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## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Loftus

Welcome to our Association's Fall Workshop! Let me begin by assuring you that your President has been very active since being installed in June. I have attended Grand Lodge where I was honored to serve as "Assistant Grand Inner Guard," which is to say that I attended a training session on Sunday morning. Tuesday I distributed and collected ballots and delivered them to the "counters" to be tallied. I attended various training and informational meetings, interacted with other Elks, and generally enjoyed the experience. Since returning home, I have worked with Milford Lodge and the NE District Leaders to install our NE Vice President, Carl "CP" King, who was forced to miss our June Convention due to a death in the family. I have attended ECB Executive Committee and Representative meetings, and spent copious hours on administrative duties such as, preparing for this weekend! Working with your State Committee Chairs, I have prepared an agenda that I trust you will find both interesting and helpful in your work in your own Lodge.

As I am sure you have heard, at our Grand Lodge Convention in St Louis, several changes were proposed, debated, and ultimately adopted by the delegates representing our roughly two thousand local Lodges nationwide. One of the most impactful proposals was the adoption of a "Financial Reporting System" which will virtually eliminate the financial burden of conducting

an annual audit of the Lodge's records. Our Audit and Business Practice Chair, Bill Simonds, will be making a presentation on this topic. Also, on Saturday afternoon after our business meeting, Bill will be available to answer questions and provide guidance on how to implement this change at your individual Lodges.

Another area of interest is the reemergence of the Soccer Shoot Program. State Chair Dolly Broom will explain the new "virtual" national competition coming online this year. Soccer is reportedly the fastest growing sport in America, and Dolly is working diligently to provide support and guidance as we build and refine our program.

Just a reminder, our ECB Scout Camporee is scheduled for November 22nd thru the 24th, and we can always use more help as we host almost a thousand scouts and leaders for a Navy football weekend. Please see Robert Raleigh or Tanner Bilbrough to join in the fun!

Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert L. Duitsman offered some sage advice at his Installation at Grand Lodge; "If they know you, and they like you, they will want to be part of you." I couldn't agree more! This is why I adopted for my slogan this year; "Growth thru Community Awareness." I know the wonderful things that we do at every level of our Order.

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**Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks State Association  
Fall Workshop Agenda Princess Royal Hotel Ocean City, MD**

<b>Friday, October 4, 2019</b>		
12: Noon-5:00 PM	Registration "Palmetto Promenade"	
1:00 PM	Advisory Meeting "Mako Room"	NJ State President Anthony Alpnosos
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting "Aruba Room"	
5:30 PM	ECB Exec. Committee Meeting "Mako Room"	
3:00 PM / 6:00 PM 7:00 PM / 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room # 227 & 229 (Atrium)	
<b>Saturday, October 5, 2019</b>		
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet, Atrium	
8:00 AM - 12 Noon	Registration, Palmetto Promenade	
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	ECB Representatives Mtg. Palmetto	
9:00 AM	<b>Workshop Called to Order, Palmetto</b>	
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call Etc.	NJ State President Anthony Alpnosos, Grand Esquire Carl Robinson, Grand Trustee Warren Johnson, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee Area 2, Jim Stewart, PGER Sponsor Paul Helsel
9:20 -9:30 AM	Installation of State Secretary	PSP Carroll Wagner
9:30- 9:35 AM	Presentations by PSP Mary Cardinal Vogt & State President	
<b>9:35 AM - 11:50 AM</b>	<b>Training Presentations</b>	
9:35 AM	Americanism	Linda Greaver-Vibbert
9:40 AM	Soccer Shoot	Dolly Broom
9:50 AM	Audit and Business Practice	Bill Simonds
10:00 AM	Con-Con Committee	Merrilyn Ramsey
10:10 AM	DAP Presentation	Video/Angela Meyer
10:20 AM	DAP	Report/Angela Meyer
10:30 AM	Elks Training	Ralph Patterson
10:50 AM	Wm. J. Jernick Fund	Susan Caldwell
10:55 AM	Hoop Shoot	Basil Wadkovsky
11:05 AM	ENVSC, Army of Hope	Bob McIntyre
11:15 AM	Welcome Home	Carl Robinson
11:20 AM	Elks and Scouting	Tanner Billbrough
11:25 AM	Scholarship	Lynn Evans
11:30 AM	Lodge Activities	Mike Todd
11:40 AM	Announcements	
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM 8:30 PM-11:00 PM	Hospitality Room #229-229 (Atrium)	
<b>AFTERNOON MEETINGS</b>		
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Americanism Committee "Aruba Room"	Linda Greaver- Vibbert, Chair
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	VP, State Chairs "Mako Room"	State President/President Elect
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Audit & Business Practice (FRS) Cmte Palmetto Ball Room	William Simonds, PDDGER, Chair
1:30 PM	DDGER, District Leaders Mtg. "Palmetto Room 1"	Paul D. Helsel, PGER - GL Sponsor
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	20/20 Con/Con "Aruba Room"	Warren Johnson, PSP, Chair
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Exalted Rulers Mtg. "Mako Room"	State President/President Elect
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Con/Con, "Palmetto Room"	Merrilyn Ramsey, Chair
6:00:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Cocktail Reception "Palmetto Room"	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner & Entertainment "Palmetto Room"	
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Room 227-229 (Atrium)	

Sunday, October 6, 2019		
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Atrium)	
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration "Palmetto Promenade"	
9:00 AM	Workshop Called to Order "Palmetto Room"	
<b>9:00 AM - 11:20 AM</b>	<b>Training Presentations, Committee Rpts.</b>	
9:00 AM	Youth Activities	Colleen Ford
9:10 AM	Elks National Foundation	Margie McIntyre
9:20 AM	Donate Life	Mary O'Brien
9:30 AM	Membership	George Tunnicliff
9:40 AM	Elks Camp Barrett	George Tunnicliff   Angela Meyer
9:50 AM	Accident Prevention	Stu Burgoon
10:00 AM	Public Relations & Website	Joe McGeeney
10:10 AM	Government Relations	Corey Bradley
10:20 AM	By Laws Report	Bill Buttrill
10:25 AM	Advisory Report	Carl Vogt
10:30 AM	BUSINESS MEETING	
	Trustees Report	Charley Spadone
	Secretary's Report	Jim Harbour
	Treasurer's Report	Jackie Phillips
	Unfinished Business	
	Announcements	
<b>Comments</b>	NJ State President	Anthony Alphonso
	Grand Lodge Officers	Warren Johnson, Grand Trustee Carl Robinson, Grand Esquire
	Grand Lodge Committee Members	Jim Stewart
	President	John C. Loftus
	President Elect	Stu Burgoon
	Grand Lodge Sponsor	Paul D. Helsel
	DEPARTED MEMBERS	
	SICKNESS & DISTRESS	
	ECB 50/50 Drawing	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		

