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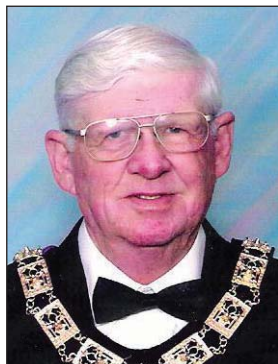
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Stu Kerr

President 2009-2010

Message from the State President

Dear Members and Guest,

My wife Millie and I welcome all of you to the 90th Annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association. Once again, we have gathered to renew our Friendships, make new friends, to record the accomplishments of the past year and to catch inspiration for the tasks ahead in the

coming year.

It's a good thing that the State President serves for only year - four state meetings, 21 official visits, several Initiations, sporting events, district deputy clinics, numerous social occasions, thousands of miles, and countless hours. While I can now breathe a sigh of relief, I will miss the frenetic flurry of writing articles, planning agendas, meeting members, discussing Elks issues, and making decisions. Nonetheless, I am more than ready to take my place as the "baby" PSP.

To paraphrase the poetess, "How can I thank thee, let me think of ways." First, to all the officers who served with me this year, I deeply appreciate your efforts and insights in making our state association even more outstanding. To all the state chairs, you have once more collectively demonstrated that unique "Elkie" ability to take charge and run your programs with stupendous success. To all lodge leaders - elected, appointed, or volunteered - I congratulate you for all the achievements accomplished through your hard work and dedication. To Havre de Grace lodge #1564 and Annapolis lodge #622, I and the entire association thank you for hosting our Winter and Spring workshops - kudos to all your members for making these annual events so memorable.

Finally, to my wife Millie, I cannot thank you enough for your unstinting love, unflinching support, and ever-ready encouragement. This year would not have happened without you, and I am so happy that we shared the experiences and savored the successes.

Now, Carl and Beth, it's all yours. Millie and I wish you all the best as you take over as State President. I thank you both for all your support this past year and you know that I, and all the members of this association, will be there for you in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Stewart A. Kerr

President

COMING EVENTS

June 11-13, 2010

90th State Convention
Clarion Hotel • Hagerstown, MD

June 14, 2010 • Flag Day

July 4-8, 2010

Grand Lodge Convention • Orlando, FL

August 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics

October 1-3, 2010

Fall Conference
Princess Royale Hotel • Ocean City, MD

January 14-16, 2011

Winter Workshop
Pocomoke City Lodge #1624

March 25-27, 2011

GER Visit/Spring Conference
Salisbury Lodge #817

April 2011 ~ DDGER Clinics

May 29, 2011 ~ ECB Annual Bull Roast

June 10-12, 2011

91st State Convention
Clarion Hotel • Hagerstown, MD

July 7-11, 2011

Grand Lodge Convention
Phoenix, Arizona

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**Next Newsletter
Deadline:
Sept. 3, 2010**

Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association

90th Annual Convention

June 11-13, 2010

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

Agenda

Friday, June 11, 2010

12-5PMRegistration
1PMAdvisory Meeting
6PMTrustees Meeting (At Lodge)

Saturday, June 12, 2010

7-9AMBreakfast
8AM-NOONRegistration
8:30AM.....General Meeting
(Committee Chairs have no more than 3 minutes to summarize their year)
(Awards a little longer)
12 NOON -1PMLunch
12:30PM.....Incoming State President Meeting with VPs & Chairs (Dutch Treat)
2PMFlag Day Program
6-6:45PMCocktail Reception
6:45-8PMDinner (Business Suit/Coat & Tie)
8PMPresentations and Awards

Sunday, June 13, 2010

7-9AMBreakfast
8-9AMRegistration
9:30AM.....Memorial Service
(Summer Tux for all Participants)
10:15AM.....Installation of Officers
(Summer Tux for all Participants)

Next Meeting:

October 1-3, 2010

Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland



Paul D. Hesel
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Dear Friends:

As the new proud Sponsor of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association, I extend my congratulations and thanks to all the many Elks and Ladies across our Association, who by their individual and collective dedicated efforts are responsible for the many accomplishments of this past 2009-2010 Lodge year. From my perspective, as well from the compiled records, it has been a great year and our Association has once again demonstrated that it ranks among the top Association in our Order. Thank you one and all!!

