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Sandra Brantner

Message from the State President

Welcome members to the Fall Workshop of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks State Association here in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. We are privileged to have with us this weekend, Jim O'Kelley, Elks National Foundation Director and Wayne Blake from the Virginia Elks State Association. Jim will be enlightening us with lots of ENF information and Wayne Blake will share with us his extraordinary works with the veterans of Virginia. Please take a moment to welcome them to our Association Workshop and learn from their great ideas and programs.

I had the great honor of representing our State Association at the 153rd Annual

Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada, July 16-19th. It was truly an honor as State President to carry the Maryland flag, along with DDGER Bobby McIntyre, Newark Lodge #2281, who carried the Delaware flag, and ER Diana Patton, Washington-Rockville Lodge #15 who carried the DC Flag.

I want to congratulate Frostburg Lodge #470 on receiving a 1st Place Community Project Award for their annual 4th of July Box Car Derby. Our State Major Project, Elks Camp Barrett Booth received the 5 star award, our Website received a 4 star award, Kent Island Lodge #2576, 2nd Place, Division II, ENF at \$33.44 per member, Newark Lodge #2281, and Milford Lodge #2407 in the Chairman's Challenge, and PSP Connie deYoung accepted a membership award for our Association having a gain of 73 members. What a great accomplishment for our State Association.

Congratulations to the newly installed District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, Stu Burgoon, North Central, Marion Davidson, West, Bobby McIntyre, North East, Charlie Banez, South West and George Tunnicliff, South East. Thank you to our Convention and Conference Committee and the DDGER designates for the great team work in operating and maintaining our hospitality suite, and the many volunteers helping at the booth, in the hospitality suite and attending the various seminars during the convention. Our Association members in attendance also participated with the New Jersey State Association in the victory parade for endorsed candidate Malcolm McPherson upon his election as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2017-2018. What a great convention! Next year our Order will be celebrating 150 years in San Antonio, Texas. Start making plans now to attend and be a part of the celebration.

I have distributed my visitation schedule and have started my official visits to the lodges, along with the Vice Presidents. I attended the DD Clinic in the West and South West Districts, along with Elks Camp Barrett and Trustees meetings. I continue to correspond with the various committees while they are working hard promoting the programs of our Association within the districts and the lodges.

Our workshops will continue to include training, mentoring and educating. We want to reinforce that the State Association is always here to help and provide the information and tools necessary to promote leadership within our lodges while encouraging members to attend our workshops.

My motto this year is we are Elks – Serving Proudly, Promoting Youth and Honoring Our Veterans. Youth and veteran programs are what make us stand out in our communities and can help increase membership.

As the results of Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc across the state of

Texas, Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson ordered a donation of \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Fund be sent to assist the victims of this terrible disaster. He has asked that the lodges of our Order make donations to Grand Lodge to replenish the Fund in the event that we may need to assist again in the face of disaster in the future. Thank you to all the lodges that made donations. May God continue to heal those affected.

Remember, charity reporting is vital for our existence as a fraternal organization and our pathway to success in displaying our charitable works for our Association and great Order.

Enjoy the weekend in Ocean City, feast on the buffet of Elkdom that is served and take back home with you the products of an educational and informative workshop to share with your lodge and members.

Jim and I wish each of you a happy holiday season, a prosperous New Year, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Frederick for the Winter Workshop, January 19-21, 2018.

May God Bless you, our country and the troops that protect us and maintain our freedom.

Sandra Brantner
State President
MD, DE & DC Elks State Association

COMING EVENTS

October 7, 2017
State Soccer Shoot
Northside Park, Ocean City, MD

October 23-31, 2017
Red Ribbon Week

November 2017
Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

November 10-12, 2017
Scout Camporee at ECB

December 3, 2017
Elks Memorial Service

January 19-21, 2018
Winter Workshop
Frederick Lodge #684

March 23-25, 2018
Spring Conference
Glen Burnie Lodge #2266

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 and District of Columbia Elks State Association
 Fall Workshop Agenda
 Princess Royale - Ocean City, MD**

Friday, September 29, 2017:

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PMRegistration (**Promenade Lobby**)
 1:00 PMAdvisory Meeting (**Mako**)
 5:00 PMState Trustees Meeting (**Mako**)
 5:30 PMECB Executive Committee Meeting (**Palmetto**)
 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM – 11:00 PMHospitality Suite Open (**Atrium**)

Saturday, September 30, 2017:

7:00 AM – 9:00 AMBreakfast Buffet (**Atrium – Pool Side**)
 8:00 AM – 12 NoonRegistration (**Promenade Lobby**)
 8:00 AMElks Camp Barrett Meeting (**Palmetto 2-5**)
 9:00 AMWorkshop Called to Order by State President
 9:00 AM – 9:20 AMIntroductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
 9:20 AM – 11:50 AM**Training Presentations, Committee Reports:**
 9:20 AMPeer Leadership - Kathy King, Cindy Taylor
 9:30 AMElks Camp Barrett - John Loftus, Angela Meyer
 9:50 AMElks National Foundation - Mary Vogt, Jim O’Kelley
 10:10 AMAmericanism - Margie McIntyre
 10:20 AMWeb Site - Joe McGeeney
 10:30 AMElks Training - Trent Manson
 10:50 AMGovernment Relations - Bonnie Howell
 11:00 AMENVSC Army of Hope - Bob McIntyre, Wayne Blake
 11:20 AMScholarships - Lynne Evans
 11:30 AMConvention & Conference Committee - Marilyn Ramsey
 11:50 AMAnnouncements, **Recess until Sunday, 9:00 AM**
 12:00 NoonLunch
 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PMHospitality Room Open (Atrium)
 1:00 PM – 2:00 PMWelcome Home Program - PSP Carl Robinson
 1:30 PMPGER Paul D. Hesel Meeting with DDs & PSPs/DLrs (**Mako**)
 1:30 PM – 2:00 PMPresident/President Elect Meeting with VPs/State Chairs (**Aruba**)
 2:00 PM – 2:30 PMPresident Meeting with Exalted Rulers
 2:30 PM – 3:30 PMMeetings of Committees (State Chairs Requests)
 2:30 PMConvention & Conference Meeting
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PMCocktail Reception (**Promenade Lobby**)
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PMDinner & Elks Entertainment (**Palmetto 2-5**) - **Halloween Theme**
 8:30 PM – 11:00 PMHospitality Room Open (**Atrium**)

