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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robert H. Raleigh, Jr.

Members, families, and guests of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association, welcome to our June Convention at Solomons Island – a wonderful place to meet, visit, share ideas and enjoy Elkdom. New Lodge Officers, please meet and greet and make yourselves comfortable. Congratulations on being elected to lead your Lodges for the coming year.

putting a schedule together for the summer camping season. PLEASE, Lodge Reps, send campers to our camp. Let's get it going again and build it back up. Congratulations to the new Executive Board members and members who were re-elected – you are the heartthrob of the Camp.

We are honored to have visiting with us this weekend the newly installed Pennsylvania President William "Bill" Mack, his lovely wife Holly, and First Baby of Pennsylvania, Laynie. Bill and Holly are from the Frackville Lodge #1533. Please greet them and make them feel welcome. And it is always an honor to visit with our Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel, and his gracious First Lady, Ms. Jane.

As I write this article, I have many fond memories of this past year. The Lodge visits, dinners, and hospitality were nothing short of exceptional. I received the same response from the VPs regarding their visits to the Lodges. Thank you to the Lodge officers and members.

The Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association is rocking Elkdom!! Thank all of you again. We are still in good hands with President-Elect Marion Davidson taking the helm. Marion, here's to a successful and enjoyable year for you and Diane.

I was in Pennsylvania for their Convention at the end of April. It was an informational and interesting affair. Elks are always good people, no matter where they are.

Enjoy Solomons and have a good weekend in Elkdom.

I am very proud of our State Association, members, officers, and chairs. We moved ahead with membership, donations, and activities. You all did a FANTASTIC job. I thank all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Fraternally,
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Camp Barrett will be open for campers this year! Angela has worked hard at

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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

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FLAG DAY EVENTS CAN INVOLVE VETERANS, YOUTH GROUPS

We are two months into our Lodge year and time is moving fast. June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service the Elks are asked to perform.

Try to get one of your local service youth groups to participate in your ceremony. This will not only serve as your observance of Flag Day, but it will also help educate our youth about our history associated with "Old Glory." Reach out to your local veterans facilities or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and invite them to the ceremony. Offer them a chance to participate, or just perform our ceremony for them.

Later in the month is Father's Day. My father was the one who sponsored me into this great Order. I can honestly say there were times we did not see eye to eye. Now that I am older, I understand what he was teaching me and how those conversations helped shape me into who I am today. Since my father's passing over 14 years ago, I still stop and reflect on what his advice and wisdom would be now as I continue on my

daily path. Whether your father is still with you or not, use this day to honor fathers everywhere. Our Order has a ceremony for this day, I suggest you hold an event to honor them.

Let this serve as your last reminder that if any Members have sponsored or reinstated three Members, send in the request for them to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award pin. The deadline for this is June 15.

I hope to see you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 3–6. If this is your first convention, congratulations. The information and the experience you will receive will be second to none.

Use your time wisely. Take time to visit the Exhibit Hall and examine the Grand Lodge Committee and State Association booths. Attend the Grand Lodge Sessions. Attend the seminars that are offered every afternoon.

Spend some time with your own state delegates. Use this opportunity to visit other state gatherings and meet Elks from across the nation. Some of the best ideas have come from the interaction between Elks from different states. Let them know what is working for you and let them tell you what is working for them. By exchanging ideas and taking them back to your Lodge, you will be successful in "Meeting the Challenge."

For returning attendees, I can assure you the Grand Lodge Convention Commission will put a fantastic convention together for all of us to enjoy.

Message From Our State Sponsor

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With six weeks of the new 2022/2023 Lodge year behind us, hopefully, you and your Lodge are off and running on a course that will set new records in membership gains, financial growth, increased charitable work in your community, and increased participation and accomplishments across the programs of Elkdom.

In just a few weeks, we will all be in Solomon's Island, MD, attending our Annual Convention, celebrating the accomplishments of the 2021/2022 year, installing the new Officers and Committeepersons for the Association 2022/2023 year, and preparing to embark on our second century as the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association.

We have much to celebrate from the recent 2021/2022 Lodge year, particularly after the previous two years of COVID-related setbacks, shutdowns, and the many difficulties we all individually and collectively had to endure, to name a few:

- As an Association-wide membership growth of about 500 members, we are ranked 13th in the Order out of 40 Associations showing a growth - 24 of our Lodges showing a gain; one of our best years ever. Since April 1,

we have increased our starting number by 56 members through reinstatements. Thank you to every Elk that made this possible.

- 19th in the Order in ENF per capita donations (\$11,534) and total donations at \$221,411.03 – both per capita and total donations trending up for the year – another outstanding accomplishment!!
- Received the top 5 Star award for both the Association website and the Association Newsletter. Thank you, Joe McGeeney and Janie Swigert, for keeping these two communication tools at the top of the heap with the best in the Order. Thank you also to all those officers, committeepersons, Lodges, etc., that provide the information, articles, etc.; these submissions keep the communication entities pertinent to the successful operation of our Lodges and Association.
- And, of course, the many individual accomplishments of our 37 Lodges and their continuing ability to prosper, grow, and perform in the name of Elkdom. Individually and collectively, we do many things very well in keeping Elkdom alive and well and in the forefront of our communities across the Association.

