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Carl F. Vogt
State President

Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to Spring Workshop of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association here at Frederick Lodge No. 684. This weekend we are honored to have with us our Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering and his lovely wife Susanne from Sapulpa Lodge No 118, Oklahoma, as well as our Sponsor Paul D. Hesel, PGER and his gracious wife Jane from Newark Lodge No 2281, Delaware.

I hope that each of you will introduce yourself to our Grand and his wife and share with them the great

hospitality and friendship of the greatest Association in our Order.

This weekend, we also mark the beginning of Spring and shortly in a few days; April 1st we will all be starting another ELK year. Where has all the time gone?

Hopefully, your Lodge Officers will be turning over a well-functioning lodge to the newly elected officers. To the retiring Officers that are leaving your chairs, I thank you for your dedication and service this past year and wish you the best going forward. To the newly Elected Officers, I wish you a great and successful year, remember that you are the leaders in your Lodge, be perseverant and work together as a TEAM to achieve the goals you have set to make your Lodge year a great success. Mary and I wish you all the very best in the year ahead.

Since our last meeting in January, other than shoveling snow, I attended the Annual Appreciation Banquet at Oakland Lodge 2481 at which Sandy Brantner, Exalted Ruler did an excellent job as hosts. This event honored local firefighters, law enforcement officers, teachers and essay contest winners. In addition, I assisted Sandy in presenting a plaque from the lodge to Jim Stewart, PSP for his service and dedication to our Association as State President last year. What a great event, truly demonstrating, "Elks Serving Our Communities"

Prior to this meeting, Mary and I will also have attended our State Hoop Shoot, led by Jack Boehmer, the Regional Soccer Shoot, led by Gerald Morrow and Regional Hoop Shoot, led by Jim McNiff. All these events were held at Frederick, MD. Thank you Frederick Elks Lodge No 684 for being the gracious host for these events.

To date, I've travelled over 7,500 miles, spent over 150 hours on the road, excluding our trip to the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, NV.

At this workshop you will hopefully learn more about the Grand Forum. This enlightening session will be conducted by Priscilla A. Schwab, member of the GL Grand Forum Committee. Please be open-minded and think about this as an opportunity and a way for you to expand your knowledge

of the highest judicial tribunal of the Order. We truly hope you will never need to use it.

The upcoming District Nominations and Elections at the Vice President's Caucus in April, also offer your district the opportunity to make the changes you deem necessary to have successful leaders next year, as Vice President, Trustee and ECB Executive Committee....the Choice is yours to make.

In closing, please join me in thanking Frederick Lodge for hosting this workshop. Have a great weekend in Frederick and may you return home safely with a renewed enthusiasm and motivation in carrying forth Elkdom as "ELKS Serving Our Communities".

May God bless all of you, your Lodges and especially those serving in Harm's Way.

God Bless the USA

Fraternally,
Carl F. Vogt

COMING EVENTS

March 20-23, 2014

GER Visit/Spring Conference
Frederick Lodge #684

May 1 - 7, 2014

Elks National Youth Week

June 13-15, 2014

June Convention
Turf Valley • Ellicott City, MD

July 13 - 17, 2014

Grand Lodge Convention
New Orleans, LA

July 27-29, 2014

Youth Tennis and Golf
Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA

October 3-5, 2014

Fall Conference
Princess Royale - Ocean City, MD

January 16-18, 2015

Winter Workshop
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

March 20-22, 2015

Spring Conference
Easton Lodge 1622

NOTE: Lodges should refrain from scheduling conflicting events in order that their key Officers and members may attend all of these meetings, especially our GER's visit in March.

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT of COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION
Spring Workshop
Frederick, Maryland

AGENDA • MARCH 21-23, 2014**Welcome GER Millard C. Pickering****Friday, March 21, 2014**

Noon - 5 PM.....Registration
1:00 PMAdvisory Meeting
5:00 P.MState Trustees Meeting
5:30 P.M.ECB Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 22, 2014

7:00 - 9:30 A.M.....Breakfast Buffet (\$9.00 reservation suggested)
8:00 A.M. - NoonRegistration
8:00 - 8:45 A.M.Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
9:00 A.MMeeting Called to Order
9:15 - 10:00 A.MGrand Forum, Priscilla Schwab, GLC
10:00 - 10:10 A.M.....Lou Schmeltzer, ECB Raffle
10:10 - 10:30 A.M.....Membership, Robert Baxendell
10:30 - 10:45 A.M.....Greg Wilkes, Conference/Convention
10:45 - 11:45 A.MCommittee Reports
Noon.....Lunch (\$7.00....reservation suggested)
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.....Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting with DDGERs & District Leaders
1:30 -2:00 P.MState President Meeting with VPs and State Committee Chairpersons
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.....Committee Meetings:
• Drug Awareness
• Conference/Convention
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.....Social Hour
7:00 P.MDinner (Business Suit) (\$27.00 includes Entertainment....Reservation required)

Sunday, March 23, 2014

7:00 - 9:30 A.M.....Breakfast Buffet (\$9.00) 7:30 am - 9:30 am
8:00 - 9:00 A.M.....Registration
8:30 A.MMeeting Called to Order; Officers' Reports
• Reports by State Committee Chairs
• Unfinished Business
• New Business
• Good of the Association
Noon.....Closing/Lunch (\$7.00 reservation suggested)

**NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 13 - 15, 2014**

**STATE CONVENTION OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION
TURF VALLEY, ELLICOTT CITY, MD**

Next Newsletter Deadline: MAY 16, 2014

GRAND LODGE

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler:



Grand Exalted Ruler
Millard Pickeing

This is an exciting time of year for the Order of Elks.

