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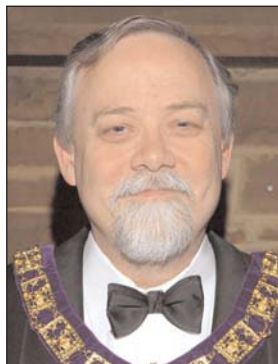
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Carl Robinson

President 2010-2011

Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to the Spring Workshop of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. Beth and I hope that everyone has started to shake off the "cabin fever" and are starting to get geared up for a great Spring and even better Summer. This weekend in March we have the pleasure of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Smith and the First Lady of Elkdom Sandra Smith.

I urge all of you to take the opportunity to visit with them, beyond just a gracious hello. Tell them about your lodge; show them how inspired we are in this great Association. I want them to leave here with the great work we are doing so that when they go on to other state visits, they will know that they have been to the BEST Association in ALL of Elkdom.

Since we last met just a few short months ago in Pocomoke City, I have completed my visits to all of the lodges on my agenda. This should not be interpreted that I won't show up at your lodge for a meeting or to visit your lodge. While the current officers are nearing the end of their current term, I look forward to working with the newly elected lodge officers from around the Association during the remainder of my term. Every one of you should know that the task before us is great. How you handle yourselves in dealing with the challenges and affairs of your lodges in the coming lodge year will show the members of your lodge that they were correct in placing their trust in you when they elected you.

Elections will be held at the Vice President's caucus at the conclusion of the April DDGER Clinics. If you haven't made up your mind yet, do it quickly. As I have told every lodge I have visited, we need good people at the State level. Those people come from the lodges and we have to replenish the State officers every year just as the lodge does.

As you know, my theme this year is Back to Basics. I had hoped that this would have "clicked" with the lodges in the form of renewed vigor in retaining members. With all of the things that via for our time, we need to make our members understand how critical it is to retain the members we have all worked so hard to keep. We need to make being an Elk the greatest single item that a member can keep. It needs to be our burning passion to keep the members we have and to encourage members to recruit new ones. Without this passion, our organization, as a whole, is going to suffer dramati-

cally. Get the member and their family involved. Look to have something going on for as many nights/days a week as you can handle. Time to "think outside the box" is over. The time to ACT is now.

It is also time to wrap up one lodge year and prepare for the next one. This means reports, reports, and more reports. It is the necessary part of Elkdom and is our responsibility to complete them promptly and professionally. Please, I implore the lodges to complete the necessary reports and submit them to the appropriate State Chairperson or State Secretary.

Beth and I want to extend our congratulations to all of the newly elected officers throughout the Association.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Carl Robinson

COMING EVENTS

April 2011

DDGER Clinics

May 2011

ECB Annual Bull Roast

April 28 - May 1, 2011

Hoop Shoot Finals • Springfield, MA

May 1 - 7, 2011

Youth Week

May 29, 2011

Camp Barrett Family Picnic

June 10-12, 2011

91st State Convention
Clarion Hotel • Hagerstown, MD

July 17-21, 2011

Grand Lodge Convention
Phoenix, Arizona

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011

Fall Conference
Princess Royale Hotel • Ocean City, MD

June 15-17, 2012

92nd State Convention
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD

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**Next Newsletter
Deadline:
May 20, 2011**

SPRING WORKSHOP OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION SALISBURY, MARYLAND

AGENDA ----- MARCH 25-27, 2011

Friday, March 25, 2011

Noon - 5:00 P.M. Registration
1:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting
1:00 - 4:00 P.M. Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairman
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Trustees
5:30 - 6:30 P.M. ECB Executive Committee

Saturday, March 26, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. - Noon Registration
9:00 A.M. - Noon Presentations & Committee Reports
11:55 A.M. Announcements & Recess until 8:30 A.M., Sunday
Noon Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M. Committee Chairpersons meeting with State President
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Hon. Paul D. Hesel, P.G.E.R. Meeting with the DDGER's
6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cocktail Reception
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner (Business Suits / Coat & Tie)

Sunday, March 27, 2011

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Registration
8:30 A.M. Meeting Called to Order
Officer's Reports
Finish committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Election of Officers
Good of the Order
12:00 Noon Closing
12:30 P.M. Check-Out Time

**Next Meeting Spring Workshop
June 10 - 12 • Clarion Hotel • Hagerstown, MD**

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Lodge Public Relations Chairperson, monthly PR reports are due by the 5th of each month. Thank you to all the Lodges that have provided reports. As we wind down this Lodge year, please submit a final report. If you have not submitted a report this year, include the whole year on this final report and forward it to your District Chairperson.

2011- 2012 Exalted Rulers, please make public relations a priority in your Lodge for this coming year. Keeping the Community informed is the key for membership and participation. Providing monthly reports is the key for documenting to Grand Lodge that we are publicizing "ELKS" in our community and in our State Association.

The new Public Relations and Media Handbook is now available from Grand Lodge. You can location it on Elks.org website under Grand Lodge Committees, Public Relations Committee, The Elks Media Relations Handbook. It has all the information needed including: the PR Monthly Report and

tips for filling out the report, the table of contents of the Media Tool Kit CD and the 3 Grand Lodge PR Contests.

Please submit your entries for the 3 Grand Lodge Contests: The Best Image of Elkdom, Focus on the Community and the Best Single Event. Contest rules and the Monthly Public Relations form can be found on our State Website.

Also as a reminder, the Elks Magazine is available online.

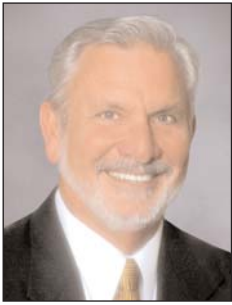
If you need assistance in Publishing or want to be added to the State Association Email Distribution list, contact me at cdeyoung@schmittrod.com.

Keep up the good work and remember our Public Relations Motto.

"Be Loud, Be Proud and Be Visible"

Connie deYoung, PDDGER
Public Relations State Chairman

GRAND LODGE



Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. Michael F. Smith
Plant City, Florida Lodge #1727

To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

As March falls upon us, we need to review our goals and make a diligent effort to attain each of them with Passion.

As I travel there is a consistent factor in those Lodges

with a small list of delinquent Members: They call and/or visit those Members who have not

paid their dues and discuss what we could do to make them happy with our Lodge/Order.

Many times we think a letter or a note in the bulletin will have an impact on paying dues, but personal contact is far more effective. The Edmonds Survey, which was sponsored by our Order, confirmed that a contact will produce positive results.

We indoctrinate, initiate and then often times abandon our new Members without giving them a chance to be a part of our Order.

I recently witnessed a successful program that was initiated into my Lodge. Get a name badge made for each new Member and have them wear it to the Lodge so that your Members will recognize the person is a new

Member. Encourage them to wear the badge until they feel comfortable.

Many Lodges have a small number of Members attending their initiations, which means most of your Members would not know who is a new Member and therefore not make an effort to get acquainted. Using the name badge would help them get to know the new Member.

Thank you for your service to your Lodge and our Order. I encourage you to continue to help Elks grow. It is time for the new Officers to prepare for the upcoming year, and Lodge budgets are nearly complete. Be Proud, Be Loud and Be Visible as you "Promote Elks Passion."



Paul D. Helsel
Past National President

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association being hosted here in Salisbury, Maryland at the beautiful Salisbury

Elks Lodge #817. I know you will find the hospitality extended to you by the Salisbury lodge outstanding, and the information that will be presented and discussed most enlightening.

Please join Jane and me in extending a warm welcome to our National President and his lovely wife, Michael and Sandra Smith who come to us from the Sunshine State of Florida

and who will be our honored guests for the weekend. Please take time during the weekend to greet them and show them what Elkdom is all about in our great Association.

Well we are just a few days from ending another lodge year and with this conference we will begin to tally the results of our combined efforts. I am sure we will find that some of our lodges have done exceptionally well, while others may have struggled and perhaps not done so well. How will your lodge fair when the results are tallied?? If your lodge did well, build on your success the new year about to begin. If your lodge did not do so well, now is the time to make plans and corrections to obtain better results during the coming year.

