

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT



Ed Willis
President 2006-2007

Members and Guests,

Welcome to the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Winter Workshop. On behalf of the State Association I sincerely thank the Officers and members of Annapolis Lodge #622 for hosting this workshop. Nancy and I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and we thank all of you for the many Christmas cards that we received.

Since the October meeting, I have attended many events throughout the Association. The Southeast District soccer shoot at Crisfield led by Gordon Taylor was very successful, as was also the State soccer shoot in Ocean City under the guidance of Myron Morgan and the District Chairmen. Thanks go to all of these dedicated Elks and the Lodges for their great support of our programs. In November I had the opportunity to attend the Scout Camporee at Camp Barrett and I must say it was a great experience.

There were over 850 scouts and leaders in attendance they were all well behaved. The kitchen was organized by Ben Stone from Kent Island and he deserves a hand for his leadership. Thanks to all the volunteers for a successful weekend. The first weekend of December, Kent Island Lodge undertook a project to bake 3,000 cookies for the soldiers at Walter Reed and Bethesda Hospitals. A group of Midshipmen helped bake and deliver them. Exalted Ruler Bernie Tomardy sent me word that the following Lodges responded to his request for help: Essex, Bowie, Dover, Washington-Rockville, Cambridge, Newark, Frederick and even Alexandria, Virginia. Thanks from the Officers and members of Kent Island Elks and the Midshipmen of the MAG Group.

Nancy and I attended the Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia in December. You really need to see the display to appreciate how enormous it is. It is truly awesome. We had the pleasure to meet and talk with the residents from our Association. Sheridan and Maxine from Cape Henlopen introduced us to Robert and Virginia Davidson from Kent Island. Robert and Virginia hope to spend some time in Kent Island this Christmas and their son is making the arrangements. I met Charles Blumenauer from Frederick and he has been a resident at the Home for 10 years. He said that they take very good care of the residents and he enjoys living there. The Honorable Reggie Maguire and Dottie, Paul and Jane Helsel and also Ray and Mary Setler were in attendance for the ceremony.

Several years ago the "State Elk of the Year" award was started and it is now time for the Lodges to submit their candidate for this year to the respective Vice-Presidents. The deadline for submitting a nominee is April 1, and a Lodge can only submit one candidate. The member must be in good standing, their work must have contributed to the success of the Association and it must be for the accomplishments that were done this year.

The end of this Lodge year is fast approaching but there is still time remaining to make a final push to reduce the lapsation numbers. For the most part the Lodges are showing positive numbers in initiating new candidates but the cold hard facts show that lapsation is still our biggest problem. A personal contact by their sponsor may just be the answer.

Nancy and I wish to thank the Lodges we have visited so far this year for their great hospitality and for treating us so kindly. We have enjoyed meeting and making many new friends and we are looking forward to our remaining visits. It is great to hear the reports and that "ELKS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY".

Sincerely and Fraternaly
Ed Willis



Coming Events

January 2007
DD Clinics

January 12-14, 2007
Winter Workshop
Annapolis Lodge #622

February 17, 2007
State Hoop Shoot
Frederick, MD

March 4, 2007
Americanism Awards
Frederick Lodge #684

March 9-11, 2007
Regional Soccer Shoot
Hagerstown Lodge #378

March 11, 2007
State Ritual Competition
Easton Lodge No. 1622

March 16-18, 2007
Regional Hoop Shoot
Frederick, MD

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 8-10, 2007
87th State Convention
WISP, McHenry, MD

July 8-12, 2007
Grand Lodge Convention
Charlotte, NC

August, 2007
DD Clinics

October 5-7, 2007
Winter Workshop
The Grand Hotel
Ocean City, MD

*Mark
your
calendar*

Elks-Care
Elks-Share

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**Next Newsletter
Deadline...
February 23, 2007**

**WINTER WORKSHOP OF THE
MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
ANNAPOLIS LODGE #622**

AGENDA-JANUARY 12-14, 2007



Friday, January 12, 2007

Noon - 4:00 P.M. Registration
1:00 P.M. Advisory Meeting
1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairpersons

