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Richard Burg

President 2011-2012

Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to the Fall meeting of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association here in Ocean City, Maryland. Hopefully, all of the nasty weather that has been here the majority of September will not return and you will enjoy your leisure time in this beautiful area.

It was an honor to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix, Arizona as the President of this great Elks Association. My direct involvement with the convention started with a meeting concerning appointment as an Assistant Grand Esquire, for the Legislative session, to assist with distributing and collecting the ballots used to vote on the many resolutions proposed by the Judiciary Committee. I also had the privilege of carrying the Delaware State Flag during the opening ceremonies. To top things off, I was asked to second the nomination made for our Own, the Honorable Priscilla Anne Schwab, to serve on the Grand Forum as Chief Justice.

My Motto this year is "Be Proud Of Elkdom". I chose this phrase for two reasons - the first letter of each Word is our very popular B.P.O.E. and the second is - to "Be Proud Of Elkdom" one must know why and how the order of Elks was founded. This second reason will take some time to understand, but a short cut is to pay attention to EACH one of our rituals or legends, as some of us call certain ones. Our opening and closing are true rituals and pay tribute to God, our Flag, and the reason an Elk was chosen to be our emblem. The Ritual of Initiation tells us why the motto for each station was chosen. It also has imbedded in it a tribute to our members who have died as well as a solemn oath that each new member must take to become a member and abide by it or be expelled from the order. Each and every ritual we have tells a story and gives a lesson of Elkdom, including Mothers Day, Flag Day, Casket side and Burial.

Please remember that November is Veterans month. Please do not forget them. They gave for us and our freedom so let's all do something to say

"Thanks". Just to remind everyone, these young men and women coming back from Iraq, Pakistan or wherever, are just as much a veteran as those older folks that fought in Viet Nam, Korea or Grenada!!

My dates for visitation are in the hands of our Vice-Presidents and if you haven't received them yet, you will very shortly.

Fraternally,
Richard J. Burg

COMING EVENTS

- October**
Elks National Foundation Month
- October 22, 2011**
State Soccer Shoot
Ocean City, MD
- October 23, 2011**
Hands Across the Border
Kent Island Lodge
- October 23 - 31, 2011**
2011 Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week
- November**
Elks Veterans Remembrance Month
- December 4, 2011**
Elks Memorial Service
- January 13 - 15, 2012**
Winter Workshop
Milford Lodge #2401
- February 18, 2012**
State Hoop Shoot
Whittier Rec. Center
Frederick, Maryland
- March 23-25, 2012**
GER Visit/Spring Conference
Camp Springs Lodge #2332
- June 15-17, 2012**
92nd State Convention
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD
- July 1 - 5, 2012**
Grand Lodge Convention
Austin, Texas

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Deadline:
Dec. 9, 2011**

FALL WORKSHOP OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

AGENDA SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2011

Friday, September 30, 2011

Noon – 5:00 P.M. ----- Registration
1:00 P.M. ----- Advisory Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 P.M. ----- Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairs
5:00 P.M. ----- State Trustees Meeting
5:30 P.M. ----- ECB Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 2011

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. ----- Buffet Breakfast
8:00 A.M. ----- Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. – Noon ----- Registration
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon ----- Presentations & Committee Reports
Paul D. Helsel, PGER, Sponsor ----- Discussion Recent Voting at GL- Phoenix
Richard J. Burg, State President ----- Presentation of Grand Lodge Awards
Jay Strong, Chairman, Trustee ----- 2011-2012 Budget Preview
State Committee Reports
11:45 A.M. ----- Announcements & Recess until 9:30 A.M. Sunday
Noon ----- Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 P.M. ----- Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER, Meeting with DDGER's
2:00 – 4:00 P.M. ----- Convention/Conference Committee
2:00 – 4:00 P.M. ----- Rich R. Reynolds, Meeting for CLMS2 preparation
6:00 – 7:00 P.M. ----- Cocktail Reception
7:00 – 8:00 P.M. ----- Dinner (Business Suits / Coat & Tie)
8:00 P.M. ----- Special Awards

Sunday, October 2, 2011

7:00 – 9:30 A.M. ----- Buffet Breakfast
8:00 – 9:30 A.M. ----- Registration
9:30 A.M. ----- Meeting Called to Order
Officer's Reports
Finish Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the Association
Closing
12:00 Noon ----- Check-Out Time
12:30 P.M. -----

NEXT MEETING WINTER WORKSHOP

JANUARY 13 - 15, 2012
MILFORD LODGE NO. 2401

Message from the President-Elect:



Jim Stewart
PG&R & SPONSOR

Since I was installed in June, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Thank goodness it's a dry heat there.

After returning home, I attended the annual Derby Day at Frostburg, the ECB meeting in August, along with the Trustees meeting. I also attended District Deputy Tracy Harvey's clinic at Westminster Lodge on August 19th.

September 10th I attended the State Trustees meeting at ECB. I have visited 7 lodges socially and I am looking forward to visiting more in the future.

President Dick Burg and PSP Warren Johnson and other Past State Presidents have been quite helpful and supportive to me these past few months by keeping me informed and up to date on our Association and its happenings.

In the near future, lodges will be receiving requests for workshops from me. I encourage all lodges to get more involved in the State Association and hosting a workshop is one of the best ways to "get your feet wet"!

Please continue to email and/or send me your bulletins. I find them very informative and enjoy reading each and every one of them.

I regret that Sandy and I must miss my first workshop as your President-Elect since I am recovering from some unexpected health issues. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone in January at Milford.