This coming lodge year and particularly the Phoenix National Convention promise to be most interesting. Many changes in our Order, from top to bottom, are being contemplated and many of those will be discussed this weekend

during our conference. For the past few weeks information about some of the impending changes have been circulated about in e-mails, etc. Unfortunately not all the information being circulated is accurate. During this conference we will try to provide facts and accurate information about these proposed changes. Please participate, learn, and understand what is being proposed and why. Our goal is to have informed delegates at the Phoenix Convention when you and/or your Exalted Rules will have the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed changes. Make sure you and your lodge make informed decisions about the Future of Elkdom.

Jane joins me in extending our sincere thanks to Salisbury Lodge #817 for a most wonderful weekend, as well as best wishes to all for a most enjoyable conference.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel, PNP



Richard Burg
President-Elect

MD, DE, DC Members...

March and April of each year is a very busy and perhaps confusing time for each Lodge within our Order and Association - especially for the in-coming Exalted Ruler. Why so?

Officers for the ensuing Lodge year were elected during a February Meeting, all appointed officers were finalized and all mandated committee positions are hopefully filled before the first meeting in April !! Before this first meeting of the new lodge year can take place though, all of the elected

and appointed officers must be properly installed by those who are qualified to perform this ritual. Some-times, young lodges may not have enough Past Exalted Rulers to impersonate the required number of Grand Lodge Officers to perform the Installation, so PER's from other lodges must be asked to help with the ceremony. This is another detail that may have to be handled before the first meeting of the new lodge year can take place.

A functioning PER Association can help take some of the "business" and reduce the confusion that happens at this time of the year in almost every lodge. Each member of the PER Association has been through this exercise and some of them may have been there more than one time so they are familiar

with what is required to keep things moving. This is only one example of how they can help. Every lodge is encouraged to have a Past Exalted Rulers Association to offer helpful assistance and advice so that lodges may have competent and safe leadership. Assistance and advice are the key words. They have no Statutory powers, they are advisory only.

All of this information is in Article III, Section 18, Opinions, 18 & 19 of our Constitution.

I hope that this short article will clarify some of the beliefs a few of our members have regarding the "powers" that the PERs are assumed to have.

Richard J. Burg
President-Elect



STATE HOOP SHOOT

With the help of many people, I was able to successfully complete my first State Hoop Shoot as the State Director. The contest was conducted on Feb.19th at the Whittier Rec Center in Frederick with 29 of our 30 District winners present and a large crowd of appreciative families and friends. The weather cooperated a little better this year, so we were not faced with running any District contests prior to our event.

As usual, the contestants did a great job and there were more than a few tense moments before the winners were determined. The winners, who moved on to the Regional contest are as follows;

Girls(8-9) - Sydney Antonucci, Washington-Rockville #15
Girls(10-11) - Mackenzie Dewees, Westminster #2277
Girls(12-13) - Kate Wade, Hagerstown #378
Boys(8-9) - Kristoffer Rushin, Cape Henlopen #2540
Boys(10-11) - Morgan Edwards, Frostburg #470
Boys(12-13) - Jacki Wheatley, Easton #1622

The closest competition was in the Boys(10-11) where Morgan had to win a shoot out of the with Colin Miller of Towson #469 after both had made 23 of their first 25 shots.

The initial winner of The Jim McNitt Award was Henry Rinta of the West District. The winner of this award is determined by the total amount of shots made in the round of 25 by the shooters from each District.

As I stated above, I could not have possibly made it through this year without the help of many people. First and foremost are Jim and Karen McNitt. They were there to answer all my questions and provide guidance. The hardest part of running the contest is making sure that all the paperwork is in order and the participants get registered correctly. Karen, Sharon Rinta and my wife Jo took care of that task and I am truly grateful to them. The amount of people who showed

up to volunteer their help was amazing. I had more people than I needed, but those not needed stuck around any way to watch the contest. There are too many of them to mention in this article, but you know who you are and more importantly, so do I.

Once again this year, our awards dinner was held in conjunction with the Americanism awards and it is really great to showcase these 2 programs together. As I have said many times, if every State Association had a Chairman like Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Americanism would be better throughout our Order.

Finally, I must give great thanks to my District Directors. The veterans in the group, Henry Rinta, Gill Dunn and Jim Hanker, had to put up with a rookie, who probably knew less than they did. My fellow rookies, Mike Todd and Devin Foggo, had to ask guidance from someone who was learning right along with them. I congratulate you all for a job well done and look forward to working with you all next year which, by the way, started the day after your District shoot.

As you read this newsletter, the Regional winners have already been determined. Hopefully several from our Association are on their way to Springfield.

Jack Boehmer
State Director

Jim McNitt Hoop Shoot Award



This year a new award was created by State Hoop Shoot Director Jack Boehmer. The "Jim McNitt Award" is presented to the District Director of the district making the most successful shots in the round of 25 at the State Shoot. Jim served as State Hoop Shoot Director for 22 years before relinquishing the post. He now serves as the Regional Director. Jim is shown presenting this year's award to Henry Rinta of the West District.

ENF UPDATE

As of February 28, 2011, our Association of 22,505 has donated \$158,580.56 and we are at \$7.046 per member. A current update will be given at our meeting here in Salisbury. The following lodges have made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50: Annapolis #622, Essex #1866, Laurel #2283, Severna Park #2482, Havre De Grace #1564, Newark #2281, Abingdon #2354, Milford # 2401, Chestertown #2474, Wilmington #307, Dover #1903, Elkton #2618, Salisbury #817, Cambridge #1272, Seaford #2458, Cape Henlopen #2540, Kent Island #2576, Easton # 1622, Pocomoke City #1624, Selbyville #2173, Ocean City # 2645, Washington-Rockville #15, St. Mary's County #2092, Camp Springs #2332, Waldorf, #2421 and Calvert #2620, for a total of 28 lodges. Kent Island #2576, Abingdon #2354, Laurel #2283, Newark #2281, Milford # 2401, Chestertown #2474, Seaford #2458 and Washington-Rockville #15 have also made the State President's goal of \$9.00.

Thank you to all of these lodges for their contributions thus far. As of this report, our total contributions and per capita are higher than last year at this time. I am very hopeful that we will surpass last year's contributions both per capita and total contributions. I want to congratulate everyone for their hard work this year! I hope you will share your ideas with all of the Association. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail, cfinley@ccboe.com, with any questions or concerns. Your district chairmen will also be able to help you. In the North Central District, contact Jim Keeler; Northeast District, contact Ed Pettit; Southeast District, contact Roberta Maycrantz; Southwest District, contact Catherine Simanek and in the West District, contact Sandy Brantner.

Claudia Finley-Bryant
State ENF Chairman

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Robert Raleigh
NE District VP

Greetings from the "NORTHEAST". Since my last report, I accompanied State President Carl Robinson on his official visits to Wilmington Lodge #307, Chestertown Lodge #2474, and Milford Lodge #2401 over three consecutive evenings in December. I also visited Kent Island Lodge #2576, supporting our State President and Southeast SVP on their official visit.

My official visits took me to Dover Lodge #1903, Newark Lodge #2281 and Elkton Lodge #2618 in January. I also attended the Northeast DD clinic at Wilmington Lodge #307.

The District Hoop Shoot was held at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Following the Hoop Shoot, we met at Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 for pizza and awards. The children and parents appreciated what their lodges had done for them. Thanks to District Chair Mike Todd and crew for making this a successful event.

I would like to thank the lodges in the Northeast for all the hard work they do supporting the many programs of Elkdom and spreading the word through Public Relations to keep our committees informed.

Since my last report I have traveled an additional 878 miles and devoted another 60 hours, for a total for the year of 2086 miles and 140 hours, to promote our great Order.

On an unofficial note, in February, six of us from Chestertown Lodge took a weekend road trip to visit several of our fellow lodges in Maryland. We visited 8 lodges between Chestertown and Oakland. It was a truly enjoyable adventure and we are grateful for the hospitality extended to us by all of the lodges. I encourage you all to visit and support other lodges in our Association.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Salisbury for our spring conference.