**NEXT MEETING - March 20, 2020 thru March 22, 2020 Hagerstown Lodge #378  
GRAND EXALTED RULER'S ANNUAL VISIT**

*Next deadline for your articles & photos (with names and description)  
12/20/2019. Send to [statenewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:statenewsletter@outlook.com).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 23 31 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 25 27 Boy Scout Camporee ECB
- Oct 26 Drug Awareness Festival
- Nov 22 24 USNA Scout Camporee
- Nov is Veterans Remembrance Month
- Dec 1 Elks Annual Memorial Service
- Jan 11 Soccer Shoot Jessup, MD
- Feb 9 State Hoop Shoot @ Washington College in Chestertown
- Feb 29 Elks Training Washington-Rockville Lodge
- Mar 1 Elks Training Milford, DE Lodge

**NOTE: Lodges, please refrain from scheduling conflicting events so key officers and members may attend all of these meetings.**



## MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND EXALTED RULER

Robert L. Duitsman

### **DON'T BE SHY TO PUBLICIZE CHARITABLE EFFORTS.**

The Lodge year is now more than half over, so it is a good time to review budget and financial matters. Budgets and financial practices can be revised at any time to reflect changes in circumstances. I want each Lodge to make every effort to maintain a sound financial footing in order to be able to sustain itself for years to come. We owe that to our Members and to our communities.

As a matter of fact, the Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee is required under our Statutes to conduct a review and make a report to the Lodge concerning its financial condition. Its purpose is to generate discussion as to how to plan for a Lodge's future, and should be taken seriously.

I urge you to make sure your charitable efforts are being properly recorded and reported. For too long there has been a philosophy in many quarters that Elks do good works but don't need the recognition. Well, we do. People take note of the charitable work fraternal organizations do. The Elks have long been recognized as a leader in charitable and benevolent efforts, but in order to keep that standing we need to document the time and treasure we are contributing. It is estimated that only a quarter to a third of reportable donations and time spent are actually reported. It does a disservice to Elkdom to not provide the best information to allow us to promote our brand.

Recognition of those who are at the forefront of civic life is always something to consider. Special events and award ceremonies are wonderful ways to recognize first responders, elected leaders, and others who would likely welcome a pat on the back. Such events are also good ways to introduce our Lodges to the community, and generate interest in others to become Members.

Remember that October is now Red Ribbon Month, during which activities are held to promote the fight against drug abuse. It is a great opportunity for our Lodges to promote our commitment to combating the scourge of illicit drug abuse.

The Great Heart of Elkdom, the Elks National Foundation, deserves the support of every Member. It is a tremendous vehicle that provides funding for so many programs of the Order, including Hoop Shoot, scholarships, grant programs, and other important

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE SPONSOR

By Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2019 Fall Conference of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association. We have gathered here once again at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning. The Convention/Conference Committee and President John Loftus have planned a very informative and fun-filled weekend for us all.

We are honored to have special guests with us this weekend, the President of the New Jersey State Elks Association, Anthony Alfonso and his companion Diane. Please join with me in extending to them a warm Elks welcome as you have the opportunity to greet them and converse with them throughout the weekend.

This conference marks the halfway point of the 2019/2020 Lodge year and an appropriate time to review our progress to date. While our Association has enjoyed three years of membership growth, it's still our No. 1 priority and requires continuous attention by all, lest we revert to a loss once again. Six months have gone, and two Lodges have yet to initiate at least one new member?? Three Lodges (*same Lodges that experienced large losses last year*) are on track to lose 153 members, or 24% of their current membership?? These Lodges need help and simply don't understand the ramifications and consequences associated with continual membership loss. Make sure your Lodge takes membership growth seriously and is doing the things necessary to maintain long term growth.

You will learn this weekend that most of our programs, projects, etc. are moving along as anticipated and are on track to yield positive year-end results. However, there are still six months to go, and we all must remain diligent in our efforts to ensure that we continue that expected upward trend.

As I am sure you are all aware, a new Financial Reporting System (FRS) for all Lodges was approved at our Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis on July 2nd. All Lodges are expected to be up and running and using this reporting system by April 1, 2020. Our Auditing & Business Practices Committee lead by Chairman Bill Simonds has taken the lead to work with our Lodges and ensure that they make the April 1, 2020 deadline. I expect all Lodges to be cooperative in this effort and work with the committee to get their individual Lodge compliant no later than the deadline. If you have issues and/or questions, contact Bill or his committee and, if you can't get the answers, you need to contact me.

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

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference – and 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, prosper and move forward.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor

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undertakings. Some may not be aware, but there is a way for every Member to support the ENF in a fairly painless way: the ENF Fidelity Club. Through it, you can sign up at [elks.org](http://elks.org) to make automatic recurring donations of as little as \$5 per month, or \$15 per quarter. All of those donations, great or small, will add up to make the ENF even stronger and more capable for the years to come.

## STATE PRESIDENT from cover page

But we do a terrible job of getting that word out! Even our own membership is often unaware of what their Lodge does to support our communities, youth, and veterans, much less what goes on at the State Association and Grand Lodge levels. I charge each of our members to make it a point to learn more about our activities and share it with others!

As of the time of this writing, the CLMS Membership Projection shows we began this fiscal year with 19,843 members, and currently have 20,293 on the rolls. Sadly, we have 1,487 delinquents and with normal attrition will lose members to the point that we risk falling behind! This is not a foregone conclusion! Please ensure that your membership team is working to reduce delinquency and welcome new candidates! Remember what the Grand Exalted Ruler said, "If they know you, and they like you, they will want to be part of you." Spread the good word!