Saturday, January 13, 2007

7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Registration
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon Presentations and Committee Reports
Hon. Priscilla Schwab - Sub-ordinate Forums
Neil Gregory, Government Relations
Mike Canning, Government Relations
Start Committee Reports
11:45 A.M. Announcements and Recess Until 9:30 A.M.
Sunday
Noon Lunch
1:00 P.M. Maurice DiPoli - How to Run the Business of
the Lodge
2:00 P.M. DDGER's Meeting with Paul Helsel, SDGER
2:00 P.M. Trustees Meeting - J. Gordon Alexander, Chairman
2:30 P.M. ENVSC Meeting with John Curran, Chairman
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Any Committee or Other Meetings as Requested
by Your Chairpersons - Check With Your Committee
6:00 P.M. Cocktails (Cash Bar)
7:00 P.M. Dinner

Sunday, January 14, 2007

7:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Registration
9:30 A.M. Call to Order
Officer's Reports
Finish Remaining Committee Reports
Reading of Communications - Secretary Hearn
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the Order
12:00 Noon Closing and Adjournment

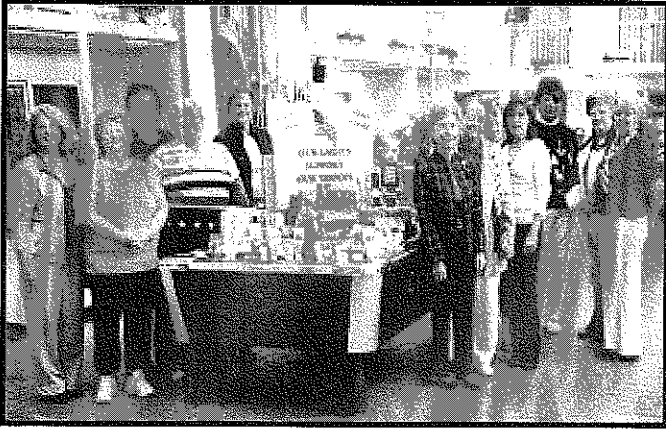
In Memoriam

*PSP, Hercules (Herc) P. Esibill
Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard, Towson Lodge No. 469
Died December 5, 2006*

*PSP, Carmine Pisapia
Past Grand Lodge Inner Guard, Dover Lodge No. 1903
Died December 13, 2006*

**NEXT MEETING -SPRING WORKSHOP
MARCH 23-24-25, 2007 - WASHINGTON ROCKVILLE LODGE #15**

LOE AUXILIARIES COLLECT GIFTS FOR FEMALE SOLDIERS



The Auxiliaries of the MD., DE., and DC. ELKS Association collected a mountain of items to be sent to our female soldiers in Iraq. A sample was displayed at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City at the ELKS Fall Conference. The support for our soldiers was overwhelming.

Pictured are some of the Auxiliary's representatives from fourteen lodges with the motto "ELKS Care, ELKS Share." Gift boxes are being compiled and sent over with any remainders being donated to USO Delaware.

Submitted by: *Chairman
Nancy Willis
Dover Lodge No. 1903*

Southwest District VP Report

Since Ocean City, I have visited six of our Lodges with one to go. Three of the Lodges were with State President Ed Willis. I would like to say we were received well at all Lodges. The Lodges in the Southwest have all contributed to the Elks National Foundation. Each Lodge is moving forward in a positive way. I have attended all three Camp Barrett meetings. On November 11, I attended Camp Springs Veterans Charity event. On November 18, I attended Prince Georges County Charity Ball. My wife and myself were well received at both events. The High light so far this year is when Camp Springs and Prince Georges Lodges worked together to help a single mom with two children find a new place to live and get them clothes when their apartment burnt down. The two Lodges through contributions from their members raised over \$2000. I look forward to continued success from the Southwest.

Fraternally,

Robert E. Long
Southwest VP

IN GRATITUDE

*for gifts to the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund
June 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006*

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$955.00

Carl F. Vogt
Joann M. Price
Tom Rabickow
Robert N. Gable
Robert K. Jones
Reese H. Hickman
Earl Schellman
Charles O. Donaldson
Carl W. Riffle
Priscilla A. Schwab
Joan A. Thompson
Bill Buttrill

