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Richard Burg

President 2011-2012

Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to the Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association hosted by Camp Springs Lodge #2332. By time you read this, spring will have "sprung" and hopefully we can all put our snow shovels and snow blowers back in the shed again. I, for one, am glad that I did not have to use it very much this winter season!

This weekend we have the pleasure of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler the Honorable David R. Carr and the First Lady of Elkdom Penny Carr for their Official visit to our Association. This visit gives us the opportunity not only to showcase our major project Elks Camp Barrett to them but to also report how we involve the youth of our communities in the many Grand Lodge programs. As an aside, our guests will travel to other Lodges in the Southwest District of our Association to visit and socialize with them. We should all take this opportunity to make our guests feel comfortable and at home during their stay.

Since our Winter Meeting in Milford in January of this year, I have completed my visits to all of the Lodges on my agenda. I started my visits in October, 2011 and completed my schedule in February of this year. I was very fortunate in that I did not have to drive during any snow storms but I did have a few snow flurries that didn't amount to anything to cause me any trouble. I did however have a lot of water to drive through though - only one of my nineteen trips had dry roads each way!

New Lodge Officers for the year 2012-2013 will be installed very shortly if not already. I suggest that each one of you has a mentor- someone in your lodge that has the experience and the knowledge to guide and help you to perform the duties of the office that you were elected to fill. Above all, do not be afraid to ask for help if you need it. Learn your lodge by-laws and also how to read the Grand Lodge Statutes. If you follow the Laws of the Order and the By-Laws of your lodge you will not have any problems!

Elections will be held at the Vice Presidents caucus at the April District Deputy clinics. Find out now who

is running for each office and if more than one person is running, determine which one is better qualified for the position and vote for that person. Too often a person is elected who is not really right for the position. Electing someone like that weakens the entire system and should be avoided.

Our lodge year closes on March 31. Be sure that all reports that are due get sent in when they are due and be certain that they are complete. Remember, reports are due to be sent to our State Association just as reports are to be sent to Grand Lodge!!

Fraternally,
Richard J. Burg

COMING EVENTS

- March 23-25, 2012**
GER Visit/Spring Conference
Camp Springs Lodge #2332
- May 6-12, 2012**
Elks Youth Week
- May 27, 2012**
Camp Barrett Family Picnic
- June 15-17, 2012**
92nd State Convention
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD
- July 1 - 5, 2012**
Grand Lodge Convention
Austin, Texas
- October 5-7, 2012**
Fall Conference
Ocean City, Maryland
- January 18 - 20, 2013**
Winter Workshop
Calvert Lodge #2620

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SPRING MEETING OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION CAMP SPRINGS, MD

Agenda - March 23, 24 & 25, 2012

Friday, March 23, 2012

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
5:30 P.M.- not stated Dinner at Camp Springs Lodge

Saturday, March 24, 2012

7:15 - 9:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 - 8:45 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 - Noon Registration
9:00 - 9:15 A.M. Opening of Business Session
Introduction of Honored Guests
9:15 - 9:45 A.M. Presentation, David Wolcott, DDGER, Govt. Rel.
YOU, YOUR GUEST AND THE IRS
9:45 - 10:00 A.M. Auditing and Accounting, W. Johnson, GL Area 2,
10:00 - 11:45 A.M. Officers & Committee Reports as time permits
11:45 -12 Noon Announcements & Recess until **8:30 A.M. Sunday**
Noon Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Scholarship Chr. Carroll Wagner, PSP & others
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. DDGERs Meet with Hon. P.D. Helsel, PGER &
Hon. David R. Carr, GER
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. Convention/Conference Committee Meeting
6:00 - 6:45 P.M. Reception/Cocktails
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Banquet
9:00 - Entertainment Lodge Banquet Hall

Sunday, March 25, 2012

7:15 - 8:15 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Reconvene Business Session
Finish Committee Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business
Election of Officers
GER Remarks
Good of the Association
12:00 Noon Closing

**NOTICE: The Business Sessions and all other meetings will be held in the Camp Springs Lodge.
ATTIRE - Business Casual except for Business Sessions & Saturday evening Banquet
(Coat & tie for Sessions and BUSINESS SUIT for the Banquet).**

All Reports will be given by the State Committee Chair. The Protocol is for each Lodge to send their information to the District Chair who will send it to the District Chair for consolidation and presentation to the Meeting Attendees.