Sunday, October 1, 2017:

7:00 AM – 9:00 AMBreakfast Buffet (**Atrium-Pool Side**)
 8:00 AM – 9:00 AMRegistration (**Promenade Lobby**)
 9:00 AMWorkshop Called to Order (**Palmetto 2-5**)
 9:00 AM – 11:20 AM**Training Presentations, Committee Reports:**
 9:00 AMAdvisory Report - Jim Stewart, PSP, Chairman
 9:05 AMSoccer Shoot - Gerald Morrow
 9:15 AMHoop Shoot - Basil Wadkovsky
 9:25 AMYouth Activities - Colleen Ford
 9:35 AMMembership - George Tunnicliff
 9:45 AMWm J. Jernick Fund - John Loftus
 9:55 AMBy-Laws - Jay Nave
 10:00 AMAccident Prevention - Gary Eckenrode
 10:10 AMDrug Awareness - Angela Meyer
 10:20 AMLodge Activities - Mike Todd

BUSINESS MEETING:

10:30 AMTrustees Report - Gerald Morrow, Chair
 10:40 AMSecretary’s Report - Jim Harbour
 10:45 AMTreasurer’s Report - Jackie Phillips
 Unfinished Business/New Business
 Announcements
 Comments – President – Grand Lodge Sponsor
 President Elect – Grand Lodge Trustee
 Departed Members-**SILENCE**-Sickness & Distress
 Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 DrawingAdjournment (**by 12:00 NOON**)

Next Newsletter Deadline: December 9, 2017



Grand Exalted Ruler
Malcolm J McPherson Jr.

Message From Our Grand Exalted Ruler

Practice the three R's: recruit, retain, respond

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
MALCOLM J. McPHERSON JR.

With summer winding down and your Lodge meetings and fall programs starting up again, there's no better time to focus on an important aspect of Elkdom: membership. We cannot sustain our organization without installing new Members, and by focusing on membership growth at your Local Lodge, you are investing in the future of the Order.

Membership is key to my theme of "Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness," since there can be no community without Members. At the local level, I encourage all Lodges to actively promote new Member recruitment at your upcoming fall events, and I call on officers and committees to lead the charge in creating programming and opportunities to involve new faces.

When your existing Members are engaged and excited to lend a hand, it generates interest in joining the Order, as well as shines a positive light on your Lodge within your greater community, county and state. A Lodge that successfully recruits and retains will be better poised to respond to helping those in need.

There are many ways to practice the three R's. Recruit new Members from your circle of friends and family, invite non-members to Elks events, and further promote the Elks organization at all events by setting up a membership and public relations information table.

Retain your current membership by working with officers and Members to keep your Lodge active in the community with monthly charitable and social events, and enlist the help of each and every Member to help run these functions. Teamwork boosts morale and keeps Members happy to be part of the group.

With these practices in place, your Lodge will be set up for success, as we have in the past 150 years, to respond to the needs of your community and ultimately fulfill your organization's goals.



Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Message From Our State Sponsor

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2017 Fall Conference here at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. President Sandy Brantner and the Convention/Conference Committee have planned a very informative and fun filled weekend for us all. Ocean City, being a beach resort area, offers a number of opportunities to enjoy oneself - please take advantage of these opportunities as

time permits, but be sure to attend and participate in our Elk social and business activities planned for you and your lodge's benefit. There is always much to be learned in our meetings and through fellowship with other Elks throughout the weekend.

We are honored to have a special Grand Lodge guest with us this weekend – James W. O'Kelley III, Director of the Elks National Foundation. Please join me in welcoming Jim to our Conference and showing him our outstanding Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association hospitality. Jim will be addressing our delegates relative to the Elks National Foundation and its Community Investment Program – a chance to learn a bit more about our ENF, which funds many of our programs and community charitable efforts at the lodge level.

This conference marks exactly the half way point of the 2017/2018 lodge year and is a most appropriate time to

review our progress to date. As you will learn, the year appears to be progressing pretty well, most lodges are working hard to make our goals and objectives and most Lodge, District and State Committee Chairs are in the trenches trying to help the lodges succeed.

However not everyone or every lodge is on board and there is definitely room for improvement. We definitely need all 37 lodges and all Lodge, District, and State Committee Chairs on board and working together. If you and your lodge are not on board – get on board – Now!!! Hopefully during this conference you will not only learn about where we are relative to goals, objectives, and accomplishments but also you will collect the necessary knowledge, ideas, and inspiration needed to return to your lodge and for the next six months do the things needed to make your lodge the best of the best in membership growth, financial stability, community service, participation in the our programs, and operating by the book.

Congratulations and thank you to all the lodges and individual Elks who are on board and carrying the load and moving their lodge and our Association forward.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference weekend – and again hopefully you **will** participate, have fun, be involved, and return home a little smarter and ready to help your lodge and our State Association grow and prosper.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel , PGER & Sponsor



Message From the President-Elect

Thank you again for your support and entrusting me with the honor of being your President-Elect for the 2017-18 year.

I attended the Grand Lodge convention in Reno, NV. I was honored to march in the demonstration bringing in the Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., attended all sessions of the convention and some other special events. It was

awesome and exciting, and now I am ready to listen and watch.

Since my return home from the Grand Lodge, I attended on August 5th and September 2nd the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings and the Camp Meetings. I would like to remind all Exalted Rulers of the importance of your or your rep's attendance at these meetings, as a quorum must be present in order to make decisions.

On August 12th I attended, with our State President Sandy Brantner, the North Central (Rolling) DD Clinic with Capt. Stu at the helm. It was a great Clinic! All of the presenters did a wonderful job and they were very informative. I also attended on August 27th, the South West (Flying) (yes we are an airline) District Clinic with Pilot Charlie Banez in the cockpit. It was also a great clinic

with great presenters sharing a lot of information.

Thank you to those lodges who have added me to their bulletin distribution mailing list via email or snail. If your lodge has not yet done so, please do. Bulletins give me the opportunity to know what our members are doing to further the Grand Lodge Programs and will draw my attention to any event that you're having that I could possibly attend. I will very soon be sending to the lodges a request about their interest in hosting (with hosting guidelines) one of our workshops during the 2018-2019 Association year. Please look it over and get your request back to me as soon as possible.

