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James Stewart
President

Message from the State President

Happy New Year and welcome to the Winter Workshop at Calvert County! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday and are ready to start the new year with a resolution of continuing community service and promoting our programs within your communities.

Since October, I have completed my lodge visits. Sandy, John and I want to thank each and every lodge for the outstanding

hospitality shown us during these visits. Sandy and I also visited the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia, for the annual lighting ceremony. What a beautiful sight! We enjoyed an evening of music, by the resident choir, a meal and watching the numerous cars driving through the grounds to view the lights. I attended the State Soccer Shoot in Ocean City and Sandy and I attended the Charity Ball at Frederick Lodge #684. I have visited both the Martinsburg and Charlotte Hall Veterans facilities.

As our lodges are entering the busiest time of our lodge year, in February we are preparing for nominations and election of officers for the upcoming lodge year. Are the present officers planning to continue and move up or on to other things? Officers should be preparing to advance to the next chair, retain the chair they occupy now or make it known that they do not wish to continue as a lodge officer. Is your Leading Knight planning to be Exalted Ruler? The officers of the lodge are the foundation to make a lodge solid or weak. Good leadership is a must in our lodges today. Committee chairs are vital to the continuation in the promoting of our programs of our Order to your communities.

As February brings Elkdom to the forefront, may we also remember the birthday of our Order on February 16th. It is also the time to be considering district and state chair persons. If you are interested in a position within your district, please let your district past state presidents know. If you would like to be considered for a state position, let President-Elect Carl Vogt know.

I want to thank the Vice Presidents for accompanying me through my visits. You are an elite bunch, and I commend you on a job well done.

Remember to be Soldiers of Service in our communities and spread the word that Elks still exist! See you in Annapolis in March when we will be visited by our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas Brazier.

Jim Stewart
State President

COMING EVENTS

- February 16, 2013**
State Hoop Shoot at
Whittier Rec. Center
Frederick, Maryland
- March 8-10, 2013**
Region II Mid-Atlantic Soccer Shoot
Hagerstown, MD
- March 21-24, 2013**
GER Visit/Spring Conference
Annapolis Lodge # 62
- April 25-28, 2013**
Hoop Shoot Finals
Springfield, MA
- May 1-7, 2013**
Elks National Youth Week
- June 14-16, 2013**
93rd State Convention
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD
- July 14-18, 2013**
Grand Lodge Convention
Reno, Nevada
- October 4-6, 2013**
Fall Conference
Princess Royale
Ocean City, MD

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**Next Newsletter
 Deadline:
 March 1, 2013**

**Winter Workshop of the
 MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION
 Calvert County, MD**

Agenda - January 18-20, 2013

Friday, January 18, 2013

- Noon - 5 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, January 19, 2013

- 7:00 - 9:30 A.M.Breakfast Buffet (\$7.00)
- 8:00 - 8:45 A.M.Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
- 8:00 A.M. - NoonRegistration
- 9:00 A.M.Meeting Called to Order
- 9:15 - 11:15 A.M.Paul Helsel, PGER, DD Clinic
- 11:15 - 11:45 A.M.Drug Awareness. Cindy Taylor, State Chair
- 11:45 - 12:00 P.M.Government Relations, Dave Wolcott, State Chair
- NoonLunch (\$7.00)
- 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting
with DDGERs & District Leaders
- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.Committee Meetings
Conference/Convention Committee Meeting - Scholarship Committee - Maurice DiPoli, Presentation
CLMS Presentation, Richard Reynolds
- 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.Cocktail Reception
- 7:00 P.M.Dinner (Casual Dress) (\$25 includes entertainment)

Sunday, January 20, 2013

- 7:00 - 9:30 A.M.Breakfast Buffet (\$7.00)
- 8:00 - 9:00 A.M.Registration
- 9:00 A.M.Meeting Called to Order; Officers' Reports
Reports by State Committee Chairs
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the Association
- NoonClosing & Lunch (\$7.00)

**NEXT MEETING:
 SPRING WORKSHOP, ANNAPOLIS ELKS LODGE #622
 GRAND EXALTED RULER, THOMAS BRAZIER WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE
 MARCH 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2013**

From your Secretary:

All State Chairs and District Chairs need to start getting their hours, total number of people, number of Elk helpers, non-Elk helpers,

their miles, anything I can use for the State Charity report at the end of the year. Please send this info to me when complete.

Jim Harbour

GRAND LODGE

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler



Grand Exalted Ruler
Thomas S. Brazier

As we begin 2013, it is time to bring new focus to an issue that is of concern to all of us - membership. At all levels of our Order, we are looking at why our membership continues to

decline and how we can stop it.

