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**James Stewart**  
*President*

## Message from the State President

Members of the MD, DE & DC Elks State Association:

On behalf of Sandy and me, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the lodges and members for the outstanding hospitality shown to us and the many gifts we received this past year as we traveled throughout the Association.

The Officers, Trustees and Vice Presidents did an outstanding job this year representing your lodges and districts and the Vice Presidents for accompanying me on my visits. Making sure that I was where I need-

ed to be, when I needed to be there. I thank you for your dedication to our Association. The overall portrayal of Elkdom and our "Soldiers of Service" were abundant within the lodges and districts.

Thank you to Greg Wilkes, PSP, ECB Director, Les Bussard, ECB Executive Chair, the lodge representatives for your dedication and devotion to our Major Project, Elks Camp Barrett. Everyone who assisted with any project at the camp, I applaud you and thank you.

I want to thank Warren Johnson, PSP, and Advisory for the support and guidance given to me, no matter how big or small, my opinions, decisions and concerns were addressed and respected. I want to thank Paul Hesel, PGER, friend and Sponsor, for your assistance and continued love and support of our State Association; also to Jane for her help and friendship to Sandy throughout this year.

This past year, I traveled in excess of 25,000 miles and 30 hotel stays. I attended soccer shoots, hoop shoots, special events at the lodges, the lighting at the Home, Pennsylvania State Convention, and due to Hurricane Sandy, we were not able to attend the New Jersey State Convention. We attended the National Hoop Shoot in Springfield, Massachusetts, and although our contestants didn't win first place, they rate first place in our hearts and represented our State Association proudly!

I believe that our Fall, Winter and Spring Conferences were a big success, and the visit from our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier and wife Venita, was enjoyed by all, especially them. The custom-made helmets were a big hit and they truly appreciated them. If you have not visited the GER's Blog, you should go on and see the picture posted of the helmets and the compliments paid our Association.

Although the year has come to an end for Sandy and me, it is a memory that will be everlasting for us both, and I hope that you, the members of the Association are satisfied that we represented our Association well. We are very proud to have served and will be forever grateful from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you to Oakland Lodge for your support and endorsing me to represent not only our State Association but Oakland Lodge. I am proud to be an Elk and member of #2481.

As our State Association is beginning a new year, Sandy and I want to wish Carl and Mary a year as wonderful as we had, and enjoy your year as you represent the best State Association in Elkdom!

I hope that you will continue to be "Soldiers of Service" by showing your pride of being an Elk and all that we stand for!

Thank you again for a great year, your support, but mostly, your friendships.

Fraternally,  
Jim and Sandy

## COMING EVENTS

**July 14-18, 2013**

Grand Lodge Convention  
Reno, Nevada

**July 28-30, 2013**

Youth Invitation Tournament  
of Champions  
Seven Springs, PA

**October 4-6, 2013**

Fall Conference  
Princess Royale • Ocean City, MD

**January 17-19, 2014**

Winter Workshop  
Dover Lodge #1903

**February 15, 2014**

State Hoop Shoot  
Whittier Rec Center • Frederick, MD

**March 8, 2014**

Regional Soccer Shoot  
Frederick Indoor Sports Complex

**March 15, 2014**

Regional Hoop Shoot  
Middletown, MD High School

**March 20-23, 2014**

GER Visit/Spring Conference  
Frederick Lodge #684

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# 93rd CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION ELLCOTT CITY, MD

## AGENDA for JUNE 14 - 16, 2013 JAMES E. STEWART, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

### Friday, June 14, 2013

Noon - 5PM ..... Registration  
1PM ..... Advisory Meeting  
1 - 4PM ..... Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairs  
5PM ..... State Trustees Meeting  
5PM ..... ECB Executive Committee Meeting

### Saturday, June 15, 2013

7 - 9AM ..... Breakfast Buffet  
8 - 8:30AM ..... Elks Camp Barrett Meeting  
8AM - Noon ..... Registration  
8:45AM ..... Business Session (Committee Chairs to summarize year)  
11:50AM ..... Announcements  
Noon ..... Lunch  
1PM ..... State President-Elect Carl Vogt luncheon with incoming Officers  
and State Chairs Luncheon (Dutch Treat)  
2:30 - 4PM ..... Flag Day Ceremony (Summer Tux for participants)  
6 - 6:45PM ..... Social Hour  
7PM ..... Dinner (Business Suit)

### Sunday, June 16, 2013

7 - 9:30AM ..... Breakfast Buffet  
8 - 9AM ..... Registration  
9:30AM ..... Memorial Service (Summer Tux for participants)  
10:15AM ..... Installation of Officers for 2013-2014 (Summer Tux for participants)  
11AM ..... Closing

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**FALL CONFERENCE**  
**PRINCESS ROYALE • OCEAN CITY, MD**  
**OCTOBER 4-6, 2013**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: Sept. 16, 2013**

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Thomas S. Brazier

As Rodgers and Hammerstein sang, "June is busting out all over!" June features a special event at our Lodges - Flag Day. I have seen many celebrations for our Stars and Stripes, but I have

always been most impressed by those done in our Local Lodges. Some share the history of Old Glory through their collection of antique flags. Some have veterans from every branch of service who participate in the ceremony. Boy Scout troops are frequently asked to take part. But no matter what form it takes, we all are proud of our flag and what it represents, and this celebration always carries great meaning for us as Elks. Be sure to make this a special day for your Members and guests alike.