At our Convention in Solomon's Island, Marion "Jr." Davidson and his officers and committeepersons will take the helm and lead our Association for this next Association year. While the year will likely not be all "smooth sailing," and without a doubt, there will be some bumps in the road, we individually and

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION SUMMER WORKSHOP AGENDA JUNE 3–5, 2022 AT THE HOLIDAY INN, SOLOMONS ISLAND, MD

Friday, June 3, 2022			
Noon - 5:00 PM	Registration	11:30 AM - 11:35 AM	Comments, Pennsylvania President Bill Mack
1:00 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting	11:35 AM - 11:40 AM	Comments, State President Robert Raleigh
2:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	Comments, Grand Lodge Sponsor Paul D. Helsel PGER
3:30 PM	Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting	11:50 AM - 12:00 Noon	Remembrance of Departed Members Sickness & Distress
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting	12:00 Noon	Adjournment / Prayer Chaplain Darlene Harmon
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner on your own		Announcements / Recess until Sunday 9:30 AM
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open	12:00 Noon	Lunch
Saturday, June 4, 2022		1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Con-Con Meeting, Atlanta Attendees
8:00 AM - Noon	Registration	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	State President-Elect Marion Davidson Meeting with ERs
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Elks Camp Barrett Meeting	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	State President-Elect Marion Davidson Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
9:00 AM	Workshop Called to Order by State President Robert Raleigh	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Hon. Paul D. Helsel, PGER Meeting with DDGERS
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Committee Meetings (as needed)
9:20 AM	Begin Presentations, Committee Reports	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Social Hour
9:20 AM - 9:25 AM	Con-Con Report, Robert Broom	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner, Awards, Presentations
9:25 AM - 9:30 AM	Elks National Foundation, Mary Underwood (Donations Accepted)	8:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite Open
9:30 AM - 9:35 AM	Elks Camp Barrett, Ben Stone (Donations Accepted)	Sunday, June 5, 2022	
9:35 AM - 9:40 AM	Drug Awareness Program, Angela Meyer	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:40 AM - 9:45 AM	Elks Veterans Service, Welcome Home, Lou Schmeltzer & Carl Robinson	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:45 AM - 9:50 AM	Government Relations, Corey Bradley	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Memorial Service (White Summer Tux for formal participants)
9:50 AM - 9:55 AM	William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, Susan Caldwell (Donations Accepted)	10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Installation of Officers 2022-2023 (White Summer Tux for formal participants)
9:55 AM - 10:00 AM	Accident Prevention, Mike Ford	11:30 AM	Closing
10:00 AM - 10:05 AM	Americanism, Charlie Spadone	NEXT MEETING:	September 30-October 2
10:05 AM - 10:10 AM	Directory, Betty Hardin	NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2022	
10:10 AM - 10:15 AM	Scholarships, Lynn Evans	UPCOMING EVENTS	
10:15 AM - 10:20 AM	Membership Report, John Opitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 14—Flag Day • June 3-5—State Convention in Solomons Island • June 19—Father's Day • June 21—First Day of Summer • June 26—International Day Against Drug Abuse • July 3 –6—Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA • September 2—Newsletter Deadline • Sept 30-Oct 2—Annual Elks State Fall Conference in Ocean City, MD 	
10:20 AM - 10:25 AM	Social Media/Marketing, Danniele McKnight	<p><i>NOTE: Lodges, please refrain from scheduling conflicting events so key officers and members may attend all meetings.</i></p>	
10:25 AM - 10:30 AM	Lodge Activities/All American Award, Mary Villeneuve		
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Soccer Shoot, Dolly Broom		
10:35 AM - 10:40 AM	Hoop Shoot, Dewayne Wilcher		
10:40 AM - 10:45 AM	Credentials Report / State Officers Reports / VPs		
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM	Advisory Report, Sandy Brantner		
10:50 AM - 10:55 AM	Trustee's Report, Dave Reihl		
10:55 AM - 11:00 AM	Secretary / Treasurer Reports		
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	Unfinished Business / New Business		
11:10 AM - 11:15 AM	Good of the Association		
11:15 AM - 11:25 AM	Comments, GL Area 2 Public Relations & Membership Marketing / Sandy Brantner, GL Area 2 Fraternal Committee		
11:25 AM - 11:30 AM	Comments, President Elect Marion Davidson Jr.		

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collectively, members and Lodges alike, must recommit ourselves to help make this coming year the very best ever. Everything begins and ends at the Lodge level. We must do everything in our power to help make our Lodges successful – if they are successful and accomplish much our Association and our Order will be successful and accomplish much. To that end, we need all hands on deck and every Elk in every Lodge working to make their Lodge the very best. There is nothing we can't do and no accomplishment out of our reach when working together. We simply need to set our minds to the task and get it done!!

Also, at this Convention, we will be hosting the President of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association, Bill Mack, and First Lady Holly. Please join Jane and me in welcoming them to our Association and showing them what Elkdom and fine hospitality is all about in Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

Congratulations to outgoing President Robert Raleigh for serving our Association with dedication and distinction during this past year. Thank you for your continuing efforts to move our Association forward. Be proud that our Association has enjoyed another year of growth and prosperity under your capable leadership.

Best wishes to every MD, DE & DC Elk for continued good health and prosperity, best wishes to our 37 Lodge in their efforts to grow Elkdom and service to their communities, and best wishes to incoming President Marion "Jr" Davidson and his Officers and Committees for a most successful 2022/2023 Association year.

Safe travels. Jane and I welcome you to Solomon's Island and look forward to visiting with everyone.



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Welcome everyone to the June Convention on Solomons Island. Thanks to Rob Bloom and the Con-Con committee for their planning and preparation to make this conference an enormous success.

