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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT



H. Lee Davis
President 2005-2006

Dear Members and Guests,

As other State Presidents have said in the past, where did the year go? It was just yesterday that I stood in front of all of you and swore to represent our great State Association to the best of my ability. Sunday, Ed Willis will take over the position of State President, and I know everyone will support him as you have Hilda and me. We leave this office with many, many fond memories but also with sadness. We have met many wonderful old friends and made many new ones during the past twelve months.

When you are involved in Elkdom, you are never done learning. This year has been a very learned experience for both Hilda and me. Also, the work in Elkdom is never done and though we had a very good year, there is always more to do

and improvements to be made.

I am very proud of my Officers, Vice-Presidents, Committee Chair People and Friends that made my year the great success that it was. I also thank the Past State Presidents for all of their direction this year.

Our State Association has many things to be proud of this year. We had the #1 National Female Scholarship winner, Haiwen Chen. We finished No. 5 Nationally in the ENF, with donations of \$209,545.98 for a per capita of \$8.406. Congratulations to Claudia Finley-Bryant for another excellent job this year. The things that we do for our Veterans, the USO's at Dover and BWI Air Bases, Drug Awareness, Americanism, Ritual and all the other State Committees, is possible because of the contributions to the ENF by our many generous members. Remember, other State Associations in our Order really envy what our Association does for Elkdom. We need to keep that image at the top.

We cannot forget our State Major Project, Elks Camp Barrett. Many people work very hard to support Elks Camp Barrett and in turn the lodges need to come out and support the Camp events and show their support.

Hilda and I had the good fortune to attend the Regional Hoop Shoot in Charlestown, WV and the Grand Lodge Hoop Shoot in Springfield, Massachusetts. What an experience to see all those young participants compete for the number one position in their categories. I want to thank Jim and Karen McNitt for the time they spent with us at both Shoots. Jim McNitt has been selected as the Regional "Hoop Shoot" Director for the Southeast Central Region, Replacing the very capable Richard Harris from West Virginia. See article **NEW REGIONAL "HOOP SHOOT" DIRECTOR** for more details.

Hilda and I wish Ed and Nancy Willis all the best during his year as State President. We thank everyone for the great hospitality and friendship we have received this past year and we hope everyone enjoys the weekend.

Always remember **"ACHIEVEMENT THRU DEDICATION."**



Sincerely and fraternally,
 H. Lee Davis
 State President

Coming Events

- June 2-4, 2006**
 86th State Convention
 Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
 Hagerstown, MD
- June 14, 2006**
 Flag Day
- June 18, 2006**
 Ritual Clinic
 Frederick Lodge #684
- June 24, 2006**
 Steak & Ale at ECB
- 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
- January 2007**
 DD Clinics
- January 12-14, 2007**
 Winter Workshop
 Annapolis Lodge #622
- March 2007**
 State Ritual Competition
 Date/Location to be announced
- March 23-25, 2007**
 Spring Conference
 GER VISIT
 Washington-Rockville Lodge #15
- April 2007**
 DD Clinics
- May 27, 2007**
 Elks Camp Barrett
 Family Bull Roast
- June 2007**
 87th State Convention
 Clarion, Hagerstown, MD
 Dates to be announced
- July 8-12, 2007**
 Grand Lodge Convention
 Charlotte, NC

Make your calendar

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**Next Newsletter
Deadline...
August 25, 2006**

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to President Lee Davis and his wife Hilda for their many dedicated hours they have given on the behalf of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association this past year. It is through their accomplishments that this Association is recognized and respected throughout Elkdom. They truly have had a fantastic year representing the Association in their travels.

I welcome the newly elected and appointed State Officers for the upcoming year. My sincere thanks go out to those of you who have stepped forward and accepted the Committee Chairperson positions at both the State and District level.

Nancy and I look forward to attending the many events both within and outside of our State Association.

The motto for this year is "ELKS-MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY." We must promote the many services that we provide to our communities as the **Best People On Earth**. Together, let us make this another outstanding year for the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association.

Fraternally,
Ed Willis, President-elect



Ed Willis
2006-2007

SOCKS FOR THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

Hilda and I want to thank everyone that participated in the big sock event in Dover for the Grand Exalted Ruler, Jim Grillo. As most people know, Jim collects socks and wears either funny socks or red socks in memory of his Dad. At the Dinner in Dover on Saturday Night, a lot of members wore odd or funny socks for Jim. When Jim opened the socks that were given to him by Hilda and other members, everyone in the room waved some type of socks at Jim. Pictures were taken of some of the members with Jim and their socks.

We collected 399 pairs of socks that were bought and donated by members and lodges to be given to the Veterans in the local hospitals. We had a lot of fun and obtained many socks for the Veterans. So once again, we cannot THANK everyone enough for their generosity and support in this event. If you weren't there, you missed a great time with our Grand Exalted Ruler, Jim Grillo.

***NEXT MEETING - OCTOBER 6-8, 2006
FALL CONFERENCE
PRINCESS ROYALE, OCEAN CITY, MD***

VP WEST REPORT

My, how quickly the year did get by us! I truly enjoyed it. The West District has done really well the past year.

We will be representing the State Association this year at the Grand Lodge Convention in the Ritual Contest by the Frederick Elks Lodge #684. Good luck to PER Patti Cleveland and all of the officers that will be performing. I hope that everyone makes an effort to be there for them that Monday morning!

The newly elected President Elect for 2006-2007, Warren Johnson, also of Frederick Lodge #684 will be installed in Hagerstown at the State Convention. I want to congratulate Warren; I know that he will serve us well in his upcoming endeavors. The West District always did well in Elks National Foundation at over \$5.00 a member, passing the GER's goal of \$4.00 per member, and not quite making President Davis' goal of \$9.00 per member, but we did well. At two DD clinics donations were collected in honor of PSP Lowell Thomas for ENF totaling \$350.00 for our district.