Jane and I also wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation for your continuing friendship, as well as for all your support over the past three years - as I prepared for and served as your Grand Exalted Ruler and now as your Sponsor. Thank you for all the many kindnesses and courtesies that you all extend to both of us.

As mentioned above, 2009-2010 was a great year. We should all be pleased and proud of the leadership of State President Stu Kerr and his core of officers and committee personnel who helped to make it all possible. Both President Stu and First Lady Millie have represented our Association in a most commendable fashion. I know they have personally experienced a great year and I thank them both for a job well done.

With our Annual Convention in Hagerstown we will begin the new 2010-2011 Association year. With the new year comes new goals and the time to rededicate ourselves and start the efforts necessary to reach even higher levels of achievements we need the help and support of all the Lodges and members of our Association. Hopefully all Lodges and members will get on board and then through their individual and collective efforts 2010-2011 will be an even greater year for the Lodges, our Association and our Order.

Best wishes to all of you for an enjoyable convention in Hagerstown, best wishes to incoming State President Carl Robinson and his officers and committee personnel and best wishes to the individual Lodges for a most prosperous and successful year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Hesel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul D. Hesel, PGER

SOUTH EAST VICE PRESIDENT'S 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 18th. The evening stated 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 as well as emotional evening. During dinner I learned about the illness of Del Frye, drug awareness chairman, of their lodge. Del Frye is very dedication to the lodge and to the youth of his community. He took on the job as Drug Awareness chairman a few years ago and brought the program to life in his community. He has also been a true friend and gift to me, as District Drug Awareness chairman, by his help with the Drug Awareness Trailer; making sure it was stocked with literature, repairing things as needed, and transporting up and down the shore.

February 23rd took me to Ocean City Lodge #2645 where my husband and I had a wonderful evening with friends. Ocean City's drug awareness programs are outstanding under the leadership of Pete Peterson. They work closely with several other organizations and the law enforcement to see that our children who spend senior week in Ocean City are safe and make the right choices. They also support many Grand Lodge programs and their community schools and youth.

On February 25th I traveled to Pocomoke Lodge #1624 and had the pleasure to attend their PER night and talk with several PER's who were active when my father was alive and active in Crisfield Lodge. I really enjoyed the stories and hospitality I was shown. Pocomoke Lodge is very respected and appreciated by their community for their work with the community in helping to raise funds to benefit schools, local families in need, Relay for Life, local shelters, and many others. They also participate in many Grand Lodge youth programs that have inspired several young new members. I also attended the ritual clinic in Easton on February 10th.

I started March by attending the State Ritual Contest on the 7th where I was very moved by the performances of the State Finalist. My final official visitation was my own lodge Crisfield #1044 on March 10th. Crisfield Lodge has made many changes within their lounge and the House Committee along with others has worked extremely hard to make the lodge feel warm and welcoming. They have increased the lodge activities and members coming in throughout the week. I attended the Spring workshop in Annapolis where I had the opportunity to meet our Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife. The weekend was very nice and once again I learned many new things. Thank you Annapolis!

I have attended Camp Barrett meetings when possible, participated in the Installation of Officers at the Onancock Lodge in Virginia, visited Pocomoke Lodge for Exalted Ruler Dale Stevens first meeting and attended the District Deputy's clinic in Easton on April 18th. Prior to the District Deputy's meeting I held my caucus and would like to congratulate the following: Two Year Camp Barrett Executive Committee, Marie Frolio Cape Henlopen; Two Year State

Trustee David Wolcott, Easton; and South East Vice President John C. Loftus, Cape Henlopen.

