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Connie deYoung
State President

Message from the State President

Welcome everyone to the Fall Workshop of the DE, MD and DC Elks State Association here in Ocean City, Maryland. Please welcome our special guest, Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Manager, and his wife Linda. Rick will be educating and motivating us to Kick the Door Down and Grow Membership. Please take the opportunity to talk with him to learn new ideas on how to increase and retain membership in your Lodge.

It was an honor to attend the 152nd Grand Lodge Convention in Houston, Texas as your State President of this great Elks Association. I had the privilege of carrying the Delaware State Flag during the opening ceremony. The Maryland State Flag was carried by our newly elected member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Warren Johnson, and the District of Columbia Flag was carried by Lyle Waldron, Exalted Ruler of Washington-Rockville Lodge #15. Please take time to congratulate Warren on his prestigious position. Also, congratulations to our newly installed District Deputies: Stu Burgoon, John Ramsey, Marion Davidson, Bobby Long and John Loftus, and thank you for your efforts and coordination of the hospitality room. Another big Thank You to the Con Con Committee for making the arrangements in the hotel, Sunday night dinner and keeping the hospitality room stocked. I'd also like to recognize the Camp Barrett Booth Committee for an outstanding display. The booth received a Three Star Award, and our Website received a Four Star Award. This was a great Convention with so many members volunteering, attending seminars and representing our State Association.

Originally, it was planned to make official visits during a social event. However, this has changed and all official visits will be during a regular Lodge meeting. This will give the Vice Presidents and myself the opportunity to share the purpose of the State Association and the importance of attending State Association meetings, as well as to share information on our Major Project, Camp Barrett, and my goals for this year. We are here to assist the Lodge members to make their Lodge successful. My visitation schedule has been finalized and distributed.

I started my official visits, attended the South East and North Central DD Clinics and several Lodge events, as well as the Camp Barrett and Trustee meetings. Brian and I attended Abingdon's 50th Anniversary, and we congratulate them on a wonderful event and the success of their Lodge for the past 50 years.

During the State Association meetings, we will continue to have presentations and training sessions with limited committee reports. It is important to provide useful and valuable information for members to share with their Lodges. My Motto is Membership - Fellowship - Success. We need to continue to deliver the message that our State Association is here to help individual Lodges to work towards improv-

ing Membership with Fellowship to Create Success in our Lodges and our communities.

I hope everyone has a fun, productive and educational weekend. We are Elks having Fun getting the Job Done!! Have a safe trip going home, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Workshop at Cambridge Lodge #1272.

Fraternally,

Connie J. deYoung, State President
DE, MD & DC Elks Association

COMING EVENTS

**October 2016
ENF Month**

**October 22, 2016
State Soccer Shoot
Northside Park, Ocean City, MD**

**October 23-31, 2016
Red Ribbon Week**

**November 2016
Elks Veterans Remembrance Month**

**November 11-13
Scout Camporee at ECB**

**December 4, 2016
Elks Memorial Service**

**January 20-22, 2017
Winter Workshop
Cambridge Lodge #1272**

**February 4, 2017
State Hoop Shoot
Washington College Gymnasium
Chestertown, MD**

**March 24-26, 2017
Spring Conference
Kent Island Lodge #2576**

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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Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia ELKS Association
FALL WORKSHOP AGENDA
Princess Royale - Ocean City, Maryland

Friday, September 30, 2016

12:00 Noon – 5:00 P.M.Registration
1:00 P.M.Advisory Committee Meeting
5:00 P.M.State Trustees Meeting
5:30 P.M.Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting
3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:00 – 9:00 A.M.Breakfast Buffet (Atrium – Pool Side)
8:00 A.M.Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. – Noon.....Registration
9:00 A.M.Workshop Called to Order
9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 A.M. – 11:50 A.M.**Training, Presentations and Committee Reports:**
(9:30).....Association Improvement: Membership Survey – Jeff Carlson (20')
(9:50).....Membership Presentation – Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership (30')
(10:20).....Marketing – Corey Bradley and Danniele McKnight (20')
(10:40).....Training – Trent Manson (20')
(11:00).....Americanism – Sandy Brantner (5')
(11:05).....Elks National Foundation – Mary Cardinal-Vogt (15')
(11:20).....William J. Jernick Fund – John Loftus (15')
(11:35).....Elks Trip for Camp Barrett – Bob Baxendell (5')
(11:40).....Government Relations – Carl Vogt and Randee Kerns (10')
11:50 A.M.Announcements & Recess until 9:00 A.M. Sunday, October 2
12:00 NoonLunch
12:00 Noon – 5:00 P.M.Hospitality Suite Open
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.PGER Paul D. Helsel, Meeting with DDGERs & PSPs / DLs
1:30 – 4:30 P.M.Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
1:30 – 2:30 P.M.President & President-Elect Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
2:30 P.M.Convention & Conference Committee Meeting
6:00 – 7:00 P.M.Cocktail Reception
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.Dinner & Elks Entertainment - Pirates & Wenches Theme
8:30 – 11:00 P.M.Hospitality Suite Open

Sunday, 2 October 2016

7:00 – 9:00 A.M.Breakfast Buffet (Atrium – Pool Side)
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.Registration
9:00 A.M.Workshop Called to Order
9:00 – 11:20 A.M.**Training, Presentations and Committee Reports:**
(9:00).....Convention & Conference Committee – Marilyn Ramsey (10')
(9:10).....ENVSC Army of Hope / Welcome Home Veterans – Bob McIntyre (20')
(9:30).....Power of Positive Thinking – Maurice DiPoli (20')
(9:50).....Soccer Shoot – Mike Taylor (10')
(10:00).....Hoop Shoot – Basil Wadkovsky (10')
(10:10).....Youth Activities – Colleen Ford (10')
Unfinished Business / New Business
Announcements
Comments – President – Grand Lodge Sponsor
Departed Members / Silence / Sickness & Distress
Elks Camp Barrett 50 - 50 Drawing – **ADJOURN by 12 Noon**

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 10, 2016

GRAND LODGE

Message from Grand Exalted Ruler:



Grand Exalted Ruler
Michael F. Zellen

Henry Ford once said: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." A successful Lodge is one whose Officers, Committees and Members work together and participate in Grand Lodge, State Association and Local Lodge programs.