God Bless and be safe

Fraternally,
Robert Raleigh



Heritage Corner

Let's get the word out

**all Lodges in the MD DE DC Elks Association
shall have a Heritage Corner**

You will Need:

- The Bill of Rights* *The Declaration of Independence*
- The Constitution* *The Monroe Doctrine*
- The Gettysburg Address* *The Star Spangled Banner*
- Elks Declaration of American Principles*
- Elks Resolution of Law & Order*

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Lou Schmeltzer
NC District VP

I apologize for my absence at the workshop in January. As most of you know, I was called to Southern California (tough duty) on business, for almost the whole month of January. As a result of this deployment, I was unable to accompany Carl on his visits to Annapolis, Severna Park & Laurel. I'm sorry that I missed the opportunity to visit with the folks at Laurel and Severna Park. I see

the folks at Annapolis quite often so I didn't miss visiting with them. I'd like to thank those who filled in for me to introduce the State President at these visits.

All of our visits have been completed with one exception and that is Bowie. It is a Vice President visit that was scheduled for January and will be rescheduled (by the time you read this, it may have happened) as soon as we can get a date.

I have attended & participated in the State Ritual Finals on March 6th, the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Board, Lodge Rep. Meetings & participated in the Camp clean up on March 5. Next up is the VP Caucus, which will be held on April 11th to elect the new Trustee, Vice President & Camp Barrett Executive Board member.

Fraternally,
Lou Schmeltzer

WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John L. Boehmer
West District VP

They say that time flies when you are having fun. Well I think they got that one right. As we gather here in Salisbury for our Spring Workshop, it is hard to believe that my year as Vice President of the

Westminster and my local Lodge Hoop Shoot as well as the District and State Shoots. I really didn't have a choice on the State Shoot as I was wearing 2 hats that day.

From the time that this article was submitted until this weekend, I also have plans to attend the State Ritual Competition in Frederick, the Regional Soccer Shoot in Carlisle PA and the Regional Hoop Shoot in Frederick.

I am also making plans for our District caucus, which will be held in Frederick on April 10th. At that time, we will elect next years VP, our Camp Barrett executive board representatives and Trustee.

It certainly is great to get to meet our Grand Exalted Ruler, Mike Smith, this weekend and hear how his year is going. If you have been keeping up with the going ons of our Order, you are aware that changes are being discussed and I think we all might be a little more enlightened when we return to our home Lodges at

West District is quickly coming to an end. It truly has been a great experience so far and with the warmer weather coming, I hope to revisit each Lodge on a social, rather than an official visit.

Since we last met in Pocomoke City, (and let me say again what a great job they did), I have finished my official visits to the Lodges in the West. I have also attended the DD Clinic in

the end of the weekend. This is my next to last time to be on the pulpit, so I would like to ask that all of us take time to sit down and think through any changes that are recommended and not just kick them under the door. If we are to continue being the great organization that we have always been, we must go with the flow. I, for one, do not want to see our Order die. I don't want to ever have to say "I used to be and Elk."

I have traveled 1502 miles by air, 2191 by car and have dedicated 101.5 hours performing my duties.

I hope to see you all this weekend and look forward to June in Hagerstown.

That's all for now from the BEST District.

Fraternally,

John L. "Fat Jack" Boehmer

Elks Training:

As of this date, Elks Training is not up to par. Thus far, we have 3 districts with 100% for a total of 28 lodges and 158 participants.

We need 2 districts and 10 lodges to reach 100% and time is running out!! Exalted Rulers, you should be having elks training sessions with the officers. There is no better way to learn the Statutes than question and answer!

It is fun, makes for much discussion and when you are finished, you actually learn something!

Incoming Exalted Rulers, make time to do the Elks Training Course with the new officers. Remember, you never have too much Elk knowledge!

This is the first in many years that we have not reached 100% by this time. Hopefully, before the end of this lodge year, we can attain the rest.

Fraternally,
Jim Stewart, PDDGER
State Chair, ETC

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Loftus
SE District VP

Greetings from the Southeast! Since the Winter Session at Pocomoke, things have slowed a bit. Following the winter session, I closed out January by completing my Official Visits, enjoying the fellowship of Selbyville

and Seaford Lodges, attending the Cape Henlopen Lodge Hoop Shoot, preparing a letter to the Lodges of the Southeast keeping them informed of upcoming events, and sending PSP Priscilla Schwab a mass card expressing our collective sympathy at the loss of her Dad. February brought election of Lodge Officers and I was elected to serve as Lodge Treasurer at the cape. I attended the Camp Barrett meetings in February at Bowie Lodge and in March at the camp, representing Cape Henlopen Lodge. I have prepared and distributed to the Lodges of the Southeast a letter explaining the purpose and procedures for the annual caucus which will be held, on April 10, 2011, in Crisfield at the District Deputy Clinic. I am proud to report that the Southeast has generated two Jernick Fund applications, demonstrating our commitment to our youth and our communities. Spring is just around the corner, as our energy level improves and activities around the District occur, I look forward to seeing and interacting with you all. Until then, be safe and stay healthy!

John Loftus

Accident Prevention

Remember: repetition is the best method for learning.

Incoming officers should be aware of the serving of alcoholic beverages in your lodge. Never serve anyone who is approaching intoxication, no matter who they are, and the lodge should never have any self-service alcohol/beer under any circumstances!! No self-service kegs or any method where drinks served is not done by a server. This puts your liquor and beer license in jeopardy. Every lodge should be aware of every negative aspect of the "bar crowd". Lodges should be concerned about members who are constantly in attendance at the bar for long periods of time. It is improper for lodges to advertise

and/or push cheap drink prices.

Slips, trips and falls are still number 1 in claims. Remember to keep equipment such as chairs, bar stools, stairs, steps, etc. in good condition.

Reminder incoming Exalted Rulers: you must have an Accident Prevention Chairman (should be a trustee) in your lodge. They should frequently check on any and all obstacles that can cause an accident and keep maintained at all times. Also, keep the inspection reports up to date.

Fraternally,
Jim Stewart, PDDGER,
State Chair, Accident Prevention

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Renee' Rivituso
SW District VP

This past quarter has been busy visiting all the lodges in the Southwest. I accompanied Carl Robinson, State President on his official visits to Prince George's County Lodge 1778, Deal Lodge 2582, Washington-Rockville Lodge 15, Calvert Lodge 2620 and also my lodge, Waldorf Lodge 2421. In February I traveled to Camp Springs Lodge 2332 and St. Mary's Lodge 2092 for my solo visits. I would like to send a special thank you to Jeff Brown of Calvert Elks Lodge for accompanying me on my visits.

Two things the lodges in the southwest have in common is wonderful hospitality, with lots of commodity extended, thank you to all. I enjoyed visiting with all your officers and members.

During my visits I observed that all lodges, in the Southwest, are very active in their volunteerism for the veterans and wounded soldiers. Great Job Southwest! In addition, all lodges were active with State Association and Grand Lodge Programs. Most have met, will meet, or exceeded the Grand Exalter Rulers Elks National Foundation goal of \$4.50 per member.

Our lodges in the Southwest always work diligently to promote the programs within Elkdom but remember "Public Relations" is the cornerstone of all our good works. All lodges in the southwest have an increase in membership before lapsation. Communication is the goal within and outside of your lodge to keep your members. Members who feel appreciated and needed are more likely to stay members. I truly think our lack of public exposure, the fact that the world knows little about the tremendous good works that Elks do, may be rooted in our lack of communication within our own Lodges. It is very important to include reports of your committees in your newsletter. I'd urge you to

think about what you can do to increase the flow of information, inside your lodge, and to the outside world.

Also this quarter I traveled to Prince George's Lodge 1778 for the District Deputy Clinic. As always Gary Eckenrode did a superb job. The Vice President Southwest Caucus will be held at Washington-Rockville Lodge 15 on April 10th, immediately following the District Deputy Clinic. Elections will be held for the positions of District Vice-President, Camp Barrett Executive Committee member and State Trustee. If you have interest in volunteering for these positions, please contact me at 240-508-8636 or email me at rrvituso@hotmail.com.

This quarter I have traveled approximately 622 miles. Adding all the miles together for this year to date would be a total of 1,650 miles for Elkdom.

