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Message from Our State President



Happy New Year and welcome to Washington-Rockville, home of Past Grand Justice Priscilla Schwab. I know that she is looking forward to showing us her lodge. This will be our last Winter Workshop and I hope it will be memorable. I hope every-

one had a wonderful holiday season with your families and friends.

Welcome to our Grand Lodge Sponsor, PGER Paul D. Helsel and his lovely wife Jane; Grand Lodge Trustee, Warren H. Johnson and his sweet wife Debbie; Grand Inner Guard, Richard J. Burg and our special guest Grand Lodge National Director of the National Veterans Service Department, Mary K. Morgan. Please take time to welcome them to our workshop this weekend and show them some of that great MD, DE, & DC hospitality!

I want to thank you if you attended the Fall Conference in Ocean City. Our presenters, Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership Chairmen and Pete Smith, Area Two Public Relations, did a great job. We had many presenters, lots of fun and finished on Sunday ahead of schedule. The entertainment Saturday night was fabulous and I laughed so hard I cried. Thank You Merrilyn, John, and all of the Conference/Convention Committee.

Since the Fall Conference in Ocean City I have officially visited 14 lodges of our Association, attended Elks Camp Barrett's board meeting, Camp Barret rep's meeting and State Trustees' meetings and the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Milford Elks Lodge #2401. What a beautiful party! It has been a great pleasure visiting the lodges of our association and meeting new Elk family members and renewing bonds with those members from the past. To listen to the reports of lodges and the support of their communities, all they are doing for veterans, youth, and growing of membership, we should have a great year.

In November, Carl and I had a wonderful experience of visiting the New Jersey State Association Fall Conference. State President Ron Mangone and his wife Theresa treated us like Elks family.

Remember, lodge nominations and elections are to be held in February. This is also a great time for those members who are interested in becoming a district chairman to step forward and contact the District Leaders (The Past State Presidents) of your area as they make the district appointments. For members who are interested in a State Appointment contact John Loftus State President Elect. He can always use a few Good Elks.

Thank you to Washington – Rockville Lodge #15 for graciously hosting us this weekend. Take a minute to thank the many volunteers, members and staff for their hard work and opening their home to us this weekend. Our next meeting will be in March at Annapolis Lodge #622 when we host our GER Michael T. Luhr and his wife Barbara.

Continue "Stepping Forward Together" and by "Working Together to Make a Difference" we will all succeed.

May God Bless you, our country and all that serve to protect us and maintain our freedom.

Fraternally,

**Mary Cardinal-Vogt
State President**

MD-DE-DC Elks Association

COMING EVENTS

Spring Conference - Mar 22-24

Annapolis Lodge # 622 - Edgewater, MD.

Feb 2 Peer Leadership Conference - Havre De Grace

Feb 10th - State Hoop Shoot - Chestertown

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

Mar 3 - Star Spangled Banner becomes National Anthem

Mar 21 GER Luncheon - ECB

NOTE: Lodges should refrain from scheduling conflicting events in order that their key officers and members may attend all of these meetings.

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**WINTER CONFERENCE AGENDA OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION
Washington- Rockville #15, Rockville, MD**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Registration
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch –Menu Available - Lodge #15
1:00 PM - ?00 PM... Advisory Meeting
5:00 PM State Trustees Meeting
5:30 PM Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.. Lodge Menu Available – #15 Washington- Rockville Lodge

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

7:00 AM - 9:30 AM.. Breakfast Buffet Available – Washington-Rockville Lodge #15
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Registration
8:00 AM Elks Camp Barrett Representatives Meeting
9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by State President Cardinal-Vogt
9:02 AM Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 AM - 11:50 AM **Training, Presentations and Committee Reports**
9:30 AM - 11:00AM DD Clinic – DDGER presentations
11:00AM .. Veterans Committee – Robert McIntyre
Welcome Home – Carl Robinson
National Veterans Service Dept. National Director, Mary K. Morgan
11:45AM .. Donate Life – Sally Kramer
11:55 AM Announcements – Recess until 9:00 A.M. Sunday, January 20th
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch Buffet Available – Washington-Rockville Lodge
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM President & President Elect Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.. President, President Elect & VPs Meeting with Exalted Rulers
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM.. Baltimore 2020 Committee – Warren Johnson
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM.. PGER Paul D. Helsel Meeting with DDGERs & PSPs/District Leaders
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM.. Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.. Dinner - Washington-Rockville Lodge
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Entertainment in the Lounge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM.. Breakfast Buffet Available – Washington-Rockville Lodge #15
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM.. Registration
9:00 AM Workshop Called to Order by State President Cardinal-Vogt
9:02 AM - 11:30 AM **Training, Presentations and Committee Reports**
(9:05) What about the Budget?
(9:45) Soccer Shoot – Robert Broom
(9:50) Scouting – Brian Westfall
(9:55) Convention/Conference Committee – Merrilyn Ramsey
(10:00) Drug Awareness – Angela Meyer
(10:07) Elks National Foundation – Valerie Huot
(10:17) Peer Leadership – Kathy King - Jessica Todd
(10:24) Elks Camp Barrett – George Tunnicliff
(10:34) William J. Jernick Fund – John Loftus
(10:39) Government Relations – Bonnie Howell/Corey Bradley
(10:59) Hoop Shoot – Basil Wadkovsky
(11:04) Membership – George Tunnicliff
(11:09) Accident and Prevention –Stuart Burgoon
(11:12) Americanism – Margie McIntyre
(11:17) By-Laws – William H. Buttrill Jr.
(11:20) Auditing & Business Practices – William Simonds
(11:25) Youth Activities – Colleen Ford
(11:30) Scholarships – Lynn Evans
(11:34) Resolution – Vince A. Pingitore Jr.
Secretary’s Report – Minutes/Communications
Trustees Report –David C. Reihl
Treasurer’s Report – Jackie Phillips
Advisory Report – Jim Stewart
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
President - Grand Lodge Sponsor, Paul D Helsel
Grand Lodge Trustee – Warren Johnson
Departed Members/Silence/Sickness & Distress
Elks Camp Barrett 50-50 Drawing

11: 40 AM BUSINESS MEETING:

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

ADJOURN 12:00 PM
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buffet Available – Washington-Rockville Lodge

Next Newsletter Deadline: February 25, 2019



Michael T. Luhr

Message From Our Grand Exalted Ruler

A new Elks year means a new donation goal

I am gratified and humbled to have been chosen as the National President of an organization that does so much for communities all across this great land. The hard work of every Local Lodge Member is what makes our charitable work possible, which is why I chose the theme "Working Together to Make a Difference" for this exciting new Elks year.