By Grand Lodge Statute, Local Lodges should have selected their leadership for the next fraternal year, which commences in April. With those changes come new faces potentially at all levels, from committees to officer team.

Serving a Local Lodge can be a very rewarding experience. Every Elk enjoys being a part of something larger than themselves and working for worthwhile projects in their Lodge and community. I think that type of attitude is a big

part of what makes us "Distinctively American", setting us apart from many other organizations and much of the rest of the world.

Those stepping out of office can look back with pride at having served the Order with diligence and fidelity. Our gratitude for everyone who serves should be evident and generous. Indeed, the survival of Our Order depends upon good people stepping up to carry forward, and gratitude is all the remuneration most officers and committee persons take away for all their hard work.

With much attention focused on the election and selection process, some important aspects of leaving office can be overlooked.

Just as any Elk would want to leave things a little better than they found them as a result of

their service, we should also acknowledge the duty to get the next person serving off to a good start. However successful our term has been we have learned some things about the job, dodged a few pitfalls and found a few short-cuts that would help the new guy.

Spend some time with the person taking up the position. Share some success stories as well as areas where you may have fallen a little short of your goals. Doing this not only enhances your image as a leader in your Lodge but also helps foster the leaders of tomorrow.

Paying it forward is the best pay of all and great insurance for the future.

See you down the road.



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Welcome to Frederick Lodge No. 684 and the Spring Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association.

Between the lodge and our Association, a full weekend has been

planned for your benefit, involving a lot of fun and a little bit of business. Jane and I both are looking forward to the opportunity to once again visit with all of you and enjoy a weekend of great fellowship.

Also this weekend we are honored to have our Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering and his lovely wife Susanne with us - all the way from Sapulpa, Oklahoma. With 31 Association visits behind them, they have already seen a lot of what Elkdom is all about across our great Nation, however, I know they are very anxious to meet each of

you and learn firsthand what Elkdom is all about specifically in the Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association. Please take a few minutes to greet them personally and explain to them how your lodge and our Association are prime examples of "Elks Live - Elks Give"!!!

In just a few days the 2013/2014 lodge year will end and the 2014/2015 year will begin. While everything is not quite final we should learn pretty much what our 38 lodge have accomplished during this year. As we have come to expect, I am sure the records will show that our Association has had another great year. Thank you to all those Elks and their spouses who have worked so very hard to make the 2013/2014 year a success for their individual lodge and our Association.

While we can all be very proud of our continuing high level of accomplishments, there is always more we can do both individually and collectively. The key to long continuing success and growth is having a strong and properly functioning organization in place - an organization made up of dedicated indi-

viduals who know what to do and how to do it properly in each of our 38 lodges, as well as across all the positions of responsibility in the Association. Over the past couple years our Association, as a result of various initiatives is slowly changing how it and our lodges do business - all in the effort to provide proper guidance, provide the information necessary for lodges to make good business decisions, provide "how to" training where necessary, and to instill a culture of "Shared Responsibility". These initiatives, and other new ones will continue during 2014/2015 and until they are a routine part of the operation of our lodges and Association.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Spring Conference weekend and best wishes to all the new lodge officers for a most prosperous and successful 2014/2015 lodge year. Working together I am sure that 2014/2015 will be another great year for the 38 lodges of our Association!!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel

NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Ramsey
NE District VP

We are getting close to wrapping up another year. Keep in mind my year runs until June, so I'm here to help the outgoing and the incoming leaders.

I have gotten to know some great Elks this past year and proud to be associated with them. North East District is certainly a great district. I notice lodges working and developing relationships with other lodges, which will have a certain bond and develop new friendships. This is part of a growing and securing relationship.

I don't have a lot to report because all my visits are completed. It's been an honor to work and know the North East District and good luck in Elkdom in the future.

Feel free to call me anytime.

John Ramsey
Vice President
North East District
302-242-1117 cell

Message from the President-Elect:



Dave Wolcott
President-Elect

We had a great workshop at Dover in January and I want to thank Exalted Ruler Merrilyn Ramsey and the Officers and Members of Dover Lodge #1903 for all of their hard work and courtesy. It certainly made for

a most enjoyable weekend and I think we got a lot accomplished. It has been a busy time since then and a lot of miles have been put on the old buggy. I have attended the Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Lodge Representative meetings and escorted the District Deputy to Pocomoke City for her last official visit. We had a great time at Deale's Bull & Oyster Roast and many thanks to ER Pam Barry and everyone at the Lodge for their warm hospitality. We also attended

Salisbury's PER Dinner, the Southeast District PDDGER meeting in Ocean City and Newark Lodge's "Mardi Gras" celebration. We are looking forward to the Regional Soccer and Hoop shoots and the Ritual competition that will be held at Annapolis. I must admit that there was one function that I wish I did not have to attend, and that was the Memorial Service for PER Bernie Tomardy of Kent Island Lodge #2576. He was a good friend and even better Elk; please keep BJ and Mandy in your thoughts. We shall meet, but we shall miss him.