Congratulations to Rene Rivituso, incoming President-Elect and the District Vice Presidents, the new Trustees, and new Camp Barrett Executive Officers. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

I want to introduce my appointed Officers for the upcoming State Year. Sergeant at Arms Danell Chapman, Chaplain Patti Stanley, Tiler Walter Benson, and Inner Guard Michael Benson. Thank you for accepting your new State Officer appointments.

I would also like to thank the New and remaining State Committee Chairpersons. Thanks for your commitment and dedication to ensuring that the State will continue to serve our Local Lodge committees as we endeavor to assist our local community needs.

Congratulation to the new Exalted Rulers and officers in all the Lodges. Diane and I look forward to visiting with you and experiencing first hand the tremendous and tireless work you do for Elkton in your local communities. It was an immense pleasure working with our State President Robert Raleigh this year and encouraging his message "Bring them Back." What a momentous year our State had with an increase in membership. Excellent job by all.

A special thanks to our State Sponsor Paul Helsel, PGER, and the Advisory Board for their guidance and support this last year. Thanks to all who helped.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the June Convention. Let us have another outstanding year, and remember, let us retain our members, recruit new members, and let us have "Strengthen in Numbers."

Fraternally, Marion Davidson, Jr.

ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

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By the time you read this, the raffle will have been held, and the winners will have been advised of their good fortune. I am writing this to inform those who will not be at the meeting in Solomons of the status at this time.

As of this writing, there has been approximately \$70K collected with about \$25K in expenses (including \$10K in prizes). The collected amount will, of course, increase before the raffle occurs. I will be reporting on the meeting and the results as of that time. A final report will be in the newsletter for the October Ocean City meeting.

On behalf of Camp Barrett, I would like to thank you for your generous assistance with this very worthy event.

Lou Schmeltzer, Chairman



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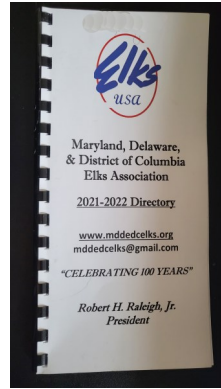
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Your 2022-2023 State Association Directory will be available during this convention weekend. **State Officers and State Committee Chairpersons** will receive their directory at the meeting with President-Elect Davidson Saturday afternoon.

Three directories for each Lodge and a copy for each District Committee Chairman from that Lodge will be in a bag marked with the Lodge name and number on a table in the meeting room on Saturday. Lodge Exalted Rulers or Secretaries, please make sure you pick up the bags and distribute them to those members of your Lodge whose names are printed on the front of the directory. In the past, many District Chairpersons have not received their directory. Hopefully, this will resolve the issue.

If you have any questions, please contact me during the weekend. Additional copies for those **who are not officers or committee chairpersons** will be available at the registration desk.

Make sure you notify me of any needed changes to the directory. My contact information is on page 23.



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Congratulations to all the incoming State Officers. The Training Committee wishes you all a wonderful year.

To help all Officers along the way I want to point out a manual that is frequently overlooked, Manual on Protocol. This manual may be found at Elks.Org. It is Guidelines for Officers in Local Lodges, District Meetings, and State Associations. The following paragraph has been taken directly from the Manual on Protocol regarding the dress code.

It states, "— DRESS CODE — Dress for any activity should be appropriate and compatible for the occasion. For example, at formal or semi-formal occasions such as Installation of Officers, and banquets to honor the Grand Exalted Ruler, business suits for the men and afternoon or evening attire such as street-length dresses or suitable slacks for the ladies. Jeans, sweatshirts, or Lodge jackets with multiple Lodge or State Pins are not appropriate. For casual events, remember to dress with dignity. Wear clothing that is fitting, suitable, proper, and compatible with the occasion." The Manual on Protocol has instructions on other key areas. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the helpful guidelines it provides."

If your Training Committee can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to your District Chairs or me.

Grow With the Elks,

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It has been my honor to serve the members of the North East District as your Vice President. I truly enjoyed my visits to each Lodge and made many new friends. Thanks to each of you for your hospitality and cherished memories. You have served your Veterans, children and youth, and your communities in an exemplary manner while growing your membership and carrying out our Grand Lodge programs. You are truly the "Beasts of the North East".

Welcome and best wishes for a successful year to our newly elected Lodge Officers. Congratulations to our incoming North East District Vice President James (JR) Biddison, from Newark Lodge #2281, our State Trustee, Cyndee Sammons, from Milford Lodge #2401, and our Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Member, Mike Ford, from Abingdon Lodge #2354. I know you will make the members of our North East District proud.

I enjoyed serving on the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee as the VP representative. I certainly have gained the utmost respect for those who run our camp.

My thanks to outgoing State President Robert Raleigh for his help and guidance during the past year as we traveled throughout our North East District. Congratulations to our incoming State President, Marion Davidson, Jr., and First Lady Diane, for a most successful 2022-2023 Association year.

Looking forward to seeing you and enjoying your friendship during this Convention weekend in Solomons.

Betty Hardin



South East District VP Carrie Kane

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It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Southeast District as your Vice President this year. I have enjoyed visiting your Lodges and learning about all the great works our District and our State Associations have done and will continue to do into the incoming lodge year. Congratulations to Rick Frere of Kent Island Lodge #2576, who will be taking over this position in June. I have no doubt he will do an excellent job. I also want to thank our State President, Rob Raleigh, for a beautiful year. It has been wonderful working with you, and you have done an excellent job for our State Association.