Sandy and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and will see you in 2012!

Fraternally,
Jim

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2012 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The 2012 Baltimore & Delaware Entertainment Books are now available at a cost of \$30 per book.

The profit from the sale of the books goes to Elks Camp Barrett.

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

2011 WEB SITE

The State Elks Web Site (www.mddedcelksassn.org)
Webmaster is Raymond L. Sears
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from Annapolis Lodge #622

and he is committed to keeping the site up to date.

Your input is needed to accomplish this task.

Therefore, send your information in PDF format or higher quality JPEG to Ray to get it on the web page.

There are several tabs on the site that need to be updated and your input is vital to getting them up to date, so please forward suggestions and changes.

Your Lodge events and newsletters will be posted as soon as possible after receiving them.

Note: if you have a batch of pictures for your event that can not be emailed then put them on a disk and mail them to:

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GRAND LODGE

Teamwork is key to organizations' success



Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. David R. Carr

Exalted Ruler, as Lodge leader, listens and constructively responds to points of view expressed by others, gives others the benefit of the doubt, supports those Officers and committees who need it, and recognizes those Officers and Members who "Give from the Heart" by volunteering on behalf of their Lodges.

The Exalted Ruler alone cannot do everything necessary to ensure Lodge or program

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success. A team melds together the skills, experiences and insights of several Members. It is important that every Lodge Officer and program coordinator attends District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Clinics.

Officers and Members can become better acquainted with Grand Lodge programs by attending these clinics and using the Grand Lodge manuals and materials. Lodges conducting successful programs enhance pride in their Members. Pride is contagious and will result in fewer Members dropping out and creating an interest in others to become a part of your Lodge.

Many Members are unable to attend Lodge meetings or other activities for various reasons. They rely on the Lodge bulletin as their primary source of communication, and it is important to include something in each edition that will make them proud Elks. A photo

of a child, veteran or disabled person being assisted by your Lodge can help to generate that pride.

With our school-year now under way, I hope your Lodge has joined our national effort to "give the gift of words" to elementary students. The Dictionary Project has received praise from students, teachers and staff nationwide. Our Members likewise support this program, which targets third-grade students who are just beginning to learn to use a dictionary.

Next month is Elks National Foundation Month. I encourage every Lodge to schedule a function that will help you increase your Lodge per capita. The more we give, the more we receive for our charitable programs.

Thank you for Caring and Sharing.

David R. Carr



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & SPONSOR

Members and Friends:

Well it is October and once again we gather in Ocean City for our Annual Fall Conference. Hopefully the summer was kind to you and your families, vacations are over and you are once again working hard for your lodge and the programs of Elkdom.

Also by now you have had some time to digest the various changes approved for our Order at the Phoenix National Convention. Some

are far reaching and I am sure there are many opinions as to whether these changes are good or bad for your lodge and the Order. No matter what your opinion may be about any or all of the approved changes we must now get to work and integrate them into the operation of our individual lodges. As you make plans to do what is necessary to implement these changes be sure you thoroughly understand the requirements before taking any action. If you do have questions please contact your District Deputy for whatever help you may need. We want all lodges to be in compliance, but we also want to do all this in an orderly and correct fashion.

Half the lodge year is behind us, and thanks to all the hard working Elks of the lodges of our Association, many accomplishments have already been achieved. However six months still remain to get the job done and make the goals we all set in April. There is still ample time to make the \$9.00 per capita ENF donation goal set by President Burg or even the \$4.50 per capita goal set by GER Carr. There is still time to participate in the Hoop Shoot program, the Soccer Shoot program and other Elk programs. And please don't forget our Veterans and active Military, these programs and your service to these heroes should be an ongoing twelve

month effort. Last, but not least (in fact this should be everyone's first priority) keep working to keep and grow the membership of your lodge - without a growing membership your lodge will ultimately have problems, perhaps fatal problems. Let's all use these next six months to grow our individual lodges and make our lodges and Association number "ONE" in all we do!!!

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference and best wishes for continued success and proprietary to the 38 lodges that make up our Association.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel,
PGER & Sponsor

Update on ENF ~ September 30, 2011

As of August 31, 2011, our association of 21,672 has donated \$69,691.49 and we are at \$3.216 per member. A current update will be given at our meeting here in Ocean City. The following lodges have made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50: Annapolis #622, Laurel #2283, Milford #2401, Salisbury #817, Seaford #2458, Cape Henlopen #2540, Kent Island #2576, Washington-Rockville #15, and Westminster #2277, for a total of 9 lodges. Kent Island #2576 and Washington-Rockville #15 have also made the State President goal of \$9.00.

I am looking forward to hearing about the wonderful things that you have accomplished with your Community Grants. Thank you to all of these lodges for their contributions thus far. We have along way to go to make our yearly goal. Please let me know of any ideas that you have for making your lodge's goal. I would like to share them with all of the association. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail, cfinley@ccboe.com, with any questions or concerns. Your district chairmen will also be able to help you. In the North Central District, contact Jackie Barnes; Northeast District, contact Ed Pettit; Southeast District, contact Roberta Maycrantz; Southwest District, contact Catherine Simanek and in the West District, contact Sandy Brantner.