Carl and I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Fraternally,
Mary E. Cardinal -Vogt
President Elect
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Happy Sesquicentennial

Greetings All,

As you all know, on February 16, 2018 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will celebrate its 150th Birthday. Is everyone ready to have and party? Has your Lodge started a 150th year celebration committee yet?

Please go to the Elks.org web site and click on the Membership Tool Kit button to discover all the wonderful ways to recruit new members and to advertise your lodge on multimedia and social networking. Look for ways to promote your lodge throughout the community. What a great way to reach out to Potential New Members, maybe a few Stray Elks or even some delinquent members. You will also find on the web site printable posters, banners and table tents. There is also a list of 50 Recruitment Ideas to help your membership committee.

Add this 150th year celebration to your lodge web site, your Facebook homepage and Newsletters. Be Loud and Proud of what your lodge is doing in your Community. Think of ways to promote this celebration in your lodge daily, maybe drink specials or even dinner specials. Be creative and have some fun with this. After all, didn't you join the Elks to have Fun?

The Initiation of New Members can be done by an Initiation Degree Team to help the officers out from time to time. Any member in good standing can initiate new members, just keep it impressive. Please try your best to do the Initiations on the weekends. Most people have more time on the weekends and will stay at the lodge longer. Now they will have the time to enjoy their new lodge and its members. Post the Initiation date and time in your Lodge so members can attend. The end of the initiation ceremony is just the beginning for these new Members. The succeeding 10 to 12 weeks will be the key to retaining them. During this period, they'll be evaluating the Lodge. Keep them interested and impressed.

Try to keep your lodge open as much as possible. "A Closed Elks Lodge" won't Save Money while Closed, won't make any Money while Closed, won't Add any New Members while Closed, and may even lose Members while Closed. On the other hand, "An Open Elks Lodge", can Make Money While Open, can Add New Members to the Lodge's ranks While Open, can Keep the Members from Transferring to another Lodge While Open and can Keep Members Happy and Active and coming back for more.

Membership District Chairs

Mary O'Brien	NC
Danniele McKnight	W
Frank Bailey	SE
Mike Greene	SW
Patti Gray	NE

Thank you,

George Tunnicliff
State Membership Chairman



North Central District

Michael Greaver, VP

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I would like to take this time to again congratulate our State President, Sandra Brantner, and to wish her well along with all the newly elected ER'S. I extend best wishes to all for a successful year.

I'm sure by now every Lodge has heard about the Tornado that hit Kent Island. I would like to thank all the Lodges of North Central for jumping into action to collectively distribute water, food and monies to help Kent Island. These are the moments that make us all proud to

say that we are Elks and we belong to such a great Organization. I would also like to thank all of the Lodges in our District that have already held events for our Veterans and also to those that have up-coming events scheduled.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Ocean City and when I visit your Lodges.

Fraternally,
Michael Greaver



ESSEX LODGE



On July 29th, Essex Lodge hosted veterans from Perry Point VA Medical Center and Loch Raven VA Medical Center for their "Feed a Vet Program". The veterans were served a delicious meal and treated to some great entertainment. They each left with a gift bag of goodies. Capt. Stu Burgoon and Larry Mathers were in attendance and delivered Vietnam Veteran's pins to those present.



ANNAPOLIS LODGE

In July 2017, a category 2 tornado touched down in the middle of the night in Stevensville, MD and Kent Island leaving trees down, homes destroyed and people homeless. Around 6 A.M., DDGER of North Central, Stu Burgoon, sent out a group message to all Exalted Rulers in his District advising them what had happened. I can only say that the result is what Elksdom is all about. Annapolis, Bowie, Laurel, Glen Bernie, Severna Park and Broadneck Lodges all came together to deliver food, pallets of water and generators to Kent Island. We came together to give support to the people of Kent Island and our own Elks Lodge, getting a generator going there to save the food in their walk-in. I would personally like to commend my brother and sister Elks for coming together, and Stu for getting us all together, to serve a community in time of need.

Mark A. Walp, ER
Annapolis Lodge No. 622

CAMP SPRINGS LODGE



Camp Springs Lodge #2332 was delighted to send 43 campers to Camp Barrett this past summer, 12 of whom attended for their second or third year.

We could not be happier with our contribution to Camp Barrett, and Camp Springs Lodge has made a conscious effort to develop a strong relationship with the campers and their families. After camp, we invite

them to a post Camp Barrett breakfast at the Lodge. This breakfast gives the campers a chance to share their camp experiences with lodge members first hand. As a result of this gathering, the campers form the foundation for participating in our upcoming Hoop Shoot Competition and Dare Program. Several of our camper's parents have become proud members of our Lodge.

Pictured: Camp Springs Lodge Campers

TOWSON LODGE

On July 10, Towson Elks Lodge #469 donated \$2,000.00 through the Gratitude Grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Baltimore, MD.

On July 30, 13 Members, 1 spouse and 2 children of members donated approximately 3 hours of volunteer time to planting, landscaping and cleaning The Brooklyn O'Malley Boys & Girls Club in South Baltimore.

The endeavor was in conjunction with WMAR-TV, ABC 2 in Baltimore and their "Built Upon a Dream" initiative. Each year, with the help of local businesses and community groups, they choose an at risk location in Baltimore and its surrounding areas and refurbish/rebuild a center for youth activities or housing.

North East District

Mike Ford, VP

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Greetings from the Great Northeast! I

would like to thank all the Lodges in my District for putting their trust in me for this Fraternal Year. I assure you that I will always be easily accessible and will work diligently to support your Lodge, our District, and our State Association.

"Elks – serving proudly, promoting youth and honoring veterans" is the motto of our State President, Sandra Brantner, hailing from Oakland Lodge # 2481. (In other words, I think she lives really close to Montana). While our President and District Deputy were working on scheduling their official visits, I went on my

"Northeast Fellowship Tour" to show my support for our Lodges and their events. It is more than evident that the heartbeat of Elkdom swells and throbs in "The Beasts in the Northeast". Veteran programs are in full swing from parties on VA campuses to Appreciation Dinners at the Lodges to The Army of Hope just to

name a few.

