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**Carl F. Vogt**  
*State President*

## Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to 94th State Convention of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association here at Turf Valley Resort. This weekend we are honored to have with us the State President from Pennsylvania, William Schran and his wife Donna and from New Jersey, Peter Smith and his wife Sandi, as well as our Sponsor Paul D. Helsel, PGER and his gracious wife Jane from Newark Lodge No 2281, Delaware. Please join me in welcoming them and share with them the great hospitality and friendship of the greatest Association in our Order.

Well, I'll start my message by saying, "Where has all the time gone". What a great and memorable year this has been for both Mary and me. Words cannot express everything I wish to say, however I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for all the kindness, hospitality and support that you, the members of our great Association have shown to the both of us, it will never be forgotten.

In our travels, we have found that the spirit of what Elkdom is and can be, to be alive and well in our Association. You have truly fulfilled my motto as "Elks Serving Our Communities". My utmost thanks and appreciation goes out to all of you who served as my Officers and State Chairman this year. Together, we all worked as a TEAM. I would like to give my personal thanks to my mentors, they know who they are for all the support and guidance they provided this year, especially Benjamin Franklin who once said "Say little, but do much".

A cornerstone of my year was Leadership and Communications. We rolled out the Mentoring Program, increased our Workshop/Committee Training and tried our best to make our meetings more interesting and informative. All of this would not have been possible without everyone's participation; however there is always room for improvement and I'm sure it will continue this year.

Although our Membership numbers diminished again this year, we still continue to make tremendous headway in our ENF donations with 35 lodges reaching the GER Goal of \$4.60 and 11 lodges reaching my goal of \$9.00. This year participation in the ENF Grant Program has greatly increased and I hope it will continue this year. These grants not only improve your Lodge's image and status in the community, it likewise points out to the members of your Lodge what the true mission of the Elks is. Our showcase Elks Camp Barrett has been given a facelift through the dedicated work of some ambitious Eagle Scouts. Many other upgrades are also in progress. I encourage you to visit the Camp to see it firsthand, but more importantly let's fill the Camp with Campers this year.....this is up to all of us.

Attending the Youth Golf and Tennis Tournament, State, Regional and National Hoop Shoot and Regional Soccer Shoot exemplified what we do with our Youth Programs, keep up the good work. Our Drug Awareness, Americanism, and Scholarship Programs were all outstanding due to the dedication of some very hard working chairman this year. Our Veterans Program speaks for itself and exemplifies our motto states, "As Long As There Are Veterans, The Elks Will

Never Forget Them".

Mary joins me in extending our best wishes to Dave Wolcott and his lovely wife Connie who will be taking over the reins of our Association They are truly a talented couple and with your help and support I know the Association will be in good hands and will continue to prosper. We also extend our best wishes to all the newly elected and the appointed officers and chairman in the year ahead, have fun and enjoy your year.

In closing, my wife, my love and "travelling partner" and your First Lady, Mary also wishes to express her gratitude for the overwhelming hospitality extended to her on our many visits. Have a great weekend at Turf Valley and may you return home safely with a renewed enthusiasm and motivation in carrying forth Elkdom under your new leadership

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

**July 13 - 17, 2014**

Grand Lodge Convention  
New Orleans, LA

**July 27-29, 2014**

Youth Tennis and Golf  
Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA

**September 8-14, 2014**

National Patriotism Week  
Fall State Horseshoe Tournament  
Laurel Lodge #2283

**September 27, 2014**

Fall State Horseshoe Tournament  
Laurel Lodge #2283

**October 3-5, 2014**

Fall Conference  
Princess Royale - Ocean City, MD

**October 23-31, 2014**

Red Ribbon Week

**November 2014**

Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

**December 1, 2014**

Elks Memorial Service

**January 16-18, 2015**

Winter Workshop  
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

**March 20-22, 2015**

Spring Conference • Easton Lodge 1622

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**94th CONVENTION OF THE MD, DE & DC ELKS ASSOCIATION**  
Turf Valley Resort. Ellicott City, MD

**AGENDA • JUNE 13-15**

**Carl E. Vogt. State President - Presiding**

**Friday, June 13, 2014**

Noon - 5 PM.....Registration • Hotel Lobby  
1:00 - 5 PM .....Advisory Meeting • Crystal Room  
5:00 P.M. ....State Trustees Meeting • Merriweather Room  
5:30 P.M. ....ECB Executive Committee Meeting • Crystal Room

**Saturday, June 14, 2014 • FLAG DAY**

7:15 - 8:45 A.M.....Breakfast Buffet • Tiffany Room  
8:00 A.M. - Noon .....Registration • Grand Ballroom Foyer  
8:00 - 8:30 A.M. ....Elks Camp Barrett Meeting • Crystal/Regency  
8:45 A.M.....Meeting Called to Order • Crystal /Regency  
• Welcome to our visiting guests  
• Business Session  
(Committee Chairs to summarize their year)