Claudia Finley-Bryant

SOUTHWEST VP REPORT



Kelley Randolph
SW District VP

Greetings from the GREAT SOUTH WEST! I had the pleasure of attending our first DD Clinic held at the Washington - Rockville Lodge #15 in August. Our District Deputy, Mary Cardinal-Vogt ran a great clinic, making sure that we were all active participants. Many thanks to the Lodge for their great hospitality. As I have not yet had the opportunity to visit other Lodges, I asked that they share some of their recent success stories. Deale Lodge #2528 just held their first annual SmokinOnThe Bay, Kansas City BBQ event on September 3rd and 4th. Scouts presented the colors for the opening ceremony, the prayer was done by a

member who is a minister and one of their bartenders sang God Bless America. ER Valerie Callahan assisted with the ribbon cutting. They had the Drug Awareness trailer there and all of the Beer and Wine tips were donated to Charlotte Hall. The event was a great success and vendors and competitors have already signed up for next year. Visit their website (smokinonthebay.com) for more details.

Prince George's Lodge #1778 not only sent 31 children to Camp Barrett, but garnered an additional \$1100.00 in donations from the parents. Children's activities are a priority for them as they have a Children's Karaoke, Youth Activities car wash, a Family Day picnic, a Children's Halloween and Christmas Parties and even a children's Dinner & Dance. They also have a Thursday night dinner each month at which they host 10 of our treasured Veterans.

Our other Lodges are also doing great work in our community. Camp Springs Lodge #2332

is gearing up for their annual Picnic for the Veterans at Charlotte Hall. This event is co-sponsored with the Blue Knights motorcycle club. Waldorf Lodge #2421 had a Back to School Night and presented local teachers with gift certificates to buy needed supplies and filled back backs for their students. St. Mary's Lodge #2092 does many activities to support the Wounded Warriors Program, including a recent fishing tournament. Calvert Lodge #2620 continues to support our Veterans at Charlotte Hall and Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 is once again leading the way with their contributions to the Elks National Foundation.

I look forward to accompanying President Burg on his visits to out GREAT SOUTH WEST Lodges and to visiting each one to spread the word about our wonderful organization.

Kelley Randolph

NORTHEAST VP REPORT



Bonnie Brussard
NE District VP

After being Installed in June at the State Convention, I would like to say it is an honor to serve as the Northeast District Vice President for 2011-2012. Thank you for this opportunity, since our State President Dick Burg is from the NORTHEAST! I am looking forward to promoting his message for

this year: "Be Proud Of Elkdome".

In July I attended a performance by ReCreation at the Perry Point VA MedicalCenter for 85 veterans. Following the performance we were treated to a dinner held at Abingdon Lodge #2354 in their honor.

On August 6th I had my first experience attending the Executive Committee Meeting for Camp Barrett, held at Kent Island Lodge #2576. I am looking forward to being on this committee as the 11th member to help promote our State Major Project.

I will begin my visitations, and accompanying President Burg on his, beginning in October and ending in January.

The Northeast District will be at their best this year to assure our State President will "Be Proud Of Elkdome".

Fraternally,
Bonnie Bussard



Americanism





POSTER CONTEST

"MY FAVORITE AMERICAN SYMBOL"

RULES
ARTISTS MUST BE 0-9 YEARS OF AGE

CATEGORIES

0-3 YEARS OLD
4-5 YEARS OLD
6-7 YEARS OLD
8-9 YEARS OLD

ART WORK MAY BE NO LARGER THAN 8 1/2 X 11 SHEET OF PAPER

PLEASE INCLUDE ON BACK OF ART WORK NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AGE, NAME OF SCHOOL IF ENROLLED, AND THE NAME OF SPONSORING LODGE

LODGE WINNERS ARE TO BE IN YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S HANDS BY: JANUARY 20, 2010

ESSAY CONTEST

" WHY I AM PROUD TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG "

DIV 1 - GRADES 5 - 6
DIV 2 - GRADES 7 - 8

ESSAY LENGTH IS NOT TO EXCEED 250 WORDS AND MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED IN INK.

ENTRIES ARE DUE TO LODGES JANUARY 10, 2012
LODGE WINNERS ARE TO BE IN YOUR DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S HANDS BY: JANUARY 20, 2012

STATE ASSOCIATION WINNERS WILL BE RECEIVING AWARDS FOR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH PLACE. IN EACH DIVISION

ONLY WE CAN MAKE EVERYONE AWARE "AMERICANISM" SHOW PRIDE IN OUR PROGRAM

OCTOBER

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH, MOST FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE WHICH DRAWS LOTS OF CHILDREN, WHY NOT BE THERE WITH AMERICANISM HANDOUTS AND FLAGS. THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE OUR FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND DON'T FORGET TO RECOGNIZE THAT OUTSTANDING FIREFIGHTER... REMEMBER TO WORK WITH SCHOOL BOARDS PTA'S ECT.

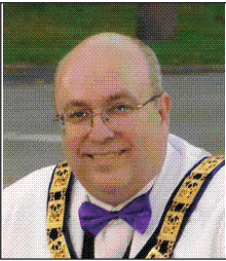
NOVEMBER

GET OUT AND VOTE , AND CONDUCT VETERANS REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS YOU MAY GIVE HONOR AWARDS FOR THE NEWS MEDIA AND PRESENT RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES FOR FLAG FLYING.

THESE ARE THINGS YOUR LODGE CAN DO.

MARY CARDINAL-VOGT STATE CHAIRMAN

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Rick Konrad
SE District VP

Greetings to all from the Southeast District! I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the State Association this year. My travels have taken me to Selbyville for their first Veteran's Dinner on July 30th. Using an ENF Gratitude Grant they provided a great evening honoring almost 20 of our veterans who served in various wars and conflicts as far back as World War II. Congratulations to ER Kim Lynch and Event Chair Eleanor Ireland.

