



# Maryland, Delaware AND District of Columbia Elks Association News

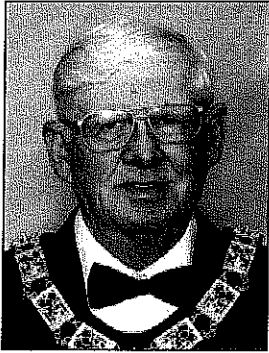
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**Stu Kerr**

*President 2009-2010*

## Message from the State President

First of all, on behalf of our state association, let me welcome our Grand Lodge Sponsor, The Honorable PGER Paul D. Helsel and his wife Jane back home with us. With his help and guidance, we can make our association one of the best. Secondly, Millie and I want to thank all of the members

I have started my official visitations and thoroughly enjoyed talking to the Officers and members and I look forward to the rest of my visitations.

Fraternally,  
*Stu Kerr*  
President

for sending us to the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon, to represent you as our State President. I learned a lot talking to other State Presidents and what a great experience it was to carry our State flag in the opening ceremonies. It was an honor I will never forget.

This year my motto is "Serving Youth" and now is the time for all our Lodges to get started. Hoop Shoot is just around the corner and so are scholarships, soccer and scouting. And, let's not forget our own state major project Elks Camp Barrett. I would like all 38 Lodges to participate by sending kids or donations to help support our camp. Also, don't forget youth tennis, golf and bowling. This year, we were fortunate to bring home the golf trophy from the event in Seven Springs. Let's work on keeping it here, so think about sending at least one kid from each Lodge to this great event.

November is veterans' month. Do something at your Lodge or at a VA hospital for our veterans but let us not forget our active military personnel. Always keep them in your prayers.

What does your Lodge do for indoctrination? We talk about first impressions when it comes to rituals, but indoctrination is where it starts. This weekend there will be some ideas passed around that you might want to use during your indoctrination program.

## COMING EVENTS

**October 2-4, 2009**

Fall Conference  
Princess Royale Hotel  
Ocean City, Maryland

**January 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics**

**January 15-17, 2010**

Winter Workshop  
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

**March 19-21, 2010**

GER Visit/Spring Conference  
Annapolis Lodge #622

**April 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics**

**June 10-12, 2010**

90th State Convention  
Clarion Hotel  
Hagerstown, MD

**July 4-8, 2010**

Grand Lodge Convention  
Orlando, FL

**August 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics**

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
December 15,  
2009**

## Elks Training Report

So far, we have two districts with 100% participation from lodges in their respective districts!

Congratulations to Scott Wishard, DDGER, West District. Scott achieved 100% participation in the West District by holding an Elks Training Course at his DDGER Clinic. Also attending and taking the course was Carl Robinson, President-Elect, from the North Central District. DDGER Charles Spadone, South West, had Bobby Long conduct a training course at his Clinic, also resulting in a 100% participation for that district.

To date, (and my knowledge) we have a total of 62 who have taken the course. I am sure that there are more than this, but I have yet to hear.

We need numbers!! Our Association has had 100% participation for 3 years in a row, but we are always very low on numbers. I encourage all Exalted Rulers to have your officers and any member interested to take this course. It is very informative and always leads to a good discussion by all.

As you can see, a DD Clinic is the perfect time to catch all of your lodges, just ask your District Chair to attend, or contact me, to give the course at a clinic or lodge.

Fraternally,

Jim Stewart  
PDDGER, State Chair, ETC

## Did You Know?

In 1964 the Improvement Fund was established for the purpose of building new facilities and maintaining existing buildings at Elks Camp Barrett.

As you know in the past we have accomplished things that could never have happened without the members support of the Improvement Fund. Thanks for your support and please continue to help us make the camp successful.

If funds are needed for other purposes we should all make a special effort to also participate in other fund raising activities for Elks Camp Barrett. Watch your lodge bulletin for activities at Elks Camp Barrett - you'll be helping the camp and having lots of fun.

*"Remember to sponsor a child"*

Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

**Next Meeting:  
October 2-4, 2009  
Princess Royale  
Hotel  
Ocean City,  
Maryland**

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Dover on June 14, 2009 was Anne Balorak from Dover Lodge No. 1903. The Camp received \$550 profit. As always, "Thanks" to everyone that bought and/or sold tickets for the raffle.

Get your tickets for this weekend's raffle from the ladies at the E.C.B. Raffle table.