Next month we will be in Reno, Nevada, for our 149th Grand Lodge Session. To the Exalted

Rulers of our Order, you will be the official representative of your Lodge. As such, you have a responsibility to review the proposed changes to the laws of the Order, which have been sent to your Lodge, and to have discussed them with your Members before arriving. You will be asked to vote on these issues and report back to your Lodge.

But you will also be asked to vote on issues that will not have been previously sent to your Lodge. These are frequently housekeeping issues to resolve conflicts in the statutes and have been proposed by a Grand Lodge Committee. However, sometimes there will be discussion on the floor of the Grand Lodge and points made on issues that were not considered by your Lodge. Fortunately, we are not robots - we can listen, reason and understand when information is given to us. And then we can act on that information. So I ask each of you to pay close attention to the proposed changes to the laws of our Order this year, discuss them with your District and State leader-

ship at the convention and then vote as your good sense would dictate. In this manner, we will continue to keep our Order up to date with the changing needs of our membership. Please don't come to the convention with your mind made up, or perhaps as instructed how to vote by your Lodge. There will be a lot of discussion, and you need to be free to act on the information in a way that most benefits your Lodge and the Order.

While at Grand Lodge, be sure to take advantage of the wealth of information available to you. There are always ENF and membership seminars, and committee promotional materials on the exhibit floor. Take time to talk to your fellow attendees from other Lodges and states about what they are doing. If there is an issue that concerns you, seek someone out to ask your questions. Grand Lodge provides you with many expert resources and experienced staff. Make good use of your time with these Elks. It will stand you in good stead going forward. See you in Reno!



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & SPONSOR

Welcome once again to Turf Valley and this, the 93rd annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. This is our second convention at Turf Valley, and as we experienced here

last year, this convention weekend promises to be filled with a little bit of business and a whole lot of fun and fellowship.

We are pleased to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Robert Ricker and his wife Pamela, and also the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, Terry Liersaph and his wife Pat. During this weekend please join me in offering them a warm welcome, as well as extending to them our typically outstanding Elk hospitality.

At this convention we will reflect on this past Association year and thereby set the stage and bar for the coming year. As has become the norm, we will learn that our Association just experienced another outstanding year. Through the dedicated efforts and hard work of State President Jim Stewart, his officers, committee personnel and all the Elks and their spouses, the individual lodges are stronger and our Association has reached new and higher levels of accomplishment. My congratulation

and thanks to all those who contributed to the efforts to make it all happen in the individual lodges and as a result in our Association!!

During this weekend we will also focus on the new Association year ahead of us and the things needed to make our lodges more stable, productive, and involved in their individual communities. Under the capable leadership of incoming State President Carl Vogt, his officers and committee personnel we will be pursuing new initiatives, as well as continuing those that are already in place - all with the goal and intent to strengthen the individual lodges and promote and encourage "Shared Responsibility" throughout all levels of our Association, from

the President to the individual lodge member. Working together with an increased emphasis on a few things already in place and kicking off a few new initiatives, the 2013/2014 year promises to be an exciting, rewarding and successful year for all who participate in earnest.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend, best wishes to incoming State President Carl Vogt and his officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all of our 38 lodges for a most successful year.

Sincerely and fraternally  
Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

**FISHING RODEO**

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## Message from the President-Elect:



Carl F. Vogt

This is my last article as your President-Elect of the MD DE DC Elks Association.

I wish to thank Jim Stewart, State President and Sandy for serving our Association with dignity and pride this past year. Jim kept me informed of all the

events and activities that he and Sandy were involved in this past year.

The mentoring of my friend, PSP Vincent Pingitore, Jr. and Advisory Chairman and PSP,

Warren Johnson will never be forgotten. I thank both of them for their time, dedication and perseverance in helping me this past year.

All of my appointments have been finalized and the TEAM is looking forward to working with all the other Elected Officers as soon as we are installed and start serving you and this great Association.

This year we will embrace ourselves for a revitalization to insure that we motivate and cultivate new leaders for the ensuing years by immersing them and getting them involved in every facet of Elkdom. We all should enjoy and be happy with whatever we are doing as ELKS.

As your President-Elect, I attended all of ECB and ECB Executive Board meetings, State Trustees meetings and Conference/Convention

meeting. In addition, I attended several District Deputy Clinics, Association and Lodge events. Since both Mary and I enjoy traveling, we never worry about logging miles as long as we have the friendship of our Elk family.

In closing, Mary and I are both anxious and ready to start our new adventure, we hope that you will also be ready for us. We hope to visit your lodges on both an official and social protocol. Please keep us informed whenever your lodge is hosting an event, if we're available we will stop by and join you.

Mary and I both look forward to seeing all of you at Turf Valley.

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt,  
President-Elect

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Dave Reihl  
NE District VP

The Northeast District Caucus was conducted in April at Chestertown Lodge where John Ramsey was elected to the office of Vice President for the fraternal year 2013 - 2014. We welcome Bonnie Howell (Milford Lodge #2401) as State Trustee (2 Yr term), and Gerry Emerick (Chestertown #2474) for a 2 Year term on the Camp Barrett Executive Committee.

