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Elks Association News

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Message from Our State President

Welcome everyone to the Fall Workshop of the MD-DE-DC Elks State Association here in Ocean City, Maryland. This weekend we are so privileged to have with us our special guests, Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing Manager and his lovely wife Linda and Peter Smith, the Grand Lodge Area 2 Public Relations Chairmen and his lovely wife Sandi. If you have not met these wonderful Elks, step forward and take a mo-

ment to welcome them. They are not strangers to our association but friends and it is our honor to welcome them back to Ocean City. I am so excited this weekend to have Rick and Pete make presentations that will help motivate us to continue on our path of growth and success.

We will be most honored in having our GL Sponsor Paul D. Helsel and his lovely wife Jane, as well as GL Trustee Warren H. Johnson and wife Debbie and our GL Inner Guard, Richard J. Burg with us this weekend. Give them all a warm welcome.

Sadly, we will be missing PSP Jay R. Nave and Sheila Burg, beloved wife of Richard Burg who both recently passed away...May They Rest In Peace.

I had the great honor of representing our State Association and attending the 154th Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio, Texas, which also commemorated our 150th Anniversary. As Your State President, I had the privilege of carrying the Maryland State Flag during the opening ceremony; what an awesome experience. The Delaware Flag was carried by our newly appointed NE District Deputy Margie McIntyre, Newark Lodge #2281 and the District of Columbia Flag was carried by the Priscilla A. Schwab PCJ, PSP Washington-Rockville Lodge #15. Please take time to congratulate our newly installed District Deputies, William "Bill Simonds - SE, Charles A. Spadone -SW, Stuart "Stu" Burgoon- NC, Margie McIntyre-NE, Brian Westfall -W, and thank them for all their help and working as a team with the Con-Con Committee in the coordination of all the lodge volunteers for working our hospitality room... **G R E A T J O B!** I would also like to congratulate and recognize our newly installed GL Inner Guard Richard J. Berg. Sheila was looking down and is as proud of you as is all of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association.

We received many awards at the Convention, most noteworthy was achieving 5th place in membership in the nation, congratulations to Past State President Sandra Brantner and State Membership Chair George Tunnicliff. Hagerstown Lodge # 378 received 1st Place for their Community Project for Drug Awareness.

A special thank you to our Con-Con Committee Chairman Merrillyn and John Ramsey and all of the members of their team for the hospitality coordination and arrangements as you knocked our merchandise out of the convention center, We Sold Out..... Great Job! I also want to recognize Connie deYoung PSP for stepping up at the Elks Camp Barrett Booth at the last minute and doing a super job promoting our camp on a video recording by GL Public Relations. Congratulations to the Camp Barrett booth display, which we received 5 Stars, and our Website which received 4 Stars. We have also received some additional awards that were mailed to us and those will be presented at this workshop.

To date, I have attended the Elk's Camp Barrett counselors exit dinner, ECB executive and Rep's meeting and several lodge events and four of the five DD clinics, missing only the SE Clinic.

My visitation schedule has been distributed and I, as of this writing, will have started my official visits to the lodges along with my Vice Presidents. I am looking forward to these visits and your Vice Presidents will be contacting you very shortly. Remember to share with them all the things your lodge does prior to my visit.

Our January Conference Meeting will again focus on training, mentoring and educating our members and their lodges by providing the information and tools necessary to promote leadership within their lodges. I encourage you to invite your members to attend this workshop and learn firsthand that our State Association is here to help them to achieve success.

My theme is "**Stepping Forward Together**" to make the next 150 years as awesome as the last 150 years. Be proud you are an Elk, enjoy your participation and friendship in all you do, and bring smiles, laughter and enthusiasm to our Association.

Remember the Grand Exalted Rulers theme "**Working Together to Make a Difference**"... I know all of us as (ELKS) can make it happen.

Thank you for all your prayers during my mothers' recovery from a recent cancer operation. She is on the mend and cancer free and I truly believe your prayers helped both her and me.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and all the food and entertainment and go home with knowledge and a renewed passion for Elkdom. Share the knowledge you have gained with your lodge members.

Carl and I wish all of you, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year and are looking forward to spending more time together as we Step Forward at the January Winter Workshop in Rockville MD.

May God Bless you, our country and all that serve to protect us and maintain our freedom.

Fraternally

Mary E. Cardinal- Vogt
State President
MD-DE-DC Elks Association

COMING EVENTS

January 18 - 19, 2019
Winter Workshop
Washington Rockville #15, Rockville, MD

October is ENF Month

Oct 23 - 31 is Red Ribbon Week

November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

Nov 16 - 18 Scout Camporee

Dec 2nd - Elks Memorial Service

Feb 10th - State Hoop Shoot at Washington College

Mar 21 - 24 GER Visit - Annapolis

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



Michael T. Luhr

Message From Our Grand Exalted Ruler

September is the month to get your Lodge in order. Officers and committee members should arrange a meeting to ascertain what Grand Lodge, state, and local programs are on the horizon, and then work out details concerning Lodge participation. Encourage new ideas that could blossom into an original program and fully support the effort. Seeds of inspiration that are well-nurtured often grow and blossom into something truly extraordinary. Don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Success begins with teamwork, and this is especially true of your Membership Committee. Work as a team to contact lapsed Members and find out why they haven't paid their dues. Many times, the Member simply forgot, and a friendly reminder solves the problem. On occasion a Member may be upset about something, or have some other issue that prevented him or her from staying up to date. Check in with the Member and give an opportunity to express any concerns. Do your best to make sure that lapsed Members feel as though they are an essential part of your Lodge, and remind them of all of the amazing work you're doing for your community.