11:50 A.M .....Announcements  
Noon.....Lunch on your own  
Noon - 1:30 P.M .....State President-Elect Dave Wolcott luncheon  
with incoming Officers and State Chairs  
(Dutch Treat - \$25 per person cash)  
Terrace on the Green  
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.....Grand Lodge Convention Attendees Meeting  
DD Designates, ERs & Convention  
Committee Members • Crystal/Regency  
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.....Social Hour (Cash Bar) • Crystal/Regency  
7:00 P.M. ....Dinner and Awards (Business Suit)

**Sunday, June 15, 2014**

7:30 - 9:00 A.M.....Breakfast Buffet • Tiffany Room  
9:30 A.M.....Memorial Service (Summer Tax for all participants)  
10:15 A.M.....Installation of Officers for 2014-2015  
(Summer Tax for all participants)  
11:00 A.M. ....Closing

**NEXT MEETING:  
FALL CONFERENCE  
PRINCESS ROYALE • OCEAN CITY, MD  
OCTOBER 3-5, 2014**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler: School's out! Look for ways to occupy the kids



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Millard Pickeing

This month brings the end of the typical school year and the start of the season of boys and girls - summer!

While school kids literally count the weeks until summer break, parents may have the opposite sentiment as they contemplate the added burden of planning distractions for their now idle kids. Lodges in my part of the country experience a little down-market during the summer as people spend more time in outdoor activities. It seems to me these factors suggest some real service opportunities for

Local Lodges.

What can your Lodge do for school kids to help them celebrate their accomplishments or occupy their time productively? What events are planned for the whole family to enjoy?

One of the first things I remember about the Elks was when I was invited to a dinner hosted by the Lodge honoring all the senior boys. There was a guest speaker I don't remember and great food - BBQ as I recall - and each boy was assigned an Elks escort to host and introduce him that evening. That same dinner still goes on today, a tradition more than 60 years strong. Many of the Members of my home Lodge have similar fond memories of that event. Picnics, fishing derbies, golf tourna-

ments or lessons, baseball leagues, pool parties, bowling nights and cookouts are all events within the reach of most any Local Lodge. What a great service to your Members or, better yet, a wonderful way to reach young families who might be future prospects.

If your Lodge has the facility space available, subject to state and local regulations, plan a similar experience for local kids this summer. With proper supervision and parental approval, such an event would give busy parents a needed break and one more benefit for their membership dollars. A little extra attention and business for the Lodge is a good thing too.

See you down the road.



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

Welcome to the 94th annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. We are once again here at Turf Valley for what promises to be a fun filled weekend with a little bit of business and a

whole lot of fellowship.

We are pleased to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Peter Smith and his wife Sandy, and also the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, William Schran and his wife Donna. During this weekend please join me in offering them a warm welcome, as well as extending to them our typically outstanding Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks hospitality.

Throughout the weekend we will all learn about the many accomplishments of our Association (actually the 38 Lodges of the Association) for this past year. It will certainly be a time of celebration, a time to stand tall - as all those accomplishments represent many hours of dedicated effort by many dedicated Elks and spouses across our whole Association. Under the dedicated and capable leadership of our State President Carl Vogt, his officers, committee personnel and all the Elks at the Lodge level we will have once again had a very positive year. 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, knowledgeable, and involved in Elkdom, the Association, and their individual communities. Under the capable leadership or incoming State President Dave

Wolcott, 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 2014/2015 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 Dave Wolcott and his officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all of our 38 lodges for a most successful 2014/2015 year

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

## Responsible Service/Use of Alcohol

*by the Grand Lodge Insurance Department*

A recent verdict totaling \$28 million (including \$10 million in punitive damages) was rendered against a Local Lodge; it was alleged that a non-Elks member was improperly served alcohol while attending an Elks sponsored function that was open to the public.

This verdict has created a significant financial burden on the Master Liability Program, which provides insurance coverage for Local Lodges but, more importantly, it has

presented a negative image for the Order.

All Elks members have a duty to be aware of the need for the responsible service and use of alcohol as it pertains to themselves and the service provided by their Lodge. All those responsible for the service of alcohol should be made aware of the fact that no person approaching intoxication should ever be served and anyone who violates this policy will be dismissed.

Sheldon H. Staubitz, Director of Insurance

### E. C. B. 50/50 RAFFLE

The Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 Raffle that was held at the Frederick Lodge No. 684 in March was won by Jeannie LaMot from Prince George's County Lodge No. 1778. We hope Jeanie enjoyed her winnings.

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

Fraternally, Hilda & Lee Davis

## Message from the President-Elect:



Dave Wolcott  
President-Elect

It seems like just yesterday that I was installed as President-Elect and that term is now almost complete.

I want to congratulate Carl Vogt, our State President, and his wife Mary for

being outstanding representatives for our Association this year as they visited our Lodges, hosted our guests and visited other Associations. I also want to thank Carl for always keeping me informed of the business and events of our Association; it has been a great

asset as I prepare for the coming year. I want to thank all of the Past State Presidents from the Super Southeast District for their patience, guidance and advice and a particular thank you to PSP Bill Buttrill for his "constructive" criticism, if you know what I mean. I hope that most of it stuck.