As Elks, we are all working toward a common goal, whether it be Lodge Members giving back to their communities, strengthening a charitable organization through a State Association's Major Project, or enriching a life because of a Grand Lodge Program. These are the ways we truly make a difference in people's lives.

This year, I have set the ENF donation goal at \$4.75 per Member. I encourage everyone to donate. When you give back to the ENF, Lodges throughout the country are able to take advantage of the numerous charitable opportunities it provides. The difference your Lodge can make in your community is more than doubled by taking advantage of these incredible opportunities.

I also encourage you to take a hard look at the programs and contributions your Local Lodge makes to your community. Is your community aware of the impact your Lodge makes on the lives of people living in your town? Are your contributions meeting your goals? Are you making the most of the ENF grants offered through Grand Lodge?

The Elks provide the perfect opportunity to get involved in projects that benefit the community while enjoying the personal rewards that come from unselfishly giving back. Best of all, we reap the rewards of benevolence while enjoying the camaraderie of our families and closest friends. Make sure that both current and prospective Members are aware of the good work you're doing in your community. Provide them with a well-maintained, inviting, and fun place to socialize. Not only will your Lodge grow, but you'll also find more people eager to volunteer.

Barb and I are looking forward to our travels across the United States to see the great work you're doing in your Local Lodges and State Associations. Most of all, we are looking forward to meeting all of the amazing Elks who are so dedicated to our grand organization. Hope to see you soon.

Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Message From Our State Sponsor

Dear Friends and Members of the MDDC Elks Association,

Welcome to the Washington-Rockville Winter Conference and Happy New Year to all!! Hopefully each of you and your families had a most joyous holiday season!!

We are now a little over nine (9) months into the 2018/2019 lodge year and it is time to make that final push to ensure that **YOUR LODGE** and our Association goals are achieved – a little over two (2) months to fill in the gaps, clean up the

loose ends, and get all the things we had planned completed in a successful manner. Our success for this lodge year will, once again, be measured on how well **YOUR LODGE** and the other 36 lodges of our Association fare in the quest for membership growth, financial stability, Elks Program participation, community involvement, and adherence to operational requirements. Hopefully you and **YOUR LODGE** are right on track to show positive results in all these areas and thus make **YOUR LODGE** and our Association the envy of all Elks across our Order.

Membership retention and growth remains our number one priority and we need to push these last couple months to show a gain in many of our lodges. We are shooting for our third straight year of growth for the Association, as well as adding more of our lodges to the plus column. As you are all aware, the success of our Membership Program rests squarely on the shoulders of the local lodge – **YOUR LODGE**. Individuals do not join the National Order, they join a local lodge – **YOUR LODGE**. What **YOUR**

LODGE does to recruit, manage, and retain members will determine whether **YOUR LODGE**, our Association, and our Order are successful in this most vital effort! If **YOUR LODGE** is not there yet or isn't doing the things necessary to show a membership gain, there are still two months to get the job done. Work to get your delinquency level below the 5% goal, make sure you get your candidate backlog initiated, and keep working to get new applications and reinstatements. You and **YOUR LODGE** can do it and we are all counting on you and **YOUR LODGE** to get it done!!! We want **YOUR LODGE** and our Association on the plus side again this year!!

Also, next month **YOUR LODGE** will be electing the officers for the 2019/2020 lodge year – the leaders, who will by their individual and collective efforts, or lack thereof, determine how **YOUR LODGE** will fare through the coming year. Pick your leaders wisely and choose those with the abilities to put or keep **YOUR LODGE** on a successful course.

Thanks to all of you who have and are working so hard for **YOUR LODGE** and our Association. It is your individual and collective efforts that will continue to make **YOUR LODGE**, our Association, and our Order successful.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable Winter Conference and a successful and rewarding and prosperous 2019.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Elks Care - Elks Share



Message From the President-Elect

Well, unless there are unforeseen changes, this will be our last "Winter Workshop" to give us cause to gather and share information and enthusiasm. This is but one more lost opportunity to nurture one another and grow in Elkdom. In the Ritual, the Exalted Ruler describes this process far more poetically, "we by each other oft may be aided in our part, or from one another catch inspiration for a high resolve." As we go forward, it will be increasingly important we open and maintain lines of communication allowing us to continue to provide information and support to all our member Lodges and foster fellowship and camaraderie amongst our fellow Elks.

Since we last met in Ocean City, I have had the opportunity to attend a number of "Official Visits" of our State President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, the Southeast District Vice President Angela Meyer, and District Deputy Bill Simonds. In each case I have learned valuable lessons that I trust will help me be successful when I begin my Presidential Lodge visitations. I also had the opportunity to attend an event at Elks Camp Barrett held to honor the exemplary performance of the "First Responders" of Annapolis for

their response to the mass shooting at the offices of the local newspaper. Mark Walp, PER Annapolis Lodge and State Trustee, and his team of Elks did a wonderful job making this happen. Among other things, I have been attending meetings of the State Trustees and the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Lodge Representatives. I have contacted all State Committee Chairs, identifying those who will continue to serve next year and working to identify highly motivated persons to fill any vacancies. As you might imagine, there are many details to be sorted out for next year and you can rest assured, I am checking them off my list. This year I was able to return to my position as Assistant Grill Master and "Master Tater Tot Chef" at the ECB Scout Camporee. Once again, I had the distinct pleasure of working with a wonderful group of energetic and dedicated Elks and some of the best-behaved scouts and leaders in the nation!