I know as I write this message, I am preaching to the choir! Those who attend these workshops are the same folks "gettin' it done" in the Lodges. Please know that my words are a tribute to you and in no way suggest that I don't appreciate that you are working diligently "where the rubber meets the road" to advance our Order at every level!

Fraternally,



## PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE

By Stu Burgoon

Welcome to our Fall Workshop in Ocean City, Maryland. Wow, time flies. It was an honor to be installed as State President-Elect. Our State Convention is always a great time. It gives me a shot in the arm, and a chance to re-visit with all our Elk friends. Always try to get your Lodge members involved with our State Association. It will give them an opportunity to learn so much more about Elksdom away from their home Lodge. I look forward to working with and learning the ropes from our President John Loftus.

In June we held our annual Picking for Troops at Camp Barrett. I'm proud to say the event was well attended again this year. We raised some money for our Welcome Home Project and Fisher

House. Julie and I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. It was great to see many of our Lodges represented. I can honestly say I think everyone enjoyed it. It was an awesome kick-off for when we host the convention in Baltimore 2020. It will be here before you know it.

While at the Grand Lodge Convention, I attended the Drug Awareness Seminar with our DAP Chairperson Angela Meyer. It was very informative. We were also fortunate to have Olivia Puglisi from our Baltimore Convention Center. She was there to answer any questions and had a lot of information for members who will be visiting next year. I want to thank all the volunteers who stood on the floor to help as well.

There have been so many events at the

Lodges. Julie and I always try to visit many. I just tell her what time, and she says, "dress or jeans"? We get in the truck, and we are off. It is always great to see everyone.

I have attended the Camp Barrett executive committee and representative's meetings. It is great to see our major State project is thriving for our youth.

I have been keeping in touch with our program committees, and I am here if any of them need any help. As we work for our great State Association, I look forward to this year working and learning to help our membership grow.

Let's have a great workshop,

*Capt. Stu*

*"Shake a Veteran's Hand, Keep a Smile on Your Face and a Song in Your Heart"*



## DID YOU GET YOUR NEW DIRECTORY?

If you didn't get a copy of our State Association Directory at the June Convention, they will be available this weekend at the Registration table, along with a page showing changes that I have received to date. These changes were published via Public Relations email and are posted on the Association website.

If you have additional changes, please see me during this weekend or contact me via my info on page 24 in the directory.

Fraternally,  
Betty Hardin  
State Chair, Directory

## ELKS TRAINING

By Ralph E Patterson, State Chair, Elks Training

The MD, DE & DC Elks Association Training Committee has announced it will again offer training for incoming Exalted Rulers, newly elected Lodge officers and other Elks interested in learning more about the workings of their Lodge. Training sessions are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at the Rockville, MD Lodge and Sunday, March 1, 2020 at the Milford, DE Lodge. Sessions will start at 9:00 AM each day, and lunch will be served.

This will be the third year this training has been offered, with nearly 300 Elks having participated during the first two years. The committee is working to expand and improve on the current training material and will be incorporating more topics for 2020.

Topics covered in training include GL and State Association organization and structure, leadership and team building, and the duties of elected officers, appointed committee chairs, and the Board of Directors in a local Lodge.

Additional information about Elks Training may be obtained by contacting State Training Chair Ralph Patterson by email at rep821@outlook.com.

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** There is no meeting in January, but we are publishing a Newsletter. Please send photos with description and names (*when possible*) to [statenewsletter@outlook.com](mailto:statenewsletter@outlook.com) no later than December 20, 2019.



## NORTH EAST DISTRICT

By CP King, VP  
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Greetings from the North East Vice President!

I am thankful to have been installed as your Vice President for this fraternal year. Things have gotten off to a slow start but will be full speed ahead now. I was Installed in August, and I would like to thank the Milford Lodge #2401 for hosting this event, and for all of the brotherly love from so many Lodges that attended.

I attended our district deputy clinic on August 18th at the Dover Lodge #1903. I want to commend our District Deputy Mike Ford for a great clinic. Also, I would like to thank the Dover Lodge #1903 for all the hospitality and camaraderie.

The next couple of months will be busy spreading the motto "Growth thru Community Awareness", while conducting my official visits and supporting our President in his endeavors. So make sure to SHARE all the great news of your Lodge helping the community.

I am very excited for the fall workshop this October in Ocean City and hope to see everyone there for great fellowship!

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email, or write to me and I will respond faithfully to everyone. I am here to support you and help your Lodge grow.



ABOVE: On July 30th and 31st, Wilmington Elks Lodge #307 hosted, housed and fed the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Riders. Their stories of dedication, endurance and gratitude touched everyone who gathered at the Lodge to meet the team and learn of their mission.



Special Olympics held their summer picnic at Dover Lodge #1903 to thank the Olympic winners, and to prepare the athletes for the upcoming Winter Olympics. **Above:** Kathy Denny, Dave Manwiller (*Kent Wild Kats Area Director*) and Cindy Matthews



## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

By Mark A. Walp, VP  
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First of all, I want to thank North Central for electing me as your incoming Vice President. I have big shoes to fill from my predecessor Corey Bradley.

My first order of business was to attend our own Broadneck Lodge to commemorate their Lodge's 40th Anniversary. They have a small Lodge but a big heart. Congratulations from North Central. Everyone enjoyed your hospitality that evening.

On my first visit, as Vice President of North Central, to Laurel Lodge, I had my chance to speak the words of our state President John C. Loftus' motto, "GROWTH THRU COMMUNITY AWARENESS" which was well received.

Throughout the year, I look forward to visiting all the Lodges in North Central personally, or as Esquire for our State President.

Last year, due to the tragedy at our local Annapolis newspaper, "The Capital" (where five people were killed), I formed a committee and held a fundraiser for our local 1st responders who arrived at the scene within minutes to prevent even more of a tragic day. On the anniversary date last September, they all came to Camp Barrett with a fire apparatus, K-9 demonstrations, games for kids and plenty of food and ice cream. We raised \$10,000.00 for local responders.

This year, on October 26th at Camp Barrett, we will hold a Red Ribbon Day. The day will feature drug awareness, 1st responders, food trucks, and games for all. It is just the start of a fun-filled "Elks Care ~ Elks Share" kind of year.