Since I have been Vice President, I have attended some fantastic and fun events. Since our last newsletter, I participated in Chestertown Lodge's 50th Anniversary, and what a great time that was! Jackie and her crew did an excellent job and put together a fantastic event.

Easton Lodge held their 1st Annual Cash Bash, and it was a huge success. For their first go-around, they did a fantastic job. The teamwork was incredible, and the food was great! I am looking forward to being a part of it again next year.

I was also able to attend Kent Island's Cash Bash, and if you haven't gone, you need to! It was so great to see the membership participation and packed social quarters during the day.

Throughout our District, there are many new and exciting things happening within the walls of our Lodges. Crisfield Lodge is doing Sunday brunches, along with a fantastic menu for their members and guests. Seaford Lodge is continuing with their bingo. Salisbury Lodge will be opening their Tiki Bar soon for the upcoming pool season, and their golf course is open. Cape Henlopen Lodge is planning a Fli-PER (which is a bar bingo style game) on Sundays in their social quarters. Cambridge Lodge has now started line dancing classes on Wednesdays. Ocean City Lodge will soon be holding their scholarship golf fundraiser. Pocomoke Lodge will be holding their 4th Annual Poker Run on June 25th. Easton Lodge continues to serve lunch and dinners during the week, along with a once-a-month Prime Rib and Shrimp buffet. Selbyville is currently taking donations for their building fund to do necessary updates to their Lodge. Kent Island Lodge will be holding their Island Luau on July 22nd from 7-11. Take the time and visit your local Lodges and see what they are up to. I can promise you that you will not be disappointed.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for the love and support you have shown Dan and me on the arrival of our baby girl in September. We can't wait to bring her to the Lodges, and who knows, maybe she will be an Exalted Ruler one day.

Thank you for a fantastic year, and I look forward to seeing all of you at Solomons!

Fraternally,
Carrie Kane



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Greetings to all! It has truly been a great experience serving the West District of our State Association. I have learned a lot from the experience, and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Congratulations to all the incoming officers throughout the State Association and, in particular, the West District. Best of luck to the incoming West District Vice President, Barrett F. Fitzwater, from the Oakland Lodge.

Thank you, Barrett, for stepping up to the challenge. I wish you, the State Association officers, and the local Lodge officers the best of luck and continued success.

Our Lodges in the west, Westminster, Frederick, Hagerstown, Frostburg, and Oakland did an excellent job promoting Elkdom in their respective communities and Lodges. A sincere heartfelt thank you for your dedication, hard work, and team spirit. The past year was a successful one for the State Association because of your collective contributions.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention and continuing our fraternal and charitable work. Best wishes to all! Thank you for all you do!

Michael Collins



NORTH CENTRAL VP Frank Kane

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Here we are again at the end of another Lodge year and the beginning of another. We will all be together in Solomons in June to swear in our new State and District Officers.

I want to thank State President Rob Raleigh and our North Central District Deputy Matt Briggs for their leadership and guidance over the past year. It was enriching to visit all of the Lodges in North Central with Rob Raleigh, or as his representative. I commend all of our Lodges in North Central for their many accomplishments: Membership, ENF, Drug Awareness, Veteran Services and in so many other areas in their Lodges.

One of the things that stands out in my mind was the DD Clinic hosted by Glen Burnie Lodge on April 23d. What I found so remarkable is, every Lodge in our District was in attendance, ERs, Secretaries, as well as other Officers and Members from our Lodges. Your presence was noticed and appreciated. Great work!

I hope that everyone is looking forward to our State Meeting in Solomons and to Grand Lodge in Atlanta.

Fraternally yours, in Elkdom

Frank Kane

STATE BULLETIN CONTEST ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS

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The State Association bulletin is a traditional form of communication that Members have appreciated for decades.

The State Bulletin Contest recognizes the best State Association bulletins in the country. Judging is based on four categories: Content, Layout & Typography, Pictorial, and General.

Thank you to the many Committee Chairs who continue to submit interesting and informed articles, photos, and information. If it weren't

for your due diligence, our Association's bulletin would not be recognized.

There were only 16 states that entered the contest, and out of those, 10 earned the coveted five stars. The remaining six received 4 stars.

WE DID IT AGAIN! We were awarded five stars again this year.

Thank you, Connie deYoung, my advisor, for your constant support and helpful suggestions. I appreciate you.



Carrie Kane (R) presented Janie Swigert (L) with the 2021-2022 Five Star Award at Elks Lodge #2576 following a meeting.

South West District VP Renee' Rivituso (Jeff)



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Candidate for President-Elect 2022-2023

It has been a busy and productive year in the South West District. Each of the seven Lodges has held true to the motto, Elks Care Elks Share, by unselfishly giving to their Lodges, veterans, and their communities.

Thank You all for allowing me to serve a second term as your Vice President. I have truly enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships extended during functions and official visits. Thank You to everyone in the SW District for supporting my candidacy for State President-Elect at the district level and again at the state level. Congratulations to all the incoming State Officers. Below are some of the highlights from the SW Lodges:



Above: **Calvert Elks #2620** partnered with Farming for Hunger to execute their Spotlight Grant. Farming for Hunger uses rehabilitated prisoners, which are taught a trade skill, so they can re-enter the workforce. They learn valuable skills while farming and providing produce to local families in need.

1st Photo: Mary Cardinal-Vogt, PSP, Rose Fowler, Bernie Fowler, and David Marchyshyn, PER.

