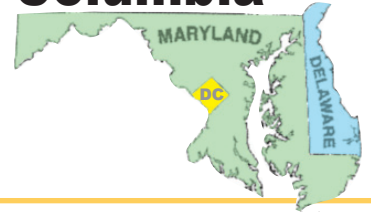




# Maryland, Delaware AND District of Columbia Elks Association News

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**Jay Strong**  
State President

## Message from the State President

Welcome to the 96th Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association in the Radisson North Baltimore Hotel in Timonium, Maryland!

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Richard Bard from Lacey Lodge No. 2518 with the New Jersey First Lady Cindy, and the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association Margaret "Peg" O'Polka from Franklin Lodge No. 110 with the Pennsylvania First Gentleman

Pete O'Polka. Please introduce yourself to them, and make them feel welcome here in our land of pleasant living!

Congratulations to our newly elected Vice Presidents: Rick Lawton, Merrilyn Ramsey, Charlie Herbert, John Amer and Dale Sears. We also congratulate your new Trustees: George Larkins, John McMullen, Mary Cardinal-Vogt and Dale Sears (John Opitz was re-elected to a second two year term.) And congratulations to Gerald Morrow, who has been elected your Trustee Chairman for 2016 - 17. Although the Camp Executive Committee Members remain the same, as all whose terms were coming to an end were re-elected, we congratulate John Loftus, elected to be your new Executive Committee Chairman for 2016 - 17.

There have been many changes among our key leadership positions this year, as you are undoubtedly aware. Take a look at our Leaders in the new Directory (there are too many to mention by name in this short message). We are so very fortunate to have so many talented, experienced and hardworking Members to guide us, help us and lead us forward.

You may have noticed some changes in our Workshops - even though we have not yet seen the results of the Surveys! We trust you have found the changes to your liking, and that with the changes your Association is more relevant, and more useful, to you, our customers. As the new Association Improvement Committee (yes, there really is such a Committee!) sifts through the results of the Surveys, and makes recommendations, expect more changes as we strive to give you what you want, what you need, what you expect from your Association. Our goal is to serve you, and help you succeed in every aspect of Elkdom.

Karen and I have certainly enjoyed our year as your First Lady and President, and we thank you all, most sincerely. We appreciate very much the opportunity, your support, and the many courtesies you have extended to us throughout the year. We will always remember this year, in the best ways.

Now it is time for Connie deYoung to receive the "President's baton", and continue the race. Connie has been a tremendous help to me throughout this year. Plus, she has been soaking up information, and knowledge, as well as wisdom gained from my mistakes, all year. I have no doubt Connie will be an excellent leader

for our Association, and I for one am looking forward to what the coming year brings!

See you around campus in the months and years ahead!

Fraternally and sincerely,  
Jay V. Strong, Jr. SP  
Brotherly Love, the Roots of Elkdom

**COMING  
EVENTS**

**June 10-12, 2016**  
June Conference • Timonium, MD

**June 25, 2016 (2-6PM)**  
Army of Hope/Veterans  
@Camp Barrett

**July 3-6, 2016**  
GL Convention • Houston, TX

**September 5 - 11, 2016**  
Patriotism Week

**September 17, 2016**  
Steak & Elk Dinner @ Camp Barrett

**September 17-18, 2016**  
Camp Barrett Adult Camporee

**Sept 30 - Oct. 2, 2016**  
Fall Workshop @ Princess Royale, OC

**October 2016 • ENF Month**

**November 2016**  
Veterans Remembrance Month

**November 11 - 13, 2016**  
Scout Camporee @ Camp Barrett

NOTE: Lodges should refrain from scheduling conflicting events in order that their key Officers and members may attend all of these meetings.

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**2016 CONVENTION AGENDA of the MD DE AND DC STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**RADISSON NORTH BALTIMORE HOTEL, TIMONIUM, MARYLAND**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. . . . . . **LUNCH**- available, **Northern Lights Restaurant** off of Lower Atrium  
1:00 - 5:00 P.M. . . . . . Registration - Conference Lobby  
1:00 P.M. - ????. . . . . Advisory Committee Meeting - Chesapeake 1-2  
5:00 - ????. . . . . **FUN - Hospitality Suite? @ RIDGELY 1 - or - Whatever!!!**  
5:00 P.M. . . . . State Trustees Meeting - Chesapeake 3-4  
5:30 P.M. . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting - Chesapeake 1-2  
6:30 P.M. . . . . Past State Presidents' & Wives Dinner with PA & NJ Presidents & Spouses  
???? P.M. . . . . **DINNER** on your own - **HAVE YOURSELF SOME FUN!**

**SATURDAY, June 11**

7:30 - 9:00 A.M. . . . . **BREAKFAST Buffet** - Lower Atrium  
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. . . . . **Registration** - Conference Lobby  
8:00 A.M. . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Representatives Meeting - Greenspring 1-2-3  
9:00 A.M. . . . . **SESSION CALLED TO ORDER,**  
Invocation, Pledge, Roll Calls, Recognitions, etc. - Greenspring 1-2-3  
9:30 A.M. . . . . **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
(9:30) . . . . Veterans (Army of Hope, ENVSC, VA Volunteer Reps) - Bob McIntyre  
(9:35) . . . . Scholarship - John Ramsey  
(9:40) . . . . Ritualistic - Larry Mathers - 11th Hour Contest Awards  
(9:50) . . . . Membership - Bob Baxendale  
(10:00) . . . . William J. Jernick Memorial Fund (Donations welcome) - John Loftus  
(10:05) . . . . Government Relations - Darleen Bedard  
(10:10) . . . . Elks Training - Trent Manson  
(10:15) . . . . Elks National Foundation (Donations welcome) - Mary Cardinal-Vogt  
(10:20) . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund - Lou Schmeltzer & Angela Meyers  
(10:25) . . . . Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee (Donations welcome) - John Loftus  
(10:30) . . . . Drug Awareness - Cindy Taylor  
(10:35) . . . . Convention & Conference - Marilyn Ramsey  
(10:45) . . . . Association Improvement Committee - Jeff Carlson  
(10:50) . . . . Americanism - Sandy Brantner (President Elect-Elect!)  
10:55 A.M. . . . . **BUSINESS MEETING:**  
Advisory Committee Report - Priscilla Schwab  
Secretary's Report - Jim Harbour / Minutes / Communications  
Trustees' Report - Vouchers - Gerald Morrow  
Treasurer's Report - Jackie Phillips  
Unfinished Business / New Business  
**Announcements - Reports on Donations**  
**GOOD OF THE ORDER** . . . Comments: President - Jay Strong, Jr.; New Jersey Elks  
President - Richard Bard; Pennsylvania Elks President - Margaret "Peg" O'Polka;  
Grand Lodge Sponsor - Paul Helsel