Mark A. Walp V.P. North Central, Danelle Chapman Exalted Ruler Broadneck Lodge #2608, Rick Lawton DD North Central

# CONVENTION/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

By Merrillyn & John Ramsey

**THANK YOU** to all of you who volunteer your time, \$\$, and ideas to help with all that Con/Con does. We have fun, and we love having you a part of it!

**Annual Budget:** A proposed budget will be presented for Advisory and Membership approval at the Conference. This budget was modified to better reflect our income and expenditure line items.

**June Convention 2019:** We appreciate the effort Lodges are making to ensure their donations are made to hospitality rooms.

**June Convention 2020 (6/5 to 6/7):** In the process of interviewing five hotels in the NC District, we have contracted with the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Annapolis, for this Convention. This hotel is gorgeous, with a lovely outside pool and lounge area. There is a large shopping area with restaurants within easy walking distance or by taking the free hotel shuttle with a 5-mile radius.

**GL Convention 2020 (7/5 to 7/8):** GL expects to have hotel assignments made in late October. We were told our hotel would be close to, or one of those adjacent to the Convention Center.

**Fall Conference:** With the loss of the January Conference, we decided to offer the complimentary weekend (upgraded room, all meals, and registration) at this Conference in 2020 so that we have sufficient opportunities to market it and sell tickets. Make certain you see a Con/Con member to purchase a winning ticket!

**“wELKome and Registration:** A big Thank You to Lynn and Tom Clougher, Cape Henlopen Lodge, who have volunteered to work on this new component of Con/Con. We plan to rotate this responsibility among Con/Con or Lodge members. This is a great way to meet new folks.

**Credit Card Purchases for Conventions/Conferences:** We have committed to using Square and the Webmaster is working on the transition. We will use it for merchandise at this conference, and hopefully, will have it operational for hotel reservations before next calendar year.

**Merchandise:** We are offering more new items for you and are going to have a “Fall Clearance Sale, AKA John’s Bargain Basement” on other items.



## WEST DISTRICT

By Jim Mills, VP  
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Every Lodge must train their successors, promote Lodge, and State Activities, and advertise future events to ensure everyone has plenty of time to plan on attending.

**PROMOTE:** I cannot express enough that every Lodge needs to share their events by communicating by email and newsletter to members, State Association, and by word of mouth. Every Lodge must share each other’s newsletters showing what’s going on within State Lodges.

**NOTABLE:** Hagerstown #378 has Ray Lorenza coming back on September 22nd starting in Hagerstown.

**ALL LODGES:** Remember you all must call and send letters to lapse members. The key is communication; if no one does anything then nothing gets done.

Treat all Elks with **RESPECT**, this is key. It is up to each Elk to bring in one or two new members. We must keep growing. Every member should have 5 Elks Applications on hand.

District #3840 is doing well with ENF donations but we can do better.

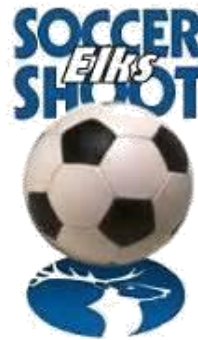
Frostburg Lodge #470 ENF came in at \$7.50 by getting members involved in donating.

Lodges, please apply for Grants such as, Promise, Gratitude and Beacon Grants, in order to get them in as soon as possible. Remember, Veterans programs such as Welcome Home Program.

Remember to send in your Charity reports. It’s is your duty for all Elks who donate their time.

Remember donating your time is true Elk Valor but comes with sacrifice as your time is valuable; I know that.

I thank you all.



## SOCCER SHOOT

By Dolly Broom

I know some Lodges have already held their local soccer shoots. Thank you for participating in this great program.

Which District is going to get their name on the trophy this year? The age groups, this year, will be following the US Soccer rules. Age groups will be as follows:

U8 anyone born 2012 and later  
U10 anyone born 2010 and 2011  
U12 anyone born 2008 and 2009  
U14 anyone born 2006 and 2007  
U16 anyone born 2004 and 2005

Be on the lookout for your District Soccer Shoots!

The MD, DE, DC Elks Association State Soccer Shoot will be at the Soccer Dome in Jessup, MD on January 11, 2020, from 1-4pm. The Regional Soccer shoot will be in York, PA on March 13-15, 2020. This year we will take the winning score for each age group at the State level and send these to the “Virtual Lodge” where they will compete against other regions for the National Championship. The first-place winners will be required to shoot three 5-shot tiebreakers if there is a tie. Let’s show Elkdom that the MD, DE, DC Elks State Association supports the Soccer Shoot Program!



# SOUTH WEST DISTRICT

By Dolly Broom, VP  
St. Mary's Co. Lodge #2092

Happy Fall to everyone from the South West District.

It is an honor to serve as the Vice President of the South West District. It has been busy since our June Convention. It was great to see so many fellow Elks in St Louis at the Grand Lodge Convention. I welcome all new Exalted Rulers, and hope you all are off to a great start to your year.

I have had the pleasure of completing my first visit as Vice President at Prince George's County Lodge # 1778. They have been busy hosting a crab feast, assisting handicapped adults with work skills, and hosting Veterans for their monthly dinners. I look forward to accompanying President John Loftus on his visits to Camp Springs and St. Mary's County in September.

Our District Deputy completed his clinic on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Prince George's County Lodge. Thank you to Prince George's for hosting and serving a great meal. Thank you to all members who attended. There was great information provided.

Exalted Ruler, Waverley Manson from St. Mary's County has members off to a wonderful start. The June Elk-Of-The-Month was Patty Sparks, and her project was two-fold. The Lodge raised money to sponsor two children's bike raffles for the Hollywood Fire Department Carnival, and they collected over 100 toys and games for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office "Camp DARE" to use as prizes and incentives for the campers in attendance.



In August, St. Mary's County presented Boy Scout Troop #561 with a check for \$1,000 along with Elk patches for their uni-



Cub Scout Pack #1787 (sponsored by St. Mary's County Lodge) enjoyed their Annual Pool Party at the Lodge.

Other Lodges in our district have also been busy. So busy I had to find their activities on their Facebook pages.