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 apart of the South East District and thank you for all the work you do for Elks and your communities. I have enjoyed the time I have spent with each of you throughout the year and look forward to working with you in the future. The friendship and love shown to me has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Throughout the year I have grown to know many fellow elks and gained lifelong friendships with my district and throughout the state. We are a family and thank you for your love and support. May the Grace of God be with each of you, your families, and lodges always.

In Brotherly Love
Cindy Taylor, SEVP

SOUTH WEST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was both an honor and pleasure to have served as the South West District Vice President. I want to thank all lodges for the warm and gracious hospitality shown to me and all of the other State Association Officers and Chairman during our visits. This year has further deepened my dedication and respect for our organization.

My travels this year has afforded me the privilege of witnessing first hand the tremendous spirit of caring and compassion you have given to our veterans and citizens in our local communities. I salute each of you for your unselfish dedication! I hope you all are as proud of yourselves as I am of you, for all that we have accomplished together. Through your dedication, we have raised much needed funding for Elks Camp Barrett, cared for our Hospitalized Veterans, promoted Americanism and Love of Country, aided Military Veterans and/or their families, and in addition provided worthwhile programs and activities for our Youth.

My congratulations to State President Stewart Kerr, his Officers and Chairman. It has been a wonderful experience serving this year with you. Best wishes to our newly elected officers for the South West - Vice President Renee' Rivituso, Camp Barrett Executive Committee Rep Martha Scully, and Trustee Carl Vogt.

Fraternally,
Mary E. Cardinal -Vogt, PER

North East Vice President Report

Well, it's hard to believe that my year as state vice president of the Northeast District is over. However, I just want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as VP this year. It was truly a learning experience for me. I enjoyed visiting the different lodges to hear and see the accomplishments the lodges have made, GO NORTHEAST! I can honestly say that the Northeast is doing well and will continue to do so in the future. I would like to wish the best for all the new lodge officers, I know you will do fine. I would also like to thank the outgoing officers for a job well done!

On April 10, 2010, DDGER Bonnie Bussard held her District Deputy Clinic in Abingdon, her home lodge. As usual Bonnie held a good DD clinic. Good job Bonnie! As part of the clinic, a caucus was held and the following members from the Northeast District were elected to serve for the 2010-2011 Association year:

Robert Raleigh - Vice President

John Ramsey - Trustee

Bill Dibartola - Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee

Congratulations to the three new officers. Have fun and I hope you have a good year.

During my year as Vice President, I traveled 2671 miles and visited Abingdon, Dover, Elkton and Newark lodges with State President Kerr.

I also made official visits to Milford, Wilmington, Chestertown and Havre de Grace Lodges. The lodges welcomed us and treated us with warm hospitality. Thanks everyone!

Also, I attended Elks Camp Barrett meetings, DD Clinics, Workshops and a few extra curricular activities at several lodges. I enjoyed serving the district as State Vice President.

One final note-- God Bless our Troops!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Todd

North Central Vice President Report

As this will be my last report I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Lodges of the North Central District that I had the chance to visit for their hospitality and kindness.

March 13th, Visited VA Medical Center in Baltimore to distribute comfort bags to the veterans.

March 18th, Hosted the GER Dinner at Bowie Lodge #2309 before the spring conference.

March 19th thru 21st, Attended the spring conference at Annapolis Lodge #622.

March 25th, Participated in the Installation of Officers at Glen Burnie Lodge #2266.

March 27th, Installation of Officers at Bowie Lodge #2309, I was the Grand Exalted Ruler for the Installation.

March 28th, Attended Installation of Officers at Frederick Lodge #684 as guest.

April 1st, Attended Elks Camp Barrett Monthly Meeting.

April 11th, Attended DD Clinic at Bowie Elks #2309 and then held my Vice President Caucus for the following positions.

