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### A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT



**H. Lee Davis**  
President 2005-2006

Members and Guests,

It is indeed a great pleasure for Hilda and I to welcome our many friends and members to the Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. There are many reasons to celebrate this weekend's Conference here in Dover, Delaware. This is the first State Workshop to be held at the new Dover Lodge No. 1903, which is an excellent facility. I know the members of Dover Lodge are very excited and extremely proud of their new building and their accomplishments this past year.

It is also a distinct honor and pleasure to welcome our special guests, Grand Exalted Ruler, Louis James (Jim) Grillo and his lovely wife, Lucia to our great State Association this weekend. I can assure you that when you leave Dover on Sunday to re-

turn home, you will be delighted that you spent the weekend with such a down to earth couple.

We are very pleased to have our Grand Lodge Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Carlon M. O'Malley, and his charming wife, Kay with us this weekend. We have missed you and Kay at our conferences and we hope you can continue to be with us in the future.

In January, I finished my lodge visits and conducted the Winter Workshop in Salisbury. Every once in a while, Hilda asks me to play the Tom Jones records for her. You had to be in Salisbury to understand.

February was a busy month for Hilda and me. We attended the "Re-Creation" show at Loch Raven and were at Milford Lodge Friday night for their Comedy Show. Unfortunately we were snowed out at Prince George's County Lodge's "56th Charity Ball".

The State Hoop Shoot in Frederick is always an enjoyable day. Jim and Karen McNitt do an excellent job running the Hoop Shoot and the Award Ceremonies at the lodge. Let's not forget the job the members do preparing the food for the dinner. As usual, the young boys and girls were at their best with making baskets.

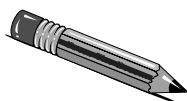
I cannot say enough about the wonderful job Dave and Maggie Smith have done with Americanism and the Awards Ceremony held at Easton this year. I applaud all the committees for a job well done and wish all the winners good luck at the next level.

The State Ritual Competition was held after the writing of this letter but Hilda and I wish the winners the best of luck at Grand Lodge this year in Orlando, Florida.

Finally, I want to congratulate all the newly elected Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers and the newly elected State Officers. I look forward to working with all of you for the next couple of months. If there is anything my Officers or Committee people can assist you with in getting your year off to a good start, please get in touch with us.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend and be careful on your return trip home.

Best wishes to all.  
H. Lee Davis



### Coming Events

**March 24-26, 2006**  
Spring Conference  
GER VISIT  
Dover Lodge #1903

**April, 2006**  
DD Clinics

**May 7-13, 2006**  
Elks National Youth Week

**May 28, 2006**  
Elks Camp Barrett  
Family Bull Roast

**June 2-4, 2006**  
86th State Convention  
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center  
Hagerstown, MD

**June 14, 2006**  
Flag Day

**July 9-13, 2006**  
Grand Lodge Convention  
Orlando, FL

**August 2006**  
DD Clinics

**October 6-8, 2006**  
Fall Conference  
Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD

**December 3, 2006**  
Subordinate Lodges  
Memorial Service

*Make  
Your  
Calendar*

### **ECB CAMP BARRETT INVITES ALL BOYS AND GIRLS**

**Registration Packets are now  
available at the local lodges.**

**To be eligible the girl or boy  
wishing to attend  
Elk Camp Barrett  
must be between  
the ages of 9-13.**

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline...  
MAY 6, 2006**

## SPRING WORKSHOP OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE & DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION DOVER LODGE NO. 1903 - DOVER, DELAWARE MARCH, 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2006

### AGENDA

#### **Thursday, March 23, 2006**

Grand Exalted Ruler Louis James "Jim" Grillo and his wife Lucia arrive at Dover, Delaware  
Dinner at Milford Lodge No. 2401 - Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. -  
Dinner at 7:00 P.M. - \$7.00/Person  
**Reservations necessary.**



#### **Friday, March 24, 2006**

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. .... Lunch - Expanded Lodge Menu  
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. .... Registration (No Charge)  
1:30 P.M. - UNTIL ..... Advisory Meeting Held at Dover Lodge (Coat and Tie)  
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. .... Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairpersons  
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. .... Dinner - Regular Friday Night Menu