I have the utmost confidence these three highly dedicated members will represent our great District in an exemplary fashion and prove to be assets to our State Association.

I was nominated and elected as State Trustee to complete the term vacated by John Ramsey's election as VP.

In March, I attended the luncheon at Camp Barrett with GER Tom Brazier, the dinner at Kent Island Lodge in honor of his visit, and of course, the Spring Workshop at Annapolis Lodge. I was honored to assist with the Installation of Officers at Milford Lodge on March 16.

Our District has done a wonderful job this past year and with our new Exalted Rulers in

office since April 1, I am confident that we will continue our successful support of all of Elkdom's programs.

I have traveled in excess of 2,000 miles since last June in support of our State Association and the Lodges in our District. I have thoroughly enjoyed every visit.

I want to thank all the Lodges in the great Northeast District for their friendship, hospitality and hard work in support of Elkdom.

I am committed to continue to support our Lodges and programs in my role as a Trustee and as Esquire to the District Deputy.

Fraternally,  
Dave Reihl



## OBJECTIVE FOR THIS YEAR ZERO LAPSATION



Hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all of you for accepting the challenge to take a leadership position and accept the challenges of our Order. Your membership has invested their trust and confidence in your ability to improve your Lodges, communities and Grand Lodge programs. With your budgets prepared and objectives set, it is time to make your year a benchmark of accomplishments that others will follow.

By now you should be on your game and getting a quick start to ensure a successful year. With Officers and Committees in place you should set benchmarks to be checked throughout the year to help you stay the course. I would encourage you to make sure the Lapsation Committee is contacting the delinquent Members, either in person or by telephone, with a real

discussion as opposed to a letter, bulletin or email.

With many school years ending, perhaps you should check on your Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and committee objectives and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year almost behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your committee needs to constantly work the delinquency list.

All MEMBERSHIP awards for 2012 - 2013 will be made either during Saturday's General meeting or the dinner that evening. Until then.....keep up the dedication and timeless effort it takes to make 2012 - 2013 a *Zero Lapsation Year*.

**Your Members are the foundation of your Lodge..... Treat them as such.**

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD, State Membership Chairman

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



David Neal  
Southeast District VP

Because my reports did not make the last two State newsletters, most of this report is from the last 2 quarters. I want to thank everyone for their support during the past year. Everyone that is reading these Newsletters means you care. The Elks Organization is not just a Club/Bar.

We all are running a business. We all are out there participating in the community, and making a difference. Not only running your Lodge as a business, but supporting and running Grand Lodge programs are just as important. That is the real reason we exist. Exalted Rulers you need to support every program the Elks Organization has to offer, even if it is only 1 event per program per year. Ask a member "Would you be interested in taking charge of this event?" Most people are afraid to ask. But you will be surprised, most will not say No. Please make it a point this year to let the community know what the Elks are doing this year. Call the local TV and newspaper and let them know what you are doing. They will come out and do a free article or TV broadcast. Free advertising is the best. When you have an event, take a picture;

email/submit it to the newspaper, especially when presenting a donation check. Exalted Rulers, get your Lodge out in the public, this will help create new membership that all Lodges are struggling with.

Lodges have held their Annual Elections, and getting ready for their installation of new officers. The Holidays are past us. I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season. I want to say thank you to the lodges that sent Holiday Baskets out to the community, and more importantly to our troops. Since our last meeting, things have picked up and got real busy for President Jim Stewart and I. I started off in the month of November with a bang. Visiting Selbyville #2173 on 11/07/12, and then meeting our President and his Wife in Pocomoke #1624 on 11/08/12. It was good to see Selbyville Lodge is Very Involved in Youth and Drug Awareness. Pocomoke Lodge has become very involved in the local community. Supporting local Fire Department, inviting them out to the Lodge for Bingo, and gaining new members. Both of these Lodges served us a great dinner, and we had a good time.

Our next set of visits was Ocean City #2645, Salisbury #817, Seaford #2458 and Easton #1622, all in 3 days. I want to thank Ocean City Lodge for being the Main Host during this week. They arranged for the President to stay in Ocean City all 3 nights, to make it convenient for Mr. Stewart and Sandy to stay in one Hotel, while

they make their Lodge Visits. On 11/13/12, we made our visit to Ocean City, who is very active in the community, and run every Elk Program. I would also like to commend them on membership, it looks like they will have a gain this year. On 11/14/12, we visited Salisbury Lodge. On 11/15/12, I visited the Easton Lodge while President Stewart visited Seaford Lodge. We had a very nice dinner at all these Lodges. On 12/04/12 I visited Cape Henlopen #2540, the Home of our District Deputy, Mr. John Loftus. On 12/06/12 I visited Cambridge #1272, The Home of our Past State President Stu Kerr. On 12/12/12 I visited Crisfield #1044. Because my report is written before my actual visit, I have nothing to report at this time. Elks National Foundation Goals: I want to commend 10 out of 10 Lodges that have met the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.50 per capita. And especially commend Kent Island, Pocomoke and Cape Henlopen for accomplishing the State Presidents goal of \$9.00. As a District, the Southeast has donated a total of \$52,586.71. Jernick Fund Goals: I do not have a recent updated list. But, has your Lodge met the Goal of \$1.50 per capita goal? This is one of the easiest goals to meet. Let's see if we can get 10 out of 10 Lodges to meet this goal. Until next meeting, everyone take care and thank you for your support.