We have often observed that the BPOE is the "best kept secret in the country." And why is that? One possible answer is involvement. I would offer that the more visible we are in our communities, the more involved our Members will be and the more people will want to join our Order when they see what we are doing locally. It is vital that our Lodges reach out into the surrounding communities with projects

and publicity if we are to survive. But how do we make this happen? How do we become "A Beacon of Hope" in our communities?

One of the ways we can become more visible locally is to look for a need and then put both our ENF grant and local charity monies to work to meet that need. It might be a backpack lunch program, a free community dinner on Thanksgiving, or a sober-graduation program. It could be building a playground or creating a community garden on previously unused land. There are many potential ways we can be involved in our communities. Reach out to your Members to find out what they have observed and then put a project into action. Look for local businesses that might want to share the work. They often have monies to invest and staff who want to help but don't know where to start.

Second, make sure the media are involved. They should be told about your plan as it begins and be kept involved as your project progresses. Invite them to join in the tasks needed to accomplish the goal. The more people see your dedication to the community, the more likely they will be to want to join our great Order. And don't forget to publicize your progress in your Lodge newsletter. Keeping our Members informed about our charitable projects helps them understand the impact their money has in their own local community.

Reach out in your Lodge and community. Together, we can stop this downward spiral in membership and make a difference going forward - both in our Order and in our community. All we need is +1! Become involved. Become "A Beacon of Hope" and invite others to do the same.



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & SPONSOR

Welcome to the Calvert Winter Conference and the beginning of a new year for all of us. Hopefully 2012 was a good year for each of you, your families, and your lodge, and hopefully 2013 will be even better.

While it is a new calendar year (2013), we still have a little over two months in the 2012/2013 lodge year, still time to make your goals, and end the year on a positive note. My message in January 2012 touched on four areas of concern for the individual lodges - membership, financial stability, program participation and community involvement, and adherence to operational requirements.

When we look at the totals and the average performance across the 38 lodges of our Association, we generally fare reasonably well in these areas. When we look at the individual lodges, some do well, some do very well, and some do not do so well. How will your lodge measure up in these areas at the end of the 2012/2013 year?? Will your lodge show a gain in membership, will your lodge be financially stable, will your lodge have participated in our programs and been involved in the community, and finally has your lodge operated within the rules and requirements??

Obviously, with the amount of information

now available to us on an almost real time basis, we already know the answers to these questions. For the lodges that will have not fared so well, the real questions are - what is the lodge leadership doing and what is the membership doing to ensure their individual lodge is successful?? We have a great product, we have the tools - what do we have to do to get the Elks that make up an individual lodge to take the responsibility and challenge to do the job and do it right and make a lodge successful in these areas year after year??

Over the past five months or so we have instituted a few things to improve our knowledge base relative to the operational functions of our lodges and Association, as well as to improve our ability to respond to the needs of the individual lodges and personnel that carry on the work of the Association on a more timely and meaningful basis.

We have set up District Leaders (PSPs) in each District to guide, assist and interface with the lodges to help bring continuity and consistency to their individual operations, as well as to guide and assist Association Committees, Officers, and personnel in the performance of their individual duties within the District. Please consider these District Leaders a resource, and go to them if and when you need assistance, have a question, and/or need some guidance.

As I have said many times, I consider the financial stability of our lodges to be one of the areas that concerns me the most. Without financial stability a lodge will not survive!! To help the District Leaders and

myself understand the financial situation with each lodge on a real time basis, we have requested that all lodges provide their DD and District Leaders a P&L Statement and a Balance Sheet reflecting their entire operation each and every month. As was expected lodges with apparently a good handle on their financial operation responded quickly with the requested documents, while others have not yet been so forthcoming. I would suggest that if your lodge is not supplying the requested documents on a monthly basis that you do so quickly and get in sync with this new requirement!!

Through the CLMS system lodges have been required for some time now to enter their charitable and public service activities into the system on a monthly basis. This is very important information and is used to justify our (your lodges) status as a non-profit, non-taxed organization. Looking through CLMS it is obvious that all of our lodges are not keeping up to date with this entry requirement. I would again suggest if your lodge is one that is not up to date, do so quickly and see that from here on out it is done monthly. Our recent situation with the State of Delaware and gaming machines in the Delaware lodges has brought to light the extreme importance of having this information available on a real time basis.

In addition to lodges reporting charitable and public service activities it is imperative that we capture that same information on the activities of our Association. As such all State Association personnel from myself

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Message from the President-Elect:



Carl F. Vogt

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays!