Lodges are participating in Elks Youth Programs such as Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Boy and Girl Scouts, and ENF Programs. The Northeast is well under way to having another banner year for the State Association. I am proud to represent such a great group of Elks.

Goals from our State President: (1) Increase membership, (2) Meet or exceed State and GER per capita goals for ENF {\$10.00 State-\$4.75 GER}, (3) Meet or exceed Jernick Fund \$1.75 per capita, and use this fund to assist at least one needy child, (4) Support Elks Camp Barrett by sending at least 2 campers or the monetary value for 2 campers during the camping season. Active participation from Lodge Representatives at monthly meetings, and encourage members to volunteer and attend ECB events.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Ocean City and escorting our State President throughout the Northeast District.

Fraternally yours,

Mike Ford

CHESTERTOWN LODGE



Exalted Ruler William Meekins (Left Front) and Chairman of the Board of Directors Trey Blackiston (Right Front) of Chestertown Lodge #2474 presented donations to charities.

Chestertown Lodge presented donations on August 1 at a Donation Ceremony held at Chestertown Elks Lodge to the following charities: American Cancer Society, American Youth Football-Kent County, Character Counts, COPS (Concerned Order for Police Survivors), Elks Camp Barrett, Elks National Foundation, Boy Scout Troop #130, Fisher House Affairs Operation, Fisher House Foundation, Girl Scouts, Heroes on the Water, Horizons of Kent County, K.A.R.T.(Kent Association of Riding Therapy)O, Kent Agricultural Center, Kent Center, Inc., Kent County Community Food Pantry, Kent County Humane Society, MD Special Olympics for Kent County, Kent County Volunteer Fire Departments (Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Kennedyville, Millington, Rock Hall), Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, Wilmington VA Medical Center.

Donations from Elks National Foundation (ENF) Gratitude Grant were also presented to Kent County Public Schools and Meals on Wheels.

DOVER LODGE



Dover Lodge presented back packs loaded with school supplies to Central Middle School and William Henry Middle School. They also donated 10 scientific calculators to Dover High School. These projects were completed with funds from a Beacon Grant.

ABINGDON LODGE



Rhonda Kadolph, ENF Chair at Abingdon Lodge No. 2354, supported by volunteer members, used a Gratitude Grant to purchase supplies for and assemble 25 Welcome Home kits so that Veterans have the essentials they need to start their own homes. Each laundry basket contained a comforter, sheets, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, bucket, mop, broom, silverware set, plates and many other items for the kitchen and bathroom. The Welcome Home kits were then delivered to Perry Point VA Hospital.

Also, On August 22nd, Abingdon Lodge sponsored a trip to Ripken Stadium, bringing 17 Veterans and 2 VA Employees to cheer on the Aberdeen Ironbirds. Roughly 15 Abingdon Elks met the Veterans at the Stadium, where they were provided hot dogs, soft drinks, and a hat. This was their first and only ballgame this summer. The members and veterans had a blast!



South East District

Lloyd Barron, VP

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Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Our State President's visitation schedule, as well as mine, is complete and has been sent to all the Lodges in the South East District. I am truly looking forward to seeing and meeting everyone, especially my visits with our State President, Sandy Brantner.

On behalf of my Lodge, Kent Island # 2576, I'd like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our State Association and all the member Lodges for their generous donations to help our members as well as everyone in our community that has been affected by the tornado that ripped through Kent Island back in July. For some it is going to be a long term recovery period, so again thank you on their behalf for Caring and Sharing.

Now for some goals that are set for us this year:

Elks Camp Barrett – Commit your Lodge to send at least 2

campers or the monetary value for 2 campers during the camping season. Active participation from the Lodges' Representatives by attending the monthly meetings and reporting to your Lodge the happenings at the Camp. Encourage members to volunteer and attend ECB Events.

William J. Jernick Fund - Increase the per capita giving from \$1.50 to \$1.75. Those funds are made available to children in need within your community.

ENF – In addition to reaching the GER's goal of 4.75 per member, our State President's goal is to have all our Lodges achieve \$10.00 per member.

Membership – "Recruit, Retain & Respond" - quoting our GER Malcolm J. McPherson Jr., definitely sounds like a winning formula.

I'll be seeing everyone soon and remember I'm here for you, as well as the State Association. If you need anything I'm just a phone call, Text or Email away. If I don't have an answer for you I will find one.

Fraternally,
Lloyd Barron

WASHINGTON - ROCKVILLE LODGE



Washington Rockville Lodge 15 recently hosted their 1st Annual Yappy Hour Dog Show. Classes were held for the biggest, smallest, cutest, best behaved, worst behaved and 1 THAT Only a Mother Could Love. Raffle items were solicited from local pet stores and veterinarians. Southern States donated gift bag items for all entries. ER Diana Patton provided a chicken and ran a Chicken Bingo Game as a fund raiser. Vendor Spaces were sold; vendors included various

pet services, veterinarians, and space was also available for dog rescues. There was also a demonstration by the local Police Canine Unit. The event was a great time for Lodge members and participants. \$1000 was raised and donated to Montgomery County Humane Society.

Pictured:
Joe & Marianne Beattie with their dog Princess - Best in Show

CALVERT LODGE



Pictured Left to Right: Janice Spanburg, Lodge Chaplain; Anita Hacker and pal Sonny, Calvert Animal Welfare League; Harry Renninger, Est. Leading Knight; Sherry Hughes, Lodge Member; Lori Hony, Project Echo Staff House Manger; Dan Williams, PER, Trustee and ENF Chairman

Calvert Elks Lodge #2620 used their 2017 Gratitude Grant and presented a check for \$1000.00 to Project Echo, a Homeless Shelter in Prince Frederick and a Check for \$1000.00 to The Calvert Animal Welfare League, an Animal Rescue Shelter in Prince Frederick.

CAMP SPRINGS LODGE



On Thursday, August 17, 2017, members of the Camp Springs Lodge No. 2332 were invited to speak to a group of children at a back to school kick off gathering held at a "So Others May Eat" (SOME) Facility in the Washington, DC area. The topics discussed were very important issues children are dealing with on a daily basis (bullying, safety when walking to and from school, unwanted touching and personal hygiene). Doing their schoolwork was also a heavy topic.