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

The final figures for the E.C.B.I.F. Raffle for 2009 were \$59,718.02 total income.

Expenses were \$24,929.56 (this includes \$10,000 prize money). Profit for the 2009 campaign was \$34,788.46.

Understand that these figures may vary a little, do to various bank charges related to the account.

The Camp "Thanks" everyone that participated in the 2009 E.C.B.I.F.

The 2010 Raffle will be chaired by, Lou Schmeltzer, from Annapolis Lodge No. 622. Please support him as you have me.

H. Lee Davis, PSP

## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Several years ago we started publishing statistics which reflect the generosity of our members and their spouses who work so hard to keep our pledge to the Veterans of our Armed Forces.

It is with a great deal of pride that the Elks National Veterans Service Commission lists the statistics for the 2008-2009 fraternal year.

### SURVEY OF VOLUNTEER VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2008 - MARCH 31, 2009

*Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary*

Participants in Programs:	1,400,889	
Elks Who Worked	127,131	
Helpers	<u>69,839</u>	
Combined Total	196,970	
Hours Donated:		
Elks	668,635	
Helpers	<u>328,913</u>	
Total Combined Hours	997,548	
<b>Cash Value of Donated Hours*</b>		<b>\$20,200,347.00</b>
Miles Traveled:		
Elks	4,062,787	
Helpers	<u>817,331</u>	
Total Combined Miles	4,880,118	
<b>Cash Value of Miles traveled**</b>		<b>\$2,879,270.00</b>
Contributions:		
Cash	\$3,221,815.00	
Non-Cash	4,324,306.00	
Hours Worked	20,200,347.00	
Miles Traveled	<u>2,879,270.00</u>	
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>\$30,625,738.00</b>

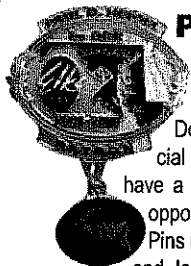
## ELKS AND SCOUTING

The Order of Elks and the Boy Scouts of America share many of the same ideals and principles. What is your Lodge doing to promote their ideas and principles? Has your Lodge sponsored a Boy Scout Troop? A Girl Scout Troop? Have you considered sponsoring a youngster to attend the National Scout Jamboree next July at Fort AP Hill in Virginia? If so, I will be there to greet him.

Your youth Activities Committee can start now to identify young men in your community who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout this year, as well as new Girl Scout Gold or Silver Award recipients. If you will transmit the name and address of each youth, together with the Troop number and Council name, to Tom Tom McKibbon of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, a personal letter signed by Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Nicholson will be sent to each new Eagle Scout and each new Gold or Silver Award recipient. Brother McKibbon's address is 1001 County Road HH, Lamar, Colorado 81502-9530.

Finally, why not honor an Elk in your community who has been especially active in the scouting movement. You can submit his or her name for consideration as a Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award recipient at the Orlando Convention next July. This award is one of Elkdom's most prestigious awards.

Milan Vosvick, Regional Representative  
Elks and Scouting Movement



### GER Paul D. Hesel - Final Hurrah 2008 - 2009 Fundraising Pins ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

Do you want to own a numbered PAUL HELSEL endorsed GER special pin? Paul has five pins left which are numbered - #1 thru #5. Do you have a lucky number or a favorite number? You will never have another opportunity to own one of these special pins!

Pins numbered #6 thru #10 were auctioned at the Send-Off Party for Paul and Jane on Saturday, June 21, 2008, at the Newark Elks Lodge #2281, New Castle, DE. If you did not get a chance to own a pin from that auction, you will have a final chance on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at the State dinner in Ocean City. Pins numbered #1 thru #5 will be auctioned after dinner. Let's make this a wonderful evening and a final hurrah for Paul and Jane.

*Remember - the original non-numbered pins sold for \$100 each.*

**PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION WILL BE USED TO MEET FINAL EXPENSES.**

## CAMP BARRETT EXCESS EQUIPMENT

- Ford 1700 Tractor (transmission locked)
- Cooler Barrels (7 ea)
- Statesman Rototiller (no longer used - has been replaced by a newer model)
- Craftsman Table Saw (no longer used)
- Varnado Wood Chipper (2" limbs)
- Hand Cart (never used)
- Plastic Milk Crates (12 ea)
- Bids will begin to be accepted at the Fall Workshop**

## **VP West District Report June 2009**

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the West District for electing me to serve as your Vice President this year. I will strive to the best of my ability to live up to the confidence you have bestowed upon me and make the West District proud to be a part of this great State Association.