Vice President, State Trustee and Elks Camp Barrett Executive member. The following were elected, Vice President, Louis Schmeltzer, Jr. - Annapolis #622, State Trustee, Robert Riggins - Annapolis #622 and Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee, John Istvan - Bowie #2309.

May 1st, Attended Elks Camp Barrett Monthly Meeting.

Doris Nowotnick
VP, North Central

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Celebrates 25 Years 1985 - 2010

This will be an exciting year for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home as we are celebrating 25 years of "Serving Those Who Served" 1985 - 2010.

In January 1985, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home opened its doors to welcome our first domiciliary resident (which is now known as Assisted Living). A year later, the second wing opened to offer long-term nursing care and in 1993, a third wing opened with a specialized unit for Alzheimer's care. The fourth and final phase of construction was completed in June 2003.

The facility has evolved tremendously these past 25 years from when we originally started with just 126 beds to the 462 beds that we have today. Our census hit an all time high of 408 in 2009 and continues to increase as more Veterans learn about our Home and the services offered to our residents.

Over the years we have had tremendous support from the community and volunteer organizations. A sincere thank you to all those who have been a part of our 25 year history.

On August 25, 2010 at 11:00 AM Charlotte Hall Veterans Home will celebrate with a program and guest speakers who have been involved with the Home from the beginning. Please visit our web site - www.charhall.org for the latest information and events we are planning to celebrate our 25th.

Join us in celebrating 25 years of dedication to the veterans!

John A. Curran, E.N.V.S.C. Chairman
MD-DE- & D.C. Elks Association

Wolfgang Candy Campaign

Our Wolfgang Christmas Candy Campaign and our candy bar campaign is now complete. Our 2009 Christmas campaign did better this year thanks to a few new Lodges that participated. The only way to be more successful is more Lodge participation. Please keep this in mind for next year. Our sales for Christmas were \$4,668.25, which gave us a profit of \$2,004.43, which included one lodge donation.

Our candy bar campaign was a big success. Kudos to all. This year we sold 231 boxes of candy giving us a profit of \$4,573.80. Both campaigns had donations which makes our total donation to Elks Camp Barrett \$6,773.23

A special thank you to Bob and Carolyn Riggins of Annapolis Lodge # 622 for their outstanding help at the January workshop with helping unload the candy from the truck, sort and move the boxes. You made the job pleasant and enjoyable to do.

One more special thank you goes to Sharon Rinta from Frederick Lodge. This Campaign has never been a competition between Lodges but this year one Lodge said they would take one box more than the top selling Lodge. Well, this lit a fire under Sharon. Frederick Lodge took several boxes to sell at the Lodge but as always Sharon asks individuals at the Lodge to take boxes. This year because of the challenge, Sharon gave it her all and not only gave an order for 36 boxes but also had 3 cash donations. Frederick Lodge's donations and candy bar profit was \$807.80. Thank you Sharon for all of your hard work and please keep up the good work.

The following people made cash donations.

Annapolis - Ladies of the Elks
 Frederick - Bob Kingross, Noel Werking, Joe & Peggy Yusko
 Milford - Ladies of the Elks

The following were chair people for one or both campaigns.