**ADJOURN by 12:00 Noon** - Elks Camp Barrett 50 - 50 Drawing

12:00 . . . . . **FUN - HOSPITALITY SUITE @ RIDGELY 1, 'til 5:00 P.M.**  
12:00 . . . . . **LUNCH** - available, **Northern Lights Restaurant** off of Lower Atrium  
1:30 P.M. . . . . SPE Connie deYoung meeting with Officers and Committee Chairs  
2:30 P.M. . . . . Con Con Committee meeting with Members going to GL in Houston  
6:00 P.M. . . . . **HAPPY HOUR & BANQUET** Greenspring 1-2-3 (50's & 60's TV theme, costumes are optional, BUT,

**FUN - MANDATORY**

9:00 - 12:00 **HOSPITALITY SUITE - - THAT'S RIGHT! MORE FUN!!!!**

**SUNDAY, June 12**

7:30 - 9:30 A.M. . . . . **BREAKFAST Buffet** - Lower Atrium  
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. . . . . Registration - Conference Lobby  
9:30 A.M. . . . . Memorial Service (Summer Tux for all participants) Greenspring 1-2-3  
10:15 A.M. . . . . Installation of Officers for 2016 - 17 (Summer Tux for all participants)  
11:30 A.M. . . . . Closing

**Next Newsletter Deadline: September 2, 2016**

# GRAND LODGE

## Message from Grand Exalted Ruler:



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Ron Hicks

June triggers the most active time of year for our Lodges and a great time to demonstrate our Community Focus. We open our youth camps and pools for the summer, award college scholarships, sponsor Boy and Girl Scout troops, plan for picnics, barbecues and Lodge trips, and prepare for many other fun events in our Lodges and throughout the Community. June also provides the opportunity to showcase two of our most engaging values, patriotism and family, with Flag Day and Father's Day.

There is no more beautiful sight than the radiant red, white and blue displayed in our Lodges, and in front of our homes and businesses, as we pay special tribute to the most enduring symbol of freedom in the world, our American flag. By celebrating our nation's

flag, and solemnly retiring those flags that have served their purpose, we are expressing our love of country, our support for the military and our veterans, and our dedication to the ideals that have made our nation and our Order so great.

Father's Day offers the opportunity to thank our fathers and father-figures, recognize the influence of fatherhood in our lives and show our commitment to family values. Use this occasion to invite family, friends and community into our Lodges, and let them know we are a family-oriented, community-minded organization.

GER Hicks comments on his visit to the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Association can be found at:

[http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats\\_new/GER\\_Ron\\_and\\_First\\_Lady\\_Nancy\\_Hicks\\_Visit\\_to\\_MD-DE-DC\\_Event.pdf](http://www.virginiaelks.org/whats_new/GER_Ron_and_First_Lady_Nancy_Hicks_Visit_to_MD-DE-DC_Event.pdf)

**Ron Hicks. GER**



Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

Welcome to the Radisson Hotel North Baltimore (Timonium) and the 96th annual Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. This is a totally new venue for our Convention - our Convention Committee assures us that you will love the hotel and that this weekend, like all our convention weekends, will be filled with an abundance of fun, good fellowship, and even a bit of Association (Elk) business. I know Jane and I look forward to

the opportunity of visiting once again with all our dear Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elk family and enjoying that good fellowship.

We are honored to have as our guests this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Richard Bard and his wife Cindy and the President of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association, Margaret O'Polka and her husband Peter. Please join with us in giving them a warm welcome and extending to them our warm and outstanding Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association hospitality.

Throughout this weekend we will hear about the accomplishments of this past year - yet another great year for our Association. Once again our Association ranks right up there with the best of our Order.

My congratulation and thanks to all those Elks and their spouses who have worked so hard to make our Association the shining star that it is. I particularly want to congratulate and thank State President, Jay Strong and his fine cadre of officers and committee personnel for their fine leadership and untiring efforts.

This convention also begins a new Association year - the time to set new goals, rededicate ourselves to the cause, and continue the efforts necessary to reach new levels of success. Hopefully this 2016/2017 year is the year our membership efforts will yield positive results, like we did for so many years in the past. However, our leadership cannot do the job alone, every lodge, every member must get on board and contribute in this effort. In both the Lodges and Association, committees need to be organized, communicating with Elks that want to be involved, and working the programs of Elkdom within the individual Lodges and the Communities they serve.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Convention weekend, best wishes to incoming State President Connie deYoung and her officers and committee personnel, and best wishes to all our lodges for a prosperous and successful year. Working together I am sure that 2016/2017 will be another great year for our Association and all its lodges!!

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Paul D. Helsel  
PGER & Sponsor

## NEWSLETTER

I am excited to announce that Margie McIntyre of Newark Lodge #2281 has accepted the position as Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Newsletter Editor. Margie's contact information is listed on Page 2 of this Newsletter and in the 2016-2017 Directory.

As your Editor, it has been a pleasure working with everyone over the past year. This has been a most rewarding and enlightening experience.

I want to sincerely thank my Advisor George Hamilton and Connie deYoung for all of their support and guidance, and a special thank you to the behind the scenes design and layout person of the newsletter, kathleen williams.

Thank you "ALL" again.

Fraternally,  
Linda Velez



## Message from the President-Elect:



Connie deYoung  
President-Elect

Welcome everyone to the 96th State Convention of the Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia Elks Association. Congratulations to the incoming Officers for 2016-2017 and to the newly elected Trustees and Camp Barrett Executive Committee Members. Special congratulations to Sandy Brantner, our incoming State President-Elect and our new Vice Presidents: West District - Dale Sears, Westminster Lodge #2277; South-West District - John Amer, Deale Lodge #2528; South-East District - Charlie Herbert, Ocean

City Lodge #2645; North-Central - Rick Lawton, Glen Burnie Lodge; and North-East District - Merylyn Ramsey, Dover Lodge # 1903. I am looking forward to working with this fine group of Elks and the appointed Officers.

Our State President, Jay Strong, and his wife Karen have done an exceptional job representing our Association this past year. I personally thank Jay for his guidance and keeping me informed of the association business, and commend him for his accomplishments. Jay made many changes regarding our Association meetings including changing the format from reporting to training. This approach has been overwhelmingly received by the membership and I plan to continue with this format while incorporating "Break Out Sessions". Please provide any suggestions to improve attendance and for opportunities to share knowledge.

Over the past few years, our Association has worked hard to start several new initiatives, which included Mentoring/Leadership Training, Army of Hope and Conducting Surveys regarding the Association, Membership and Camp Barrett. My goal is to continue implementing these initiatives and work to accomplish many of the individual tasks. Along with these initiatives, we must work toward growing and retaining membership. Without members, we cannot be successful either financially, within our community or within our Lodge.

### President-Elect-Elect Message:

I want to thank each and every member of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks State Association for your support and electing me as your President-Elect for 2016-2017.

In the near future, I will be working on my State Chairs and appointed Officers for the 2017-2018 year. I ask that if you are interested in holding a position in the State Association, and are serious about serving to full capacity, please contact me concerning your interest and I will take it under advisement when I begin my selections.

Our State Association is a great Association and we have and still need great ones to serve!

Thank you again,

Sandra Brantner  
President-Elect 2016-2017  
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This year, I am requesting that all State Association Official Visits, including mine, be scheduled during a Lodge Special Event or Fund Raising Event where we would be able to address a much larger group of members. We need to continue to deliver the message that our State Association is here to help individual Lodges to work towards improving Membership with Fellowship to Create Success.