Community service, youth activities and veterans programs are always outstanding for the West, and this year made no exception.

The new year will bring to our Association, Bill Collison, PER, Frederick Lodge as Vice President, Lee Ridenour, Hagerstown Lodge the new Treasurer, J. Gordon Alexander, Frederick, 2 year State Trustee, John Smith, Hagerstown, the Elks Camp Barrett representative to the Executive Committee, and Jim Stewart, Oakland Lodge will be serving as the 1 year State Trustee to fill the vacancy made by Lee Ridenour. I congratulate them all in their new positions, and I know that they will serve the State Association well. They are all dedicated Elks and fine members.

I want to thank Cumberland #63, Hagerstown #378, Frostburg #470, Frederick #684, Westminster #2277, and Oakland #2481 for all of the great hospitality and respect shown to President Lee Davis and myself as we visited the lodges officially and unofficially throughout this past year.

I know that all of the lodges did not report all of their charitable activities, and I know that each lodge had something outstanding for the year to report. I hope that maybe in the upcoming year, the ER in each lodge will keep good records of each event held and turn in a great end of the year report in 2007.

Now, I thank the West District for electing me your Vice President in 2005-2006. I hope that I served you and the Association well. Thank you to Lee Davis, President for a great year! I was honored to serve as VP with you. You and Hilda are wonderful people and definitely served our State Association with honor, respect and pride!

It has been a great ride, and I look forward to serving the West again this coming year as your District Deputy.

Proud and honored to have served:

Sandra Brantner, PER
VP West District

ELKS TRAINING COURSE

This past year a total of 266 members of our great State Association participated in the Elks Training Course. 34 of 40 lodges submitted tests.

100% participation came from the North Central, South West and West Districts. Lodges with the highest number of participants was, Dover #1903 with 31, Frostburg #470 and Annapolis #622, both with a total of 24.

District standings were, North East with 76, South East and North Central with 44, and West with 42.

This year was a good year for Elks Training, but I know that we can do better. I am looking forward to 40 out of 40 for 2006-2007!

This past year, I traveled over 2600 miles for Elks Training.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to the Vice Presidents without whose help this goal would not have been reached!

Fraternally,
James E. Stewart, PDDGER
State Chair

PRESIDENT'S GOALS 2006-2007

1. Have a gain in membership in every Lodge of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association.
2. Continue the "Elks Camp Barrett Year" by having all Lodges send more campers or by making a monetary donation if campers are not available.
3. Attain \$9.00 per capita for Elks National Foundation.
4. Exceed \$1.50 per capita for the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund and have each District submit the name of a child in need of help.
5. Have every Lodge participate in the Veteran's "Adopt-a-Vet" program.
6. Promote greater Lodge involvement with the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot Program. (We will again be hosting the Regional Soccer Shoot)
7. Increase the number of Lodges that memorize the ritual and participate in the contest.
8. Improve the auditing and business practices in the Lodges.
9. Improve communications between the Lodge, District and State Chairpersons.
10. Increase public awareness of our charitable work in the community through better public relations.

ELKS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Grand Lodge Activities/State Association Committee 2005 – 2006 Program

All American Lodge Contest “A” Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the All American Lodge Contest from the MD DE DC Elks Association. Your entries have also been submitted to the Grand Lodge for further competition at that level. The State Awards will be presented at the June Convention Banquet Dinner in Hagerstown, MD.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Lodge Name</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Newark Lodge, DE No. 2281	under 300	261
2	Cambridge Lodge, MD No. 1272	301 - 500	281
3	Cape Henlopen, DE No. 2540	501 - 700	441
4	Dover Lodge, DE No. 1903	701 - 1100	467
5	Ocean City Lodge, MD No. 2645	1101 - 1500	303

The following Lodges also submitted entries: Elkton Lodge No. 2618, Camp Springs Lodge No. 2332, Milford Lodge No. 2401, Calvert Lodge No. 2620, Kent Island Lodge No. 2576, Easton Lodge No. 1622, Salisbury No. 817.

This year, twelve out of forty lodges participated in the contest. This was the same as last year and gave us thirty percent participation.

At this time I whole heartedly thank all the Lodges that did participate and also commend the District Deputies that gave their support and insured continued success in this program.

In closing I thank you for your dedication to this program and wish you success in the year ahead. I look forward to increasing the participation for next year and encourage every lodge to take pride in participating in the various GL Programs and associated contests. The time to start your programs is now, so that you are prepared as you attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando.

It should be every Exalted Ruler’s Goal to make their lodge an “ALL AMERICAN LODGE”.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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



Broadneck Lodge #2608 won the State Association Spring Horseshoe Tournament held May 8, 2006 at their lodge. Eighteen teams representing four lodges participated. Broadneck donated the \$100 winning price to “The Make A Wish Foundation”.