As your President-Elect, I have attended the ECB Meetings, as well as, the ECB Executive Board Meetings and Convention/Conference Meetings. All of these meetings

have given me the opportunity to see what is happening, where we are and what we need to do to make our Association the best in Elkdom.

I wish to thank the lodges that are sending me their Newsletters and also the Vice-Presidents for sending me their reports. Our President and First Lady have kept both Mary and me well informed of their travels and itinerary. I also wish to thank the Advisory Chairman, Warren Johnson for his support and outreach in helping me prepare for my year.

Recently I sent a Letter via e-mail to the Lodges asking if they would volunteer to host either the Winter Workshop or Spring Workshop in January and March 2014. This represents a great opportunity for a Lodge to share its hospitality with the members of our Association. I hope you all consider doing this, its hard work; however, you'll always cherish the memories.

The greatest challenge any leader has is to insure that whatever he does is a success. One criterion is to appoint worthy Officers and Committee Chairman that will promote the GL and State Association Programs. To that end, I have met with my friend and mentor PSP Vince Pingitore, Jr to share my goals, appointments, etc. for the year ahead.

As you have heard me state many times, **“Change does not happen by Chance...but rather it happens because we Change”**.

I look forward to meeting all of you at my home Lodge Calvert 2620 in January.

Fraternally,
Carl F. Vogt,
President-Elect

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Dave Reihl
NE District VP

It has been an extremely busy three months for us here in the North East District. Due to a prior family commitment, I was graciously excused by President Jim from attending the Fall

Workshop in Ocean City.

I have completed all of my official visits to Dover, Abingdon, Newark and Elkton Lodges. In addition, I accompanied President Jim to his official Visits at

Wilmington, Milford, and my own Lodge in Chestertown. It is my intention to visit (unofficially) with Havre de Grace Lodge, to complete my circuit of all eight Lodges in our District.

I have also attended District Deputy visits at Dover, Milford and Chestertown.

During my travels throughout the District, I have been able to gain a better appreciation for what our Lodges do for their local communities and I am very happy to report that they are working as hard as possible to support the Grand Lodge programs, and the goals set forth by State President Jim.

Since I am writing this article in

December, I would like to take the opportunity to say that I hope all members have had a very Merry Christmas and offer my most sincere wishes to everyone for a safe and prosperous New Year.

I look forward to the Winter Workshop at Calvert Lodge in Prince Frederick and hope to see many of you there.

Please remember that I am here to support you, and if you have any needs you believe I can assist with, don't hesitate to call, e-mail or write me, and I will answer swiftly, and to the best of my ability.

Yours in service,
Dave Reihl

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Rick Anderson
SW District VP

Greetings from the Great Southwest District! I have completed 2 of my 7 lodge visits, Waldorf #2421 and Washington-Rockville #15. I accompanied State President Jim Stew-

art at Washington-Rockville and had a great time. I would like to thank both lodges for allowing me to visit and their outstanding hospitality. I can report that both lodges are working hard and supporting our Grand Lodge programs, our major State Project,

and their communities. I now hit the busy part of my schedule with 4 lodge visits in the coming 5 weeks. At the time of the workshop in Calvert I will be left with just 1 lodge visit left. I will report on all those lodge visits in the March Newsletter.

On Friday, 09 November I went to Camp Barrett to help clean up and get firewood ready for the Boy Scout Camporee. It was a great day with the perfect mix of work, fellowship, and fun. On the 16-17 I returned to Camp Barrett to help out at the Boy Scout Camporee. I would have liked to stay the whole weekend but had a wedding commitment the evening of the 17th. I was a camporee rookie and I must say that this is truly an

amazing event hosting 1000+ Boy Scouts. The crew that gets this event organized and setup truly deserve a hearty slap on the back for a job well done. If you have not experienced this event yet you should mark your calendar now for next years. You will have a great time and will leave with a real feel good attitude that will really get you pumped up to support what we do as Elks.

I would like to close by saying I hope that everyone in my District and this Great State Association had a very Merry Christmas and wishes of happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally;
Rick Anderson, PER

WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Brian Westfall
West District VP

Much of my time during the Summer and Fall months was consumed by my responsibilities as Scouting Coordinator regarding preparation for the 2012 Elks/USNA Scout Day Camporee and the Scouting for Food program. Fortunately we will have completed our Lodge Visits by

the time you read this message and I'll have had more time to join you for social and community

activities.