Best wishes to all the new Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers. I am looking forward to working with each of you for a prosperous and successful 2016 - 2017 year.

Please, always remember our Departed Members and God Bless our Military.

We are Elks having Fun getting the Job Done!!

Fraternally,  
Connie deYoung  
President-Elect

## ANNOUNCEMENT



**NEW WEB PRESENCE FOR OUR STATE ASSOCIATION AND  
OUR STATE MAJOR PROJECT – ELKS CAMP BARRETT.**

**MD-DE-DC ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION NEW WEBSITE AT:**

[www.MDDEDCElks.org](http://www.MDDEDCElks.org)

**STATE ASSOCIATION EMAIL AT: [MDDEDCElks@gmail.com](mailto:MDDEDCElks@gmail.com)**

**ELKS CAMP BARRETT NEW WEBSITE AT:**

[www.ElksCampBarrett.org](http://www.ElksCampBarrett.org)

**\*\*\* PLEASE VISIT BOTH NEW WEBSITES. THERE ARE MANY PAGES OF  
INFORMATION AND A GOOGLE CALENDAR of EVENTS.**

**ANY IDEAS, ERRORS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, ETC.**

**PLEASE REFER THEM TO OUR NEW WEBMASTER:**

**Joe McGeeney – Essex Lodge #1866**

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# SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

**Theodore S. Keen, VP**

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**South West District Incoming VP: John Amer, Deale Lodge #2528**



Theodore Keen  
SW District VP

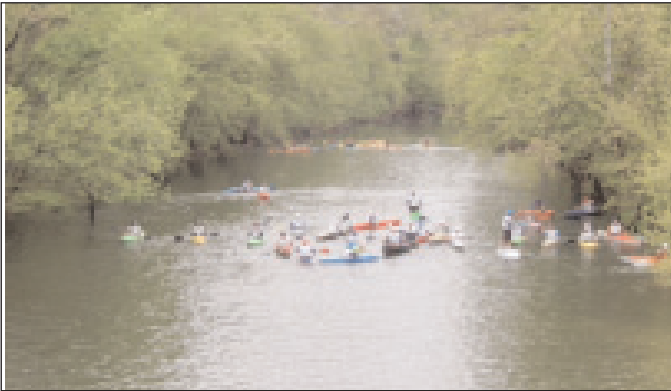
Having completed all my visits to District lodges, I am pleased to report our lodges are active, healthy and involved in their community and Elk programs. Congratulations to Camp Springs Lodge # 2332 for celebrating their 50th anniversary on November 14th.

Other than these activities, the lodges are putting forward the extra effort to enhance membership by decreasing lapsation via phone calls, personal contacts and mailings. One visit was to Calvert on

February 9th when I was pleased to have accompanied State President Strong and his wonderful wife Karen . We were well received with a dinner, attended by all lodge officers, and a lodge meeting conducted by the PER's. The meeting was led by PSP Carl Vogt. They had election of officers. All positions were filled.

Fraternally,  
Ted Keen

## Washington-Rockville Lodge



Washington Rockville Lodge #15 kicked off Opening Day at the River on May 1st with a feast for all participants and their families. Team River Runner, a non profit organization, invites wounded veterans and their families to enjoy a day at Riley's Lock in Poolesville at the Calleva Outdoor Adventure site every Sunday afternoon from spring through fall. Calleva and Team River Runner coordinate the water sports and training while the Elks provide a fabulous cookout with home made salads and desserts. The cold weather did not keep anyone away. In fact the Elks had to make a quick run for more food even though they had prepared for over 75 people!



MD, DE & DC Elks Association  
Newark Elks Lodge 2281

### CAR RAFFLE

### 1955 Ford Fairlane 2dr Crown Victoria

vin: USNW177391

Drawing: March 16, 2017 Need not be present to win.

Proceeds to Benefit

MD, DE & DC Elks Association

**Elks National Veterans Service Commission**

### Army of Hope

1 ticket \$20.00 or 6 tickets for \$100.00

Please make checks payable to Newark Elks Lodge 2281, 42 Elks Trail, New Castle, DE 19720

Contact: Newark Elks 302-328-2281 or Bob McIntyre 302-540-2880

Tickets can also be purchased through Val Huot, Mary Ann Izzo & Margie McIntyre.

Permit: 0000941



# WEST DISTRICT

**Scott McKnight, VP**

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**West District Incoming Vice-President: Dale Sears, Westminster Lodge #2277**



Scott McKnight  
NC District VP

It has been a busy last few months as my year as West-VP winds down. I attended the March Workshop in Dover and met with the GER. During the workshop we elected your new President-Elect from the West District, Sandy Brantner. I attended the installation of officers at Frederick and Westminster Lodges. Congratulations to Dale Sears as the West's new VP, Bob Come as our returning Camp Barrett Executive

Rep and Gerald Morrow who was re-elected to the State Trustees. I also worked and attended the Camp Barrett Picnic. I want to thank everyone from the West for the support and wish the best to Connie and Sandy for the coming year.

Fraternally,  
Scott McKnight

## Westminster Lodge

Westminster Elks Lodge presents \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant to the Carroll County Youth Services Bureau to help their mental health clients with transportations needs, food, clothing and medication.



Names from left to right: Worthy Washington PER, Lynn Davis CCYSB, Shari Bowman CCYSB, Dale Sears PER/PDDGER

## Frostburg Elks Lodge Derby Day

Spectators at the 38th Annual Frostburg Elks Lodge 470 July 4th Coaster Derby would have no idea what is involved in getting the 29 cars registered for last year's race to the starting gate at the top of Main Street unless someone in their family has been involved previously as a builder or driver of a car.

You would not realize that cars can't exceed 80 inches, be shorter than 75 inches, no wider than 40 inches, less than 34 inches or weigh over 200 pounds including the driver.

Likewise, there are specifications for ground clearance, length of the front axle from the front of the car, minimum width of the drag brake, steering cables and bolts, placement of extra weight and more.

All of the specifications are for the safety of the driver and spectators at the race.

The Coaster Derby event is the largest fundraiser for the Frostburg Elk's Lodge and helps support Drug Awareness, Scouting, Scholarships, veterans programs, youth and community activities, a hoop shoot, the Americanism Essay Contest, Elks Camp Barrett State Project and more.

# NORTH EAST DISTRICT

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**North East District Incoming Vice-President: Merrillyn Ramsey Dover Lodge # 1903**



Bob McIntyre  
NE District VP

I would like to thank President Jay V. Strong and all the members of the MD, DE & DC State Association, especially those in the Northeast District, who made my year as Vice President a memorable and pleasant learning experience.

I have no regrets and urge all new Exalted Rulers and Past Exalted Rulers to consider getting involved with the State Association. This past year the Vice Presidents were asked to administer 3 Surveys for Jay. I administered and completed all the surveys at 7 of the 8 Lodges in our District. I made official visits to Harve de Grace, Abingdon, Elkton and Chestertown. I accompanied Jay on his official visits to Dover, Newark and Wilmington. I would like to thank all the Lodges for their hospitality and friendship during our visits. The experience was a great example of Jay's motto "Brotherly Love, The Roots of Elkdom". In March I attended the Spring Conference in Dover and had the opportunity to meet Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks.