Elks National Foundation
Final Report
June 2006
Lodge Year April 1, 2005-March 31, 2006

I am very pleased to announce that Our State Association came in 5th in the nation at \$8.406 per capita with total donations of \$209,545.98. This is an increase of \$.30 per capita and an increase of over \$9,000 in total contributions from last year. We should be very proud of our continued support to ENF. Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 19 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member. A total of 33 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.00 per member. This is an increase of 4 lodges meeting the GER goal. I would like to congratulate Prince Georges County Lodge No. 1778 for being our top per capita winner at \$29.027 per capita. I would also like to congratulate Frederick Lodge No. 684 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 54.472 and for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$19,928.00

Lodge Name and Number	Membership	District	Total Amount	Per Capita
Prince Georges County No. 1778	446	SW	\$12,946.00	\$29.027
Seaford No. 2458	222	SE	\$3,879.00	\$17.473
Salisbury No. 817	940	SE	\$13,950.00	\$14.840
Cape Henlopen No. 2540	611	SE	\$8,903.50	\$14.572
Washington-Rockville No. 15	564	SW	\$8,070.75	\$14.310
Elkton No. 2618	112	NE	\$1,492.00	\$13.321
Waldorf No. 2421	520	SW	\$6,751.00	\$12.983
Ocean City No. 2645	1,334	SE	\$16,030.00	\$12.017
Severna Park No. 2482	384	NC	\$4,437.00	\$11.555
Milford No. 2401	444	NE	\$5,119.40	\$11.530
Laurel No. 2283	288	NC	\$3,295.00	\$11.441
Annapolis No. 622	1,624	NC	\$18,274.52	\$11.253
Dover No. 1903	755	NE	\$7,880.95	\$10.438
Newark No. 2281	272	NE	\$2,767.00	\$10.173
Calvert No. 2620	583	SW	\$5,672.14	\$9.729
Frederick No. 684	2,077	W	\$19,928.00	\$9.595
St. Mary's County No. 2092	384	SW	\$3,649.00	\$9.503
Chestertown No. 2474	260	NE	\$2,469.25	\$9.497
Easton No. 1622	962	SE	\$9,076.72	\$9.435
Crisfield No. 1044	458	SE	\$3,945.00	\$8.614
Abington No. 2354	184	NE	\$1,417.00	\$7.701
Oakland No. 2481	805	W	\$5,701.50	\$7.083
Essex No. 1866	578	NC	\$4,050.00	\$7.007
Wilmington No. 307	660	NE	\$4,457.00	\$6.753
Broadneck No. 2608	242	NC	\$1,570.00	\$6.488
Kent Island No. 2576	535	SE	\$3,085.00	\$5.766
Towson No. 469	1,156	NC	\$6,484.00	\$5.609
Cambridge No. 1272	348	SE	\$1,800.00	\$5.172
Cumberland No. 63	251	W	\$1,265.00	\$5.040
Camp Springs No. 2332	478	SW	\$2,224.00	\$4.653
Westminster No. 2277	648	W	\$2,892.50	\$4.464
Havre De Grace No. 1564	318	NE	\$1,320.00	\$4.151
Bowie No. 2309	582	NC	\$2,415.00	\$4.150

I look forward to serving the Association next year as your ENF Chairman.

Fraternally,
 Claudia Finley-Bryant
 ENF Chairman

NORTH EAST VP REPORT

Other than attending District Deputy Joyce Baileys' final DD clinic and attending Camp Barrett meeting, there's not a lot to report.

This past year has not only been an educational but a rewarding experience, and I would like at this time to thank all the members of the Northeast District for electing me as their Vice President.

During my visits this past year along with President Davis, everyone treated us not only as officials of this "Great State Association", but as fellow Elks and friends.

I feel this next year, incoming President Ed Willis and Vice President Ed Pettit will be treated in the same manner, as the members of the Northeast are some of the greatest.

Hopefully my experiences of this past year will have prepared me for this coming year as District Deputy, and I am looking forward in serving the members in this capacity.

Continue all the good work in your local communities as this truly proves, "Achievement thru Dedication" is at work.

Again thank you for this past year.

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

PRESIDENTS PIN CRITERIA 2006-2007

EARN AND PROUDLY WEAR A STATE PRESIDENTS PIN BY ACCOMPLISHING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Accomplish any one of the following:
 - Propose three (3) new members
 - Bring three (3) members off the delinquent list
 - Get three (3) reinstatements
 - Any combination of the three (3) above
2. Donate \$ 1 00 to any one (1) of the following:
 - Elks National Foundation
 - William J. Jernick Memorial Fund
 - State Association Veterans Service Committee
 - Elks Camp Barrett
3. Be an Elks Camp Barrett Representative or member of the Executive Committee.
4. Be a volunteer at an Elks Camp Barrett fund raising event
5. Be a State Officer or State Committee Chairperson.
6. Complete the Elks Training Course.
7. Be a certified Ritual Judge or Word Checker.
8. Be recommended by your Exalted Ruler on the District Vice-President or the State President's visit.

**ELKS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE
IN THE COMMUNITY**

VP-Southwest District's Final Report, 2006

Dear Members of the MD-De & DC Elks Association:

My last major activity was completed with Chuck Donaldson's, DDGER, Clinic that was held on April 23, 2006. I am proud to have served the members of the Southwest District as their Vice President. The Southwest District is truly an active and continuously growing district.

I visited all seven Lodges in the Southwest District and completed my reports on a timely basis. I recorded a total of 700 miles traveling to all seven lodges and DD Clinics. The main item to detail and highlight in each report was Lapsation. I cannot emphasize the importance of a strong Lapsation Committee. 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 was 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 George's Co. Lodge 1778 to Two-Year Trustee
3. Mary-Cardinal Vogt, Loyal Knight, Calvert Co. Elks Lodge 2620 to serve as a Two Year Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member.

I enjoyed stating the President's message(s) 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 Southwest District

Elks Care - Elks Share

ENVSC REPORT

Dear Members of the MD-DE-& DC Elks Association.

As this State Association Year-ends and another year starts, it gives me great pleasure to announce the winners for the Veterans Remembrance Reports.

The District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and District Chairmen for their following up and doing an outstanding job getting 100 % participation, for the Veterans Remembrance Reports.