My first adventure led me to Frostburg Lodge on July 4th for their annual Frostburg Derby Day. What a great experience it was to witness these wonderfully crafted soap box cars that each child was so proud to display. They each worked hard on these cars along with their parents and could not wait to see how they matched up to their competitor as they zoomed down the hill toward the finish line. One little girl was so confident that she had inscribed on the back of her car "you've just been beaten by a girl". Needless to say, out of about 30 participants, the winner of that day was a little girl while her brother came in second place. Frostburg Lodge did an amazing job organizing this event and I was treated so graciously.

Next, I attended the Tournament of Champions at Seven Springs on July 26th - 28th. The West District was represented with a bowler from Oakland Lodge and two golfers from Frostburg Lodge. As always, the event was very well organized and all of the participants seemed to have a wonderful time competing against each other. I am proud to say that the bowler from Oakland Lodge came in first place within the MD, DE, DC State Association and one of the golfers from Frostburg Lodge came in second place within the MD, DE, DC State Association.

On August 1st I attended the Camp Barrett meeting. It was announced that the camp had 551 campers this year in attendance. This is a fantastic state project that the State Association has and each lodge should attempt to send some children to the camp. There was a video presentation of the camping season and what a wonderful time the children had. On August 2nd I attended the District Deputy Clinic, which was led by District Deputy Scott Wishard at Frostburg Lodge. As expected, Scott did a wonderful job in letting each lodge know what our new Grand Exalted Ruler James Nicholson's expectations are. He had instituted an Elks training session along with Drug Awareness and Elks National Foundation presentations.

My next excursion was the Elks Fishing Rodeo that was held on August 8th in Deale. Stu Burgoon did an amazing job in organizing this event. Everyone that participated in this rodeo had so much fun. And for my first real fishing adventure, I was able to catch two bait fish and one rockfish that reached 23 inches long. Not a bad day for someone who thought that the sport would be very boring. On August 9th, I stopped at Frederick Lodge on the way home to attend their Sunday Brunch. I would advise anyone wanting a

good meal to stop and give it a try.

On August 15th I had the privilege of attending a Hawaiian Luau that was held at Westminster Lodge. The event that evening was well attended and the entertainment was absolutely astounding. Westminster Lodge made me feel so welcome and it was very much appreciated. They worked very hard organizing this event and the weather cooperated allowing them to hold it outside. This is their second annual event of this nature and if they have the opportunity to present this again another year, please try to attend.

I look forward to working with all of the lodges within the West District this year. Hopefully each lodge will work diligently to promote the programs within Elkdom and we can make this year a very successful one and prove that the "West is the Best".

Fraternally Yours,  
Tracy Harvey  
Vice President West District

## **VP North Central Report June 2009**

In July I attended the Grand Lodge National Convention in Portland, Oregon, which was well attended. I continue to be amazed at so much we do for our communities and our country.

On August 1st, I assisted in the efforts of Bowie Lodge #2309 with their visit to the Baltimore VA Medical Center to hand out comfort bags with word puzzles and books to read.

On August 4th, I attended the City of Bowie's National Night Out celebration at Allen's Pond to help with handing out Drug Awareness Program pamphlets, bookmarks and bumper stickers.

On August 16th, I attended the North Central District Deputy Clinic at Broadneck Lodge. All Lodges were well represented.

On August 19th, I spent the day at Elks Camp Barrett with the Youth Volunteers of the Baltimore VA Medical Center. They had Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob and Ice Cream with time spent in the pool. All had fun and this group of young people impressed me.

Fraternally yours,  
Doris Nowotnick  
VP North Central

## SOUTH WEST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am honored to represent the South West District and be a part of State President Stu Kerr's "Supporting Our Youth Team". After the convention in June, I visited St Mary's Lodge and delivered their materials from the convention. Also, I attended the Elks Camp Barrett meetings in August and September.