#### **Saturday, March 25, 2006**

7:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. .... Breakfast Buffet at Lodge - \$7.00/ Person  
7:45 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. .... Elks Camp Barrett Meeting (15 Minutes before 8:00 A.M.)  
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. .... Registration (No Charge)  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon ..... Presentations and Committee Reports  
Dave Smith - Americanism  
Judiciary - Priscilla A. Schwab  
E.N.F. - Claudia Finley-Bryant  
G/L Convention - Tom Rabickow  
June Convention - Gregory Wilkes  
Start Committee Reports  
11:45 A.M. .... Announcements and Recess Until 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday, March 26, 2006  
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. .... Lunch At Lodge - \$8.00 Per Person  
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. .... Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairpersons  
1:00 P.M. .... Trustees Meeting - Carl Vogt, Chairman  
1:00 P.M. .... Eleventh Hour Contest  
2:00 P.M. .... DDGER's & DDDGER's Meeting with Paul Helsel,  
SDGER at Sheraton  
2:00 P.M. .... VAVS Representatives Meeting with John Curran  
6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. .... Dinner & GER Presentations  
8:30 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. .... Entertainment and Dancing with DJ

#### **Sunday, March 26, 2006**

7:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. .... Breakfast Buffet at Lodge - \$7.00 Per Person  
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. .... Registration (No Charge)  
9:00 A.M. .... Call to Order  
Officers' Reports  
Finish Remaining Committee Reports  
Reading of Communications -  
Secretary Hewn Unfinished Business  
New Business (Voting)  
Good of the Association  
12:00 Noon ..... Closing and Adjournment  
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. .... Farewell Lunch - \$8.00 Per Person



**NEXT MEETING - JUNE 2,3 & 4, 2006 STATE CONVENTION  
CLARION HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER,  
HAGERSTOWN, MD**



Louis J. Grillo  
GER 2005-2006

**WELCOME**  
**GER, Louis J. Grillo**  
**Stockton, California, Lodge # 218**  
**To MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association**  
Spring Conference, Dover Lodge No. 1903  
**March 24-26, 2006**

Louis James "Jim" Grillo was born and raised in Stockton, California. Jim, a fifth-generation Stocktonian, attended Madison Elementary School, Daniel Webster Junior High School, and Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Stockton. He graduated from California State University in Sacramento, with a degree in Criminal Justice. While in college he interned for the District Attorney's Office.

On February 12, 1974, Jim was proposed for Elks membership by his father, who was then State Vice President of the Central District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. On a visit home from college, Jim was initiated into Stockton, California Elks Lodge No. 218, on March 26, 1974. He served with distinction in all the Chairs and was to serve as Exalted Ruler for 1987-1988.

Subsequently, in 1991, he was Chairman of the Centennial Celebration for the Stockton Lodge, a celebration which included a visit from then Grand Exalted Ruler James W. Damon. Jim also was the editor of the Lodge's 100-year Commemorative Book, and was instrumental in obtaining television coverage for the Lodge's 100 years of Elkdom on the NBC Today Show. Jim is an Honorary Life Member of Stockton Lodge No. 218.

Jim has been active on various California Central District Committees and has served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1991-1992. He served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as State Indoctrination Chairman in 1994-1995, and in 1995 was appointed to serve on the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board of Trustees for three years. In 1998-1999, Jim was First Vice-President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and he was elected President of the association for 1999-2000.

Jim was on the Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee from 2000 to 2001, and was Chairman of the All-American Lodge Contest during that time. Jim served four years on the Board

of Grand Trustees, the general financial agent of the Order and of the Elks National Home. As a Board Member, he was responsible for Building Applications West in 2001-2002; Pension Member in - 2002-2003; and Approving Member in 2003-2004. In July of 2004, Jim was elected Chairman of the Board.

Jim met Lucia Catherine Olivieri at an Elks gathering, and on December 1, 1990, they were married. Since that time, Lucia has been at his side, not only in life, but also in Elkdom. They live on the family ranch in Linden, California, where Lucia was born and raised. They are involved in overseeing the operations of the walnut and cherry orchards that were established by Lucia's father in the early 1920s.