Abingdon Lodge #2354	Bonnie Bussard
Annapolis Lodge #622	Pat Boarman
Bowie Lodge #2309	Doris Nowottnick
Broadneck Lodge #2608	George Schriefer
Calvert Lodge #2620	Mary Cardinal Vogt, John Curran
Camp Springs #2332	Charlie Spadone & Kelly Randolph
Cape Henlopen #2540	John & Elieen Loftus
Chestertown Lodge #2474	Robert Releigh
Crisfield Lodge #1044	Bonnie Burk
Dover Lodge #1903	Connie DeYoung, Susan Conlogue
Easton Lodge #1622	Dave & Connie Wolcott
Elkton Lodge #2618	Carroll Hamilton
Essex Lodge #1866	Lee & Hilda Davis, Bill Milburn
Frederick Lodge # 684	Sharon Rinta, Gordon Alexander, Judi McKnight
Glen Burnie Lodge #2266	Larry & Pat Mathers
Hagerstown Lodge #378	Rosalie Ridenour, Nina Garrett
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564	Betty Hardin, Mike Todd
Laurel Lodge #2283	Carl Robinson, George & Pat Larkins
Milford Lodge #2401	Ed Pettit, Greg Adams
Newark Lodge #2481	Sheila Burg, Jane Helsel, Michael Rhodes
Oakland Lodge #2481	Tracy Harvey
Ocean City Lodge #2645	Carroll & Toni Wagner
Salisbury Lodge # 814	Jeanne Cullen
Seaford Lodge # 2458	Art & Joan League
Severna Park Lodge #2482	Earl Christan
Selbyville Lodge #2173	Mae Fleck
Towson Lodge #469	Roger Delp
Waldorf Lodge #2421	Claudia Bryant, Maurice DiPoli
Westminster Lodge #2277	Paul Cohen

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought sold or helped in any way. Thank you for your time and remember it is never too late to help. Our Christmas sales for 2010 will start sometime in September. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lee or Hilda Davis at 410-256-9691. Kudos and thank you.

WEST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow, what a journey!! First of all, I would like to thank the West District for their confidence in me and selecting me to represent the district this year as vice president. I truly hope that I have not let any of you down.

At this time, I would like to congratulate each new incoming Exalted Ruler for each lodge. It will be a busy year for each of you, but will definitely be rewarding. Also, I would like to congratulate the new Vice President: John (Fat Jack) Boehmer, State Trustee: Lee Ridenour, and Camp Barrett Executive Board: John Smith. And, kudos goes to John (Jack) Stush who will be the District Deputy for the West District. It is without a doubt that each of you will do a wonderful job within your new position.

This year I have attended all of the District Deputy Clinics and Camp Barrett meetings (with the exception of one). I have accompanied President Kerr on his official visits to those lodges he chose within the district. I have attended the hoop shoots and soccer shoots on each level of competition. And, I also tried to attend the different special events each lodge held as they tried to raise funds for their various programs.

President Kerr's motto this year was "Serving Youth" and his mission was to have each lodge to participate in at least one youth activity. To me, his motto and Elkdom go hand in hand. I feel that each lodge should look deep within themselves and strive to reach out to the youth within the community and make an impression because our youth today is our leadership tomorrow. I can very proudly say that the West District has stepped forward and achieved his mission. The West District also achieved the mission of Grand Exalted Ruler James Nicholson and met his goal for the Elks National Foundation. This goal has not been achieved by each lodge within the district for several years. Therefore, this was a great accomplishment.

I have truly enjoyed my journey this year. It is wonderful to see what each lodge is doing toward Elkdom. The West District has had a good year and to me the "West is the Best"! Being an Elk is something to be proud of and living your life as an Elk can be fulfilling. Always never forget that Elks Care...Elks Share.

Fraternally Yours,
Tracy Harvey



Grand Lodge and Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association 2010 - 2011 Americanism A Law and Order Night

To demonstrate Elkdom's support of Law and Order, each Lodge should set aside a Law and Order Night to laud those people in the community charged with the responsibility of upholding the law and administering justice. This will help defeat organized efforts on parts of groups who are trying to drive a wedge of misunderstanding between the public and our established law enforcement agencies.

Feature a dinner, if possible, at which awards would be presented to police or other law officers for outstanding service to the community. Be sure to invite community organizations, including local and state bar associations; PTA; youth groups; churches; and others. Your speaker for the evening should be the most respected and outstanding public figure you can obtain, be sure to invite the media.