Congratulations to Frederick Lodge #684 for receiving the Order of the Sword Award from the Major General Boyd Cook Foundation for their commitment to post 9/11 veterans. The foundation recognized the Lodge for its support to the foundation in their mission to assist post Sept. 11 veterans in obtaining benefits and assistance. The Royal Order of the Sword originated during the Middle Ages in Sweden to recognize workers who made significant contributions.

As I write this column, three lodges in the District; Westminster, Frostburg and Oakland have met the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 for ENF. Congratulations! I know that Frederick

and Hagerstown can't be far behind!

Three lodges; Hagerstown, Oakland, and Westminster, are plus in membership for the year. As you all know, membership recruitment, retention, and reinstatement are key to our continued growth as lodges and as an Order. Make the effort to promote our good works in the community to increase visibility and attract new members; and keep your current members engaged in the work and activities of your lodge.

Fraternally,
Brian Westfall, WVP

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Robert Riggins
NC District VP

Having finished all my VP visits, November has been a slow month. I was fortunate to attend Veterans Day Luncheon at the Laurel Lodge. Laurel Lodge needs to be commended, this luncheon was well attended by our veterans and greatly

appreciated by all. Most of my time during November was spent doing maintenance work at the Annapolis Lodge. In December, I attended our Lodge Memorial Service, Charity Ball/Fundraiser, Children's Christmas Party and Egg Nog Party. I was also privileged to assist the Glen Burnie Lodge with the Initiation of new members. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Calvert.

Fraternally,
Robert Riggins

Paul Helsel

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right on down to District level Officers and Committee personnel were requested to file a monthly report on their individual charitable activities. Those requested to report represent all the leadership and workers of our Association and, in fact, do much work in many ways and devote many hour to support the charitable efforts and programs of our Association. To date the reporting has been dismal. Either many of our Association personnel are simply not doing anything or they feel above having to compile and report their individual efforts in support of our Association programs. Whichever may be the case, I would suggest that each and every Elks holding a position of responsibility in our Association do your job and then report it or make way for someone who will!! We not only need the work done, but we need a record of the work done!

While there are many areas that we can continue to improve upon and we will, I wish to thank all of you who work so very hard for your lodge, your Association and our beloved Order. We get a lot done and we can be very proud of our accomplishments. We have a great Association, but we are far from our potential - we can be even greater and I know we will continue to move in that direction.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable Winter Conference and a successful and rewarding 2013.

Sincerely and fraternally
Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor



Americanism

Poster and Essay Contest Lodge Winners are to be in District Chairmen hands by January 25, 2013.

State Association Americanism Awards

Frederick Lodge #684

February 16, 2013 • 4PM

Awards will be given for 1st through 5th place in each division.

Lodge Chairmen: Remember to focus on awareness in the community. Americanism and community service go hand in hand. As Elks, when doing all of the different projects, it is only natural that our Americanism shines through.

Everything you do for Americanism should be reported on your Lodge Charity Report.



Continuing to wave our flag...
Mary Cardinal-Vogt
Americanism Chair
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William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

I trust everyone had a good Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year experience and has had time to get the house back to some semblance of normalcy. I know that I am blessed with a loving family that has, in large part, enjoyed a healthy and happy year. God willing my family, especially my seven grandkids, is poised to do it again in this New Year. Eileen and I have had the opportunity to go and visit each of them over the Holiday Season and have plans to see them again soon!

When our lives are going well, it is easy to forget that

there are families struggling to deal with seriously ill children. Possibly it's not a catastrophic illness from which the child suffers, they may be engaged in a lifelong struggle with hearing, vision, skeletal, or muscular issues that require repeated surgeries or ongoing protracted medical treatment. There are kids and families living in each of our communities who are dealing with issues that most of us will hopefully never experience. Imagine taking your child to the Doctor and receiving a diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, Retinoblastoma (eye cancer), Con-

genital Heart Defects, Triplegic Cerebral Palsy, or a Cancerous Brain Tumor. These are some of the issues that have resulted in families being unable to meet the financial demands of day to day life with a seriously ill child.

Fortunately, an Elk became aware of their plight and made an application to the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund for a Grant to assist the family. While the Fund cannot address the full measure of the problem, we can take a little pressure off and grant some measure of relief.

So far this year the WJMF has made seven grants in response to applications which were received from Lodges in four of our five Districts. In addition, the Fund has received in contributions from our members

and Lodges over Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.) which has been invested to make additional grants possible in the future. Please make sure that the Fund is part of your Lodges Charitable budget!

If you know of a child experiencing a medical issue that has outpaced the family's ability to cope, consider the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund as a resource in your Lodge's effort to help, in the words of our Grand Exalted Ruler, a "Beacon of Hope."