They were very attentive and asked many amazing questions. At the end of the event each child was given a back pack filled with wonderful gifts and various safety pamphlets.

The staff enjoyed the event so much they invited us back to speak at their community day event.

Pictured: Kathy Jackson (Lodge Inner Guard); Pat Days (Counselor); James Davis (Lodge Trustee)

South West District

Robert Broom, VP

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Howdy Y'all,

Greetings from the South West District and my home Lodge, St. Mary's County Lodge #2092 – You'll find us on the state directory map issued at the June Convention....Oh wait, we didn't make the cut. If you carry around the update cards, you'll find us as Lodge number 7! I couldn't resist the poke.

As we finish the first quarter of the State Association fiscal year, I wanted to share a few memorable opportunities that have come my way. First and foremost, on June 30th 2017, I was privileged to attend a memorial service honoring the life of SPC Jeremy Tomlin, USA. He gave his life in a Blackhawk training incident that occurred within my local community. The crash happened at the Breton Bay Golf and Country Club and on the day of the memorial, a beautiful granite monument was erected at the site of the crash honoring his life and service.

I was also able to attend the Deale Lodge "Elksie Art" exhibit on June 25th. Through the ENF Beacon Grant, Deale Lodge #2528, partnering with the Muddy Creek Artist Guild, procured digital photography equipment and held youth training sessions to in-

struct in the proper use. This culminated in the youth using this new knowledge to take pictures throughout the community and then host their art exhibit. The pictures were amazing and it was awesome to see this Lodge in action supporting the youth of their community.

St. Mary's County Lodge #2092 held an "Elks Care Elks Share" youth event on August 26th. This event, funded through the ENF Promise Grant and partnered with Three Oaks Center, provided school age children in need with "Elk Packs" – backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for the upcoming school year. I am very proud of St. Mary's for finding ways to help the youth in our community. Finally, my home Lodge hosted our State President on her first Lodge visit on Tuesday August 22nd. Her message and fellowship provided for an awesome evening – Being her first visit proves that the South West is the BEST DISTRICT IN THE STATE!!!! Or maybe she felt guilty that we were left off of the state directory map – I will investigate.

The opportunities that have presented themselves to me over the summer inculcate Sandy's message loud and clear: "Elks -serving proudly, promoting youth and honoring veterans". I hope that each of you have found and continue to look for ways that this motto can impact your life and your Lodge.

Fraternally,

Robert Broom



St. Mary's County Lodge



Above: St. Mary's County Lodge State President Visit



Deale Lodge



West District

Eric Sines, VP

Oakland Lodge No. 2481 ♦ ess2801@hotmail.com



Hello fellow Elks!

Things are getting ready to get busy with the scheduling of our State President Sandy Brantner's official visits, and I will be scheduling my visits in the very near future. I look forward to serving you and our Association in the next year. I look forward to seeing you all in Ocean City.

Congratulations to Frostburg Lodge #470 and Westminster Lodge #2277 for exceeding the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF goal. Hagerstown Lodge #378 has done a great job working with the veter-

ans. Also, congratulations to Frostburg Lodge #470 for the award they received in Reno at the Grand Lodge Convention for their community project.

If there is anything I can assist you or your Lodge with please feel free to contact me. Have a very safe and wonderful holiday season.

Fraternally,
Eric Sines



WESTMINSTER LODGE



Pictured: Left to Right—Barbara Harden, Erin Bishop (Director), Sharon Hinton ER Westminster Lodge #2277

Westminster Elks Lodge #2277 donated over \$300 worth of school supplies to the Westminster Boys & Girls Club. They were extremely grateful to the Elks.



Pictured from Left to Right—Standing—Jack Boehmer, Debbie Edwards, Sharon Hinton—Seated, Kyle Edwards

Jack Boehmer, West District Chairman and Sharon Hinton, Exalted Ruler of Westminster Lodge #2277 presented Ms. Debbie Edwards with a \$1,000 check from the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund along with a check for \$200 from the Westminster Lodge to help with the maintenance on her van used to transport her son.

HAGERSTOWN LODGE



Pictured from left to right: Jim Mills, Esteemed Leading Knight; Tasha Powell, Program Manager; Kathleen Peters, Resource Coordinator; Frank Clopper, Chairman, Elks Veterans Service Committee

Hagerstown Elks Lodge donated \$2000 to the Welcome Home Veterans Program residence located in Hagerstown. The Program is a transitional housing program for homeless veterans who are impacted by lack of employment, mental health issues and substance abuse recovery.

FROSTBURG LODGE



Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael F. Zellen and Grand Secretary, Brian Klatt present the 1st Place Community Project Award to Frostburg Elks #470 Exalted Ruler Dale Iman. The Frostburg Lodge has held Elks Derby Day on the 4th of July for the past 41 years. The 2016 Derby Day included 130 volunteers contributing 3900 hours of labor.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The 2018 Most Valuable Student contest officially began on September 1, 2017. Applications may be downloaded at enf.elks.org/mvs. Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen may apply for this scholarship. Applications will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. A big change this year, the applicant will choose their local lodge from a drop-down box of the five closest lodges to their address. The applications must be submitted online on or before November 27, 2017.

The ENF Legacy Awards contest also began on September 1, 2017. Applications may be downloaded at enf.elks.org/leg. Big changes this year, 300 children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members will have the opportunity to receive a \$4,000 scholarship to help with their education - an increase of 50 awards this year. Applications will be judged on knowledge, charity, community service, and integrity. The applications must be submitted online on or before February 2, 2018. The Legacy awards help to strengthen the next generation of Elk members. Those recipients are required to serve at least once per year with an Elks Lodge.

Emergency Educational Grants provide financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable grants. Applications are available by request between May 1 and October 31 of the academic year for which assistance is desired. More information is available at scholarship@elks.org or enf.elks.org/eeg.

Lynn Evans
Scholarship Chairperson

Government Relations



Some of you are doing a better job of sending in your Charity Reports. **Thank YOU!** Please, if you are not sending in your reports, do it now. You do all the work so let's get the credit!

On a Lodge level, members are the only ones who can do the report. The Lodge Secretary enters all the information in CLMS and Grand Lodge can now see what your Lodge is doing for the Community, Veterans and Youth.

If you do things on the District and State level, report that to me and I will post it so Grand Lodge will see what is being done in our State Association. Everything adds up to a great year for ELKS!