Officers of the Lodge should lead by example, but not attempt to do everything by themselves. Show enthusiasm, and encourage the entire membership to become more involved in your Lodge programs. Delegate responsibility to your Committee Members and other Lodge Members who would welcome the opportunity to become more involved. Many hands make light work!

As the old saying goes, two heads are better than one, and with a team, even more so. Resolutions to problems and fresh ideas are generated by the brainstorming and friendship that teamwork fosters. Teams allow skills, knowledge, opinions and experiences to be pooled together for the benefit of the Lodge as a whole. This leads to better productivity for every Member of the team, and every task completed by each Member leads to one noticeable outcome that the whole team and Lodge can take pride in.

Lodges that conduct successful and highly publicized community programs heighten pride in their Members. This not only leads to fewer Members dropping their membership, it creates interest in others to join our Order.

Thank you for being an *Elk* and for *Caring* and *Sharing*.

Michael F. Zellen, GER



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Welcome to our 2016 Fall Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. Thanks to our Con/Con Committee and President Connie deYoung, this weekend promises to be filled with fun, fellowship and an opportunity to learn.

This is the half way point of the lodge year - time to review our progress, or lack thereof, and begin the final push to reach our goals.

Hopefully, during this conference you will gather knowledge about "how to" gain enthusiasm for getting the job done, collect

ideas and inspiration from other Elks and then return to your lodge and do the things necessary to push it beyond our individual and collective goals.

A few years ago, I outlined four objectives for a successful lodge - they still hold true today:

1. Membership Growth - still our #1 priority!! There are signs that we are making slight progress, but each and every member and lodge needs to be involved in the effort on an ongoing basis. We are a "great" organization, and we need to sell it in our individual communities and keep our current members pumped up with what we do and stand for in terms of helping others in need.

2. Financial Stability - the majority of our lodges continue to lose money in their overall operations. Lodges need to be run effectively and efficiently with a goal to always make money in everything they do. Lodges are a business and need to run like one. Is your lodge run like a business? If not, let's get it moving in that direction!

3. Follow the Rules - we, as an organization of Elks, have been at it for nearly 150 years. In those years, there have been many "lessons learned". Most of those lessons are embodied in our Statutes, manuals and general information available on how to do it. We are Elks lodges and required to do things the Elks way as dictated in the written word. The most successful lodges are those that follow the word and do things by the book. If your lodge is not one of them, it is time to become one.

4. Programs and Community Service - these are all the things we do in reaching out to those that desperately need our help that make us proud to be an Elk. Our programs and service to our communities are what will sustain us and our Order for the next 150 years.

Congratulations and thank you to all the lodges that are following the rules and are on the path to financial success, membership growth and successful Elk and community programs. For the lodges that are not doing so well in any of these areas, use your time this weekend to seek advice and/or assistance on how to improve and do better. Thank you to all the dedicated, hard-working Elks that are carrying the load and helping to get the job done.

Best Wishes for a most enjoyable weekend. Hopefully you will participate, have fun, be involved, and return home a little smarter and ready to help your lodge and our Association grow and prosper.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

IN MEMORIAM

REESE H. HICKMAN

Born: April 27, 1929

Died: August 22, 2016

PER Selbyville Lodge #2173

PSP MD, DE & DC Elks Assn.

Past Grand Treasurer, BPOE

Message from the President-Elect:



Sandy Bratner
President-Elect

I want to welcome everyone to the Fall Workshop in Ocean City, MD. Ocean City is always very welcoming when our Association visits. Remember to visit the Ocean City Lodge sometime this weekend! As your President-Elect I have been busy. Connie has kept me informed since our installation in June and continues to keep me in the loop of all happenings.

After my installation in June, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in "HOT" Houston, Texas. Congratulations to Warren Johnson, PSP, on his installation as Grand

Lodge Trustee, and to our District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers as they undertake their duties in each of the respective districts.

As I am preparing for my term as your President, I am beginning the task of forming the very important committees of our Association. If you are interested in serving the Association on a committee, please contact me. We are a great Association, and we remain great through the committees that promote and perform the great works of our programs.

I have attended ECB meetings, the West District DD Clinic, participated in Con-Con teleconferences and been kept up-to-date with emails from the State President, Secretary, Treasurer and State Trustees. Thank you to all who have included me.

I will be sending letters to lodges requesting hosts for our Winter Workshop in January 2018 and the Spring Workshop in March 2018, the month of the GER visit to our Association. Remember, hosting a workshop is a great way to showcase your lodge, and gives your members the chance to show their pride in their lodge and its accomplishments in Elkdom. These are BIG undertakings for a lodge; require much teamwork from the members and are very rewarding. If you are interested in hosting one of these workshops, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am expecting numerous requests; so start thinking about it now. I look forward to hearing from you!

I want to congratulate Connie J. deYoung on her installation as our 2016-2017 State President. Connie is very dedicated and devoted to our Association, and I know she will serve us well. I also want to thank Jay and Karen Strong for serving as our President and First Lady in 2015-2016. What a great job, Jay! And what a lovely first lady Karen was for our Association. Jay has already helped me immensely these first few months, and I will continue to utilize his knowledge during my year as your State President.

I want to thank you, the members of the MD, DE & DC Elks State Association, for electing me as your President-Elect for 2016-2017. I

am looking forward to serving as State President in 2017-2018.

I have sent each lodge correspondence requesting to be added to your lodge newsletter list and email list for lodge happenings and/or events. Also, I ask to be included in emails to President deYoung so that I am informed of your lodge's accomplishments and areas where you may need assistance. Our Association survives through the successful lodges and suffers with the lodges that need guidance.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Workshop in Cambridge in January 2017.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas Season!

Remember to thank a veteran today!

Fraternally,

Sandy Brantner, 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

STATE ASSOCIATION EMAIL AT: MDDEDCElks@gmail.com

ELKS CAMP BARRETT NEW WEBSITE AT:

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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NEWSLETTER

I am excited to announce that the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Newsletter won FIVE STAR recognition in the Grand Lodge State Association Bulletin Contest "I" for the year 2015-2016. Congratulations to past Editor, Linda Velez, and Kathleen Williams, who works diligently behind the scenes on the design and layout of your Newsletter.

Also, thank you to all of you who contribute to the quality of our Newsletter with such informative and enlightening articles. Keep up the good work!