All in all, preparations are going well, and with the continued help and support of my fellow Elks, I will be ready to serve when called upon!

Eileen and I trust that you have had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing each of you this weekend! God Bless.



South West District
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very joyful and peaceful Holiday Season. I have completed two of my seven Lodge visits, Washington-Rockville Lodge and Deale Lodge. I was overwhelmed by the showing of hospitality and friendship by the Officers and members of these Lodges. I will now begin the busy part of my schedule as I continue to travel. I look forward to learning the many different ways Lodges give back to their communities and the Order.

My first visit as the Vice President was to the Washington-Rockville Lodge. I appreciated the Lodge Secretary and other members sharing the fascinating history of their Lodge. It was very informative and I am somewhat of a history buff. Their community

activities involving children, veterans, and the homeless should make all Elks proud.

I accompanied our State President Mary Cardinal-Vogt and PSP Carl Vogt to Deale Lodge where they were greeted by a large turnout of 30 members. Our State President's speech was informative and encouraging as the Lodge is growing in number and participating in many of the Grand Lodge programs. In November, a Jernick Fund donation was presented to a worthy college student requiring specialized computer equipment.

Advice from an Elk... "Don' Get Stuck In a Rut". You can teach new guests on membership and what it means to become an Elk. You can mentor other members in the many Elk Programs offered and encourage them to "Step Forward" to use their talents to help the Lodge, District or the State Association.

I am looking forward to the Winter Workshop to be held in the Washington-Rockville Lodge and hope to see everyone there.



North East District
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Since my last report, I have been trying my best to keep up with all the great things going on in our North East District. Since September, I have visited Wilmington and Havre de Grace with President Mary Cardinal-Vogt, and Newark and Milford Lodges in her stead. There are many good works being carried out by our Lodges, this column by no means covers all of them.

Abingdon Lodge has provided meals for needy families and veterans for both Christmas and Thanksgiving, additionally, the Lodge accompanied a group of hospitalized veterans to a minor league baseball game at the Aberdeen Ironbirds. This event was reported in the local newspaper, The Aegis.

Havre de Grace Lodge continued their Holiday meal basket program and held a quarter auction to benefit Havre de Grace H.S. band. The Lodge continues their paper goods collection for a local church cupboard.

Newark Lodge leads our district in ENF per capita and has qualified for and obtained five ENF grants for this Lodge year. Keep up the good work. I was also happy to attend a wonderful Christmas party at Newark and thank you for a great evening.

Wilmington Lodge has been going strong with membership recruiting and initiation. The Lodge also hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for veterans which also included Americanism projects for the children. The Lodge also "adopted" two local needy families for Christmas.

Chestertown Lodge has been out in their community. ER Reihl was a judge for the local Halloween parade, and Lodge members participated in "Kent Goes Purple" event to raise awareness of opioid addiction.

Dover Lodge received national attention via Facebook in August for their school backpack program. The Lodge also provided Thanksgiving meals for needy families. The Lodge assisted with a veteran's stand down in September.

Milford Lodge was also busy. The drug awareness trailer was used at several local events and the Lodge added a new scout troop to their scouting family. The Lodge began a relationship with Delaware Autism Awareness and continues their needy family program.



North Central District
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Hello North Central,

With the holidays in full swing we are poised to end the year on a high note. I've attended functions at many Lodges, visited a few with our State President and helped celebrate successes all across North Central. Here are a few big accomplishments we have seen this year:

ER Mary Underwood and the members of Laurel Elks Lodge received a \$10K Impact Grant to support 'We've Got Your 6' project at Nick's Place which is a drug rehabilitation center located in Beltsville, MD. It's worth mentioning the Lau-

rel Elks is one of 67 lodges nationwide to receive this honor.

Annapolis Lodge under the leadership of ER Carol Riggins and Stephen J. Williams hosted the 888 Event at Elks Camp Barrett. The event was used to honor First Responders and mark the remembrance of the lives lost at the Capital Gazette shooting in Annapolis.

ER Jeff Rogyom of Towson Lodge was an honored guest at Wayside Cross Veterans Day Ceremony which was attended by Maryland State Senators, Towson American Legion Post No. 22, Elk members and citizens from Baltimore County.

The Junior Elks of Glen Burnie Lodge continue to grow and embody what it means to be an Elk. Junior ER Katie Rose has advanced the Junior Elks into a premier organization in the community with the help of her Grandmother and ER Pat Vest.

ER Mike Greaver and members of Essex Elks Lodge rallied around one of their own when a member's child went missing. It was amazing to see the communication and dedication shared by the lodge and surrounding lodges. Thanks to many Elk members. Essex was pleased to announce a positive end when the child was located.

I could continue to talk about the great things the members of North Central District have done through the 2018 year but I would rather focus on our continued success in 2019. I want to wish all the lodges in North Central and the MD, DE and DC State Association a triumphant 2019 with increased membership and heightened sense of community.



West District
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As you read this article the Christmas season will have passed and we will have entered a new year! Wow 2019, how time flies. I hope all had a very merry and blessed Christmas and a happy start to 2019.

President Mary and I have visited all 5 lodges in the West Area. I want thank all of the ER's and members for the warm welcome we received. It was such a pleasure to be in each of your lodges. I learned a lot about Elkdom. No matter the size of the lodge or community we all face the same issues, and opportunities. Frederick Lodge; great job working with your Veterans and community responders. Oakland;

your work with the hats and mittens or gloves program in your schools is something to be commended. Westminster; your work with the Jernick Fund is inspiring to read. Frostburg; your involvement with all the community activities has been a privilege to follow. Hagerstown; thank you for being involved with all the children's activities.