- West District – Gordon Alexander, DDGER
- West District – James E. Cuppett, ENVSC, District Chairman
- Northeast District – Joyce M. Bailey, DDGER
- Northeast District – Robert M. Lindfors, ENVSC, District Chairman

The following Lodges won First Place in their division:

- Division 1 – Membership (Under 300) Newark Delaware Lodge 2281
- Division 2 - Membership (301 – 500) Calvert County Elks Lodge 2620
- Division 3 – Membership (501 – 700) Waldorf Elks Lodge 2421
- Division 4 – Membership 701 – 1100) Dover Delaware Lodge 1903
- Division 5 – Membership (1101 – 1500) Ocean City Lodge 2645
- Division 6 – Membership (Over 1500) Frederick Elks Lodge 684

Certificates of Appreciation For your Dedication and Support to the Veteran Patients at the Baltimore VA Rehabilitation & Extended Care Center:

- Towson Elks Lodge 469
- Annapolis Elks Lodge 622
- Essex Elks Lodge 1866
- Ladies of the Elks Lodge 1866
- Glen Burnie Elks Lodge 2266
- Maryland, Delaware & D.C. Elks Association
- Elks National Veteran Service Commission

Male and Female Volunteer-of-the-Year Awards

It is with great pride that I present the to this Association the names for the Male and Female Volunteer of The Year.

- The Female Winner is:
Lorraine League – Glen Burnie Lodge No. 2266
- The Male Winner is:
Robert Zerphey – Severna Park Lodge No. 2482

Volunteers are the *Heart of Elkdom*. They do not have more time ... they just have more heart. This man and woman are our shining stars. Thank you, Lorraine and Robert, for your outstanding service.

I want to thank the Lodges of the MD-DE-& D.C. Elks Association and the ENVSC - District Chairmen that served this year. I want to give special thanks to our new (soon-to-be) Past State President, H. Lee Davis for the vote of confidence in naming me the State Association Chairman for the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

Fraternally yours,
John A. Curran
Chairman, E.N.V.S.C.
Supporting Our Veterans

RITUAL REPORT - June, 2006

Our next Ritual Clinic will be at Frederick on June 18. There will be one in the Southwest in August. The date and location were not settled at press time.

I have a lot of awards to give out this weekend. At the Saturday meeting we will present the following:

District Champions: Easton, Annapolis, Frederick, St Mary's County and Newark

Second Place District teams: Washington/Rockville, Hagerstown and Dover.

Top District Officers: Robert Riggins, Annapolis; John Benson, Newark; David Wolcott, Easton; Chad Yeager, St. Mary's; and Noel Werking, Frederick.

Eleventh Hour Contest Awards:

Leading Knight

1. Wilson Comegys from Dover
2. James Burroughs from Hagerstown

Exalted Ruler

1. David Wolcott from Easton
2. Joseph Barresi from Hagerstown
3. Marilyn Woodhall from Dover

Past Exalted Ruler

1. Connie DeYoung from Dover
2. Henry Rinta from Frederick
3. Larry Mathers from Glen Burnie

At dinner on Saturday, we will give out the awards for:

State All Stars:

Exalted Ruler: Gil McNew, Annapolis

Leading Knight: Marilyn Woodhall, Dover

Loyal Knight: Harry Hodgdon, Frederick

Lecturing Knight: Noel Werking, Frederick

Esquire: Meerilyn Ramsey, Dover

Chaplain: George St. Clair, Annapolis

Inner Guard: Larry London, Frederick

Candidate: Joan Wald, Annapolis

State Ritual Champion Trophy to Frederick and Homer Huhn Award to Noel Werking as top officer in the State Contest.

Dick Fleck, Ritual Chairman

NEW REGIONAL "HOOP SHOOT" DIRECTOR



Congratulations are in order to James I. McNitt, PDDGER from Frederick Lodge No. 684. on becoming the Grand Lodge Southeast Central Regional "Hoop Shoot" Director. The Southeast Central Region consists of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia.

Jim is an excellent example of my motto "Achievement thru Dedication." Jim has been our State "Hoop Shoot" chairman for many, many years and has done an excellent job with the State Hoop Shoot. Jim has also supported and attended the Regional Hoop Shoot for many years. Credit has to be given to Jim's wife, Karen, who has been by his side these many years and worked very hard supporting the Hoop Shoot Program and Jim. Frederick Lodge No. 684 has to be given a lot of credit for supporting Jim over the years that he has chaired the State Hoop Shoot.

Jim is replacing Richard E. Harris, PSP from Charlestown Lodge No. 202 in West Virginia. Jim stated to me that Richard has been Regional Chairman as long as he has been going to the Regional Hoop Shoot, which has been approximately 20 years. We hope Richard E. Harris enjoys his retirement and THANKS for the many years of service.

This is another example of the credibility that our State Association and members have throughout Elksdom. Lets keep up the good work and keep the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association as one of the top Association's in the country.

We want to wish Jim McNitt the **BEST OF LUCK** as the new Regional Director and we know Karen will be by his side once again, to give him the support he has received from her in the past. I want everyone to be there to support Jim and Karen when the Hoop Shoot Season starts because this endeavor requires a lot of help from our Association members.

Sincerely,
Lee Davis, President





GRAND LODGE and MARYLAND, DELAWARE &
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
AMERICANISM CONTESTS
2006-2007

ESSAY:

"WHY I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN"

RULES:

1. Participants must be enrolled in 5th 6th, 7th or 8th Grade.
Entries will be judged in two groups:
5th & 6th Grades
7th & 8th Grades
2. Length not to exceed **250 words** (**this is an increase over last year!)
3. Must be legibly written/printed or typed.
4. Entrant must be identified on essay by child's Name, Home Address, Phone Number, Social Security Number, Grade, Name of School, Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge
5. State Winners will be presented with Savings Bonds at a special Ceremony

POSTER:

Drawing of **"MY FAVORITE SYMBOL OF AMERICA"**

RULES:

1. Artists must be from 0 to 9 years of age
Will be judged in categories of
0-3 years old
4-5 years old
6-7 years old
8-9 years old
2. Art must be no larger than 8 1/2 by 11" paper.
3. Must include child's Name, Address, Phone Number, Age, Name of School if enrolled, Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge
4. State Winners will be presented with awards at a special Ceremony.