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

John F. Amer, Jr., VP

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John F. Amer, Jr.
SW District VP

Greetings! We had a wonderful DD Clinic at the Deale Lodge No. 2528. I was impressed to see representation from all seven lodges in the South West. There was some very informative information exchanged, and I hope everyone enjoyed it and learned something. I was also glad to see all the awards that were given out at the meeting. All the Lodges that received awards should be very proud of their accomplishments. I am sure this required a lot of work. By now all Exalted Rulers in the South West District

have been contacted regarding a visit by me, or they should know the President's schedule. If there are any conflicts on the dates I am scheduled to visit, please feel free to contact me and I will make an effort to accommodate you as much as possible.

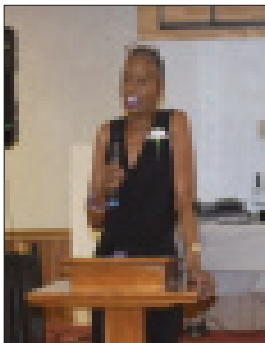
I look forward to seeing everyone in Ocean City in October!

Fraternally,
John F. Amer, Jr.

CAMP SPRINGS LODGE NO. 2332

7350 Temple Hill Rd
Temple Hills, MD 20748

With the theme Elks Care~Elks Share, the Membership Committee of Camp Springs Lodge #2332 opened the Lodge doors to members and prospective members on Sunday, June 26, 2016 for a Membership Open House.



Welcome Address given by
Patricia McInnis,
Membership Chairperson



Raffle Basket
Winner Candidate
Linda Woods

The afternoon Membership Open House enlightened the assemblage on topics as: membership, volunteerism, veteran's programs, scholarships, and youth programs. Fellowship, food, music, a fund raising raffle and a silent auction rounded out the afternoon activities. Everyone had a great time!!

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Patricia McInnis
Membership Committee Chairperson



MD, DE & DC Elks Association
Newark Elks Lodge 2281

CAR RAFFLE

1955 Ford Fairlane 2dr Crown Victoria

vin: U5NW177391

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

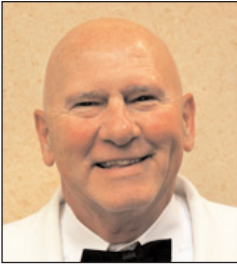
Tickets can also be purchased through Val Huot, Mary Ann Izzo & Margie McIntyre.

Permit: 0000941



WEST DISTRICT

Dale Sears, VP • Westminster Lodge No. 2277 • dwsears2@comcast.net



Dale Sears
West District VP

"bucket list" trip to the International Balloon

Greetings to All!!!
I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your West District Vice President. I am sorry to be missing our Ocean City Convention, but I will be enjoying a

Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
The Elk Year for the West is off to a good start. Westminster hosted our President, Connie deYoung's first official visit. We enjoyed a Jimmy Buffet-Like Night on the patio with great music, food and fellowship. Westminster's annual golf tournament was a super success, grossing over \$30,000.00 towards scholarships and community charities.
We had an informative District Deputy Clinic on August 28, 2016 in Hagerstown led by our District Deputy, Marion Davidson, Jr. The great community services being done

by our Lodges is impressive and shows our benevolent commitment.
Connie's remaining visits to Frederick and Hagerstown are in the planning. I am scheduled for my official visit to Oakland on September 14, 2016 and Frostburg in October. We continue to emphasize increasing our Order's membership, and August statistics showed the "West" as the best in reducing delinquency. Let's all embrace these challenges and make "The West the Best!"
Fraternally,
Dale Sears

Hagerstown Lodge

At the Lodge's July Birthday dinner for members, Exalted Ruler, Richard Hovis presented a check for \$1500 to Anne R. Martin, Executive Director, Children In Need, Inc. Children In Need provide approximately 900 Washington County children the necessities such as clothing, school vouchers and meals needed in support of learning. The Lodge's charitable donation consisted of \$1000 from the Grand Lodge's Gratitude Grant and \$500 from the Lodge's charity fund.



Pictured in the photograph from left to right: Frank Clopper, PSP, Lodge ENF Chairman; Anne R. Martin, Executive Director, Children In Need; Richard Hovis, Exalted Ruler.

Hagerstown Elks Lodge made two donations totaling over \$2600 to the Community Free Clinic of Washington County. Richard Hovis, Exalted Ruler presented a check for \$1000 from the Lodge Charity Fund and Cathy Vaughn, Chairperson, Lodge Activities Committee, presented a check for over \$1600 from fundraisers to Adam Roberson, Acting Executive Director, Community Free Clinic. The Community Free Clinic provides free medical services to eligible residents of Washington County.



Cathy Vaughn, Chairperson, Activities Committee; Richard Hovis, Exalted Ruler, Hagerstown Elks Lodge, Adam Roberson, Acting Executive Director, Community Free Clinic; Major Warren, Vice President, Board of Directors, Community Free Clinic, Michael Barnes, Past President, Community Free Clinic.

Elk Lodges of West District



The five Elks Lodges in the West District, comprised of Oakland, Frostburg, Hagerstown, Frederick and Westminster, joined together to sponsor the attached pictured coaster car in the 40th Annual Elks Derby Day held by Frostburg, Maryland, Elks Lodge #470. This year we had 34 drivers and cars. The races are a wonderful opportunity for the young drivers to realize the important life lessons learned by participating in this event. Elks strive to ensure that the racers and children of the community will have good, positive, wholesome, hometown, memories of this uniquely Frostburg event.

Frostburg Lodge

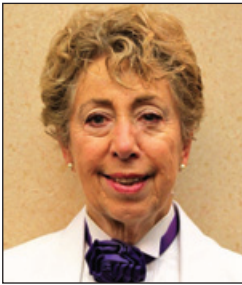


Pictured are new ELKS USA entrance signs in Frostburg Maryland. The project is part of Dale Iman, Exalted Ruler of Frostburg Elks #470 initiative to increase community awareness of Elks and our charities.



NORTH EAST DISTRICT

Merrilyn Ramsey, VP • Dover Lodge No. 1903 • mramsey1002@gmail.com



Merrilyn Ramsey
NE District VP

I am honored to represent our State President, Connie deYoung, for the Northeast District and to communicate her direction and goals to my Lodges. I have been "getting my feet wet" and getting a sense of each Lodge's activities and goals through their newsletters and websites.

As VP for the NE, I serve on the Executive Committee of Elks Camp

Barrett and have participated in several meetings. Our Camp is a real jewel - one that many of us don't know about. Look for future opportunities to see firsthand how wonderful a place it is and why there are many passionate supporters. The Camp needs your help in marketing this jewel as well as providing representation.