Please remember that as we grow membership we also increase the number of ways we can help our communities; the more hands, the more work we can do. Share your Elk experience with your family and friends. This will give them the opportunity to be a part of an organization designed to "Step Forward Together" with the idea of "Working together to make a difference". I again want to thank you for the privilege of serving as The West Area Vice-President. I wish all of you a strong finish for the 2018-2019 year.



South East District
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All South East President and Vice President visitations have been completed as of December 13th, and each visit has reconfirmed my belief that the mission of Elkdom is alive and well in the South East District. Thank you to all the Lodges for their hospitality and kindness during our visits. Your warm friendships have made fond memories for all. The friendliness of the Lodges has made the journeys seem short and the time spent, even shorter. I am so proud of our District Lodges and their dedication. Ten busy and active Lodges have continued their service to the community by furthering the goals of Elkdom through our Grand Lodge Programs. Recent accomplishments include Cape Henlopen Lodge participating in

the local Trunk or Treat and holding their annual Christmas party for area children, distributing drug awareness materials. Elroy and Santa were headliners, of course. Easton Lodge hosted first responders and local teachers for a holiday celebration and participated in a parade passing out treats and information on the great things that Elks do for the community. Keep sharing the great deeds of your Lodges. Go South East!

Around the State Association

ANNAPOLIS



The Annapolis Lodge recently held their annual Charity Ball. Stephen Williams, the Leading Knight of the Lodge, presented the beneficial proceeds of over \$500 to Mr. Rodney Jones, Deputy Director of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home has been proudly "Serving Those Who Served" since 1985. The Veterans Home, located in St. Mary's County, MD, provides care to veterans and their eligible spouses in their 168-bed assisted living program and 286-bed skilled nursing program.

LAUREL



On November 19, a presentation was held at Laurel Lodge. A donation was made to the Calvert family to help Elizabeth with her continued growth with her prosthetic leg. Laurel Lodge also donated a Finding Dory Basket to her.

LAUREL



The Lodge had a full house on Sunday December 9 for a breakfast with Santa Claus. Joe Stratton and Stacey New played their parts terrifically. There were too many members to name that took part to make this event run so smoothly. 106 adults and 80 children were fed a buffet breakfast of bacon, sausage, scrapple, eggs, chipped beef gravy, toast, and pancakes. Every child received a gift wrapped present from Santa and was then able to go shopping in Santa's store to purchase gifts for \$1 for their families and also get them wrapped. Laurel went above and beyond on their best ever Christmas for the lodge and community children.



CAPE HENLOPEN



The Lodge held their Christmas party with Santa and Elroy and some Elf that found his way into every picture! L-R: Chick Bestwick, Walter Grove & Dave Wert.

DOVER



Dover Lodge preparing to fill and deliver Thanksgiving meal baskets to 20 needy families. Will also be preparing Christmas baskets in the upcoming weeks for needy families in the community thanks to an ENF Gratitue Grant. **From left:** Sharon Cook, Mary Stewart, Dick Stewart, Patti Stanley, Rich Zajac, Joanne Zajac Stephanie McGlumphy & Yvonne Heisler.

Around the State Association

LAUREL



On November 19, members at Laurel Lodge used the Anniversary Grant and packed non-perishable food to distribute to needy children at one of the community schools. What a thankful week !

ST. MARY'S COUNTY



The lodge recently hosted a Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus which invited members of the community to visit our Lodge and enjoy breakfast and allow children to have pictures with Santa and receive a small gift.

Our Leading Knight, Waverley Manson also put together a great Casino Royale night in November to raise funds for the Foundation for Heroes.



ANNAPOLIS



On October 6th, the Annapolis Elks Lodge sponsored a First Responders Memorial Day at Elks Camp Barrett, Annapolis. This event was to remember those that were killed in the Capital Gazette newspaper tragedy and to honor those first responders. The day included a number of first responder demonstrations, the presentation of a bronze memorial plaque and also raised \$8500 in donations for the first responders.

On December 2nd, Mark Walp, who created and organized the First Responder Memorial Day event with assistance by eleven Annapolis Elk volunteers, distributed the proceeds. Mark Walp presented \$2000 to the Annapolis Fire Department, \$2000 to the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, \$2000 to Anne Arundel County Sherriff's Department, \$2000 to the Anne Arundel County Police Department, and \$500 to Rescue 77. These funds will be distributed to fallen Police, Fire, Sheriff's and Retired K-9s individuals or their families. In conclusion, he thanked all the first responders for what they do every day.

ANNAPOLIS

ER Carol Riggins and DD Stu Burgoon recently presented a \$1500 ENF grant to Neil Hamrick, Chairman of Fund Raising and Awareness for the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House Foundation builds houses close to military hospitals and VA centers so families can stay at no charge while a loved one is in the hospital.



CAPE HENLOPEN



"TRUNK OR TREAT!"



WESTMINSTER



Jerrnick fund recipient from Westminster Lodge. **Pictured:** Molly Ratcliffe, parents Kelsey and John Ratcliffe with ER Duane Huffman and Worthy Washington.

Fall Workshop - Ocean City, MD



Americanism Banquet

Will be held at Westminster Elks Lodge #2277 on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.
 Winners of the Essay and Poster Contests will be recognized and presented awards for their achievements
 Please make every effort to have a representative from your Lodge present for this event.
 Questions can be directed to your District Chair or to me



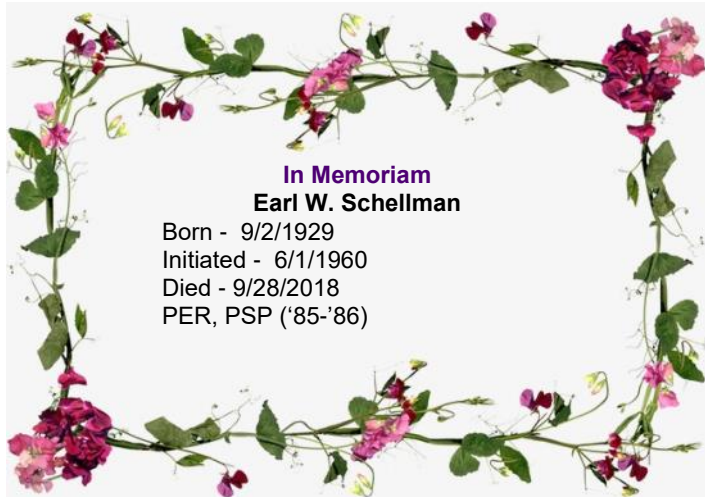
Margie McIntyre
 State Americanism Chair