Deale Lodge #2528 hosted a Veteran's Luncheon on September 15<sup>th</sup> for Veterans from Charlotte Hall Veteran Home. They also hosted Ray Lozano, Elks National DAP Speaker. Mr. Lozano puts on a great program. Great job recognizing your Elks of the Month.

Calvert Lodge #2620 has some hard working members supporting ENF. Great Job Darin King and Penny Marchyshyn. They received an award pin



from National Convention for their contributions to ENF.

Waldorf Lodge members assisted a local soup kitchen on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They



also presented a check for \$1,000 to Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department to assist with the purchase of a new truck. Great way to support your community.

Please continue to do your good deeds and share them with your community.

Hazel Gross shares her home-made dessert



# SOUTH WEST CONTINUED

**Washington Rockville Lodge #15** sponsors a pizza and taco night at Safe Haven Veteran's Shelter twice a month, supported by Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. The shelter houses approximately 7 veterans as a half-way house between homelessness and having their own home.

**Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332** The Camp Springs Elks Lodge held its monthly Steak and Shrimp Dinner. But this was no ordinary monthly dinner. On this day, we were honored to celebrate the 73rd birthday of one of our most loyal and diligent members, Mr. Roger Kesterson. In addition to Roger's birthday, we had the distinct pleasure of celebrating Mr. Calvin McMillion's birthday. Mr. McMillion is a "Life Member" of the Elks Lodge and is 92 years young.

Also, in celebratory attendance was Mr. Orrell J. Blakeman, who was enjoying his 99th birthday. Mr. Blakeman is eligible for "Life Membership." All three gentlemen were surrounded by family members, friends and fellow members of the Elks Lodge #2332.

We're sure everyone had a memorable time. The food was delicious, the music was jamming, and the atmosphere was festive.



Three Waldorf Volunteer Fire Fighters joined Waldorf Lodge 2421 during a Wednesday Dinner on July 31st They presented them with A check for \$1,000 from an Elks National Foundation Grant towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

## THANK YOU SOLOMONS FOR HOSTING OUR 99TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Mary Cardinal-Voyt presented a plaque to Robert McIntyre for "Elk of the Year"



Mr. Calvin McMillion, WW II Veteran



VA Shelter enjoys Taco Night provided by Washington-Rockville Lodge #15



ER, Walter Benson and Mr. Roger Kesterson, Roger's friend, Susan and his wife, Linda



Susan Caldwell, Mark Walp, Stu Burgoon, John Loftus, and PSP Carl Robinson



## HEAR YE!

Joe McGeeney  
State Chair Public Relations

A New Web Page is now up and running on our State Website. The "Donate Life" Web Page is complete. A link may be found on the "Committees" Page (from the main menu on left side of all

pages) on our State Website (just like most committees), and is listed in alphabetical order. Visit: [mddedcelks.org/donate-life.html](http://mddedcelks.org/donate-life.html)

On this "Donate Life" page you are given the option to download the PDF Document provided and there are also links to the [www.DonateLife.net](http://www.DonateLife.net) website. Click on any 'graphic/Pic' and it is a link to a dedicated Website.



## ELKS NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE COMMISSION

By Bob McIntyre, Chairman, ENVSC

On behalf of the ENVSC, I would like to welcome our honored guests and members all to the MD, DE & DC Elks Association Fall Conference in scenic Ocean City.

I am happy to report that our VAVS Reps continue to support our veterans at the State Veterans Homes and the VA Hospitals in both Maryland and Delaware along with our USOs at Baltimore and Dover. Our VAVS Reps visit their assigned facilities each month and provide comfort items, entertainment, refreshments, and Elk fellowship for our confined veterans.

I am pleased to announce nine of our Lodges received the Freedom Grant. With these grants, the Lodges will help fund Dental Care for veterans at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down in Dover on September 20th. We will also take veterans to local baseball games (and to a Phillies game), assist with clothing for women and children at Home of the Brave Transition Home, and provide cookouts for veterans and staff at Perry Point and Loc Raven VA Hospitals. Several Lodges provided and delivered Welcome Home Kits to homeless veterans moving into new homes.

Special kayaks were purchased for Team River Runner. These kayaks are used by our wounded veterans while rehabbing.

I would also like to recognize and thank USO/Dover VAVS Rep Francis Clauser for providing and presenting 100 PX Gift Cards to the Delaware Army National Guard 198th Signal Battalion at a deployment ceremony held at Delaware State University on Aug 3rd. The 198th Battalion left Dover Air Force Base on August 4th for a one year tour of duty in Kuwait.

The Army of Hope continues to receive requests for assistance. This summer there were requests for assistance for several veterans living in Transition Homes and a veteran with past due utility bills and rent. The Army of Hope sent rent to the Transition Homes who were providing housing to several homeless veterans, while they waited for benefits from the VA and housing from HUD-VASH.

Congratulations to Bowie, Laurel, and Prince Georges County Lodges and five Virginia Lodges for receiving Welcome Home Grants in the amount of \$10,000.00. These grants will provide housing, furniture and Welcome Home Kits for homeless veterans living in the Washington DC and surrounding areas.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and have a great weekend in Ocean City!

## AUDITING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES

By Bill Simonds,  
State Chair Auditing & Business Practices Committee  
State FRS Coordinator | [wjsslamb@gmail.com](mailto:wjsslamb@gmail.com)

Per the State By-Laws, the Auditing and Business Practices Committee will provide advice, counsel and guidance in financial matters of the Association and to the member Lodges upon their request. Over the last six months the committee provided advice to Lodges across the State. In addition to answering requests from Lodges, the Committee has provided training material, briefed at DD clinics, and advised Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committees. If you, or your Lodge has any questions that this committee might be able to help with, please let us know. This committee is here to help; you only need to ask.

This Committee is also coordinating the rollout of the new financial reporting system (FRS) for the State Association. Many hours have been spent attending Morrison & Morrison (M&M) webinars, generating material to supplement the M&M training materials, and working with the Lodges to build the required files. Generating the supplemental material needed to facilitate the transition to the FRS, including a guide for QuickBooks Online, has been a very large task.