I have visited Camp Barrett during the camping season in Mid-July. Thanks to Greg Wilkes and Casey Kerr for another great job. As part of my VP efforts this year I challenge all of you to redouble your efforts at raising funds for Camp Barrett. Our State Project is something close to my heart and it is in need of all the help it can get. Camper fees cover only 25% of the cost to run the Camp and Rentals, ENF and the Jernick Fund cover 50%. That leaves a need to cover at least 25% with other fundraising.

I am challenging each lodge to try and raise \$1.00 per capita (excluding camper's fees) toward the Camp Barrett Patron Program. Any donation made, whether members, business, or parents, will be credited to your Lodge's Patron Program as long as you use the form to make the donation. I will be donating perpetual plaques to honor the top Lodge and District for this program. The Patron Plan form is available online at the State website and I will have some at this

meeting.

On Labor Day at Salisbury I had the honor of presenting two checks to the Cook family to help their 20 year old son James who lost the use of his legs in an automobile accident. One check was a \$1500 Jernick Fund check and a matching \$1500 check from the Salisbury Elks Charity fund for a total of \$3,000. The presentation and accompanying drawing for a BMW car was covered by WMDT-TV.

I had a great time at Easton on September 10th at their ENF fund raising dance. Great music, good company and a great cause. Elkdom doesn't get any better than that. Thanks to Connie Wolcott and the Easton Lodge Officers and Volunteers for providing a fun way to raise money for the Elks National Foundation.

I have completed Lodge visits to Seaford with ER Pat James and Cambridge with ER Millie Kerr and have enjoyed the terrific hospitality of these two wonderful Lodges and the great spirit of Elkdom that is evident in the dedication of their outstanding Officers and members.

One of the most important things we do in our Lodges is to promote the good deeds done in our community through press releases, cable TV community bulletin board postings, special event participation, and last but not least websites. The Grand Lodge provides each Local Lodge with a website address with several levels of access for about \$60 per year and many lodges are failing to use this tool to their advantage. One thing to remember is that according to Grand Lodge Statutes you cannot make your newsletter accessible to the public. However other aspects of your Lodge activities are permitted to be public.

This is a way to attract new members by

posting lodge news, photos of the great activities, promoting charity donations and just making your Lodge accessible. Make sure that the contact information and address are easy to find on the site and update it frequently. In addition you may be able to engage one of your younger members as a volunteer by serving as your webmaster.

Although we are in a time of transition in Elkdom I think that our State President has hit the nail on the head when he made his theme this year Taking Pride in Elkdom. By this he means that we should reflect on our heritage and our reasons for embracing the Elks and understand how our organization evolved from a group of actors to one of the greatest charitable organizations in the world. The heritage that brought us from there to here can also sustain us as we move forward and build the Elks' future.

Rick Konrad

WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT

Greetings from the "WEST". I would like to thank the Members of the West District for allowing me to serve them for the Elk year 2011-2012. I attended the State Convention in June that was held in Hagerstown at the Clarion. I commend the Hagerstown Lodge for their hospitality shown to all members that found the time to visit their lodge. I also attended the August District Deputy Clinic held by DDGER Tracy Harvey at the Westminster Lodge. All the lodges in the West District are working hard to increase the membership and also retain our existing members and are showing positive progress. The District has one of five lodges that has met the GER's goal of \$4.50 for ENF, and the other four are striving to fulfill this goal, I know we will all make it!

Congratulations are in order to our District Deputy Tracy Harvey of the Oakland Lodge. She attended the annual Fishing Rodeo held in Deale, MD and was the winner of the coveted "Master Baiter Award".

I will accompany our State President Richard Burg on his Official Visits to our lodges and also look forward to visiting the lodges as your VP.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Ocean City in late September and to a great year for our State Association.

As "Fat Jack" Boehmer always says, the WEST is BEST!

Fraternally,
Henry A. Lewis, Jr.

WOLFGANG CANDY SALES PROFIT FOR ELKS CAMP BARRETT

Our Wolfgang Christmas Candy Book Sales Campaign is currently in progress. All profit from this campaign will go to our State Major Project Elks Camp Barrett.

If you wish to sell or just place an order, please contact Lee or Hilda Davis by phone at 410-256-9691. All orders, no matter how small they are, add up to be one large order.

The candy will be available for pick up at the Elks Camp Barrett meeting on Saturday, December 3. We will separate the orders on Saturday, November 26 at 10AM if you are available to help, you may also pick up your order at that time.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CAMP BARRETT.

Hilda Davis

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the June Convention in Hagerstown, we had a Ritual Clinic for Floor Judges on Saturday, June 25th held at Newark Lodge 2281. This Clinic was very well attended; we certified & re-certified Floor Judges. There was also a Word Checkers Clinic set for Saturday Aug 6th at Kent Island Lodge 2576 after the Camp Barrett Meeting. This clinic was for any member to be a Word Accuracy Judge; we certified 3 new Judges & re-certified 1 Judge. Special thanks go out to the Newark Lodge 2281 and to Kent Island Lodge 2576 for hosting these Clinics.

At the Grand Lodge Convention, Dover Lodge 1903 did a good job representing the MD, DE & DC Elks Association. They scored a 94.0229. Unfortunely it took a 96.8249 to get into the finals. The team from Lake Hopatong Lodge in New Jersey was first with a score of 96.89700 in the run off of the Final Four. In their first performance they took 3 of the 9 All American Officers.