**WHAT'S COMING IN JUNE???**

**ASSOCIATION FLAG DAY CEREMONIES**

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3, 2006  
Immediately After Lunch

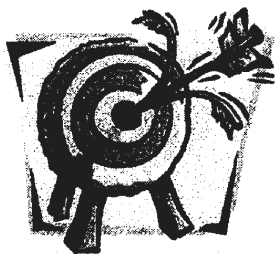
**WHERE:** Association State Convention  
Hagerstown, MD  
Clarion Hotel

**Watch in the Lobby for posted details.**

**This Year's Event Promises To Be The  
Biggest And Most Exciting  
Association Flag Day Event Yet!!**

**DON'T MISS IT**

**SEE DAVE SMITH  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



Hit The Target!!!!

# We're Ready for Campers

At Elks Camp Barrett

It's Up to the Lodges



## Who should you Contact?

Anyone and everyone who may know of a child that would be eligible to attend our camp.

your neighbors,  
your best friend,  
the cashier at the supermarket,  
the bus driver,  
the nurse in your doctor's office,  
your co-workers,  
the coach at the school  
Ask - Ask - Ask  
We have little time and we must fill the camp.

## Don't Forget

Community Organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Little League and your local 4-H club they know many deserving children that would like to attend our camp. Also by recruiting their members to help us it shows that "Elks Care and Elks Share".

You Can do it !!!!  
"Fill the Camp"

## You Can be Successful

The first thing to do is to **PLAN**. Develop a strong, effective program.

## Was A Committee Selected ?

The ER should pick five members including the Youth Activities Chairmen and your Lodge Elks Camp Barrett Representative it will be their duty to contact all prospects. They should also contact other members and make them aware that your lodge is looking for campers.

Remember as ER you are head of all committees

## Will You Meet Your Goal?

Each Lodge should have One Camper for Every 25 Members.

## **Camping Weeks 2006**

June 25th - July 1st Boys  
July 2nd - July 8th Boys  
July 9th - July 15th Boys

July 16th - July 22nd Girls  
July 23rd - July 29th Girls  
July 30th - Aug 5th Girls

## Did You Compile a List?

A List should be set up to contain names and addresses of all current schools that have children of camping age.

A Member of the committee should be assigned to contact the schools.

Discuss with the school officials how your lodge can offer these deserving children a week at camp. Plan to make the contact in person.

Hurry ( We have 8 weeks to camping season)

## Did you Publicize your Efforts?

It's not to late.

You can use your Lodge's Newsletter to keep your members aware of all the activities for campers.

Use the same Newsletter to promote the fundraisers such as candy sales, raffles dinners, and requests for donations.

Use this Newsletter again to ask members for help in finding children to send to camp. Advise the membership of your progress.

Mary Cardinal - Vogt  
Executive Committee  
Chairman



We're counting on you.



## VP Report – SW District

My visitations to the Lodges of the Southwest District were completed with the Sate Association President's visit to the Waldorf Lodge on December 8, 2005. Besides the Waldorf Lodge, I visited Camp Springs and Calvert Lodges with the State President, H. Lee Davis.

I visited all seven Lodges in the Southwest District and completed my reports on a timely basis. I recorded a total of 522 miles traveling to all seven lodges. The main item to detail and highlight in each report was Lapsation. Most lodges (and this includes my own) had a positive number of new members but a greater number in lapsation. I found this to be true in each lodge visited and truly emphasized the importance of creating larger Lapsation Committees (at least 3-5 members), to be formed immediately, in each lodge.

The Training Session and Caucus for the S-W District II were held on February 19, 2006 at the Calvert County Elks Lodge 2620. The following members were elected to office for the year 2006 – 2007 to represent the S-W District.

1. Robert E, Long, PER, Prince George's Co. Lodge 1778 to Vice President S-W District
2. William C. Wert, PER, Prince Georges Co. Lodge 1778 to Two-Year Trustee
3. Mary-Cardinal Vogt, Loyal Knight, Calvert Co. Elks Lodge 2620 to serve as a 2 Year Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member.