The State FRS Coordinator now has access to the Adaptive Insights program to review submissions and reports. As of September 12, six Lodges have provided some information and four of those are completely up and running with the FRS. With 37 Lodges in the State there is more work to be done. As part of this effort, either now or by April 1, 2020, all Lodges are required to convert to the most recent version of the Grand Lodge Standard Chart of Accounts. The Mapping files being created now are a good start on that work. The A&BP committee will be contacting Lodges to learn their status and help with any problems they are having.

There is a two-hour session on the agenda for Lodges to talk to the State FRS Coordinator about the transition. If you have questions or are having problems, or if you just want to learn what other Lodges are experiencing, come to this session. There is no formal presentation planned, just a discussion. You don't have to be there at the start of the session, drop by any time.



## ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT

By Stu Burgoon

### Do you know your state alcohol management laws?

By STANLEY J. WELSH, Government Relations Committee Member  
(Reprinted from the August 2018 edition of the Grand Lodge Newsletter, courtesy of Stanley J. Welsh and the Government Relations Committee)

Laws regarding business operations, legal gambling, and alcohol sales vary by state. Knowing the laws and regulations in your city and state are important to your operation.

Because of continuing problems regarding alcohol sales and service, Lodges need to know about responsible alcohol management and the law regarding not serving Visibly Intoxicated Persons, also known by bartenders and servers as VIPs.

Every Lodge should have a written policy instructing servers and managers how to handle most situations that may come up regarding the serving of alcohol. Rules regarding Visibly Intoxicated Persons could help reduce your risk of liability.

First and foremost, servers and managers need to know it is against the law to serve people who are visibly intoxicated. If a Visibly Intoxicated Person gets into, or causes an accident, the server and the Lodge could be held accountable.

Recognizing a person who is visibly intoxicated is not difficult when servers and managers know what to look for. Some signs to notice if someone is intoxicated:

- Acting loud and boastful
- Drinking alone and fast
- Ordering doubles
- Buying round after round for friends
- Crude behavior
- Slurred speech
- Stumbling and bumping into things
- Falling asleep at the bar



These are some of the signs of visible intoxication. As soon as any of these are noticed, the service of alcohol should be stopped immediately.

By knowing your customers and talking with them, you may be able to find out that they are having a bad day. If so, a server might try to slow down their drinking by putting a glass of water in front of them between rounds, getting busy with some task to slow down service, or inviting them to have something to eat.

You should make your policy part of new and continuous employee training. Also, your policy should include filling out Incident Reports for fighting, intoxication, falls, anything your employee did to get the intoxicated person home safely (*accepted or not*), and anything else that could cause your Lodge a problem in the future. All reports should have a date, time, witnesses, and signature. They should be kept on file for two years.

We are all paying more for insurance coverage because of various problems caused by irresponsible alcohol service. This is a problem we can control through education and responsible Alcohol management programs.

With our Holiday season getting ready to go into full swing, please review with you Bartenders, Serving Staff and Hall Rental Chairs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally.

Have a Safe and "Elkstaning" day.

*Capt. Stu*



## SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

By Susan Caldwell, VP,  
Ocean City Lodge #2645  
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Greetings from the Southeast District. I look forward to visiting each Lodge, either with President John Loftus and 1st Lady Eileen, or by myself. On some visits I will be accompanied by Joan Thompson, the SE District Public Relations Chair, who will be available to assist your Lodge in getting the Elkdom word out to the community, as well as The Elk Magazine.

Many Lodges have seen busier times during the Summer months due to visitors and vacationers. Let's keep the busy time "rolling on" by inviting new persons to check out your facility and interest them in joining. The more activities you have, encouraging participation and volunteerism, the more everyone reaps the benefits.

Please know I am available to you, and if I cannot help or answer your concerns, I will make every effort to reach out to someone who can help.

Contact info: cell 410-430-8808 (text is best)  
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**SOCCER SCENE:** The South East District soccer shoot is scheduled for October 27th at the Easton Lodge #1622. (Submitted by Dave Tyler, Southeast District Soccer Shoot Chairman Cell: 410.463.3944)



## OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH

By Margie McIntyre, State ENF Chair

October is here! And October is designated as ENF Fundraising Month! It's that special month when we all have the opportunity to show our support for ENF and all of its programs. What do you have planned to support ENF in your Lodge this month? I hope that all of our Lodges have planned something special to raise additional funds to aid ENF in their mission of helping Elks build stronger communities. It can be something as simple as a Friday night 50/50, or something as elaborate as a Prime Rib Dinner. It's up to you! Choose what will work best in your Lodge.

This year, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees approved program services totaling \$34.6 million. This includes Grants through the Community Investments Program, Scholarships, Veterans programs, Hoop Shoot, and Drug Awareness programs.

But, there wouldn't be an ENF month without your support. You made dreams come true for more than 3,100 college students. You help thousands of veterans exit or avoid homelessness. You build stronger Elks communities across the nation. This month is as much about

you as it is about ENF and its programs!

Consider joining the monthly donation program. The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. You can donate as little as \$5.00 per month or \$15.00 per quarter, which is automatically debited from your bank account or charged to your credit card. It's safe, reliable, and saves time. Visit [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) to enroll at any time.

Good luck with all of your fundraising efforts this month, and thank you for your dedication and support of ENF!

## MEMBERSHIP

By George Tunnidiff, State Membership Chairman

Members and Honored Guests,

We couldn't have asked for a better summer. I hope you all have been vacationing and visiting the wonderful Lodges throughout the state and our country. It's nice to see what other Lodges do and how they attract new and old members, with dinners, parties, games and other activities. Hopefully, we can gain some knowledge to help our Lodges with membership gains.

Please go to [ELKS.ORG](http://ELKS.ORG) to see all the NEW STUFF that is in the Membership Tool Kit page.

Fall is coming fast, and people like to stay indoors when it's cold, so warm up your fireplaces and wELKome New and Old members into your Lodges and your Hearts. Let them know they are a part of your Lodge and a part of your ELK Family.

GER Membership class nationwide is in September and October. Report your GER class size on November 1st Membership Report-line 21. Spread the word, post your pictures and make something BIG happen! All Lodges participating receive a GER Award Certificate.

Remember, all you have to do is ask them if they would like to become a member.