ELKS CAMP BARRETT MEETINGS \$732.10

HALL of FAME - STEAK & ALE \$30.50

SHIRT SALES - J.L. Boehmer \$208.00

DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINICS \$479.00

NORTH CENTRAL

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHWEST

HOSPITALITY ROOM - TIP JAR \$68.00

LADIES of the ELKS \$ 1,000.00

SEVERNA PARK

BOWIE

ESSEX

OCEAN CITY

GLEN BURNIE #2266 PAST EXALTED RULERS \$50.00

SUBORDINATE LODGES \$15,172.00

SALISBURY # 817

WESMINSTER # 2277

CRISFIELD # 1044

KENT ISLAND# 2576

CAMBRIDGE # 1272

DOVER # 1903

CAPE HENLOPEN # 2540

EASTON # 1622

SELBYVILLE # 2173

HAGERSTOWN # 378

SEVERNA PARK# 2482

WALDORF 2421

SEAFORD 2458

OCEAN CITY# 2645

ABINGDON # 2354

ANNAPOLIS # 622

ELKTON #2618

MILFORD #2401

FREDERICK #684

The William J. Jernick Memorial Fund Board of Directors extends our heartfelt thanks for every donation in any amount.

South East District VP Report

Greetings from the South East District

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The last three months have been very busy, I accompanied President Willis on his official visit to the Kent Island Lodge on November 7. The meeting was well attended and the dinner and hospitality were great.

I attended the South East District Hoop Shoot at Crisfield Lodge, and the State shoot in Ocean City. Both were well attended and put on in a professional manner.

I have paid my official visit to all the lodges in my district and found them all to be very active. If the year were ending now, the South East would have a membership gain. I must single out Salisbury Lodge 817, as they have initiated, transferred or reinstated 173 members through the end of November 2006. Great job!

In taking care of State- business, I have traveled 1170 miles and spent 60 hours on these visits.

I look to the South East District to remain a strong part of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association,

Fraternally,
Art League, VP, S.E.

Northeast District VP Report

Since the last report in October, I have had the pleasure of escorting the State President to the Havre de Grace, Chestertown and Wilmington lodges. All of these lodges showed us tremendous hospitality and are having excellent years. He has one more lodge in the Northeast to do in January and then I will visit the remainder in February.

In addition, I attended the Camp Barrett meetings in November and December, as well as the Executive Board meeting in December.

I also attended the DD visits to the following lodges since the last state meeting: Newark and Wilmington in November, Dover and Milford in December.

As far as ENF News, 5 of the 8 lodges have already met or exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.00 per member.

In conclusion, all Northeast lodges are supporting local veterans, promoting drug awareness programs, supporting all Grand Lodge programs, and toy "making a difference in the community".

Fraternally yours,
Ed Pettit
Northeast VP

WILLIAM J. JERNICK FUND JANUARY 2007 REPORT

Many, many thanks to all the lodges and individuals who have already made a donation to this fund during the current association year. You have contributed over \$13K and we still need over \$20K to reach our State Presidents goal of \$1.50 per member. Won't you open your hearts and your wallets?

For those who may not know, this fund was established in 1982 to honor our deceased Grand Lodge Sponsor, PGER William J. Jernick. Its purpose is to assist special needs children in our communities who are under the age of 21. Monies raised are held in a trust fund modeled after the Elks National Foundation in that only the interest earned on the fund's investments are available for distribution. The principle is never touched. We re-invest in the youth of our communities.

Since our meeting in October, another \$5900 has been distributed to Camp Barrett and a child sponsored by the Selbyville Lodge. Exalted Rulers, there is over \$21,000 still available for distribution this year. There must be a family in your local communities who needs our help. Won't you reach out and ask social service agencies and others for names of children who are facing challenges and who need our help?

Your district chairman is ready to answer any questions. In addition, qualifications for consideration of a grant and forms are available on the State Association's website, mddedcelksassn.org.

Joyce M. Bailey, State Chairman

2007 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE

The 2007 Baltimore Entertainment Books are now available and can be used as soon as they are purchased. The Entertainment Books cost \$25. The profit from the sale of the books goes to **ELKS CAMP BARRETT**.

If you wish to purchase an Entertainment Book, contact Lee Davis at 410-256-9691 or Larry Mathers at 410-760-2634.

ENVSC Chairman's Report

I want to thank Lee Davis for delivering my report at the October Workshop in Ocean City Maryland. Like Ocean City on that Saturday October 7, 2006, we had the same torrential rains that you received in Ocean City. The storm dampened the riders but not their spirit! By direction of the CHVH Administrator, Fred Shroyer, they rode their motor cycles right into the lobby of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. Pictures were taken, speeches were made, and food was served. Believe me, the bikers were impressed by their reception. Although, only eight bikes made the run to CHVH, we netted \$1500 but everyone is talking about next year. We will return!