Now is also the time to assess your community involvement thus far in the year and consider ways to expand that contribution. There is no greater Elks virtue than Charity, so make sure your Lodge is doing its part and take great pride in your accomplishments. One of the best ways to show your Elks Pride is by making sure your community knows all about your hard work. Invite the media to one of your events and promote your good deeds.

It's also important to record your good deeds with your Lodge Secretary and make sure your charitable works are being continually reported to the Grand Lodge via the web site. It's much easier to keep up with reporting as it occurs rather than trying to play catch-up. This is also true of the All-American Lodge Contest, so be sure to track your Lodge's accomplishments throughout the year.

September also marks the end of the second financial quarter, so it's time to review Lodge budgets and make adjustments as necessary. Patriotism Week is October 10-16, Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, and the GER class runs the whole month of October, which means now is the time to start making plans. ENF Month is also in October, so this month is the perfect time to plan a fundraiser that helps your Lodge meet the \$4.75 per Member goal.

Paul D. Helsel
PGER & Sponsor

Message From Our State Sponsor

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Fall Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association here in Maryland's premier vacation destination – Ocean City, Maryland. As usual, and thanks to the dedicated efforts of our President Mary Cardinal Vogt and the Convention/Conference Committee, it promises to be an informative and fun filled weekend. By all means take advantage of the local attractions as time permits, but be sure to attend and participate in the Elk social, training, and business activities planned - there is always much to be learned by participating in the planned activities, as well as through good old fashion fellowship with fellow Elks throughout the weekend.

We are honored to have a couple Grand Lodge guests with us this weekend – Rick Gathen and Linda, Rick is Manager of Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing - and Pete Smith and Sandy, Pete is our Area 2 Grand Lodge Public Relations Committeeman. Please join me in welcoming them and showing them our outstanding Elk hospitality. Both Rick and Pete will be presenters in our training session on Saturday morning - be sure to be there for their informative and inspirational presentations.

Our Fall Conference marks the half way point of the 2018/2019 lodge year and as such we will review what progress has been made to date relative to our operational and service program goals, both individually as a lodge and collectively for our Association. For the most part the year seems to be developing pretty well for most lodges and as a result, our

Association. Congratulations and thank you to all the lodges and individual Elks who are carrying the load and moving their lodge and our Association forward. Keep up your usual dedicated efforts and this should be another great year for the Association and its 37 lodges.

Membership growth should still be the number one priority of our lodges. As an Association, we enjoyed a gain in membership (+236) through the 2017/2018 lodge year, with 23 of our 37 lodges on the plus side – it was an outstanding year from a membership standpoint. As I write this message the latest membership numbers available for 2018/2019 are as of 9/3/18 and they show 1 lodge on the plus side, 339 individuals waiting to be initiated, an overall delinquency rate of 11% (2163 members), and a overall loss of 1600 members if the lodge year was ended on 9/3. Obviously we have 7 months to improve on those numbers, but it won't just happen – it will take the dedicated effort of every Elk, every lodge, every District to bring those numbers in line to yield another growth year for our 37 individual lodges and our Association! We need to start the push now – get yourself and your lodge on board and let's make it happen together!!

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

Elks Care - Elks Share



Message From the President-Elect

Greetings all! Welcome back to Ocean City! I am pleased to report that my health continues to improve and after physical therapy I no longer require a walker or even a cane! As I write this report I am looking forward to ending my dependence on the "feeding machine." I am eating regular foods and maintain a "food log" for review by my surgeons. If all goes well, they will remove the feeding tube during my check up on September 21st. I simply cannot express the gratitude I feel to you, our members, for your ongoing support and prayers.

I have been trying to get out and participate in Elk activities as much as possible. I continue to be active in Elks Camp Barrett, attending both Executive Committee and Representative's meetings. I attended the State Horseshoe Tournament at Broadneck Lodge; had a memorable visit with old friends and hopefully made a few new friends. I also attended the Flag Ceremony at Kent Island Lodge and witnessed their rendition of the Elk Flag Ritual. Once again, I enjoyed the camaraderie of my fellow Elks. SW District Deputy Charlie Spadone asked that I speak at his clinic at Camp Springs Lodge addressing both lodge financial manage-

ment and the Jernick Fund. As you may know, I began my Elk journey at Camp Springs many years ago. It was nice to return to my old "stompin' grounds." Having witnessed the "Big Money Band" at Deale Lodge's Tiki Bar, I highly recommend a visit if you are in the area. The members are welcoming and exhibit true southern Maryland charm and hospitality to guests. I also returned to Cape Henlopen Lodge at the request of SE District Deputy Bill Simonds to address financial management and the Jernick Fund. Over all, I have had a very enjoyable start to my President-Elect term!