For us, "It's all about the Kids"

Fraternally,

John Loftus, SE,
Michelle Rhoads, NE,
Larry Mathers, NC,
Mike Hall, SW,
Jack Stush, West (Chairman)

Newark Elks present \$2,000 Jernick Fund Award

In a special presentation October 23rd at Newark Lodge #2281, the Gott family was presented a check from the Jernick fund for \$2,000 to help 12 year old Amber who has cerebral palsy. The money will go towards defraying the

cost of renovating the family home to make it wheelchair accessible. This will include Amber's bathroom which will be retrofitted with a much needed wheelchair accessible shower.



Shown in photo: Back: Dan Monte Carlo (ER), Robert Raleigh (N.E. District Deputy), Ed Gott (father), Michelle Rhoads (P.E.R.), Karrie Gott (mother), Trevor Gott (2 yrs) Front: Amber Gott (12 yrs), Ashley Gott (9 yrs). Michelle Rhoads is President of Lodge 2281's PER Assoc., Jernick Fund Chairperson and Northeast District Chair.

Hagerstown Elks presents Jernick Fund Award



Pictured are the Tuckey family: Nate, Kate, Eli, Rebekah and Josh. Elks: Jack Boehmer, DD; George Hamilton, PSP; Frank Clopper, PSP; and Jack Stush, DDGER, Jernick Fund West



Is your Lodge on the road to +1 Membership?



If not, here are some tools that are available from the GL website

[More Sharing Services](#)[Share](#)[Share on facebook](#)[Share on twitter](#)[Share on email](#)

These resources are for Elks to encourage the promotion and invitation of new members into the Order.

[Who Are the Elks?](#)

Next to the home page of Elks.org is a very popular resource for public viewing that explains the Elks and allows potential members to submit a Elks Membership Inquiry Form to their local Lodge.

[Elks Membership Application System Flyer](#)

Download a copy of the flyer for the new online membership application system being handed out at convention.

[Elks Membership Application System](#)

The online based membership application is our newest edition to the Elks.org website where current members can invite friends and family to join the Elks.

[5-Year Membership Trend Report](#)

Want to see how your Lodge is doing with Membership? This report shows a break down of a Lodge over the past 5 years.

We need your Membership Team to work the issues facing us which is our declining membership.

We need to be +1...not 1/2 OFF

Fraternally,
Carl F. Vogt, PDD
State Membership Chairman

Government Relations

A sincere thank you to everyone who sent in their Charitable Report for November, and I have copies of where we stand for your review. We are getting there (very) slowly but surely, ending up with a little over 39% submissions in November and a big increase from the 26% as of Dec. 9th. Anyway, some Christmas cheer: as of Nov. 30th this 39% reported that over 1,100 Elks and their helpers donated almost 3,000 hours and drove over 15,000 miles to generate a value of \$73,670.62 in our programs and charitable services. Okay, you know I

have to say it - what would that figure be if we had reports from the other 61%?

The total of these reports will be added to the totals reported by the Lodges at the end of the year when the State Secretary compiles our State report.

Again, thank you for your support and cooperation, a very Merry Christmas to you and yours and we'll hit the ground running the first of the New Year.

Fraternally,
Dave Wolcott, PDDGER
Government Relations
Chairman

New Candy Bar Campaign



For those who do not know, Wolfgang candy has new owners and the candy bar campaign has changed. You now must buy a master carrier which contains four boxes of 60 candy bars per box. You can no longer purchase one kind of candy bar. I felt this no longer suits our needs.

With the help of Jack Boehmer, we found a new vendor to try and I hope you will support this new endeavor. The company is Gardners Candies. I had never heard of them but have been told how good they are. They do not sell a mixed box but the box selections are:

peanut butter meltaway, almond, milk chocolate, crisped rice, creamy caramel and salty pretzel. There are 32 bars per box and will still sell for \$1.00 per bar which will cost \$32.00 per box.

For those who purchased the mixed boxes in the past, what I did with Wolfgang Bars, was order the kind that the people like and mixed them up myself and sold them. Just an idea.

I hope you will support this new venture and help us raise money for Elks Camp Barrett.

Hilda Davis



SCHOLARSHIP

The deadlines for Most Valuable Student Scholarship Award and the Legacy Awards are past. The remaining deadlines are January 28, 2013 for our District Judging to be completed and February 13, 2013 for our State Judging to be completed. We will announce our winners at our Spring Conference.