TIME DEADLINES:

- All entries must be in to the
Lodge Chairman's hands by December 15, 2006
- Lodge winners must be into
District Chairman's hands by January 15, 2007
- District winners must be into
State Chairman's hands by February 15, 2007.

REMEMBER: Send only your 1st place winners on for further judging, but we need to know the total number of entries you received for the report to Grand Lodge.

**Let's make 2006-2007 our best year yet for participation
in this important contest!**

David Smith
State Chairman



**ELKS CAMP
BARRETT
50/50 RAFFLE**



The winner of the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 Raffle drawing on Sunday, March 26, 2006 in Dover was John Wald from Annapolis Lodge No. 622. The winning ticket was No. 122. We thank all the people that participated in the raffle by either selling the tickets or by purchasing tickets. Please help our Elks Camp Barrett by purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets this weekend.

**ASSOCIATION FLAG DAY
CEREMONIES**

WHEN:

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LUNCH

WHERE:

ASSOCIATION STATE
CONVENTION HAGERSTOWN,
MARYLAND, CLARION HOTEL

SIGN WILL BE POSTED IN THE
LOBBY WITH 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***

AMERICANISM

It is hard to believe that another Americanism year is coming to a close. I wonder if your Lodge has taken advantage of all of the Americanism related programs we have promoted this year. Is your Lodge going to be the one awarded with the "Crystal Eagle" at the State dinner? Does it deserve it? These are questions only you can answer. Regardless of whether the answers are positive or negative, it is very important that you start right now in preparing for an exceptional 2006-2007 Americanism Year for your Lodge.

This year I will be recognizing the District Americanism Chairperson who has done the most outstanding job in promoting the Americanism Program to his/her District at the State Dinner as well as awarding the Crystal Eagle Award to the Lodge that has done the best job in Americanism, so be sure to be on hand to offer appropriate congratulations.

Starting a-new Americanism begins right now! Attend the Association Flag Day Ceremonies on Saturday right after lunch. The Hospitality Rooms will be closed anyway, so take advantage of what we have to share with you by attending. Bring your cameras and take some pictures, to begin your Lodge Brochure Book for 2006-2007. You can say, as an example, "Our Lodge begins the year by participating in our Association Flag Day Ceremonies for Maryland at our State Convention". Remember, a brochure book is really just a glorified scrapbook, and these pictures, a copy of the written Flag Day Program which will be given to you when you arrive, and some notes would be a great start! Later, attend the Flag Day Ceremonies at Dover Lodge, to include Delaware as one of the Flag Day events your Lodge participated in. Remember, if you are there, and if you stand, salute, sing, and recite at the proper times, YOU ARE A PARTICIPANT. We expect our own Oakland Lodge is going to demonstrate how to fold our Flag at the Maryland Ceremony, so there will be a lot to experience for all of us.

Don't forget that the theme for the 2006-2007 Grand Lodge Essay Contest is "WHY I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN". Also, as usual, our Association Patriotic Poster Contest theme will be "MY FAVORITE SYMBOL OF AMERICA". Get this information out NOW ... don't wait! Take advantage of the participants you had last year in your Lodge and get this information to them as well as into the schools. Your participants from 2005-2006 can certainly participate again in 2006-2007!

It has been my extreme pleasure to be the State Chairman of Americanism again this year, and I thank President Davis for the appointment. I wish him loads of accolades at the Grand Lodge Convention. Congratulations to all District Chairpersons and all Lodge Americanism Chairpersons for another stellar Americanism year. God bless us all and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Dave Smith
State Americanism Chairman

DID YOU KNOW?

"MYSTERY"

In 1959 a donation was given to put two plaques and a gate at the entrance of Elks Camp Barrett. At the time the entrance pillars had not been constructed. Approximately 9 years later we contracted a brick layer to build 2 brick pillars, one on each side of the entrance driveway. A brother from Lodge No. 1778 who was in the iron work business built a gate for the entrance.

The plaques were made and given to the Building Chairman, Kenny Largent, to install. He put lags in the wall and 6 inch brass screws. The heavy solid brass plaques were hung. Within 6 months the plaques were stolen.

Several years later a farmer near our camp was plowing his field and hit one of the plaques. He brought it to the camp and gave it to the caretaker. It was then installed on the side of the Dining Hall. The other plaque is still missing.

In 1990 the pillars were extended to be approximately 8 feet higher and the addition of a wooden beam was installed over the entrance at the gate. The name of the camp, "Elks Camp Barrett", is on the beam.

to be continued.....
Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

SEND A CHILD TO ELKS CAMP BARRETT

Elks Camp Barrett Our State Major Project



Is Your Lodge Sending
Children to Camp.

Each Lodge should send
1 Child
for every 25 Members

What a Deal
\$ 100.00
A
Child



Does your lodge have monies for
Campers and No children to send
Contact Dick Fleck 302-436-5315
REGISTRATION

Cut off for Boys June 10th 2006
Cut off for Girls June 30th 2006



Lodges can get credit for:
AMERICANISM
DRUG AWARENESS
YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Elks Camp Barrett Executive
Committee Member
Mary Cardinal - Vogt

Maryland, Delaware and D.C. State "Hoop Shoot" Competition For the 2005-2006 Year

On Saturday February 18 Frederick Elks Lodge # 684 hosted the State Association competition in the annual "Elks Hoop Shoot". Twenty-eight contestants representing 14 difference Lodges were in attendance at the shoot that day. Contestants were the winners of the 5 district competitions. Many thanks go to the local lodge directors and the district directors who help this program run smoothly: Jim Hanker, South West; Doug Hall, South East; Bill Milburn, North Central; Ed Petit, North East and Walt Miller, West.