My first formal visit was to Ches-

tertown Lodge for the NE DD Clinic, and I stayed for their BBQ, Beef and Beer event. Great Elks having a great time! Chestertown members are always so welcoming and the Lodge facilities are lovely.

Fraternally,
Merrilyn Ramsey

Newark Lodge



Newark Lodge went to Pleasantville Elementary school to kick off the school year. They shared drug awareness and Americanism items. They also presented the school with gift cards to assist families in crisis situations. Pictured are school Counselor Megan Nowell, Elroy (ER Valerie Huot), school Principal Jennifer Alexander, and MaryAnn Izzo, Secretary of Newark Lodge.

Dover Lodge



Dover Lodge was recognized by the City of Dover for their work with Code Purple, an organization which provides shelter and food for the homeless during winter nights when the temperature drops below freezing. Dover Lodge applied for and received an Impact Grant to assist with this project.

Chestertown Lodge Donates \$12,000 to Charities



The Fourth Annual Donations Ceremony was held at Chestertown Elks Lodge on Tuesday, August 2. Several charities were presented with donations from Chestertown Elks Lodge that totaled \$12,000 to assist with the charity work that the organizations carry out. All of the recipients expressed their gratitude upon receipt of their gifts.

The donations were presented by Donna Moloney, Exalted Ruler and Trey Blackiston, President of the Board of Directors to the following organizations: American Cancer Society (Relay for Life), Concerned Order for Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), Perry Point Medical Center, Elks Camp Barrett, Elks National Foundation, Boy Scout Troop #130, Fisher House Affairs Operation, Fisher House Foundation, Character Counts, Girl Scout Unit #36, Heroes on the Water, Horizons of Kent County, K.A.R.T., Kent Center, Inc., Kent Ag Center, Kent County Community Food Pantry, Kent County Humane Society, MD Special Olympics for Kent County, Nick Spry Memorial Fund, POP Warner Football, William J. Jernick Fund, Wilmington VA Medical Center and Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Kennedyville, and Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Departments as well as Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad.

Additionally, Meals on Wheels was presented with a donation courtesy of Elks National Foundation (ENF). The donation was made possible through a Gratitude Grant from ENF.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

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Rick Lawton
NC District VP

First I would like to say it is an honor to be your Vice President for the North Central District. I am looking forward to working with our lodges in whatever way I possibly can.

While in Houston, Texas the ER's and myself talked about working together for the good of our Lodges and our District. I am happy to say that the ER's have been texting each other regularly and sharing ideas and getting together at events when possible.

Our Lodges have had a lot going on. Severna Park Lodge had an Open House, which was a great success and where prospective members filled out applications. Broadneck Lodge sponsored a Poker Bike Run For Wounded Warriors, and ER Ken Chapman and all his helpers

did a great job. Glen Burnie Lodge did a Back to School Bingo for children in and around the lodge. The prizes won by the children were back to school supplies, which made them very happy. Laurel Lodge had a Crab Feast and everyone that attended enjoyed it very much. And last but not least, Towson Lodge got a write up in the Elks National Magazine. Great job guys - keep up the good work.

ER'S Please ask your Secretaries to put me on your mailing list and keep me informed of upcoming events. Lets keep up the good work - North Central Rocks!

Fraternally,
Rick Lawton

ESSEX LODGE



On July 16, 2016, Essex Lodge No. 1866 held their Annual Feed-A-Vet Event, which was well attended and greatly appreciated.

TOWSON LODGE



This picture, which ran in The Baltimore Sun Pager, highlighted Towson Elks Lodge 469 for taking 50 Veterans to a Baltimore Orioles Game in June. Joe Lancaster, Veterans Service Committee Chairman, and several other Members of Towson Lodge were in attendance.

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE IN JUNE

The winner of the ECB 50/50 Raffle in Timonium on Sunday, June 12, 2016 was "Elks Camp Barrett". The ticket drawn had CAMP written on it so the Camp received the total amount of money raised that weekend, which was \$1,001.00. A big THANK YOU to whoever purchased the ticket and put CAMP on it. We all hope your generosity comes back to you in some way.

Don't forget to get your 50/50 ECB Raffle tickets for this weekend's drawing from the ladies at the Registration Table.

Sincerely, Lee Davis

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

Charlie Hebert, VP • Ocean City Lodge No. 2645 • cherbert100@comcast.net



Charlie Hebert
SE District VP

For my first article, I want to thank everyone for having the faith and confidence in me to fulfill this position. I am both proud and honored to serve as your Southeast District Vice President, and I look forward to working closely with our State President, District Deputy, and all Lodges. I have been visiting Lodges within our district in an unofficial capacity, attending numerous meetings and events. I will soon begin making arrangements for both the State President and myself for the required official visits.

I need to thank Mr. Dan Kane from the Cambridge Lodge who accepted my invitation to become the Elks Veterans Service Commission Representative for the Southeast District. Dan has taken on this duty and responsibility along with his continued commitment to serve as the Southeast District Americanism Representative. I look forward to working with Dan and supporting these programs. I also want to thank the very talented and wise district leaders we are so fortunate to have for all their kind words, advise, constructive criticism, endorsement, and support. I appreciate and respect your assistance.

I am thoroughly enjoying my travels to all the lodges in the District,

meeting and interacting with everyone along with partaking in many events and activities such as Crab Feasts, Car Shows, BBQs, Friday night dinners, Burger Nights, Camp Barrett events and meetings, or just stopping in at a Lodge to visit and enjoy a beverage. For the few lodges I have not visited in an unofficial capacity, you are on my radar.

Many great events are being planned within our District. I encourage all members to share information through emails and social media. Post your activities on your lodge Facebook pages. Whenever your lodge does a presentation, initiation, donation, or any other special event, post that on the MD/DE/DC Facebook page and share that accomplishment. #SoutheastStrong

The only accomplishment I want to personally fulfill other than the required duties as Vice President representing the State President and her agenda goals, is to share and build unity within our district. Let's talk to each other, share information, visit each other's lodges, participate in events, endorse and promote each other, and let's together build the Southeast District with harmony, growth, success, and prosperity. Solo we know we can accomplish great things, but unified, involved and active, we can do so much more.

Thank you and see you soon around the District.

Fraternally,
Charlie Hebert

AMERICANISM

ESSAY CONTEST - "Why Is It Important to Vote?"