I enjoyed stating the President's message and motto, "Achievement Through Dedication." It also gave me an opportunity to talk about the veterans programs at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and the Adopt-A-Veteran Program highlighted by our State President.

Fraternally Yours,  
John A. Curran  
VP – SW District

## *In Memoriam*

*PSP Lowell Thomas  
Seaford Lodge No. 2458  
President 1999-2000  
Died December 31, 2005*

*PSP Jerry Stegman  
Camp Springs Lodge No. 2332  
President 1966-1967  
(Marlow Heights Lodge)  
Died February 16, 2006*

*Deepest Sympathy to  
PSP Paul Mellott  
Whose Wife, Marilynn,  
Died February 9, 2006*

## South East Vice President Report

Greetings from the South East, hopefully everyone has been well since our Winter Workshop in Salisbury. I have been somewhat busy since our workshop with several visitations and events, but first I would like to thank Salisbury Lodge for hosting the Winter Workshop and congratulate them on a very successful and enjoyable weekend.

Not only did they host our Winter Workshop, but on the Wednesday before they showed my wife and me a wonderful evening of fellowship and friendship on my official visit to their lodge. On that evening I learned the complexity of running a large lodge and I want to commend them for their involvement in Grand Lodge Programs as well as their community involvement.

The Sunday following our Winter Workshop took me back to Salisbury where I attended the South East DD clinic. Following the DD clinic I held my caucus where Arthur League, Seaford Lodge #2458 was elected to serve as the South East Vice President next year, Joseph Vicere, Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540 was elected two year Trustee, David Wolcott, Easton Lodge #1622 was elected two year Camp Barrett Representative, and William Redmond, Easton Lodge #1622 was elected one year Trustee to complete Arthur League's term of office. I congratulate each of them and wish them a successful year.

The following week took me to Pocomoke Lodge #1624 for my official visit. I was met with a wonderful dinner with friends and would like to thank Bruce Howell for being there for the evening. I would like to commend Pocomoke for their contribution to the Katrina Relief Fund and their work with community organizations.

February took me to the Camp Barrett meeting on the 4th and to Easton Lodge #1622 on the 9th. This was a wonderful evening filled with warmth and friendship by all. I would like to congratulate Easton's Ritual team for winning the South East District Ritual contest and all their officers for being All-Stars. I would like to commend Easton for their involvement in many Grand Lodge Programs and especially for all their work with Camp Barrett.

Following the newsletter deadline, on February 16th I visited Seaford Lodge #2458 and attended the District Initiation at Cambridge on the 18th. My last official visitation was on March 21st where I visited Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540. As of February 14th I have traveled 2,980 miles and enjoyed every one of them.

I continue to read the bulletin's and membership reports from the South East District lodges and can see that we are still doing a great job with membership, Elks National Foundation, other Grand Lodge programs, and community activities. Once again I am proud and honored to serve as your State Vice President.

Fraternally,  
Gordon R. Taylor



*A Tribute*  
*Lowell Thomas*  
*Seaford Lodge # 2458*  
*1938-2005*

**North East VP Report**

Since our last meeting in Salisbury, I accompanied State President Lee Davis on his visits and have visited the other lodges in my district, and attended both the district and state "Hoop Shoots".

In January President Davis and I visited Dover Lodge No. 1903 on the 5th, Newark No. 2281 on the 24th, and Abingdon No. 2354 on the 26th. While visiting these lodges we were treated to fine dining, fellowship, as well as very informative meetings.

In Dover it was announced that Francis Clauser was named "USO Volunteer of the Year", at Dover Air Base, for all his efforts in getting all the items donated to our troops overseas.

I made my first official visit to Havre De Grace Lodge No. 1564 on the 19th of January, where again I was treated to a fine meal and meeting. Most notable was their contribution to needy families at Christmas, in delivering 85 food baskets.

The rest of my visits were made in February, to Chestertown No. 2474 on the 7th, Milford NO. 2401 on the 8th, Elkton No. 2618 on the 15th, and Wilmington No. 307 on the 20th.