I have reviewed my Committee Chairs with the Advisory Committee and there are just a few changes, which I will present in my report at our meeting. I want to thank Tom Ohlendorf of Abingdon Lodge for volunteering to assume the Association Webmaster position and he will be working closely with Scott Wishard to maintain the integrity of our website and to start implementing his own modifications. As I mentioned in Dover, Lodges were requested to submit proposals

to host either the January Workshop or the Spring Conference in 2015 and unfortunately there were few response. I am happy to say however that the Winter Workshop will be held at Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 and the Spring Conference will be hosted by Easton Lodge #1622.

As we travel and attend these various meetings and functions it is gratifying to see all of our dedicated Elks serving their communities. It is what makes us proud to be part of our great Order, and to paraphrase one Lodge's slogan "It's what we do". I can only hope that I can continue the proud tradition prepared by my predecessors as I plan for my year of service and that we continue to be the benchmark Association of our Order. Connie and I look forward to seeing everyone in Frederick and, as always, if I can be of help on any matter please get in touch with me.

Fraternally,
Dave Wolcott

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Jay V. Strong, Jr.
NC District VP

As most of you know by now, we had a "President Elect" Caucus on Sunday, 12 January. The two candidates who will be standing for election for President Elect on Sunday, 23 March 2014 will be Louis B. Schmeltzer, Jr. from Annapolis

Lodge No. 622, and Jay V. Strong, Jr. from Towson Lodge No. 469.

We had a Special Caucus on Saturday, 1 February to elect an Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member to complete the term of a Member who had resigned shortly before our Winter Meeting in Dover. Pat Larkins was elected and will serve until 30 April 2014.

Our "regular" Caucus to elect a Trustee (for a two year term), a Vice President, and

an Executive Committee Member (for a two year term) will be on Sunday, 6 April 2014, at Annapolis Lodge immediately following the District Deputy Clinic. (The Clinic is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM.) To make the Caucus more orderly and efficient, it would help if each Lodge could send me a Resolution in support of the candidate(s) who will be running for office. Otherwise, the ballots can't be prepared in advance.

On the Elks National Foundation front, Broadneck, Essex and Towson have all exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.60 per capita. Annapolis and Laurel are very close to meeting that goal. Congratulations!

A review of the membership data on the Grand Lodge Website reveals some interesting facts. As of 15 February 2014, six of the eight Lodges in North Central have shown a net increase in membership in this Elk Year. This is terrific as far as it goes. However, while we have initiated 146 new members,

and reinstated 27 lapsed members, 33 have been dropped for non-payment of dues, and another 335 are delinquent! Netting these four figures out results in a net potential loss of 195 members out of a total of 4,113 in our District! And this doesn't take into account the 89 members who have "...passed to realms on high."

We can say "potential" loss, because there is still about a week left in this Elk Year. Let's make Job One a big push to hold on to our delinquent members, and show a big net gain in membership this year!

Here's a plea to all North Central Lodges: Send me an E-mail describing what methods have been most successful in holding on to your members: jvs.elk@comcast.net. I'll be sure to pass along to the other Lodges what has worked best. Let's turn this membership dilemma around and grow the numbers in our Order!

Respectfully submitted,
Jay V. Strong, Jr., VP - NC



Boys Week #1
June 22 - June 27
Boys Week #2
June 29 - July 4
Boys Week #3
July 6 - July 11

Girls Week #1
July 13 - 18
Girls Week #2
July 20 - 25
Girls Week #3
July 27 - August 1

WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Danniele McKnight
West District VP

weekend here at my home lodge, Frederick #684.

First and foremost, Welcome to the wonderful West district. It is a great pleasure to host not just our amazing MD, DE, and DC state association but also the Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife. I sincerely hope everyone has a wonderful

Since we last met in Dover, I have attended both the district and regional Hoop Shoot. I would like to thank Henry Rinta, Fat Jack, and Jim McNitt for always doing an amazing job with what I think is one of our best youth programs. I have been proud to help with this program for many years and part of that is the great job these men and their wives do to make this program a success.

Oakland hosted a great volunteer dinner at the end of February that our State President was able to attend. I hope everyone has been able to thank the volunteers of your lodge for the hard work they do. It does-

n't have to be a huge elaborate dinner but a simple thank you on the lodge floor or as part of another event goes a long way in keeping those members active in the lodge.

Also since Dover, I have attended the Camp Barrett February meeting. All of my district lodge visits have been completed and I am happy to say the West is doing a great job in promoting Elkdom within the community

Fraternally yours,
Danniele McKnight

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Tom Coyle
Southwest District VP

Ruler's position is left open until the last possible moment. It's time to call in the PERs for advice on how to draft, coerce, or conscript a new leader. An active Mentoring Program can help ease this discomfort. Most lodges are at step one of one hundred: THINKING ABOUT IT.

I believe we need to be patient with ourselves as we get it started. Most organizations need seven years to get a change, like this, up and running. It will take continuous coaching to observe and advise lodges about how to put this change in place. Lodges I visited are open to the idea. Now they have to figure out "What's Next". The State Association is rich with experienced coaches and should continue to offer this as a service in the coming years.

I completed my lodge visits in January with trips to Camp Springs and Prince Georges Lodges. Once again the hospitality was outstanding. They made me feel at ease as we talked about mentoring and its role in preserving the future of Elkdom. Witnessing State President Carl Vogt during our joint visits helped me to sharply focus the message I delivered during my solo visits.