Fraternally Yours  
David N. Neal

## WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Brian Westfall  
West District VP

Congratulations to Erica Lindsay and Morgan Edwards for making it all the way to the 2013 National Hoop Shoot Finals! That's quite an accomplishment for them as well as for the District to send two finalists to Spring-field.

The District finished the year with every Lodge achieving the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member, and our District per capita was \$5.54! My personal thanks go out to every contributor, no matter the amount.

Unfortunately our membership totals weren't as stellar, with every Lodge but one showing a decline over last year (kudos to Hagerstown). Not only do we need to recruit new members, but we need to get and keep younger members, as well. While I love every one of my brother and sister Elks, only one Lodge in our District has an average age under 60, and that by only two years! Find a way to get 'em in the door and then keep them coming back!

Congratulations to our newly-elected District officers/representatives: Danniele McKnight, Vice President; Dana Gourlay, Two-year

Trustee; Gerald Morrow, One-year Trustee; and Sandra Brantner, Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee. I know you join me in wishing them every success during their term in office.

It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President during this past year. I continue to be impressed with the variety and scope of the

community and charitable activities conducted by our Lodges; and I will cherish the friendships I have made/strengthened during this time. Thank you for giving me the privilege.

Fraternally,  
Brian Westfall



Rick Anderson  
SW District VP

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT

Greetings from the Great Southwest District! As I stated in March I have completed all my lodge visits and, being my last report, I wanted to give a report on the Southwest District as I see

it. First I would like to report that I have spent about 91 hours and driven about 1434 miles in my duties as the Southwest Vice president. Due to hard economic times and spiraling membership a good number of the lodges in the Southwest are experiencing very rough financial times but keep plugging along. Even through that our lodges are determined and persist at supporting Grand Lodge and State

Association programs, as well as, their communities. I have witnessed unshaken and over the top support to our Veterans, Seniors, Youth and families in need in our communities and President Stewart I am proud to report that the Southwest District has truly met your "Soldiers of Service" expectations.

To the Southwest District Lodges, I want to thank you for all that you do and the generous hospitality you have shown me throughout this year. I am truly proud to be an Elk and proud to be a member of the Southwest District of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia State Elks Association. Thank you again for having the confidence in me and for allowing me to represent you throughout this State Association year.

Fraternally;  
Rick Anderson, PER



## Elks National Foundation Final Report

### June 2013

### Lodge Year April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013

I am very pleased to announce that our State Association has come in 8th in the nation at \$9.44 per capita with total donations of \$200,149.35. This is an increase of \$0.24 per capita. Our Association's support to the Foundation continues to be remarkable. Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 14 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member. A total of 36 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member. I would like to congratulate Washington-Rockville No. 15 for being our top per capita winner at \$55.83 per capita. I would also like to congratulate Camp Springs Lodge No. 2332 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 118.142 and Washington

Rockville No. 15 for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$27,913.65.

I would like to congratulate the following lodges for being first in their district: NC: Laurel Lodge No. 2283; NE: Abingdon Lodge No. 2354; SE: Kent Island Lodge No. 2576; SW: Washington-Rockville #15; and W: Westminster Lodge No. 2277.

I want to thank all of the members of the MD, DE, and D.C. Elks Association for making this a wonderful ENF Year. We will certainly reap the benefits for our programs from our generous donations!

Claudia Finley Bowalick  
State Chairman ENF

<u>Lodge Name and Number</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
Washington-Rockville #15	SW	500	\$27,913.65	\$55.83
Kent Island #2576	SE	549	\$21,047.20	\$38.34
Laurel #2283	NC	300	\$6,300.00	\$21.00
Pocomoke City #1624	SE	334	\$5,932.00	\$17.76
Abingdon #2354	NE	271	\$4,539.45	\$16.75
Milford #2401	NE	495	\$7,192.30	\$14.53
Cape Henlopen #2540	SE	668	\$9,087.06	\$13.60
St. Mary's County #2092	SW	320	\$3,850.00	\$12.03
Chestertown #2474	NE	445	\$5,076.00	\$11.41
Camp Springs #2332	SW	316	\$3,245.80	\$10.27
Ocean City #2645	SE	1263	\$12,247.70	\$9.70
Newark #2281	NE	341	\$3,294.20	\$9.66
Broadneck #2608	NC	237	\$2,148.96	\$9.07
Seaford #2458	SE	168	\$1,495.00	\$8.90
Prince Georges County #1778	SW	307	\$2,568.00	\$8.37
Dover #1903	NE	709	\$6,708.65	\$8.05
Westminster #2277	W	656	\$4,844.55	\$7.39
Salisbury #817	SE	992	\$6,847.63	\$6.90
Annapolis #622	NC	1030	\$7,068.50	\$6.86
Havre De Grace #1564	NE	303	\$1,984.27	\$6.55
Waldorf #2421	SW	358	\$2,330.00	\$6.51
Calvert #2620	SW	519	\$3,355.50	\$6.47
Selbyville #2173	SE	301	\$1,813.62	\$6.03
Hagerstown #378	W	1585	\$9,397.40	\$5.93
Essex #1866	NC	521	\$3,067.00	\$5.89
Easton #1622	SE	738	\$4,205.00	\$5.70
Elkton #2618	NE	99	\$542.00	\$5.46
Frostburg #470	W	338	\$1,840.04	\$5.44
Cambridge #1272	SE	406	\$2,052.00	\$5.05
Wilmington #307	NE	667	\$3,366.25	\$5.05
Frederick #684	W	1612	\$7,758.89	\$4.81
Oakland #2481	W	838	\$4,010.00	\$4.79
Towson #469	NC	823	\$3,913.50	\$4.76
Crisfield #1044	SE	422	\$1,981.50	\$4.70
Bowie #2309	NC	440	\$2,037.00	\$4.63
Deale #2528	SW	331	\$1,530.00	\$4.62
Severna Park #2482	NC	388	\$1,114.25	\$2.87
Glen Burnie #2266	NC	502	\$420.00	\$0.84