All lodges in the Northeast are to be commended for all their contributions to the, veterans, youth, and needy in their communities, as well as being active in all other activities in their community.

The district "Hoop Shoot" was held at Milford High School on the 29th, through the efforts of district chairman Ed Pettit, PER of Milford lodge, with pizza and awards back at the lodge.

On February 18th I traveled to Frederick, Md., for the "State Hoop Shoot".

This was the first time for me and found a very organized event. Congratulations go to James McNitt state chairman, for putting together a fine event, as well to all the volunteers, and Frederick Lodge No. 684 for a fine meal and awards program.

Finally it is apparent that the motto of President Davis, "**Achievement thru Dedication**" is reaching the lodges in the Northeast as most lodges are continuing to strengthen and broaden their programs.

Fraternally yours,  
Gregory W. Adams, SVP. NE.

*Lowell Thomas: A Life-Changing Moment*

By Bill Buttrill

How many of us can scroll back through the pages of our life's story and be able to point to one particular moment and say that that moment was a Life-Changing Moment? It could have been graduation from high school or college. It could have been the birth of a child, or marriage, or a death that was that one defining moment in your life. For me it was Lowell Thomas and a DD clinic he held many moons ago.

I joined the Elks in Frederick (too many years ago to count) for one purpose and one purpose only: to have fun. It was (to me) a social organization. At that time I worked for the Frederick County Health Department and the Elks Lodge was downtown, within easy walking distance of my office for lunch or to stop by after work for a quick game of Gin Rummy. One of the regular players was blind but he could beat the socks off of any three of us on any given day.

I soon began to serve on the House Committee because, hey, they were the people that planned the parties and the dances. How better to meet people and have fun? A Luau in February? What could be better than swimsuits and a beach motif in the middle of winter? It was a ball.

Through many job changes I ended up in Crisfield. Remembering the fun I had in Frederick, I joined the Elks' Lodge there, again to meet people and have fun. And I did. Being a "joiner" I soon ended up "in the chairs" and on my way to becoming an Exalted Ruler. Hey, all I had to do was to "keep it together" until my year was up and then I was done.

Then I met Lowell. I'm sure I had met him before but this was at his DD clinic in Selbyville and I can still see him in the process of lining up all his books and getting ready for the clinic, the sun coming in the window behind him. It was during this clinic that I was introduced to the other side of Elkdom. The side that works to help others after a natural disaster. The side that donates money and time to kids to help them go to school or get off drugs or just shoot hoops. I sort of knew about this side of Elkdom but really hadn't paid it much attention until I saw and heard this dignified, professional, gentleman explain it to me in a way that I had not listened to before. Here was a man with a mischievous smile (you could tell that he knew how to have fun) but at the same time, he was very serious about what was so important to him: Elkdom. And the message about Elkdom that he delivered that day inspired me to go back to my lodge and try to do my job just a little bit better, for him. For Lowell. I wanted him to be proud of me. That was a Life-Changing Moment for me, one that I will never forget. Thank you Lowell. You left too soon and we really miss you.

## VP West District Report

Since our last newsletter, I have traveled just a bit. I attended the Winter Workshop in Salisbury, MD, January 13, 14 & 15th.

I have made official visits to Frederick Lodge #684, and also to Frostburg #470. Thank you to Patti Cleveland, ER, Frederick, and the officers and members for such a warm welcome and a great dinner. Thanks to Sam Mittweide, ER, Frostburg for the warm reception received there, also.

I commend Frederick Lodge for doing an outstanding job this year with Drug Awareness. The Power of One presentation has been very successful in their schools.

I have unofficially visited Hagerstown Lodge #378 for their Sunday Brunch and the Hoop Shoot luncheon held after the District Shoot on January 28th. A big Thank You to C. Walt Miller, Dot and ER Scott Wishard and all the others who helped. The luncheon was very nice and appreciated.

I attended the Elks Camp Barrett meeting on February 4th, and I commend the West District for doing such a great job with the Longaberger Baskets sales! During the month of February I also attended Cumberland Lodge #63 annual Birthday Dinner. Thanks Dana and crew for a great job!