I wrote a package of sample Introduction Scripts for VPs to select from and, then, hand out to ERs and Esquires. The explicit scripts will take the pressure off the ER and

Does it feel like the movie "Groundhog Day" at your lodge? Once again it's time to nominate and elect officers for the coming year. Many lodges wait until Nomination Night to discuss and decide on nominations. The Exalted

Esquire when the State President or Vice President visits. I found existing resources short of useful examples. This package goes into the files we will hand off to next year's VPs.

When I attend meetings of the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Representative, I'm enthused about the energy in the room. Everyone wants to not just get by but to hold a better camp season

than ever before. Ralph Allen builds on this energy and constructs workable plans to accomplish this. Even with able and willing volunteers, this is not an easy job. I'm encouraged with the planning and progress made so far and I'm looking forward to a successful camp season.

Fraternally,
Tom Coyle



T.P. Simons
SE District VP

Pocomoke City #1624 in January with PSP Carroll Wagner. The reception and hospitality at those Lodges was outstanding and was greatly appreciated. Both Lodges are doing great things within their communities and in Elkdom.

On February 1st, I had the pleasure of attending and volunteering at the Southeast District hoop Shoot. We all had a great time and saw some real "sharp shooters". Thanks to Gil Dunn, Salisbury Lodge, for organizing and putting on a great event. His continued service and support to our Hoop Shoot program over the years is greatly appreciated.

I would like to recognize Pocomoke Lodge #1624, their Exalted Ruler, Tim Corbin, and their fine officers for being the only Lodge in the Southeast District to be judged on ritual during their DDGER visit from Connie

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT

The Spring Newsletter, doesn't that sound good after our long cold snowy winter. I visited the last two Lodges in our District, Kent Island # 2576 and

Wolcott. As we all know, ritual judging over the past couple of years has really fallen off, so thanks to Pocomoke City for keeping the light on in our district.

Since my last report, I have logged 350 miles on the road and 18.5 hours of travel and Lodge visit time. So far this year I have logged 1,014 miles on the road and 66.5 hours of travel and visitation time.

Fraternally,
T. P. Simons

E.C.B. 50/50 RAFFLE

The Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 Raffle that was held in Dover in January was won by Judy McKnight from Frederick Lodge No. 684. We all hope Judy enjoyed her winnings.

The Camp "Thanks" everyone that participated in the raffle that weekend and hope they take a another chance this weekend. "Good Luck" to everyone and the drawing will be after Sunday's morning meeting.

Fraternally,
Hilda & Lee Davis

RITUAL WINNER ~ ANNAPOLIS



Annapolis Lodge #622 - Score 97.2116

Congratulations to Annapolis Lodge #622 for their hard work and for excellent rendition of the Ritual.

This years' winning team consisted of:

Exalted Ruler, Joan M. Wald - 94.530
 Leading Knight, Carolyn M. Riggins - 94.256
 Loyal Knight, Patricia O. Boarman - 93.337
 Lecturing Knight, John A. McMicle - 94.799
 Esquire, Robert M. Riggins - 94.359
 Chaplain, Louis B. Schmeltzer - 94.016
 Inner Guard, Denise C. Woods - 94.394
 Candidate, John Wald
 Coach, Wayne Droll



Dover Lodge #1903 - Score 95.6871

The Highest Scoring Officer goes to Merrilyn Ramsey, Exalted Ruler, Dover Lodge 1903 - 95.2720.

Annapolis Lodge #622 will represent the MD, DE, & DC Elks Association in New Orleans, LA on Saturday, July 12th at 1:00pm Those who are going out early please support them. There will be a send off Ritual Clinic at Annapolis Elks Lodge on Sunday June 29th starting at 10:00am. Those who need to recertify or to try to certify as a Floor Judge, this would 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.

Larry Mathers
 State Ritualistic Chairman

ENF News

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Elks National Foundation slide presentation (On the Community Investment Grants) that was held at Dover Lodge. I was told that some were enlightened with the information provided. I have sent copies to each of the district chairmen so that any lodge that is interested in viewing the information may contact their district chair or me. I would like to also thank my district chairmen for their attendance as we are spreading the word like Elks spreading their Antlers.

This is a busy time as the lodge year end is fast approaching. This is also true of the deadlines for The Elks National Foundation. **All donations must be received by March 31, 2014.** If you haven't done so yet, it is not too late as you can go on line at www.elks.org click on the heart that says DONATE it will lead you all the way through.

More deadlines, Applications for **Beacon Grants close on March 31, 2014.** Of course once approved you will have time to use them, but you must apply and be approved by the deadline date. Gratitude Grants, if you have met the Grand Exalted Ruler's Goal **you have until May 31, 2014 to apply.** If you have questions about the grants call Elks National Foundation they are there to help us 773-755-4730.

April 1st begins a new lodge year, Congratulations to the

Officers and Chairmen. Have you planned your event fund raiser for Elks National Foundation? It is not too soon to start. **Once you reach the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal for next year you can apply for the Gratitude Grant.** Application for Beacon Grant usually doesn't open until July 1st and closes at the end of the lodge year March 31st. The Promise Grant application opens July 1st and is only awarded to the first 500 lodges that apply and hold an eligible charitable youth event. **Impact Grants are available on June 17, 2014** usually the applications close on August 31st these are competitive grants for \$2,500.00 to \$10,000.00 the winners are announced on October 31, 2014. This **Community Investment Program** enables us to make a lasting impact where we live and work.

I'm just a phone call away.