Delaware has had changes made to the Bingo rules and regulations. The changes were sent out to the Delaware Lodges. If your Lodge did not get a copy please let me know.



Slot machines for Maryland Elks are still being discussed so keep up to date on that Information.

Your help is needed to encourage the Legislators to pass this bill.

Submitted by Bonnie Howell

William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

As we finish the first quarter of our Fraternal Year, your generous contributions have grown our "corpus" or investment trust account by over Ten Thousand Dollars! These additional funds will result in additional interest and dividends and subsequently more available funds for distribution in the form of grants to assist families dealing with seriously ill children! THANK YOU!

As I am sure you are aware, the Jernick Fund is a 501(c)3 tax entity and your contributions are tax deductible.

On the other side of the "coin" we have received and processed five applications for aid and made an annual contribution to Camp Barrett, paying out almost Ten Thousand Dollars in grant money. In addition, we have at least two applications in the "pipeline".

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of this wonderful Committee. Please take advantage of this opportunity to reach out to you community and bring to life our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share".

We are primarily a "need based" source of assistance for families (residing within our State Association service area) in distress due to the expense of caring for a child under the age of twenty-one years of age.

I encourage you to make use of this opportunity to raise the profile of your Lodge in a positive manner and serve your community.

Thanks again,

John Loftus
State Chair



On behalf of the ENVSC of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association, I would like to welcome our invited guest, Wayne Blake, and his wife Cathy to our Fall Conference.

Wayne is a member of the Virginia Elks Association, and he will be speaking to us about his involvement with the "Welcome Home Program" in the Maryland, DC & Virginia area. Wayne has received national recognition for his work with our Homeless Veterans. I hope you enjoy his presentation, and please make Wayne and Cathy feel welcome this weekend.

This year, for the first time, the Grand Lodge ENVSC invited all State Veteran's Chairmen to attend a one day seminar at the National Convention in Reno. I was honored to attend. The seminar was held on Saturday, July 15th with 37 State Chairmen present. It included a Power Point Presentation for the ENVSC VAVS and Welcome Home Programs. I was so impressed with the Power Point Presentation that I asked Director Mary Morgan to send

the presentation to all those in attendance. Thanks to Joe McGeeney, you can now view the Power Point Presentation on the MD, DE & DC State Web Site.

Great News from the Army of Hope!!!! In August, our Army of Hope was able to assist 3 Veterans. The first request came from a Social Worker at the Washington, D.C. VA asking for assistance on behalf of a veteran, with a family of small children, who was without electricity. The veteran could not keep up with the high cost of energy due to a faulty heater which the landlord would not repair. After contacting the proper authorities, the landlord was ordered to repair the heater. The Army of Hope paid Pepco Electric \$500.00 towards the veteran's electric bill.

The second request came from Camp Springs Lodge and member Charlie Spadone asking for rental assistance for a veteran who had lost his job and was 3 months delinquent on his rent. On behalf of the veteran, the landlord agreed to apply the veteran's security deposit towards one month's rent, and was asking the Army of Hope to pay 2 month's rent. A check in the amount of \$1400.00 was sent to Proctor Enterprises on behalf of that veteran. The

landlord thanked Charlie, the members of Camp Springs Lodge and the Elks Army of Hope for coming to his aid. He also advised that the veteran has now returned to work.

The third request came from ER Jack Boehmer of Frederick Lodge. On July 11th, a Marine plane crashed in Mississippi killing 16 Marines. One of the Marines killed was from Frederick, MD and his parents are members of Frederick Lodge. This Marine left behind a wife and 2 small children. The Army of Hope donated \$1000.00 to the Marsoc Foundation, and an additional \$1000.00 was donated by Frederick Lodge. The Marsoc Foundation is a non-profit organization which provides support and assistance to Marine Raiders, active, retired or fallen, and their families.

Thank you, Dave Wolcott, for your Dream and what you envisioned for the MD, DE & DC Army of Hope. We miss you! Please keep Dave's Dream in mind by continuing to donate to our Army of Hope, and thank you to those who have already given so generously.

**Fraternally,
Bob McIntyre, Chairman**

VETERANS' WELCOME HOME PROGRAM

Since the State Convention in June, the Welcome Home Program has been consistently busy across the Washington, DC metro area and is now beginning to get up and running in the rest of the Association.

All of the Lodges who have participated have completed their efforts for the 2016-2017 timeframe. All reports have been submitted to Grand Lodge. As soon as Grand Lodge completes their review of the lodge's final report, they can apply for the 2017-2018 Welcome Home Grant.

On June 8, 2017, Tim Eaton (VP-W), Les Mariner (Westminster Lodge Veterans Chair) and myself participated in a 30-minute session with the Baltimore VA Hospital Homeless Coordinator, Mr. John Clow. I laid out the program for the HUD-VASH social workers that work with the veterans daily. From this meeting, I received several requests for assistance which were passed on to the State Veterans Chair. It is critical that our Association continue to foster our relationships with the VA Homeless program, regardless of where they are located. To do otherwise would violate our pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the BPOE will never forget them".

The June 24th the Pickin for Troops picnic was a great deal of fun

with good food. The bluegrass band was a hit as well. The event split the profit into two donations, one to Fisher House and the other to the Welcome Home program. I have tried every form of enhanced interrogation technique I know, but Stu Burgoon would not tell me how much. So, we're just going to have to attend both days to find out how much will be donated.

Robert McIntyre and I have requested a one-hour breakout session on Saturday September 30, 2017 from 1-2PM. We will be hosting a roundtable to discuss what needs to be done to expand the Welcome Home Program across our Association. This will cover "lessons learned" on what lodges who are working in the Washington DC Metro area have discovered along the way.

I want to take a moment to give a shout-out to the members of Abingdon Lodge No. 2354 and Mike Ford, VP-NE, for their efforts in putting together 25 Welcome Home Starter Kits and delivering them to Perry Point for distribution to needy veterans. Well Done!

If you have any questions, please contact me or Bob McIntyre. Our contact info is in the directory.