Veterans Remembrance Reports:

Your Remembrance Reports are due right now to the District Deputy of your district. January 15, 2007 is the deadline. Like the Cable Guy says, "It's time to 'GET'ER DONE - NOW." If you have not participated, complete the last page with your Lodge information. It counts as participating. Be accurate. Do not fabricate or exaggerate your figures, especially if did not report any previous lodge activity.

NOTE: The new **Labor Rate Per Hour is \$18.04** and the new **Mileage Rate is \$.45 Per Mile**.

Right behind the Veterans Remembrance Report is the Student/Veteran Volunteer Report and its due date is February 28, 2007.

New Delaware Veterans Home:

On December 7, 2006, I attended the dedication of the newly built Milford, Delaware Veteran Home. I joined Ed Pettit, VP-NE District and Greg Adams, DDGER - NE District, from the Milford Lodge 2401. The weather, as outstanding as it was that day, could not compete with the Dedication Ceremony, Attendance and Music. It was a perfect December day.

The ceremony program was held on 'Pearl Harbor Day' to remember that we are dedicated to their sacrifice 65 years ago and that dedication still continues today. The people of Delaware should be proud, especially the residents of Milford, Delaware because the cornerstone was laid for a greater support to their veterans. The Lodges of Delaware have another cause to champion and we as Elks in the MD. - DE. & D.C. Elks Association are presently working to support welcome this new home.

Elks certainly do make a difference in the community and I am proud to serve the newly established

Delaware Veterans Home. I will be looking forward to meeting Mr. Dean Reid, Administrator, Delaware Veterans Home, again the very near future.

The December's ENVSC Allotments along with the State Association Christmas donations to the Veterans were disbursed in plenty of time for the VAVS Representatives' Christmas programs. Thank - you, the -members of- this great association for the contribution to our veterans.

God Bless Our Troops, throughout the world, for they are tomorrow's veterans.

Fraternally yours,

John A. Curran

Chairman, E.N.V.S.C.

Supporting Our Veterans

DID YOU KNOW??

The Improvement Fund was set up to improve Elks Camp Barrett. With this fund we accomplished the following from 1970-1985:

- An Arts and Craft building was built.
- A garage was built to store equipment.
- Built a small building for sporting equipment.
- The Counselors cabin was built with a bathroom, heat and air conditioning.
- Cabin walls were paneled and sheetrocked.
- Added a Basketball Court.
- Built a Directors apartment and First Aid room with a Nurses' Office.
- Cleared land for a larger baseball field.
- Remodeled the Kitchen and Dining Hall and added bathrooms.
- New doublepane windows were installed in the Dining Hall.
- Added heat and air conditioning to the Dining Hall.
- Built a large storage room on the Dining Hall.

To be continued in April.....

"Remember to sponsor a child"

Submitted by PSP Kenny Largent

Wolfgang Candy Campaign

Our Easter Book Sales Campaign is now in progress, also our Candy Bar Campaign. In order for us to reach our goal we need a few more people to step up and lend a hand. It is easy to sell a case of 36 candy bars at work, at bingo or just around the bar at the Lodge. If you make Easter Baskets at the Lodge put one in each Basket. Remember the profit goes to Elks Camp Barrett.

Our Christmas campaign was a success. Our sales were \$6,652.25 which was 901 boxes of candy. We also had orders for 6 cases of candy bars. Three Lodges made cash donations and two people also made a cash donation. Instead of turning in the money now we are using the profit to pay for the cases of candy bars up front because we make more profit that way. All profit from Christmas and Easter will be turned in as soon as all candy bar money is back to me. The following Lodges and chair people participated in our Christmas Campaign.