Annapolis Lodge to Host GER Michael T. Luhr and First Lady Barbara and the Spring Conference, March 22-24, 2019

Annapolis Lodge #622 is honored to have been chosen to host the 2019 Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association beginning Friday, March 22, 2019 and concluding on Sunday, March 24, 2019. We are also honored, to be hosting our Sponsor, PGER Paul D. Helsel and his wife Jane, and special guests, GER Michael T. Luhr and First Lady Barbara.

For the proposed agenda regarding our lodge food, beverage prices & services, and housing arrangements, please visit the Annapolis website, www.Elks622.com and click on:

2019 State Spring Conf.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
MVS Scholarship Deadline
 February 7–25, 2019 State Judging
 April 11–14, 2019 MVS Leadership Weekend
Lynn Evans
 MD/DE/DC State Scholarship Chairperson

Should anyone ask, "Who are the Elks?"
 Elks are community.
 No matter where you go in the country, an Elks Lodge is right around the corner. With more than 850,000 members and 2,000 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities.



THANKS FOR GIVING 2018

We are thankful for your commitment to helping us find cures for childhood cancers.
 Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Don Small, M.D., Ph.D. and the Faculty and Staff in the Division of Pediatric Oncology at Johns Hopkins

Our membership supports Elks Camp Barrett and in turn supports John's Hopkins pediatric oncology's Camp Sunrise. We as Elks do so much good for our community. Thank you to all from ECB for helping us continue our tradition of commitment to youth. Thank you MD, DE, DC Elks.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Lodges, now is your time to shine!

Now that the time of giving is here with Thanksgiving, Christmas and the beginning of a new year. This is when our Members and our Lodges really pick up on our charitable giving. We help those less fortunate by donating food baskets and gift certificates, visiting nursing homes, assisting veterans and the families of deployed military personnel, and just being there to help in any way we can. It feels good to help others. We do this because that's just what Elks do, plus so much more. **Please** take time to report all of our volunteer hours and monetary donations. You will be surprised how much this will increase your charitable statistics.

The next few months is the time to start a program where we honor and thank our first responders. These people are there for us whenever we need them. Just think of all the natural disasters we have had to deal with across the nation: fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and droughts. Now think of all the times our police, firefighters, paramedics, and the National Guard have been called for help. Pick out some of these great people and show them just how much we appreciate their service. There are a few places in the Charity Records Workbook where you can record this. Hopefully you can get some new Members and some good publicity as well.

This is also a good occasion to interact with elected officials. Send them an invitation to your Lodge for a public event, let them know you appreciate their service, and remind them of all the good things we do as Elks. Try to work together throughout the rest of the year: Invite them to your youth banquets, scholarship awards programs, Flag Day ceremony, and events where we are honoring our veterans and military personnel. Staying in touch with our elected officials is crucial to our Order. We need their help with certain legislation that may come up. The more they know about what all the Elks do, the more they will be able assist us.

Charitable reporting is one of the **keys to the survival of our great Order**. The job of this committee is to assist you with knowing what you can report, where to report it, and how to report it. Please regularly review your Government Relations Manual and your Charity Records Workbook. They are both filled with good ideas and are very informative. We have a lot of people who depend on what we do, and we do a good job helping those less fortunate. Let's keep up the good work and let's remember to report it.

Bonnie Howell, PER

State Government Relations Chairman



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ACCIDENT PREVENTION / INSURANCE RISK

Winter 2019

REPAIR WORK AT LODGES

Issues to be addressed when there are repairs or construction at a Lodge:

- Get references from customers of the contractor;
- Check the contractors past performance by contacting the Better Business Bureau or similar resource;
- Every contractor must provide proof (an insurance certificate) that the contractor has liability insurance;
- Every contractor must prepare a written contract that will indemnify the Lodge from any claims arising out of the work;
- Projects involving extensive repairs and renovation require that the contractor name the Lodge as additional insured under its general liability policy;
- The Lodge should never take on the role of general contractor;
- Volunteers should not be performing repairs;
- No one from the Lodge should act as a construction manager/coordinator;
- Any Member that is a contractor must also have proof of insurance and prepare a written contract; and
- When constructing a new building, putting on an addition, or making substantial renovations, the Lodge must contact Aon Affinity Services at 1-800-421-3557 to make sure proper coverage is obtained.



ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

Tammy Mathena from Essex Lodge was the winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 raffle in Ocean City on September 30, 2018. She received \$363 and E.C.B. received \$362 for a total of \$725.

The Camp wants to thank everyone purchasing tickets and asks you to please support your camp again this weekend. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the registration table.

"THE WINNER COULD BE YOU"

Sincerely,
H. Lee Davis



On behalf of the all of our ENVSC VAVS Reps and District Chairmen, I would like to welcome Mary Morgan, the Director of ENVSC, to the MD, DE & DC State Association Winter Workshop. I want to thank State President Mary Cardinal-Vogt for inviting Mary to this Conference. As the ENVSC State Chairman, I have had the opportunity to attend ENVSC seminars at the Grand Lodge Convention the past 2 years. Mary provides a very informative seminar on the ENVSC programs, which include the Welcome Home Project that assists our Homeless Veterans, and Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service, which provides Elk assistance to our veterans within the VA and at State Homes. Mary will be sharing ideas on how a Lodge can "Get Started" with a successful veterans' program in addition to how we can support our rural Veterans. After her Saturday morning presentation, Mary will be available later in the afternoon to meet with members to discuss Veterans Programs. Please take time to reach out and welcome Mary to our great State Association.