**Support the Great Heart of ELKDOM
 Make your Donation
 NOW!**

Mary Cardinal-Vogt,
 ENF Chairman

Elks Training Report

The Elks Training Committee continues to urge the officers of the Lodges throughout our State Association to take the Elks Training Course.

The Elks Training Course we are using this year was developed in-house. The Grand Lodge is no longer producing them, so we had to take up the slack.

The purpose of the Training Course is to familiarize our Lodge Leaders with the Statutes. By taking the Course, Members can begin to see how it is organized. Most importantly, they can develop skill in finding answers to questions that come up from time to time. That's when the Statutes can be particularly helpful - finding the right way to do what has to be done.

Think of our Statutes as a business plan, or a franchise manual. They prescribe the authority, responsibilities and duties of the Officers

and Committees (as well as the Lodges' responsibilities as a whole). By following the Statutes, confusion about where authority, responsibilities and duties have been assigned can be avoided. Everyone can know what he or she should be doing, as well as what everyone else should be doing. There is no need for "turf wars." No one needs to do more than the Statutes require, and no one should do less.

Of special note is the system of checks and balances built into the plan and laid out by the Statutes. By adhering to the Statutes, the opportunity for mischief is minimized. This in turn allows each Lodge to operate without suspicion of wrong doing among its members. Clearly this promotes peace and brotherly love.

Equally significant is the transparency required by the Statutes. Certain specified Officers and Committees are mandated to provide reports of particular content at specified

intervals. This way, the membership of the Lodge is kept informed about the status and condition of the Lodge - both in terms of membership and financial health. This too contributes to harmony in the Lodge, and unity of purpose.

So, if you haven't heard from your Elks Training District Chair yet about the officers in your Lodge taking this year's Elks Training Course, let me know. jvs.elk@comcast.net I'll be more than happy to E-mail you the Training Course, instructions, answer sheet and answer key.

There are 145 years of cumulative wisdom in our Statutes; what's in your Lodge?

Respectfully submitted,
Jay V. Strong, Jr.
State Chair, Elks Training

ELKS CAMP BARRETT PATRON PROGRAM

The patron program is alive and ongoing for anyone who wishes to assist with contributions to our Camp. At this time we would like to acknowledge recent contributors to the camp. Past State President donated \$1,000 and Marie Frolio donated \$50.

The patron program donation form is available on the Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association web site. It can also be used to contribute the cost of a camper or any amount you wish in support of our Junior Warrior program. The Junior Warrior program was instituted to provide a camping experience to children of wounded warriors or deployed servicemen or woman.

The camping program has been sched-

uled this year and as in the past there are 3 weeks for boys and 3 weeks for girls ages 9-13. Visit the Maryland Delaware and DC ELKS Association web site or contact Camp Barrett for more details and an application. All are encouraged to sponsor campers at \$125 for the upcoming camping season. We also need help in getting the word out to your local community VFWs and military organizations that this program exists and that they can provide campers. Often there are local military base publications which are great avenues to advertise the camp. Helping us in this way, helps build attendance at the camp which helps to ensure the camp's future.

Donations also help with ongoing issues with physical plant of the camp. Recent examples are the need for a new ice machine and funding to support upgrade of electrical plant and lighting in order to reduce energy consumption and also to address electrical system upgrades for the cabins in order to provide air conditioning which is now a regulation.

Please consider giving and of equal importance, putting forth effort to others to promote the camp and to build attendance.

Thank you.
Ralph Allen, President Elks Camp Barrett
Executive Committee

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MEDAL OF VALOR

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission is proud to provide local Lodges the opportunity to present a Medal of Valor to the families of members of our armed services who have given their all. The Medal of Valor is presented posthumously in recognition of the great loss the recipients have suffered. It tells the families the members of the local lodge and all Elks have immortalized their loss in their hearts.

Your lodge can make a Medal of Honor presentation a part of a Veterans Day or

Memorial Day Program. Additionally, the family presentation could be made part of a special program in your community. Some lodges integrate the presentation into a Veterans' Dinner. Others work jointly with veterans' organizations to locate and recognize deserving families.

The Medal of Valor is very attractive, comes in a presentation case, and can be engraved with the name of the deceased. The cost is \$8.00 per medal and shipping is included. It can be ordered from the Elks

National Veterans Service Commission, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889, or by E-mail at vets@elks.org.

Elks remember veterans. It is what we do. What better way to do this than to present a Medal of Valor to deserving family members of those who have made the supreme sacrifice.

James L. Nichelson, Vice-Chairman
Elks National Veterans Service Commission



The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

SOCCER SHOOT

Sorry I can't be here in Frederick, MD for this workshop and the Grand Exalted Rulers visit but baseball calls for me in Florida. Well we just finished up the Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational Soccer Shoot last night (March 8) at Frederick MD. Now the families and the champions are all heading home today to the 6 states competing (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and of course Maryland, Delaware and Washington DC).

How did we fair? Not bad overall, these kids are all champions to start with, and they all went home still champions. Here are the results:

Name	Place	Name	Place
U8 Girls		U8 Boys	
Riley Papineau	3rd Place	Rece Johnson	3rd Place
U10 Girls		U10 Boys	
Bay Rothermel	6th Place	Ethan Scott	5th Place
U12 Girls		U12 Boys	
Alicia Strack	6th Place	Brett Kato	5th Place
U14 Girls		U14 Boys	
Brittany Hinman	6th Place	Lance Storey	6th Place

Competition at this level is always tough, and our shooters did their best that day.