As of this writing I have finalized my upcoming visits and requested a list of all the upcoming events from the lodges in my district. On August 23rd; I attended the District Deputy Clinic at Calvert Lodge. Charles Spadone, our District Deputy did an excellent job to insure all the GL Programs were adequately promoted. Our State President,

Stu Kerr and President-Elect, Carl Robinson were among our visiting dignitaries. All lodges were in attendance and the highlight of the clinic was the Elks Training Class given by SW Chairman Robert Long. Wow, the South West is 100% Reported in Elks Training. Each of the district chairmen also promoted their programs and the South West District was on the move.

I am anxiously looking forward to the South West District "Making A Difference" in our lodges and the community this year.

Fraternally  
Mary E. Cardinal -Vogt

### South East District VP Report

Greetings from the South East District, I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer. First, I would like to thank the South East District Lodges for electing me to represent you as your vice president.

Since being installed in June I had the pleasure of taking eight boys to and from Camp Barrett and was very impressed with the camp and how they welcomed us all. I congratulate and thank the eight lodges in the South East who sent and/or sponsored campers. With President Kerr being from our District, I am serving on the Camp Barrett Executive Board and attended the executive and camp meetings in May and August. I would like to thank and congratulate Rick Konrad, Salisbury Lodge and his committee for all his hard work with the strategic plan for the camp; they have done a great job.

The South East District is definitely making an impression on our youth in making them and their parents aware of the dangers of drug use through our drug awareness programs. The drug awareness trailer is constantly traveling throughout the district along with the fatal vision goggles that have been used at many local functions and with

the scouts. Grand Lodge drug awareness literature can be found in hospitals, libraries, sheriff departments, schools, health departments, and some doctors' offices on regular bases. "Way to go South East."

The first Sunday in August took me to Pocomoke Lodge for District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dave Wolcott's first District Deputy Clinic. The meeting was very informative and Exalted Ruler, Ron Taylor along with his officers and members were very gracious hosts. At this meeting many Grand Lodge Programs were presented and discussed and all there left with more knowledge about programs and ideas on how to implement them within their lodges. During this meeting I was able to distribute my visitation schedule which will began on October 1st with a visit to Cambridge Lodge.

As of today I have traveled approximately 800 miles and spent 35 hours doing Elks work. I am looking forward to visiting the lodges throughout the South East in the months to come.

Fraternally,  
Cindy Taylor

## Northeast District VP Report

Hello everyone! Since being installed as State Vice-President of the Northeast District in June at Dover Lodge, my year has been good. From looking at the bulletins of the different lodge, it's good to see everyone doing so many different events. GO NORTHEAST!

On July 11th, I attended my home Lodge's 80th Anniversary party. We had a lot of guests show up. All who attended had a great time. The food was good; weather was great, along with everything else.

Then, on July 29th, I attended an Aberdeen Ironbirds baseball game with the Abingdon Elks. There were about 30 Elks and 40 veterans from the Perry Point VA hospital. They were so appreciative of us that night to be able to come out for a while. The funny thing though, the veterans wanted to know what they could do for us, we just kept telling them thanks for all they have done for us as veterans, we were here to thank them. Even though the game was rained out, all had a good time.

I attended a Hawaiian luau on August 8th held at Dover Lodge. The Ladies of the Elks hosted this event. Great Job ladies, I had a great time, as well as all that supported this event.

Also, I attended the DD CLINIC for the Northeast District at Milford Lodge. DDGER Bussard did a good job on her first DD Clinic. Also in August, I attended the ritual clinic hosted by my home Lodge. We had a good attendance. Richard Burg was a good host for the event.

In closing, my official visits are under way. Hope to see everyone in the future on my visits. GO NORTHEAST! And GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS!!

Fraternally yours,  
Michael C. Tood  
SVPNE District



Chestertown Elk's #2474 presents Emily Clark a check in the amount of \$1,500 from the William J. Jernick fund in addition to monies donated from the Chestertown Lodge #2474. Emily is seen here along with E.R. Matt McCabe, Nikki Clark (her mother), PER Robert Raleigh and Leading Knight Jim Gillman. Emily suffers with a Phalmoc Brain Tumor which is inoperable. Emily receives treatments at A.I. Dupont in Wilmington, DE.



The Frederick Elks Lodge recently held the annual Family Day picnic at the Lodge. About 300 people attended. There was lots of food, pony rides, a moon bounce and face painting for the kids. Taylor Kidd, right, poses with Carly the Clown to show off her new kitty look.