DIVISION 1 - Grades 5 & 6

DIVISION 2 - Grades 7 & 8

Essays are not to exceed 300 words and must be typed or printed in ink. Entries are due to Lodges on or before December 18, 2016. Winners on the Lodge level must be to the District Chairman by January 30, 2017. District winners must be to the State Chair no later than February 20, 2017. State Association winners will receive awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place in each division. 1st place winners will advance to the National Level.



Judging Criteria for Essay:

- Originality** - Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases = 30 points
- Development of Theme** - Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble = 40 points
- Mechanics and neatness** - Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation = 30 points



POSTER CONTEST

"My Favorite American Symbol"

- | | |
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| 0 - 3 Year Olds | 4 - 5 Year Olds |
| 6 - 7 Year Olds | 8 - 9 Year Olds |
| 10 - 13 Year Olds | 14 - 17 Year Olds |

Please have: name, address, phone number, age, name of school (if enrolled) and the sponsoring Lodge on back of poster - 8-1/2 x 11 paper

(Poster Contest Cover Sheet must be completed and attached to each poster)

Deadline: Lodge Chair by December 18, 2016

District Chair by January 20, 2017 - State Chair by February 20, 2017



SANDY, BRANTNER. State Americanism Chairman
301-334-1880 (home) - 301-501-7533 (cell)





State President Connie deYoung carries the Delaware flag at the Opening Ceremony of the 152nd Grand Lodge Convention in Houston, TX



Grand Lodge Convention flag carriers: Connie deYoung - Delaware flag, Warren Johnson - Maryland flag, Lyle Waldron - District of Columbia flag, PGER and Sponsor Paul D. Hesel



State President Connie deYoung with Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Zellen

GRAND TRUSTEE INSTALLATION



Congratulations to Warren H. Johnson from Frederick Lodge No. 684 who was installed as Grand Trustee in Houston, TX in July.

2016-2017 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



From left to right: Marion Davidson, West District; John Loftus, South East District; Paul D. Hesel, PGER, MD DE DC Sponsor; Bobby Long, South West District; John Ramsey, North East District; Stu Burgoon, North Central District

Welcome to scenic Ocean City, Maryland for the MD, DE & DC Elks Association's Fall Conference. This is my favorite workshop, as Ocean City is a great place to meet with friends and mix business with pleasure.

The Elks have partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to help end Veteran Homelessness over the next 4 years. One of the geographical areas that has been targeted is in our own backyard, that being Washington, DC and the surrounding area. On June 17, I attended a meeting with the Washington, DC VA's Homeless Coordinator, Kevin Morton, along with PSP Carl Robinson and PGER Paul Helsel. Also in attendance were ENVSC Director Mary Morgan and Rich Crawford and Wayne Blake from the Virginia Elks Association. The ENVSC Program is named "Welcome Home", and you can find information about this program at elks.org. Welcome Home Grants in the amount of \$4500.00 will be available to Lodges in the DC area beginning August 1, 2016, and you can find grant applications and forms on the State Website and at elks.org. PSP Carl Robinson will be heading this program with the help of the ENVSC

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

and the lodges within the MD, DE & DC Elks Association.

Ticket sales for the 55 Ford Raffle are going well, and the drawing is only 5 months away. Thank you to all who have helped with this effort. This summer the car traveled to the ECB picnic, a "Pickin for the Troops" fundraiser, Kent Island, Annapolis, Newark, Milford, Chestertown, Cambridge, Timonium and is here in Ocean City this weekend. Special thanks to John and Merrilyn Ramsey, along with Angela Meyer and all those who manned the booth at the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston in July selling 128 tickets.

Congratulations to Milford Lodge 2401 and Salisbury Lodge 817 for receiving the Freedom Grant. Milford will use the Freedom Grant to make the men's bathroom at the Home of the Brave Homeless Shelter handicapped accessible. Presently, they cannot accept wheelchair veterans due to their shower and bathroom facilities. Salisbury will be using their Freedom Grant to initiate a program called "Phalanx Program" which is to touch on 5 categories for our veterans transitioning to civilian life within the Salisbury area. The categories are Homelessness, Financial Aid, Education, Employment and Health.

As we move through the month of October let us not forget that November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month. I hope that each Lodge within the Association plans a special event recognizing our veterans, remembering our mantra "So long as there are veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".

Have a Great Weekend!

Fraternally,
Bob McIntyre
Chairman



From Your State Membership Chair:

Membership:

Off to a Great Start! - Keep Up the Momentum

Well it's that time of year: Summer has faded away along with all the warm weather activities that present opportunities for Membership recruitment, and Fall activities have yet to get into full swing. Hopefully you all have plans to turn every upcoming event into a Membership recruitment opportunity. We are now 6 months into our Membership year, and it's time to start taking a hard look at the Membership results your Lodge is generating. By now, this year's ER has brought in all the candidates he or she had in their pocket. How is your recruitment really going? If it's better than last year, what have you done differently and how can you apply it more effectively? Are recruitment and other gains positioning your Lodge to overcome Delinquencies? Let's face it: Delinquencies are a fact of life. While our role is to cure the root causes of them and prevent them, the bigger task is to ensure your Lodge overcomes them with recruitment. I've spent my whole life in retail and have lived by the rule that "Sales are the cure of all Evil". Simply put: Increase the gross profits through sales increases and one can overcome inventory losses, wage increases and increased rents. The analogy in this case is that effective recruitment will overcome all the obstacles we have to NET

Membership growth. As of the latest results available at this writing, there is good news to report! Collectively, we have recruited nearly 100 more new members than at the same point last year for a GROSS member increase of 3.2% of existing membership vs. 2.7% last year. Delinquencies at this point last year were at 11.1%; while tracking at 9.9% so far this year. There are actually FIVE Lodges, as of today, whose membership gains have already exceeded total delinquencies. Those same five Lodges are statistically projected to have NET PLUS Membership numbers by year's end. Hmmm? Delinquencies across the State Association range from a low of 5.1% to as high as 29.8%. Clearly this is a bigger problem at some Lodges than it is at others, and each deserves its own approach addressing the causes first and then making diligent efforts at recovery. I have confidence that this, and more, will be covered in detail when Rick Gathen speaks at the Fall Conference. I urge you to look at all the Membership tools which are available on Elks.org.

What have YOU done today to promote Membership?

