. They also take part during the In the Streets Celebration assisting with the Drug Awareness Trailer.

Jack Stush, VP West

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- SOUTHWEST

As the autumn temperatures got cooler, the role of the vice president heated up. After the fall workshop my schedule became very busy representing the state association. My snail-paced trips around the Washington Beltway were time consuming, but the end results were always worth it. All our Lodges are so unique and enjoyable to go to.

October 11th, I attended a PER Steak and Lobster dinner at the Princes Georges County Lodge. It was a great and delicious experience to interact with so many knowledgeable Elks.

October 14th I made the first official visit accompanying our State President to Calvert Lodge. The meeting was very informative and an initiation held. It was very heartening to see how this fine Lodge operates and the many programs they are involved with. I was impressed by the turnout of their members.

October 16th I again accompanied the State President to Prince Georges County Lodge for an official visit. An initiation was also held at their meeting. The ritual was performed very impressively. Many fine committee reports were given showing that this Lodge is involved in State and Grand Lodge programs. Their friendly and generous hospitality was greatly appreciated.

October 28th I attended a meeting and initiation at the Deale Lodge. The State President and I met first with the Lodge officers. The hard working officers at this Lodge are to be commended for their dedicated efforts. Their friendly environment was also appreciated.

November 8th and December 6th I attended the Camp Barrett Executive Committee and the Lodge Representative meetings.

November 13th, I made my first solo visit to Walford Lodge. Receiving their report from Exalted Ruler Coyle, I am again impressed by the many activities this Lodge has for its members and community. The meeting was well attended. I gave a talk on the state programs and the message of our State President. It was also a pleasure to talk with many dedicated and involved past state presidents, and district deputies.

November 8th I attended the Prince Georges' Charity Dinner/Dance. It was amazing to see "Elvis Greene" and observe the hard work Elks perform to raise money for their community charities. I love getting involved with these events since they benefit so many. Thanks to Exalted Ruler Long for the invitation and being such a gracious host.

November 15th I attended the Camp Springs Veterans/Charity Event. It was another fun and delicious evening but even more, a touching one. The evening featured an inspired speech by a retired Army officer (he faced the same beltway traffic since he I discovered he lived near me), and a heartfelt ceremony for the MIAs of each service branch. I was thoroughly impressed by all the officers and members involved in this outstanding fundraiser and pa-

triotic program. I look forward to visiting this Lodge at an official meeting on December 11th. My last official meeting visit will be to St Mary's Lodge is scheduled for January. It had to be rescheduled.

Traveling outside the district, I attended the Dedication of Ocean City Lodge's new second floor on November 1st. It is a fabulous new addition that the members of this Lodge are very proud. It should be a plus for the fall workshop activities too.

November 22nd I attended Frederick's Charity Ball, without having to travel the Beltway.

I was impressed with the many charities they presented funds to. When recognized by the Exalted Ruler he mentioned he was glad other districts and Lodges support each other's endeavors.

Membership is still the lifeblood of our Order. Remember the 3 r's to attempt achievement. They are recruitment, retention and reinstatement, the basic building blocks of growth. It takes more than a stack of applications to increase our numbers. A planning committee should be in place to come up with a formula for your own unique Lodge. A few more volunteers might even be found.

As always, in my visits it is emphasized that each subordinate Lodge is part of the larger state association. Supporting Camp Barrett, the Jernick Fund, and participating in ENF is as important as the club part of the Lodge. Our communities, youth, and veterans are all beneficiaries of these activities.

All Exalted Rulers and secretaries should have received E-mails or letters announcing the date for the District caucus to elect new representatives for the 2009-2010 state association year.

The B.P.O.E. - Wow!!! I am so proud to be a part of this outstanding organization.