On April 17th, I attended the DD Clinic in Havre de Grace. After the Clinic, I held a Caucus to elect a Vice President, a State Trustee and an Executive Committee member

for Elks Camp Barrett for the coming year. Congratulations to Merrillyn Ramsey who was elected to the office of Vice President for the Northeast District. Congratulations also to Ralph Allen who was re-elected for the ECB Executive Committee and PER John Optiz who was re-elected as a State Trustee. I know you will all do a great job.

Congratulations to all the Lodges within the Northeast District for all their hard work in promoting our Elks Programs. I know it is a difficult task running your Lodges, recruiting officers and finding volunteers, and you all deserve much credit.

Thank you all for your support.

Fraternally, Bob McIntyre



# NORTH EAST

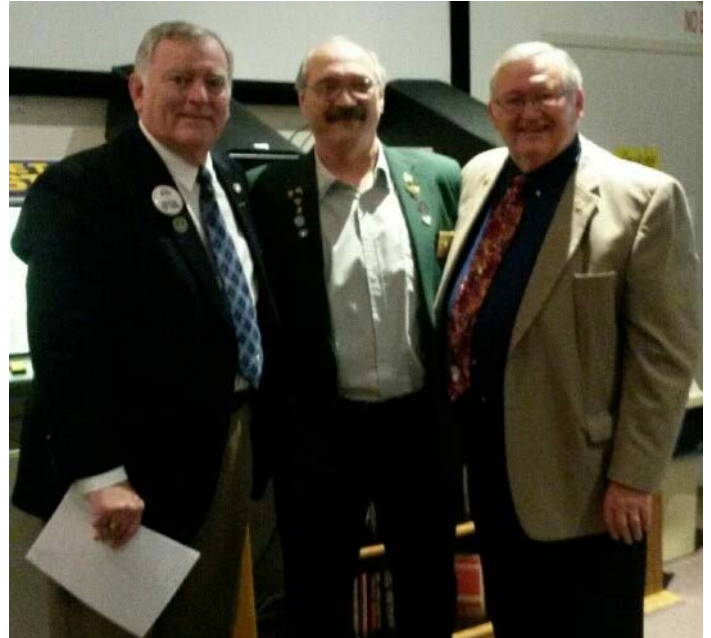
## Newark Lodge

A good time was had by all at the District Trivia Night hosted by Newark 2281 . A friendly, competitive game with an ending that you didn't see coming as a Newark team pulled out a win going from last to first on the games' final question! Newark would like to thank Abingdon for coming over and allowing Newark to win! Plans are in the works to do this again!



Newark Elks 2281 Distinguished Citizen Award was presented to Joan Cote from ER Val Huot at the Lodge's Installation and Awards Dinner April 9th. Joan has been a long time supporter of military personnel, their families and the USO. Congratulations Joan!

## Dover



Dover #1903 Leading Knight, Wayne Stanley with GER Ron Hicks and PDGER Paul Hesel at the March Workshop in Dover

## Wilmington Lodge



On May 12 Wilmington Elks Lodge 307 sent its first team, Scott Rickards and Kate Hendrix, rappelling off of a 17 story building to raise money for Special Olympics Delaware. With the help of Elks and friends around the country, the Wilmington Elks team raised over \$2,500, placing third for team fundraising. Decked out in their newly printed team T-Shirts, the confident Elks ascended to the staging area to gear up for their descent down the side of 300 Delaware Avenue, a building with 6 functioning elevators. After

repeated safety checks they were cleared and willingly left the roof of the building, tethered by only three rope lines each.

We're looking forward to more Elks joining the Elks Edgers Team in 2017, email Kate the Wilmington Secretary at [elks307@gmail.com](mailto:elks307@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list for next year. You don't have to go off the building to help out, and spectators are welcome too!

# SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

**George Tunncliff, VP**

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South East District Incoming VP: Charlie Herbert, Ocean City Lodge #2645



George Tunncliff  
SE District VP

Wow,

It is hard to believe another year has passed in our Great State Association.

Thank you all in the Southeast District and the State Association for the opportunity and support I received this past year from the Lodge Officers, State Officers, and the Southeast District leaders. Your kind words and advice helped guide me through this Vice Presidency and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would like to say congratulations to State President Jay Strong Jr. and his lovely wife Karen for the spectacular year in Elkdom that we all enjoyed and will remember for years to come.

As I visited all 10 lodges in the Southeast district for the surveys and the Vice President's official visits we would talk about Jay's State President pin and how Brotherly Love is the Roots of Elkdom, just remember cultivation and fertilizer help the roots of the tree grow stronger. So please extend your hand out to all your members new and old to Strengthen the Roots [ Brotherly Love ] in your lodges.

I have completed all of my required lodge visits as Vice President. I

have completed all 3 surveys for the 10 lodges in the Southeast District. I have attended a Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Elks Camp Barrett meetings, all workshops and State Convention meetings, District Deputy clinics and held 3 Caucuses this year. I have traveled over 2916.00 miles this year and enjoyed the many hours of conversation with you all.

Fraternally,  
George Tunncliff

## Easton Lodge



Dr. Wade Dressler, Easton Little League President and Shelby Barnes, ELKS Chairman of Board and our Exalted Ruler beginning April. Easton Lodge has been supporting Easton Little League since 1952!

## Kent Island Lodge



### Kent Island Rocks -- Because It's All About The Giving.

Kent Island Elks Lodge has proudly donated over \$73,000.00 in direct monetary donations to local charities over the past year, and well over 1 million dollars over the past decade. In 2015, Kent Island Elks has sponsored a multitude of groups and organizations including the largest Cub Scout Pack in the region, Girl Scout Troops, local food pantries, Hospice, Little League teams, Hospitals, Cancer support groups, Elks Camp Barrett, the Jernick Fund, local schools, Veterans in need, active military families and so many more. While we are very proud of these monetary donations, it is our hands on charitable efforts and partnerships within our community that mean the most to our members.

One of the jewels of our many charitable outreach programs is our Annual Fishing Derby, now in its 11th year. Every year our Lodge hosts over 170 children and their families to a free day of fishing and family fun in a drug free environment. We partner with local Natural Resources, Fire and Sheriff Departments and many other community groups to make this a wonderfully successful event. Because of its success this event has been the standard to neighboring Lodges who started their own Fishing Derby program in their communities. Yes, Kent Island Elks Rock, Yes, we have a lot to be proud of, but for our members and our Lodge, it's all about the giving.