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## Youth Tennis and Golf



Just over a month and the Youth Invitation Tournament of Champions will be held on July 28-29-30, 2013 at Seven Springs Resort PA. The forms are on our web site ([www.mddedcelksassn.org](http://www.mddedcelksassn.org)) under Youth Activities. Reports from District Chairperson's are starting to be encouraging. More lodges have budgeted this year to sponsor participants. By now each lodge should have identified participants in tennis and golf. Schools will be out by the time of our June Conference and the registration deadline June 27, 2013. Explain that the competition is coming from District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky. The junior group consists of 14 to 15 and the senior's range from 16 to 18.

Please Note: Under our state Youth Tennis and Golf program, each lodge can request up to 50% reimbursement on their participants. Lodges must send an email to the state chairman requesting reimbursement and provide the cost for each participant sponsored.

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



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS



Certificate awarded to Lee Ridenour for being a Permanent Benefactor of the Elks National Foundation.



Certificate awarded to Nina Garrett for being an Honorary Founder of the Elks National Foundation.

### All American Lodge Contest A Winners

Many thanks to those lodges who took the time to participate in this contest. I am happy to report an increase in participation this year. Last year 5 lodges participated. This year 12 lodges made the effort. We still have room for improvement/participation as there are many more lodges that I did not hear from.

Beginning this year, the responsibility for the All American Lodge Contest A is transitioning to the incoming Vice President's for your districts. They will be promoting the program throughout the lodge year and during their visitations. Please work with them by establishing someone at your lodge early in the year to monitor your lodge's efforts and document them for this contest. I had a lot of last minute entries and this can be avoided with some advance planning.

All lodges who do participate will be acknowledged and the winning lodges in each membership category receive recognition in the form of a plaque which they can display prominently at their lodge.

The winners for lodge year 2012-2013 are the following:

- Under 301 Members--Abingdon Lodge #2354**
- 301 to 500 Members -- Newark Lodge #2281**
- 501-700 Members -- Calvert Lodge #2620**
- 701-1100 Members-- Dover Lodge #1903**
- 1100 plus Members-- Frederick Lodge #684**

I will be presenting awards to the Exalted Rulers or their designated representatives for lodge year 2012-2013 at the Summer Conference at Turf Valley during the committee reports section of the program.

Thank you to the other lodges who took the time to submit entries. They are Camp Springs Lodge #2332, Havre De Grace Lodge #1504, Waldorf Lodge #2420, St. Mary's Lodge #2092, Chestertown Lodge #2474, Washington Rockville #15 and Frostburg Lodge #470.

Charles A. Spadone  
Chairman Lodge Activities



PSP Bruce Howell, Chairman of the Camp Barrett Hall of Fame, PSP Stu Kerr and PDDGER John Istvan, presented jackets and plaques to Doris Nowotnick, PER Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540, Rich Hasson, PER Bowie Lodge #2309 and Danniele McKnight, PER Frederick Lodge #684 the newest inductees into the Camp Barrett Hall of Fame.

### ELKS CAMP BARRETT PATRON PROGRAM

Many thanks to those ELKS and ELK lodges who have donated to the Camp through the Patron Program. This is very easy to do. The patron program donation form is available from any member of the Camp Executive Committee. It has also been sent out to all lodges through our State Publicity Chairman and it is available on the Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association web site under the ELKS Camp Barrett section.

Donations received from March 30, 2012 through April 26, 2013 are listed below. If we have missed anyone please let us know and we will publish your name in the next newsletter.

Pocomoke City Elks Lodge	\$2,000	Carl Riffle	\$1,000
Salisbury Elks Lodge	\$1,000	Joyce Bailey	\$700
Deale Elks Lodge	\$285	Maurice Di Poli	\$200
State Past Presidents		Brian Westfall	\$200
Advisory Committee	\$100	Bill Buttrill	\$100
Canine Trade Group	\$100	Robert Nation	\$50



## ENVSC Chairman's Report

**The Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award** program permits State Associations to honor two Elks or an Elk and a spouse of an Elk, who have given extraordinary service to our nation's veterans. Each State Association can honor one Male & one Female.

**Female Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award 2013-2014** Mary Ellen Horsmon joined our Calvert Lodge Veterans Committee, last year, and right away, I knew that she would be a dedicated working volunteer. Working with the Volunteer Coordinator, she started visiting veteran residents that were not able to get out of their room because of various reasons and her list grew to adopted veterans and kept on growing. She would eagerly join veterans at lunch just to get them into a conversation.