The Scholarship Committee is revising the Vocational Scholarship Application so that it is more "user-friendly". We would welcome any input and invite you to join us at our meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 2 o'clock. The deadline for Vocational Scholarships is March 15, 2013. Our Trustees have granted us the additional \$3,000 that we requested for our Vocational Awards.

Please try to "talk up this award at your Lodge". As Elks, we can make a significant difference in the future of these students.

Our budget for Most Valuable Student Awards is \$52,000 and \$8,000 for Vocational Awards. It is up to us to determine how that money is spent. Again, we welcome your input.

Your District Chairs are available to answer your questions and help you with the process:
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Here are excerpts from some of the thank-you letters that we have received from last years winners:
 "...College is going great so far. Thank you for paying for the burdening cost of college these days..." Alexis Smith
 "...I am really enjoying my time so

far at Ithaca College and appreciate your recognition of me." Erica Steinhff.

Looking forward to talking with you,

Fraternally,
 Martha Scully
 Chairman, State Scholarship

Ritual Committee Report

The annual District judging isn't complete as of this writing. I am trying to set up a Floor Judging Clinic in February, if there is a Lodge interested in hosting this clinic, let me know at the workshop in Calvert. This years State Ritual Contest will be in March in the Southeast District, the location will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

The whole purpose of the

exemplification of the Ritual is to impress the candidate with the lessons it teaches. The ceremony should be presented at all times from this standpoint. One of the most important contributions the Officers of the Lodge can make is an impressive induction of a candidate into our Order.

Larry Mathers
 State Ritual Chairman



Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling



The Youth Invitation Tournament of Champions will be held on July 28-30, 2013 at Seven Springs Resort. This tournament will include tennis and golf only. The bowling has been dropped from the program due to lack of participation

Applications will be available in January 2013 and will be put on the MDDEDC web page.

Lodging Financial Summary for 2013 are as follows:

CHAPERONE RATES

- \$ 341.00 per Chaperone, Single Occupancy
- \$ 318.00 per Chaperone, Double Occupancy
- \$ 304.00 per Chaperone, Triple/Quad Occupancy

CONTESTANT RATES

- \$ 300.00 per Contestant, Single Occupancy
- \$ 278.00 per Contestant, Double Occupancy
- \$ 269.00 per Contestant, Triple/Quad Occupancy
- \$ 160.00 Commuter Package (inc. meals)
- \$ 50.00 Entrance Fee (Commuter)

Package includes Sunday dinner, Sunday lodging, Monday breakfast, lunch, dinner, Monday lodging, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, 6% state sales tax and gratuities covering services for food service personnel. Rates for additional nights before or after the package, \$ 60.00 per person, per night plus 9% sales tax and occupancy. tax but does not include meals.

Pete Peterson
 Chairman for Youth Tennis and Golf

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Auditing and Business Practices Report

Our **State Association** finances for 2012-2013 are within budget from May 1st through October 30, 2012. The State Association has earned \$429,616.57 of the \$414,040.00 Budget or 103%. Expenses for the same time period are \$325,093.94 or 78%. Or a Net Income of \$104,522.63; that's good, however we still have 6 months remaining.

Elks Camp Barrett from May 1, through October 30, 2012 is within budget. The Camp has earned \$361,956.82 or 98% of budgeted income of \$366,800. Expenses for the same time

period were \$288,665.51 or 78% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Income of \$73,291.31. Outstanding Camper fees are \$5,250.00 divided by \$125 per child = 42 children not paid for as of October 30th?

State Association Balance Sheet through October 31, 2012, Checking/Savings assets of \$433,810.69. Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$902,336.16 less accumulated depreciation of \$447,031, for a total fixed assets of \$455,305.16. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$30,001.21,

for Total Assets & Liabilities of \$929,766.56. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending.

Will have Training sessions on Saturday, January 19th at 2PM on "How to Run the Business of Your Lodge" & "What Does It Take to Survive in Hard Times." Handouts will be available, along with a question and answer period.

Hope all lodges are within budget and making money, hand over fist? If not, please try to attend one of my seminars, you may learn something

that will help you and your lodge? Cost per person YOU'RE TIME and you get FREE KNOWLEDGE!

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chairperson and, if they are 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



What's Happening with the MD, DE, D.C. Elks Association's Elks National Foundation

As of November 26, 2012, our association of 21,092 has donated \$118,540.28. This is an increase of \$10,785 from last year at this time. We are at \$5.620 per member which is an increase of \$0.70. Our Association has made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member!! A current update will be given at our meeting in Calvert.