The DD Clinic was held in January at the Hagerstown Lodge. At this time a caucus was held for the election of West District representatives for the year 2006-2007. Congratulations to Bill Collison, PER, Frederick Lodge #684 for being elected to VP, J. Gordon Alexander, DDGER, Frederick Lodge #684 for the 2 year State Trustee, and John Smith, Hagerstown #378 for "volunteering" for the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee! I wish them all the very best for year ahead of them; I know that they will all do an excellent job. I am looking forward to the Spring Workshop in Dover, DE with GER Grillo in attendance. A reminder to the West, I hope the Charity Booklets have been kept up to date so that you can prepare your lodge reports accordingly! Happy Easter to all.

Fraternally,  
Sandra Brantner, VP West

### PRESIDENT'S PIN CRITERIA

2005 -2006

#### EARN AND PROUDLY WEAR A STATE PRESIDENT'S PIN BY ACCOMPLISHING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Accomplish any one of three in this category:
  - Propose three new members
  - Collect three delinquent members dues
  - Recruit three reinstatements
2. Donate \$ 100.00 to one of the following:
  - Elks National Foundation
  - William J. Jernick Fund
  - State Elks National Veterans Service Committee
  - Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund, Special Olympics Week or General Account
3. Be a regular Volunteer at one of the following facilities:
  - Elks Camp Barrett
  - Veteran's Administration Medical Hospital or Clinic
4. Be an Elks Camp Barrett Lodge Representative or E.C.B. Officer
5. Be a State Officer or State Committee Chairperson
6. Complete the Elks Training Course
7. Be recommended by your Exalted Ruler on the Vice President's, or the State President's visit.

**BECOME DEDICATED  
TO EARN YOUR  
PRESIDENT'S PIN**

### A Reminder from the Government Relations Committee

A final reminder to all State Association officers and committee chairs to submit their data for the State Association's charity report. Your data format is the same as the page 2 of the Charity Records Book. All activity in the performance of your duties is reportable data. The information is due to Les Bishop no later than April 15th. My addresses are in the Directory.

Lodge Secretaries: A reminder for you to send a copy of page 2 of your annual report to me also. AND, please get your reports in to Grand Lodge as soon as possible.

*Just A Reminder* 

Les Bishop, Chairman  
Government Relations Committee

## RETIRED?

### LOOKING FOR A MORE CARE AND SECURE LIFESTYLE?

#### CONSIDER THE ELKS NATIONAL HOME IN BEDFORD, VIRGINIA

To see how familiar you are with the Elks National Home retirement community in Bedford, Virginia, let us ask you a few questions.

Did you know that we now have women and couples (who are Elk Members) in residence? There are currently 61 single men, 34 single women, and 8 married couples.

Did you know the residents of the Home represent many different states, all the way from Maine to Florida to California to Washington and Alaska? We would love to have every state represented.

Are you aware that residents of the Home have every opportunity to live an active lifestyle, by enjoying the golf course, parties, and other activities here as well as the various day trips to places of interest throughout the area?

Have you ever talked with residents of the Home to hear their views on the lifestyle here? It is amazing how the residents (and the staff) become like family to one another.

We could go on and on, but most of all, are you aware that there are vacancies for single occupancy rooms? These are suitable for either men or women.

The available rooms are fully furnished (although you may add items of your own if you wish). The rooms have private baths, air conditioning, and a small refrigerator. They are all accessible by elevator. The reasonable monthly fee includes the room, three meals a day, utilities (except telephone and cable TV), laundry, and housekeeping.

There are several ways to get the complete information or request an application.

- Write to Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523.
- Telephone 1-800-552-4140 during regular business hours and ask for Nellie Martin, Robin Wood, or Sharon Jones.
- E-mail [enhome@elkshome.org](mailto:enhome@elkshome.org)
- Visit our website at [www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org).

Contact us today to see how you can begin enjoying the friendly, secure, and active lifestyle at the Elks National Home. It could open the door to a completely new and wonderful world for you.