## PORTLAND, OREGON HOSPITALITY ROOM

Tom, Hilda and I want to "Thank" everyone that helped make the, Portland Hospitality Room, the big success that it was. A "Special Thanks" goes to the District Deputies for the handling of the food during the week. We greatly appreciate the people that took us to the many stores to but the goods that we needed for the hospitality room.

We can't forget the people that worked in the hospitality room, selling pull-tabs, tending bar, helping to set it up each day and buying the pull-tabs that are essential to the funding of the G/L Hospitality Room.

Finally, "thanks" to anyone that I may have missed.

Sincerely,  
Lee & Hilda Davis  
Tom Rabickow

## Grand Lodge Activities/State Association Committee 2009-2010 Programs

Elkdom's success or failure depends upon how active your Lodge is, and how well it meets the goals of the Grand Lodge Programs for the Year 2009 - 2010.

The time to start is now; make sure that you have appointed the best members as part of your crew filling all of the Lodge's Committees, especially the Chairmanship. The following are the Contests for this year. As Exalted Ruler it is your responsibility to insure that your Lodge participates in as many as possible

### **CONTESTS:**

- **All American Lodge - Contest 'A'**

The term "All American", in Elkdom and in our society means that you are the best that you can be. There is only one way to earn this title that is through hard work and dedication to your Lodge and the Programs of our Order.

- **Community Service & Image Contest - Contest 'B'**

Elks across the country promote activities in their communities on a daily basis. These activities and the community services we provide are the very heart of our organization and demonstrate "Elks Care - Elks Share."

- **Elk Memorial Service Contest - Contest 'C'**

The Grand Lodge has set the first Sunday in December as the day for all Lodges in our great Order to hold memorial services for our departed members.

- **Lodge Bulletin - Contest 'D'**

Lodge Bulletins should serve as a vital link of communications in keeping your members informed and active. Your bulletin should contain timely information from the officers, committees along with interesting pictures of events.

- **Contest 'E' - Per Capita Contribution the Elks National Foundation**

This award is granted for the largest per capita contributions made by the Lodges to the Elks National Foundation and is based upon Elks National Foundation records.

- **Contest 'F' - Elks National Foundation Chairman Challenge**

This new award replaces the pledge point contest, and rewards Lodges for having a broad-based fund raising program.

- **Contest 'G' - State Elks National Foundation Per Capita Donation**

This award is granted for the largest per capita contributions made by the States to the Elks National Foundation and is based upon Elks National Foundation records.

- **Contest 'H' - Elks National Foundation State Chairman Challenge**

This new award replaces the pledge point contest, and rewards those states with Lodges that have a broad-based fund raising program.

- **State Associations Bulletin Contest 'I'**

How well does your State publication communicate within your State? Here is your chance to see how your publication measures up to other State publications throughout the Nation. To find out, just enter Contest "I"!

- **Contest 'J' - Special Recognition Awards for Elks National Foundation**

These awards are granted to recognize specific groups for outstanding contribution to the Elks National Foundation and are based upon Elks National Foundation records.

- **Grand Exalted Ruler's Awards**

Check out the GER Awards for Outstanding Members, Exalted Rulers, Lodges, and District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers.

- **State Association Web Site Awards**

This award is presented to State Associations for their effort in keeping their Members informed and active in state and local projects through a State Association Web Site.

- **Elk of the Year/Officer of the Year**

Exalted Rulers, if you have not already done so, you should immediately appoint an anonymous committee, the members of which are known only to you, for the purpose of selecting an outstanding member of your Lodge for the title of Elk of the Year.

- **Elks Training Program**

Elks know that they do not have all the answers, but they do know where to find the answers. In their Lodge's Library!

- **Citizen of the Year**

Each Lodge in our State Association is surrounded by people in the community who go that extra mile to help those in need. What better way for us, as Elks, to show our appreciation than by honoring that one special individual with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Once you are certain that your course is charted, you should begin keeping records of your accomplishments in your ship's log book. This scrapbook of events will not only assist in keeping track of your charitable activities, but will also provide you with the necessary info to participate in all of the various Grand Lodge Contests. Now is a good time to put forth that extra burst of energy to insure that you, your committee and Lodge will experience a fantastic year.

I am certain that with your support and encouragement, your Lodge and our State Association will also achieve our common goals of insuring the goal of our Grand Exalted Ruler, "Elks Make A Difference".

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance that you may need. Further, I encourage you to actively seek advice from your District State Vice Presidents, who are there to help you in these programs.