The following lodges have made the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50: Annapolis #622, Broadneck #2608, Laurel #2283, Dover #1903, Newark #2281, Abingdon #2354, Milford #2401, Chestertown #2474, Salisbury #817, Crisfield #1044, Easton #1622, Pocomoke City #1624, Selbyville #2173, Seaford #2458, Cape Henlopen #2540, Kent Island #2576, Ocean City #2645, Washington-Rockville #15, St. Mary's County #2092, Camp Springs #2332, Waldorf #2421, Deale #2528, Frostburg #470, Westminster #2277, and Oakland #2481 for a total of 25

lodges.

Kent Island #2576, Laurel #2283, Chestertown #2474, Pocomoke City #1624, Cape Henlopen #2540, Washington-Rockville #15, and St. Mary's County #2092 have also made the State President goal of \$9.00 for a total of 7 lodges. We are well on our way to surpassing our contributions of \$199,376.43 which were given during 2011-2012.

All lodges that have not made the GER goal of \$4.50 have been notified. Paul has made this one of the requirements for the end of the year audit.

I am looking forward to hearing about the wonderful things that you have accomplished with your Community Grants during the 2012-2013 ENF year. We have 25 lodges that are able to apply for the Gratitude Grant this year because they have made the GER goal of \$4.50 per member. Promise Grants, Lodge Assistance Grants, and Impact Grants may be applied for without meeting the GER goal.

New Grant!!!

Has your lodge developed a new, ongoing charitable Elks-driven Community Project? Your lodge can apply for \$1,000 to support your community project. We need to show our charitable works to our community by having an on-going program at the local lodge.

Thank you to all of our 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 Carolyn Riggins; Northeast District, contact Ed Pettit; Southeast District, contact Roberta Maycrantz; Southwest District, contact Art Walker and in the West District, contact Sandy Brantner.

Claudia Finley-Bowalick



Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in O.C. in October, 2012 was Mike Kunkel from Washington-Rockville Lodge No. 15.

Thanks to all that continue to support the raffle and don't forget to stop by the registration table and buy your tickets this weekend.

H. Lee Davis, PSP
50/50 Raffle Chairman



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Spring Conference Menus & Prices

Friday, March 22nd

Regular Lunch Menu (11AM – 2PM)
 Dinner Entrees \$14.95 - \$19.95 (5 – 9PM)
 Crab Cakes, Prime Rib, Seafood Platter,
 Filet Mignon, Pasta, Shrimp, Oysters
 Dinner followed by a Disk Jockey in our lounge
 beginning at 8PM

Saturday, March 23rd

Breakfast Buffet \$8.00 (7:30 – 9:30PM)
 Lunch Buffet \$8.00 (11AM – 2PM)
 Surf and Turf Dinner - \$30.00 Person
 Advance Reservations Required and requested
 Dress Code is Business Suit

Social Hour 6:00PM

Dinner 7:00PM

Dinner Menu

Salad, Appetizer, Filet Mignon & Crab Cake,
 Twice Baked Potato, Green Beans and Cheesecake

Sunday March 24th

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Elks National Home Now Open to Non-Elks

On December 16, 2012, the Elks National Home and Retirement Center, Inc. announced that it will start admitting non-elks to its beautiful retirement community located in Bedford, Virginia. The Board of Directors and Home Administration have been working on the plan to accept non-Elks since the Grand Lodge Convention in July 2012.

The Elks Home is widely regarded as one of the finest senior living facilities in Virginia, if not the country, and because of its reputation for unequaled quality care and service, it expects to begin attracting new residents immediately. While non-Elks will be admitted to the Home, it is important to note that the Home will continue to concentrate on attracting members of our Order by offering Elks substantial discounts and benefits that will not be available to the non-Elk residents.

For admission as an Elk, the applicant must have been a member of our Order for a minimum of three years.

Opening the facility to the public is seen as the best way to significantly increase the number of residents, thereby increasing revenues and reducing the operational losses while placing the Home firmly on the road to being self-sufficient for the long-term.

If the Home cannot attract the number of residents needed to operate efficiently within a reasonable time, then the only remaining options will be to close or sell the Home.

The new Executive Director of the Home is Pam Mutter. If you have any questions regarding benefits as an Elks, she can be reached at (540)586-8232. If you have any questions regarding opening the Home to the public, please contact Ronald L. Hicks at (540)371-2505.