Abingdon Lodge #2354
 Annapolis Lodge #622
 Cape Henlopin #2540
 Dover Lodge #1903
 Essex Lodge # 1 866
 Glen Burnie Lodge #2266
 Hagerstown Lodge # 378
 Kent Island Lodge #2576
 Laurel Lodge #2283
 Milford Lodge #2401
 Seaford Lodge # 2458
 Selbyville Lodge #2173
 Severna Park Lodge #2482
 St. Mary's Lodge #2092
 Towson Lodge #469

Bonnie Bussard
 Pat Ericson
 Joe and Dorothy Vicere
 Nancy Willis
 Hilda Davis
 Pat & Larry Mathers
 Charlotte Michael
 The Membership
 Carl Robinson
 Greg Adams, The Ladies of the Elks
 Art & Joan League
 Mae Fleck
 Nonna Young
 Marilyn Leatherman, Joanne Ince
 The Membership

All profits from the sales of the Wolfgang Candy campaign goes to Elks Camp Barrett. Thank you Bob Bell Ford for providing Larry Mathers with a van to transport the candy from Our home to Elks Camp Barrett. This program has been a success only because of those who sold, brought or donated. Thank you for you help.

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 \$100 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

Washington-Rockville
Elks Lodge No. 15



125 YEARS YOUNG!

Join us in celebrating our 125th anniversary with our Grand Exalted Ruler, Arthur "Jack" Frost III whom we honor at our annual Spring Workshop.

Spring Workshop March 23-25, 2007

Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association

FRIDAY NIGHT

Hoe-Down country dinner
Bob Hollis' Famous Fried Chicken
Andy Bodenham's Baby Back Ribs
Pitchers of beer and carafes of wine
Karaoke, singing, and dancing

SATURDAY

Potomac River luncheon and cruise,
plus quickie tour of a few
Washington monuments

SATURDAY NIGHT

Black-tie dinner honoring GER Frost
Petite fillet mignon and crab cake
Special presentations and program
"Let Me Entertain You" surprise group

Reservations Required For All Three Events

Call the lodge at 301-424-3404 and leave a message
Fill out the form and sent you check to 5 Taft Court, Rockville, MD 20850

Government Relations Reminder

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishes our right to exist as a private organization.

The Supreme Court reinforced this right by stating..... "the First Amendment and related guarantees of the Bill of Rights..... create a zone of privacy which precludes government from interfering with private clubs or groups." One of the objectives of the Government Relations program is to help us protect this right to exist as a private organization. It is the duty of lodge officers and members to ensure that Elks policies provided in the Statutes as well as public regulations at all levels of government are followed diligently. We cannot afford any lapse that could affect our private status.

In addition to the probable fines and/or changes in the lodge's tax status that could occur, the word from Grand Lodge is that any lodge which may be deemed a "public accommodation" will surely lose its Charter.

We talk over and over again about "public accommodation," but I am sure that the seriousness of this subject is often placed on the back burner as each lodge puts expediency ahead of proper procedures. Private organizations generally and increasingly encountering greater scrutiny from the IRS, state legislatures and local governments. It is important that lodges heed the concerns of their Government Relations chairpersons in guarding against these challenges. The first line of defense is the lodge itself.

So often, you have heard about maintaining a "closed door" policy, wherein all visitors to the lodge must be signed in. Encourage members to explain to their guests that they must sign in to protect our organization. It is not an inconvenience; it is necessary to ensure our right of privacy under the Constitution -just like the other rights embodied in the Constitution.

In addition to the "closed door," lodges must make sure that their business practices do not allow any leeway for being considered a "public accommodation." In this regard, lodges must follow the golden rule: "thou shall not sell to anyone not an Elk." This rule pertains to lodges providing food and drink to outside parties - including bingo. The line is very thin here between strict adherence to proper procedures and practical operations. Lodges must also abide strictly to **local** gaming regulations and reporting guidelines. I stress "local" here because there have been several attempts by the Maryland legislature to centralize gaming at the state level instead of at the county level. Maryland lodges should talk to their local Delegates or State Senator about our concerns in this matter. In all of these issues, I am sure that the rules are broken one way or another daily. You must, however, be aware of the consequences as our private status is increasingly threatened by the courts, legislatures and municipalities. Be aware.

Les Bishop, Chairman
Government Relations Committee

ELKS AND SCOUTING

Many Lodges in the MD, DE, and D.C. Elks Association sponsor a Boy Scout Troop, a Girl Scout Troop or both. If your Lodge does not do so, consider contacting the appropriate Scout Executive in your area.