Fraternally Yours,
Renee' Rivituso



A strategy for membership growth

A new Elks year is about to begin. Now is the time to reflect back over the past year and analyze what your lodge and Membership Team did ...especially with regard to the gain or loss of members. Most Lodge Members work diligently throughout the year on many and varied community programs and endeavors. They conduct Americanism Programs, participate in Drug Awareness, recruit young athletes for our Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot programs, award Scholarships to deserving students, provide meeting facilities and support Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, sponsor Little League teams, as well as work with Veterans' hospitals and other organizations. These are all wonderful community activities that every local Lodges should be doing every year. What is hard to believe that so many of these activities go unnoticed by the residents in our communities and even by many of our own members.

Here is where the incoming Exalted Ruler can make a difference and ensure success in the year ahead. He/She must work with the Public Relations Committee and start "tooting" their horn early in the year -generating interest and awareness within the community - thereby informing potential new Members about what the Elks Lodge and its various Community Activities programs are doing for their community. These public displays by the Lodges will entice the people within the community to want to become a part of our organization. As the word gets out, even Members who have dropped from the Order may consider rejoining.

Teamwork leads to Success ...Not Failure. It is a known fact, that Lodges whose Community Activities and Public Relations Committees are consistently working together, are providing greater opportunities to recruit new Members. As new Exalted Rulers, you must take a special interest in the workings of the Community Activities and Public Relations committees. You must also ensure that your Membership Committee is following up on potential Members resulting from the public's favorable impression of what Elks are all about. "Promote Elks Passion" throughout your community and gain new members in the process.

For information or assistance with your Membership Program, please visit the membership page of the GL at www.elks.org or myself at carlfovt@earthlink.net.

Carl F. Vogt, PDD
State Membership Chairman
MD DE DC Elks Association

"Most Valuable Student" Contest

The following top sixteen students will go on for judging at the National level in the Elks National Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" competition where they can receive up to \$15,000.00 a year for four years. The Grand Lodge will notify them in May and the amount of their winnings.

Ryan McDonnell	Glen Burnie	No. 2266
Noel Temple	Salisbury	No. 817
Samuel Hofacker	Frostburg	No. 470
Sadie Lockhart	Cambridge	No. 1272
Elizabeth Weaver	Salisbury	No. 817
Molly Cain	Seaford	No. 2458
Joseph Tong	Washington-Rockville	No. 15
Kevin Yu	Towson	No. 469
Ethan Lee	Seaford	No. 2458
Zachery Hucheson	Abingdon	No. 2354
Jacob Robbins	St. Mary's County	No. 2092
Jessica Larenzano	Annapolis	No. 622

Amy Fly	Glen Burnie	No. 2266
Jennifer Lein	Washington-Rockville	No. 15
Alice Miao	Wilmington	No. 307
Rachel Slotter	Ocean City	No. 2645

The top three boys and three girls (with stars next to their name and underlined) will be awarded an additional scholarship award at the Annual Convention in Hagerstown in June from the Maryland, Delaware, and D.C. Elks Association.

The following students will receive a \$1000 grants and their folders returned by me with a letter explaining their winning in the Elks National Contest. They will be notified on how they will receive their awards.

Gregory Lynn	St. Mary's County	No. 2092
Bryan Daly	St. Mary's County	No. 2092

Nicholas Jarboe	St. Mary's County	No. 2092
Jain Parak	Washington-Rockville	No. 15
Jonathan Schwinn	Seaford	No. 2458
Earl Gwin	Ocean City	No. 2645
Matthew Carey	Ocean City	No. 2645
William Bishop	Ocean City	No. 2645
Sagar Doshi	Elkton	No. 2618
Jimmy Petka Jr.	Wilmington	No. 307
Ryan Nolan	Towson	No. 469
Mohammed Abubakershart	Towson	No. 469
Dianeil Ridenour	Hagerstown	No. 378
Matthew Detora	Hagerstown	No. 378
Andrew Kooker	Westminster	No. 2277
Ronald Rider	Dover	No. 1903
Kahn Duong	Dover	No. 1903
Frank Ugboh	Laurel	No. 2283
Justin Garber	Glen Burnie	No. 2266
Patrick Owens	Annapolis	No. 622
Reed Bjornvtedt	Kent Island	No. 2576
Zachery Gent	Kent Island	No. 2576
Tyler North	Cambridge	No. 1272
Joshua Condon	Cambridge	No. 1272
Andrew Bode	Waldorf	No. 2421
Robyn Harper	Camp Springs	No. 2332
Katherine Huber	Waldorf	No. 2421
Rachel Adler	St. Mary's County	No. 2092
Gina Holden	St. Mary's County	No. 2092
Sarah Mayner	Calvert	No. 2620
Jamila Crossman	Washington-Rockville	No. 15
Mallary Gum	Seaford	No. 2458
Jordyn Gum	Seaford	No. 2458
Kristen Langan	Abingdon	No. 2354
Courtney Carter	Dover	No. 1903
Grace Van Dusen	Dover	No. 1903
Rebecca Russell	Milford	No. 2401
Shelby Cahill	Elkton	No. 2618
Alexandra Turano	Hagerstown	No. 378
Vanessa Mackley	Hagerstown	No. 378
Linda Powers	Laurel	No. 2283
Margaret Protzman	Laurel	No. 2283
Shannon Lucas	Laurel	No. 2283
Skylar Fidel	Towson	No. 469
Kristen Zimmerman	Frederick	No. 684
Maureen McCarrick	Frederick	No. 684
Alexa Bond	Salisbury	No. 817
Taylor Linker	Salisbury	No. 817
Abby Ardis	Pocomoke City	No. 1624
Emily Hooper	Glen Burnie	No. 2266

Dear Members of the MD. - DE. & D.C. Elks Association.

We are very proud of the excellent response that we received from you in donating to the Veterans Valentine Concert that was held in Baltimore, Maryland's Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, on February 12, 2011. Because of your generosity, Hospitalized Veterans were transported from Baltimore, Perry Point and Loch Raven VA Medical Centers. Along with Hospitalized Veterans from the VA Medical Centers in Washington, D.C. and Martinsburg, WV, with patients from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Wounded Warrior Unit at Fort Meade.

We exceeded the State Association's donation of \$1000 required to receive the matching Funds from the Grand Lodge Grant of \$1000 through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. All Donations were recognized during the Concert. In addition to being recognized in the program for the concert, we promised that all Lodges and personal members' donations would be recognized in the Spring Workshop, held at the Salisbury Lodge No. 817 March 24-27, 2011.

We want to personally thank you today because you proved that Elks Care and Elks Share especially when it comes to our Veterans and Men & Women in the Armed Forces.

Lodge Donations:

Lodge #	\$ Amt	Lodge #	\$ Amt	Lodge #	\$ Amt
Abingdon 2354	\$25	Annapolis 622	\$25	Bowie 2309	\$25
Calvert 2620	\$25	Camp Springs 2332	\$25	Deale 2528	\$25
Dover 1903	\$25	Easton 1622	\$50	Essex 1866	\$25
Newark 2281	\$25	Salisbury 817	\$100	Selbyville 2173	\$25
Severna Park 2482	\$300	Westminster 2277	\$25.00	PERs Essex 1866	\$ 200

Membership Donations:

Member's Name	\$ Amt	Member's Name	\$ Amt	Member's Name	\$ Amt
Keri L. Albright	\$25	John L. Boehmer	\$25	John A. Curran	\$50
Lisa K. Pratt-Istvan	\$25	Terry A. LaGier	\$20	Larry Mathers	\$25
Jay R. Nave	\$25	Michael C. Todd	\$25	Roger L. Wilbrandt	\$50
Edward Willis	\$25				

H. Lee Davis PSP, ENVSC Advisory/Liaison and I thank you for your generous & quick response. You, representing this State Association, showed dedication, allegiance and commitment to our veterans and the men and women in Armed Forces.

Speaking for all the members in this State Association - Thank You,

John A. Curran, ENVSC Chairman
Serving Our Veterans

So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

The final judging was extremely difficult in light of the many qualified contestants. Please extend the committee's heartiest congratulations to all of these outstanding young people.