In closing I wish each of you success the rest of your term and I look forward to seeing you all at Fall Conference in Ocean City. Lastly, let me remind you that we all can accomplish, "Success Through Teamwork".

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD, PSVP, PER,  
State Lodge Activities Chairman

## President-Elect Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Association for electing me to be your State President-elect. I would like to take a few lines here and thank a good friend of Elkdom and a mentor of mine, Brother Ed Seddon. "Fast Eddie" as he calls himself is one of the unsung heroes of our Association and of Elkdom. He quietly works in the background taking care of business, no matter what the task. Thanks Ed for your knowledge, guidance and dedication as it has been and continues to be an inspiration to not only me, but others within my family and of our Lodge. Then there are the members of my lodge. Thanks to all of you for your support over the years. Connie and Billy, hang in there. To Pat and JJ, where ever you are, you both saw the potential in me and set me on path that has lead me to where I am now. I hope you're happy! To my children, I hope that you won't hold it against me for too many more years for not always being available to help with a project or help with homework or your favorite hobby. Finally, to my wife Beth, I want you to know how much I have appreciated your understanding and support

as Elkdom has taken me away from family times or just a quiet evening.

As I prepare for my year, I would request that when you communicate with State President Kerr that you would also include me in that communication. That way I can keep up on the happenings within the Association. It is a goal of mine to visit as many lodges as I can. Regardless of it being an official one or just a "do drop in". So I would request that you add me to your bulletin mailing list, whether it is by e-mail or regular mail, so that I can attend as many of your special events as possible. I am looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time and to renew and rekindle past friendships. If there is anything Beth and I can help with, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Carl Robinson  
President-Elect

### Elks National Veterans Service Commission: The Elks Always Remember Our Veterans

Our Grand Exalted Ruler proclaims every year that November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month and this is a most deserving and well-earned honor. I believe, however, as Elks we think about, remember and work with our Veterans every month of every year, every week of every month, every day of every week and every hour of every day. As Elks, we know we owe our Veterans a debt that can never be repaid for the sacrifices they made to protect our freedom and to give us the opportunity to maintain our way of life.

We made a pledge 63 years ago, and I quote, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks will never forget them." We continue to fulfill that pledge on a daily basis and will continue to do so in the months and years ahead.

This is a special month. Tuesday, Nov. 3rd is Election Day; Wednesday, November 11th is Veterans Day; and, Thursday, November 26th is Thanksgiving Day. This is an opportune time to invite Veterans into our Lodges for a delicious meal, provide entertainment and show that truly Elks Care - Elks Share. Many communities celebrate Veterans Day with parades and other activities honoring our heroes. I ask and pray that members in each of our Lodges across this great country put forth extra effort and plan special programs over and above our ongoing activities such as Adopt-A-Vet, Student/Veteran Volunteer, Comfort Care Kits and our Army of Hope.

Our Veterans are everywhere - in VA hospitals, Veterans homes, hospices and our communities - and, too many are homeless. Find them, help them and show how important they are to us and to all the people living in the United States of America. Let our Veterans know they are not forgotten and that we truly appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us.

Let us not forget our current Veterans fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and deployed in other parts of the world protecting our freedom and helping those who are in need. Our Army of Hope is still an on-going, successful program; therefore, please, let's do whatever we can to help the families of these Veterans. Let them know we care and want to help in any way possible. In addition, show our service men and women our concern by sending CARE packages of requested items such as prepaid calling cards and non-perishable food items. Let's show our Veterans and military personnel in this month of Thanksgiving how truly thankful we are for all they have done and continue to do because as Elks, we do CARE and SHARE!

Fraternally,  
Amos A. McCallum, PGER  
Past Chairman

#### How Does a Child Learn?

If a Child lives with Criticism,  
he learns to Condemn.

If a Child lives with Hostility,  
he learns to Fight.

If a Child lives with Ridicule,  
he learns to be Shy.

If a Child lives with Shame,  
he learns to feel Guilty.

If a Child lives with Tolerance,  
he learns to be Patient.

If a Child lives with Encouragement,  
he learns Confidence.

If a Child lives with Praise,  
he learns to Appreciate.

If a Child lives with Fairness,  
he learns Justice.

If a Child lives with Security,  
he learns to have Faith.

If a Child lives with Approval,  
he learns to like Himself.

If a Child lives with Acceptance and Friendship,  
he learns to find Love & Peace in the World.