Right away, she dedicated a particular day of each week to visit, and with that, I knew that she would be an excellent volunteer. Each week she visits as many residents as possible and likewise joins as many at lunch to spread goodwill, conversation & cheer. As a volunteer,

I realized that she found her place to help because she was very comfortable to meet the veterans and not only talk to them but to listen to them as a friend. Mary Ellen Horsmon, has the Heart of Elkdom, She cares!

**Male Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award 2013-2014** I have personally seen Thomas Klegin in action, at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, over a period of ten years through the eyes of a camera, while taking pictures for the CHVH Computer-Camera Club.

In my first introduction, Tom was representing the Camp Springs Elks Lodge, as a food-line server at a CHVH outdoor barbecue for the residents of Charlotte Hall.

I thoroughly recognized his contributions to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, through his wood working talents. He personally hand crafted all the wood paneling with mantels, shelving & cornices for the "Oral History Room" & shelves & racks for the "Veteran's Clothing Store" at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

My activities in the Computer-Camera Club

brought him even closer as a volunteer friend. He hand crafted four computer work stations in-the-hallway that did not disrupt traffic and allowed veterans easy access to computers. (This plan was approved by a Fire Marshall)

I requested his services to build racks for a new endeavor at CHVH. He fabricated two racks to hold DVD Movies (approx. 700) at no cost except materials. When the Assistant, VA Director, Mike Farr, found out who made the racks for us, he asked me to contact Tom for another project. Tom agreed to build additional special computer work stations for the third floor walkway at the CHVH. His support never ends.

I am proud to be part of this team supporting our Veterans and Armed Forces with continuous involvement on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,  
John A. Curran, Chairman

## REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT REPORT

We have completed a very successful Hoop Shoot season on the court, but not so successful on the lodge level. As I have said earlier, we had more Lodges hold local shoots this year, but we are just barely over 50 % and my goal is 100%.

Having said that, I could not be prouder of the results our State Association produced. We had 3 champions participate in the National Finals in Springfield MA and I was honored to spend the weekend with them and their families. Although none of them attained their goal of winning the National championship, they all did their best and did us proud. I am glad to say that, as I type this, you will all have the privilege of meeting them this weekend, as I have extended the invitation to join us for our State dinner on Saturday night. I know you will be impressed by Jayshaun Freeman of Chestertown, Erica Lindsay of Hagerstown and Morgan Edwards of Frostburg. This was the first trip to Springfield for Jayshaun and Erica, but the third for Morgan. He completes his Hoop Shoot career having finished 4th, 2nd and 4th in those 3 visits. Quite the accomplishment.

Enough about the past, lets look to the future. I believe that I will have one or two new District Directors this year and look forward to working with them as well as the returning Directors. The planning for this Lodge year's shoots began on March 21st, the day after this year's finals. I want to improve on the number of Lodges participating this year and the District Directors and I stand ready to work with all Lodges to plan and run a successful shoot.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, if your lodge does not hold a shoot, you are not cheating yourselves, you are cheat-

ing the young men and ladies of the opportunity to compete and strive to attain the same success and enjoyment that the 3 champions had this year.

I look forward to seeing you this weekend, but look forward more to introducing these 3, truly great young people, to you.

Jack Boehmer  
State Director





## Gardners / Wolfgang Candy Campaign

Our Wolfgang Christmas Candy Campaign and our Gardners Candy Bar Campaign is now complete. Our 2012 Christmas campaign will continue but we really need more participation. Think about participating because before we know it, it will be time to place your orders. Keep in mind that it makes a nice Christmas gift. The profit from our 2012 Christmas campaign was \$1754.58

Our new candy bar campaign was a success. This year we sold 201 boxes of candy giving us a profit of \$3,468.67. Both campaigns had cash donations which makes our total donation to Elks Camp Barrett \$5,223.25

A special thank you to Mary O'Brian from Annapolis Lodge for setting up the arrangements to store the candy bars. Kudos to Robert Riggins for his help Thursday, sorting, boxing and labeling the candy orders. It would have taken Lee and I twice as long to do the job without him. I think we wore out his knees that day. Thank you Bob for your help.

Most Lodges sell the candy bars around the bar or at other Lodge functions. Some give the bars to the Veterans at their local VA facility, and others put them in Lodge Easter Baskets. However you sell them, it works and my heartfelt thanks to each and every person who participated in any way shape or form. I have always said this is not a competition between Lodges but I like to point out how others sell the candy, to give you ideas.

This year was our first year for Gardners candy bars. Please give me some feedback on the candy bars. I found the company was very good to deal with but it is the seller's opinion that I need.

Our candy bar sales were down this year by 25 cases. In order for us to get the top profit and free shipping we must sell 200 cases and our sales this year was 201 cases. I would hate to be under 200 but on the other hand, I understand if your Lodge is having difficulty.