Fraternally,
Gary Eckenrode

2009 State Convention

June 12-14, 2009

Sheraton Dover Hotel

Double Occupancy - \$346.00

Includes: two nights lodging

(Friday & Saturday)

breakfast Saturday and Sunday for 2

dinner Saturday night for 2

Registration form to appear in March Newsletter

South East District VP Report

I am proud to say that the *Super Southeast* is continuing to surge forward promoting the principles and programs of our great Order and practicing our President's motto "*Elks Working Together, Elks Serving Forever*". In addition to conducting numerous Youth Activities, Drug Awareness, Americanism and Veterans recognition events, our lodges are increasing their efforts in support of the Great Heart of Elkdom – five of the ten lodges have already surpassed the GER's goal, the other five are close behind and several will soon reach our President's goal.

My schedule has been quite full since my last report. Sept. 6th I attended the Camp Barrett Lodge Representatives meeting and returned to the Camp on Sept. 13th for the Crab & Shrimp Feast; I tip my hat to Pat Largent and her committee for a fantastic day and great food. On Sept. 16th I was privileged to accompany President Schwab on her official visit to Kent Island Lodge #2576. Saturday, Sept. 20th I attended a very successful Charity Ball in my home lodge Easton #1622 and I commend Leading Knight Bob Coleman for an innovative event that raised some substantial funds to further our charitable efforts. The next day I was proud to assist DDGER Bill Redmond as he chaired Easton's Soccer Shoot. In October I visited Pocomoke City #1624 with President Schwab, and on Oct. 18th I was honored to help hand out the awards at the Southeast District soccer shoot. As usual PSVP Gordon Taylor ran a very well organized and efficient event; thanks, Gordon, for all you do for our youth. Oct. 25th I attended the State Soccer Shoot hosted by Ocean City Lodge #2645 and it was great to see the large number of Elks who turned out to help Chairman Myron Morgan with this special event.

November 1 was a very special day for Ocean City Lodge #2645 as they held the dedication of their beautiful new addition and renovation. They not only played host to a great number of visiting Elks from throughout our Association, but they were especially honored to have GER Paul Helsel and Jane present to help them celebrate this accomplishment. It was a fantastic day of Elks fellowship and I again congratulate Ocean City for all of their hard work, as it is truly a beautiful facility. On Nov. 8th I attended the Camp Barrett Lodge Representatives meeting and on Nov. 7th I visited Seaford Lodge #2458 for their murder mystery dinner theater, which I really

think should have been billed as a comedy. The hall was packed, the buffet was outrageous and the presentation of the play was a total hoot – I have not laughed that much in quite some time. I will fill in some details at the workshop, but a hearty job well done to PER Janice Cecil and the folks at Seaford for a great evening as they raised some much needed funds for their lodge efforts.

On Nov. 9th I attended the Youth Drug Awareness and Safety Day hosted by Kent Island Lodge #2576. This event has grown so much that it had to be moved from the lodge grounds to the Bay Bridge Airport grounds. A super effort was put forth for this very important event and I commend ER Ben Stone, Terry Ober and all the fine folks from "the Island" for providing such an outstanding service to our youth. Nov. 25th I traveled back to Ocean City #2645 as President Schwab made her official visit to their lodge. Throughout the months of September, October and November I have also visited all of the lodges in the *Southeast* accompanying DDGER Bill Redmond as a ritual floor judge as he made his official visits, and I will tell you that the ritual is alive and well in our district. I have traveled approximately 1,980 miles since my last report and enjoyed absolutely every minute of it; from what I have seen so far I am certain that the members of this great district to continue to build upon their efforts and continue to serve their members, their communities, and this great Order. **SOUTHEAST!**

Fraternally
Dave Wolcott
Vice-President, South East District

MD, DE, DC ELKS RESIDENTS OF ELKS NATIONAL HOME

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

Elks Care - Elks Share

Northeast District VP Report

As we move forward into 2009, I hope everyone had good holiday and I hope we all will have a healthy and happy New Year.

Since the October Workshop in Ocean City, I've had plenty to keep me busy. On 18th, I held the Northeast District Soccer Shoot at Dover Lodge #1903. I was very please that we had three Lodges in the Northeast that held local Soccer Shoots: Havre de Grace Lodge # 1564, Dover Lodge #1903 and Milford Lodge #2401. These three Lodges had their local winners come out and complete at the District Level. I want to thank all the volunteers that helped with the District shoot. Your help was really appreciated.