Quote from - *Unknown Author* - February - 1974

Maurice Di Poli, PDDGER  
Waldorf lodge # 2421



## **Resolutions (Summary) from the 145th Grand Lodge Session**

Resolution 1 & 2: both sought to eliminate paying for a DDGER to attend the GL Session if he is repeating his office. This was defeated 2494 to 233 and 2493 to 235 respectively.

Resolution 3 & 4: to allow dual memberships in more than one lodge: defeated 1748 to 978 and 1732 to 988 respectively.

Resolution 5: to eliminate mandatory funding of the National Home: defeated 1837 to 891.

Resolution 6: to require a \$100 deposit with the filing of a Complaint in a Subordinate Forum. Passed 1455 to 1273.

Resolution 7: Clarifies the Grand Exalted Ruler's ability to suspend a member who engages in Contumacy or Conduct Injurious to the Order. Passed 2476 to 251.

Resolution 8: to allow balloting for membership at the same meeting where the membership/investigating committee gives their report. Passed 2474 to 253.

Resolution 9: changes the Order of Business to accommodate Resolution 8. Passed 2474 to 253.

Resolution 10: (housekeeping) Removes a section of the statutes that is no longer applicable. Passed 2658 to 65

Resolution 11: (housekeeping) modifies the membership card information to make it compatible w/the CLMS software. Passed 2233 to 492.

Resolution 12: (housekeeping) modifies the Annual Report requirements to make it compatible w/the CLMS software. Passed 2588 to 138

Resolution 13: to allow e-mail or other electronic means to serve as notice to a member or members unless otherwise required by statute or Executive Order. (You can e-mail the newsletter which gives notice of an upcoming membership vote. Notice in a legal proceeding must follow the statute requirements.) Passed 2550 to 177.

Resolution 14: to make sure that no one uses any of the trade marked or copyright protected name of the Order or of a Lodge. Any domain names or websites must be taken down or surrendered to that Lodge or the Grand Lodge. Passed 2150 to 575

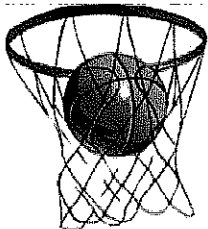
Resolution 15 & 16: to make the nomination statutes and the election statutes consistent with the requirement to hold more than one meeting per month. Both passed. 2586 to 141 and 2602 to 128.

Resolution 17: to allow a lodge to incorporate it's charitable projects. Passed 2486 to 239

Resolution 18: to limit attendance at and ensure confidentiality of the mediation process. Passed 2349 to 378.

## HOOP SHOOT Dates

Currently, district Hoop Shoot contests are scheduled as follows:



North Central -	January 9, 2010
North East -	January 23, 2010
South East -	January 30, 2010
West -	February 6, 2010
South West -	February 7, 2010

We encourage all Lodges to hold a Lodge contest - be sure to schedule yours before your district contest date so that your lodge winners may participate in the district

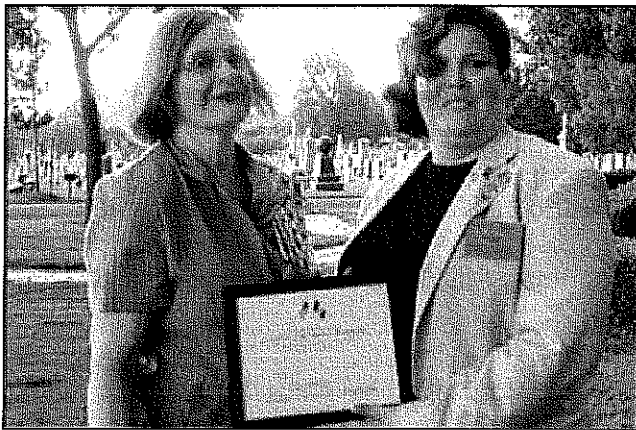
competition. All Exalted Rulers should have received your lodge's "Hoop Shoot" packet at the first DD clinic. Please don't let YOUR lodge be the one that prevents our state association from having 100% participation in this program!

All district winners will compete in the state contest on February 20, 2010 in Frederick.

Feel free to contact me at 301-401-4967 or JMcNitt52@aol.com if you have questions. Thank you for your participation in this important youth program.