2nd Photo: Nancy Clenney and Johnny at the Johnny Seaton Dinner Show.



Above: **Deale Lodge #2528** has a full slate of Officers, ER Cara Miller and her officers at their Installation. Mary Cardinal-Vogt and I assisted in the installation. Fun was had by all at their Kentucky Derby Party, love the hats.



Left: **Prince George's Lodge #1778** Do you remember the "Hog-ettes" at the Handicapped Children's Fundraiser held at Lodge #1778 in 1984/85? Elks doing what Elks do best! Love this picture. (Picture provided by John Curran.)



Left: **St. Mary's Elks Lodge #2092** The Kentucky Derby Party brought out members Debbie Tice wearing her wide-brimmed, "Southern Belle" hat and husband Scott Tice looking dapper and distinguished. The Easter Party was fun for all the children and the Lodge volunteers joined in on the fun.



Left: **Waldorf Lodge #2421** installed 10 horseshoe pits, renovated their Pavilion, and updated their kitchen with new appliances. Members showed their appreciation to Jimmy Williams by naming the Pavilion "The J.W. Pavilion". Volunteers

who assisted in the renovations were also thanked.

Photo Left: **Camp Springs Lodge # 2332** hosted the 21-22 Americanism Awards with State Chairman Charlie Spadone. State President Robert Raleigh, Jr. and State President - Elect Marion Davidson, Jr. were able to join the festivities. Congratulations to all the winners.

South West District VP Continued

Waldorf Lodge #2421 participated in the Hoop Shoot. Jayla Tillery took Runner Up in the State Hoop Shoot for 10-11 girls.



Pictured left are Renee' Rivituso, Mrs. Tillery and Jayla.



Washington Rockville #15 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for an adaptive kayak launch at Riley's Lock where Team River Runner meets every Sunday from spring through fall to teach kayaking to disabled veterans and their families. The Lodge hosted cookouts every Sunday for the kayakers until the COVID pandemic. Through their monthly participation in the Montgomery County Veterans Commission, the Elks recommended Joe Mornini, Founder of TRR, to speak at the County Veterans Commission about their programs which led to the discussion of the need for an adaptive kayak ramp. A few years later after permits, site plans and fundraising the launch became a reality. Elks# 15 members Joe Mornini, Judy Black, Hazel Gross, Linda Brennaman, and Charlotte Cary. Are shown in the photo above.



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It's crunch time, my friends! We never thought that we would see the day that E.C. the Bee was swimming with the alligators, but he is. It seems like while county and state government agencies were off for COVID shutdowns, they spent most of their time coming up with new rules, fees, permits, and restrictions for summer camps and facilities like our camp. We have been jumping through hoops for months, just trying to meet all the new requirements. All in All, we are getting the job done, and the camp should be ready come June 19th when the staff arrives for training.

Thank you to all the Lodge members and ECB representatives who took the time to come to the "sneak a peek" meeting on May 7th. It was pouring, but that didn't stop many Lodge members from looking at their cabins and starting to work. The doors are open for anyone who wants to come up and work in your cabin or on our grounds before the summer camps start. Call ahead to make sure the gate is open.

There are still some holes in our staffing for Elks Summer camp. We need a few more cooks for lunches and dinners on some camp days. Contact Angela for dates and times. Please, Please, don't subject these innocent campers to Ms. Angela's cooking. I've heard that they threw her out of the kitchen at Kent Island Lodge fifteen years ago!



As always, we continue to need volunteers for help with all camp programs, train the trainer, and a slew of other jobs. The pay isn't great but being with the campers makes up for it. We have a great time at camp; come for an hour or a day and enjoy it with us.

The week of June 5th our camp will be hosting Team River Runners, a non-profit that provides opportunities for wounded, disabled, and recovering veterans to discover paddle sports, like kayaking and paddle boarding. The veterans coming in will be learning to be instructors for other veterans in the future. We will need help cooking and serving daily breakfasts, and dinners on 2 nights. If anyone wishes to help, call Angela.

We are excited to be having campers on the grounds again. Thank you to every Elk member, staff, executive committee members and our great ECB representatives for all the support you give to our great camp.



Big buzzy hugs from EC. and the ECB Staff.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

By Mary LaRue Villeneuve, State Chair

As State Activities Chair, I attended the State Horseshoe Tournament at Frederick Lodge #684 on May 14th. There were 5 lodges who competed despite the rain, Frederick, Kent Island, Laurel, Deale and Broadneck.

Congratulations to Deale on their win and bragging rights!

A big thank you to all who competed and Frederick Lodge for their hospitality!



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- **DRUG ABUSE** did not stop for COVID.
- **DRUG ABUSE** didn't take a breather for the Superbowl.
- **DRUG ABUSE** didn't consider the nice lady next door when a desperate addict robbed her in her home.
- **DRUG ABUSE** doesn't think about your 12-year-old nephew when someone decides to drive drunk.
- **DRUG ABUSE** doesn't think, doesn't consider, and never contemplates the consequences.
- **DRUG ABUSE** can seldom be reasoned with. Tears have little effect. Results are often long-lasting or final.

You may ask, "how can we change this?". What effect can I have? "I'm just one person."

As Elks, we have the means to effect a change in this seemingly endless crisis. We can be the wall, the red line, the change.

By sheer numbers alone, Elks can be the change we all long to see, the turning point in an ever-skyrocketing increase in abuse. We are talking about the **ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM**, and the battle cry is **PREVENTION**.