**Fraternally,
Carl Robinson, PSP, Coordinator**

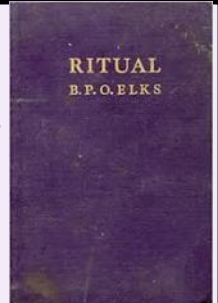
RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Only the rituals prepared by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge meeting, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may, through their By-Laws, adopt alternative rituals approved by the Grand Lodge for the opening and closing of the Lodge.

This means that the Short Version of the Initiation is no longer used.

This became effective AUGUST 18th, 2017.

**Larry Mathers, PDD
Chairman Ritualistic Committee**



Highlights From Grand Lodge



PGER Paul Hesel escorts Grand Exalted Ruler Designate Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.



Grand Lodge Convention Hall, Reno-Sparks Convention Center.



PSP Connie deYoung, on behalf of the MD, DE & DC State Association, receives the 7th Place Membership Award.



2017-1018 District Deputies: Marion Davidson – West, Charlie Banez -South West, George Tunnicliff – South East, PGER Paul Hesel, Bob McIntyre – North East and Stu Burgoon – North Central.



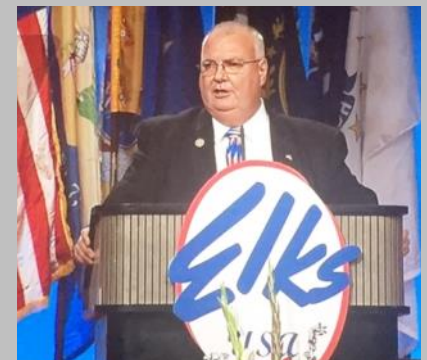
Bill Meekins, Exalted Ruler of Chertertown Lodge No. 2474, presented to Rosalie Kimball, Exalted Ruler of Wheeling West Virginia Lodge No. 28, an antique paperweight found in Easton, Maryland that originally had come from the Wheeling Lodge. Also present was State President, Sandy Brantner.



State President Sandy Brantner with GER Malcolm J. McPherson Jr.



Opening Ceremony Flag Bearers – Maryland – State President Sandy Brantner; Delaware – DDGER Bob McIntyre; DC – ER Diana Patton, Washington-Rockville Lodge #15.



Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. "Strengthening Elkdom through Community Awareness".



It is time to promote
AMERICANISM
In our Lodges and our Communities



ESSAY CONTEST – “*Why Our Veterans Are America’s Heroes*”

Division I – Grades 5 & 6

Division II – Grades 7 & 8

Essays are not to exceed 300 words and must be typed or printed in ink. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, address, grade, school and sponsoring Lodge. Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed and attached to each Essay. Entries are due to Lodges on or before December 15, 2017. Winners on the Lodge level must be to the District Chairman by January 15, 2018. District winners must be to the State Chair no later than February 15, 2018.

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*”

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 sponsoring Lodge on back of Poster

Must be on 8 ½ x 11 paper

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

Deadline: Lodge Chair by December 15, 2017

District Chair by January 15, 2018 – State Chair by February 15, 2018



Margie McIntyre

State Americanism Chairman

mcintyrem22@yahoo.com 302-354-5405

PEER LEADERSHIP

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been involved in drug awareness for many years. Thirty years ago, the New Jersey Elks started a program for youth to help them make better decisions for themselves and to inspire other young adults. The more tools we give our youth to enable them to make good choices, the better our success will be in our battle against drugs and their destruction. We want to provide our peer leaders with the resources to implement action programs in their own communities, creating a network of young adults who have the ability to educate their fellow peers, schools and towns. Although we did not have a lot of notice last year, we had the pleasure of working with New Jersey to provide the program in February at the Dover Elks Lodge through live streaming. The speakers were wonderful, and the teens that did attend were truly inspired. The speakers talked about making the right choices, confidence building, self esteem, helping others and getting high naturally.

We are very excited to present this program at Camp Barrett on February 3, 2018 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. The theme for this year is “Celebrating Life and Community Service”.

Please pass the information along to your antlers program, if you have one, teens, schools, teachers and counselors, church groups, scouts, and parents. If you are interested in helping or want additional information, you can contact me at kking114@comcast.net or Cindy Taylor at cindycynt@aol.com.

Kathy King, State Chair
Peer Leadership



Well, we have concluded another summer of youth camps! Summer Camp, Camp Sunrise, and Band Camp have all come and gone. Now it's time for Adult Camp (September 8th thru 10th) and on to Boy Scout Camporee (November 10th thru 12th). Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Elks and experience the camp life!

We are planning to work with the District VP's over the "off season" to bring a training program for our Lodge Representatives to each District as part of our ongoing efforts to improve our marketing and oversight activities. If your Lodge would like to host the session in your District, please let me know. If you are currently serving as a Representative and have developed successful techniques which you would like to share, please let me know. If you have had issues that require attention, please let me or another member of the Executive Committee know so that we can include it in our presentation.

Just in case you haven't heard, our "Special Needs Cabin" is up and running and was used during this year's Camp Sunrise (pediatric cancer kids from Johns Hopkins). We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those that made this a reality!

As you know, the camp is available year-round for various activities. If your Lodge would like to use the amenities of the camp please contact our Operations Director, Angela Meyer.

Thanks for another great year! We hope to see you at the camp!

Your Executive Committee and Lodge Representatives

John Loftus, Chairman



ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE 2017

This is the final report on the 2017 raffle: The gross receipts were \$61,296.00 and the expenses were \$22,596.81, which left a net profit of \$38,699.19. The expenses include the printing and postage, the mailing list from The Elks Magazine and the winners, who have all been paid.

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 create the need for replenishment next year.

I have been asked by our State President to head the raffle next year, and I have agreed to and look forward to doing so. I am in hopes that the outcome will be at least as good as, if not better than, this year's; particularly since we were down a little from last year.

**Lou Schmeltzer
Chairman**

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the ECB 50/50 Raffle at the June Convention at the Wisp was George Sherrod from Glen Burnie Lodge No. 2266. The total income was \$807.00. George received \$404.00, and the Camp received \$403.00.

Please purchase your ECB tickets this weekend to help support the Operation of our Elks Camp Barrett.

Fraternally,
H. Lee Davis, PSP

AUTO TAGS

ELK numbered DELAWARE License Plates

We are up and running for Elk numbered DELAWARE License plates. Plenty of numbers are available, so get your request in early so you can get what you want. Contact me and I'll send you a form. Let's get them out and be proud of what we do.