Thank you to he following people and Lodges:

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE OR LODGE MADE CASH DONATIONS.**

- Abingdon Lodge
- Frederick - Paula Larson, Joe & Peggy Yusko
- Hagerstown - Ladies of the Elks
- Milford - Ladies of the Elks

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE CHAIRPEOPLE FOR ONE OR BOTH CAMPAIGNS**

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|----------------------------|--|
| Abingdon Lodge #2354       | Jr. Elks                                 |
| Annapolis Lodge #622       | Mary O'Brien                             |
| Bowie Lodge #2309          | Rich Hasson                              |
| Broadneck Lodge #2608      | Betty Chapin                             |
| Calvert Lodge #2620        | John Curran, Mary Cardinal Vogt          |
| Camp Springs #2332         | Charles Spadone & Kelly Randolph         |
| Cape Henlopen #2540        | John & Elieen Loftus, Doris Nowotnick    |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474    | Robert Raleigh                           |
| Dover Lodge #1903          | Connie deYoung                           |
| Easton Lodge #1622         | Dave & Connie Wolcott                    |
| Essex Lodge #1866          | Marie Cavey, Lee & Hilda Davis           |
| Frederick Lodge # 684      | Jack Boehmer, Judi McKight               |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266    | Larry & Pat Mathers                      |
| Hagerstown Lodge #378      | Rosalie Ridenour                         |
| Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Patti Gray                               |
| Kent Island # 2576         | Angela Meyer                             |
| Laurel Lodge #2283         | George & Pat Larkins                     |
| Milford Lodge #2401        | Greg Adams, Ed Pettit                    |
| Newark Lodge #2281         | Sheila Burg, Jane Helsel, Michael Rhodes |
| Ocean City Lodge #2645     | Carroll & Toni Wagner                    |
| Salisbury Lodge # 814      | Sharon Wright                            |
| Severna Park Lodge #2482   | Keri Albright, Earl Christan             |
| Selbyville Lodge #2173     | Mae Fleck                                |
| Towson Lodge #469          | Ron Blachowicz                           |
| Waldorf Lodge #2421        | Donna Young                              |
| Washington/Rockville #15   | Jean Mills                               |

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought, sold or helped in any way. Thank you for your time and remember it is never too late to help. Our Christmas sales for 2013 will start sometime in September. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lee or Hilda Davis at 410-256-9691. Kudos and thank you.

Hilda Davis

## Auditing and Business Practices Quarterly Report

Our **State Association finances** for 2010-2011 are within budget, from May 1st through April 30, 2012. The State Association has earned \$364,993.70 of the \$412,630.00 Budget or 88%. Expenses for the same time period are: \$344,359.04 or 83%.

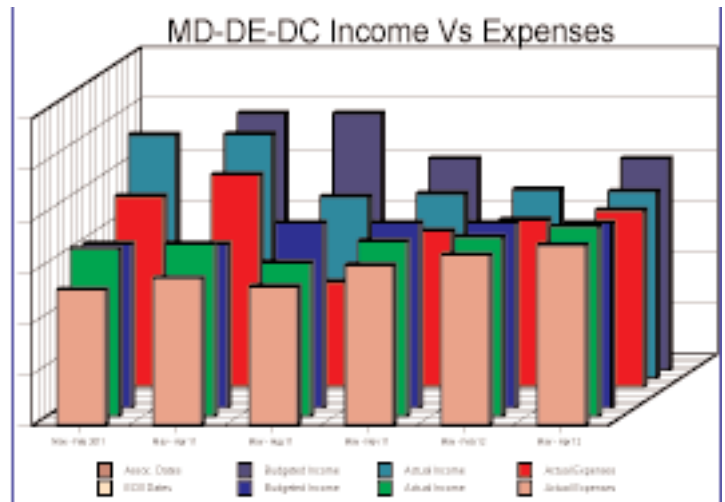
**Elks Camp Barrett** from May 1, through April 30, 2012 is within budget. The Camp has earned \$370,618.17 or 102% of budgeted income of \$361,520. Expenses for the same time period were \$3351,377.98 or 97% of Budgeted Expenses.

**State Association Balance Sheet** through February 29, 2012, Checking/Savings assets of \$5546,727.23. 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 \$30,083.75. For Total Assets of \$1,069,675.19. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending.

Gave training session at Milford Lodge, on Sat., January 14th, 2012. Title: "What does it Take to Survive in Hard Times." Handouts were available, along with a question and answer period, very well attended.

I have prepared a graph to show Income vs Expense over the last year. Please review the figures in my graph from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

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 Auditing & Business Practices

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

A great big "Thank You" goes to Sandi Hubbard and her helpers from Deale Lodge No. 2528, who is the Camp Barrett committee chairperson. Sandi and her helpers sold \$365.00 worth of 50/50 ECB Raffle tickets themselves, for the Annapolis drawing.

The winner of the raffle in Annapolis on Sunday, March 24, 2013 was Andy Bowalick from Waldorf. We also need to "thank" all of the people that buy tickets at our workshops and support ECB.

I want to "thank" Hilda and all the ladies that help out with the sale of the tickets when help is needed.

H. Lee Davis, PSP  
ECB 50/50 Chairman

## State President Jim Stewart attends National Hoop Shoot in Springfield, Massachusetts



## MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION OCTOBER CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS

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Milford, DE 19963-3008

#### QUESTIONS?

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## Dover Lodge #1903 donated a Kiln to Wilmington VA Medical Center



Picture on left: Bob McIntyre (Elks National Volunteer Rep); Patricia Caldwell (Volunteer Services Officer); Connie deYoung (PER, Dover); Linda Velez (Leading Knight, Dover) and seated is Veteran Joe Smith, all of whom are posing around the new kiln donated by Dover Lodge #1903 to the Wilmington VA Medical Center.