On October 25th, I attended the State Soccer Shoot, which was held in Ocean City, Maryland. All eight Northeast District winners were there to complete at the State Level. All the children that participated were winners, but unfortunately only one Northeast District winner will be moving on the Regional Soccer Shoot contest. U-8 Girl, Emma Baker, who completed in Dover's local contest, will have the chance to complete in the regional shoot which will be held in March 2009 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The Northeast District wishes Emma the best of luck.

On November 6th, I met our State President Priscilla Schwab at Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 for her official visit. ER Gloria and her officers treated her and me to a wonderful dinner. It was a great meal and a good visit and meeting. The only flaw in the evening was I had to drive over that terrible bridge on Rt 40. On November 17th, I visited Wilmington Lodge #307 in Priscilla's place, as she was unable to attend. The Lodge served an excellent meal before the meeting. Since there were not any floor judges in attendance during the DDGER's official visit, the Officers performed the Ritual of Initiation and were judged that evening. Thank you to Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 & Wilmington Lodge #307 for the wonderful hospitality and thank you for all you do for Elksdom.

Since the Fall Workshop, I have accompanied Connie deYoung, DDGER for the Northeast District on her official visits to Elkton Lodge # 2618, Chestertown Lodge #2474, and Newark Lodge #2281. During these visits, I have served as an official Word Checker for the Ritual. Congratulations to all these

Lodges for the fine rendition of the Ritual.

As a member of the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee, I have attended both the Executive Committee meeting as well as all the Lodge Representative meeting. On October 31 thru November 2, I helped during the Scout Camporee. This was my fourth year working at the Camporee and it is so nice to see all the people that came out to volunteer year after year. What a great group of people!

As I write this report I am looking forward to visiting Chestertown Lodge #2474 was State President Schwab on December 2nd and our DDGER's official visit to Dover Lodge # 1903 on December 4th. I will start my official visits as Vice President with a trip to Abington Lodge #2354 on December 11th. I will finish with visits to Newark Lodge # 2281, Dover Lodge #1903 and Elkton Lodge #2618 after the Winter Workshop. On January 31, 2009 I will be attending the Northeast DD Clinic at Chestertown Lodge # 2474.

Finally, I want to thank all the Lodges in the Northeast District for their strong support of Elksdom and all they do to support the Grand Lodge programs. Go Northeast!!!

Fraternally yours,
Susan Conlogue
SVP, Northeast District.

Jernick Fund Can Help! **\$30,000 Available**

Lodges are reminded that money is available to help children under the age of 21 who need assistance for a medical problem. The money can help families with direct expenses such as appliances that might not be covered fully by insurance or with everyday additional expenses like child care for other siblings or transportation costs to and from treatment centers. Over \$30,000 is available for the remainder of the State Association year. So, lodges should check out the needs of children within your jurisdiction and submit an application soon. The Jernick Fund stands ready to help.

Joyce Bailey, State Chair Phone: 1.302.450.2756

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

America's homeless Veterans have served in World War II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Operation Iraqi Freedom, or the military's anti-drug cultivation efforts in South America. Forty-seven percent of homeless Veterans served during the Vietnam Era. More than 67% served our country for at least three years and 33% were stationed in a war zone.

Although accurate numbers are impossible to come by ~ no one keeps national records on homeless Veterans — the VA estimates that nearly 200,000 Veterans are homeless on any given night and nearly 400,000 experience homelessness over the course of a year. Conservatively, one out of every three homeless who are sleeping in a doorway, alley or a box in our cities and rural communities, has put on a uniform and served this country and account for 23% of all homeless people in America.

With an estimated 400,000 Veterans homeless at some time during the year, the VA reaches only 25% of those in need, leaving 300,000 Veterans who must seek assistance from local government agencies and service organizations in their communities.