Bob Baxendell, State Membership Chair

RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

11th Hour Toast Contest Winners

Pictured left to right:

Linda Velez, 1st Place PER

Margie McIntyre, 2nd Place PER

Valerie Huot, 1st Place ER

PSP Jay Strong

Larry Mathers, State Ritual Chairman

Tim Eaton, 2nd Place ER

Donna Moloney, 1st Place Leading Knight



ELK STATE AUDITOR QUARTERLY REPORT

This Report covers from May 1, 2016 through August 26, 2016

1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Income:	Income \$226,059.93	Budgeted \$225,708	Over \$351.93
2) Association Ordinary Income:	Income \$43,176.69	Budgeted \$42,750	Over \$426.69
3) Association Off Site Income:	Income \$299,968.62	Budgeted \$297,740	Over \$2,228.62
3) Association Other Income:	Income \$30,732	Budgeted \$29,958	Over \$1,450
4) Camp Barrett Ordinary Income:	Income \$57,856.05	Budgeted \$101,250	Under -\$43,393.95
5) Camp Barrett Donation Income:	Income \$141,181.71	Budgeted \$144,500	Under -\$3,318.29
6) Elks Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	Income \$100,610.45	Budgeted \$69,650	Over \$30,960.45
7) Convention/Conference Income:	Income \$68,265.35	Budgeted \$103,186	Under -\$34,920.65

***TOTALS:** Income \$967,850.80 Budgeted \$1,014,742 Under -\$46,891.20

1) Elks Nat'l Foundation Exp:	Expense \$167,098.26	Budgeted \$225,708	Under -\$58,609.74
2) Assoc. Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$7,133.52	Budgeted \$58,482	Under -\$51,348.48
3) Assoc. Off Site Exp:	Expense \$37,979.92	Budgeted \$103,186	Under - \$65,206.08
4) Assoc. Other Exp:	Expense \$9,934.77	Budgeted \$13,550	Under -\$3,615.23
5) ECB Donation Exp:	Expense \$0.0.	Budgeted \$0.0.	No Budget Expense
6) ECB Ordinary Exp:	Expense \$180,641.58	Budgeted \$266,750	Under -\$106,108.42
7) ECB Fund Raiser Exp:	Expense \$36,921.88	Budgeted \$28,650	Over - \$8,271.88

TOTAL EXP: Expense \$439,709.93 Budgeted \$696,326 Under -\$256,616.07

Total Profit/Loss Income: \$967,850.80 minus Exp: \$439,709.93 = \$528,140.07 Net Profit

State Association Balance Sheet: As of April 26, 2016:

Checking/Savings assets of \$672,519.02. Overall total assets of \$1,181,846.55. Included within this figure, the Edward Jones Investments of \$40,413.86. Total Liabilities & Equity \$1,181,846.55. 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 -> YOU'RE TIME, and the Benefits -> FREE KNOWLEDGE! Remember, All Training Sessions I did 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

STATE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY 2016-2017

It is a work in progress! I am excited to undertake the Chairmanship for the State Association Directory, and working with Co-Chair, Linda Velez. We are making a much needed overhaul of the Directory. I forwarded a four-page list of corrections in July which was published by our Publicity Chairman and our Webmaster. These corrections pertained to State Officers, Committee Members, and Lodge Officers only. A copy of all changes since the printing of the directory can be found on the distribution tables in our Princess Royale meeting room. In addition, if you need a copy of the directory, they are also available during this weekend by contacting me or Linda.

A short version of changes to contact information only is below; please update your directory accordingly:

- Page 5: Sandra C. Brantner: 301-334-1880 (H)
Dale Sears: change to 443-789-4676 (C)
James W. Harbour: add: 410-524-0708 (H)
- Page 6: Mark A. Walp: 928 Mastline Drive
Mary Cardinal-Vogt: MaryeCardinal-Vogt@earthlink.net
- Page 7: John McMullen: Salisbury, MD 21804 Byrdman524@aol.com
- Page 8: Ralph C. Allen: adw217@live.com
2 yr (NC): Liz Meyer (Tim), 1 yr., (NC), Sec'y
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MD 21113, P: 443-223-1365 (C); emecbsec@aol.com
- Page 10: Delete Priscilla Schwab
Thomas M. Zisa: tzisaesq@aol.com
- Page 15: Priscilla Schwab: add schwab.priscilla@comcast.net
- Page 16: Delete Reese H. Hickman, PGT
Bruce Howell: bhowell48@aol.com
Delete Paul R. Mellott
- Page 17: Marty Miller: zerocool69@me.com
Jay Nave: Delete work number
Vincent A. Pingitore, Jr: Add: 301-704-8323 (C);
vinniep@hughes.net
Carl Robinson: 301-725-1403 (H); 410-573-0406 (W)
301-741-9979 (C)
- Page 18: Sandra C. Brantner: Same as page 5 change
- Page 19: Rick Konrad: 410-543-4452 (H); 443-754-1625 (C)
Open, W: Ruth K. Collins-Shaw (Joe), W,
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Hagerstown, MD 21742, P: 301-712-6032 (C)
Email: rkcollins61@yahoo.com
Dale Sears: Same as page 5 change
- Page 20: Carl Robinson: Same as page 17 change
Vincent A. Pingitore, Jr.: Same as page 17 change
- Page 21: Merrilyn Ramsey: 302-382-0288 (C)
- Page 22: James W. Harbour: Same as page 5 change
Sandra Brantner: Same as page 5 change
Danniele McKnight: 240-367-6392 (C), 301-695-8958 (H)
- Page 23: Joe McGeeney: MDDEDCElks@gmail.com
- Page 24: Nicole Ireland: 34210 Jones Rd, Frankford, DE 19945
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Theodore S. Keen: tedtsk@verizon.net
- Page 27: Timothy M. Eaton: Same as page 26 change
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Danniele McKnight: danniele.mcknight@yahoo.com
- Page 29: Jay Nave: Same as page 17 change
- Page 30: Matthew Morgan: mblm02@gmail.com
Delete Bruce Howell, replace with George Hamilton (p.16)
Charles Spondone: Charles Spadone
- Page 31: Lodge Dev: delete Ron Lamot, add P. Schwab (p.15)
Stewart (Stu) Kerr: 366 Graham Branch Road
- Page 32: Open, NE: Patti Gray, NE, Havre de Grace No. 1564,
476 Frist Rd, Colora, MD 21917; P: 410-658-6042 (H);
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- Page 33: Nicole DiIorio: 9713 Davison Road
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- Page 36: Joe McGeeney: Same as page 23 change
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- Page 45: Tom Boone, LK, 2508 Nicholby Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808
Phone: 302-824-2470 (C)
- Page 47: Delete Reese H. Hickman, PGT
Delete Reginald Maguire, PSP
Delete David E. Wolcott
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- Page 54: Robert Long: Lanham Severn Road
- Page 55: Richard F. Buschman: atlantic3106@comcast.net
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- Page 58: Sharon Hinton: scrapgurl13@yahoo.com

There are many other corrections needed throughout other sections of the directory and they are being made for next year's publication. We will also be adding a map showing the location of all Lodges in the State Association. We want your directory to be a useful resource, and your input is very important. As you have changes to Officers, Committee Chairs/Members, and Lodge Officers, please email, text, or call me at my contact information listed on page 23 of the directory.