Dr. Ronald L. Plamondon  
Executive Director

## *Elks Camp Barrett DID YOU KNOW?*

- Originally the Board of Governors oversaw the operation of the camp and were the counselors for the children. In later years the Ladies of the Elks were also counselors.
- Our camp grew from 10 children a week for 6 weeks to 100 children a week for 9 weeks.
- The roof of the Dining Hall was built with timbers of an old barn that was on the property.
- Originally the cabins had screen covered openings with a wooden trap door that closed the opening.
- Meetings were held in the Camp Springs cabin with a kerosene stove to keep us warm.

*"Remember to sponsor a child"*

*Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent*

### MD, DE, DC ELKS RESIDENTS OF ELKS NATIONAL HOME

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

## 2006 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The 2006 Greater Baltimore Entertainment Books and Delaware Books are available and can be used immediately. Baltimore Books are \$25 per book and the Delaware Books are \$30 per book. The profit from the sale of the Entertainment Books goes to Elks Camp Barrett. If you need a book, contact Lee Davis at 410-256-9691.



## *Elks Camp Barrett DID YOU KNOW?*

- When we purchased Elks Camp Barrett there was part of a house over the hill about 1/4 mile. The well, footings, and a shed were all that was left of the house. No one had lived there for years. It was at the intersection of a right of way to Defense Highway, which is now MD 450.
- On the grounds of Elks Camp Barrett, located behind the nurses quarters, there is a family burial plot for the original owners of the property. Years ago on November 11 we placed flowers on the graves. A family member, whose grandfather was in the Civil War, visited the graves and thanked us for caring for them.
- The barn on the property was near the caretakers house. The old swimming pool is under the new bathhouse. The old bathhouse is now the nurses quarters and Directors apartment. The basement has the equipment that operated the old pool.
- The current bathhouse was built in 1990-91. New bathrooms were built at the Dining Hall/Kitchen area in 1992.

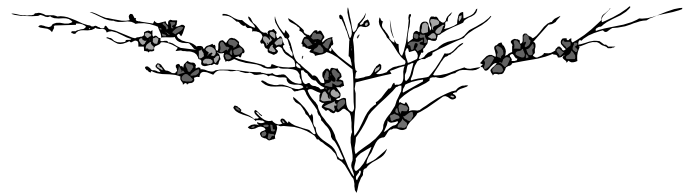
*"Remember to sponsor a child"*

*Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent*

## *Ten Commandments of Good Human Relations*

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown. It takes only 14 muscles to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.
4. Be friendly, helpful and cordial. If you would have friends, be a friend. Speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
5. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like anyone if you try.
6. Be generous with praise. Be cautious with criticism.
7. Be considerate with the feeling of others. It will be appreciated.
8. Be thoughtful of the opinion of others. There are 3 sides to every controversy; yours, the other person's and the right one.
9. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what you do for others.
10. Apply these principles and suggestions only to yourself.  
Remember, the only person YOU can change is YOU!

Courtesy: Selbyville Lodge Bulletin



**Elks** Care - **Elks** Share

### **ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE**

The winner of the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 drawing on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at Salisbury was Al Bryant from Waldorf Lodge No. 2421. The winning ticket was No. B 1974. **Thanks** to all the lodges and members that sold or bought raffle tickets to help support our Elks Camp Barrett. A **Big Thanks** to Patsy Rabickow for filling in for Marilyn Leatherman while she was out of town and Nancy Hearn for helping with the sale of the tickets while Hilda is busy with other commitments this year. Don't forget to buy your tickets this weekend.

## AMERICANISM

Dave Smith, State Chairman

How good of a job has your Lodge done so far in Americanism this year?

Did your Lodge. . .

- send in entries for the Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest?
- send in entries for the Association Americanism Poster Contest?
- send in a Lodge Brochure to the Grand Lodge Brochure Contest?
- attend the Association Americanism awards day hosted at the Easton Lodge?
- attend the Association Flag Day ceremonies?
- donate Flags to Classrooms in your communities?
- present certificates to individuals or businesses in your Community that fly the Flag appropriately?
- contact the Association to get Americanism Activity books to pass out to the youth in your community?
- utilize the Flag folding teaching aids in your Lodge available through our Association?
- present Pledge of Allegiance certificates or cards to the youth in your Community?
- invite your District or State Chairman to your Lodge to speak to your membership on ways to do a better job of teaching Patriotism to the youth in your community?