Jim McNitt, State "Hoop Shoot" Director

### DAR Presents Certificate



During a recent wind-blown ceremony at Mount Olivet Cemetery, the Frederick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Frederick Elks Lodge with a certificate. The certificate recognized the Elks for their efforts to properly display and their patriotic presentation of the Flag of the United States. Presenting the award is Ann Meilleur; accepting the award for the Elks is Exalted Ruler Danniele McKnight.

### WOLFGANG CANDY

At the Dover Convention Dinner when thanking the Lodges for their participation in the last Wolfgang Candy Campaign, I regretfully omitted one Lodge. Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 and chairperson Betty Hardin helped us reach our goal and I apologize for my error.

If it were not for the support of all those who participated, our goal would not have been met.

Once again, thank you Betty for your hard work.

Hilda L. Davis

### FISHING RODEO

Hello All,

The 1st Annual Md.Del. DC. Elks Assoc. Fishing Rodeo is now history. I'm here to say it was a huge success. We had over 40 Elks that participated from all regions. The farthest from Oakland and the closest from Deale. Although they did not capture the big prize 16

"Skirts" did perform well and if I'm not mistaken did come in with the 2'nd most fish.

Past State President Priscilla's sister Martha managed to snag the very coveted "Master Baiter's" award. She was very deserving. I must say I was equally proud when our boat, "Hook Mash" popped the 1'st Silver Bullet @ 0630.

Aboard was the Havre De Grace group and stowaway Charlie Spadone. If any of you guys have some pictures of the trip, please forward them to me - especially the "Skirt" boat.

There were some very candid shots I am not too embarrassed to share. Priscilla had mentioned also about getting them in the Oct. newsletter or Elk National magazine.

We did have a 50/50 raffle for the Jernick Fund, as well as, Camp Barrett. We will present this at the Oct. workshop.

I want to send out special thanks for the first class job Deale Lodge did. The food and crabs were great. The participation was well received. A special thanks to Kenny Chase and his crew at the "Elk Back Bar". If some of you have never visited do yourself a favor and pop in on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. I spent a week there Friday night, hooty hoot.

The ladies said they all want to do it again next year with the same crew and I promised them this would be an annual event.

If there is any interest in the fall or winter fishing in Va. Beach, let me know we can make it happen.

It can't say enough of the fellowship and fun this event was. It will be bigger next year.

Thank you all for your support.

Fraternally,

Capt. Stu Burgoon Sr.

"Shake a Veterans Hand, Keep a Smile on Your Face and a Song in Your Heart"

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*Grand Lodge and Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia  
Elks Association Americanism Contests 2009 - 2010*

**Essay "The American Dream: What is it?"**



**Division 1** Grades 5-6

**Division 2** Grades 7-8

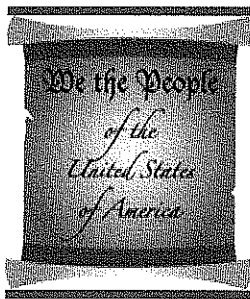
Essay length is not to exceed 250 words

Essay must be typed or printed in ink

Entries are due to Lodges January 10, 2010

Lodge winners are to be in your District Chairmen's hands by January 25, 2010

State Association winners will be receiving awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place in each division



**Poster Contest**

**My Favorite American Symbol**

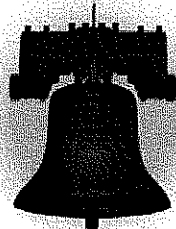
**Rules:** Artists must be 0-9 years of age

**Categories:**  
0-3 years old  
4-5 years old  
6-7 years old  
8-9 years old

Artwork may be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper

Please include on back of artwork: Name, address, phone number, age, name of school (if enrolled) and the name of the sponsoring Lodge

Lodge winners are to be in your District Chairmen's hands by January 25, 2010



**Mary Cardinal-Vogt**  
State Americanism Chairman

**OCTOBER**

**Fire Prevention Month**

Most fire departments have an open house which draws lots of children, so, why not be there with Americanism handouts and flags. This is the time of year that we can recognize our fire departments and their members for their service to our community; and, don't forget to recognize that outstanding firefighter. Remember to work with School Boards, PTAs, etc.

**NOVEMBER**

**GET OUT AND VOTE**

Conduct Veterans Remembrance Programs  
Give Honor Awards for the news media  
Present recognition certificates for flag flying

**THESE ARE THINGS  
YOUR LODGE CAN DO.**