Once again, I want to thank all the Lodges that applied for the Freedom Grant. We had 9 Lodges in our association receiving the grant. With funds from this grant, Lodges are providing Welcome Home Kits to homeless veterans transitioning into new homes, providing Comfort Kits to patients at Perry Point VAMC, and providing clothes, linens and comfort items for children and veteran mothers at the Home of the Brave. They have also

planned great outings for veterans that include fishing trips and baseball games, and are hosting cookouts and family fun days. We are more than half way through our 2018-19 fraternal year. Our VAVS Reps and Deputy Reps have reported for the first 7 months of this year that they have volunteered over 1050 hours and spent \$13,645.00 for the benefit and comfort of our veterans in our State Homes, hospitals and USO's. Thank you all for your dedication, loyalty and service to our Veterans.

The Army of Hope is now receiving requests for assistance on a monthly basis. During the months of November and December, the Army of Hope provided a gift card in the amount of \$200 to a veteran in need of food, assisted several homeless veterans in need of motel lodging while waiting for apartments to be completed through the HUD-VASH program, and assisted a blind veteran with delinquent rent and a food gift card. Before Christmas, the Army of Hope assisted a single mother veteran asking for assistance to provide birthday gifts and Christmas for her two children. The Army of Hope approved and sent a gift card to this family in the amount of \$500 to cover the cost of toys, food and bed linens. Year to date, the Army of Hope has expended \$13,116.62 for our Veterans. Please keep in mind the Army of Hope is funded by donations and fundraisers. We are only able to continue providing assistance to our Veterans in need through your donations to the Army of Hope and I thank you for your continued support.

Happy New Year to all and have a great weekend.
Fraternally,
Bob McIntyre, Chairman

William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

I trust that each of you has had a safe and warm Christmas and a Happy New Year! Eileen and I have travelled to visit each of our "kids" (the youngest of our four is 38!) and our ten grandkids (23 months to 20, and another due in May!). What a joy it is to see them develop and grow both physically and intellectually!

What a wonderful opportunity you have given us to reach out to others and, however briefly, lighten their loads as they deal with issues beyond their control. Since we last met in Ocean City, I have received seven applications for grants from the Wm. J. Jernick Fund. Each of our five Districts have submitted applications and each submission was ultimately approved by our Board of Directors.

I am reminded of the charge of the Lecturing Knight, that we should be "quick to hear the cry of distress..." and "fleet of foot to relieve the unfortunate." As we enter the back half of our Association year, don't forget to keep an ear open for kids and families experiencing hardship due to illness or affliction. Your District Chairs and I stand ready to assist you in your efforts to reach out to your community.

Finally, a Jernick Fund Grant is a perfect opportunity for your Lodge to demonstrate to the community that "Elks care, Elks share" while bringing positive attention to the Lodge, our Association, and our Order!

Stay warm and safe, spring is on its way!

John Loftus, State Chairman

Susan Caldwell - SE

Michelle Rhoads - NE

Rob Rephan - W

Judy Black - SW

Julie Burgoon - NC

LAUREL



Great job Laurel Lodge! Trunk or Treat was a huge success. The weather didn't deter it at all, as it was moved inside !! 25 kids participated in a combined Americanism poster contest. A banner was made to give to our Veterans at the VA Hospital. Fun and games, lunch and trick or treating on October 27th!

LAUREL



On October 22, 2018, Allen Stewart, 3 Year Trustee and Amanda Clark, Leading Knight from Laurel Lodge presented Dr. Joseph Gagliardi, a volunteer at The Day Resource Center's Free Medical Clinic, a \$1500 check from the Elks Anniversary Grant. The funds will be used for prescription medicines to help the homeless in our community. Thank you Dr. Gagliardi for all the free medical services you provided the less fortunate.

Review of Financial Statement: May 2018 through Nov 27, 2018

	Actual Income:	Budget (year)	Difference
Elks Nat'l Foundation:	\$231,123.30	\$230,616.00	\$507.30
Association Ordinary:	\$44,041.98	\$42,500.00	\$1,541.98
Assoc/Con/Con Off Site:	\$133,041.37	\$135,022.50	(\$1,981.13)
Association Other:	\$48,514.62	\$51,069.51	(\$2,554.89)
Camp Barrett Ordinary:	\$76,697.61	\$92,145.51	(\$15,447.90)
Camp Barrett Donation:	\$144,317.50	\$148,630.00	(\$4,312.50)
Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	\$108,394.76	\$73,700.00	\$34,694.76
OVERALL TOTAL INCOME:	\$786,131.14	\$773,683.52	\$12,447.62



	Actual Expenses:	Budget (year)	Difference
Elks Nat'l Foundation:	\$177,171.62	\$230,616.00	(\$53,444.38)
Association Ordinary:	\$9,585.55	\$63,819.51	(\$54,233.96)
Assoc/Con/Con Off Site:	\$124,901.77	\$135,022.50	(\$10,120.73)
Association Other:	\$25,268.28	\$29,750.00	(\$4,481.72)
Camp Barrett Ordinary:	\$233,285.96	\$281,980.00	(\$48,694.04)
Camp Barrett Donation: \$	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	\$38,929.01	\$32,495.51	\$6,433.50
OVERALL TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$609,142.19	\$773,683.52	(\$164,541.33)

Total Profit/Loss: Income: \$786,131.14 - Expenses: \$609,142.19 = Net Prof: \$176,988.95

At a little more than half way through the year, income has exceeded expectations while expenses are still within budget.

The Auditing and Business Practices Committee stands ready to assist Lodges. In addition to answering requests from Lodges we have generated training material, briefed at DD clinics, and created workbooks for events. If you or your Lodge has any questions that this committee might be able to answer, please let us know.