The three boys and three girls in the 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 age categories who scored the best in this contest continued on to the regional competition in Charleston WV on March 18, where they competed against the winners from Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

The winners who represented Maryland, Delaware and DC in Charleston were:

Wyatt Thurman, Dover Lodge- 22
Elizabeth Hubbard, Washington-Rockville Lodge - 15+4
Brady George, Severna Park Lodge - 24
Maggie Payne, Westminster Lodge - 21
Christina Vucich, Washington-Rockville Lodge - 20+3
and
Derek Vucich, Washington-Rockville Lodge - 24

Other trophy winners were:

Alec McCoy, Cape Henlopen # 2540, Ryan Grant, Frederick # 684, Bart George, Severna Park #2482, Lucas Ritchie, Oakland # 2481, Diaz Nardo, Cape Henlopen # 2540, Wyatt McBee, Oakland # 2481, Madison Bachtell, Hagerstown # 378, Victoria Vucich, Wash-Rockville #15, Stephanie Fazenbaker, Frostburg # 470, Doris Hastings, Easton # 1622, Annie McCoach, Ocean City # 2645, Janee Williams, Milford # 2401.

We had several repeat contestants at the state shoot this year. The Vucich family and the George brothers had been state contestants in the past. Wyatt McBee and Brian Baker had represented us in Charleston last year. Stephanie Fazenbaker and Janee Williams had also been state contestants. Additionally, Maggie Payne is a 2nd generation "Hoop Shooter" as her mother attended the National contest as an 11-year-old. President Lee Davis and his wife Hilda, as well as the district directors in attendance presented the contestants their trophies, certificates and other prizes which included a Drug Awareness/"Hoop Shoot" basketball, thanks to the

cooperation of the state Drug Awareness committee..

On March 18 in Charleston, competition was close as always, with shoot-outs required to determine places for trophies in several age groups. Our State Association had one contestant advance to the National Finals - Derek Vucich from the Washington-Rockville Lodge. Derek scored 23/25 to win the 12-13 boys division. All contestants won either a trophy or recognition plaque in Charleston. Our other contestants finished as follows: Wyatt Thurman-3rd, Elizabeth Hubbard-4th, Maggie Payne-3rd, Brady George-3rd and Christina Vucich-3rd.

The finals were held in Springfield MA April 21-23. State president Davis and Hilda and my wife and I hosted Derek for the weekend. As always, the events of the weekend were well organized and very impressive. Events included a visit to the Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday evening as well as a "Breakfast of Champions" on Saturday morning prior to the shoot and an excellent awards dinner after the competition.

Competition was close in all age groups, with shoot outs to determine the trophy winners required in 4 of the 6 ages groups and a 3 way shoot out among the winners of each of the boys groups to determine the Getty Powell winner. In the 12-13 boys, 9 of the 12 boys scored between 20/25 and 23/25, including Derek. Karelle Samuelson from Brea CA, the 10-11 girls winner, and Nicholas Fortenberry from Augusta GA, the 8-9 boys winner, will be representing the program as Getty Powell winners at our national convention in Orlando.

I have been honored to be named as the Regional "Hoop Shoot" director, which includes our state association as well as VA, WV and NC for the coming year. In 2007, the MD, DE and DC state contest will be Feb. 17 and the Regional contest will be Mar. 17, both in Frederick. I am looking for volunteers for a 2-year commitment to be rebounders and officials at both the state and regional contests. You will be provided with referee's jerseys and will need to attend at least one practice session. If interested, please contact me at 301-371-9130 or mail to: JMcNitt52@aol.com". I'm certain that the support you have shown this program at the state level over the past years will insure a smoothly run and successful Regional contest. Thank you so much.

Jim McNitt
State "Hoop Shoot" directorcom:

WOLFGANG CANDY CAMPAIGN

Our Easter Wolfgang Candy Campaign is over. Easter was not high in sales, we sold \$4,568.25 of candy. Even though we did not reach my goal we sold 163 cases of candy bars, which were good. To get the most profit possible I used the profit from Christmas and Easter sales to pay for the 163 cases up front.

The profit from Christmas was \$3,000.00, Easter profit was \$1,870.00 and the Candy Bar profit was \$2,934.00. We also have Lodges who donate money in lieu of selling candy. This brings our donation for last Christmas, Easter and Candy Bars to \$8,004.

Listed are the Easter's participating Lodges and the Chair people.

Abingdon Lodge #2354
Annapolis Lodge #622
Calvert Lodge #2620
Camp Springs #2332
Cape Henlopen #2540
Chrisfield Lodge #1044
Cumberland # 63
Dover Lodge #1903
Easton Lodge #1622
Essex Lodge #1866
Frederick Lodge # 684

Glen Burnie Lodge #2266
Hagerstown Lodge # 378
HavreDeGrace Lodge #1564
Laurel Lodge #2283
Milford Lodge #2401

Newark Lodge #2281
Oakland Lodge #2481
Ocean City Lodge # 2645
Prince Georges Lodge #1778
Salisbury Lodge # 817
Seaford Lodge # 2458
Selbyville Lodge #2173
Severna Park Lodge #2482
St. Mary's Lodge #2092
Waldorf Lodge #2421
Washington/Rockville #15
Westminster Lodge #2277

Bonnie Bussard
Pat Ericson, John Wald
Mary Cardinal Vogt
Charlie Spadone
Joseph Vicere
Cindy Taylor
Dana Gourlay
Nancy Willis
Connie Wolcott
Hilda Davis, Bill Milburn
Sharon Rinta, Jo Boehmer,
Robert Caincross
Pat Mathers
Greg Wilkes
Patti Gray
Carl Robinson
Ed Pettit, Greg Adams, Myron Morgan
The Ladies of the Elks
Sheila Burg
Sandy Brentner
Toni and Carroll Wagner
Kathie Morris
Gerald Hersch
Joan League
Mae Fleck
Norma Young
Marilyn Leatherman, Brenda Bower
Claudia Bryant
Priscilla Schwab
Bob Comer



A special thank you to Ed and Nancy Willis for their help in getting the candy ready for delivery. It was difficult since the candy was delivered from Pennsylvania to Delaware but in the end all went well.