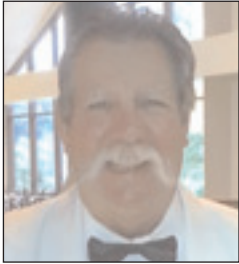


# NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

**Stuart Burgoon, VP**

Severna Park Lodge No. 2482 • [mdrodman@yahoo.com](mailto:mdrodman@yahoo.com)

**North-Central District Incoming VP: Rick Lawton, Glen Burnie Lodge #2266**



Stu Burgoon  
NC District VP

Hello All Elk Members , Friends and Families,

I will not use the cliché of ,where did the year go, but it does feel like yesterday we were all in Solomons Island celebrating our installation of new State officers and President Jay. I have had a fabulous, rewarding time serving as Vice

President of North Central District. I feel we made great strides in achieving some of the goals and programs set forth by Jay at the beginning of the year. The Elk survey was well received and a lot of good ideas and discussions were shared by all Lodges. I know Connie is going to carry through this year calculating and compiling all the information as to how the State Association can help our Lodges and membership. It was great to have time to personally visit each Lodge and learn more of how you all do business and I enjoyed the fellowship at some of your events. As a lot of you know Julie and I have always made ourselves available to any Lodge event or function to help. Whether its spin a wheel , cook , mike it up with announcements or just help with clean up. One of those charity events was a benefit for a family at Glen Burnie Lodge. Julie and I had the honor to help host this affair for

one of their members. I'm sure some of you saw the flyer for the Wyatt Family. I will not discuss the amount of monies collected. But, Members and families opened their hearts and wallets. We felt blessed to be a part of what we do as Elks and the impact we make in the communities that surround our Lodges. The Jernick Fund also helped support the construction of a wheel chair ramp for this family as well.

I also know that the Lodges are working hard to increase their membership and activities. Several Lodges have shown great improvement and this Spring and early Summer are hosting Open Houses and Membership drives to show our neighbors what we do and the FUN we have at our Elks Lodges. I want to congratulate our new Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers. I know they will all work hard to make their Lodge year successful and continue the programs already started. If you need any support or help I will still always be available.

As you know I am the North Central Lodge Activities person. I do not limit this to just North Central. Let me take a couple of words to let you know what we have coming up. The flyer in this newsletter "Pickin' for Troops" is going to be a great affair. It will be held at Camp Barrett on June 25<sup>th</sup>. 2 pm to 6 pm. All proceeds will benefit our "Army of Hope" veterans charity and Fisher House". This is going to be a good one. Bring your instruments for open jams or a lawn chair. Hopefully we can make this a yearly event. And of course ,this Fall the Adult Jamboree. The

weekend of September 16th - 18th. Mark your calendar. More info will be out in E mail and Lodges.

In closing I want to thank all the Lodges and members for the hospitality Julie and I received on our official visits and welcoming at any time at a social affair.

We so much enjoyed traveling with President Jay and 1st Lady Karen {Olivia}. Julie and Karen told Jay and I " What happens in Elks Lodges on our visits, stays in the Elks Lodges" Lol. We don't have a chance Guys. I was humbled by the hard work the Lodges do to help our association grow. I look forward to another chapter in my Elks journey and that is proudly serving as North Central District Deputy. I hope to make us proud. Please support Connie this new year as she serves as our Maryland, Delaware , D C State President. She will be great.

Lastly, I could not have done it without my 1st Lady Julie. She is a true Elk also. She keeps me straight and helps me along the way and is my best friend. I love ya' Hon. Thank you. We hope to see you all in Timonium at the State Convention.

I hope you all have a great day in Elkdom,

*"Shake a Veterans Hand , Keep a Smile on Your Face and a Song in Your Heart"*

Fraternally,  
Stu

## SEVERNA PARK LODGE

Severna Park Lodge held an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 8 and three of their scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.



Pictured left to right are: Corey Bradley, ER; Eagle Scout Zachary Cooper, Eagle Scout Chan T.W. Staples, Eagle Scout Daniel P. Regalado & Scout Master/Elks Member Shelly Taylor.

## ESSEX LODGE

Essex Elks Lodge held their 2nd Annual Bull Roast for Multiple Sclerosis. All proceeds benefited the Maryland Chapter of MS. The event was a great success.

In addition to food, they had raffles, laydowns and an "Asian Auction". There was also an appearance from the famous "Ricky Roberts" who entertained everyone.



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# ELK STATE AUDITOR QUARTERLY REPORT

This Report covers from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016

1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Income:	Income: \$238,515.22	Budgeted \$228,300	Over \$11,215.22
2) Association Ordinary Income:	Income \$44,158.21;	Budgeted \$42,000	Over \$2,2158.21
3) Association Off Site Income:	Income \$115,985.65	Budgeted \$130,860	Under -\$14,931.35
3) Association Other Income:	Income \$17,498;	Budgeted \$29,958	Under - \$12,460.00
4) Camp Barrett Ordinary Income:	Income \$89,707.88	Budgeted \$85,925	Over \$3,782.88
5) Camp Barrett Donation Income:	Income \$149,063.43	Budgeted \$149,000	Over \$63.43
6) Elks Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	Income \$397,701	Budgeted \$356,240	Over \$41,461.52
7) Convention/Conference Income:	Income \$115,918.65	Budgeted \$130,860	Under -\$14,941.35

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*TOTALS:	Income \$1,168,548.04	Budgeted \$1,143,443	Over \$25,105.04
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1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Exp:	Expense \$206,613.69	Budgeted \$228,300	Under -\$21,386.21
2) Assoc. Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$29,617.15	Budgeted \$51,658	Under - \$22,040.85
3) Assoc. Off Site Exp:	Expense \$112,412.06	Budgeted \$130,697	Under - \$18275.94
4) Assoc. Other Exp:	Expense \$19,089.25	Budgeted \$20,300	Under -\$1,210.75
5) ECB Donation Exp:	Expense \$0.0.	Budgeted \$0.0.	No Budget Expense
6) ECB Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$290,864.35	Budgeted \$266,740	Over \$23,924.35.
7) ECB Fund Raiser Exp:	Expense \$341,223.84	Budgeted \$356,240	Under -\$15015.16

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TOTAL EXP:	Expense \$999,820.34	Budgeted \$1,053,935	Under -\$54,114.66
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Total Profit/Loss                      Income: \$1,168,548.04 minus Exp: \$999,820.34 = \$168,727.70 Net Profit

## State Association Balance Sheet: As of April 30, 2016:

Checking/Savings assets of \$749,332.16. Overall total assets of \$1,276,679.72. Included within this figure, the Edward Jones Investments of \$40,413.86. Total Liabilities & Equity \$1,276,679.72. What does this mean? We are making money, 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 -> YOUR TIME and, the Benefits -> FREE KNOWLEDGE! Remember, All Three Training Sessions I did this past year are on the State Web Site!

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

On behalf of the ENVSC Reps and myself I would like to welcome our honored guests from our VA Facilities in Maryland and Delaware, from Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and also the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the State of Maryland to our State Convention. I would like to congratulate our incoming State President, Connie de Young, President-elect Sandy Brantner, our new District Vice Presidents, and our newly appointed State Officers for the year 2016-2017. I would like to thank our soon to be Past State President Jay Strong for a job well done. I thank Jay for appointing me as the ENVSC Chairman this past year, and I am pleased to continue in this position for next year. I look forward to working with Connie and our VAVS Reps, along with our District and Lodge Chairs.