Overall State Winner was Pennsylvania, with Kentucky 2nd and West Virginia 3rd for the traveling trophy.

Kudos to Frederick Elks #684 in hosting this event for the weekend, a job well done. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Committee was very satisfied and we wish to return next year for our 3rd year in the state of Maryland for our shoot.

Pictures will be available shortly at the NJ Elks web site of the entire shoot. These are FREE and can be downloaded and used by

families, friends and others. I will have an email sent out over our notification system to all listed as soon as they become available. Thank you Lodges for your support in holding this simple and easy event for kids, thank you Districts for holding your shoots and sending your best to the State. Thank you MD-DE-DC Elks Association for the opportunity to run the State Soccer program, one down and hopefully many more to go improving each time, I promise. Thanks to my mentor in soccer PDDGER Byron "Butch" Morgan.

Fraternally Yours,

G. Gerald Morrow PDDGER

State Soccer Shoot Chair

Mid-Atlantic Regional Committee Member



Pictured left to right front row: Bay Rothermel, Riley Papineau, Rece Johnson, Ethan Scott, Brett Kato, Back row (l-r): Gerald Morrow, Alicia Strack, Brittany Hinman, Lance Storey, and Carl Vogt



Americanism



Congratulations to the entire Americanism District Essay and Poster 1st Place Winners

Thank you to all the children who participated this year. There was a wonderful display of Patriotism. We would like to welcome all to attend; but encouraged each child, parent, District Chairman, Lodge Exalted Ruler and/or Lodge Americanism Chairman to attend to see who will be our State winners. The Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association Americanism Awards will be held at

St. Mary's Lodge #2092 on Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Please RSVP by calling 240-508-8636 or by emailing RRivituso@hotmail.com

Poster 1st Place District Winners

AGE	Child's Name	Lodge	District
0-3 Years Old	Maci Stevens	Pocomoke #1624	South East
	Zoe Reamy	Calvert #2620	South West
4-5 Years Old	Allison Cristo	Havre de Grace #1564	North East
	Leilah Bowden	Ocean City #2645	South East
	Ethan Baker	Calvert #2620	South West
	Kylie Taylor	Oakland #2481	West
6-7 Years Old	Jack McNally	Annapolis #622	North Central
	Reed Mason	Havre de Grace #1564	North East
	Maggie Hubbard	Cambridge #1272	South East
	Jim Oster	St. Mary's #2092	South West
	Adam Grabenstein	Frostburg #470	West
8-9 Years Old	Ethan McNally	Annapolis #622	North Central
	Jasmine Fabuien	Newark #2281	North East
	Abbey Miller	Ocean City #2645	South East
	Kevin Young	Washington/Rockville #15	South West

Essay 1st Place District Winners

(1st Place State Winner will move on to Grand Lodge)

AGE	Child's Name	Lodge	District
Division I: 5 th & 6 th Grade	Andrew Wennersten	Havre de Grace #1564	North East
	Amanda Jewell	Seaford #2458	South East
	Collin Atwood	Deale Lodge #2528	South West
	Josey Zeunges	Frostburg #470	West
Division I: 5 th & 6 th Grade	Josh Fickes	Dover #1903	North East
	Leah Smith	Cambridge #1272	South East
	Karina Robinson	Waldorf #2421	South West
	Brynn Merz	Westminster #2277	West

Fraternally Yours,

Renee' Rivituso

Americanism Chairman

RRivituso@hotmail.com

240-508-8636

Auditing & Business Practices Quarterly Report

This report covers from May 1, 2013 through February 26, 2014.

Our State Association: Income; \$67,991.08; Budgeted \$73,450. Or a remaining balance of (\$5,458.92).

Elks National Foundation: Income: \$243,226.05; Budgeted \$246,090. Or a remaining balance of (\$22,344.12).

Elks Camp Barrett "Donations:": Income \$146,482.12; Budgeted \$155,540. Or a remaining balance of (\$9,057.88).

Elks Camp Barrett "Fund-raisers:": Income \$2,879.00; Budgeted \$4,300. Or a remaining balance of (\$1,421.00)

Elks Camp Barrett "Candy Sales:": Income \$3,580.00; Budgeted \$4,700. Or remaining balance of (\$1,120.00)

OVERALL TOTAL Elks Camp Barrett: Net Profit of \$11,380.12

Convention/Conference Account: Income \$121,422.27 Vs Expenses \$116,101.30; Budgeted \$133,585.00. Or a Net Profit of 3,820.97.

State Association Balance Sheet: Checking/Savings assets of \$689,124.08 down from my January report of \$742,405.18 a decrease of \$53,281.10. Total Fixed Assets (Building & Equipment) of \$914,103.82 remains the same as the January report, less accumulated depreciation of \$482,853.00 a decrease of \$35,722 from January report. Total fixed assets of \$431,250.82 a decrease of \$35,822 from last report. Other assets Cash in Escrow, Edward Jones ECB Invest Account of \$46,068.07 an increase of \$10,164.89 from last report. Total Assets & Liabilities of \$1,167,842.97 a decrease of \$95,167.82 from last report. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, and we must continue to watch spending. There is always more work to do, just like owning a house, our work is never done. Keep up the good work.