My thanks to State President Mary Cardinal-Vogt who regularly gives me the benefit of her experience and wisdom, helping to prepare me for next year.

All my activities have been reported to Bonnie Howell on a timely basis. Please don't over look this important task. Together we do wonderful work on many fronts and when each of us report, the combined statistical information is very influential when dealing with the government and other agencies.

Have a great weekend!

John Loftus



South West District
Larry Sheldrake, VP
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I would like to thank the members of the South West District for the privilege of serving as Vice President this Elk year. I would like to wish Mary Cardinal-Vogt, along with newly elected Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers, many successes in their time in office.

As we embrace the new President's message of "Stepping Forward Together", I plan on working with each lodge to report member contributions to the community. I would personally like to focus on lodge participation in the State Association Programs.

An informative District Deputy Clinic was held at the Camp Springs Lodge on August 5th. Many topics were discussed relative to training, Elks Lodge Management and Grand Lodge Programs. As I work with the District Deputy and State Association this year, I want to stress the importance of reporting charitable hours. This could include meeting to plan and/or working an event at your lodge, driving to the grocery store to pick up items, or emailing your membership. Let's promote our good work by showing Grand Lodge an increase in charitable hours.

As Vice President for the South West District, I serve on the Executive Committee of Elks Camp Barrett. Our State President wishes to send 1 child per every 25 members. It might be beneficial to reach out to your fellow lodges to strategize how to build on participation to meet this goal.

I am looking forward to our State Convention in Ocean City this fall and working with our State President, District Deputy and lodges. We can accomplish so much this year, by growing our programs, membership, and showcasing this great organization we are all a part of. Please let the community and me know if you have or are planning any community events by using various media resources, Facebook, Twitter, newsletter or text. I am excited to be your new Vice President and I am especially looking forward to visiting all the lodges that are part of our District. GO SOUTH WEST!



North East District
John Opitz, VP
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It is truly an honor to represent the North East District as your Vice President. Thank you for trusting me to serve our district.

Since installation in June, I have attended the Grand Lodge session in San Antonio. The celebrations for our sesquicentennial were a thrill to behold, including an amazing concert. The sessions were informative and the fellowship was wonderful. We had the opportunity to meet many new Elk friends as we have done at all the Grand Lodge sessions.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, our district held its first District Deputy clinic on August 12th at Chestertown Lodge. Thank you Exalted Ruler Reihl and all your officers and members for your hospitality. This was an excellent clinic, which I was pleased to attend. Our year together is getting off to a great start.

As I write this, I am preparing for all our Lodge visits throughout our district, both for our President, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, and myself. We look forward to meeting Lodge Officers and members during our upcoming visits.

The Lodges of the North East District are getting all their fall events going; there are crab feasts, delicious meals, and a 50th anniversary celebration, all in the near future.

If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.



North Central District
Corey Bradley, VP
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I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as your Vice President for the 2018-2019 term. I stumbled upon this amazing organization and it has enriched my life in ways I cannot express. The Elks has granted me an opportunity to feel like I am part of a community. Someone wiser and smarter than me once said "When we dream alone, it is only a dream, but when we dream together, it is the beginning of reality." Elks is that dream. When so many like-minded American citizens come together for the greater good of our communities, we have the ability to make change.

We make change, by *Stepping Forward* and *Making a Difference*. This can be easily accomplished by: Communication, Recruitment and Execution.

North Central knows communication starts by letting your membership, your community, and surrounding lodges know what's going on in your lodge. Utilize social media to get your message out. Be Loud and Be Proud. As the North Central Vice President, I will continue the work of keeping lodges working together as a team. We can only succeed as a team.

North Central is striving to be #1 in recruitment by decreasing delinquents and gaining new members. I plan to lead this charge by working with the District Deputy to set goals and strategize on ways to recruit new members and retain existing members. I truly believe it's all in how we orientate our new members. If people are comfortable and feel accepted, they will gain a sense of community from our organization and will become active and engaged.

Execution is what makes our great organization stand out and will ensure we see another 150 years. We have to execute our programs day in and day out. Whether it be for Veterans, youth, Americanism, community investment or drug awareness, our execution of these programs is what shows our communities how invested we are in them. Whether it's Annapolis Lodge supporting our First Responders, Laurel Elks fundraising for a member in need, or Broadneck Lodge hosting a motorcycle run for veterans; North Central will continue to show that investment into our communities. I thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the North Central Vice President.



West District
Ruth K. Collins-Shaw, VP
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Thank you for the great honor and privilege to be your 2018-2019 West Area Vice President. I believe 2018-2019 will be an extraordinary year for our State Association. Sometimes the most ordinary things can be made extraordinary simply by doing them with the right people. I think we have been tremendously blessed with finding the right people to lead our association. I am humbled that I have been given the responsibility of leading the West District and I promise I will carry out my duties to the very best of my ability. State President Mary's vision is "Stepping Forward Together!" I believe we can do that by increasing our membership, engaging our current members and faithfully continuing to serve our remarkable communities.