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt, PER
Americanism State Chairman

**Elks National Foundation Final Report
June 2010
Lodge Year April 1, 2009-March 31, 2010**

I am very pleased to announce that our State Association came in 9th in the nation at \$8.366 per capita with total donations of \$196,845.16. There was a decrease of \$0.20 per capita and a decrease of approximately \$11,000.00 in total contributions from last year. We should continue to be very proud of our accomplishments and our continued support to ENF even during these tough economic times. Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 12 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member. A total of 32 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member. I would like to congratulate Washington-Rockville No. 15 for being our top per capita winner at \$46.19 per capita. I would also like to congratulate Abingdon Lodge No.2354 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 59.33 and Washington Rockville No. 15 for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$27,528.25. I would like to congratulate the following lodges for being first in their District: NC: Laurel Lodge No. 2283; NE: Abingdon Lodge No. 2354; SE: Kent Island Lodge No. 2576; SW: Washington-Rockville #15; and W: Westminster Lodge No. 2277.

Lodge Name and Number	Membership	District	Total Amount	Per Capita
Washington-Rockville #15	596	SW	\$27,528.25	\$46.19
Kent Island #2576	586	SE	\$10,850.00	\$18.52
Abingdon #2354	233	NE	\$4,226.40	\$18.10
Milford #2401	499	NE	\$7,140.29	\$14.31
Laurel #2283	300	NC	\$4,250.00	\$14.17
Dover #1903	907	NE	\$12,589.61	\$13.88
Camp Springs #2332	361	SW	\$4,240.34	\$11.75
St. Mary's County #2092	323	SW	\$3,620.00	\$11.21
Newark #2281	339	NE	\$3,658.05	\$10.79
Chestertown #2474	322	NE	\$3,219.50	\$10.00
Annapolis #622	1255	NC	\$11,978.00	\$9.54
Elkton #2618	105	NE	\$1,000.00	\$9.52
Seaford #2458	210	SE	\$1,773.50	\$8.45
Cape Henlopen #2540	702	SE	\$5,829.40	\$8.30
Prince Georges County #1778	353	SW	\$2,742.00	\$7.77
Salisbury #817	1143	SE	\$8,749.70	\$7.66
Westminster #2277	610	W	\$4,379.98	\$7.18
Calvert #2620	612	SW	\$4,224.15	\$6.90
Severna Park #2482	400	NC	\$2,668.25	\$6.67
Easton #1622	923	SE	\$5,955.75	\$6.45
Towson #469	985	NC	\$6,310.00	\$6.41
Ocean City #2645	1220	SE	\$7,701.40	\$6.31
Essex #1866	686	NC	\$4,206.20	\$6.13
Selbyville #2173	352	SE	\$2,110.00	\$5.99
Hagerstown #378	1805	W	\$10,679.22	\$5.92
Havre De Grace #1564	315	NE	\$1,837.75	\$5.83
Oakland #2481	841	W	\$4,425.00	\$5.26
Cambridge #1272	428	SE	\$2,194.00	\$5.13
Frederick #684	1934	W	\$9,820.76	\$5.08
Wilmington #307	575	NE	\$2,841.00	\$4.94
Waldorf #2421	432	SW	\$1,964.75	\$4.55
Frostburg #470	368	W	\$1,663.63	\$4.52
Crisfield #1044	486	SE	\$2,062.50	\$4.24
Pocomoke City #1624	382	SE	\$1,547.00	\$4.05
Broadneck #2608	234	NC	\$660.00	\$2.82
Bowie #2309	557	NC	\$1,527.27	\$2.74
Deale #2528	426	SW	\$801.00	\$1.88
Glen Burnie #2266	723	NC	\$1,236.30	\$1.71

ELK LODGE 1044 PLEDGE

Despite challenging economic times, the Crisfield Elks and other donors to the McCready Foundation's Alice B. Tawes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center building campaign continue to be philanthropic partners. **Bonnie Burke**, Exalted Ruler of Elk Lodge #1044, has turned over yet another payment on the group's ambitious \$25,000 pledge. Accepting the check in front of the Elks' headquarters are McCready CEO **Charles Pinkerman**, center, and campaign chair **Jay Tawes**,



ELKS VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

PLAYING CARDS FOR VETERANS

Playing cards for Veterans is a program that goes hand in hand with our "Adopt-A-Veteran" Program. This activity will give a hospitalized veteran something to do rather than just passively sitting and watching television. These cards can also be distributed with your comfort care kits. They also can be a part of any activity for our veterans or active service men and women.