Hope all lodges are within budget and making money, hand over fist? If not, please try to attend one of my seminars, you may pick up something that will help you and your lodge? Cost -> YOU'RE TIME and the Benefits -> FREE KNOWLEDGE!


Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chair 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 DiPoli, PDDGER
State Chairman Auditing &
Business Practices


The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
has joined forces with

Donate Life America

to increase donations of
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Is your Lodge promoting the program?
We Elks Members can help close the gap!



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Inspire others!

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You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Today.

Camp Barrett Report

I am happy to announce that we have hired Richard Weitkamp as Camp Director for the 2014 camp season. And many more we hope. Richard is returning to us for a second season.

Also we are intending to begin an assortment of projects. These projects will include upgrades to the cabins and the playground. We would also like to acknowledge the Boy Scouts of America for the job they have done on their Eagle Badge projects. The new fence they installed is beautiful.

Fraternally
Ralph C. Allen, Chairman
ECB Executive Committee

MD DE & DC Elks Association Drug Awareness Program

Welcome to the Spring Workshop! I hope everyone has survived the cold winter and all are doing well. All District Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winners should be in the hands of the State Chairman by now and a winner for the State will be off to Grand Lodge by the 25th. Thank you to all Lodges who participated. If your Lodge has not sent a Drug Awareness Report to your District Chair and the State Chair please visit the State Website and choose one of the reports, file it out and send either through email or mail to District Chair and State Chair; this is very important since we are at the close of our Elk year and officers are changing. Outgoing Exalted Rulers please

make sure your Drug Awareness activities is reported to Grand Lodge. Incoming Exalted Rulers please advise your District Chair and State Chair who will be your Drug Awareness Chair and their contact information.

On February 6th through 9th, I had the pleasure of being the guest of the New Jersey State Elks Association for their 26th Annual Youth Peer Leadership Conference. What a fantastic event it was and the friendships gained will be lasting. Want to know more about this conference and my thoughts for our Drug Awareness Program and how we can possibly have something similar in the future attend the meeting Saturday afternoon at 2 pm.

We will also be discussing how our plans are going with having a Milton Creagh Tour next school year. So plan to attend a lot of important information to receive and take back to your lodges.

New Elks National Drug Awareness Program website for Kids of All Ages: elkskidzone.org, please take a look at it and give me some feedback. I have been on the website myself and find that it to be "Awesome" lots of excellent information for all ages. The website also includes a lot of information on Americanism. Please email me your reviews and thoughts on how we as an association can get the information about the website out to our communities.

Plan to attend our State Convention in June, especially the dinner on Saturday night at Turf Valley where we will recognize our Maryland and Delaware Enrique Camarena Award winners and Presidents Volunteer Service Award recipients. In the meantime keep up the Great Work you all are doing in educating our youth in the dangers of drugs. Remember the first week of May is "Youth Week" a great time to get our message out and get involved. "God Bless Each of You"

Sincerely,
Cindy Taylor
Drug Awareness State Chair
(cbtaylor6282@yahoo.com)



Youth Tennis and Golf



The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Youth Invitational Tournament of Champions Tennis and Golf will be held July 27-29, 2014 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Elks Association.

The Pennsylvania State Elks Advisory Committee requested a letter be sent to all lodges in PA. to inform them of the lack of participation and to encourage them to send participants to the 2014 tournament. No other details have been given on whether we will continue the tournament if we do not have an increase over the 37 we had this past year. The committee would consider re-instating bowling if there were enough contestants. We need a minimum of 20 to undertake this program because of the expenses involved.

My January report encouraged our lodges to put funds in their budget to sponsor participants in this years Tournament of Champions. Remember this program is the only program in Area II for 14 to 18 year olds. Don't let this program be canceled due to a lack of participants. Our association allows up to fifty percent reimbursement for each participant sponsored. Let me know if your lodge plans to sponsor participants and in what sport. My email: petedward@aol.com.

The 2014 rates are as follows:

Contestant Rates	Chaperone Rates
\$300.00 Single Occupancy	\$341.00 Single Occupancy
\$278.00 Double Occupancy	\$318.00 Double Occupancy
\$269.00 Triple/Quad Occupancy	\$304.00 Triple/Quad Occupancy

Forms will be available shortly on the www.paelks.org and www.mddedcelksassn.org

Edward "Pete" Peterson
Youth Tennis and Golf Committee

Hoop Shoot

Old man Winter wasn't much fun this year for most of us, but he really played havoc with the Hoop Shoot. All the District Directors were able to get their shoots in as scheduled, but unfortunately a fresh snow fall and caused the State Shoot to be cancelled on the original date of February 15th. The only date available at the time of the cancellation was March 8th, so we rescheduled for then. I found out the following Monday, that March 1st was now available, so I booked it and rescheduled. I held the 8th as a backup date.

Snow and ice took the weekend of the 1st off, so we were able to hold the shoot and crown our champions. The competition was very good in all age groups and as I type this, I have a good feeling that I will be able to report on a Regional champ or 2 that will be representing our Association in Springfield.

The champions are:

Girls 8-9 - Lindsay Maggio (Washington-Rockville #15)
Girls 10-11 -Megan Garney (Severna Park#2482)
Girls 12-13 - Rachael Rodimak (Ocean City #2645)

Boys 8-9 - Jaylan Jackson (Dover #1903)
Boys 10-11 - Rykell Waters (Crisfield # 1044)
Boys 12-13 - Colin Miller (Towson #469)

Meagan had finished second in her District shoot, but replaced the winner because she suffered a broken wrist.