Fraternally Yours,
Joseph J. Palozzi
Chairman
Scholarship Committee
Maryland, Delaware and D.C.
Elks Association

INTERIM REPORT OF FUTURE OF ELKDOM COMMITTEE

After receipt of over 6,000 responses (many, many were duplications) the Future of Elkdom Committee met several times. Recommendations were made to the Advisory Committee, which has approved the following issues for preparation of legislation by the Judiciary committee and the Advisory Committee on Laws. Those bodies will prepare and distribute the proposals for the delegates (where legislation is required) at the July 2011 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. It will be a big job. Please review the following:

Grand Lodge:

1. Change the name of the Grand Lodge to "National Lodge" (Passed & effective 2011)
2. Modernize titles of "National Lodge" Officers (Passed & effective 2012)
 - National President from Grand Exalted Ruler
 - National Vice President from Endorsed Candidate for GER. (Elected National Vice President will be elected a year earlier and will automatically become National President the following GL year.)
 - National Secretary from Grand Secretary
 - Eliminate Grand Treasurer
 - Sergeant At Arms replaces Grand Esquire, Grand Inner Guard and Grand Tiler.
 - National Chaplain from Grand Chaplain.
 - National Trustee(s) from GL Trustee(s).
3. Restructure Grand Lodge Committees as follows: (Passed & effective 2012)

Activities Committee

Community Project; Public Relations; Youth Activities; Hoop Shoot Program; Drug Awareness

Fraternal Committee

Americanism; Elks National Foundation; Flag Day; Memorial Day; Membership ; Lodge Activities; Veterans

Auditing & Accounting Committee

Committee on Judiciary

Ritualistic

This eliminates virtually ALL current Committees with only Auditing & Accounting, Judiciary and Ritualistic remaining. However the activities of the Americanism, Lodge Activities/State Association, Membership, Public Relations and Youth Activities Committees will be the responsibility of the Activities or Fraternal Committees.

4. A uniform job description for Special Deputies duties and responsibilities to be created in Grand Lodge. (Passed and effective 2011)
5. Amend Statues to provide that Lodges may collect dues annually or semi-annually. (Passed & effective 2011)
6. Remove all references to Communist party. (Passed & effective 2011)
7. Allow Local Lodges (optional), by By-Law, to grant suitable rewards for members who recruit other members that remain "paid up" member for one full Lodge year. (Passed & effective 2011)
8. Place the Membership application on the GL Web site. (Passed & effective 2011)
9. Eliminate all Grand Lodge Contests except Ritual, newsletter, website, exhibits and All American Lodge (Passed & effective 2012)

Changes affecting the DDGER

1. No longer require the DDGER to witness and grade the Initiatory Ritual at the official Lodge visit, DDGER Report will continue to be filed. No GER response will be made. State Sponsor may still comment and make recommendations to the Lodge. (Passed & effective 2011)
2. Will no longer conduct a January DDGER Clinic. (Passed & effective 2012)
3. All DD Indoctrination would be arranged by State Sponsor within the State. Budget funds for the State Sponsor's Indoctrination would be applicably made for DD Designates. (Passed & effective 2012) DD would no longer attend Grand Lodge Session at Grand Lodge expense.
4. Lodge Officer memorization of the Initiatory Ritual would no longer be required. (Passed & effective 2011)

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Subordinate Lodge Changes:

1. Change the Name "Subordinate Lodge" to "Local Lodge". (Passed & effective 2011)
2. Lodge Meeting may be held once per month, or more often at the Lodge decision.
3. The Local Lodge may opt to shorten the Lodge Opening & Closing rituals by By-Law Change. (Lodge Altar already set up and remains set up as the ER closes the Lodge).
4. Local Lodge change in Officer titles (Passed & effective 2012):

President	from Exalted Ruler
1st Vice President	from Esteemed Leading Knight
2nd Vice President	from Esteemed Loyal Knight
3rd Vice President	from Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Sergeant at Arms	from Lodge Esquire, Inner Guard & Tiler
Secretary*	from Lodge Secretary
Treasurer*	from Lodge Treasurer

 - *These two offices may be combined by a By-Law, if Lodge so chooses

Trustee(s)	retain name of Trustee(s) & one of who would be signatory on checks & provide for paper trail
Inner Guard & Tiler	would be eliminated-see Sergeant At Arms
5. Allow for one Community Program to be solely identified as the Elks sponsored in each community. This would answer the question in the Community as to what the Elks are known for in that community. (Passed & effective 2011)
6. Lodge Committees would consist of the following three:
 - Activities Committee
Community Project; Public Relations; Youth Activities; Hoop Shoot Program; Drug Awareness
 - Fraternal Committee
Americanism; Elks National Foundation; Flag Day; Memorial Day; Membership; Lodge Activities; Veterans
 - Auditing & Accounting
7. Shorten the Membership process; applications to be given to the Investigating Committee when received by the Secretary. Applicant's information posted on the bulletin board. At next Lodge Meeting the application is read. If Investigation has met and reported, and Indoctrination has occurred, vote can be conducted by lodge.

The changes recommended would secure the following savings:

<u>ELIMINATE OR MODIFY</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
Government Relations Comm.	\$ 66,775 (Comm Seminar and Convention Costs)
State Association/Lodge Activities Comm.	\$ 21,700 (Convention Costs)
Membership Comm.	\$ 24,750 (Convention Costs)
Public Relations	\$ 26,200 (Convention Costs)
Americanism Comm.	\$ 24,000 (Convention Costs)
Youth Activities Comm.	\$ 24,000 (Convention Costs)
District Deputy Indoctrination at Convention	\$459,275
 Sunday dinner for G.L. for officers and Committees, Exalted Ruler, State President and Secretary Luncheon, Ladies entertainment personalized stationery format for meetings of PGERS and Officers	 \$187,400
 Reduce Convention 1 Day (estimate)	 \$ 89,000

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Suggestions made by Future of Elkdom Committee where NO Legislation is required:

1. Local Lodges encouraged to make facilities available for use by civic groups so long as all laws are obeyed. (Passed & effective 2011)
2. Local Lodges establish Mentoring Program for Lodge Officers. (Passed & effective 2011)
3. If not already existing, Local Lodges to establish an Activities/Entertainment Committee. (Passed & effective 2011)
4. A new Member Welcoming Committee for local Lodges is seriously recommended. (Passed & effective 2011)
5. Installation and use of electronic games (ie; Wi-Fi) and other games in Game Room of Local Lodges (for members & children) (Passed & effective 2011)
6. Create a suggested format for State Association Meetings and Conventions with emphasis on less reporting and more training of Elks. (Passed & effective 2011)
7. Suggested dress code for GL Advisory Committee after Sunday be optional for business casual. (Passed & effective 2011)
8. National President appoint a Committee of five members knowledgeable and experienced in the Initiatory Ritual to study and make recommendations to the following Convention in Austin, Texas.
9. DDGER will no longer receive Business Cards and it is no longer an allowed expense (Passed & effective 2011)
10. Eliminate Elks Training Program (annual review of Statutes) (Passed & effective 2011)
11. Eliminate Membership Benefits Program. (Effective when present contracts expires)
12. Eliminate the printing of GER Acceptance Speech for audience Monday morning and not in the daily Convention newsletter. The Elks Magazine will keep it in a later issue. (Passed and effective 2011)
13. Eliminate the spouses' entertainment on Tuesday morning. (Passed & effective 2011)
14. Eliminate the "bull pen" roped off area for PGERs at the Exalted Ruler Ball on Wednesday evening of the Convention. Attending PGERs will still be introduced. (Passed & effective 2011)
15. Eliminate all "Honorable" titles for all Grand Lodge Officers. (Passed & effective 2011)
16. Sunday OPENING SESSION to start at 4:00PM until completion (approximately 6-6:30pm) thus allowing for State Associations to conduct Sunday evening parties. (Passed & effective 2012)
17. Grand Secretary will develop a bank of Elk Building Plans for purpose & use of and by Local Lodges in rebuild actions. (Passed & effective 2011)
18. More Meetings by Grand Lodge will be by electronic (along this line, teleconferencing is being considered where it may be practical in costs) (Passed & effective 2011)
19. After February 2012, the February GL Advisory meetings and Grand Trustees Meetings will be held in Chicago without spouses attending. (Passed & effective 2012)
20. Repeat Accident Prevention State Chairpersons attend their national seminar every other year. (Passed & effective 2011)
21. Standard Elk Stationery for all. Personalizing is okay. (Passed & effective 2011)
22. Create an Elks Web Leadership School on internet for access by Elks in local Lodges. (Passed & effective TBD)
23. Reduce the GL convention by one full day. (Passed & effective dependent upon hotel contracts-TBD)
24. For Phoenix-For Committee Chairpersons to have their written reports to be published on the Web site. Chairperson introduces the Committee members and thanks Lodges for their support and participation. All awards will be published in the Daily Convention newsletter and received at the booth. On Tuesday morning the majority of the Session will be devoted to the discussions of aspects, presented by the Future of Elkdom Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge Advisory, by the Lodges and their representatives. (Passed & approved for Phoenix Convention)