Bill Simonds
State A&BP Chairman

Wanted

A Few Good Members

At the June Convention, I will announce the recipient of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association Elk-of-the-Year award. I need your help in finding this person. The criteria for this award are very much like your Lodge Elk-of-the-Year award. It is someone one who has shown exemplary efforts in furthering the work of Elkdom, but on the State Association level. This is someone who has gone "above and beyond" in performing their duties. To that end, there are a couple of classes of our members who are NOT eligible this year; any currently serving District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, any currently serving State Association Vice President and any Past State President. The thinking being that in the first two cases, they are basically doing their job and should not get special recognition for that. And in the case of the PSP's, well this is a group of Elks who have "been there, done that" and have already been recognized for their efforts.

Your nomination for Elk-of-the-Year must be sent to me in writing. I would prefer e-mail (maryecardinalvogt@earthlink.com) or snail-mail (895 Leesburg Court, Huntingtown, MD 20639) but NOT by phone. It does not have to be elaborate; not how long they have been an Elk or a list of all their past positions, just a simple "who" and "why."

Thank you for helping me in making this decision and I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary E Cardinal-Vogt, President

NEWSLETTER



It's been a good run but sadly, I will be stepping down as both Editor & Publisher of this 5 star newsletter. But rest assured, I leave you in some very capable hands as Janie Swigert from Kent Island Lodge has agreed to assume the duties I held. Her 1st order of business may be to change the icon to the left! So give her a hand in maintaining the 5 stars this newsletter has earned for the best association in Elkdom!

Bernie Huot



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Grand Lodge News

For Elks, zero publicity is bad publicity

By Daniel J. Capella
Committee Member

As Elks, we are aware of the importance of our Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs and its usefulness in the effort to maintain our right to exist as a private organization. The statistics generated by our survey are of great value as we attempt to open eyes within our communities and of our elected officials to the good work we do and the positive effects we have.

We know that our Lodges operate great programs that reach out to our youth, the needy, and those who are handicapped, as well as donate to our Elks projects, school organizations, and local fundraising drives. Additionally, we lend a helping hand to community efforts for the clean up of a park or the building of a wheelchair ramp, or the rent-free use of our Lodge facilities for a blood drive or to an organization in need of a place to meet.

Our list of charitable acts and donations goes on and on. This is what we proudly do, not because we want a thank you, but because we care and we want our communities to be better places to live, work and raise a family.

My question to you is, What is your Lodge doing to publicize the good work we do? Some may say that tooting our own horn is bragging and therefore, unacceptable. I disagree and believe it is necessary that we do so, if only for the purpose of self-preservation.

All too often, our Lodges neglect to appoint a capable and hardworking Member or committee for the sole purpose of Lodge publicity, which includes writing articles and taking pictures of the many activities we sponsor. Truth is, this person or committee is an essential component if a Lodge wants to be known for its benevolence and earn respect from the community.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a picture and article that publicizes our work is similar to our use of the figures from our Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs. It is true that our survey results are tremendously impressive, but an article and picture of the work we do or of a donation we make creates a lasting impact that circulates throughout our community. The same can be said about pictures and articles that illustrate Elks having an enjoyable time at a Lodge picnic or at some other social gathering. Let the residents of our communities know that Elks do have fun and that we do laugh.

Good publicity shapes opinion, which in turn will help us build appreciation within our communities and with those who will shape our future. Also, it can easily lead to an increase in membership.

Please take a look at the effectiveness of your Lodge publicity program. It is time to make tooting our horn an everyday practice.

U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!

Happy Camper Greetings to All,

"Baby it's cold outside" means E.C. the Bee and the Summer Camp Staff are hard at work planning for warm weather, happy campers and an exciting summer camp program in 2019. This year is an American Camp Association accreditation year for Elks Camp Barrett. Jaymi Merson, our new Summer Camp Director, Angela Meyer, Operations Director, and the camp staff are already hard at work receiving training on the new ACA standards and review procedures, hiring new staff, and preparing for our program. As we plan for a great, successful summer season, we ask that the Lodges remember to include the camp in their annual budget planning. Our State President encourages all Lodges to send a minimum of 1 camper for every 25 members or the monetary equivalent to Elks Camp Barrett for the season. Please let the camp know how many campers your Lodge plans to sponsor before March 1, 2019.

ECB is always busy no matter the weather. Since October, our Scouting partnerships have rocked out a ton of activities and events. Two Eagle Scouts have completed their projects with 4 more currently in process. November saw ECB hosting another great Scout Camporee and Navy Tailgate. Thank you to Scouting Chairman, Brian Westfall and his wife Valerie for leadership of the Scout Camporee for the past 7 years. Your dedication to the Scouting/Elks partnership is appreciated.

Thanks to generous donations from the members to our Improvement Fund; necessary campus facility projects are being completed at a record pace. The Dining Hall, Nurse/Director's Cabin, Staff Cabin, and the Garage all have new roofs. Cabin 5 has a new roof too donated by Essex Lodge and Gem Construction. Two new HVAC systems are working very well in the Dining Hall and two new ADA compliant doors are being installed in the dining hall the first week in January. The campus is looking great as long-awaited repairs are being completed.

A special thank you to Ted Reinhold and Joe McGeeney for work on the new ECB Website and registration process. Camper packets and registration guidelines will be available at this workshop and/or the February ECB Representatives meeting and will be available electronically to all ECB Representatives, Lodge Secretaries, and Exalted Rulers as soon as possible.

Thanks to our ECB Executive Committee, Lodge ECB Representatives, and the most generous and caring membership in Elkdom, ECB is accomplishing great things serving youth and the community.

Upcoming Dates

January 17 th	ECB Exec. Comm. Meeting 5:30pm Washington/ Rockville Lodge
January 18 th	ECB Representative Meeting 8:00am Winter Workshop
February 2 nd	ECB Representatives and Executive Committee Meetings at Camp
March 16 & 17	ECB Clean-Up Weekend
March 21 st	GER Luncheon and Visit to ECB
March 22 nd	ECB Exec. Comm. Meeting 5:30pm Annapolis Lodge Spring Conference
March 23 rd	ECB Representative Meeting 8:00am at Annapolis Lodge Spring Conf.