Fraternally,
Betty B. Hardin
State Chair



When Going for the Grants

Come Prepared-have a plan of action. When applying for all Lodge Grants, it is important to have a well laid plan for a project which lists the steps the Lodge will take and how it will target a population in need. What aspects of the grant will Lodge members be involved in? Will you work with any local partner agencies to identify these groups? They don't need a beautifully written essay, but we do need the details!

Take a Chance-try something new! Consider targeting another population within the community or trying out a new project to help out those in need. The Dictionary Project is tried and true, but maybe after reaching out to the local school administration what the students really need are math flash cards and one-on-one time with mentors.

Shoot for the Stars-aiming high is always a good idea! Setting low expectations only leads to low outcomes. For example, instead of hosting two events a year for the local Big Brothers Big Sisters or Special Olympics, plan on hosting four. It creates more opportunity for Lodge members to become involved and more days of fun for the people you're serving.

Always be Asking-not sure what needs there are in your community or how you can best help? **Ask the community.** Wondering if your Lodge's project qualifies for a certain grant? **Ask ENF** LodgeGrants@elks.org 773/755-4730

Mary Cardinal-Vogt State E.N.F. Chairman



What does Con/Con have for you?

Koozies, Tote Bags, Aluminum Mugs, and coming soon.....Mouse Pads, Ceramic 14 oz. Coffee Mugs with Elks logo, Ladies Blouses, Men's Button – Down Shirt, Sweatshirts (all clothing with Elks logo). All profits go toward keeping your costs down. *Shop, Shop, Shop.*

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Con/Con Committee has been working hard to make your convention and conference experiences exciting and rewarding. Our June Convention in Timonium, even though a last minute location, saw members enjoying themselves, learning new things and seeing our new leadership installed. The Memorial Service was a highlight for Sunday as well. Another highlight was the talented Elk entertainment at dinner - so much "hidden talent" among us!

Then it was quickly on to Grand Lodge in Houston. What a beautiful hotel, adjacent to the Convention Center. Thanks to our State President Connie, we had a fantastic space for our Hospitality Suite. And it was rockin' all the time. Lots of visitors, music, dancing, games, great bartenders from the Districts - FUN/FUN/FUN. We had a room full of cowboys and cowgirls at our Association Dinner on Sunday night - great BBQ and great times.

Our State Association Booth (back after several years) highlighted Camp Barrett, sold LOTS of merchandise, tickets to Dave's Dream and received 3 stars in the booth judging contest (we will do even better next year). Many thanks to Angela & John Meyer and George & Karen Tunnicliff who managed the booth during the entire Convention. They had the help of other volunteers who discovered what fun it can be.

So, it is on to OC for more fun this weekend with our Pirates and Wenches theme. BUT, your Committee is already planning the June 2017 Convention so look for some announcements on that this weekend. We are exploring new merchandise and are continuing to look at how we can expedite the reservation/registration process for you thru technology.

Give us your feedback and suggestions!

Merrilyn Ramsey

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Mission Statement of the Government Relations Committee states in part "...to guide the Grand Lodge of the Protective Order of Elks, its State Associations and its Local Lodges, in protecting and preserving the right to exist as a private, nonprofit, charitable organization". Listed below are the 7 Specific Activities provided in the mission of Government Relations:

1. Charitable Reporting -of events/hours of charitable work
2. Monitor Legislation and Laws - This includes local, County, State and Federal efforts against/for Non-Profits
3. Advocate for or Against Legislation Where Necessary
4. Promote Programs for Positive Interaction Between Lodges and their Elected Officials
5. Educate Members on Public Accommodation and Other Laws
6. Assist Lodges with IRS Audits
7. Social Networking/Media - Assist Lodges on how to protect themselves in using social networking and all types of media

Overall, please keep your eyes open and pass on to your Exalted Ruler, Lodge Government Relations Chairperson, District Government Relations Chairperson, and State Government Relations Chair people anything that would appear to be legislation or policy changes that will affect the non-profit status of the Elks. As the progression goes up, a determination to call Grand Lodge for help or advice might be indicated.

This is a condensed version of an article submitted to the State Chair people by L. Sue Gilmore, SE District Chairperson. Sue also has a very informative report available to anyone who needs more information about Government Relations, with contacts and web-sites. Her contact information is in the State Directory. Great job Sue.

Derleen Bedard, Maryland
Bonnie Howell, Delaware
Co-Chairs, Government Relations

Your camp is alive and well! We have weathered a few storms this season but emerged stronger and ready to move forward. Among the issues we have dealt with is the departure of our longtime caretaker, Larry. Having been a critical member of our "team" for seventeen years, Larry was a wealth of institutional knowledge. Our Camp Director of Operations, Angela Meyer, worked closely with Larry and he generously shared his insights on the myriad of tasks that were part of his daily routine. I can tell you, having tried to help fill a small part of this gap, none of us truly understood the significant contributions Larry brought to the table. I am sure that I speak for our entire Association as I wish Larry the very best in his retirement.

The summer kicked off with a great "Family Picnic" and while no absolute "headcount" is available my personal estimate was nine hundred adults and children. I am confident that a fine time was had by all.

Registration of campers was unusually sporadic forcing us to cancel the 4th of July week for lack of campers, only to then turn around and operate at our absolute maximum capacity during other weeks. Our dedicated staff was not deterred and got the job done!

Camp Sunrise followed with another successful week for a group of children that come to us from Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Band Camp went without a major problem in spite of our ongoing struggle to keep up with cutting the grass.