Next Meeting - State Convention
June 15 - 17, 2012
Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

Next Newsletter
Deadline:
May 18, 2012

GRAND LODGE

Thank you for "Giving from the heart"



Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. David R. Carr

In today's economy, many Lodges are experiencing financial and other difficulties. The cost of supplies, utilities and taxes continues to increase while dues income continues to decrease with the loss of Members. Too often problems arise from poor business practices and/or a disregard for proper or required procedures.

Successful Lodges are those that comply with the requirements spelled out in the statutes and manuals of the Order. A lack of success is often a result of Officers being

inexperienced, unaware of the requirements and/or purposely disregarding the statutes and rules.

Lodges are encouraged to adhere to sound business practices, comply with our manuals and statutes, and follow the requirements of state and local governments where Lodges reside. Lodges operating properly are generally better run, making them stronger - thereby ensuring the long-term viability of both the Lodge and our Order.

Each Lodge should have an independent accountant under contract to prepare the Lodge's Annual Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2012. The accountant should be either a Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant, who performs work for the general public and is

knowledgeable of accounting for not-for-profit organizations. He or she should also be independent of the Lodge in order to render impartial opinions as to the Lodge's financial condition and be familiar with filing IRS tax forms applicable to non-profits.

Thank you for "Giving from the Heart" your talent, time and financial support to help your Lodge programs achieve success. You have helped make a difference in the lives of many youngsters, victims of disaster, veterans, children and adults with disabilities, and others who look to us for assistance.

Your continued dedication demonstrates that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

David R. Carr



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & SPONSOR

We continue to do a great job with ENF

Welcome to the March 2012 Spring Conference hosted by Camp Springs Lodge #2332. Also please join me in welcoming our Grand Exalted Ruler David Carr and Elkdome's First Lady Penny Carr to our conference. They will be with us for the weekend and would enjoy talking to each of you about the efforts of your lodge and our Association in promoting Elkdome in the communities of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

With this conference we will learn our accomplishments and shortfalls for the 2011/2012 lodge year. While the final numbers will not be in until March 31st, it appears we will once again have a net loss in membership across the Association. Some lodges (a minority for sure) have done an excellent job in attracting and keeping members and continue to grow, while the majority just can't seem to keep the members they have or attract a sufficient number of new members to offset their losses. The losses of these lodges also are offsetting the gains by the lodges that are growing thereby causing a loss across our whole Association. We must solve this dilemma and get more of our individual lodges in a growing mood!!

We continue to do a great job with the Elks National Foundation and earlier this month we had moved to 8th in the nations in per capita donations. Congratulations and

thanks to all those who have worked so hard to make our ENF efforts so successful and our Association a leader in support of the ENF. The ENF is on track for another record year and as a result recently announced another grant program for lodges. It is the Beacon Grant Program and is available to every lodge in the amount of \$1000 for a community program. Keep giving to the ENF and be sure your lodge applies for the new

Beacon Grant.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable conference and thank you to all for helping to make the Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association the best of the best.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Grand Lodge has requested the Monthly Public Relations Report for each State Association. This year, the monthly Lodge reports were submitted through July 2011, at which time we were told not to submit them any more. I am requesting each Lodge to estimate the past 8 months and submit the numbers on one report to your

PR District Chairman by April 1, 2012. The forms are on the MDDEDCELSASSN.ORG website. If you have any questions, please contact me or your District Chairman.

Connie J. deYoung
State Public Relations Chairman

ELKS CAMP BARRETT

We have many projects on which to work before this camping season, so we will be recruiting volunteers throughout the spring. The "Spring Cleanup" will be held after the Camp Meeting in May, which has been moved to May 19th, at the regular time. All Cabin Sponsoring Lodges should be communicating, to be sure that all cabins are being cleaned and repaired.