During this past year I have continued my travels throughout our Association. I have attended the Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Lodge representative meetings, several Trustee meetings, The State and Regional Soccer Shoot, the Regional Hoop Shoot, the State Horseshoe Tournament, State Ritual contest, several individual Lodge fundraisers and events and lots of plain

old "Elking". I really am not sure how many miles it has been in total but every one was worth it - I got to spend time with the best Elks in the Order, the members of our Association.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve our Association this coming year as your President. As I have mentioned previously Connie and I sincerely enjoy visiting Lodges and talking about Elkdom. Please keep us in mind if you are having an event whether big or small and we look forward to meeting our old friends and making some new friends.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Dave Wolcott

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Jay V. Strong, Jr.  
NC District VP

At the North Central Caucus in April, we elected Pat Larkins from Laurel Lodge No. 2283 to return for another two year term as Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member. Lou Schmeltzer from Annapolis

Lodge No. 622 was elected to return for another two year term as Trustee. Finally, we elected Julie Hasson from Bowie Lodge No. 2309 to be the Vice President of the North Central District for the 2014-15 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to each of these dedicated Elks, and thank you for serving!

In searching through the CLMS Annual Membership Report, we are always looking for some good news. There was some. The North Central District initiated 172 new Members, and reinstated 35 Members. However, after taking into account deaths (107), Members dropped for non-payment (324), dimits, transfers, etc., we suffered a net loss of 252 Members in the 2013-14 Fraternal Year. That's 6.2% of the total number at the start of the year! The bright spot was that Laurel Lodge No. 2283 had a net gain of 4

Members for the year. Congratulations, Laurel, keep up the good work! Share your secret to success with us! My thanks to the Members of the North Central District for entrusting me with the position of Vice President for the 2013 - 14 Fraternal Year. This has been a rewarding experience, one that has allowed me to learn much. Hopefully, here and there, I have helped some, at least a little.

A wise man once said that we are tested not so much by trials and condemnation, as we are by tributes and compliments. If one regards the support the Members of our Association have shown for me - in the election on 23 March at our Spring Conference - as a tribute or compliment, you have tested me, indeed. As I said then, I will strive to not disappoint. Moreover, I will be ever mindful that there is no hierarchy in Elkdom - we are all Members, all volunteers just the same, with equal rights and privileges, none "higher" than any other. The ground is level in Elkdom!

During the coming year as President Elect, to many of you I may seem to be less visible. Nevertheless, rest assured behind the scenes I will be busy, preparing for the office with which you have honored me. We could think of it as "President on Deck." I am ready to learn from our next President, Dave Wolcott, all our Past State Presidents, and in

truth any Member among us. Thank you for the opportunity.

See you all around campus!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay V. Strong, Jr.  
North Central District VP



John Ramsey  
NE District VP

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT

This is my final newsletter and I wish to thank North East Dist. for sharing their knowledge of Elkdom. I have met some of the nicest people that care and share. I wish everyone could experience what I have. I wish Pattie good luck in her adventure, but I don't think she will need it because North East will take good care of her. Thanks again and good luck

John Ramsey  
NEVP

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Tom Coyle  
Southwest District VP

One of the highlights of Frederick's fantastic Winter Conference, for me, was South West's skit about the ENF Grants giving more back more than we put in. The Ladies of South West demonstrated their creativity. You deserve a

big, "Thanks". You were a big hit. We educated and entertained while we collected donations for ENF. The other skits found their mark, too, each pointing out the important aspects of Grand Lodge programs.

Kelley Randolph's District Deputy Clinic was like no other I've attended. To keep the crowd interested she had a machine gun full of speakers with three minute presentations. The rapid fire pace kept everyone interested. It was a great way to educate the officers for their new positions.

I helped ECB prepare for the coming camping season at the Executive Committee Meetings. Ralph Allen, Chairman, and Rich Hasson, Vice Chairman, are capably moving the committee through the steps to ensure a successful year. I turn my VP spot over to Wayne Becraft, soon to be Vice President South East.

Best of luck to the new South West State Officers:

- Andrew Bowalick - Vice President
- Claudia Finley-Bowalick - 2 Year Trustee
- Sandi Hubbard - 2 Year ECB Executive Comm.
- Carl Riffle - 1 Year ECB Executive Committee

I believe you'll make outstanding contributions. Keep me in mind if you need some help.

Carl Vogt started his presidency off with an emphasis on mentoring. This is a good

way to end the year, too, with an emphasis on mentoring. We just started to learn how to use this tool. Mentoring is critical to our future. Please keep it up.

Andy Bowalick, I hope you'll enjoy yourself working with the South West Lodges as VP. Dave Wolcott is getting a VP with a long and deep knowledge of Elkdom. I'm counting on all the lodges to welcome you, as they did me, so you can share Dave's message and your knowledge. Let me know if I

can help.

Carl, congratulations on a successful year! Thanks for letting me be a part of it. Thanks, too, to all the other VPs for collaborating with me to be more effective.

Finally, thanks to the South West Lodges and Offices for your hospitality and cooperation. You've given me much more than I can ever return.