Each year we look to improve our committee and our involvement with the Veterans. This past year our accomplishments were many. Our VAVS Reps worked with each of their facilities host-

#### ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

ing Welcome Home Events, hosting monthly bingo and pizza parties and supplying our Veterans with books, sundries and toiletries. The Reps brought the Veterans to the Lodges for Flag Day, Crab Feasts and appreciation dinners recognizing them for their service. We had three Lodges receive the Freedom Grant. The Grants were used to buy a special needs kayak for Team River Runner, host a Day at the Races for the Veteran patients at the Delaware Veterans Home and take Veterans on a Charter Fishing Trip this spring. This year I saw that more and

more Lodges were getting involved with our veterans programs and doing a great job!

Last year we lost our State President Dave Wolcott, and his wife Connie to cancer. Dave's dream was to establish the "Army of Hope" under the ENVSC. The Army of Hope was established to provide assistance to families of our Fallen Heroes and the families of the Active, Reserve and National Guard Units serving our country in Afghanistan and Iraq. Dave knew that in order for this program to succeed, it needed funding. Dave, with his wife Connie's blessing, purchased a 1955 Ford that he donated to our State Association to be raffled off with all proceeds going to fund the Army of Hope. Let's get some raffle tickets sold with the knowledge that the proceeds will help to expand our involvement with our Veterans and their families in need of assistance.

Fraternally,  
Bob McIntyre  
Chairman



From Your State Membership Chair:

## Membership: The Results Are In - And the Winner Is ---

The fact is that when we grow Membership; we ALL win! Regrettably; I cannot report that we had a net gain in membership across the whole State Association, however; there are several shining stars to talk about within our results. Our overall results were a state wide loss of 995 Members or a little over 5% of our total membership. While a loss is a loss; the encouraging part is that this result shows a nice reduction in the trend we have experienced for several years.

There were 11 Lodges that actually had PLUS Membership for the year with #2528 Deale leading the way with a double digit increase in Membership at 14.1%! This Lodge did everything right; effectively recruiting to overcome all the challenges that all Lodges face. Deale walks away from this weekend with the #1 Spot in the Southwest, the #1 spot in Division 2, the Wallace King Trophy and the Carlon Omalley Trophy. I hope somebody has a big vehicle!

Rounding out the other Regional bests, we have #2576 Kent Island as #1 in the Southeast at +6.41% and also carries away the Jack Wright Trophy; #2283 Laurel as #1 in North Central at + 1.72%; and #1903 Dover as #1 in the Northeast

at + 4.2%. While there was no growth in the West, #470 Frostburg held the line the best at -1.99%. All the Lodges mentioned above also took 1st place in their Divisions by total membership. Never to be left out, Ocean City took 1st place in Division 5 at + 4.18% gaining 53 Members. I know each & every Lodge worked hard to achieve its best including a noteworthy effort in the final weeks of the year drastically reducing lapsation affecting ending results significantly.

Speaking of lapsation; there were three Lodges who achieved the coveted status of less than 2%. These include: Dover, St Marys and Pocomoke City. Effective recruiting remains the key to overcoming Lapsation.

One of the Shining Stars I mentioned above (hopefully in attendance) has single handedly proposed 27 Members this past year himself, propelling his Lodge to overcome a significant lapsation number and achieve plus membership. Great Job!

*What have YOU done today to promote Membership?*



## William J. Jernick Memorial Fund Report

Once again we have had a busy year with applications for aid coming from all five Districts of our State Association. Twenty applications for aid were approved by the Board of Directors totaling Twenty-Seven Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$27,050.00). In addition, a Fifteen Hundred Dollar (\$1,500.00) contribution was made to our State Association major project, Elks Camp Barrett, totaling Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars in disbursements at the time of this report.

On the contribution side of the equation, we have received Eighteen Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$18,038.00) from you, our members. The specific sources of contributions are quite diverse. We receive funds collected at State workshops, Elks Camp Barrett meetings, our member Lodges, individual members, District Deputy Clinics, and even families and friends of award recipients.

All funds collected, regardless of the source, are deposited into our Investment Fund where it earns interest and dividends. No contributions are used for the administration of the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund and no withdrawals are made from our investment corpus beyond annual earnings. This policy has resulted in steady growth of our Investment Trust which now totals over Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$517,730.68). As our Investment

Fund grows, our ability to assist those in need grows as well. Thus far this year we have returned to our member Lodges almost One dollar Fifty Cents (\$1.49) for every Dollar contributed to the Fund.

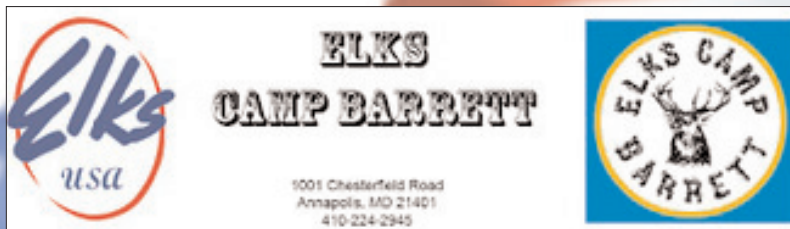
I have participated in a number of award presentations, interacted with the kids and their parents, and I can give you first hand testimony of the positive impact of your generosity. All the activities described in this report are made possible by the kindness and compassion of our membership and I assure you that you have truly touched your communities.

Elks Care, Elks Share! Thanks for another great year!

John Loftus PDDGER, State Chair,  
Michelle Rhoads PER, NE District Chair,  
Jack Stush PDDGER, West District Chair,  
Mike Hall PER SW District Chair,  
Julie Hasson PER NC District Chair.

William J. Jernick Memorial Fund Memorial Fund  
Board of Directors

Jay Nave PSP (W) Chair.; Bruce Howell PSP (NE); Ron Lamont PSP (SW) ; Bill Buttrill PSP (SE); Lee Davis PSP (NC)



## Pickin for Troops

**Sat., June 25, 2016**

**C & O Express, Best Bluegrass in Town**

**\$20 Donation gets you Pig Pickin & the fixins'!!!!**

**RSVP to Stu Burgoon, [mdrodman@yahoo.com](mailto:mdrodman@yahoo.com)  
410-608-4587**

**Enjoy a day filled with pulled pork, great bluegrass music and best of all, we are doing what Elks do Best, Raise money for Veterans.**

**All proceeds will go to Fisher House and the Army of Hope.**

If all Lodges could please post and e-blast this information to all Lodge members, that would be fantastic. I believe this will be a wonderful affair.

I am asking all VA Volunteer Service Reps for help.

Please call me or e-mail ([mdrodman@yahoo.com](mailto:mdrodman@yahoo.com)) with ideas or if you can help make this a great event. We will have a lot of activities to help raise MONEY to help continue the work we do. Raffles, possible live or Chinese auctions and other Elk madness . We are still planning.

There will be plenty to eat, drink and I am sure a COLD beer somewhere to go with our roast pig. I promise the music will get your toe tapping.

So please, plan on joining us for this first event "Pickin' For Troops".