At the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta this July, DAP will hold an open house for the membership, and although seating capacity will be limited, all are welcome to attend.

This will be an opportunity to hear and see what is new in the program and discuss issues with directors and State Chairs. It will also be the first time the DAP will be staffing a booth at the convention since COVID-19. All are urged and welcome to stop by the booth and pick up the latest materials. If you are attending the Grand Lodge, we hope you will attend this open house event and return to your Lodges with materials and information that can be shared with your members. If you are not attending Grand Lodge, please find a member who is



and ask them to attend the open house for you and bring back all they can.

The DAP training for Elks members will focus on getting back to the basics of the program, with the emphasis being placed on the simple things we do to help make the program such a success. Each State Chairperson will be provided with the tools necessary to return to their respective states to train Lodge Chairs, the backbone of the DAP.

Guest speakers will include our National Spokesperson, Ray Lozano; our elementary school professional, Heather DiBlasi; DEA representative, Sean Fearn; and others. More information regarding the open house will be available, so please look for posters in each of your hospitality rooms.

We are the foot soldiers for **PREVENTION**. Let's arm ourselves and our Lodges with all the tools possible to fight Drug Abuse in our communities, a formidable adversary. Our victory is a healthy, drug-free future for our children.

U + ME Drug Free = GR8 Place 2B!





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Many thanks to the 14 Lodges who participated in the Americanism program this year. They are Camp Springs, Calvert, Washington Rockville, Deale, Waldorf, Westminster, Cape Henlopen, Kent Island, Ocean City, Salisbury, Milford, Chestertown, Dover, and Laurel.

The Southwest District accounted for 5 of the 14 Lodges participating, followed by 4 Lodges from the Southeast District, two from the Northeast District, and one each from North Central and West Districts.

We held a successful Americanism Program luncheon on March 26th at Camp Springs Lodge with 60 in attendance. Prizes were presented for those entries placed first through third in the poster and essay contests. Prizes were forwarded to the Lodges whose contestants could not attend the presentation at the local Lodge level.

The essay contest winners from each division: Colton Marquardt from Kent Island Lodge, and Kennedy Evans from Camp Springs Lodge, were forwarded for consideration in our National Contest.

I will be stepping down as Americanism Chair. Carrie Kane will be the new Americanism chair. Please extend her your

support as well as your district chairs.

Thank you to District Chairs Erin Muscarella, Fay Lay, and Shelley Smith for their support and Donna Sheldrake, from whom I assumed the State Chairmanship when she and Larry transitioned for their move to Florida. I started the year as District Chair for the Southwest and double hatted for the remainder of the year when I took over the State Chairmanship. There will be a new Southwest District Chair this year.

One thing that hampered participation in the program was access to schools and students due to COVID restrictions. Now that those restrictions are lifting, I am challenging our new Chair and the District Chairs for the coming year to increase participation above the 14 Lodges that participated this year. We had many more posters than essays. I recommend some focus on the essay contest as we only had 7 entries this year, again, mainly due to limited access to schools.

It is relatively easy to participate. If you are having a family event at your Lodge, your Americanism Chair can arrange for children in attendance to create posters with a bit of advanced planning.

Carrie and your district chairs will want to know the names of your Lodge Chairs for Americanism, so please forward those names to her. An ideal candidate for this job is a member who is an educator/teacher/daycare provider as they are already in direct contact with children that can participate in the program.

Charlie Spadone, State Chair Americanism Program

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION & ARMY OF HOPE

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ARMY OF HOPE

In the continuing effort to assist our Veterans when they are in need, the Army of Hope has donated \$5,500.00 from February to the middle of May of this year. This assistance has been in rental assistance, security deposits & utility payments. Without the Elks' help, these folks would have had their utilities cut off or been evicted and become homeless. We need to continue to fight against these conditions by helping as many Vets as we can. To accomplish this, we continue to need the monetary support of the Lodges of our State Association. The Veterans who have given so much to us need our help in return.

VAVS

I want to start by congratulating Marie Cavey from Essex Lodge #1866 on her receiving the Volunteer of the Year award from the V.A. for her arduous work at the Loch Raven V.A. Medical Center. Through the efforts of volunteers like her, our Veterans are made a little more comfortable.

The industrious reps that service the various VA hospitals & the USOs have been busy helping make our Veterans more comfortable and entertained, even though they are still limited in what they can do as far as in-person contact. They have volunteered two hundred plus hours to this cause and have donated gift cards, toiletries, pizza, birthday party supplies, blankets & clothing articles. There were even a couple of concerts at Loch Raven. All these things amounted to about \$2,250 of items for our Vets. Some of these Reps also volunteer in the hospital offices. These volunteers deserve a huge thank you from us all. The things they do are appreciated by the Vets and are an excellent credit to the name of Elkdom.

Lou Schmeltzer
State Chairman



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. MARY UNDERWOOD

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First, thank you to all the Lodges in our State Association. Without your help, we would not have been able to donate \$221,411.03 for the Lodge year 2021-2022! What a fantastic year for the Elks. If you are the Lodge or District Chair for ENF, please register on www.elks.org. Even if you registered last year, you need to do so again this year.

Last year. Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills' ENF goal was \$4.80 per member. I am proud to say that just about all 37 Lodges met that goal and then some! During the Convention at Solomons Island, I will be dispersing awards for Lodges and Districts that were outstanding in meeting and exceeding the goal of \$4.80. Way to go, and thank you for your support. I would post in the newsletter, but I don't want to spoil the fun and excitement.

The Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia State Association came in overall in the nation in 19th place. That's not bad, but let's strive to be in the top five for the 2022-2023 year. I know we can do this. How can we increase our per member goals? Here are some ideas to share with your Lodge members.

The Foundation's Monthly Giving Program

The easiest way to support the ENF all year round!

Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation often? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF's monthly giving program.

Why Join the Fidelity Club?

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe and reliable and allows the ENF to

spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

Ready to Join?

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail there is a form online.

Questions? Contact enf@elks.org or 773/755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

Have your Officers donate \$10-\$20 each month during your Board of Directors meetings. A little adds up. So get those donations in and let me know if you or your Lodge needs assistance or additional ideas to grow your ENF donations this year. Let's start – well, hopefully, continue on our path to get those donations in to ENF and help get our State Association to the top five this year.

Thank you,

Mary Underwood



Thank you Frederick Lodge #684 for hosting our Spring Conference. On behalf of Frederick County executives, Mr. Mills was presented with a Proclamation welcoming him to Frederick County.

Pictured above: T. Keith Mills, GER and Dennis Dudley, PER Frederick Lodge.

**BE SO GOOD
THEY CAN'T
IGNORE YOU**

~STEVE MARTIN





John Opitz, Jr.

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Welcome all to the State Convention. It is good to spend some time with our friends we see just a few times per year.

Our Association ended last Lodge year with good news. We had a gain of 634 members. This is a testament to all the hard work put forth in our Lodges by dedicated Elks on membership committees and Lodge Officers. 27 of 37 Lodges had an increase in members. Our recruitment was exceptional; we initiated 2019 new Elks, almost double our previous year's total initiations (1204). Let's keep up the momentum!

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our best from last year. Our leader in new members was Ocean City, with 209 initiations, 31 transfers, and 7 reinstatements (247). Cape Henlopen was second, with 174 initiations, 21 transfers, and 7 reinstatements (202). Third is Frederick, with 178 initiations, 6 transfers, and 14 reinstatements (198). Honorable mention to our others who added over 100: Salisbury (178), Kent Island (129), and Wilmington (115). Great job! Keep up the fantastic efforts!

We have already initiated 175 as of May 13, and we have 466 candidates waiting to become Elks. **Initiate, Initiate, Initiate!!!**

We have 3,790 delinquents in mid-May; let's get after them and "Bring them Back." I know it's early in the year, but the sooner we go after these folks, the faster we get them back into the herd. If your Lodge uses the billing program, these members are getting bills regularly from Grand Lodge, saving work, time, and expense for your Lodge.

Lodge membership committee chairs can use the many online resources in the membership toolkit on the Grand Lodge website. I encourage all Lodge Officers to review this part of the Grand Lodge website. We can get a good start with these resources, but there is no substitute for an active membership committee. Lodge Secretaries, you can give "read" access to CLMS to your Lodge membership chairs, making it easier for them to stay current on who needs to be contacted. Also, some of the reports have changed in appearance slightly; I can assist you if there are any issues with this.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance; my contact information is in the directory and repeated above.

John Opitz



HOOP SHOOT REPORT DeWayne Wilcher

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The 2022 Elks National Hoop Shoot year finished during Chicago's weekend of April 29th- May 1st. The MD-DE-DC State Association had one national finalist, Savannah Alt, from the Frostburg Lodge. Seventy-two finalists came together in Chicago to compete for the title of National Champion. While only six walked away with that title, all walked away with many new friends, a lesson in challenging competition, and a better understanding of what's next even after disappointment. Numerous conversations after the competition and during the final banquet showed these competitors about resilience and that more extraordinary things are in their future.

Out of 30 Lodges, there were 11 that participated, with 87 Elks and three volunteers supporting 306 youth in 2022. Let's work hard to double the number of Lodges that participate. Please look to your District Chairs for support in helping your Lodge put forth a successful local Hoop Shoot. I anticipate the State Hoop Shoot for 2023 will be held at Oxon Hill HS in Fort Washington, MD, on Sunday, February 26th.

Savannah had a great time visiting the Windy City. I look forward to having more champions in Chicago representing our great State Association in 2023.

Pictured below: Savannah Alt and Dewayne Wilcher





ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT

"Don't become Lodge Mayhem like Me."

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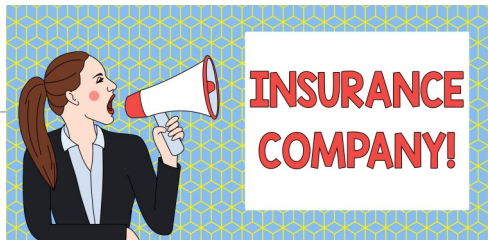
Welcome to another weekend at Solomon's Island, Maryland. Hopefully, this finds you well and enjoying the start of Summer.

I want to take a moment to discuss our insurance programs and what each one is for. We should have had an assessment of your Lodge property and assets by now. You need to look at what has changed in your Lodge and on your property; such as, new kitchen equipment, new air handling units, furnaces, or any remodeling you have done to your Lodge.

Make sure the assessment is detailed and covers everything. You don't want to be left unprotected. With that being said, I will do a quick rundown of our Insurance Programs and what they do. Which one program your claims will go to, and for what reason.

It's essential that your Lodge House Committee, Trustees (Board of Directors), and Lodge Officers know how to navigate the Insurance Manuals.

Good Luck and stay safe.