Each year, 2.3 million to 3.5 million people have experienced homelessness in America. By taking 23% of that range for Veterans, that would indicate there are between 529,000 and 840,000 Veterans who are homeless at some time during the year.

What services do Veterans need?

Veterans need a coordinated effort that provides secure housing and nutritional meals; essential physical health care, substance abuse aftercare, mental health counseling; personal development and empowerment, job assessment, training and placement assistance.

What seems to work best?

The most effective programs for homeless and at-risk Veterans are community-based, nonprofit groups of Veterans helping Veterans. Because government money for homeless Veterans is currently limited and serves only one in 10 of those in need, it is critical that **"WE, THE ELKS"** reach out to help provide additional support, resources and opportunities.

What can you do?

- **Determine the need in your community.** Visit with homeless Veteran providers. Contact your local mayor's office for a list of providers.
- **Involve others.** If you are not already part of an organization, pull together a few people who might be interested in attacking this issue.
- **Participate in local homeless coalitions.** Chances are there is one in your community. If not, this may be the time to start bringing people together around this critical need. **Send a financial donation** to your local homeless Veteran provider.
- **Contact your elected officials,** and discuss what is being done in your community for Homeless Veterans.

Remember our Pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". This is an integral part of it.

Fraternally,
Art "RT" Mayer, PGER
Past NVSC Commission Chairman

VP North Central Report

We are halfway through this Lodge year and things have been going smoothly.

Since Ocean City, I have completed my official visits by visiting 6 Lodges - 4 of those visits were with the State President

Since my last report, in October I attended the Glen Burnie Lodge Mini Roast with the Veterans. In November, I went to the Elks Camp Barrett for the Camporee and also attended a Veterans Dinner held at the Bowie Lodge. I have also attended the Camp Barrett meetings held each month.

As I finish my visitations, I feel that all Lodges are moving forward in a positive way and will continue to embrace the State and Grand Lodge Programs and I am looking for much more success in the North Central District.

Fraternally yours,
George E. Larkins, V.P.N.C.

**Elks National Foundation
Planned Giving Awareness Month**

Chicago, Ill.—To familiarize Elks with planned giving methods and to promote the benefits of the John F. Malley Society, the Elks National Foundation will celebrate Planned Giving Awareness Month in January. Through planned gifts, friends of the ENF can leave behind a positive legacy while ensuring the Foundation's future.

An excellent resource for information about the Foundation's planned giving program is the ENF planned giving website. The site features donor stories, finance news, personalized presentations and gift calculators to show members the income and tax benefits they'll receive through various planned giving vehicles. Site visitors can also direct their financial advisors to a section designed especially for their profession. Visit <http://elks.giftlegacy.com> to explore the benefits of making a planned gift.

Another great resource, the ENF's free planned giving e-newsletter, offers timely and up-to-date information about planned gift options. Featuring news from Washington, gift stories, and finance news, the e-newsletter keeps donors informed about the latest relevant giving information. To register for the e-newsletter, visit the planned giving website and select Donor E-Newsletter.

The ENF established the John F. Malley Society, named for the GER who first championed the idea of the Elks National Foundation, to recognize individuals who include the Foundation in their estate plans. Today the society boasts 32 members who have named the Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate, or who have made lifetime gifts of stock, property or insurance.

Benefits of joining the John F. Malley Society include a pin and an exclusive medallion. Both the Foundation's Annual Report and *Heartbeat*, the ENF donor newsletter, list the society member's names during the year they join. Their names are also shown in an online honor roll.

If you would like more information on planned giving, the John F. Malley Society, or to inform the Foundation that you have made a planned gift, please contact Kate Keating Edsey at 773/755-4866 or KateE@elks.org.

IN GRATITUDE

**For gifts to the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund
June 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008**

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$1,390.00

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Tom Rabickow
Priscilla A. Schwab
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Reese Hickman
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The William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

Board of Directors extends our heartfelt thanks for all donations in any amount.