2019 Summer Camp Schedule

Training Week June 11 – 15

Boys Week 1	June 16- 21	Girls Week 1	June 23 - 28
Boys Week 2	June 30 - July 5	Girls Week 2	July 7 - 12
Boys Week 3	July 14 - 19	Girls Week 3	July 21 - 26



ECB Hosted Camps and Educational Events

July 21 – 28	Camp Breathe Happy – Asthma camp
July 28 – Aug 2	Camp Sunrise - Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology
July 27 – Aug 4	AACS Band Area Music Camp
August 5 – 9	Camp Tomahawk
August 12-16	Indian Creek School Freshmen Orientation
September 6	AA Co. Environmental Educational Series (9/6 – 5/26 Mon. through Thurs.)

Angela M. Meyer, Director of Operations
Elks Camp Barrett



As members of an organization that has been around for 150 years, Elks appreciate longevity. The Legacy Awards scholarship is an opportunity to continue Elks members' legacy through their children and grandchildren in the form of a scholarship. If a student receives a Legacy Award, they are granted a unique opportunity to continue their parent's or grandparent's legacy by serving with the Elks on an annual basis.



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

The Legacy Awards is a competitive \$4,000 scholarship awarded to 300 high school seniors each year. The scholarship application is open to the children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks who joined the order on or before April 1, 2016, or who are charter members of a Lodge instituted on or after April 1, 2016. There is still a set of requirements students must meet to receive the scholarship. Winners will be chosen based on academics, leadership, and the core values of the Elks National Foundation.

If you know someone who fits these criteria, encourage them to apply online. The application deadline is February 1 at 11:59 a.m. CST.

Visit enf.elks.org/Legacy for complete eligibility and contest details.

Continue to encourage fellow Elks to support ENF so all of the wonderful programs supporting our Veterans, communities, and youth may continue.

Valerie Huot
MD-DE-DC State ENF Chairman

Terri Lynn Nut Campaign to Benefit Elks Camp Barrett

At the January workshop I will be taking orders for the world's finest candy bar campaign, whose profit goes to Elks Camp Barrett. The bars will be delivered to the March workshop held at Annapolis Lodge this year.

This year's box configuration contains 60 \$1 candy bars, 12 milk chocolate almond, 12 dark chocolate, 12 solid milk chocolate, 12 crisp and 12 caramel bars. I was able to change the configuration of the box if I purchase 100 boxes of which I have always sold in the past, so please do not let me down this year. Many people told me they wanted more caramel and dark, so that is what we did.

Thank you for your time and participation.

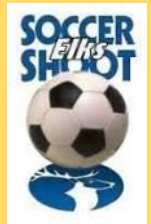
Sincerely,
Hilda Davis

SOCCER SHOOT

The state soccer shoot was held on 12 January 2019 with two districts participating, the West and South East. There were 7 girls across the five age groups and 9 boys who participated. Winners will represent our State Association at the Regional Shoot in Frederick, MD on March 2nd, 2019. Winners will be announced during Sunday's session. Thanks to all for their assistance and support of the soccer shoot program this Elk Year.

Fraternally,

Robert Broom, State Soccer Chair



PEER LEADERSHIP

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been involved in drug awareness for many years. The New Jersey Elks started a program 30 years ago for youth to help them to make better decisions for themselves and to inspire other young adults. The more tools we give our youth to enable them to make these choices, the better our success will be in our battle against drugs and their destruction. We want to provide our peer leaders with the resources to implement action programs in their own communities creating a network of young adults with the ability to educate their fellow peers, schools and towns. The speakers are very motivational and the teens that have attended have been truly inspired. The speakers talked about making the right choices, confidence building, self-esteem, and helping others.

This year we are very excited to present this program at Havre de Grace on February 2, 2019 from 8:30 to 5:00 PM.

Please pass the information along to your Antlers Program, teens, schools, teachers, counselors, church groups, scouts, and parents. If you need a copy of the application or if you are interested in helping please contact either Kathy King at kking114@comcast.net or Jessica Todd at jessigirl901@aol.com.

Kathy King
State Chairperson, Peer Leadership

Jessica Todd
State Co-Chair, Peer Leadership



DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM NEWS YOU CAN USE DAP Winter Update 2018 - 2019

2018 District DAP Chairpersons

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West - Vacant

District Chair needed!!!

Temporary Contact

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DAP HIGHLIGHTS

- New SMOSH video released view on UTUBE.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ0_h4X4Z74 It's Great !
- 1 of 2 New Elroy costumes has arrived!!!
- Plastic "give a way" Bags can be purchased through State Chairman at a discounted rate. Call Angela Meyer
- District DAP Reports Due to State Chair March 1
- Send your DAP Lodge Program pictures to Angela any time.
- Peer Leadership Event February 2, 2019 Havre de Grace
- Youth Recognition May 4, 2019 at Camp Barrett

Important DAP Dates:

Poster, Video and Essay Contest due to District Chairperson March 1, 2019, to the State Chairperson March 15, 2019
National Drug Take Back Day - 4/27/2019

Trailer Reservations

East - Kept Milford Lodge - Contact Cindy Sammons 302-424-2401
Central - Kept at Camp Barrett - Contact Chris Butler 443-739-9710
West - Kept at Westminster Lodge - Contact Angela Meyer
Small Box - Kept at Essex - NOT IN SERVICE

Fatal Vision Goggles are available by contacting your Dist. Chairman
Drug Awareness informational materials can be ordered by emailing your needs to the Angela Meyer ecbsecretary@outlook.com

Elroy Costumes

North & South East - Kept at Milford Lodge please contact Kathy Van Luyanee 302-670-8905 to reserve

North & West - Kept at Westminster contact Angela Meyer

Central & South West — Kept at Camp Barrett. Contact

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