While the savings are needed, the Order is losing 100,000 members every 3 years (by 2020 at this rate we will be down to about 500,000 members) it is more important to change our focus, to stabilize and rebuild.

Since shortly after World War II, when our membership was growing 20 to 40 thousand members per year, more and more Programs have been sent by Grand Lodge to the Local Lodges.

That was a change from traditional Elkdom when the Lodges focused on Community Activities. The Community is the Future of Elkdom. Thus our direction - reduce Grand Lodge, much more Community involvement, 21st Century appearance, retain our basics of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity and our gift to America - Elks Care-Elks Share. We will build a better Elkdom!

Youth Activities

I deeply appreciate the responses and reports I have received without "pulling teeth". And what we now need is a strong finish so that we can have a good start for next year!

It is now the time Grand Lodge prepares for the upcoming year for all of our Youth Activities Programs. If you need certificates for the year, they must be ordered now. These are due to Grand Lodge by April 15. Please contact me with your order at: jramsey@psre.com or cell: 302-242-1117.

One Program in jeopardy is the Student/Veteran Volunteer Program which has shown a steady decrease in Lodge and Student participation. This is such an important program for our Veterans who have asked for so little in return for their services. Simple things can make such a difference: a smile, a handmade card, donations of personal care products, a visit, etc. The list is endless of what our youth can provide. We cannot and must not let this program become a thing of the past. Our men and women who have served this great country deserve the best care and support we can give them. I feel that you, in your Lodges, are doing some of these proj-

ects but not reporting them. All Youth Activities Program reports are due to me by March 31st in order for me to meet GL April 30th deadline.

Now for the Good News! We are off to a strong start as of right now for the new Lodge Year with Youth Week declared for the first full week in May. This gives you some time to plan at the local level with your new Lodge Officers and Committee Chairs. Just to give you an example: Dover Lodge #1903 starts its Youth Week the first Sunday in May with a Homerun Derby and ends on that Saturday with a Fishing Derby. These are just 2 ideas that you can utilize locally, and please share with us your successful ideas for Youth Week. REMINDER: Don't forget to prepare a Youth Week Brochure of your youth week activities. The deadline for submitting your Brochure is May 29, 2011.

Good luck and continued success in the coming year,

John Ramsey
State Youth Activities Chair



Youth Tennis, Golf & Bowling

The Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling 27th Tournament of Champions will again be held at Seven Springs Resort PA on July 24-26, 2011. This is the only athletic program for ages 14 to 18 to participate in Area II. Competition includes participants from MD, DE, PA, WV and KY. Applications are now available on the State Elks Web Site (www.mddedcelksassn.org) or the PA State Elks Web Site www.paelks.org

Participants must be sponsored by an Elks Lodge. Chaperones can be from that lodge or the parents of the participants. Sending the parents might get you a new member for your lodge. Deadline for submitting applications is June 24, 2011. Now is a good time to be contacting your local high school athletic director for tennis and golfers. Check with your local bowling alley to see if they have a junior program.

The 2011 rates:

Participants:

\$281 per person, per stay, single occupancy
\$259 per person, per stay, double occupancy
\$250 per person, per stay, triple or quad occupancy

Adults

\$320 per person, per stay, single occupancy
\$298 per person, per stay, double occupancy
\$284 per person, per stay, triple or quad occupancy

The package will include lodging and dinner on Sunday night; breakfast, lunch, dinner and lodging on Monday; breakfast and lunch on Tuesday.

All of the District Chairpersons have been to the Tournament of Champions and they will be glad to discuss the program. NC-Wayne Droll 410-263-4378; NE - Earl Collins 302-653-7260; SE - Joan Thompson 410-208-6414; SW - Bill Wert 301-924-9460; and W - Susan Snyder 301-616-0897.

Edward "Pete" Peterson, Chairman
Email: petedward@aol.com

JERNICK MEMORIAL FUND

The William J. Jernick Memorial Fund continues the great work it was intended to do. Four additional children benefited from this special fund since the January Workshop.

They include Reily Marie Johnson, a four year old girl who is deaf, legally blind and suffers from cerebral palsy. Dover Lodge No. 1903 identified Reily to us and a \$1,000 grant from the Jernick Fund was used to buy a iPad with assistive technology software to help her communicate with her family, doctors and therapists. The family's medical insurance was willing to pay for other augmentative devices deemed too cumbersome and less versatile for a small child like Reily to handle. But they would not pay for the iPad because has not yet been approved as a medically-approved communication device. The Jernick Fund is not constrained by cumbersome, bureaucratic rules and we can all be pleased that it was able to step in and fill this important need for Reily.

This is a perfect example of the kind of support the Jernick Fund is intended to provide; to support children in need of funds due to unique or extraordinary medical expenses. Current year funds are still available for distribution and the Committee would like Lodges to identify other deserving children to us so they might also benefit from the fund. At the same time, Lodges are asked to consider a separate fundraiser in support of the fund and encourage their members to make personal donations to the fund if it is within their means. The money you raise will ensure the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund continues to serve needy children for many years to come.

Morgan Brown, Chairman



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Dear Sir / Madam:

Reservation request form for the 147th. Grand Lodge Session being held in Phoenix, Arizona, July 17-21,2011. The Wyndham Phoenix, 50 E. Adams Street is a NON SMOKING HOTEL. All reservations must be made through Tom Rabickow. Return Reservation Form with a check payable to MD. DE. & D.C. ELKS prior to May 15, 2011 cutoff. All Members in good standing are welcome to join us. Late reservations may cause you to be housed in an overflow hotel

PLEASE PRINT

YOUR FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____ **LODGE NAME & NO.** _____

CIRCLE YOUR REQUESTS - ONE BED TWO BEDS HANDICAP

Number of people _____ **Arrival date** _____ **Departure date** _____

Single Occupancy Package Includes (1) Breakfast Monday & (1) Dinner Wednesday
Four nights arriving Sun July 17th & departing Thur July 21st **\$560.00 Enclosed**
Five nights arriving Sat July 16th & departing Thur July 21st **\$685.00 Enclosed**
Six nights arriving Fri July 15th & departing Thur July 21st **\$810.00 Enclosed**
Seven nights **\$936.00 Enclosed**

Double Occupancy Package Includes (2) Breakfasts Monday & (2) Dinners Wed.
Four nights arriving Sun July 17th & departing Thur July 21st **\$620.00 Enclosed**
Five nights arriving Sat July 16th & departing Thur July 21st **\$750.00 Enclosed**
Six nights arriving Fri July 15th & departing Thur July 21st **\$880.00 Enclosed**
Seven nights **\$1001.00 Enclosed**

Exalted Ruler please include a \$60.00 Lodge Donation for the Hospitality Room

THANK YOU



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**RESERVATION REQUEST FORM FOR THE 147th GRAND LODGE SESSION
BEING HELD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. JULY 17 - 21, 2011.
THE WYNDHAM PHOENIX, 50 E. ADAMS STREET IS A NON SMOKING
HOTEL. MAKE ALL RESERVATIONS THROUGH TOM RABICKOW.
RETURN RESERVATION FORM WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO MD DE& DC
ELKS PRIOR TO MAY 15, 2011 CUTOFF. ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD
STANDING ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. LATE RESERVATIONS MAY
CAUSE YOU TO BE HOUSED IN AN OVERFLOW HOTEL**