The District Deputies visits are underway and with the changes in the Ritual, the Lodges participating are being Judged on the night of the District Deputies Visit. Be kind to the Judges who will be traveling with the DD's, they are only trying to help the team.

There is a Floor Judges Clinic set for October 16th at Frederick Lodge 684 starting at 10:00 am, after lunch the Frederick team will perform @ 1:00 p.m. All Floor Judges that need to be re-certified should attend. This is a good opportunity for the Officers to learn the Ritual.

I would like to thank the Advisory Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Chairman. I would like to welcome the new Northeast District Chair, Connie deYoung and the North Central District Chair, Robert Riggins to the State Ritual Committee.

Larry Mathers
State Chairperson

Thanks!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO SUPPORTED ME DURING MY NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT AT THE SPRING WORKSHOP WHICH WAS HELD IN SALISBURY.

It's my congratulations to Jim and Sandy upon their election as President-elect and Trustee from the West District. I look forward to working with both of you during your term in office.

W. Lee Ridenour

Government Relations Report

The delegates to the 147th Grand Lodge session ratified many changes to our Order, one of which was the elimination of Government Relations as a standing Grand Lodge committee. While we may have lost our national "support system" our Association Government Relations committee intends to continue to provide as much beneficial information as possible for the benefit of our member Lodges. I will in fact be travelling to Oklahoma City again for the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee seminar the week-end of October 7-9. The agenda has not been provided yet but it is anticipated to include further discussion on IRS Audits, IRS revocation of tax-exempt status for organizations that fail to file the required annual information notice and the Postal Service regulations on Nonprofit Standard Mail Eligibility and Restrictions. Some of this material will be discussed at this workshop and I will give a more detailed presentation on the seminar topics at our January meeting in Milford.

The last legislation session in Maryland brought us an increased sales tax on alcohol and the legalization of medical marijuana (which also passed in Delaware). One can only guess which pocket they will try and put their hand in this year and we will do our best to monitor the legislation and report to the Lodges on the positive or negative aspects of particular proposals. We will continue to stress the issues of public accommodation, proper and timely Charitable records accounting, recognition and reporting of Unrelated Business Income, Hall Rentals, Sexual Harassment, etc. And in case you thought I forgot, I will ask everyone one more time (and be assured it is not the last) to constantly insure that your Lodges are for the use of your Members and guests of your Members only! Yessirree, good old Section 14.130 and the 11th Commandment - KIP.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman
Government Relations Committee

Accident Prevention

As of March 31st, there were 2 reported claims from our State Association. 2 were property losses, 1 was Bowie and 1 was Salisbury Lodges. Reports of 2 slips and falls, 1 from Camp Springs and 1 from Oakland Lodge.

A reminder to be getting your Accident Prevention Chairman in your lodges to get those Inspection reports done before the DD makes a visit. Remember to check your walkways, stairs, handrails and so forth to make sure they are in good condition.

Some people still do not understand that all lodges that own their building, must be covered under the Property Plus Program as according to Statutes, Section 4.232. Lodges that violate this requirement are putting their charter in jeopardy. If you do not have Property Plus, get your lodge trustees on it right away.

Once again, alcohol service is a major concern of liability. Your bartenders are held responsible for overserving your patrons. Drinks must be limited and anyone, this means the ER, any officer, house committee member, members and guests must be cut off when approaching intoxica-

tion. Tell your staff they need to make that critical judgment before serving that first drink. Remember that one initial drink served too quickly or without proper judgment may involve your lodge in a serious occurrence.

With holiday celebrations approaching, remember, open bars are a no-no. Enticing people to drink is asking for trouble. Make sure that kegs and bars are monitored at all times, and always beware of underage drinking at events. You may even have security available to help ensure there is no underage drinking and help with control of intoxicated patrons.

Remember, volunteers are a great asset and strength, but do not let the good intentioned volunteers do work that he or she has no experience or knowledge in. A once competent or knowledgeable volunteer may lose their prior abilities over time.

Beware of nasty weather approaching. Make sure walks and parking lots are kept plowed and clear of ice.

Happy Holidays!

Jim Stewart
Chairman

Hoop Shoot Report for Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are seeing the end of September and the beginning of October while we are here in Ocean City this weekend. That means Fall is upon us and that, of course, means its Hoop Shoot season. By now all Lodges should have their local shoots scheduled and be working hard to ensure that all

eligible shooters know the time and place. All the District Directors have Local Shoot Report Forms for the Lodges in their District and each Exalted Ruler is expected to make sure they are signed and returned to the Director. These forms are to be returned, even if you don't hold a contest. Simply mark the

"No Shoot Held". I certainly hope I don't see many returned with that message.

All the District Directors have been working hard to secure dates and locations for the District Shoots. As of the writing of this report, this is the information available to me.

NC - 1/14/12 at a site yet to be determined.

NE - Date and location unknown.

SE - 2/4/12 at the Salisbury Salvation Army at

9 AM

SW- 1/29/12 at Thomas Farm Rec, Center in

Rockville at 9 AM

W - 2/4/12 at Whittier Rec.

Center in Frederick at 2 PM

State - 2/18/12 at Whittier Rec.

Center in Frederick at 1 PM

Last year we were fortunate to have 2 of our State Champions participate in the National Championships in Springfield, MA. This was an experience that they will never forget and if we don't give ALL eligible children a chance to participate, we are possibly holding back another child from the same experience. It is very easy to run a Lodge shoot! All you need is a basket, a basketball and shooters. Even if you only have a handful of shooters, you have met the requirements and held a shoot. If you have any questions, your District Director and I will be more than happy to answer them and work with you to hold a successful contest.