Many Lodges also have an Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Gold and Silver Award Recognition Program. The newest Eagle Scouts and the latest Gold and Silver Award recipients are often invited with their parents to attend a Youth Awards Dinner at the Lodge. The young men and women are presented with an American Flag and a certificate from the Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. Frost, III will send a personal letter of congratulations to each new Eagle Scout and each new Gold or Silver Award recipient during the year. Just mail their names and addresses to Wesley C. Scott of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee at P.O. Box 382, Gilcrest,, Colorado, 80623-0382. Brother Scott will arrange for the congratulation letter to come from GER Frost.

If you will be attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte next July, plan to visit the Boy Scout Booth and the Girl Scout Booth in the exhibition area. You can pick up some great ideas from them on how to promote the Elks and Scouting Program in your Lodge.

If one of your members has been particularly active over the years with the Boy Scouts, why not do him a favor and nominate him for a Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award. This prestigious award is presented each year to four individuals at the National Convention in honor of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin M. Lewis of Brawley, California. PGER Lewis was a champion of the Scouting movement within our Order.

For those of you with a vision of the far horizon, the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated during the summer of 2010 at the next BSA National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. God willing, I'll be there manning the Elks booth. If you want to give me a hand at the Jamboree, please call or write me. And thanks for all you are doing to promote Scouting in your Lodge.
Fraternally,

Milan Vosvick
Elks and Scouting Regional Representative
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Wheeling, WV 26003-5047
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ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

HOMELESS VETERANS

They come from all walks of life and have a wide range in age. They were in Vietnam, Grenada, Iraq and other locations too numerous to name, but they all have one thing in common, they are all Veterans who I have served and protected this great nation. You now see them walking the streets and sleeping on benches. They are dirty, unshaven and wearing tattered clothes. They are our homeless Veterans, now estimated to be around 200,000 in number. It is reported that as many as 500,000 Veterans are homeless at some time during the year.

The Elks have made a pledge to never forget our Veterans. 'As we enter this New Year, let us make a new commitment to our deserving Veterans and include those who are homeless and in need of our help.

There are several ways that your Lodge can provide assistance to our homeless Veterans. Our "Adopt a Vet Program" would be a great way to get started and get involved; or contact your local area Veterans support groups. You may also get in touch with the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans (NCHV) on its website at www.nchv.org.

It doesn't matter how we help our Veterans, just as long as we do help them. Get involved, get active and don't forget our real American Heroes.

Fraternally,
Roger R. True, PGER
Secretary

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The Winner of the Elks Camp Barrett
50/50 Raffle in Ocean City on October 8, 2006
was Mark Aydelotte from
Easton Lodge No. 1622.

This was the biggest raffle we have had in
several years due to the efforts of all of our
Association Lodges taking tickets to their
lodges and selling them.

Thanks to everyone that sold and bought our
50/50 Raffle tickets.

**DO NOT FORGET TO BUY SOME TICKETS
FOR SUNDAY'S DRAWING.**

Lee Davis, PSP

GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM LODGE BROCHURE CONTEST 2006-2007

What is an Americanism Lodge Brochure?
Some have said that this is a fancy name for a Scrap-
book. In many ways, it is.

To make an Americanism Lodge Brochure, all you
have to do is

- organize all of the **pictures** your Lodge has had
taken during the year relating to Americanism

- organize all **flyers, articles and program book-
lets** your Lodge has put out during the year relating
to Americanism

- compile everything into a Brochure (loose leaf
notebook), not to exceed **8 1/2" wide by 11" high and
3 1/2" thick, have your Lodge Secretary attest your
membership, sign the cover sheet and affix your
Lodge Seal** and send it to Grand Lodge postmarked
on or before **March 31, 2007** to:

BILL REYNOLDS,
Grand Lodge Americanism Committee
2460 E, Main, Lot B-22
Mesa, AZ 85213

- notify me**, Dave Smith 410-741-0807, that your
Lodge has entered, so I can give
you the proper credit.

Refer to the Article titled "How to Assemble an
Americanism Brochure" elsewhere in this newslet-
ter for ideas. Things as simple as taking a picture of
the "Heritage Corner", in your Lodge are included
in the list of helpful ideas.

Remember, one of our Association Lodges
(Calvert #2620) won second place in the Nation at
Grand Lodge this year in this Contest. Your Lodge
can do it too! All it takes is an entry and some imagi-
nation.