THERE IS STILL TIME ... yes, the contests are over, but there is still time to help your Lodge attain a huge WELL DONE if you will just help it to get the job done! See your District and State chairpersons this week-end, and make it happen!

We want yours to be the BEST Lodge possible when it comes to teaching our youth about Patriotism, and it starts fresh today. Take advantage of the teaching aids on the Americanism table, see the various Americanism Chairmen and get fresh and innovative ideas to take back to your Lodges and make it happen!

Remember, the Crystal Eagle Award is awarded at the Association Convention to the Lodge that does the BEST POSSIBLE JOB in working the Grand Lodge and Association Americanism Program. It could go to your Lodge this year.

Best of luck, and keep up the good work!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!



# LOOK

## CHANGES TO STATE DIRECTORY

Pages 9, 10, 16, and 29 - Paul D. Helsel

Change phone and fax numbers and e-mail to:

Home Phone: 302-737-1990

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Page 17- Vincent A. Pingitore, Sr.

Change e-mail address to:

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Page 20 - Auto Tags

Change e-mail address for Richard Woodhall to:

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Page 27 - Government Relations

Change William A. Hufnal to Vice Chairman

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Change Ford Hamilton Zip Code to: 21921

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Page 32 - Public Relations

Change Didrik A. Dicarous address to:

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Page 33 - Resolutions

Change Ronald Maurice listing to:

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Page 48 - William "Chuck" Francis

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Pages 18 & 37 - Gregory Wilkes

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**Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia  
Elks Association  
June Convention Reservations**



**Clarion Hotel and Conference Center  
Antietam Creek - Hagerstown, MD  
June 2 - June 4, 2006**

Reservation Deadline: April 30, 2006

Check the  for reservations required:

Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on June 2 and June 3; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Double Occupancy:  \$294.00

Single Occupancy:  \$240.00

Individual Room Rates

One Night  \$95.00

Two Nights  \$190.00

Dinner - One person  \$26.00

Two persons  \$52.00

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

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

Non-Smoking

Smoking



One Bed

Two Beds

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:**

Gregory A. Wilkes, PSP  
6134 W. Denney's RD  
Dover, DE 19901  
Cell: 301-988-2263

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## MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION AMERICANISM AWARDS

### ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

#### Division I - 5th and 6th Grades

##### 1st Place

West District

Hagerstown Lodge

Amber Carlen Brown

##### 2nd Place

N E District

Milford Lodge

Tyler Jansen

##### 3rd Place

SW District

Waldorf Lodge

Chance Collins

#### Division II - 7th and 8th Grades

##### 1st Place

S E District

Seaford Lodge

Alexis Carey

##### 2nd Place

S W District

Calvert Lodge

Brad Turner

##### 3rd Place

West District

Oakland Lodge

Morgan Brosnihan

### POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

#### 0-3 Years Old

##### 1st Place

S W District

Calvert Lodge

Samuel Dugan

#### 4-5 Years Old

##### 1st Place

S E District

Ocean City Lodge

Maya Zia Shakeri

##### 2nd Place

S W District

Calvert Lodge

David Dugan

##### 3rd Place

West District

Oakland Lodge

Courtney Roth



#### 6-7 Years Old

##### 1st Place

S E District

Ocean City Lodge

Amanda Lee Gabriel

##### 2nd Place

S W District

Waldorf Lodge

T. C. Martin

##### 3rd Place

N C District

Severna Park Lodge

Patrick Hofstedt

#### 8-9 Years Old

##### 1st Place

S W District

Waldorf Lodge

Erin Whitt

##### 2nd Place

S E District

Seaford Lodge

Cristian Falcon

##### 3rd Place

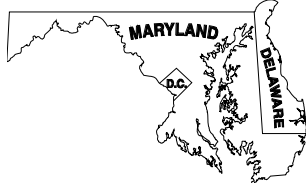
N E District

Dover Lodge

Robert Dylan

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### MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT of COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION



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