NEWARK ELKS TAKE VETS TO BALL GAME

Newark Lodge #2281 took 7 VETS and 5 aids to a Blue Rocks baseball game August 30th. The VETS, from the Wilmington Delaware VA Medical Center, watched Wilmington's minor league baseball team from their own private skybox and were treated to burgers, dogs, baked beans, peanuts & all the fixin's. As a special treat, the VETS were all brought out on the field before the game and introduced individually by the game announcer to applause and appreciation of the crowd. Not only did the Blue Rocks win that day but so did our VETS!



Seated (L-R): Carl Mazzarelli, Richard Evans, Mitchell Slivinski, Duilio Marcon, George Bradley, George Schofield & Fred Young.
Standing (L-R): Dan Monte Carlo (ER), Kathleen Bradley (Loyal Knight), Margie McIntyre (Tiler), Debbie Hatton (member), Robert McIntyre (P.E.R. & VAVS Representative), Donna Murphy (Secretary), Derian Wright (aide) & Desiree Baca (aide).

Western Night at the Fall Conference



SOCCER REPORT



It is hard to believe that 2012 has come and gone and we are beginning a new year! 2012 was a difficult and trying year for me personally due to health issues but for now, all is well and life is good. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and concern.

Though tough for me, it was another good year for our Soccer program. We had two additional lodges participate this year, Abingdon and Havre de grace. Thanks for stepping up!

All of our Local, District, and State contests are now behind us and all went well. Our District chairmen did a great job and their efforts are much appreciated. We will now take a break for a couple of months but the competition will spring back in action in March. The Region II, Mid-Atlantic Contest will be held in Hagerstown March 8-10, 2013 and we are eagerly waiting to showcase our champions.

On Saturday Oct. 22, 2012 the State Soccer Contest was held in Ocean City, MD. It was well attended and as always the competition was keen and exciting. The winners in each category are now our State Champions and they are: Girls; Bay Rothermel(U-8 Milford), Emillee Graham(U-10 Oakland), Asha Thomas(U-12 Abingdon), Brittany Hinman(U-14 Crisfield). Boys; Will French(U-8 Crisfield), Evan Riggin(U-10 Crisfield), Dylan Chi(U-12 Dover), Jonathan Morgan(U-14 Crisfield). This fine group of young boys and girls will now advance to the Region II Contest and proudly represent the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Association in Hagerstown.

As I stated earlier, our State Contest was held in Ocean City and once again it was a great event.

The support from all the Elks who came to Ocean City to help was inspiring and very much appreciated. Elks from across the entire association, from Crisfield to Oakland, were there assisting in everything from registration to scoring and retrieving balls. Our State President Jim Stewart was there, many Past State presidents, District Chairmen, PERs, ERs, etc. It was an impressive gathering of Elks helping to promote Elkdom through one of our Youth Activity programs. I wish to thank all of you who were there and everyone who otherwise supported the Soccer program at any level.

The State Soccer Contest has been held in Ocean City for several years now and it has always been a success. There is a major reason for it's success and that is the tremendous support from Ocean City Elks Lodge No. 2645. They handle most of the logistics including arranging for us to use the Northside Park indoor soccer arena and they do a terrific job hosting the Awards ceremony and trophy presentations at their lodge. I want to personally thank, Shawn Smith ER, TP Simons PER, Rocky Rockwell PER, Carroll Wagner PSP, Roger Wilbrandt PER, Jim Harbour PDDGER, Pete Peterson as well as their spouses, officers and many others. Thanks OC!

Now for some information about the next event, the Region II Mid-Atlantic contest. Once again, the date is March 8-10, 2013 and it will be held in Hagerstown, MD. This is a fun filled weekend of competition and camaraderie for the kids and their families. The contestants will receive trophies, awards, and even uniforms and warm-up jackets personalized with their name and State Association,

all of this at no cost to them or their family.

With that said I will now issue a plea for support. The Region II Soccer committee publishes an Ad journal and sells Booster name sign up sheets to help fund the contest. This fundraiser drives the Regional program. This contest, unlike others, is funded primarily by the Ad Journal sales and with your help we can continue to provide a first class competition. Any and all ads are most welcomed and they can be from State Associations, Lodges, businesses, individuals, even Moms and Dads wishing their kids well. Ads are (\$50/half pg), (\$100/full pg) and Booster names can be listed in the journal for \$3 each. I know that these are financially trying times but please reach into your pockets, dig deep and donate what you can. I would especially encourage those lodges who had winners at the State level and are sending contestants to Hagerstown to support this fundraiser. If you are interested and need an Ad form or booster sheet contact me or your District Chairperson. We are in the Directory. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and are used solely to defray costs of the contest.

Thank you and please wish our kids good luck in Hagerstown!

Myron (Butch) Morgan PDDGER
State Soccer Chairman