2008 - STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS



Front row left to right, Michael Brady (U10) Hagerstown, Kayla Opsah (U10) Prince Georges County, Peyton Missimer (U8) Oakland, Emma Baker (U8) Dover. Back row left to right, Steward Kerr President Elect, Nathaniel Longest (U14) Oakland, Alicia Roth (U14) Oakland, Darrell Tyler (U12) Crisfield, Logann Bruan (U12) Hagerstown, Myron Morgan State Soccer Chairman

Benefits available

On behalf of the Grand Lodge staff, we hope that you had an enjoyable holiday season.

As the New Year begins, we would like to announce the new "Member Benefits" program located on our Elks.Org Web site. Available at your fingertips are the following offerings: GMAC Auto and Life Insurance, LifeLock Identity Protection program, Life Line Health Screening service, tour/vacation planning center, wireless phone sales center, prescription savings card promotion and a 48HourPrint.com printing center. Please stop by the Elks.Org Web site and check into using any and all of the listed "Member Benefits."

Many of you have received mailers pertaining to some of the products listed above. Be advised that you are under no obligation to participate, but we ask that you consider using the products.

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Assistance for worthy, needy Member

Needy Elks Members can qualify for up to \$1,000 in an emergency 50-50 matching grant from the Order under Section 5.070 of the Grand Lodge Statutes.

The assistance would be available to "worthy and needy Members of the Order who are suffering from diseases of an incurable character or from total disability, and who are without funds or property or relatives able or willing to care for them," the statute states.

The statute also provides that the Lodge of the assisted Member "shall contribute toward the relief of the Member an amount not less than one-half of the sum that is contributed by the Order."

The assistance program is administered by the Board of Grand Trustees, which is authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000 annually for the program. The board by resolutions may give the Grand Exalted Ruler up to \$1,000 so that authorized payments may be made regularly to him.

"The monies so appropriated shall be administered by the Grand Exalted Ruler with the consent of a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees," the statute states.

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ENRIQUE CAMARENA AWARD

HISTORY

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985. Agent Camarena believed that one person could make a difference. His sacrifice serves as a catalyst to encourage others to make a visible commitment to eradicating drug abuse from our homes, schools, communities, and nation.

PURPOSE

The National Enrique Camarena Award is being established by the B.P.O. Elks to recognize and Honor an individual who has made a significant contribution in the field of Drug Prevention and who personifies Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference.

CRITERIA

Nominees must:

- Be an individual, not a corporation or organization.
- Be a Law Enforcement Professional.
- Be a positive Role Model committed to a Healthy Lifestyle.
- Have made an outstanding contribution in the field of Drug Awareness/prevention.
- Have gone beyond the normal responsibilities of their position.
- If selected, attend the Awards Ceremony.

GUIDELINES

1. Nominations must be submitted with the attached nomination form.
2. Nominations should be in narrative form and no more than two (2) pages in length and include as many of the following as possible:
 - Indicate how the nominee's commitment has helped the youth in his/her state.
 - Specific achievements, such as new programs developed through nominee's efforts.
 - Specific programs, publications, community activities, etc. that the nominee has participated in that

encourage / motivate citizens to take active roles in drug education and prevention.

- Leadership and organizational abilities of the nominee.
- Time and effort contributed by the nominee "Beyond the call of Duty."
- Success in recruiting and motivating others.

***Letters of Support from the Nominees Respective Community are encouraged, but not required.**

For more information, contact Carl Robinson, State DA Chairman, Phone 1-301-604-4153.

DID YOU KNOW??

In July 1954, I was not a member of the BPO Elks even though I was asked by Elk members who I was associated with at work to help at Elks Camp Barrett, which I did. A few years later I was talked into joining the Elks. My friends told me about the work Elks did for their community and I was very impressed.

At the time it seemed every Elk worked for their community in charitable endeavors. Now I have completed 51 years as an Elk and I feel our charitable work is still going strong but our volunteers are fewer.

In these economic times it is even more important than ever for our Elks to volunteer their help especially at Elks Camp Barrett.