Fraternally,  
Tom Coyle

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



T.P. Simons  
SE District VP

I am not sure where this last year has gone. It seems like only yesterday that we were in Turf Valley installing the new State Officers for 2013-2014. Since the last newsletter, I have attended

the Spring Conference at Frederick Lodge # 684 and the Southeast District Deputy Clinic at Easton Lodge # 1622. At our Southeast District Caucus held just prior to the DD Clinic, we elected Wayne Becraft, Cape Henlopen Lodge # 2540, as Vice President for 2014-2015, James Harbour, Ocean City Lodge # 2645, as our 2 Year Trustee and Angela Meyer, Kent Island Lodge # 2576, as our 2 Year Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member. Congratulations to all three of you and thank you for continuing your support for our District, our State Association and all of Elkdom.

At our District Deputy, Connie Wolcott's,

Clinic, it was a privilege to meet some of the new Exalted Rulers and Officers who were recently installed in our Lodges. I look forward to working with you in the coming year as your District Deputy. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the Exalted Rulers, Officers and Lodge Members who made my year as Vice President a memorable one. I truly enjoyed the entire year; it was my most rewarding year as an Elk.

As we bring this Association year to an end, I would like to send a special thanks to my boss, Carl Vogt. Carl, you are great Elk to work for and with, I enjoyed every minute of it. To the Southeast District Leaders, a special thanks goes out to all of you for your support, guidance, and understanding throughout this last year. I also can't thank you enough for your faith in me as I move into this next phase as an Elk.

Since my last report, I have logged 504 miles on the road and 45 hours of travel and Lodge visit time. So far this year I have logged 1518 miles on the road and 111.9 hours of travel and visitation time.

Fraternally,  
T. P. Simons

## ENF News Flash

First I would like to thank State President Vogt for this appointment. It has been a learning experience, which I have enjoyed immensely. At this time I would like to thank my district chairmen for a job well done. I am so proud to say that MD-DE-DC Elk Lodges have raised \$170,831.77, which equates to \$8.31 per member, **GREAT JOB!**

I started this chairmanship year with my goal of getting more lodges to apply for grants that are available for them through the **Community Investment Program**. I am pleased to say that to date we have been approved for 38 grants for a total of \$76,000.00. The 2014-2015 year has already started so by now I hope that you have already envisioned what you want your lodge to look like?

- Do you know what the people of your community need?
  - How will your lodge invest in building stronger communities?
- I would say with the help of the Elks National Foundation Grants.

Start now, form your committee, gather your ideas. Grants open July 1, 2014 and remember this year they have approved a **Freedom Grant**. The greater the public awareness you can generate for your Lodge's activities, the greater the enhancement of your lodge's reputation within the community. Please contact me or any of my district chairmen, or the Elks National Foundation if you have any questions.

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, ENF Chairman

## Elks National Youth Week

The first week in May was a busy month for Newark Lodge #2281. As part of National Youth Week, a team of volunteers from our Lodge visited 3rd graders at three elementary schools handing out over 280 dictionaries and Drug Awareness coloring books.

The schools were Pleasantville Elementary,

Carrie Downie Elementary and Castle Hills Elementary. Lodge ER, Margie McIntyre said, "I think we made a lot of kids really happy that week and we definitely scored points with the teachers and administrative staff!" Margie also stated, "I want to thank all the volunteers from our Lodge who helped to make this happen."



## ENVSC FREEDOM GRANTS

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission is happy to announce that Freedom Grants of \$2,000 each will again be available to Lodges for this 2014/2015 lodge year. Recognizing the increasing popularity of these Freedom Grants and the innovative service being provided to our veterans and military through them, the Commission will this year award 140 Freedom Grants to Local Lodges that wish to serve veterans or active duty military personnel in their community. That's an increase of 15 grants over this past 2013-2014 year. Applications will be judged on their expected impact on veterans and the quality of Lodge support. Lodges can apply online only, from August 1, 2014, through August 31, 2014. Grants will be awarded in September for events or programs to take place before July 31, 2015.

To best serve your community's veterans or active duty military personnel, while promoting your Lodge and the Elks, we encourage you to use the Freedom Grant for more than a cash donation. Develop a grant project that involves veterans or active duty military personnel and utilizes Elks volunteers as much as possible. Freedom Grants can be used for one or more events, as well as combined with grants from the Elks National Foundation to create larger programs having a greater impact.

Either the Lodge Secretary or the designated Lodge Grants Coordinator may apply for a Freedom Grant.

Before submitting an application, be ready to describe your program, its expected impact (what need you hope to meet), and a

projected budget. If your Lodge receives a Freedom Grant, you will have to complete a Final Report Form after the event has taken place, and return it to ENVSC headquarters along with grant related receipts. Lodges which do not return the Final Report Form and receipts or return unused grant monies will be ineligible for any future grants, either from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission or the Elks National Foundation.

Guidelines and suggested ideas for Freedom Grant applications can be found on our website at <http://www.elks.org/vets/freedomgrants>. Our Office will also mail or e-mail the guidelines and summaries of the programs of past Freedom Grant recipients upon request.