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT MEMORABILIA AUCTION FOR KENNY LARGENT

For those of you that don't know who Kenny Largent was, he was a man that had E.C.B. in his heart. Kenny and his many friends (too many to list) built and maintained our Camp for years with nothing expected in return. Kenny was State President in 1993-1994 and was DDGER 1978-1979. Kenny passed away on July 12, 2014. Recently his wife Georgia called me and asked if I would be interested in Kenny's Elk Memorabilia. I said I would be honored to get his Elk collection. His collection consisted of many different Elk decanters, some full, some empty and some with a little liquid in them due to evaporation. There were plates, mugs, a beautiful Elks pitcher, etc. The best thing was a set of Antlers from Washington Lodge No. 15 which was donated to them by Ward Savage in 1914. Because Kenny loved the Camp so much, I decided to raffle most of his stuff off at our workshop in Dover on March 19, 2016

and donate the proceeds to the Camp in Kenny's name. Georgia said she loved the idea and that Kenny would really be pleased.

The auction went very well and we made \$1,300.00 due to the many members that wanted to honor Kenny and also wanted things from his collection. A check will be presented to Elks Camp Barrett at our June Convention in Timonium.

I called Georgia and told her how well the auction went and how much we made. She told me to pass along her "Heart Felt Thanks" to everyone that thought so much of Kenny and honored him by supporting the auction the way they did. Kenny, we hope this event in your name pleases you. We miss you and thy name will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,  
H. Lee Davis, PSP

## WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

Our Worlds Finest Candy Bar Campaign is now complete thanks to all of the Lodges that participated and also anyone who purchased the candy bars.

We had orders for 130 boxes plus the company gave me 5 free boxes. They do this to cover the \$30.00 shipping fee and the rest to help promote the program. We had no problem selling all 135 boxes.

A special "Thank You" to Susan Conologue from Dover Lodge for her help in making the arrangements for the candy throughout

the entire weekend. Susan was always there to lend a hand and help out in any way possible. Thank you Susan and Dover Lodge.

Another special "Thank You" to Towson Lodge. Towson purchased 3 boxes of candy bars and then said "Keep Them!". We resold the three boxes and instead of making \$90 profit on the three boxes we made \$270. Thank you Victor and Towson Lodge.

Our profit this year on the 135 boxes is \$ 4,380. A special "Thank You" to the following chair people.

### THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE CHAIRPEOPLE

Annapolis Lodge #622  
Broadneck Lodge #2608  
Calvert Lodge #2620  
Camp Springs #2332  
Cape Henlopen #2540  
Chestertown Lodge #2474  
Dover Lodge #1903  
Easton Lodge #1622  
Essex Lodge #1866

Frederick Lodge # 684  
Glen Burnie Lodge #2266  
Hagerstown Lodge #378  
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564  
Kent Island # 2576  
Laurel Lodge #2283  
Milford Lodge #2401  
Newark Lodge #2281  
Ocean City Lodge #2645  
Prince Georges Lodge #1778  
Salisbury Lodge # 814  
Seaford Lodge #2458  
Severna Park Lodge #2482  
Towson Lodge #469  
Waldorf Lodge #2421  
Washington/Rockville #15  
Westminster #2277

Mark Walp  
Ken Chapman  
John Curran, Mary Cardinal Vogt  
Charles Spadone  
Gary Eckenrode  
Robert Raleigh  
Francis Clauser, Susan Conlogue  
Hedi Garlock  
Marie Cavey, Lucas Cunhan, Lee & Hilda Davis,  
Mike Greaver, Debbie Price, Edward Rosenbloom,  
Bob & Margie Geitsenger  
Jack Boehmer, Judi McKnight, Curtis Kendall, Debbie Johnson  
Larry & Pat Mathers  
Ruth Shaw  
Patti Gray  
Sally Kramer  
George & Pat Larkins  
Ed Pettit  
Jane Hesel, Margie McIntyre, Sheila Burg  
Carroll & Toni Wagner  
Ronald Lamont  
Paul Baker, Rick Konrad  
Pat James  
Keri Albright  
Victor Brice  
Tom Coyle  
Barbara Higgs, Diana Patton  
Marian Davidson

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 candy bar campaign which starts in January 2017. And the Terry Lynn Nut Campaign

starting in August of this year and available for Christmas baking and gifts.

Hilda Davis



## Americanism Banquet Award Winners

Americanism Banquet Award Winners: Front row: L-R, Lily Muscarella, Chloe Muscarella, Liam Stewart, Jacqueline Gravenor, Diane Shine with Eric Shine. Second row: L-R, Sandra Brantner, State Americanism Chair, Anthony Cavanaugh, Kate Cannon, Katelyn Haggard, Kayley Bradley and State President, Jay Strong, Jr.

## AMERICANISM REPORT

The Americanism Banquet was held on Sunday, March 13th at the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277. I want to express a BIG Thank You to Marion Davidson, PER Worthy Washington, Ella Washington and Timothy Eaton, members and staff for hosting such a great event! Also a thank you to Diane Shine, Calvert Lodge, for singing our National Anthem.

The winners for our State Association /Grand Lodge Essay Contest were Division 1: 1st Place, Chris Williams (Cape Henlopen), 2nd Place, Tait Tavolacci (Chestertown) and 3rd Place, Seth Baker (Calvert). Division 2: 1st Place, Zhanna Guite (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place, Kayley Bradley (Cambridge), and 3rd Place, Ruth Furlong (Prince George's County). 1st Place Winners, Chris Williams and Zhanna Guite were forwarded to Grand Lodge for National Judging.

The winners for our State Association Poster Contest were: 0-3 Year Olds, 1st Place, Sage Shorter (Abingdon) and 2nd Place, Eric Shine (Calvert). 4-5 Year Olds, 1st Place, Michael Jankowiak (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place, Zoe Reamy (Calvert), and 3rd Place, Chloe Muscarella (Laurel). 6-7 Year Olds, 1st Place Katie Wein (Havre de Grace), 2nd Place, Ethan Baker (Calvert) and 3rd Place, Jacqueline Gravenor (Cambridge). 8-9 Year Olds, 1st Place, Liam Stewart (Oakland), 2nd Place, Katelyn Haggard (Calvert), and 3rd

Place, Kate Cannon (Chestertown). 10-13 Year Olds, 1st Place, Zachary Lewis (Cambridge), 2nd Place, Seth Baker (Calvert), 3rd Place, Hope Burns (Westminster), 4th Place, Thomas Steckclair (Chestertown), and 5th Place, Lily Muscarella (Laurel). 14-17 Year Olds: 1st Place, Makenzie Williams (Chestertown) and 2nd Place, Anthony Cavanaugh (Westminster).

The event was well attended and the children were delighted when receiving their certificates and awards from State President, Jay Strong. PER Worthy Washington had the posters downloaded into a power point presentation so that when the winning child accepted their tokens of appreciation, their poster was displayed on the screen for all to view. Thank you Worthy for doing such a great job!

The Americanism program for the year 2016-2017 hasn't been released as yet, but when available, I will be contacting the District Chairs to get the information distributed.