Jack Boehmer
Hoop Shoot State Director

National Hoop Shoot Finalist Morgan Edwards Recognized by Allegany County Commissioners



Allegany County Commission President Mike McKay presents Morgan Edwards with a citation for athletic achievement for his participation in the Elks 2011 National Hoop Shoot finals. Morgan's parents, Susan Keller and Jason Edwards, are pictured as well.

Frostburg native Morgan Edwards was honored by the Allegany County Commissioners at their regular weekly meeting on June 2, 2011. Morgan was a finalist in the 39th Annual Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest this year on April 30, 2011, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He finished fourth in a shoot-out after initially tying for second place with two other shooters. He earned the trip to Springfield after returning to the Southeast Central Regional Hoop Shoot contest this year for the third year in a row: this time winning the contest by sinking 24 out of 25 free throws. Prior to that, Morgan won the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia State Association contest in a shoot-out with fellow competitor Colin Miller, whom he befriended in last year's competition.

Morgan, who competed in the 10-11 year-old boys category, is the son of Susan Keller and Jason Edwards, of Frostburg. He just completed the 5th grade at Frost Elementary. He has also received a certificate for academic excellence from President Barack Obama through the President's Education Award Program.

Morgan was sponsored by Frostburg Lodge #470 and is the third national competitor from Frostburg; and the fourth from Allegany County. Josh Neilson and Kacey Kahl are the only other competitors from Frostburg to reach the national finals. Kahl won the 1998-1999 national competition in the 10-11 year-old girls category. Adam Morgan of Cumberland won the 1997-1998 12-13 year-old boys title, sinking 25 of 25 free throws.

Youth Activities Report

A big thank you to all of you who are working a youth activity project.

We have done so many successful youth programs for many years. Now it is time for a new program to enter the field. And that program is Youth Teen/Student of the Month and Year - Boy and Girl.

Grand Lodge is asking for 75% participation from Lodges for this program. We are far from that. I am asking that each Lodge produce a Boy and Girl winner prior to the end of the school year. It's up to you at the local Lodge level to decide how frequently you want to recognize young people. From those that you do recognize will come one Boy and one Girl winner. This candidate will then be sent to the District Youth Chairs for judging and the winner from each District will go to the State for judging.

These candidates need not be only academic achievers. What we want is a well-rounded volunteer - one who gets involved in their community, church, school or other organizations.

The youth are the future of our existence and a great way to encourage them to become leaders and contributors is to have them be recognized in a program like ours. Unfortunately, we always hear about the "bad" youths - it's about time we let our communities know about those youths who are contributing.

Fraternally yours,
John Ramsey
State Youth Activities Chair

3rd Annual MD DE & DC Elks Fishing Rodeo



Tracy at the helm of "Hook Mash" taking us home. Notice she is not watching where she is going, oops.



Valerie Callahan "Elk Angler of the Year".

August 13th, nine enthusiastic Elk fishermen/Skirts got aboard the Charter vessel "Hook Mash". They set sail at 6 am sharp from Calypso Bay Tiki hut in Deale, Md. The weather cooperated for the crew. By 6:15 a.m. the ladies were busy popping adult refreshments. The fishing was good for most. The brother Elks caught the proverbial "Furry Critter" and Tracy Harvey caught a stick and a Sting Ray. The rest of the girls - all caught some nice Rock Fish. When they got back to the Dock, "Master Baiter Stu", awarded the crew with cold Orange Crushes with a floater of Gran Marnier. Ummmm good. He also awarded the prizes.

"Elk Angler of the Year" went to Deale Elks E. R. Valerie Callahan. I heard she has tasked her House Committee to build an awards trophy case just for her.

The coveted "Master Baiter of the Year" award went to our own West D.D. Tracy Harvey. A great time was had by all those that participated. Some of us headed back to Deale Lodge for great fellowship at their "Elk Back Tiki" bar.

We had an anonymous donation from a former "Skirt" State President and her sister. Is it still anonymous? Thank you Priscilla and Martha. As long as there is some interest we will do it again next year.

Fraternally,
Stu Burgoon, Sr.

Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling

The Tournament of Champions was held on July 24-26, 2011 at Seven Springs Resort PA. Lodges representing the MDDEDC State Elks Association were Frostburg, Prince George's County, Annapolis, Cape Henlopen, Selbyville and Ocean City.

Participation was extremely low in all events. I attended the Steering Committee on Sunday and there was considerable discussion on the low attendance. There were only 31 golfers, 14 tennis players and 9 bowlers participating in this year's TOC. Lodge's from the MDDEDC State Elks Association were Frostburg - Two golfers, Prince George's County - Four golfers, Annapolis - Four Tennis, Cape Henlopen - Two Golfers - Two Tennis, Selbyville - One Bowler - One Tennis and Ocean City - Four Golfers.