The Jim McNitt Award was won by the North East District and will be presented to John Ramsey.

I don't have all the numbers in, but I think we were down a little this year. We did have 16 different Lodges send shooters to the State shoot. I want to thank all the District Directors for a job well done and also all the Local lodges who cared enough about our youth to sponsor a shoot.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you this weekend in my home Lodge and hope you enjoy a little Frederick hospitality.

Jack Boehmer
State Hoop Shoot Director

2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The State Level Scholarship judging is completed. The applications of the sixteen winners of our State Association (that is the number that ENF permits us to send) have been sent to Chicago for judging. ENF will notify the top six National Winners. The list of 2014 winners is posted on line and available for viewing.

Our own top four State Winners of MVS are:

BOYS:

Pushkar Aggawai
Washington-Rockville Lodge # 15-SouthWest
He will be awarded \$4000.00

Alexander Schockley
Pocomoke City Lodge # 1624- SouthEast
He will be awarded \$3000.00

GIRLS:

Paige Stanley
Pocomoke City Lodge # 1624- SouthEast
She will be awarded \$4000.00

Maura Smyles
Annapolis Lodge # 1622-NorthCentral
She will be awarded \$3000.00

The above students and their families will be invited, as our guests, to attend our State Conference at Turf Valley Spa and Resort in Maryland.

The following twelve students' applications, in addition to the above four, have been sent to ENF for National Judging. They can receive up to \$15,000 a year for four years. The Grand Lodge will notify them of their winnings. These same twelve (12) students will each receive \$1500.00 from our State Association.

GIRLS:

Anastasia Neuman
Abington Lodge # 2354-NorthEast

Logan Vissser
Newark Lodge # 2281-NorthEast

Julia Doody
Washington-Rockville Lodge # 15-- SouthWest

Allison Young
Frederick Lodge # 0684-West

Sienna Schmid
Frederick Lodge # 684 -West

Madison Logan
Newark Lodge # 2281-NorthEast

BOYS:
Zachary Rodriquez
Westminster Lodge # 2277-West

John Bollinger
Kent Island Lodge # 2576- SouthEast

Robert Jones
Easton Lodge # 1622-SouthEast

Ian Doody
Washington-Rockville Lodge # 15-- SouthWest

Kyle Starost
Washington-Rockville Lodge # 15-- SouthWest

Bradley Miller
Ocean City Lodge # 2645- SouthEast

The Scholarship Committee made the decision to acknowledge a girl and boy winner in each of our five Districts. These students had the highest scores in their District once the sixteen Winners were eliminated. Each of these ten applicants will receive \$2000.00 from our State Association.

SOUTHWEST

Singiti Weerasuri
Washington-Rockville Lodge # 15

Cale Benefield
Saint Mary's County Lodge # 2092

NORTHEAST

Julia Lin
Wilmington Lodge # 307

Manuel Mastromanolis
Abington Lodge # 2354

WEST

Joshua Turskey
Westminster Lodge # 2277

Emily Harrison
Westminster Lodge # 2277

NORTH CENTRAL

Aria Jalalian
Towson Lodge # 469

Minji Kim
Towson Lodge # 469

Thus, the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks State Association will have distributed \$52,000 to twenty-six of our Senior Students for the year 2014.

We still have the Vocational Scholarships to distribute. The deadline for those applications is March 15, 2014. Every Secretary of every Lodge has been sent a copy of the application via snail-mail. Scott McKnight has also placed it on our website. If, for any reason, you are unable to find this Vocational Application please let me know immediately.

The Scholarship Committee is a very exciting and worthwhile group to interact with. The essays that the students write are inspirational and the volunteer work they do makes you wonder when they can take a breath. The Committee's primary time of work is approximately three months and much of it can be done at home at your leisure. With almost 200 Applications to preview and judge with at least three pairs of eyes, it becomes a daunting task. ALL ASSISTANCE IS GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED!!!! And, the hidden perk is that you will find yourself enjoying the scoring and finding out the winners!

DON'T FORGET OUR VOCATIONAL STUDENTS!

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Scully
Maryland, Delaware, and D.C. Scholarship
Chairman

1st Annual

ELKS MID-ATLANTIC HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY THE MD, DE, DC ELKS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 6-8, 2014 • Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576

Welcome ELKS from MD, DE, DC, PA, NJ, VA

Gentlemen and Lady Elks with current membership or spouse cards are welcome. You must be over 21 years of age to play. \$20 registration fee per team. Cash prizes will be awarded to first placed team, Trophies to first and second place teams.

Our Lodge has RV and camping area, and is close to area hotels, tourist areas.
Food will be available throughout the weekend with entertainment Saturday evening.

Registration packets will be distributed in April.

Call or email to get your packet.

**Jimmy Cox, Exalted Ruler 443-740-3300 jcox@hydrasearch.com
or, Angela Meyer, Co-Chairperson 410-739-5575 ameyer@dadsaidmaybefarm@atlanticbb.net**

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION
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1. WEEKEND ACCOMODATIONS PACKAGE, REGISTRATION AND MEALS

Includes hotel room for two nights on June 13 and June 14, Registration Fees, Saturdays Evening's State Association Dinner and Awards, and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

Double Occupancy: \$410.00 10 oz New York Strip # _____
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Enclose payment with reservation form and check payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Assn

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Lodge: _____

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