PLEASE consider giving of your time and talent to our great order.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

"Remember to sponsor a child"

submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling 2008 Tournament Report

The following lodges of the MDDEDC State Elks Association were represented at the Seven Springs 2008 Tournament of Champions:

- Annapolis #622 - Tennis, 3 Junior Divisions, Golf, 1 Senior Division
- Frostburg #470 - Golf, 1 Senior Division
- Prince George's County #1778 - Golf, 2 Senior and 1 Junior Divisions
- Oakland #2481 - Bowling, 1 Senior and 3 Junior Divisions
- Ocean City #2645 - Golf, 1 Senior and 3 Junior Divisions
- Dover #1903 - Golf, 2 Junior Divisions
- Cape Henlopen #2540 - Golf, 2 Junior Divisions
- Total - 20 Youth (3 Tennis, 13 Golf, 4 Bowling)

HIGHLIGHTS

Tyler Carpenter from Dover Lodge had a hole in one on the sixth hole. A special plaque was made and presented at the Dover Lodge. Brian Gibbons was also from Dover and won the MDDEDC 1st Place in the Jr. Golf. Tyler took 2nd place. Both of them will be returning next year.

Kyle Gebhart from Ocean City came in 1st place in the Sr. Golf Tournament of Champions and the MDDEDC competition. Conner Gebhart, (Jr.) participated for the second time and is closing in on the leader. All participants will be eligible to participate again next year.

Justin Koehler, (Sr.) from Annapolis Lodge came in second in the golf and was awarded plaques from the Tournament of Champions and the MD/DE/DC. Annapolis also sponsored three tennis players in the Junior Division. Tommy Hibbs (1st Place), Adam Becker (2nd Place) and Mike Froehly (3rd Place) in the MD/DE/DC completion.

Joey Harris, (Sr.) from Frostburg participated in the golf tournament for the second year. He has met many new friends and will be returning next year.

Cape Henlopen sponsored two Junior Golfers for the first time. Nicholas Purnell and Mathew Kersey both enjoyed playing in the tournament of Champions and will be back next year. The Lodge sponsored the Cape Henlopen High School Assistant Golf Coach to be their Chaperone. He definitely will promote the Tournament of Champions.

Oakland Lodge was the only sponsor of bowlers this year. Angie Hahl (Sr) is a female bowler and she won 1st Place Handicap in the tournament and the MD/DE/DC. She also won the MD/DE/DC 1st Place Scratch. Jeremy Sharpless (Jr) won 2nd Place Handicap in the Tournament and 2nd Place Scratch in the MD/DE/DC, Mark Mattingly (Jr) took 1st Place in the Tournaments Handicap and 1st Place in the MD/DE/DC Handicap and Scratch, and Zane Richardson was 2nd Place in the MDDEDC Handicap.

Pete Peterson, Chairman

Yes, I pledge my support during Elks National Foundation month.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

My Lodge information is: Lodge No. _____ Lodge Membership No. _____

Enclosed is my onetime donation of: _____ \$10 \$25 \$50 Other _____

I would like to pledge: _____ \$10 a year for 10 years. My initial \$10 donation is enclosed.

_____ \$100 a year for 10 years. My initial \$100 donation is enclosed.

_____ I have enclosed a check made payable to the Elks National Foundation.

_____ Please charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard _____

_____ Account No. _____ Exp. Date _____

_____ Signature: _____

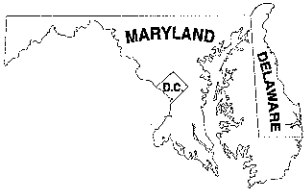
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Contributions to the Foundation are deductible for federal income tax purposes.*

JERNICK FUND AT WORK



L to R: PSP, Reese Hickman, Salisbury Trustee Carol Holland, Mary Shockley Greg Shockley, Salisbury ER Rick Konrad and Jamie (Front) receive a \$1500 check from the Jernick Fund to assist in replacing therapeutic equipment for Jamie who suffers from MS. The family lost their home and all of their belongings in a fire on October 8, 2008.

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