Monday's Golf was unable to be completed due to a severe thunderstorm. Play resumed on Tuesday to complete 36 holes. Tennis was delayed until later in the afternoon. Even bowling had to be delayed due to no electricity,

Participation results for our Lodges:

Cape Henlopen SR Girl Golfer Taylor Lewis was 1st place in the TOC and MDDEDC SR Girl kitty Cole 2nd Place Tennis in the MDDEDC

Selbyville SR Boy Bowler Zachary Lesperance was the TOC Runner Up and 1st place Scratch and Handicap MDDEDC

Ocean City SR Boy Golfer Conner Gebhart was 1st Place in the MDDEDC

Frostburg JR Golfer Aaron Raines 2nd in the TOC and 1st in the MDDEDC

Prince Georges County JR Golfer John Hulede 2nd in the MDDEDC

Annapolis SR Boy TOC Finalist Tennis Tommy Hibbs and 1st in the MDDEDC

SR Boy Grant Hudson 3rd Place Tennis in TOC and 2nd in the MDDEDC

SR Girl Samantha Grim 3rd Place Tennis in TOC and 1st in the MDDEDC

Edward "Pete" Peterson
Chairman

Lodge Activities

Many thanks to the 9 lodges who participated in the All American Lodge Contest A last year. I will be presenting awards to the winning lodges in each membership category at the Fall Conference. I will contact the ERs of those lodges separately.

The lodges that participated are Abingdon, Camp Springs, Frederick, Frostburg, Havre de Grace, Kent Island, Newark, Oakland and Ocean City.

This contest is an excellent way to gain additional recognition for the good work that your lodge does throughout the year. Since you are already doing many, if not most, of the things listed on the contest form, why not go one extra step and designate one of your officers to fill this out throughout your lodge year and then enter the contest.

I would like to see an increase in participation this year but that will not happen without your help. When you do submit an entry, please be sure to provide the detailed information requested with the form. The deadline for submission to District Deputies is 15 March 2012. District Deputies need to submit qualified entries to me by April 1, 2012 so that I can ensure that they are forwarded to the Grand Lodge for consideration by 15 April 2012.

The All American Lodge Contest A form can be found on the Grand Lodge website or you can contact me at spadonecharles@aol.com for assistance in getting a copy.

My district representatives are your State Vice Presidents. They will be talking to you about lodge activities during their official visits to your lodge and doing all that they can to help me to promote your participation.

See you at the Fall Conference in Ocean City.

Charles A. Spadone
State Chairman
Lodge Activities

Safety Day • Camarena Awards • Red Ribbon Event Scheduled

Hands Across the Border in conjunction with Kent Island #2576 "Safety Day" Sunday, October 23rd from noon until 4:00 pm. at the Bay Bridge Airport, Rt. 8 south of Rt. 50, Stevensville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, we will honor our nominees for the Camarena Awards along with honoring our Veterans and active duty military personnel at the ceremony at 2:00 pm.

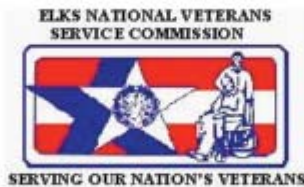
The RED RIBBON ceremony will be held at 3:55 pm to conclude our event. Contact:

J. Terry Ober

Kent Island Elks Drug Awareness Chairman
Traffic Safety Program Coordinator

443-995-5367

www.terryober.weebly.com



I have a great story to tell you about how I met "SIR KOFF-A-LOT"... pictured below. It started about 8 or 9 months ago when I started having slight pains in my chest. Thinking it was acid-reflux, until one day, I truly realized that I needed help.

On July 18th, I went to the Out-Patient Clinic at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a physical where I failed the EKG Test, and thanks to the professionalism of Veronica Randolph, NP and her staff, a second evaluation via fax was made immediately and a stress test was recommended at the VA Medical Center (VAMC) Washington, D.C.

On August 3rd, at the Washington D.C. VAMC, I had a Nuclear Cardiac Stress Test and on the 8th I went into surgery for Off Pump (beating heart surgery) Coronary Artery Bypass (OPCAB) Surgery. The Surgical Cardiac Team was led by Dr. Gregory Trachiotis through Surgery, Surgery ICU and Step-down ICU.

I was introduced to "SIR KOFF-A-LOT" just prior to surgery to hold against my chest for breathing & coughing exercises, which open up the air sacs in your lungs and allows the mucus in your lungs to be coughed up. This beside medicine is a major prevention for Pneumonia ... that is why I introduced Sir Koff-A-Lot as part of this team.

This team was so large, so specialized and so dedicated to the patient that I knew I was in excellent hands for excellent care in the VA Medical Center. Meet "SIR KOFF-A-LOT" part of the team that saw me home.



John Curran, Veterans Committee

PS: I want to graciously Thank You for your Get Well Cards, Prayers and Well Wishes.

VETERANS

"RE-CREATION DINNERS"

A big "THANK YOU" is due Havre de Grace Elks Lodge No. 1564 and Abingdon Elks Lodge No. 2354 for providing dinner for the wonderful groups of kids known as "Recreation" when they came to the Northeast area to perform at the Perry Point VA Medical Center and the Loch Raven VA facility.

The Lodges showed that "Elks Care - Elks Share".

Drug Awareness Contest

The theme for this year's poster and essay contest is I CHOOSE NOT TO USE.

The poster contest is for grades 3 thru 5 and the deadline is February 1, 2012.

The essay contest is ages for 6 thru 8 and the deadline is February 15, 2012.

Drug trailer reservations - contact Cindy Taylor at cindycynt@aol.com

Drug Awareness supplies and ligature contact Ben Stone at bfbjs@aol.com

Ben Stone
State Chairman
Drug Awareness

Elks Camp Barrett Patron Program Challenge

The Elks Camp Barrett Patron Program is in its second year and this year we are trying to ramp things up with a little "friendly" Elks competition. The Southeast District is issuing a challenge to the other Districts for leadership in raising funds through the Patron Program. The winning District will receive a traveling trophy donated by yours truly. I am also providing a perpetual plaque to be displayed at the Camp with the name of the winning District and Lodge.