Picture above: Pat Caldwell, center, cuts the "Thank You" cake given to the Elks by the Vets in appreciation for the kiln. She is surrounded by Joe Smith, Linda Velez, Connie deYoung, Bob McIntyre and Guy Boniface (Elks National Volunteer Service Deputy, Newark Lodge).

### Ocean City Elks #2645 Arbor Day



On Friday April 26, 2013 the second grade of Ocean City Elementary School gathered at Northside Park in Ocean City to plant a tree. This was the 21st year for this event. Elroy was on hand to greet the children and they were given Drug Awareness bags. Those in the picture (L to R) Pete Peterson Exalted Ruler, Joyce Tress, Hillary Trado Caro, Joey Lessman as Elroy, Matthew Hammond, Alex Gonzalez Keyes, Larry Battis Drug Awareness Chairman and Rife Leonard.

## STATE RITUAL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Dover Lodge #1903 for their hard work and for excellent rendition of the Ritual. This years' team consisted of:

- EXALTED RULER CONNIE DEYOUNG, 92.0600**
- LEADING KNIGHT JEFF CARLSON, 91.3710**
- LOYAL KNIGHT MERRILYN RAMSEY, 93.1800**
- ESQUIRE MARVIN SOLOMON, 92.1330**
- CHAPLAIN LINDA VELEZ, 91.8390**
- INNER GUARD NANCY WALLACE, 89.7000**
- COACH GREG WILKES**

Dover Lodge #1903 will represent the MD, DE, & DC Elks Association in Reno, NV on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00AM. Those who are going out early please support them..

There will be a send off Ritual Clinic at the Dover Elks Lodge on Saturday June 29th starting at 10:00 am. Those who need to re-certify, this would be a good time. Thank you to all of you who supported our Ritual. Keep up the good work, remember an impressive Ritual will make a lasting impression.

Thank You,

Larry Mathers  
State Chairman



## Elks Support Wounded Warriors Event at the American Legion April 29th

It was an inspirational event and more than two tables of Kent Island Elks members were there supporting the American Legion and MD Saltwater Sports Fisherman Association Shrimp Feast Saturday night, April 29th to benefit the Bethesda Walter Reed Amputee Center Wounded Warriors and their rehabilitation.

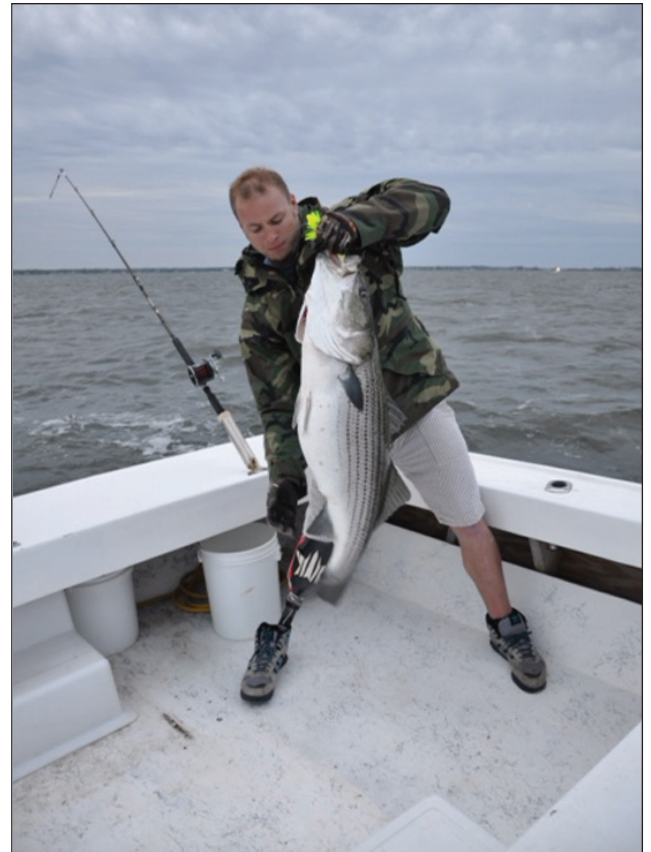
It was suggested by Kent Island Veterans Service Coordinator Ronnie Martin (Marty) to Nikki Randolph (past Legion Commander) about the folks staying at the Kent Island Beach House for the event.

Bob and I are both Elks and Legion members but reality didn't really set in until we met the wounded military veterans at the Beach House Thursday the 18th and again at the Legion on the 19th.

Saturday was really an opening day when Bob and I got a call at 5am asking if we could take out one of the warriors because some of the other boats couldn't make it for the big fishing event. This was an Opening Day we will never forget for we had the opportunity to take Harry (who recovered at Walter Reed and is now living on his own in Annapolis, fishing with us aboard the ODonna. Look at the 40+ rock that Harry reeled in about 6:30am!

Sunday was no different; we had to help them eat the fish! Just another fine instance where Elks Care and Elks Share....Kent Island Rocks!

Donna L Harrington  
Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576



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