Fraternally

*George Tunnidiff,*

State Membership Chairman



## ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE 2019

By Lou Schmeltzer, PDD, Chairman

This is the final report on the 2019 raffle. The gross receipts were \$67,892.00, and the expenses were \$23,115.78, which left a net profit of \$44,826.22. The expenses include the printing and postage, the mailing list from The Elks Magazine and the prizes, which have all been paid. This outcome was much greater than previous years, and the Camp thanks you for that.

I want to, again, thank all who participated in the raffle, your generosity is overwhelming. 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 and look forward to doing so. I am hoping the outcome will be at least as good, if not better, than this year's.

# AMERICANISM

By Linda Vibbert, State Chair Americanism

Hello Everyone,

We have a great Americanism Program, and I am working on several new ideas for this year and next



to broaden the awareness of this program. I want to thank everyone who planned, volunteered or participated in an event at any Lodge during Patriots Week to celebrate and promote our B.P.O.E Americanism Program. We had many of our Lodges hosting charitable American themed events during Patriots Week and during September. I want to thank everyone who volunteered, planned and participated in any or all of these events. From celebrating our Veterans, inspiring our Youth, to just celebrating being a Patriot of America, all these ideas demonstrate Americanism. As I have said before, we need to teach our children, and all youth about what Americanism means, it's more important now than ever!

This year's Essay Contest question is: What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to You? And the State Poster Contest is: What is your Favorite American Symbol? The Contest rules and submission forms are on the State Website and are downloadable.

Last year, our great State Association had a 1st Place National Winner. Angeline Todorov from the Ocean City Lodge won 1st Place and was celebrated at the Grand Convention. I believe if we continue to promote and support our Americanism Program and Contests and keep up the momentum, that we can have a National Winner this year also!

God Bless America!

Fraternally,

*Linda Vibbert*



Stu Burgoon, President-Elect, Julie Burgoon, Eileen Loftus, and President John Loftus



By Carl Robinson, Lead Coordinator Elks Welcome Home Program | Washington, DC Metro Area

For the last couple of years, the Welcome Home efforts in our Association continue to aid veterans in our area. Our objective continues to be providing support to the veterans who need assistance to help them settle into a stable home-bound environment.

The ENVSC upped the amount of FOCUS grant funding this year to \$10,000 for the 2019-2020 Lodge year. This applies to those Lodges designated as part of the Washington, DC Metro area. At this time, the ENVSC Director has informed me that as of 1 September they have reached their limit of funds for the program. This may change later in the year. Meanwhile, our State Association has funds that can be used to support a veteran anywhere in the State association.

I have coordinated an effort between Virginia Elks and the MD-DE-DC Elks to share FOCUS grant funding to support all veterans in the Washington, DC Metro area regardless of where they live. The VA Elks have supported furniture for 5-6 veterans since they received funding in April. We will reciprocate as funding permits.

As many of you might know, the State Board of Trustees has allocated \$50,000 to the State Association Welcome Home Program. These funds will be available for Lodges across our association to aid local veterans. Send requests to me in writing (so I don't mess up the details) I will then solicit approval of the District Veterans Chairs and the State Chairman.

While the State Trustees have allocated \$50,000 to the Welcome Home program, it was a one-time grant. I would request that when your Lodge is deciding on which program to give donations to, please remember the Welcome Home Program as a possible recipient.

If I can borrow a phrase from GEN Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Obama, make it matter. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact me, or Bob McIntyre. Our contact info is in the directory.

Fraternally,

Carl Robinson, Lead Coordinator  
Elks Welcome Home Program  
Washington, DC Metro Area  
MD-DE-DC Elks Association

## TERRI LYNN NUT CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT ELKS CAMP BARRETT

By Hilda Davis hildaledavis@aol.com

I am now taking orders for Terry Lynn Nuts with all profits going to Elks Camp Barrett. 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, friends or neighbors and taking orders, please see Hilda Davis at the Camp Barrett 50/50 table. Money and orders are due no later than October 18, 2019.

The nuts will be available at the camp meeting the first Saturday in December. If you are unable to pick up the order at that time, see me and we can make other arrangements.

Thank you for your consideration and let's make money for Elks Camp Barrett.

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

By H. Lee Davis

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Solomons Island on Sunday, June 9, 2019, was Carl Vogt, from Calvert Lodge No. 2620. Carl was to receive \$252.00, and Elks Camp Barrett received \$252.00, but Carl donated his portion back to the camp which made the total raffle income \$504.00.

The Camp wants to thank everyone that purchased tickets to support the Elks Camp Barrett Raffle and once again, asks you to please support your Camp this weekend again and purchase your tickets for the Elks Camp Barrett 50/50 raffle at the Registration Table.

"THE WINNER COULD BE YOU"



## WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR CAMPAIGN

By Hilda Davis

Normally, I take orders for the World's Finest Candy Bars at the January workshop, but since we no longer have that workshop, I will be calling or emailing the Lodges or Chair people in January.

However, in October, I will be asking if you are interested and would like to place your order then. You may order in October, and I will call and verify your order is still wanted in January.

The candy bars will be picked up in Hagerstown at the March Workshop. No money will be due until then unless you wish to pay ahead of time.

Thank you for your consideration and let's make money for Elks Camp Barrett.



Thank you for your time and participation.

Elks Care - Elks Share

## DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

By Angela Meyer SE State Chair



Red Ribbon Month Greetings to Everyone,

The DAP Committee has been hard at work spreading the word to our communities about Drug Prevention. Our goals are clear and simple, and we want everyone to understand that we are in this battle for the long haul.

Prevention is what we do, and we do it because every child we can prevent from using illicit drugs is a healthy productive citizen in the future.

Please encourage your Lodge members to participate this month and all year long in our Drug Awareness Programs. To the left is our Drug Awareness Resolution first drafted in 1986. It is a clear directive as to what we as Elks believe and support in our efforts to prevent substance abuse. Please share this in your Lodges. Check out the Drug Awareness page on the state association website for all the new activities going on with our DAP!