We must not wait for opportunity to knock, we must CREATE them! We must inspire our members to become motivated and passionate about our lodges and our state association. We must actively pursue the goal of increasing our membership, by working hand in hand with our members, committees and new recruits to serve our communities. I genuinely believe that by "Stepping Forward Together" our activities in our local lodges and state offer an outstanding chance to meet and cultivate lifelong friendships and networks within Elkdom. Thank you for this awesome opportunity. Let's make sure everyone knows "THE BEST COMES FROM THE WEST"!



South East District
Angela Meyers, VP
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It is an honor and a privilege to serve our State Association President, Mary Cardinal -Vogt and the Great South East District. As of this report the SE Lodge visitations have not yet taken place, but I look forward to visiting every lodge beginning with Kent Island on September 18th. Our District Deputy, Bill Simonds held his Clinic in Cape Henlopen and I was thrilled to see the great attendance. The presentations and breakout sessions were excellent and the Cape Henlopen style hospitality was fantastic. Thank you to all who presented and attended. In the meantime, the lodges of our District

have been busy with activities and events furthering the cause of charity and Elkdom throughout our communities. Seaford Lodge participated in the Annual River Fest by holding a games and activities booth where children could play games and win a prize. Every child participating gave a pledge to be drug free. Kent Island honored local Purple Heart recipients by hosting a Friday Night Dinner free of charge to recipients of the Purple Heart. Salisbury sponsored Wicomico County Fresh Start program giving 4000 book bags, supplies, food, and games to local youth preparing them for the beginning of the school year. Salisbury also participated in the County 4-H fair hosting Elroy and the Drug Awareness trailer for all those in attendance at the fairgrounds. Salisbury also provided their lodge for use as the annual 4-H Camp location. Thank you to all the lodges of the SE district for continuing your charitable works, furthering the mission of Elkdom, and helping to make our communities better. It's What Elk Do!



Around the State Association

DEALE



Elk volunteers worked with the Shady Side Captain Avery Museum to host a field trip to the museum. The day focused on hands on experiences with native plants, discussions about the tides and stories of the local waterways. We were able to start the day with a short presentation encouraging the students to take care of themselves as well as the environment. The day ended with each student getting a gift bag from the lodge including our "Just Say No" coloring book.

SEAFORD



The lodge partnered with Amy Craft, a Jefferson Award Internship recipient. Amy is a graduate of Sussex Tech High School. Selected members put together 34 Buckets of Love filled with school supplies. These buckets were donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Seaford and Laurel for children in need.

Photo-Top L-R Amy Craft, Darlene Harmon, Debra Clark, Don Hickman, and Pat James. **Bottom L-R** Darlene Harmon, Amy Craft, Pat James and Don Hickman

SALISBURY



Wicomico County 4-H Summer Camp. Kids, Community and Elks...A great Combination!



Salisbury Elks join the community to help kids get ready for school. Wicomico Fresh Start Event.

FREDERICK



Jernick fund helps Colby and Jack Bennett with getting motorized scooters they desperately needed.

Front L-R: Jack and Colby
Back L-R: Harry Hodgdon ER, Karen McNitt Leading Knight, Mary Cardinal -Vogt State President and Ruth Collins-Shaw West VP

DOVER



Gratitude Grant - Bike Rodeo

Around the State Association

CALVERT



Beacon Grant used for Camp C.O.P.S.

L-R: Julie Cadway, Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Joanne Carr, Antler Mackenzie Carr, Brenda Hodges and Connie Murphy

SEVERNA PARK



The "Faces of Valor" event is held each year to honor a military person or 1st responder who has been injured in the line of duty.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY



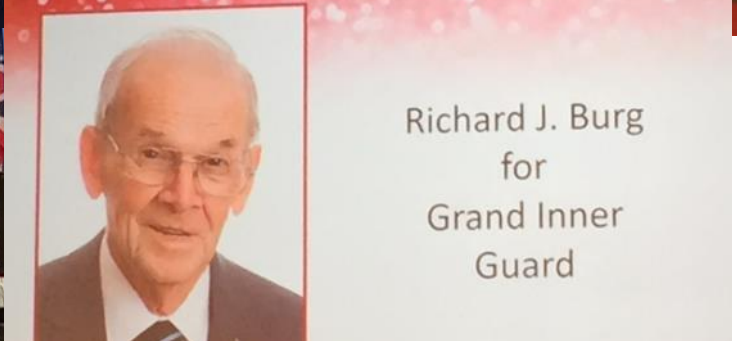
On August 25th, the lodge participated in a parade to celebrate our local Fire Department and Rescue Squad's 75th Anniversary.

In Memoriam
Jay R. Nave
 Born 12/24/1952
 Initiated 2/27/1974
 Died 8/15/2018
 PER Westminster Lodge #2277
 PSP MD, DE, DC Elks Assn.