As always, feel free to call me at any time at 410-
741-0807 with any questions that you may have or
any help that you may need.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

David Smith
State Chairman



Americanism Report

1. All Essay and Poster Contest first place Lodge winners must be in your District Chairperson's hands by January 15 for District Judging. Their addresses are:

Michael O. Dietz, SE Chairman
MD, DE & DC Elks Assoc. Americanism Committee
207 S. Main Street
Bridgeville, MD 19933

Wendy Goodnite, NC Chairperson
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8098 Savage Guilford Road
Jessup, MD 20794

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MD, DE & DC Elks Assoc. Americanism Committee
4757 Cedar Neck Road
Milford, DE 19963

John Boehmer, W. Chairman
MD, DE & DC Elks Assoc. Americanism Committee
5813 Box Elder Court
Frederick, MD 21703

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, SW Chairperson
MD, DE & DC Elks Assoc. Americanism Committee
895 Leesburg Court
Huntingtown, MD 20639

2. The Annual Americanism Awards Program for Essay and Poster Contest winners will be held at the Frederick Lodge on March 4, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. Lodge ER's will be notified if they have winners, and they will need to coordinate with their District Americanism Chairpersons to ensure that those winners are present at this Program. Winners are permitted to be accompanied by their parents, siblings, grandparents and teachers. A luncheon will be served at no cost to them. It is very important that the winners are present, and that excitement is created to see if they may have won on the Association Level. Certificates will be awarded to all winners, and prizes awarded. See this Newsletter/Bulletin elsewhere for further information.

3. Lodge Americanism Brochures (Scrapbooks) are due in the Grand Lodge Chairman, a hands by March 31, 2007.

See this Newsletter/Bulletin elsewhere for further information. PLEASE do not let our Association President down by not turning in a Brochure to Grand Lodge this year!

God Bless America!

Submitted by: *David Smith*
State Chairman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

ASSOCIATION AMERICANISM AWARDS DAY

When: MARCH 4, 2007 2:00 PM

WHERE: FREDERICK LODGE

WHAT: -ANNOUNCE AND AWARD
ESSAY WINNERS ON THE
ASSOCIATION LEVEL

-ANNOUNCE AND AWARD
POSTER CONTEST WINNERS
ON THE ASSOCIATION LEVEL

-PRIZES

-ENTERTAINMENT

-REFRESHMENTS

-FUN

WHY : LET'S SHOW OUR YOUTH
THAT ELKS SUPPORT WHAT
WE PROMOTE...WHY ELKS
CARE, ELKS SHARE

**JOIN US AS WE CHEER ON OUR
DISTRICT WINNERS AND MAKE THE BIG
ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO WHO WILL
REPRESENT OUR ASSOCIATION**

AT

**GRAND LODGE FOR THE
2006-2007 ESSAY CONTEST**

LOOK

CHANGES TO STATE DIRECTORY

Pages 6 & 41 - Joseph J. Vicere
Change Email address to: dvicere@mchsi.com
Pages 4 & 28 - Edward Pettit
Add Email address: ed2401de@aol.com

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



**WISP Mountain Resort and Conference Center
290 Marsh Hill Road
McHenry, MD 21541
June 8- June 10, 2007**

Reservation Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2007 - Unfortunately, No Exceptions

Check the for reservations required:

Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on June 8 and June 9; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner (choice of Char Grilled New York Strip Steak {medium rare to medium ONLY} with Caramelized Onions or Crab Stuffed Flounder with Lemon Butter Sauce) and Breakfast Buffet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Double Occupancy: \$320.00
Single Occupancy: \$255.00

New York Strip# _____
Stuffed Flounder# _____

Individual Room Rates

One Night \$95.00
Two Nights \$190.00

Dinner Only

One person \$35.00
Two persons \$70.00

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
302-674-4157

Alaska Cruise Fundraiser Nets \$3,821.00



Shown above are 27 of the 39 members and guests that participated in the 2006 Elks Camp Barrett Cruise Fundraiser. Unfortunately our group experienced an airline problem in that their flight from Cincinnati to Seattle was canceled due to fuel leak, thus, missing the first two days of the cruise. However, they were able to join the cruise at the first port of call in Juneau, Alaska and had a wonderful time the rest of the trip. Everyone walked away with many fond memories of a very special journey. Thanks to everyone who participated to help raise money for ECB.

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE and
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