Through the dedicated and hard work 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 veterans to use. Last year, we distributed over 40,000 decks of playing cards to our veterans, valued at more than \$80,000. With the help of Elk volunteers, their spouses, family and friends, each deck of cards is checked to make sure 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!

You can call our director in Chicago. He can put you in touch with Tom Jamison, who sends out the playing cards. He will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program.

Fraternally,
Roger R. True. PGER
Past Chairman



2010 Most Valuable Students

Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia
Following are the winners of the Elks National Foundation 2010 Most Valuable Student competition from your state.

All scholarships are awarded over four years.

Krebs, Rockne B. Washington-Rockville, MD, Lodge No. 15	\$4,000
Crockett, Kathleen P. Frederick, MD, Lodge No. 684	\$4,000
Holter, Carrie E. Frederick, MD, Lodge No. 684	\$4,000
McCarrick, Brendan J. Frederick, MD, Lodge No. 684	\$4,000
Dunning, Kathy Salisbury, MD, Lodge No. 817	\$4,000
Katzaman, Benjamin W. Salisbury, MD, Lodge No. 817	\$4,000
Tilghman, Michael C. Salisbury, MD, Lodge No. 817	\$4,000
Schafer, Chelsea M. Glen Burnie, MD, Lodge No. 2266	\$4,000
Baldwin, Ransom L., VII Westminster, MD, Lodge No. 2277	\$4,000
Hickey, Michael J. Westminster, MD, Lodge No. 2277	\$4,000
McClaskey, Nicole E. Abingdon, MD, Lodge No. 2354	\$4,000
Sullivan, Jeffery D. Milford, MD, Lodge No. 2401	\$4,000
Spicer, Sierra S. Seaford, MD, Lodge No. 2458	\$4,000
Dean, Brooke E. Kent Island, MD, Lodge No. 2576	\$4,000
Koehlr, Joshua S. Broadneck, MD, Lodge No. 2608	\$4,000
Kahn-Deere, Chelsea R. Calvert, MD, Lodge No. 2620	\$4,000

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

The Maryland General Assembly session closed with disappointing results to charitable gaming efforts, but with no threats or impact to our Lodge's day-to-day operations. The end result for the gaming proposals for the veterans organizations and Alleghany, Carroll and Worcester Counties was negative, although the bills to allow slot machines in Worcester County made further progress than previously until the Senate proposed amendments that caused the House to ask them to recede. On the positive side HB 712 and SB 627, the Medical Marijuana proposals, received no action; congratulations to the Drug Awareness Committee for their efforts and fighting the good fight. Additionally, the cleverly titled "Lorraine Sheehan Health & Community Services Act" received no action either; this was actually the "dime a drink tax" that would have imposed a hefty increase on the State tax rate for alcoholic beverages. We would have to think that with the State's financial difficulties this could be a shot across the bow and we will pay close attention to see if this legislation resurfaces next year.

The primary Government Relations topics covered this past year will continue to be emphasized: Public Accommodation, Public Relations and our on-going scrutiny by the IRS. Once again (and again), the 11th Commandment according to PGER Jim Damon - Thou Shalt Not Sell to A Non-Elk!! We are indeed a private fraternal organization and let's keep it that way; I urge the Lodge's to review their guest policies and confirm that you are in compliance with not only our statutory requirements, but your local laws as well. I also ask the Lodges to increase their efforts to get our good works in front of the public, whose possible impression of our Order is a bunch of guys who do some nice stuff but have funny rituals and like to drink a lot. Again, we do all of this fantastic stuff for our communities; let's constantly remind them of it. Positive press is of great value when we go hat in hand to a legislator to ask for support on some bill that threatens our efforts.