GLEN BURNIE

1st Responders Appreciation Dinner was held at the lodge.. Captain Brandon Hiller, Station Commander of Station 26 South Glen Burnie , stands next to Paramedic of the Year Erik Anderson while Special Operation Battalion Chief Chris Schaetzly stands next to Fire Officer of the Year Bobby Stanton.





Family Picnic



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

A few tips in getting your government officials informed and involved with your lodge:

September:

Plan your Veterans Remembrance Programs for November. Invite a Legislator or a local Government Official to speak or just watch at your Veterans Day Ceremony or Veterans Programs in November. Inform the local news media of your plans.

October:

Check to see if the lodge can be of assistance in helping the elderly and handicapped get to the polls to vote.

November:

Send congratulatory letters to newly-elected and reelected Legislators and local Officials. Enclose charitable records, survey data and other informational material about the Elks.

State and local lodge chairpersons make master list of addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses of Legislators in their respective areas.

December:

Invite Legislators and local Officials to be present when holiday food baskets are distributed.

GL Article worth reading is by Stanley J. Welsh titled "Do You Know Your State Alcohol Management Laws?" This is some very valuable information.

Bonnie Howell, PER
State Government Relations Chairman



ACCIDENT PREVENTION / INSURANCE RISK

Fall 2018

"WELKome" all Maryland, Delaware and DC State Elks Association members,

This is my 1st quarterly newsletter about safety and risk management in your lodges. I sent all the lodges a copy of the Grand Lodge Accident Prevention report. Below are just a few good tips related to seasonal safety in your lodges. Under "Fall Maintenance" most are common sense. A couple that really stand out are smoke detectors and CO2 detectors. We are all guilty of not testing or changing the batteries in our smoke detectors. Assign a person or add this to your safety check list. CO2 detectors are another safety item that gets overlooked. I know many of you have propane for cooking or heat and use oil for heating. Test those detectors also. Or if you don't have any, perhaps install a few at needed locations.

I know a lot of lodges have volunteers do repairs. If it is a major project, ensure your lodge is covered if a catastrophic accident happens and the person doing the work is covered as well. During the workshop I will give a short presentation on common sense kitchen safety.

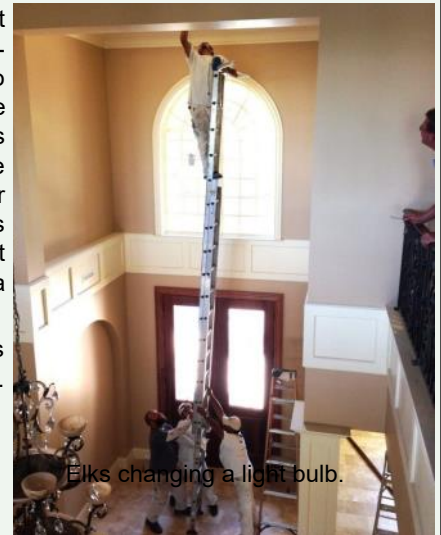
If you have any questions or need any information, feel free to call, text or E mail. I am in the directory.

Have a great day in Elkdom,

Capt. Stu

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Elks changing a light bulb.

FALL MAINTENANCE

Accident prevention also involves maintaining property when the seasons change:

- ◆ Securely store deck/patio furniture for the upcoming seasons;
- ◆ Make sure that smoke detectors are working and replace if necessary;
- ◆ Lodges that heat with gas/LP/oil need carbon monoxide detectors;
- ◆ Remove leaves from roofs, gutters, walkways and parking lots;
- ◆ Drain and store garden hoses for the winter season;
- ◆ Lawn sprinkler systems need to be blown free of water to avoid frozen pipes in the winter; and
- ◆ Have chimneys and flues inspected and cleaned if necessary to minimize the risk of fire.





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

Since our last meeting at the State Convention in Solomons Island, I am happy to report the ENVSC is continuing to expand and grow our relationship with veterans through our Welcome Home Project, the Army of Hope, and the VA Hospitals and State Veteran Homes. Our VAVS reps are welcoming traveling military at the BWI/USO and offering gift cards, bottled water and stationary. Dover AFB USO and the Fisher House continue to receive our donations. Our VAVS hospital reps visit the VA Medical Centers and State Veterans' Homes volunteering in the gift shop and hosting bingo and pizza parties for the enjoyment of our Veterans in the Community Living Centers.

The Elks and the Elks Welcome Home Project are becoming well known as we continue to assist homeless Veterans in the States of Maryland and Delaware and the Washington, DC area. The MD, DE & DC ENVSC Army of Hope has received many requests for assistance on a monthly basis. The past few months, the Army of Hope has assisted several veterans with utility bills. Each

request for assistance that is received by the Army of Hope has come through a VA social worker or a recognized veterans' organization such as Veterans First-Friendship Place, Warriors Helping Warriors or partnering with VFW's or American Legions.