The Family Picnic is Sunday, May 27th. Look for flyers at your Lodge or on the State website. In October, the membership voted to increase the price for a lodge to send campers to \$125 per child. To offset this increase, it was suggested that the Lodges

could ask for a \$25 application fee. However you handle this, we ask you to please try to cover this expense without decreasing the number of campers you sponsor. In fact, we need each Lodge to try to increase its number of campers. Remember, this is our "State Major Project", it is imperative that we support our Camp by sending campers and contributions, as well as volunteers!

Sincerely,
Les Bussard, Chairman
Elks Camp Barrett
Executive Committee 2011-12
MD-DE-DC Elks Association

Message from the President-Elect:



Jim Stewart
PG&S SPONSOR

I want to join Camp Springs this weekend by welcoming our Grand Exalted Ruler, David Carr and his wife, Penny as they visit our State Association. I am sure that they will be

impressed by the great charitable works of our lodges and members.

I want to extend a thank you to Milford Lodge for the great hospitality shown to Sandy and me during the Winter workshop. Although Sandy did-

n't win any games at Bingo, Bonnie was a great host to her and Debbie Johnson.

I am looking forward to attending the Regional Soccer Shoot at Carlisle, PA. March 9-11 and the Regional Hoop Shoot in Frederick on the 17th.

The lodge year is coming to an end and the incoming officers for 2012-2013 have now been elected. I am looking forward to visiting the lodges and new officers in the upcoming lodge year. Now is a good time to use your Past Exalted Rulers to help install the new officers. Remember, they have the experience and knowledge to assist and guide you throughout the year.

As this is the last workshop prior to the June Convention where I will be

installed as your State President for 2012-2013, I have already aligned the incoming officers and State Chair persons for the upcoming year. I trust that next year will be another great year for our Association.

The January workshop will be held at Calvert County the weekend of January 18 -20, 2013.

Sandy and I are looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone this weekend at Camp Springs.

Enjoy yourselves and make welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife.

Your friend in Elkdome
Jim Stewart

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Bonnie Brussard
NE District VP

In January I finished all official visits, Newark Lodge with our State President and Wilmington Lodge for mine. I attended the Winter Workshop held at the Milford Lodge, where the Northeast District was well represent-

ed. Thank you Milford Lodge for a week-end well done!

The Northeast District Hoop Shoot was held in Dover this year and I had the honor of keeping score. It was fun to watch the girls and boys

have a great time. After the shoot we were invited back to Dover Lodge for awards and pizza. Wilmington Lodge participated this year and had such a great time, they are planning to return next year.

The Northeast District Caucus will be held on April 15, 2012 at the Havre De Grace Lodge following the DD Clinic. Letters were mailed with information pertaining to this caucus.

Note all Lodges receive ballots based on number of Members as of April 1, 2011. You must be present to vote. Dave Reihl, Chestertown Lodge and John Ramsey, Dover Lodge will be running for the office of Vice President, Northeast District.

In February I attended Dover Lodge's

Charity Event featuring an Elvis impersonator and a Silent Auction. The proceeds benefited Make-A-Wish & the Food Pantry. A young girl who had been granted a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation was in attendance and had such a wonderful time. I even won two items in the auction.

March is a busy month with attending Chestertown Lodge's 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dancing, the luncheon at Camp Barrett for the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit, and the Spring Conference at Camp Springs.

The Northeast District is doing well.

Fraternally,
Bonnie Brussard

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Kelley Randolph
SW District VP

Greetings from the GREAT SOUTH WEST! In January we held our caucus and 60 Elks turned out! Only 41 could vote, but it was great to see the interest shown by all of the lodges. Maurice DiPoli from Waldorf Lodge # 2421 and Carl Vogt from Calvert Lodge # 2620 were elected to run for the office of State President -elect. Claudia Finley-Bowalick from Waldorf Lodge #2421 was elected to be the two year

Trustee, Renee Rivituso, also from Waldorf Lodge # 2421 will be our two year Camp Barrett representative serving on the Executive Committee and Rick Anderson from Prince George's Lodge #1778 will be the SW Vice President.