If you are new to applying for grants, or need some advice, the Elks National Foundation has developed a toolkit to aid Lodges applying for any type of grant. You can find the toolkit at: <http://www.elks.org/enf/Community/toolkit.cfm>. It includes the steps to follow to best serve the veterans or active military personnel in your community.

For more information, please contact us at [vets@elks.org](mailto:vets@elks.org) or call (773)755-4736.

Submitted by:  
Paul D. Helsel, PGER  
Chairman  
Elks National Veterans Service Commission

My tour of duty as your Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman is coming to an end, this July. This will be my last year as your chairman. I started serving the veterans in 2000 as a member of Calvert Elks Lodge's Veterans Committee and then replaced Richard Ince (SW District) shortly thereafter as the ENVSC Representative at CHVH. I became State chairman in 2005, when my predecessor, H Lee Davis, took office as State Association President.

I can truly say that, "I enjoyed meeting and working with: H. Lee Davis as ENVSC - Advisory & Liaison, all the State Presidents and especially the VAVS Facility Representatives, Deputy Reps and District Chairpersons. That is something that we sometimes forget ... in working for our State Association ... the fact that we get to meet so many wonderful people, working to

support our veterans and all the other programs supported by the MD-DE & DC Elks Association. It was truly an enjoyment and never a hardship!



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Although, my tour of duty as chairman is ending, I plan to continue being the ENVSC Rep at CHVH, and continue my routine of weekly visits. As they say, "It's in my blood ... the Heart of Elkdom." I am in my 48th year, as an Elk, and plan to dedicate my

time to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

I will be turning over the reigns to Bonnie Bussard, PDD from Abingdon Lodge No. 2354. Bonnie has been the ENVSC Representative for Perry Point, for many years, and is a very active member in the ENVSC, State Association and her Lodge. I know that you will enjoy working with her and she will represent this State Association with honors. Please welcome her as your new Chairperson with enthusiasm. She too, will need your support.

Again, I want to "Thank You" one and all for supporting your time & money traveling to USOs and VA Facilities, throughout the year, in order to support our Armed Forces and Veterans.

Sincerely & Fraternaly  
John A. Curran  
Supporting Our Veterans

## Dover School Resource Officer, Keith Hester, Honored With Enrique Camarena Award



MCpl. Keith Hester is presented with the Delaware State Enrique Camarena Award. Left to Right: Lt. David Spicer, Chief Paul Bernat, MCpl. Keith Hester, John Ramsey (VP MD/DE/DC Elks), Dick Cook (Dover Lodge Drug Committee Representative).

- Keith Hester has a 25 year career with Dover Police Dept.
- 3 times Officer of the Quarter
- 5 years Officer with D.A.R.E
- 5 years took 40 under privileges students to NASCAR Race the "Shell Fuel for Success Program"
- If he sees a student not eating lunch he would buy them something using his own money
- He noticed a student wearing the same shirt for 3 days and secured a new shirt from his own pocket
- Heavily involved in sports, if a kid wants to play he will make it happen by coaching, securing equipment and giving rides home, again out of his pocket
- Keith selects several kids to participate in the "Dover Police Youth Academy" which he runs for the summer
- Keith clearly exemplifies the definition of a role model and is short of a hero in our community. He continues to find ways to connect with children and direct them down the right path in life, keeping them away from drugs, gangs and violence.

## WILMINGTON PATROLMAN JUSTIN WILKERS RECEIVES CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD



Patrolman Wilkers accepts the Citizen of the Year award.

Newark Elks Lodge #2281 awarded Wilmington Patrolman Justin Wilkers with their coveted Citizens of the Year Award. On February 3, 2013, patrolman Wilkers was shot in the face after a police pursuit during an attempted routine traffic stop. After a long recovery, patrolman Wilkers is back on the job. Robert McIntyre, PER stated, "We are proud to present patrolman Wilkers with this award. The 'Citizen of the Year' award is a very prestigious award with the Elks. It is awarded to a person in our community who exemplifies the Elk's values, Fidelity, Charity, Justice and/or Brotherly Love."



## Americanism Essay Winner What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me?



Josh Fickes

Veterans Day is a day to remember those who have served to make our country great and free.

Our freedom is a priceless treasure, and Veterans Day is a time to remember the guards who have prevented thieves from stealing our freedom. Veterans Day is a celebration of our freedom, but it is also a time of reflection on that freedom's cost. Veterans definitely deserve their own day.

Veterans Day is more than just one single span of 24 hours. It should be all 365 days of the year. We have been given our freedom all year, so why should we not remember our warriors of liberty every day? Freedom is not something that shows up on a holiday and is gone the next day. Freedom is a lasting pleasure for all Americans to enjoy.

Veterans Day is a time to say "thank you." Some people do not know a family member who is a veteran or a close friend who served the country, but we all have experienced our liberty. Thus, we all owe something to these brave veterans. However, everyone is able to give a gift to express our gratitude to our freedom fighters. Every heart-felt thanks given to a veteran acknowledges what they have done for us. Donating to a cause which supports veterans is a great thing to do, but even those without money to give can express gratitude with words of thanks. Veterans Day is a time of thanksgiving for our golden gift of freedom.