As our ENVSC has grown and expanded in assisting our veterans, Lodge involvement is also growing. This year, eleven lodges applied for the Freedom Grant with 8 approved and 3 wait-listed. Congratulations to Newark, Camp Springs, Pocomoke, Frederick, Easton, Dover, Cape Henlopen and Abingdon. Newark Lodge will be providing start-up kits for Veterans transitioning into new apartments in Wilmington, DE and assisting with their move in. Abingdon will be taking 30 veterans to a ballgame, Camp Springs will host a Veterans' Cookout, and Dover will provide financial support to Give-Vets-A-Smile, which will provide essential dental services for homeless veterans at the Veterans' Stand Down. Great job, great ideas, great work! We are proud that the MD, DE & DC Elks Association will continue to support and never forget our nation's veterans.

Have a Great Weekend!

Fraternally,

Bob McIntyre, Chairman

William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

I would like to begin by thanking Lee Davis, PSP, for his years of service to the Fund. Lee worked diligently to fulfill the duties of our Treasurer and was only a phone call away when a situation arose that required advice or assistance. I welcome Carl Robinson, PSP, who is taking over as Treasurer, I look forward to working with him this year.

We have received nine applications for grants already this year. Four of our Districts having had submitted applications with the West District leading the charge. Please keep the Jernick Fund in mind when budgeting charitable funds in your Lodge. As you know, all donations to the fund go to the investment trust, and only the trust's earnings provide the funding for grants.

When submitting an application, please ensure it is neat and complete. When questions arise, it often creates unnecessary delays in processing.

We are on pace for a record year! Keep up the good work!

Thanks for your support!

John Loftus, State Chairman

Susan Caldwell - SE Michelle Rhoads - NE Rob Rephan - W Judy Black - SW Julie Burgoon - NC

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the ECB 50/50 June Raffle at Solomons Island on June 10, 2018 was Toni Wagner from Ocean City Lodge 2645. She received \$331.00 and Camp Barrett received \$330.00.

The Camp wants to thank everyone purchasing raffle tickets and supporting our State Major Project. Members, please buy your ECB raffle tickets this weekend and show your support for your camp.

THE WINNER COULD BE YOU!

Sincerely,
H. Lee Davis

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MVS Scholarship Deadline

August 15, 2018	Applications opened on line
October 1, 2018	Judge Hub available to all judges online
November 15, 2018	Student Application Deadline
November 22, 2018	Counselor Report Deadline
December 4-20, 2018	Lodge judging
January 3-14, 2019	District Judging
February 7-25, 2019	State Judging
April 11-14, 2019	MVS Leadership weekend

Lynn Evans
MD/DE/DC State Scholarship Chairperson

NEWSLETTER

Sorry, but the state email address mddedcelkspr@gmail.com is not working. It treats everything as spam. Mail directly to Nicole at mdiiorio@gmail.com?

Looking for more pics from the lodges. Share with us the good things you've been doing!



Review of Financial Statement: May 2018 through July 2018

	Actual Income:	Budget (year)	Difference
Elks Nat'l Foundation:	\$230,839.67	\$230,616.00	\$223.67
Association Ordinary:	\$43,926.89	\$42,500.00	\$1,426.89
Assoc/Con/Con Off Site:	\$99,563.37	\$135,022.50	(\$35,459.13)
Association Other:	\$32,456.44	\$51,069.51	(\$18,613.07)
Camp Barrett Ordinary:	\$27,163.83	\$92,145.51	(\$64,981.68)
Camp Barrett Donation:	\$137,605.41	\$148,630.00	(\$11,024.59)
Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	<u>\$88,322.06</u>	<u>\$73,700.00</u>	<u>\$14,622.06</u>
OVERALL TOTAL INCOME:	\$659,877.67	\$773,683.52	(\$113,805.85)
	Actual Expenses:	Budget (year)	Difference
Elks Nat'l Foundation:	\$133,741.91	\$230,616.00	(\$96,874.09)
Association Ordinary:	\$5,249.76	\$63,819.51	(\$58,569.75)
Assoc/Con/Con Off Site:	\$81,174.27	\$135,022.50	(\$53,848.23)
Association Other:	\$6,839.92	\$29,750.00	(\$22,910.08)
Camp Barrett Ordinary:	\$158,198.19	\$281,980.00	(\$123,781.81)
Camp Barrett Donation:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Camp Barrett Fund Raisers:	<u>\$35,963.26</u>	<u>\$32,495.51</u>	<u>\$3,467.75</u>
OVERALL TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$421,167.31	\$773,683.52	(\$352,516.21)



Total Profit/Loss: Income: \$659,877.67 - Expenses: \$421,167.31 = Net Profit: **\$238,710.36**

At 1/4 of the way through the year, income is approximately 85% of budgeted goal, expenses are about 54%. Net profit is healthy but expenses need to be monitored closely to maintain this.

The Auditing and Business Practices Committee stands ready to assist Lodges. In addition to answering requests from lodges, we have generated training material, briefed at DD clinics, and created workbooks for events. If you or your lodge has any questions that this committee might be able to answer, please let us know.

Bill Simonds
State A&BP Chairman

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hello All,

What a great job you all did with membership gains this year.

5th in the nation and there is only one way to beat that record.

Please invite new guests and family members to become members in your lodges.