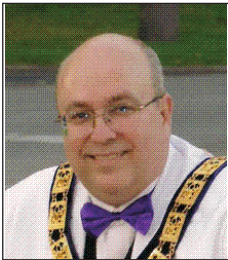
Since our last meeting I had the pleasure of hosting our State President at Camp Springs Lodge #2332. After a great dinner pre-

pared by one of our volunteers, President Burg attended our meeting and spoke highly of our two major focus areas: the Handicapped Students, K-12 in Prince George's County Public Schools and our veterans at Charlotte Hall. Next week I will conclude my visits at Calvert Lodge #2620.

A note of praise to St. Mary's Lodge # 2092 who visited the Hospice House of St. Mary's and presented them with a check for \$4000.00 and went to Charlotte Hall to give them a Pizza Social and present them with a check for \$1000.00. These monies were raised at their annual charity Ball. And finally, kudos to Prince George's Lodge #1778 for hosting a Maryland Special Olympics Dance. During the two day event over 400 children from the county school system attended and were treated to lunch and an afternoon of dancing.

Fraternally,
Kelley Randolph

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Rick Konrad
SE District VP

Since our last newsletter I have attended Lodge visits with President Burg at Cape Henlopen and my home Lodge in Salisbury.

Congratulations to the Cape for having the best meeting attendance for any Lodge that I have

visited this year. They are a Lodge that is certainly meeting their goals and have a membership that is engaged in the Lodge's business.

I also had the pleasure of attending another great event at the Easton Lodge on December 23rd for their Annual Christmas party. As always they had great fraternalism for the holiday season. My kudos go to ER Connie Wolcott for stepping up and doing a great job this year under difficult circumstances.

The Salisbury Lodge held their Annual Hoop Shoot on January 7th and of course I was in attendance (after all I was the event chair). The Lodge did a nice job of providing local kids with a chance to compete in this fun event. The District Hoop Shoot for the Southeast was held on February 4th at the Salisbury Salvation Army (on Oak Street) at 9 AM. As always Gil Dunn did a great job and plenty of help volunteered to

make the event a first class youth activity. See my Facebook page for photos.

On January 21, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner in honor of Ocean City member Carroll Wagner in tribute for all his service to his community and to the Elks. It was a wonderful night with great attendance to honor one of the nicest Elks and best role models we have in our Association.

Since my last report I have also had the pleasure of attending a great Winter Workshop in Milford. Congratulations on the fine job that the Lodge did in hosting the State event

Rick Konrad

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Wald
NC District VP

I have traveled 353 miles and visited all the Lodges in the North Central district. I would like to thank the Lodges for the kindness and hospitality shown to me during the visits. It has been a great pleasure serving Elksdom and the North Central District.

The caucus for the North Central district will be held immediately following the DD Clinic at the Annapolis Lodge on Sunday, April 15th.

Be Proud of Elksdom!

Fraternally,
John T. Wald, Sr.

In less than 7 days, you will know how your lodge fared with regard to MEMBERSHIP

As you have heard me say many times, **"Change does not happen by Chance, it happens because we Change"**, so now is as good a time as ever to look back and see what worked, or perhaps **didn't work**. If it is the latter, it is definitely..... Time for Change.

Thanks to all the Exalted Rulers and the Officers who served this year and congratulations to all the newly elected officers that will be installed shortly. The challenge you all faced or will shortly face regarding Membership has not changed. In some instances it will represent a greater challenge if your lodge lost members this year; this is where the **Time for Change** will play a major role.

As the incoming Exalted Ruler you have the opportunity to make an impact **by changing what has not worked in your membership program by setting out to change it**. I encourage you to analyze the results and seek advice from Lodges that were successful in posting a GAIN...ask them what they did and are doing to fix the problem. I will share statistics with you by posting them at the Workshop in Camp Springs. In the interim do not give up on your delinquents...you have until March 31st to get them to pay their dues for 2011 and into CLMS2 as a paid member.

In closing, **Work your plan, monitor your plan and make any necessary adjustments, and you will have a gain in membership for your Lodge!!!**

Have a Great Year!!!