Interspersed with these traditional activities we had rentals which produce much needed income and other activities such as a Blue Grass weekend and the Adult Camporee, which included our traditional Beef and Beer event and a "sneak a peek" intended to familiarize Lodge Leaders with the camp.

Upcoming on November 11th thru the 13th we have the Scout Camporee which attracts almost a thousand scouts and leaders. Due to schedule changes we will need additional manpower to handle all the various tasks associated with this event. I have worked the Camporee for years and highly recommend it. We have a ball and work

together to get it all done. Come out and join us!

In short "ECB is a great place to be" and is there just waiting for you to come out and join us!

John Loftus, Executive Committee Chair

Angela Meyer, Operations Director

The dedicated Elks that serve on the Executive Committee and as Lodge Representatives



WILLIAM J. JERNICK MEMORIAL FUND

I would like to begin by acknowledging the generosity of our membership as evidenced by the many contributions made to the "Fund" which in turn generate the monies which are then distributed in the form of grants. Each time we meet, at an Association workshop, at a

Camp Barrett meeting, at a District Deputy Clinic, or the many other occasions where a collection is taken up for this worthy cause, your generosity is overwhelming. I thank each of you and your Lodges for making our work possible.

As I write this message, I have just recently forwarded a grant request to our Board of Directors for approval, and have received another grant request on which to work. I am confident that our "Fund" is one of the most available and convenient ways for you to reach out to

your community. If you share the presentation of the grant award with the community, using the local press etc., it can help your Lodge build a positive image and provoke interest in your activities, leading to additional membership.

Thank you for all you have done thus far to promote the Jernick Fund. Please keep up your efforts to build and enhance the proud history of our Order and your Lodge.

John Loftus
State Chair

FROM THE AUDITOR

What Can Money Buy?

- *It Can buy a House,
*But Not a Home.
- *It Can buy a Bed,
*But not Sleep.
- *It can buy a Clock,
*But not Time.
- *It can buy you a Book,
*But not Knowledge.
- *It can buy you a Position,
*But not Respect.
- *It can buy you Medicine,
*But not Health.
- *It can buy you Blood,
*But not Life.
- *It can buy you Sex,
*But not Love.

**So you see money really isn't everything!
But, it sure does help when running a Lodge!**

Maurice DiPoli

ELKS CAMP BARRETT

IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE 2016

This is the final report on the 2016 Raffle: The gross receipts were \$65,252.14 and the expenses were \$23,132.53, which left a net profit of \$42,119.61.

I want to, again, thank all who participated in the raffle. As you know, this is the main source of income for the Improvement Fund at our Camp. Without these funds the Camp would not be the wonderful place that it is. I'm quite sure that the Executive Board of

the Camp will find uses for some of these funds, which will require replenishment next year.

I have been asked by our State President to head the raffle again next year, and I have agreed and look forward to doing so. I am hopeful that the outcome will be at least as good if not better than this year.

Lou Schmeltzer
Chairman

TERRI LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN

At this October Workshop I will be taking orders for Terri Lynn Nuts with all proceeds going to Elks Camp Barrett. This is a fairly new campaign, but I feel it is a good product at a good price. The orders will be available in time for Christmas baking and gifts.

Since this is a relatively new project, I am looking for chairpeople to take the information back to the Lodges. If you are interested in purchasing or taking the book back to your Lodge to get orders, please see me at the Camp Barrett 50/50 Table. Orders and money

are due no later than October 28, 2016.

The orders will be delivered at the Camp Barrett meeting the first Saturday in December. If you are unable to pick your order up at that time, please check with me to see if we can arrange to meet at another time or place. I can also bring the order to the January Workshop if you don't need it for December.

Thank you for your consideration of this ECB Fundraiser.

Sincerely,
Hilda Davis

ELK SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

September 1st marked the beginning of the 2017 Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest. The application is available at enf.elks.org/mvs and must be submitted online by the November 30, 2016 deadline. Everything will be done electronically and applicants will no longer be required to physically drop them off at the Lodge. Applications will be assigned to the Lodge closest to the applicant's zip code. Later in October, Lodge Scholarship Chairs will receive the new process for evaluating, select-

ing, and advancing applications to the District level. The deadlines for District and State judging are not firm at this time, and are subject to change. More information will be available in October.

The Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. Applications are due online by February 3, 2017 at 12:00 (Noon) Central Time.

Lynn Evans
MD/DC/DE Elks Association
Scholarship Chair



11TH ANNUAL MD, DE AND DC ELKS TRIP

Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun

April 22-29, 2017

From \$1639.00* per person

The Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association has supported Elks Camp Barrett using funds raised from group travel for the past ten years. The eleventh annual trip will go to Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun, an all-adult, all Preferred Club, AAA 4-Diamond resort in the Riviera Maya.

At **Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun** amenities include limitless access to gourmet à la carte dining options without reservations; unlimited international and domestic top-shelf spirits, natural fruit juices and soft drinks; 24-hour room and concierge services; pool and beach wait service; daily refreshed mini-bar with soft drinks, juice, bottled water and beer; daily maid service; endless daytime activities and live nightly entertainment; theme parties; oceanfront bars and entertainment venues; no wristbands required; and all taxes and gratuities included. Enjoy free Wi-Fi and free international calling to the US, Canada and Mexico with Unlimited Connectivity, a mobile app that also allows you to view the schedules of all events, activities and restaurants at the resort, plus to learn about local destinations, excursions, and more.

Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun is rated 6 Golden Apples by Apple Vacations. This **all-inclusive**, deluxe vacation is available from **Apple Vacations** starting at the **group rate of \$1,639.00***, including **non-stop roundtrip airfare**. The rates below are per person, based on double occupancy (call for single or triple rate), and **include taxes**.

Deluxe Ocean View	King Bed Only	474 square feet	\$1,639.00*
Junior Suite Ocean View	King Bed Only	603 square feet	\$1,769.00*
Junior Suite Ocean Front	King Bed Only	679 square feet	\$2,029.00*

* RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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. A VALID PASSPORT is required for travel to Mexico. Boarding will be denied without proper documentation.

. Final payment is due to Antietam Travel Service, Inc., by February 6, 2017.

Call Linda at Antietam Travel Service, Inc. at 301-662-8080 or 800-722-3489, or send an email to linda@ats.travel, or send a fax to 301-662-8666. Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun, April 22-29, 2017 Booking #19242436 Photos & information: <http://www.secretresorts.com/capri-riviera-cancun>