Remember +1; membership gains and 0 delinquents is a must.

Find new ways to attract new and old (delinquent & dropped) members to your lodges. Look online at ELKS.ORG in manuals & you'll find the Lodge Activities manual. There're so many activities to choose from, your lodge will have to be open 8 days a week!

Remember I always say:

A Closed Elks Lodge, Makes No Money / Has No Fun / Gains No New Members.

An Open Elks Lodge, Make Money / Has a Lot of Fun / Gains Many New Members

Which Elks Lodge would you want to join?

Let's keep marching forward towards #1 in the nation!

George Tunncliff
State Membership Chairman





It is time to promote
AMERICANISM

In our Lodges and our Communities

ESSAY CONTEST – “*What Makes You Proud of America*”

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, 2018. Winners on the Lodge level must be to the District Chairman by January 15, 2019. District winners must be to the State Chair no later than February 15, 2019.

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, 2018

District Chair by January 15, 2019 – State Chair by February 15, 2019

Margie McIntyre
State Americanism Chair
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Elks Camp Barrett Improvement Fund Raffle 2018 - Final Report

I want to thank everyone who participated in making the raffle a success again this year. Due to your generosity; the raffle made \$43,400.25 after expenses. This will go a long way toward keeping our Camp Barrett the great and beautiful facility that it is, for a long time to come.

That being said; there are always repairs and improvements that need to be accomplished. I will, therefore, be chairing another fund-raising raffle next year. The tickets will be mailed in March and the winners will be drawn at the Family Picnic in May. I know that you will be as generous as you've been in the past and that we'll have another successful year. Thank you for your continued support of our State Major Project.

Fraternally,

Lou Schmeltzer, PDD Chairman

Convention-Conference Committee Update

Our June and Grand Lodge conventions were exciting and fun-filled with professional entertainment at June Convention and St. Mary's County hosting a great hospitality suite with their own “ham” special, a 5-star booth award and a merchandise sell-out at GL Convention. Thanks to you and other Elk members!

We brought in some new merchandise and will be continuing with some of those items. Look for John's Basement Bargains at the Fall Conference as well as still more new merchandise. Give us your ideas on what you would like to see offered.

We are always looking for new items for raffles and ask kindly that if you have ideas you bring them to us first. Remember, all fund-raising should be for the State Association, not lodges or Districts.

As always, thanks for your support and confidence.

Merrilyn & John Ramsey

U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!

Another great Camp Barrett Season is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean that we lock everything up and close the shutters at 1001 Chesterfield Road. There's still lots more happening and lots more to make the members of the MD,DE,DC Elks Association proud of your State Major Project. Fall and Winter bring tons of excitement to the camp. Coming up on the schedule; Adult Camporee, Natural Leaders Program, Indian Creek School Orientation, Naval Petty Officers Orientations, Church Picnics, and a ton of scout camping weekends.

Planning for next year's summer camp is already underway. While last season's numbers were less than stellar with 376 campers (not our worst), we are excited that with new networking and contacts within social services departments, our lodges were able to send the largest amount of documented needy and deserving children than we have for many years. Kudos to Camp Springs Lodge and Dwayne Wilcher for sending the largest number of campers. Summer Camp registration was a bit easier this year with the installation of our new online system. Mary Ann Kelly, ECB volunteer, who handles registration said "...it's a great improvement from years past". Thank you to all the great ECB volunteers who helped us have another successful season. Camp Barrett is still continuing its mission to serve our youth. Camp Sunrise brought over 100 campers and that many more staff and volunteers. Spina Bifida held another wonderful annual picnic with 50 children and 90 adults in attendance, and the AACS Band Camp had its biggest year yet with 146 teens.

In the future, Annapolis Lodge will be holding a Celebration of Life gathering and fundraiser to honor those who lost their lives in the attack on the Capital Gazette Newspaper in Annapolis. The day will be a gathering where families can enjoy the day together. This event is a joint effort with the Annapolis American Legion Post. Local first responders will be attending as well as the Governor. There will be children's activities, food trucks, music, and vendors. Please join Annapolis Elks and come to the event on October 6th.

We call upon all members to come and volunteer for the Scout Camporee on November 16 - 18 when nearly a thousand scouts, leaders and volunteers will be on the campus for the weekend. We feed them and provide a tailgate lunch at the Navy game on that Saturday. It's a busy weekend and we need all the helpful hands we can get. Volunteering comes with a perk though; we really have a great time, lots of laughs and fun for all.

Great news!!! We have just finalize an agreement to host Cub Scout Camp Tomahawk for their August 2019 annual day camp. There will be approximately 500 campers and volunteers using our campus. Another great Elks/Scouting partnership. This camp will be a week three addition to our busy August camp schedule with the medically oriented camp Sunrise and the AACS band camp in week one and two respectively.

So as it becomes colder and the leaves fall, please remember your Elks Camp Barrett is alive and well. We are continuing our mission and serving the community. Come by and see us (we'll put you to work), send us a note or an email (we love mail—no bills please), volunteer, or just hang out for a bit. The campus is happiest when children and Elks are around.