All profits from the sales of the Wolfgang Candy campaign goes to Elks Camp Barrett. This program has been a success only because of those who sold, brought or donated. We had three new Lodges participate this campaign. Thank you for your help and remember it is never too early to start getting ready for our Christmas campaign, which will start in September. Just contact Lee or Hilda Davis if you are interested.

Submitted by: Hilda Davis, First Lady

WHY PUBLIC RELATIONS IS IMPORTANT FOR PROMOTING YOUR LODGE?

Public relations is the ongoing effort to create and maintain a positive image for your Lodge in the eyes of the public. It is important that the public thinks about you in a positive way because all organizations need to be trusted and supported by their target group, constituency and members.

People who use your services will expect you to be helpful, friendly, efficient and professional. Most people will contact you by visiting your Lodge or by phoning you. This means that the phone and Lodge are two of the most important areas where you should create a positive image.

If your interaction with the public is bad, it can have a devastating effect on your Lodge's reputation. It is much easier to build a good public relations culture in your Lodge, than it is to reverse a bad image once it exists.

Every person in your Lodge should understand the importance of good public relations and know what role they should play in promoting a positive image.

Lowell E. Hootman G/L Public Relations Chairman

ELKS CAMP BARRETT HALL OF FAME MEMBERS PRESENT

STEAK AND ALE EVENING

Steak cooked to perfection (because you cook it)

Includes: 10 oz. Strip Steak

Baked Potato • Bean Salad • Salad

Beer • Sodas • Cash Bar • Food: 3-5 • Music: 4-8

Pool Open (Weather Permitting) Til 7:00 P.M.

Advance Tickets Only \$12.00 per Person

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006

For Information,

Call: Dick Fleck at 302-436-5315

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

HOOP SHOOT

*Congratulations to Derek Vucich
Representing
Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15.
Derek competed in National
competition on April 22, 2006 in
Springfield, MA, in the boys 12-13 year-old
bracket. He finished ninth in the division.*



VICE PRESIDENT, NC DISTRICT

Greetings to all,

First, I want to say "Thank you" to the members of the North Central District for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve them for the past year.

Next, I also want to thank our State President, Lee Davis. Your guidance and consul has been greatly appreciated.

Last, as this is my last report, I want to inform everyone that the Lodges of the North Central District are doing fine. Many of the lodges have their own special projects, such as Broadneck and their "Believe in Tomorrow" fundraiser and Towson has begun their "469 fund" which will be a huge benefit to their community. These activities continue to demonstrate that great ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH DEDICATION can be realized if we put our hearts and souls into them. All of the Members of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association can and should be proud of all not only the lodges of the NC District, but your own and ALL the lodges of the Association. Through my travels this year as Vice President, the members of our Association who I have met have continued to inspire me and to reinforce within me that we Elks are truly the Best People On Earth.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Carl Robinson, VP-NC

JERNICK FUND AT WORK

PER Gene Buckbee, Cumberland Lodge No. 63, presents a check to Rachael Sensabaugh from William J. Jernick Fund. Rachael is battling Hodgekin's Lymphoma. Our Best Wishes to Rachael and her family.

Elks Care - Elks Share

PRESIDENT DAVIS RELAXING

President Lee Davis (Center) spends quality time with Jim Stewart (Left) and Jim Cuppett (Right), Both PDDGER's From Oakland Lodge #2481.

GER LOUIS GRILLO

GER Grillo proudly shows off his red socks during visit to Dover Lodge #1903.

MD, DE, & D.C. ELKS**2006 Legacy Award for the Children of Elks Winners**

The following students will receive one-year, \$1,000 scholarships from the Elks National Foundation through our ENF Legacy Awards scholarship contest for children and grandchildren of Elks members.

Annapolis Elks Lodge No. 622

Calvert Elks Lodge No. 2620

Cambridge Elks Lodge No. 1272

Dover Elks Lodge No. 1903

Easton Elks Lodge No. 1622

Pocomoke City Elks Lodge No. 1624

Salisbury Elks Lodge No. 817

Morgan, Courtney E.

Wikoff, Julia M.

Lesser, Ryan S.

Lewis, Britney A.

Nelson, Adrian M.

Thompson, Kathryn J.

Mason-Foley, Casey C.

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

The freedoms we enjoy today are the result of the sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces. We owe these patriots who preserved our way of life a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

Today, there are many Veterans who no longer enjoy the health and vigor that was demanded of them when they were called to defend our American way of life. Many of them are confined to VA Medical Centers, Domiciliaries, Hospices, State Veterans Homes and Private Extended Care Facilities.

Playing Cards for Veterans is a program to help our deserving Veterans. This activity, which started in 1997, gives a hospitalized Veteran something to do rather than just sit passively and watch television.

Through the dedicated efforts of Brother Tom Jamison of Beardstown, Illinois Lodge No. 1007, who has made arrangements with several riverboats and casinos, we are now able to offer playing cards for our hospitalized Veterans to use. With the help of Elk volunteers, spouses, family and friends, each deck of cards is checked to make sure that all cards are in good condition and the deck is complete. After the decks are checked, a "Playing Cards for Veterans" sticker with the logo of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission is placed on each deck of cards.