The process, effects and ramifications of Internal Revenue Service Audits have been covered previously and I can only continue to remind the Lodges to be proactive and review their income-producing practices with the Lodge accountant. The Lodge Audit and Accounting Committee should ensure that the Lodge audit is completed timely and that the proper tax forms are accurately prepared and submitted and that all Unrelated Business Income is properly accounted for. The A&A Committee is a Statutory requirement and any attempt to try and slide UBI under the radar is another opportunity for the IRS camel to stick his nose into the tent. If we do the right things the way they should be done it should not be a problem and forewarned is forearmed.

As with sickness and distress, Charitable Records reporting is always in order and I will, once again, offer a heavy sigh of disappointment. Our Association, once again, did not have 100% compliance with the May 1 reporting deadline. I will discuss this in my report to the Association on Saturday and will not belabor it further except to remind the new Exalted Rulers that it is their responsibility to have these records submitted to the Lodge Secretary so he can enter them into the CLMS database. Please?

As always, KIP - Keep It Private.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman
 Government Relations Committee

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS**



**PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL
9100 Coastal Highway
OCEAN CITY, MD 21842
October 1 - 3, 2010**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST – UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

1. Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on October 1 and October 2; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Dinner choices are Chicken Florentine or Grilled Atlantic Salmon

Double Occupancy: \$345.00 #___Chicken
Single Occupancy: \$283.50 #___Salmon

2. Individual Room Rates

One Night \$ 111.00
Two Nights \$222.00

3. Dinner Only (Advanced Reservations Only - No tickets will be sold at the door)

One person \$33.50 #___Chicken
Two persons \$67.00 #___Salmon

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



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
302-450-2820
302-674-4157



Americanism Flag Day Program

June 12, 2010 • 2PM • Clarion Hotel

Don't miss this one. United We Stand Flag Pins for all attendees!

Why the red, white and blue?

The U.S had no official flag during the early years of the Revolutionary War, and troops carried flags of different designs-with different colors-into battles.

Finally, on June 14, 1977, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing the red, white and blue flag with stars and stripes as the official flag of the United States. A later resolution said the colors were chosen to designate:

- Red for hardness and courage
- White for purity and innocence
- Blue for vigilance, perseverance and justice

MARY CARDINAL-VOGT, STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Grand Lodge Activities/State Association Committee 2009 – 2010 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 at the Hagerstown.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Lodge Name</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Points</u>			
1	Abingdon, MD Lodge No. 2354	under 300	251
2	Waldorf, MD Lodge No. 2421	301 - 500	512
3	Kent Island, MD Lodge No. 2576	501 - 700	441
4	Dover, DE Lodge No.1903	701 - 1100	511
5	Salisbury, MD Lodge No 817	1101 - 1500	672

The following Lodges also submitted entries: Camp Springs, MD Lodge No. 2332, Cape Henlopen, DE Lodge No. 2540, Havre de Grace, MD Lodge No 1564, Newark, DE Lodge No 2281 Ocean City, MD Lodge No.2645, and Washington – Rockville, MD Lodge No. 15.

This year, eleven out of thirty-eight lodges participated in the contest, which was the five lodges less than last year and gave us twenty-nine percent participation.

At this time I whole-heartedly thank all the Lodges that did participate and also commend the District Deputies of the North East, South East and South West that gave their support and insured continued success in this program.

In closing I thank all of you for your dedication and support to this program over the past eleven years and wish the new chairman success in the year ahead. Again I thank the Past State Presidents for the confidence they placed in me in the past and I enthusiastically look forward to chairing my new program in the year ahead. I 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 will be prepared to make your submissions for this Contest next year.

It should be every Exalted Ruler's Goal to make their lodge an "ALL AMERICAN LODGE".

Sincerely and fraternally,

Carl F. Vogt, PDD, PSVP
State Lodge Activities Chai