Carl F. Vogt, PDD
State Membership Chairman

ELK STATE Auditor Quarterly Report

Our **State Association finances** for 2010-2011 are within budget, from May 1st through February 27, 2012. The State Association has earned \$368,375.22 of the \$412,630.00 Budget or 89.00% of Income. Expenses for the same time period are: \$325,871.43 or 78.00% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Income of \$42,503.79 down from January 2012. The new budget will show additional cuts within our budget and they are needed if we are to recover and remain solvent in the future. This trend must continue so we may bill up our reserves for rainy days are still ahead. Our Camp will need more repairs as it gets older and more reserve will be needed in the coming years. ("Well" repair at ECB Approx. \$40k).

Elks Camp Barrett from May 1, through February 27, 2012 are within budget. The Camp has earned \$349,917.80 or 96.00% of budgeted income of \$361,520. Expenses for the same time period were \$331,942.46 or 91.00% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Gain of \$17,975.34.

State Association Balance Sheet through February 29, 2012, Checking/Savings assets of \$521,638.99. Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$873,786.16 less accumulated depreciation of \$412,239.00 for a total fixed assets of \$461,547.16. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$29,862.04 up \$2,650.57 from January 2011. For Total Assets of \$1,023,756.88. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending.

Gave a new training session at Milford Lodge, on Sat. January 14th, 2012...Title: "What does it Take to Survive in Hard Times." Hand outs were available, along with a question and answer period, very well attended. If lodges would like me to look over their financial data, I'll be happy to give an opinion, but I need two years of data. If your lodge is in financial trouble and many are, don't be afraid to ask for help! Maybe this new seminar will help your lodge?

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

MD, DE & DC State Association Ritual Results



Results of the MD, DE & DC State Association Ritual Contest held on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Annapolis Maryland Lodge 622.

Participating Team Results:

First Place:	Dover Lodge #1903	96.1512
Second Place:	Annapolis Lodge #622	95.5037
Third Place:	Frederick Lodge #684	95.4985

The All-State Officers and Coach:

Exalted Ruler:	Jeff Carlson from Dover Lodge # 1903	94.100
Leading Knight:	Rich Lenhen from Annapolis Lodge #622	95.549
Loyal Knight:	Jack McAdory from Annapolis Lodge #622	94.847
Lecturing Knight:	Milton Morozowich from Dover Lodge #1903	95.223
Esquire:	Thomas Stevens from Frederick Lodge #684	93.473
Chaplain:	Merrilyn Ramsey from Dover Lodge #1903	94.062
Inner Guard:	Chad Brunner from Frederick Lodge #684	91.485
Candidate:	Henry Rinta from Frederick Lodge #684	
Coach	Greg Wilkes from Dover Lodge # 1903	

Highest Scoring Officer: Rick Lenhen from Annapolis Lodge # 622 **95.549**

We congratulate all the participants for their hard work and for their excellence rendition of the Ritual. Thank you to all the judges and especially the visiting judges from Virginia and New Jersey.

Larry Mathers
State Ritual Chairman

State Convention News - June 15 - 17, 2012

The weekend package raffle tickets valued at \$350 are available for sale this weekend at a cost of \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The winner will be drawn by our GER, David Carr at our association dinner on Saturday evening.

We are excited to be able to hold this year's convention at The Turf Valley Resort, Golf Course and Spa. This is an outstanding property located in Ellicott City, MD. A golf package has been arranged for Thursday or Friday. The package includes cart rental, bag service, cart preparation, range ball and a Pro Shop gift certificate. And, the cost is only \$87. Who's up for a spirited 18 holes with your fellow Elks?

Contact Greg Wilkes at 302-674-4157 to reserve your tee times.

If you are not a golfer, or wind up sore after your round, why not take advantage of the top of the line, full service SPA? Details are available at www.turfvalley.com. Extra nights are available, see reservation form on page 11 for cost of additional nights.

Submitted by: State Convention Conference Committee

Annual Spring Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, May 5
Chestertown Lodge

8am Registration
Tournament starts at 9am



Lodges are encouraged to bring as many two person teams as possible

The entry fee for each lodge is \$25

The winning Lodge will choose a charity of their choice to donate the entry fees to in the name of that lodge.



“Elks Gone Wild” Bowling and Golf

Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5

Bedford Elks Lodge #1707 • Bedford, PA • 814-623-9714

YOU DO NOT NEED to GOLF or BOWL but you must be prepared to have fun!