Josh Fickes

# Americanism

On behalf of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association we would like to extend congratulations to all the Americanism State Essay and Poster Winners. The Americanism contest continues to be one of the foremost programs involving our youth, displaying their patriotism and awareness of our country. To all the lodges and district chairmen, who so unselfishly assisted this year, your continued dedication and support is truly commendable, thank you. A very special thank you also goes out to St. Mary's Elks Lodge #2092 for being our host for the Americanism Awards Luncheon this year.

### Poster State Winners

| AGE           | Place           | Child's Name     | Lodge                    | District      |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 0-3 Years Old | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Maci Stevens     | Pocomoke #1624           | South East    |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Zoe Reamy        | Calvert #2620            | South West    |
| 4-5 Years Old | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Allison Cristo   | Havre de Grace #1564     | North East    |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ethan Baker      | Calvert #2620            | South West    |
|               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Leilah Bowden    | Ocean City #2645         | South East    |
|               | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Kylie Taylor     | Oakland #2481            | West          |
| 6-7 Years Old | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jim Oster        | St. Mary's #2092         | South West    |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Maggie Hubbard   | Cambridge #1272          | South East    |
|               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Reed Mason       | Havre de Grace #1564     | North East    |
|               | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Jack McNally     | Annapolis #622           | North Central |
|               | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Adam Grabenstein | Frostburg #470           | West          |
| 8-9 Years Old | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Abbey Miller     | Ocean City #2645         | South East    |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Jasmine Fabuien  | Newark #2281             | North East    |
|               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Kevin Young      | Washington/Rockville #15 | South West    |
|               | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Ethan McNally    | Annapolis #622           | North Central |

### Essay State Winners (1<sup>st</sup> Place State Winners moved on to Grand Lodge)

#### Division I: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

| Place           | Child's Name      | Lodge                | District   |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Amanda Jewell     | Seaford #2458        | South East |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Andrew Wennersten | Havre de Grace #1564 | North East |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Josey Zeunges     | Frostburg #470       | West       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Collin Atwood     | Deale Lodge #2528    | South West |

#### Division II: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

| Place           | Child's Name    | Lodge             | District   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Karina Robinson | Waldorf #2421     | South West |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Josh Fickes     | Dover #1903       | North East |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Brynn Merz      | Westminster #2277 | West       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Leah Smith      | Cambridge #1272   | South East |

Fraternally Yours,  
Renee' Rivituso, Americanism Chairman







## Youth Tennis and Golf



The BPO Elks Youth Invitational Tournament of Champions is a youth competition in the sports of Golf and Tennis sponsored by the Elk Lodges in the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

The youth compete in Junior (14 - 16) and Senior (17 - 18) Divisions.

The competitors must be sponsored by their area Elks Lodge.

The 2014 competition will be held on July 27-29, 2014 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion PA

The five District Chairperson's have reported that some lodges will be sponsoring, thinking about it and possibly will sponsor a participant. This may be the last year for the Tournament of Champions, unless there is a greater number of participants

Now is the time to contact the Athletic Director at your local high school for tennis or golf participants. Schools will be closing the first part of June and the tournament deadline is June 27, 2014

I want to remind all lodges that after you have sponsored a participant, you are entitled to be reimbursed up to 50% per participant. For the last five years all expenses had been covered and each lodge was reimbursed 50% for each participant. Lodges are required to send me an email requesting reimbursement for what they paid for each participant.

The 2014 rates are as follows:

| <u>Contestant Rates</u>        | <u>Chaperone Rates</u>         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$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 |

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 services personnel.

Rates for additional nights before or after the package, \$60.00 per person, per night plus 9% sales tax

All the required forms are available on [www.mdcedelksassn.org](http://www.mdcedelksassn.org) or [www.paelks.org](http://www.paelks.org)

Edward "Pete" Peterson  
 Youth Tennis and Golf Chairman  
[petedward@aol.com](mailto:petedward@aol.com)

# HOOP SHOOT



Welcome to Turf Valley and our annual convention. We had a relatively successful Hoop Shoot program this year and I am pleased to have as our guest this weekend National Finalist Lindsay Maggio who represented Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 and our State Association in Springfield. Even though she did not come home as the winner of her age group, I am sure she brought many fond memories back from that event.

Once again this year, my goal is to have 100% participation by our local lodges. The Hoop Shoot is a very easy program to run and myself, as well as the District Chairpersons, are ready to help in any way possible. Along that line, I have asked each District Chair to provide me with a list of the Hoop Shoot Chairpersons in all local lodges. To be quite blunt about it, their response has not been good. I don't know whether this is because they are not getting responses from the Exalted Rulers or they have not sought the information, but I am asking EVERY Exalted Ruler to forward to ME the name and contact information of their Hoop Shoot chairperson. I can be reached at 301-639-7573 or via e-mail at 301-639-7573. Please cooperate and get me this much needed information.

I also am in need of the dates and venues for the District Shoots, so I can get that out to the local lodges as soon as possible. Next year's State Shoot will be held in Frederick on February 7th with a snow date of February 14th.