DRUG AWARENESS  
RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE  
ELKS NATIONAL  
CONVENTION  
WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 16, 1986

Be it resolved that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its state associations and local Lodges, affirm and support the concept of "no use" messages on drugs and alcohol to the nation's youth; and our opposition to the concept of "responsible use" of illicit substances. The message to our children must be "no illicit drugs ever" and "no alcohol under the legal age." Be it further resolved, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its state associations, and local Lodges oppose the legalization or decriminalization of the use, possession, sale, or production of psychoactive substances, including cannabis, cocaine, and heroin, for anything other than authorized research or scientific purposes

# RED RIBBON MONTH

## FALL FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

### A Drug and Alcohol Free Family Fun Day at Elks Camp Barrett

Come and Join us for a special Red Ribbon Month Celebration Honoring First Responders and Promoting Safe and Healthy Families.

**October 26, 2019 12 noon to 3 pm**

**Free Admission  
Food Vendors On-site  
Music by Heavy Fred Band**



### CHILI COOK OFF CONTEST

Bring your own crock pot filled with your favorite home-made chili, and win a trophy and bragging rights for the Overall Best Chili Entry.

- Community Organizations Represented
- Elks National Drug Abuse Prevention Program
- Chesapeake Search Dogs
- Anne Arundel County Sheriffs Department
- DEA Outreach
- A.A Co. Schools
- B.B.&T Banking
- Betty Lou The Root Beer Pumping Fire Truck from 77Rescue.org
- Elks Camp Barrett Summer Camp
- Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic S.A.F.E.
- Local Area Elks Lodges
- Recovery Community welcome, come enjoy a sober event and bring awareness of recovery to our community
- Guest Speakers presenting on Drug Awareness and Prevention for Families
- Crafters welcome to set up a table (by reservation only)

### FOR THE KIDDOS:

- Pumpkin Painting
- Baby Scare Crow Stuffing
- Moon Bounce
- Kids Craft Corner
- Elroy the Elks Drug Prevention Mascot and E.C.

“The Bee” Elks Camp Barrett Mascot will be making friends with festival goers.



Sometimes all the right things come together at the right time, and something wonderful happens — this year at ECB that was just the case. The perfect combination of staffing, planning, training, and campers, came together and created the best summer camp we've had in a long time. 391 Summer Camp attendees, a small increase again this year! Add in our guest camps, and we had a very busy campus all summer long. Two hundred twenty-five from Sunrise, 446 from Tomahawk, 100 from band camp, and 65 from Christian Fellowship Church camp were the icing on the cake, but what is exciting is that we had what we call the perfect program year.

First, we completed our very challenging ACA accreditation and will have confirmation in November if we will continue to hold the coveted ACA accreditation for the next five years. I get the feeling we did well, and we are good to go. Again this year, we have combined our traditional and popular programs to give our campers the best, most exciting mix of activities. Busy campers are happy campers, and while the staff was worn out by the end of the summer, the camper's smiling faces told us we had done well. Every week at the close of camp, there were tears from more than one camper who did not want to leave. We have a great mix of socio-economic backgrounds across our camper population and the interaction among them is a beautiful thing to see. Sometimes when we take adult beliefs out of the mix and give campers freedom to interact at their own level, the natural progression of shyness to comfort, hesitation to friendship, and caution to fun happens in a very simple unencumbered way. We are creating leaders, encouraging our core principles and helping those less fortunate in our communities. This happens because of the kindness and generosity of our Lodges and the Elks National Foundation. Great things really do happen at ECB, and It's because Elks make it happen. Thank you from the ECB Summer Camp Staff, Executive Committee, and all the wonderful campers who had a great camp season!

Angela M. Meyer, Director of Operations Elks Camp Barrett  
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U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!

# A Summer to Remember: Camp Barrett 2019

By Lynne H. Bailey, Severna Park Lodge #2482 Public Relations

We sent 27 local children to the Elks Camp Barrett in Crownsville, Maryland this summer. I thought it would be interesting to interview a few of the campers to get their feedback on life at Camp Barrett. We sent eleven-year-old triplets: Naomi, Joshua, and Nathanael, all on separate weeks. Here are just a few of their camping experiences.

Naomi was the first of a set of triplets to go to Camp Barrett with over 120+ other girls. Even though she had been before, her enthusiasm was still infectious. Her two brothers, Joshua and Nathanael, went the next two weeks. Soon after arriving Nathanael, developed an ear infection and had to go home but returned the next week for his camp experience.

There were no complaints about sleeping accommodations. The cabins are numbered, and each had bunk beds. Cabin 4 was easily remembered, and the top bunk was the best, but they could move around and sleep top or bottom.

Naomi liked the pancake dinner with sausage, eggs, and hash browns. Josh and Nathanael both agreed pizza was their favorite meal. They worked on their cooking skills by making grilled cheese sandwiches, salsa, quesadillas, and ice cream.

The daily activities were varied and interesting. Naomi loved archery; she learned how to shoot a bow and arrow, which was not as easy as it sounds. Joshua preferred hooking into a harness and zip-lining; yes waiting in line was worth it. Nathanael liked shooting pellet guns. Learning gun safety and the proper way to load it was important. They were all in agreement; swimming was a favorite activity.

Last night at the camp, they had a dance party and award ceremony. Each camper got two tickets; one for popcorn and one for a snowball. Friday mid-day, was pick up time to go home. All campers left with smiles. Next year they are all planning to return to Camp Barrett. Each says they would like to bring a friend, especially one who likes the outdoors. Or maybe they will connect with old friends they made this year.

Naomi, Joshua, and Nathanael would like to thank their teacher Miss Judy for recommending them to attend the camp. They would like to thank Miss Anne for helping with all the paperwork. And a big thanks to the Severna Park Elks #2482.

## A Mother's Perspective: Camp Barrett 2019

We got there early on Sunday to check-in which takes a little time, especially because we did not check-in online. It is very organized, and you were given a number to makes things run smoothly. Camp Barrett has all things covered, even medically with a nurse right there to take your paperwork and any medication the children need.

Each day the camp posts the daily activities online so parents can see what their child is doing. It is a nice benefit, and the parents can download the pictures for their memories.

Friday afternoon, it is time for the pickup, and there were smiles from every camper leaving. Some wish they could stay longer. As a parent, we thank Kim for your Camp Barrett experience. We have many members who may take your encouraging advice and send their youngsters to Camp Barrett next year. Sign up is in the spring.



Campers Naomi, Joshua, and Nathanael  
The tie-dyed shirts they made at Camp Barrett



Bobby & Marge McIntyre with George Tunnichiff



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