Our goal is to have each Lodge donate \$1.00 per capita toward the Camp Barrett Patron Program. Donations can come from the Lodge itself or individual members of the Lodge or sponsors recruited by the Lodge (including ECB parents). Every Lodge that meets this goal will

receive a framed certificate and the winning Lodge in each district will receive a nice plaque to display.

Keep in mind that camper fees do NOT qualify as donations and all donations must be sent in with the Patron Program form to qualify.

Rally your members, local businesses and parents who wish to help us keep this camp running and benefitting the children of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia.

After all we're Americans and we love to compete and we love to win...so let the games begin.

Questions please call Rick Konrad at 443-497-1022 or email at rddkleep@gmail.com

Fraternally,
Rick D. Konrad
Southeast District Vice President
MD, DE & DC Elks

2011 - 2012 Grand Lodge Officers



From left to right: Dave Wolcutt, South East District; Lou Schmeltzer, Jr., North Central District; Mary Cardinal Vogt, South West District; Paul D. Hesel, PGER, MD DE DC Sponsor; Trace Harvey, West District; Mike Todd, North East District

Promoting New Membership in B.P.O.E.

A strong leader is one who stays positive and is able to motivate others. For the growth of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to continue, we all have to be leaders in our own way. Our goal as Officers and Members should be to obtain a plus one in membership annually in every Lodge. This goal can be achieved if we, as Members, focus on maintaining a positive attitude when attempting to promote new membership. This approach should start with the Exalted Ruler and filter down to the Officers and Members. Nothing is ever accomplished when utilizing a negative attitude.

When approaching a potential new Member, your first thought should be: How can I motivate this individual to be a part of our organization? Start by focusing on what, within our organization, will appeal to his or her interests by highlighting all the positive involvement that the organization does throughout the community, whether it be community involvement, veterans assistance, youth activities or our involvement in Drug Awareness programs, to name a few. It is important we outline these programs and define what we do as an organization. Maintaining a positive attitude toward your involvement and being informative will appeal to the potential Member. Always remember, if you believe in what you say, it becomes an easy sell.

Growth in our organization begins with new membership and ends in retaining the delinquent Members.

According to Grand Lodge statistics, for every three new Members, four are dropped for nonpayment of dues. Retaining Members is never an easy feat; however, it can be achieved by pushing involvement and promoting pride in membership. In order to promote pride, a positive attitude must be maintained, ultimately leading to increased interest in membership and decreased delinquency. Approaching a delinquent Member is not always easy. Try starting with letters, then moving to phone calls. However, sometimes in order to get the best results, it is important to appeal to him or her face to face. Explain that their dues and involvement are very important to the success of our organization. If they can't pay their dues in full, offer them an alternative such as paying half and then the other half in the near future. In order for our Lodge to grow and prosper, all of our Officers and Members must be proactive in promoting all Grand Lodge programs.

Success leads to strong motivation. Every Lodge will succeed if all Members stay active and excited about Lodge activities. It is our job as Elks to look for the positive side of any situation. Remember, with a positive attitude, anything is possible. We must all stay, "Loud and Proud!"

GL Newsletter, October 2011
Membership Committee Message by
LEO R. BLANCHETTE

Submitted by,
Carl F. Vogt, PDD
State Membership Chairman

Auditing & Business Practices Quarterly Report

Our State Association finances for 2010-2011 are within budget, from May 1st through August 31, 2011. The State Association has earned \$354,891.07 of the \$412,630.00 Budget or 86.01% of Income. Expenses for the same time period are: \$204,853.26 or 49.65% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Income of \$135,350.79.

Elks Camp Barrett from May 1, through April 30, 2011 earned \$300,488.23 or 83.12% of their budgeted income of \$361,520.00. Expenses for the same time period were \$270,187.54 or 74.74% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Gain of \$30,300.69.

State Association Balance Sheet through September 7, 2011, Checking/Savings assets of \$637,513.29. Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$866,171.16 less accumulated depreciation of \$377,452.00, for a total fixed assets of \$488,719.16. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$27,104.57. For Total Assets of \$1,159,633.69. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to

watch spending.

The State Trustees had a preliminary budget meeting on Saturday, September 10th at the Camp, again this was the first meeting to analyze the Budget for next year. I encourage all state chairs to work with the Trustees, setting up a good working budget early.

This past August at Westminster DD Clinic, I gave a training session on "10 Reasons for Success."

Our State Association & ECB Committee are working hard to stay within budget and raise money. What are the 10 REASONS FOR SUCCESS? Do you know? Ask me and I'll give you a copy.

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chairman or Chairwoman and, if he or she is not available, please call or e-mail yours truly. We are only a phone call or e-mail away!

Fraternally yours,
Maurice B Di Poli, PDDGER
State Chairman Auditing &
Business Practices

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Friday: Lunch - Sandwich and Chips \$5.00
Dinner - will be available in the Lounge starting at 5:30 p.m.
Salad, Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Peas with onions, Pies and Cakes - \$12.00
Entertainment: DJ in Lounge

Saturday: Breakfast Buffet 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Scramble Eggs, Bacon, Home Fries, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Tea - \$7.00
Lunch: Sandwiches and chips and Home Made Soup - \$5.00

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Appetizers, Salad, Chicken Marsala, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Pies and Cakes - \$16.00
Entertainment: DJ in Lounge

Sunday: Breakfast Buffet 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, Pancakes, Juice, Coffee, Tea - \$7.00

Farewell Lunch: Meatball Sub, chips, soup - \$7.00

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