PLEASE PRINT

YOUR FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

LODGE NAME & NO. _____

CIRCLE YOUR REQUESTS - ONE BED TWO BEDS HANDICAP

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____

DEPARTURE _____

**Triple Occupancy - Monday Breakfast & Wednesday Dinner not included, you may
order separately, Advance orders only. NO ORDERS AT THE DOOR.**

Four nights arriving Sun July 17th & departing Thur July 21st \$610.00

Five nights arriving Sat July 16th & departing Thur July 21st \$760.00

Six nights arriving Fri July 15th & departing July 21st \$915.00

Seven nights \$1,065.00

**Quad Occupancy - Monday Breakfast & Wednesday Dinner not included, you may
order separately, Advance orders only. NO ORDERS AT THE DOOR.**

Four nights arriving Sun July 17th & departing Thur July 21st \$710.00

Five nights arriving Sat July 16 & departing Thur July 21st \$885.00

Six nights arriving Fri July 15th & departing Thur July 21st \$1,065.00

Seven nights \$1,240.00

Triple / Quad Breakfast & Dinner Prices Breakfast \$21.00 each Dinner \$37.00 each.

**EXALTED RULER PLEASE INCLUDE A \$60.00 LODGE DONATION FOR THE
HOSPITALITY ROOM - THANK YOU**

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
JUNE CONVENTION RESERVATIONS**



Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD, US, 21740

JUNE 10 - JUNE 12, 2011

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011 - UNFORTUNATELY, NO EXCEPTIONS

Circle the option desired and check the appropriate box for your reservations. Select complete weekend package (option #1) or Lodging (option #2) and/or Saturday State Association Dinner (option #3).

1. Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on June 10 and June 11, Saturday Evening's State Association Award Dinner and a hot Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

- Double Occupancy: \$350.00
 Single Occupancy: \$290.00

2. Individual Room Rates

- One Night \$115.00
 Two Nights \$230.00

3. Dinner Only - Fresh Spinach Salad, Chicken a la Oscar with seasonal vegetables, bread and dessert.

- One person \$30.00
 Two persons \$60.00

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

TOTAL AMOUNT Due - BASED ON SELECTIONS ABOVE: \$ _____

ONE BED TWO BEDS  ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Enclose payment with reservation and checks should be payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Association:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 Lodge: _____

MAIL TO:
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Dover, DE 19901
302-674-4157
302-450-2820
g.wilkes1@verizon.net

MD DE DC STATE ASSOCIATION RITUAL CHAMPIONS



DOVER LODGE #1903

Pictured from left to right: Loyal Knight Henry Coghlan, Coach Greg Wilkes, Candidate Mike Denham, Chaplain Cindy Ennis, Inner Guard Bill McNamire, Exalted Ruler Bret Scott, Leading Knight Jeff Carlson, Esquire Milton Morozowich, Lecturing Knight Michael Toto

RITUAL

Results of the MD DE & DC State Association Ritual Contest held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Frederick, Maryland Lodge #684.

Participating Team Results:

First Place:	Dover Lodge #1903	95.6217
Second Place:	Frederick Lodge #684	95.6130
Third Place:	Annapolis Lodge #622	93.7871
Fourth Place:	Prince George's County Lodge #1778	91.0926

Candidate Scott McKnight from Frederick Lodge #1903 99.9999
Coach Greg Wilkes from Dover Lodge #1903

Highest Scoring Officer:
Audrey Rayfield with a personal score of 94.3330

The All Star Officers and Coach:

Exalted Ruler Tammy Guttry from Frederick Lodge #684	91.9740
Leading Audrey Rayfield from Frederick Lodge #684	94.3330
Loyal Knight, Richard Lehen from Annapolis Lodge #622	93.3320
Lecturing Knight Michael Toto from Dover Lodge #1903	94.1090
Esquire Gil Guttry from Frederick Lodge # 684	93.2840
Chaplain Cindy Ennis from Dover Lodge #1903	94.2370
Inner Guard Bill McNamire from Dover Lodge #1903	92.3530

We congratulate all the participants for their hard work and for their excellence rendition of the Ritual.

Thank you to all the judges and especially the visiting judges from Pennsylvania. A special 'Thank You' to Frederick Lodge #684 for hosting this event.

The 2011-2012 State Ritual Contest will be held in the Southeast District.

Dick Fleck, State Ritual Chairman

2010-2011 RITUAL TEAMS



FREDERICK LODGE #684



ANNAPOLIS LODGE #602



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
LODGE #1778



FLAG DAY

Will be held on
June 11th

at the State Convention in
Hagerstown Time...To Be Determined

Americanism Contest Winners

0-3 Years – Art

- 1st Preston Walker Miller Oakland # 2481
- 2nd Samaiya Ortiz Waldorf # 2421
- 3rd Samatha Gruzenski Broadneck # 2608

4-6 Years – Art

- 1st Naomi Dugan Calvert # 2620
- 2nd Ryelynn Sweitzer Oakland # 2481
- 3rd Lily Musscarella Laurel # 2283

6-7 Year—Art

- 1st John Byers Havre De Grace # 1564
- 2nd Brianna Cangemi Westminster # 2277
- 3rd Skylar Adams Waldorf # 2421
- 4th Jack Guerrisi Severna Park # 2482
- 5th Sammy Han Cape Henlopen # 2540

8-9 Year— Art

- 1st Lilyanna Blackham Ocean City # 2645
- 2nd Alicia Edwards Waldorf # 2421
- 3rd Jordon Morris Havre De Grace # 1564
- 4th Cole Baker Oakland # 2481
- 5th Amara Crowe Severna Park # 2482

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Essay Division 1 5-6th Grade

- 1st Darby Hollinger Cape Henlopen # 2540
- 2nd Emily Rapposelli Havre De Grace # 1564
- 3rd Graham Troiani Waldorf # 2421
- 4th Abby Burdock Oakland # 2481

Essay Division 2 7-8th Grade

- 1st Nick Gallahan Washington-Rockville # 15
- 2nd Addie Lauder Frostburg # 470
- 3rd Jake Tingley Havre De Grace # 1564

Our Congratulations to all the Winners

Mary E. Cardinal Vogt,
State Americanism Chairman

Government Relations Report

Reviewing the proposed legislation before the General Assembly this year is kind of like the movie "Groundhog Day", a repeat of much of last years' (failed) resolutions. It is noteworthy however that a couple of these bills have gained traction and additional support, due in no small part to the staggering financial crisis and need for tax revenue, and they may actually pass this year. Medical Marijuana is represented by House Bill 291 and Senate Bill 308 and would declassify marijuana to a Schedule II narcotic, set policies for growing and distribution, etc. An indication of its' possible success are a couple of other bills that would increase the amount allowed as possession and decrease the penalties. The general trend nationwide is discouraging as these policies are becoming more prevalent, leading to "ganjapreneurs" who are developing "pot.coms" offering high-tech services to those who want to get in on the ground floor with this possible new market; yep, its' all about the money. The hearing in the House had not been held as of this writing.

The "Lorraine Sheehan Health & Community Services Act" which received no action last year has been resurrected under the same name as House Bill 121 and Senate Bill 168. This is the cleverly titled "dime a drink tax" that infers the approximate cost of a drink when it is passed across the bar but which actually imposes a hefty increase on the State tax rate for alcoholic beverages. The wording as taken from the bill's synopsis reads "Increasing the State tax rates for alcoholic beverages sold in Maryland from \$1.50 to \$10.03 per gallon for distilled spirits, from 40 cents to \$2.96 per gallon for wine, and from 9 cents to \$1.16 per gallon for beer; providing for the distribution of the additional funds to be used only for the purpose of providing additional funding for specified health services; etc." We know what will happen if this passes - can you say trickle down? It is next set for hearing on March 3, and while the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association led the fight in defeating last year's proposal things look quite a bit different this year.