These cards are free of charge. Anyone who would like to order Playing Cards for Veterans can do so by sending a letter or fax to either our Chicago office or Brother Jamison. Make sure your request is on Lodge stationery. List the amount of cards needed. You must also provide a shipping address for proper delivery.

Last year we distributed 41,000 decks of playing cards valued at more than \$60,000.00.

Call our office in Chicago if you have any questions about our Playing Cards for Veterans Program.

Your help is needed to deliver on our pledge: *"So long as there are Veterans,, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

Fraternally,
Dwayne E. Rumney, PGER
Chairman

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Make an investment in your future. The Elks National Home retirement community is the only part of Elkdom that is a direct benefit to you as a member of the Order. Someday, it could be your choice for an active, carefree retirement in the company of others with the same interests and values.

But the future of the Home depends upon the members of the Order. If we are to continue to provide this excellent, active, and attractively priced retirement choice for Elk members, we must have your support. The \$1.00 annual membership assessment that was passed at the Grand Lodge Session last July is a great start and we hope you will voice your support that it be continued. Please let your delegates to the 2006 Grand Lodge Session know that you are in favor of supporting the Elks National Home in this way. This is only \$1.00 per member each year. Where else can you be assured that your dollar will be used for such a good cause?

In addition, the Home is in need of funds for ongoing projects and maintenance, as well as periodic renovations. Donations to the Home are tax deductible. Following is a list of funds you may specify. A check to any of these will be an investment in the Home's future - and perhaps yours as well I

- Modernization - For renovations and up grades to the Home.
- General - To be used as needed at any given time.
- Special Care Benefits - For needed items and renovations in the Special Care Section (assisted living care).
- Entertainment - To finance various activities for the residents.
- Home Fund - For capital improvements, such as major renovations and new equipment.
- Endowment Fund - The interest is used to supplement the operating budget.

Checks should be made payable to the Elks National Home and mailed to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, VA 24523. Donations are tax deductible.

To learn more about the Elks National Home retirement community, visit our website at www.elkshome.org.

BOWIE LODGE SUPPORTS VETERAN



Bowie Lodge #2309 recently donated walking canes to veteran SSGT Roland Paquette at the Walter Reed Hospital Rehabilitation Center. Shown above with SSGT Paquette and his wife, Jennifer, are members of Bowie Lodge, Tony Bagenwald (left) and Dick Kennedy (right).

SOUTH EAST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings from the South East, I hope everyone is doing well. First, I would like to congratulate all of the new Exalted Rulers and Officers. I hope your year is off to a good start. I would also like to congratulate all the outgoing Exalted Rulers and thank them for a job well done.

Right after the last newsletter deadline I had the pleasure of visiting Seaford Lodge #2458 on February 16th. The evening started with a wonderful dinner with Exalted Ruler Arthur League and his wife, and continued with a true Elk welcome by all and a very enjoyable evening. On the 18th I traveled to Cambridge for the District Initiation and witnessed first hand the dedication to the ritual by Easton's officers. I ended February on the 26th at Selbyville Lodge #2173 shucking oysters for their annual Oyster & Bull Roast. March took me to the Camp Barrett meeting and to Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540. While attending the meeting at Cape Henlopen I had the pleasure of meeting an Elk of 60 years who is 97 years old and attends as many meetings and activities as possible. This was an inspiration and true example of "Achievement through Dedication". March also took me to Milford Lodge #2401 for the welcoming dinner for the Grand Exalted Ruler. April took me to the only lodge on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Onancock Elks Lodge # 1766 where I had the

honor of installing the officers for the upcoming year, serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. I also attended Jim Harbour's final District Deputy's meeting in Ocean City. May 6th took me to the Camp Barrett meeting and June here with you at the State Convention.

I would like to congratulate the South East for a terrific year. Through your dedication we have had a great year with membership, Elks National Foundation, Camp Barrett, Veterans programs, Drug Awareness, and much more. You have shown that President Davis' motto "Achievement through Dedication" was alive and strong throughout our district.

As my year as vice president for the South East has come to an end I want to thank each of you for having faith in me to serve in this position this past year. I am honored to be a part of the South East District and have enjoyed the time I have spent in each lodge. Throughout the year including this weekend I have traveled 4,501 miles and spent approximately 487 hours performing the duties as vice president.

The friendship and love shown to my wife and I has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Throughout the year I have grown to know many fellow elks and gained lifelong friendships within my district and throughout the state. May the Grace of God be with each of you and your lodges always.

Fraternally,
Gordon R. Taylor

**Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia
Elks Association
October Conference Reservations**



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

Reservation Deadline: September 5, 2006

Check the for reservations required:

Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on October 6 and October 7; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings

Double Occupancy: \$285.00

Single Occupancy: \$238.00

Individual Room Rates

One Night \$99.00

Two Nights \$198.00

Dinner - One person \$27.00

Two persons \$54.00

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: _____

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Dover, DE 19901
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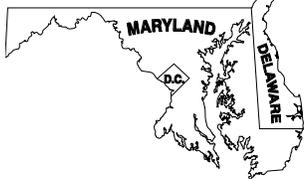
FREDERICK LODGE HOSTS VETERANS



On Saturday, March 18th, Lodge members hosted 12 wounded soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center for a benefit breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast were donated to Operation Second Chance, a charity founded to help severely injured veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The organization provides the injured soldiers clothes and companionship, trips to sporting events and concerts and airfare for family visits.

(Submitted by Scott McKnight, Publicity Chairman, Frederick Elks Lodge #684)

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