I have noted to the District Directors that if several lodges want to hold a joint shoot, all lodges that send at least 1 shooter will get credit for a local shoot. Last year, we had a national finalist from 2013, who did not have a chance to return to Springfield because his local lodge did not have a shoot.

It's never too early to start planning a local shoot, so lets get cracking. Remember, with good planning, every shot is a layup.

Jack Boehmer  
 State Director

## PA State Elks Convention



State President Carl Vogt, Past First Lady Kay O'Malley, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Past State Sponsor Carlon O'Malley and First Lady Mary Cardinal-Vogt attending the Pennsylvania State Elks Convention.



## 6th Annual Milford/Abingdon Bus Trip



The 47 Elks pictured represent 7 of our state association lodges. The picture was taken in front of Woodbridge VA lodge before we went in for breakfast. If anyone is interested in going next year, contact Ed Pettit of Milford Lodge or Bonnie Bussard of Abingdon lodge. It will be the first weekend in May of next year.

## SPRING STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT



Frederick Lodge #684 hosted the Spring State Horseshoe Tournament on May 17th. 22 teams participated and after some very good and close matches the Broadneck team of Lewis Adkins and David Young took home the trophy. The Fall tournament will be on September 27th at Laurel lodge. Pictured are State Chairman Jack Boehmer, defending champions and second place finishers Marcus and Matt Marsters of Deale Lodge along with Adkins and Young.

## Calvert Pig Roast

On Saturday May 17, a check in the amount of \$6054.00 was presented to the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation. This money was raised by Elk Riders of the Calvert Elk's lodge #2620 when they held the May 3rd Pig Roast. It was a huge success. The goal was to raise over \$5000 and they did it !!! Congrats to all for meeting their goal. All involved should pat themselves on the back for raising this donation for such a worthy cause !!

Delivered the check to Burn Foundation - with Mike Shea, Mark Balcerak, Rick Clohessy, David Worthy, Hailey Lois Waters, John Waters, Bill-Ashley Lewis, Jill Wiles, Fred Wiles and Deborah Diehlmann



## Auditing & Business Practices Report

This report covers from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.

minus Expenses) = \$11,888.01 profit

Our State Association Income: Overall Income: \$315,203.99; Budgeted \$319,540. Or a remaining balance of \$4,336.01.

Our State Association Expenses for the same period: \$270,310.96; or a profit of \$49,229.04

Note: Actual Income \$315,203.99 minus Actual Expenses of \$270,310.96. Or a net profit of \$44,893.03. That's good!

Elks Camp Barrett Income: Income \$339,157.18; Budgeted \$382,563. Or a remaining balance of (\$43,505.52). Or approx. 88% of Budgeted Income.

Elks Camp Barrett Expenses: Expenses of \$242,974.21; Budgeted \$382,593. (Budgeted Income Vs Expenses balances). Remaining \$46,969.60. Or approx. 87.72% of Budgeted Expenses.

OVERALL TOTAL Elks Camp Barrett: Net Profit (Actual Income) \$339,157.18 minus (Actual Expenses) \$242,974.21 = Net profit of \$96,182.97.

OVERALL TOTAL CONVENTION/CONFERENCE ACCOUNT INCOME VS EXPENSES: Actual Income = \$129,467.27 Vs Actual Expenses of \$117,579.26 = \$11,888.01 Net Profit (Income

State Association Balance Sheet: Last report March 2014: Checking/Savings assets of \$689,124.08, now up \$772,425.96 or up 83,330.88. Total assets of \$1,215,854.77. Included within this figure are the Edward Jones Investments of \$39,512.69. What does this mean? We are still holding our own, but we must continue to watch our spending, for there is always more work to do, just like owning a house, your work is never done.

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 Chair, Auditing & Business Practices

## WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

Welcome to our new Worlds Finest Candy Bar Campaign. This is the first year with this campaign. If you have any comments on the campaign, please contact me as I am always interested since you are the people who make this campaign a success.

The day of the candy pick up, I had 3 Lodges wanting candy to sell who did not order. I only order what I have orders for so next January, please keep me in mind and place your order early so we can make more money for Elks Camp Barrett.

We had orders for 102 boxes; the company gave me 5 free boxes. They do this to cover the \$20.00 shipping fee and the rest to help promote the program. We had no problem selling all 107 boxes.

A special "Thank You" to Fat Jack from Frederick Lodge for his help in making the arrangements for the candy throughout the entire weekend. I owe you a beer Jack.

Our profit this year on the 107 boxes is \$ 3,340. A special "Thank You" to the following chair people.