Angela M. Meyer, Director of Operations
Elks Camp Barrett





Fellow Elks,

We are half way thru the Elk year and lodges have been busy doing the great work of Elkdom. I am confident there are still many projects planned for Veterans and local communities. This is where ENF comes to help! Every year, the Elks National Foundation arms the Elks' mighty army of volunteers with grants to address the needs of their communities. These Community Investments Program grants allow Elks lodges to uplift and inspire their communities, creating memories that will last a lifetime. These grants are at your lodge's disposal. I encourage lodges to apply for the grants still available. The Elks National Foundation allocated \$12.4 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants offering lodges opportunities to serve the community in ways that will raise the lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit elks.org/CIP. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me.



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Valerie Huot
MD-DE-DC State ENF Chairman

Terri Lynn Nut Campaign to Benefit Elks Camp Barrett

At this September workshop, I will be taking orders for **Terri 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 getting orders, please see Hilda Davis at the Camp Barrett 50/50 table. Money and orders are **due no later than October 20th, 2018**.

The nuts will be available at the camp meeting the first Saturday in December. If you are unable to pick the order up at that time, see me and maybe we could arrange to meet someplace or we can bring the order to the January workshop if you do not need it for December.

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

Sincerely,
Hilda Davis

SOCCER SHOOT

Howdy Y'all,

First off, I'd like to introduce the chairs for each district that are filled:

North East: Carl P. King Jr, Milford Lodge #2421

South West: Rick Watts, St. Mary's County Lodge #2092

West: Eric Sines, Oakland Lodge #2481



Thank you to these people willing to step up and lead their districts, but as you can see, we do have holes. If you know of anyone interested in making a late season push, please contact me or your District Leaders ASAP!

We are in discussions with the US Naval Academy to host this year's State Shoot. At press time, those details have not been finalized. The Regional Shoot will be held March 1-3 2019, so we have a bit of leeway for scheduling. As more develops, the Soccer Shoot Committee will publish details of our State Shoot to include the location should our first option fall through. Thanks to PSP Ron Lamot for his guidance and to PDDGER Gerald Morrow for his advisement. We hope to have final details soon!

Fraternally,

Robert Broom, State Soccer Chair

PEER LEADERSHIP

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been involved in drug awareness for many years. The New Jersey Elks started a program 30 years ago for youth to help them to make better decisions for themselves and to inspire other young adults. The more tools we give our youth to enable them to make these 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 with the ability to educate their fellow peers, schools and towns. The speakers are very motivational and the teens that have attended have been truly inspired. The speakers talked about making the right choices, confidence building, self-esteem, and helping others.

This year we are very excited to present this program Havre de Grace on February 2, 2018 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Please pass the information along to your antlers program, teens, schools, teachers, counselors, church groups, scouts, and parents. If you are interested in helping or want additional information you can contact either Kathy King at kking114@comcast.net or Jessica Todd at jessigirl901@aol.com

Kathy King
State Chairperson, Peer Leadership

Jessica Todd
State Co-Chair, Peer Leadership



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MD-DE-DC Elks Association Riviera Maya Trip

Breathless Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa

April 7-13, 2019 from \$1,384.00* per person

The 13th annual MD-DE-DC Elks Association trip, benefiting Elks Camp Barrett, will return to Riviera Maya in 2019.

Breathless Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa is an all-suite resort for adults seeking a lively getaway! Consisting of 526 contemporary suites and three horseshoe shaped buildings and sections, each with their own personality and vibe, it offers singles, couples, and friends the perfect balance of excitement and relaxation. Enjoy the

Unlimited-Luxury[®] inclusions of gourmet dining and premium brand beverages at ten restaurants and nine bars and lounges, along with 24-hour room and concierge services. **Breathless Riviera Cancun** is rated **6 Golden Apples** by Apple Vacations!



This **all-inclusive, adults-only** deluxe vacation is available from Apple Vacations starting at the group rate of **\$1,384.00***, including **non-stop roundtrip airfare** from BWI airport. The rates are per person, based on double occupancy (call for single or triple rate), and include taxes, government fees, gratuities, and non-stop transfers. This 6-night vacation features an early morning outbound flight and a late afternoon return flight. **All xhale club suites offer the following additional amenities and services:**

personalized check-in and check-out with concierge service; private xhale club lounge, pool, and Jacuzzi; daily continental breakfast service in the lounges; pool concierge & bar service; afternoon hot and cold hors d'oeuvres; private restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner; balcony with Whirlpool (except for Swim-Out Suites); and more!

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**.

Category	Rate*
<i>Allure Junior Suite Ocean View</i>	\$1,384.00
<i>Allure Junior Suite Swim-Out</i>	\$1,464.00
<i>Allure Junior Suite Ocean Front</i>	\$1,514.00
<i>Xhale Club Junior Suite Ocean View</i>	\$1,594.00
<i>Xhale Club Junior Suite Swim-Out</i>	\$1,644.00
<i>Xhale Club Junior Suite Ocean Front</i>	\$1,694.00

* Rates are subject to change without notice.