There is a saying that is part blessing, part curse: "May you live in interesting times" and I think we can agree that yes, these are indeed interesting times. From Health Care, Wikileaks, tax cuts, the Great Recession, continuing conflict and rebellion in the Middle East, full body scans, our government's finances and Charlie Sheen's latest meltdown we face new challenges and new topics everyday day. Many of these we obviously have no control over, most we just have to accept, and some we can influence. We can continue to influence the lives of others and our communities even in the light of increasing governmental intrusion through our good works as part of the greatest fraternal organization in our great country. It is how we go about it, however, that we must constantly monitor and refine; I know we are singing the same song and I can only hope we all know the words by now.

Get the information of all of our good works and efforts in front of your community and it will work its' way to our legislators. Use your Public Relations Chairperson to constantly remind our communities of all the good things we do for them; positive press is not bragging, its' acknowledgment of your efforts. Keep this press positive by remembering that we are indeed a private fraternal organization and let's keep it that way; review your guest policies and confirm that you are in compliance with our statutory requirements. Track your UBI and rental policies to avoid unnecessary complications if (when) the IRS comes a 'knockin'. Information on all of these policies was presented in January, is available on our website and will be reviewed briefly in this meeting. As always, maintain your Charitable Records in order to present the full extent of all of your hard work, time and money. These reports impact positive public relations, support our charitable status recognition and, of course, are priceless when talk-

ing to our legislators. Exalted Rulers, it is your responsibility to have these records submitted to the Lodge Secretary so he can enter them into the CLMS database - please?

Finally, use the information available through Government Relations in your Lodges. Some of the things we have to do, or should be doing, may not be attractive to certain people but, as we talked about in Pocomoke City, don't be afraid of the cold water. Climb the stairs, grab the banana and remember that it doesn't necessarily have to always be done this way.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman
Government Relations Committee



The Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia, is home to about 105 retired Elk members. This wonderful retirement community depends upon donations from Elks lodges and members to assist with their operating expenses. You can help by making a donation for any amount to their general fund. Just make your check payable to the Elks National Home and mail it to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523. For more information on the Home, check out their website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.elkshome.org" www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org).

We also want to mention that the Elks National Home currently has a couple of beautiful apartments available, as well as several single rooms.

If you or someone you know may be interested in retiring there, contact the Home at 1-800-552-4140 or e-mail [HYPERLINK "mailto:enhome@elkshome.org" enhome@elkshome.org](mailto:enhome@elkshome.org).

I want to help the Elks National Home. Enclosed is my gift of _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Since the Elks Home is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, your gifts are tax deductible

INTER LODGE ACTIVITY



Elks NASCAR Inter Lodge Activity Party at the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup Race May 15, 2011

The program includes:

- Ticket to the Sprint Cup Race on May 15th
- Trackside Tour on Sunday morning (8:30 - 10:30AM)
- Driver Appearance
- Lunch (usually chicken breast and pulled pork sandwiches and salads)
- Beer, soft drinks and water
- Elks Exclusive Hospitality Tent (Entry with credential only)
- Total cost per person is \$118

For additional information contact:
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BOYS

Week #1: June 19 - June 25

Week #2: June 26 - July 2

Week #3: July 3 - July 9

GIRLS

Week #1: July 10 - July 16

Week #2: July 17 - July 23

Week #3: July 24 - July 30

WEBMASTER

There have been changes to the State Web Site, hopefully for the better. All the Lodge web sites have been added and directed to the Elks.org version unless I have your local web page. If you want it directed to your local page let me (raymondsears@com-

cast.net) know the address and I will get it changed. There are Lodges that have not sent me their newsletters in PDF form. I can also get them on the State Web Page almost immediately.

Several Lodges have called and asked for assistance in establishing a

web page presence for their Lodge. I can help! All you need is web design software such as Microsoft Frontpage or Microsoft Expression and someone to update/maintain your page.

Fraternally,
Ray Sears

From the Desk of the Secretary

To all State Chairpeople, now is the time to get the information together for the State Charitable Report. I need number of attendees, number of Elks, mileage and hours. Please help me with this, Last years report was paltry to say the least and I know we can do better.

Also, if you need stationary or letterhead, please give me a call or an e-mail before the meeting.

If you are not getting the minutes or would like to, e-mail me at jhwalrus@verizon.net.

Jim Harbour

G/L AMERICANISM

Members:

Please be advised that the Americanism article in January's State Newsletter was written by Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt, our wonderful State Americanism Chairperson, not Lee Davis.

With the new Exalted Rulers selecting their committee people, I ask that the new Exalted Rulers pick a conscientious person, that will put all their efforts into this committee. We are very fortunate to have one of the best

Americanism State Chairpersons in Elkdom, in Mary. We need the best people we can find, to carry on and add to the dedicated work that Mary is doing for our great State Association.

With this in mind, I ask every lodge to concentrate on promoting as many Americanism projects in their lodges as possible.

God Bless America and Our Troops,
H. Lee Davis, PSP
G/L Americanism Committeeman, Area 2

CAMP BARRETT NEWS

ELKS CAMP BARRETT

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Camp Barrett, I want to congratulate all the new officers for 2011-2012. New Exalted Rulers, in addition to all the Committee Chairpeople you must appoint, it is also your responsibility to see that the names and contact information for the two "Camp Barrett Lodge Representatives", for this year, are properly submitted. As per section 2, of our State By-Laws which state: "Each member Subordinate Lodge of this Association shall, prior to April first each year, furnish to the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, the President of the Association and the Secretary of the Association, the name of the two Lodge members who will represent said Lodge for a term of one year, beginning the first day of October of each year".

During Indoctrination, we should all have been made aware that our "State Major Project" is Camp Barrett. It amazes me how many Elks I meet, who belong to our association, and know nothing about Camp Barrett! This must change. If you want to learn more about the camp, please ask one of your Lodge Reps, or E.R. for help.

This year, in addition to our six week camping season for boys and girls, ages 8 to 13, we are hosting the "Sunshine Group" from the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center, for the last week of camping. Our "Memorial Day Weekend Family Picnic" is a great opportunity to see the facility. If you have never been, please bring the family and start a tradition. We have great food and fun for all, at a real bargain price. It is the day when we hold the drawing for the Camp Raffle tickets. This is our major fundraiser, so please take selling the tickets seriously.

We can and should be proud of our accomplishments at the Camp, and it is all made possible by the efforts, and generosity, of the members our Association. Thank you for your continued support. Fraternaly,

Les Bussard, Chairman
Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee

Elks Camp Barrett 2010 - 2011 Hall of Fame



State President Carl Robinson, Past State President and Chairman of the Camp Barrett Hall of Fame Bruce Howell with the 2010 - 2011 inductees into the Camp Barrett Hall of Fame. The new inductees received a plaque and the beautiful tan jackets that they are wearing in the photograph. Standing from left to right Past State President Bruce Howell, 2010 - 2011, Hall of Fame members Hilda Davis, Millie Kerr, Ben Stone and State President Carl Robinson.



E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 in Pocomoke City in January was Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt from Calvert Lodge No. 2620.

Please support your State Major Project and buy your 50/50 raffle tickets this weekend from the ladies at the registration table.

ELKS CAMP BARRETT CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

The candy bar campaign is winding down but not without a bump and a large hump in the road.

First, let me thank everyone for their orders. We sold 248 boxes of candy bars, which is our best sales ever.

The bump in the road was Wolfgang discontinued making the white chocolate peanut butter bars. I had to call the people who ordered them and everyone just took another type, thank you everyone.

The large hump in the road is as follows: when I place my order I found out, that at the end of 2010, Wolfgang changed the quantity purchased and the profit quantities.

In the past, if 200 or more boxes were purchased, the top profit was \$19.80 pre box. Now, if you purchase 180-359 boxes, the profit is \$16.20. If 360 or more boxes are purchased, the profit is \$18.00 - that is now the top profit.

This campaign we will make \$4,017.60, which is good, but it is \$892.80 less than I thought.

I am looking into other candy bar fundraisers and will continue to look and evaluate the situation. I do not see how we could sell another 112 boxes to reach the next level. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact me.

Thank you for your time.

Hilda L. Davis