Meet at Frederick Elks around 1PM Friday May 4. The convoy will leave around 2PM.
Open Golf at the Bedford Lodge when we arrive in Bedford

Best Ball 9 hole Golf Tournament will be held Saturday May 5 at 11AM. Prize fund money is \$10 per player.
Prizes for 1st and 2nd team will be awarded immediately upon completion.
Each golfer will be responsible for their cart and greens fee.

Bowling at the Lodge in the afternoon Saturday around 4PM

Rooms are reserved at: Best Western, 4517 Business Route 220, Exit 11 Penn Turnpike, Bedford, PA 15522 • 800-752-8592

\$80 single occupancy; \$89 double occupancy; \$95 triple occupancy; \$99 quad occupancy.
All rooms are plus tax. Includes Hot Breakfast Buffet

Note: Rooms are reserved but each party will pay for themselves at the time of arrival. If you do not show up and do not notify either Mike Greene or the motel by 6PM you will be responsible to pay for the room.

If you want a room at this motel please confirm to Mike Greene how many nights, smoking or non-smoking, and how many people in the room by May 1, 2011.

Contact Mike Greene - cell 443-253-5452 or dmgreene3018@verizon.net



What's Happening with the MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association? What are you doing to make our state #1?!

As of February 15, 2012, our association of 21,672 has donated \$160,345.28 and we are at \$7.399 per member. Not only has our Association made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member; we are very close to the State President's goal of \$9.00. A current update will be given at our meeting in Camp Springs.

The following lodges have made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50: Annapolis #622, Essex #1866, Laurel #2283, Severna Park #2482, Newark #2281, Willington #307, Havre De Grace #1563, Dover #1903, Abingdon #2354, Milford #2401, Chestertown #2474, Salisbury #817, Cambridge #1272, Easton #1622, Pocomoke City #1624, Seaford #2458, Cape Henlopen #2540,

Kent Island #2576, Ocean City #2645, Washington-Rockville #15, Prince Georges County #1778, St. Mary's County #2092, Camp Springs #2332, Calvert #2620, Frederick #470, and Westminster #2277, for a total of 26 lodges. Annapolis #622, Laurel #2283, Abingdon #2354, Kent Island #2576, Seaford #2458, Cape Henlopen #2540, Camp Springs #2332, and Washington-Rockville #15 have also made the State President goal of \$9.00 for a total of 8 lodges. We are \$32,000 away from meeting our contribution of \$192,112.94 which we gave during 2010-2011 and well on our way to surpassing it!!

I hope that all of the lodges that have made the GER goal are applying for their Community Grant. Thank you to all of

these lodges for their contributions thus far. We have a long 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-Bowalick

Accident Prevention Report

Now that Spring has sprung, it's time to clean up around the lodge. Make sure walkways are repaired and any debris from the winter is cleared away.

Once again, the abuse of alcohol in the lodges is of a major concern. Lodges must anticipate problems when members and guests are over-served. Remind your bartenders that patrons need to be forewarned that they will be refused service when visibly becoming intoxicated. Remember that the liability reflects back to the lodge when something happens from over-serving. An excuse from a patron that they have a designated driver or are not driving is unacceptable.

Claims have been made by persons who have left the lodge intoxicated and received injuries afterwards while walking home or even after being dropped off by a designated driver. Please make sure your bartenders are aware of the aftermath of over-serving. In many states, claims have been made against the person who served the alcohol.

Once again, check stairs, chairs and stools and other equipment, and replace if needed. Most claims are due to slips, trips and falls. Make sure restroom floors are kept dry, possibly having someone check them frequently for any water or debris on the floors. Place trash containers and paper dispensers near the sink area instead of across the room.

Stay safe and accident free.