### THE FOLLOWING WERE CHAIRPEOPLE:

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Abingdon Lodge #2354       | Jr. Elks   |
| Annapolis Lodge #622       | Joan Wald  |
| Bowie Lodge #2309          | Rich Hasson  |
| Broadneck Lodge #260       | Betty Chapin   |
| Calvert Lodge #2620        | John Curran, Mary Cardinal Vogt                                |
| Camp Springs #2332         | Charles Spadone  |
| Cape Henlopen #2540        | John & Eileen Loftus, Doris Becraft,<br>Gary Eckenrode         |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474    | Robert Raleigh   |
| Deale Lodge #2528          | Sandi Hubbard  |
| Dover Lodge #1903          | Connie deYoung, kathleen a. williams,<br>Francis Clauser       |
| Easton Lodge #1622         | Dave & Connie Wolcott  |
| Essex Lodge #1866          | Marie Cavey, Lee & Hilda Davis                                 |
| Frederick Lodge # 684      | Jack Boehmer, Judi McKight,<br>Danniele McKnight, Curt Kendall |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266    | Larry & Pat Mathers  |
| Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Patti Gray   |
| Kent Island # 2576         | Angela Meyer   |
| Laurel Lodge #2283         | George & Pat Larkins   |
| Milford Lodge #2401        | Ed Pettit  |
| Newark Lodge #2281         | Sheila Burg, Jane Helsel, Michelle Rhodes                      |
| Ocean City Lodge #2645     | Carroll & Toni Wagner  |
| Prince Georges Lodge #1778 | Rick Anderson, Ron Lamont                                      |
| Salisbury Lodge # 814      | Inga Hughes  |
| Seaford Lodge #2458        | June West  |
| Towson Lodge #469          | Ray Der  |
| Wahington/Rockville #15    | Judy Black, Barbara Higgs                                      |

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought, sold or helped in any way. Kudos to those who participated. See you for our next campaign which starts in January 2015

Hilda Davis

## Delaware Elk License Plates

As you may or may not know, I am the Delaware Elk license plate chairman. I am listed on page 17 of the 2013-2014 directory. I just want to give you an update of the procedure to obtain an Elk license plate for Delaware. First, you must reside in Delaware, second, be a bonified Elk member, third, contact me for an application. Once you fill out the application you must return it to me with the ONE Time fee of \$10.00 and I personally must take it to Delaware DMV and your tag will be mailed to you, the applicant. Also, give me your choice for numbers, maximum of three. If number has not already been issued, it's yours. Please give me a couple of choices.

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## RE-CREATION - Our Veterans Enjoy Entertainment

What can we do to continue to fulfill our pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"?

We have access to a group of young volunteers, (18-26 years), both men and women, who tour this great country in their vans that they themselves drive. They provide the sound equipment, stage props and costumes for their performances entertaining our Veterans at VA Hospitals and other Veteran facilities. This group is called RE-CREATION, USA.

They are all volunteers and receive no compensation. Therefore, we ask

our members in Lodges and State Associations where they are appearing to help by providing meals and lodging while they are in your community, usually one or two nights. Also, any money you can raise to help them with gas is greatly appreciated.

Last year they performed at 98 VA Medical Centers and 38 State Veterans Homes, travelling over 41,000 miles! They entertained 4,792 Veterans, 1,572 staff, 529 volunteers and 1,218 guests in 40 states.

Their show changes yearly as do many of the volunteer performers, who donate a year or more of their lives to serve and entertain our Veterans. We

are very grateful and thankful for their generosity and thoughtfulness, and for the joy they bring. So we ask our members in our Lodges and State Associations to continue their efforts by supporting RE-CREATION as they entertain our Veterans.

Be assured, you will know when RE-CREATION is in your area because the RE-CREATION manager will contact the State Association, the VAVS Representative and/or State Veterans chairman several weeks before their arrival to make arrangements.

RE-CREATION publishes their schedule a couple of months in

advance on our website at [elks.org/Vets/programs/Re-Creation](http://elks.org/Vets/programs/Re-Creation). You can also check to see if RE-CREATION will visit your town, city or state. Contact information: 570-374-1909 or [info@re-creationusa.com](mailto:info@re-creationusa.com).

RE-CREATION has been performing for our Veterans for 38 years. They do a superb job entertaining our Veterans and we thank them for their service. We thank our Lodge members in advance for their efforts hosting, feeding and supporting this wonderful group of young volunteers.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Amos McCallum, PGER  
Past Chairman, ENVSC

MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
**OCTOBER CONFERENCE**  
**RESERVATIONS**



PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL  
9100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842

**OCTOBER 3-5, 2014**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. Weekend Package: includes two nights Ocean/Pool View Suite on October 4 & 5, Saturday evening's Mardi Gras Dinner and Celebration. Mardi Gras attire is optional and encouraged. Also included are Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

- Double Occupancy \$384<sup>00</sup>       Single Occupancy \$314<sup>00</sup>       Ocean Front - add \$66<sup>00</sup>

2. Individual Room Rates:

- One Night \$122<sup>00</sup>       Two Nights \$244<sup>00</sup>       Ocean Front - add \$33<sup>00</sup> per night



- KING BED       TWO QUEEN BEDS

3. Dinner Only: (Advance reservations only - no tickets will be sold at door).

- One person \$38<sup>00</sup>       Two persons \$76<sup>00</sup>

3. Registration Fee: \$5<sup>00</sup> per person (List names for credentials below)

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** this reservation based upon above selections: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Badge #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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