John Ramsey
jramsey1002@gmail.com
302-659-0659

DIRECTORY CHANGES

There have been some changes to the Directory. Please pick up a copy of the changes at the Registration Table so you can insert them into your copy of the Directory. If you have not received your copy of the Directory, they are also available at the Registration Table. You can also access the Directory on our State Association Website at www.mddedcelks.org, select "Contacts" tab, then "Directory and Forms". If you have additional changes or questions, please see me or use my contact information on page 25 of the Directory. Thank you.

**Betty Harden
State Chair, Directory**



Elks Camp Barrett Booth received a 5 Star Award.



Welcome our very special guest Jim O'Kelley, Director, of the Elks National Foundation. We are in Ocean City at the Fall Workshop and 5 months into our Fundraising year. It's all about the base. At your lodge level, it's your members and their contributions that give your lodge a strong foundation or should I say a Base.



October is ENF Fundraising Month. So I am announcing the "TEAM SANDY RAISING THE BASE CONTEST". Starting now, October 1, and running through March 31st, your lodges support will be recorded where you stand in the membership support area. This membership support report shows how many members you have in your lodge and how many have personally donated to the Elks National Foundation. Please note that for the purpose of calculating membership support, donors must have a valid address on file with the Elks National Foundation and must have donated a fiscal year total of at least \$10. I will be awarding a Plaque to the lodge that shows the Biggest Percentage of Increase in Members Donating. Good Luck in your fundraising endeavors. Any questions please contact me.

Mary E. Cardinal-Vogt 301-706-7051 maryecardinal-vogt@earthlink.net

**TERRI LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN
TO BENEFIT ELKS CAMP BARRETT**

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.

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. If this program is to grow, I need people to help by taking the book back to their Lodges to get some orders. All orders, no matter what size, help Elks Camp Barrett.

The Nuts will be available at the Camp meeting the first Saturday in December. If you are unable to pick up your order at that time, please check with me to see if we can arrange another meeting place. Also, I can 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

Convention-Conference Committee Update



We had a great time at the Wisp for the June Convention (except for some "food" issues – but thanks to those of you who were understanding of the situation). We then followed with the phenomenal Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno for the GL Convention. What a beautiful place and what a great Convention. AND NOW – on to San Antonio for the Elks 150th Anniversary Celebration. The latest news is that we will know our hotel in late October (all hotels are on San Antonio's Riverwalk). Look on the State website for updates.

For this weekend, new merchandise items will be displayed and available for sale – Commemorative 150th Anniversary License Plates; for DE Residents – Elk Tags; denim shirts (for ladies and men); shot glasses and drinking glasses; and new colors for Ladies Hoodies.

We want to thank Committee Member Donna Moloney who will be leaving us to give more time to Lodge and District responsibilities. Thank you for all you've done, Donna! We are always looking for volunteers (both formal Committee members and Contributing members) – so think about being part of this dynamic group!

We appreciate your support and look forward to a great weekend in OC! Hope you brought your costume!

Merrilyn & John Ramsey

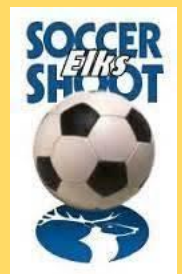
SOCCER SHOOT

It's that time of year again, Soccer Shoots!!!! As the State Chair, I am pleased to announce that we have secured a date, time and location for the MD-DE-DC State Soccer Shoot.

**Saturday---October 7, 2017
Northside Park Recreation Center
200 125th Street, Ocean City, MD**

Agenda

- 11:00 A.M. - Enter and setup site
- 11:30 A.M. - Open Registration (Shooters bring a COPY of Birth Certificate/Registration)
- 12:30 P.M. - Close Registration
- 12:45 P.M. - Begin Soccer Shoot
- 2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. - Soccer Shoot Competition
- 3:00 P.M. onward - Trophy Ceremony and Refreshments (more to follow)



Okay Local Lodges: Get with your District Chairs, get your Local shoots done and your youth signed up for your District Shoot. District Chairs: get your District Champions selected and ready for Ocean City State Shoot.

Thanks!

"Kick'm Straight!!!"

G. Gerald Morrow, State Soccer Chair



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MD-DE-DC Elks Association Riviera Maya Trip NOW Jade Riviera Cancun

April 14-21, 2018

from \$1,628.99* per person

South of Cancun is a 112-mile stretch of coastal paradise known as Riviera Maya. Stretching from Puerto Morelos in the north to Tulum in the south, Riviera Maya has it all—white sand beaches front turquoise waters, tropical jungles and ancient Mayan ruins.



The average temperature is 80° F with more than 240 days of sunshine, and rain is rare.

The **twelfth annual Maryland-Delaware-DC Elks Association** trip will benefit the lodges whose members and friends participate.

NOW Jade Riviera Cancun is an upscale luxury **all-inclusive** resort with some of the most innovative spa treatments and fitness programs available. The resort features 550 luxurious junior suites and suites. Enjoy a half mile of wide, white sand beach and the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. Discover a fabulous culinary experience with a choice of eight restaurants and six bars, including Mexican, Asian, International Gourmet and Italian cuisine. **NOW Jade Riviera Cancun** is located next to the charming town of Puerto Morelos, only 12 miles south of the Cancun Airport. **NOW Jade 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 **\$1,628.99***, including **non-stop roundtrip airfare** from BWI airport. The rates on the right are per person, based on double occupancy (call for single or triple rate), and include taxes, government fees, gratuities, and non-stop transfers.

Category	Rate*
<i>Junior Suite Tropical View</i>	\$1,628.99
<i>Junior Suite Ocean View</i>	\$1,738.99
<i>Preferred Club Ocean View Suite</i>	\$1,898.99

These **Apple Vacations** group rates are time sensitive. A **deposit of \$100.00 per person** is required to reserve space. It is necessary to **make your deposit as soon as possible to guarantee this rate**. **Apple Vacations'** cancel-any-reason trip insurance is available for **\$104.99** (receive a future travel voucher) or **\$134.99** (full refund less insurance cost) per person additional. The **deposit amount including insurance is \$204.99 or \$234.99 per person**. Insurance must be purchased at time of deposit and is **non-refundable**.

* Rates are subject to change without notice.