I encourage every lodge to participate in this great program! We are a family oriented organization so let's get out there and get our children involved. They will be our future Elks!!

Thank you,  
Sandra Brantner, PDDGER  
State Americanism Chair

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

I would like to thank the District Scholarship Chairs for an outstanding job this year: Lynn Evans, South East; J. Michael Lawlor, North Central; Richard Stewart North East; Robin Spiker, West; and Merrie Beth Nauman South West. Below is a list of scholarship winners.

Thanks again, John Ramsey, State Scholarship Chairman

### MOST VALUABLE STUDENT WINNERS

#### Male

Brandon Dawson, Pranav Ganapathy, Hunter Geisel, Sami Mullah, Liam O'Conner, Max Pierce, Dylan Rice

#### Female

Sally Albright, Veronica Balick, Bailey Clark, Riley DeTar, Ganghyun Pysch, Bridget Ralph, Rose Reynolds, Alison Sayers

**North Central District:** Victor Okonmah (M), Sarah Perumattam (F)

**North East District:** Benjamin Fickes (M), Allison Wheatley (F)

**South East District:** Kevon Turnamian (M), Jessica Willey (F) (Legacy Scholarship)

**South West District:** Mario Menendez (M); Sydeny Felchman (F)

**West District:** Paul Rochford(M), Lauren Frick (F)

### LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Male

Gabrilie Frank, Colton Koprowski, Ethan Taylor

#### Female

Bailey Hovernale, Hayden Lindsey, Erin Plummer

**Emergency Educational Grant:** Lindsey Smith, Tori Smith

**Vocational Scholarship:** Joshua Weaver, Maris McClyment, Joshua Ho, Sammy Walling, Dalton Smith, Pornpim Phorntarenat, Dareian Moreno, Mikaela Lease, Brady Flowers, Tiffany Warnick, Gabrilie Frank, Bailey Hovernale, Colton Koprowski, Hayden Lindsey, Ethan Taylor



## CONVENTION/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Con/Con Committee has been hard at work since we last met in Dover. The enthusiasm and help is wonderful - and the ideas are bursting forth! We held another successful tele-conference and will be ready for you with new merchandise, new "Elk" entertainment and a continued commitment to bringing you a great experience.

We are previewing a site for June of 2017 and will be going back to the Princess Royale in the fall of 2017. In the meantime, we are gearing up for our hoe-down at Grand Lodge Convention so make sure you have your posse in place. See you there Pardner!

## DRUG AWARENESS

Welcome to the State Convention! Thank you! You all have done an excellent job this past year in educating our youth and parents about the dangers of drug use. Based on the report I received on March 31st; we have reached 25,204 individuals and spent 1,089 hours; and this is just information that was reported from eighteen lodges. We have also passed out 29,752 coloring books, bookmarks and pieces of literature as of this past December and I have made several orders since January. I am sure from the literature ordered, requests I received and newsletters read this past year this is a very low number. Please remember to report to Grand Lodge. If you are not sure what to report or how to report give me a call I will help. This past year has been very difficult for me due to many different circumstances and I want to apologize to each of you for not being as visual as I should. I also want thank the District Chairs and Lodge Chairs for all they have done to help make our Association a great organization in promoting Drug Awareness.

Drug Awareness Program Schedule to help you with planning:

- June - Wednesday 22nd and 29th - Camp Barrett Program - email State Chair to volunteer and help. (cbtaylor6282@yahoo.com)
- July - Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Camp Barrett Program - email State Chair and volunteer to help. (cbtaylor6282@yahoo.com)
- Enrique Camarena Award Nominations - Must be to State Chair by October 1, 2016 (currently have one from Frederick Lodge)
- Nominate someone for the President Volunteer Service Award and the Youth Volunteer Service Award

Please make sure you pick-up the packet for your lodge before you leave this weekend. There are some starter supplies for all lodges in the West and Northeast which you did not get at your April DD Clinic and for all lodges new prices lists and information on Volunteer Service Awards and Enrique Camarena Award. Once again, thank you for all you do and look for new information at your August DD meeting after I return from Grand Lodge training in July. God Bless Each of You!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Taylor State Chair

### How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia?



During the 2015-16 Lodge year, the Elks of Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia donated **\$175,376.19** to the Elks National Foundation.

This year, the Foundation will give back the following:



**State Charities Grant: \$123,640.00**

**Special Projects Grant: \$102,450.00**

**Bonus Grant: \$26,660.00**

These grants support your state's major charitable project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.



**Most Valuable Student: \$60,000.00**

**Legacy Award: \$24,000.00**

We will award a total of **15** "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to high school seniors from your state. In addition, we will award up to **6** Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.



**National Veterans  
Service Commission: \$13,200.00**

These funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

**Grand Total: \$349,950.00**

That's a ratio of **1.995** for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our **Community Investments Program**. For the 2015-16 fiscal year (so far...), for example, we awarded a total of **\$92,500.00** to **22** Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Lodges.

*Mary Cardinal-Vogt*

I am sure you have heard it said that Camp Barrett is our State Association's major project. While that is a true statement it somewhat obfuscates the fact the camp is in fact each Lodges project! The State Association is comprised of the Thirty-Eight Lodges of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia Elks Association. Lodge Membership is mandated by the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article III (20) which states in part... "all Lodges located within such State or Territory shall belong to such Association." So as a member Lodge of our Association the Camp belongs to you! This is an important concept because for most of us the "camp" is not next door, and it is easy to forget that we all have a stake in its success.

Prior to my becoming a member of the ECB Executive Committee I served as a Lodge ECB Representative. I was taught that our goal was to identify kids that, without our help, were unlikely to be able to experience the personal growth, enjoy the camaraderie, and develop the leadership and problem solving skills that Elks Camp Barrett provides. My normal technique was to use my local school social workers to find kids, get the camp packets into the parents or guardians hands, and address any needs identified to make a trip to camp a reality.



I also was open to any child that came directly to our Lodge and inquired about camp. I was often amazed how many had a brother, sister, or friend who had attended camp and who stimulated their counterparts interest. In many Lodges, funds are set aside to pay the "Camper Fee" for children whose family cannot afford this expense. If a family has the resources to pay the camper fee they should be encouraged to do so and I had several kids that attended each year on their own "dime."

We are filling our camper slots right now and we want you to send us kids to make our summer fun and our camp financially sound. If you consider the high cost of quality child care our camp is the best deal in any town! Get out there and bring your message about your camp to

your community!!!!

We work at your camp, but to be at our best we need you to take your ownership interest seriously! See ya at the Camp!

Fraternally Yours,

Your ECB Executive Committee and your Local Lodge Representatives  
John Loftus, Chair

The 2016 Elks/USNA Scout Day Camporee will be held November 11, 12, & 13, at Elks Camp Barrett. Volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation and serving for breakfast, lunch (tailgate at Navy/Marine Corps Memorial Stadium), and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Please contact Brian Westfall, Scouting Chairman, at 301-724-1623 or [bwestfall@alleganygov.org](mailto:bwestfall@alleganygov.org) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