Jim Stewart
Accident Prevention State Chair



OAKLAND ELKS LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

Oakland Elks Lodge 14th Annual Community Appreciation Dinner was held on Sunday, February 26th at the lodge. Those honored by the Elks are pictured in the front row, Michael Sweitzer, Ryelynn Sweitzer and Steven Sweitzer, winners of the poster contest. Second row is Denise Helbig, Teacher of the Year, Arlie Shahan, Lodge Volunteer, Commissioner Greg Crawford, Sgt. Clark Warnick, GCSO, Law Officer of the Year, DDGER Tracy Harvey, Georgia Cheshire, Elk of the Year, Morgan Rush, Kaitlyn Smith and Abigail Burdock, Essay winners and Lorie Burdock, Teacher of the Year. Last row, Kent Burrell, KVFD and Chris Crabtree, OVFD, Fireman of the Year, TFC Andrew Farrell, Law Officer of the Year, McHenry Barrack, Commissioner Jim Raley and Bob Gatto, John Smith, Lodge Officer of the Year, Ernie Gregg, Citizen of the Year and the Exalted Ruler, Raymond Monk. Not pictured, Sandy Brantner, Master of Ceremonies.

STATE YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT

I would like to thank, once again, everyone who is doing such an outstanding job with youth activities this year. Also, I am pleased with the response we are getting for the Youth/Teenager of the Month and Year. The year is not over and we must really concentrate on the Youth Brochure and in just less than a month, Best Lodge Youth Activities Program brochures are due to all State YA Chairs. There is still time to put something together. Please refer to the Grand Lodge YA web site for complete details and instructions.

I would like to encourage each Lodge to have an entry in the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award. One award will be presented to each Grand Lodge Area for a total of eight

awards. Candidates must be involved in Youth Activities in their Lodge and in their community. The Lodge needs to send a resume letter to me by May 15, 2012, with their candidate's achievements. After the state winner is determined, judging will occur at the Area level.

And there is still time to get activities together for Youth Week May 6-12. Contest details can be found on pages 20 and 21 of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Manual (and can be downloaded online at www.elks.org).

Yours in Elkdom
John Ramsey, State YA Chair



Boys

Week #1: June 17 - 22

Week #2: June 24 - 29

Week #3: July 1 - 6

Girls

Week #1: July 8 - 13

Week #2: July 15 - 20

Week #3 July 22 - 27

State Web Site

Please send any information to be included on the State website via email to: webmaster@mddedcelk-sassn.org. This email address will auto forward to me and will make it easy to redirect to my successor once he or she is found.

Please make sure any information submitted contains where it is to appear on the website and the contact information (both email and phone number) is included should I have any questions.

Scott Wishard
Elks Webmaster



Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling

“LET THE DRUMS ROLL”

The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Youth Invitational Tournament of Champions Tennis, Golf and Bowling will be held July 22-24, 2012 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Elks Association. Last year seven Lodges from the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Elks Association sponsored participants in the various events. My goal for 2012 is to double the number of lodges from our association. Ask yourself, what is your lodge doing to attract young people from the 14 to 18 year olds. Remember these young people are your members of the future. One of the first participants Ocean City Elks Lodge No. 2645 sponsored is now a member of Salisbury Elks Lodge No 817.

There is no other tournament in our area that includes participants from Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. Now is the time to incorporate funds into your lodge budget to sponsor participants in the upcoming tournament.

The 2012 rates are as follows:

Contestant Chaperones	288.00 per person single occupancy
	329.00 per person occupancy
	266.00 per person double occupancy
	306.00 per person occupancy
	257.00 per person triple occupancy
	292.00 per person occupancy

Our State Association, through ENF, helps each lodge financially by reimbursing a portion of the participant's fees. Last year each lodge requesting reimbursement received fifty percent return.

Applications forms are available on www.paelks.org. Forms had not been posted on the mddedc state web site at the time my report was submitted.

Edward “Pete” Peterson
Chairman

AMERICANISM AWARDS

ART WINNERS

"My Favorite American Symbol"



0-3

1ST place Tamia Lemon - Waldorf

4-5

1st place John Macatangay - Havre de' Grace

2nd place John Sweitzer - Oakland

3rd place Ginna Rodriguez - Waldorf



6-7

1st Jillian Waxman- Calvert

2nd place Melvin Keil - Selbyville

3rd place Antwain Shaw Jr. - Abingdon

4th place Chris Kirchner - Severna Park

5th place Ryelynn Sweitzer – Oakland



8-9

1st place Jessica Williams - Calvert

2nd place Emily Ngo - Selbyville

3rd place Haley Williams – Dover



Essay Winners

"Why I Am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag"

DIVISION ONE 5TH - 6TH GRADE

1ST Ryan Trivers - Prince Georges

2nd place Madi Martin - Westminster

3rd Place Emily Rapposelli - Havre' de Grace

4th place Jesse Robert Burroughs - Selbyville



DIVISION TWO 7TH - 8TH GRADE

1st place Michaela Brodie - Wiley - Seaford

2nd place Aleksander Ethan Schaff - Waldorf

3rd place Abigail Burdock - Oakland

4th place Lucy Brooks - Havre' de Grace



MARY CARDINAL – VOGT
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
 June Convention Reservations - June 15 – 17, 2012



TURF VALLEY
RESORT, GOLF COURSE AND SPA

2700 Turf Valley Road Ellicott City, MD 21042

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 14, 2012 - UNFORTUNATELY, NO EXCEPTIONS

Circle the option desired and check the box for reservations. Select complete weekend package (option #1) or Lodging (option #2) and/or Saturday State Association Dinner (option #3).

1. Weekend Package:

Includes two nights accommodations on June 15 and June 16, Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and a light Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Double Occupancy: \$350.00 12 oz New York Strip # _____
 Single Occupancy: \$315.00 Herbed Salmon Filet # _____

2. Individual Room Rates: (Friday and/or Saturday)

One Night \$140.00
 Two Nights \$280.00

Additional Nights (Thursday or Sunday) \$120.00

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

One person \$35.00 12 oz. New York Strip # _____
 Two persons \$70.00 Herbed Salmon Filet # _____

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



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*Complete Golf Packages are available on Thursday and Friday @ \$87 per person. See Newsletter for more details. Contact Greg Wilkes to reserve tee times (302) 674-4157

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

Name: _____

Spouse/Roommate: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Lodge: _____

MAIL TO:

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 712 Meadow Brook Lane
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Hoop Shoot Newsletter/Quarterly Report



Well, we have crowned our 6 State Champions for this year's Hoop Shoot and as I type this I am very encouraged that I will be able to deliver some good news this weekend, here in Camp Springs, of several of them continuing on to the National Finals in Springfield, MA. The Regional finals were last week in Middletown, MD.

Our State Champions are as follows:

Girls:

- 8-9 - Laney Cornelius(Towson #469)
- 10-11 - Mackenzie DeWees(Westminster #2277)
- 12-13 - Maya Goree(Waldorf#2421)

Boys:

- 8-9 - Liam Jones(Wash.-Rockville#15)
- 10-11 - Colin Miller(Towson#469)
- 12-13 - Morgan Edwards(Frostburg#470)

This year's scores were outstanding and the competition was close. Two of the divisions on the girls' side had to go to 2 shoot off rounds to determine the final results. For the boys, Morgan had the highest overall score as he made 24 of his 25 shots. The pressure was on him though as there was a shoot off for second and third between 2 other contestants who had made 21 in the first set of 25.

Once again this year, I was overwhelmed with the turnout of Elks to assist with the shoot. 35 members showed up to help and even though some were not used, they stuck around and watched the competition.

I believe that we were a little more successful this year in getting local Lodge participation, but we still do not have 100% of the Lodges running a local shoot. There is plenty of good information available to all Lodges on how to run a shoot. It is not hard and watching these young men and women compete makes it all the more worthwhile. Myself or your District Director stand ready to help you. It is not too early to start planning for next years event.

As this is my second year as State Director, I can't use the "Rookie Mistakes" excuse any more and I feel that we ran a very good shoot. This would not have been possible without the efforts of my District Directors, Devin Foggo(NC), John Ramsey(NE), Gil Dunn(SE), Gary Eckenrode(SW) and Henry Rinta(W). Hopefully we can keep this team together for a few more years and continue to build and improve the program.

Once again, I can not stress enough, if we do not have 100 % participation from our Lodges, we are only cheating the children. There might be a Getty Powell Award winner out there that never had the chance to prove him or her self.

In closing, remember that there are never any missed shots, only misguided ones.

Jack Boehmer
State Director