Oakland Elks Lodge #2481 Exalted Ruler. David Kloosterhuis presented a Scholarship check to Miss Kendall Holliday, a senior at Northern High School. Miss Holliday is pursuing a career in medical radiology in the fall.

Oakland Lodge will also present Miss Lillian Argabrite a Scholarship check on May 26th. She is a senior at Southern High School.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

LIABILITY CLAIMS

See pages 15-17 for complete instructions on how to handle and report **liability claims**. All liability claims and any questions or concerns should be directed to **Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. (National Claims Unit)**:

(800) 962-7088 Fax: (800) 223-7006

GB-Oakbrook_Terrace-Mail@gbtpa.com

A few examples of what Gallagher Bassett covers are:

Premises Operations, Personal Injury (Libel, slander, discrimination, etc.), Liquor Liability, and Media Liability to name a few. The big one is your Officers, Committees, Members, and Volunteers are also under this umbrella. All information pertaining to Liability can be found in your Lodge Liability Insurance Program.

Employees of the Lodge must be covered under the Lodge's Workers Compensation Insurance Program, a separate company.

PROPERTY CLAIMS

Refer to the Property Plus Program Guide for instructions on how to handle and report property claims. For questions about the Property Plus Program or to report a property claim, contact:

AON Affinity Services, Inc.

Elks Insurance Team

200 E. Randolph Street, 4th Floor

Chicago, IL 60601-6416

(800) 421-3557 (ELKS) or Fax: (312) 381-2751

Examples that would be filed to AON:

Real Property Loss (building structures and Machinery), Personal Property (all owned by Lodge), Building collapse and debris removal, Electronic Data Processing Systems are just to name a few. You will also find the exclusions in your Property Insurance Guide along with everything you will need to file a claim. Have your Officers and Accident Prevention Manager study these Manuals.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The membership of each state association determines the number of scholarships given by ENF. There were 15 National Semi-Finalists, 15 state winners, and 10 district winners for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest. In addition, there were 11 Legacy winners.

NORTH CENTRAL

Annapolis	
District Winner – Anthony Thonnard	\$1,500
Essex	
State Winner – Christian Thomas	\$1,500
Glen Burnie	
State Winner – Allyyah Johnson	\$1,500
Laurel	
State Winner – Sulaiman Oyekunle	\$1,500
District Winner – Emanuella Osei	\$1,500
Severna Park	
Legacy Winner – Colin Denault	\$4,000
Towson	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Linna Zhu	\$4,000
State Winner – Oluwademilade Omolade	\$3,000
District Winner – Alice Chen	\$3,000

NORTH EAST

Abingdon	
State Winner – Ian Doherty	\$3,000
State Winner – Abby Ruth	\$1,500
District Winner – Mackenzie Morrison	\$1,500
Chestertown	
Legacy Winner – Brooke Fithian	\$4,000
Dover	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Tyasia Cannon	\$4,000
District Winner – Conor Craig	\$1,500
Milford	
Legacy Winner – Madison Smith	\$4,000
State Winner – Olivia Muir	\$1,500
Newark	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Oluwaseun Ogundimu	\$4,000
Wilmington	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Maya Levine	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Kerry Xiao	\$4,000
Legacy Winner – Isabella Iorri	\$4,000
State Winner – Emily Malone	\$1,500

SOUTHEAST

Cape Henlopen	
District Winner – Kaitlyn Vogel	\$1,500
Easton	
Legacy Winner – Isabella Anderson	\$4,000
Legacy Winner – Julie Bridges	\$4,000
Legacy Winner – James O'Connor	\$4,000

State Winner – Macy Motovidlak	\$2,000
State Winner – Sara Chapple	\$1,500
Ocean City	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Kendahl Parsons	\$4,000
State Winner – Saige Figgs	\$1,500
Pocomoke City	
Legacy Winner – Meredith Taylor	\$4,000
Salisbury	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Noah Milad	\$4,000
Legacy Winner – Megan Guy	\$4,000
Seaford	
State Winner – Mikayla Dayton	\$1,500
District Winner – Logan Dendorfer	\$1,500

SOUTH WEST

Deale	
Legacy Winner – Grace LeCroy	\$4,000
Prince George's County	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Malany Benites Alcantera	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Japesh Patel	\$4,000
State Winner – Emmanuel Makinde	\$1,500
St. Mary's County	
District Winner – Daniel Ulrich	\$1,500
Washington - Rockville	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Dylan Safai	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Charles Wang	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Yacoub Kahkajian	\$4,000
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Alyssa Richardson	\$4,000
District Winner – Layla Dawit	\$1,500

WEST

Frederick	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Sierra Scheneck	\$4,000
State Winner – Rianna Chaney	\$1,500
Frostburg	
MVS National Semi-Finalist – Genieieve Batman	\$4,000
Hagerstown	
Legacy Winner – Grace Kittel	\$4,000
Oakland	
District Winner – Sara Huelskamp	\$1,500
Westminster	
District Winner – Darius Tyler	\$1,500

LODGE NEWS



Above: **Dover Lodge #1903** used part of their Gratitude Grant to donate \$3,000.00 to a Hopes and Dreams and Brandywine councilors for the homeless shelter. Pictured are Nichole Mack Peer councilor, Patti Stanley ER- ENF chair, and Joanne Zajac Lodge Liaison.
Dover's news by Patricia Stanley



Dover Lodge #1903 used part of their Gratitude Grant to donate \$2,500.00 to The Samaritan's Food Pantry. Pictured are Tom Stier pantry volunteer, Joanne Zajac Lodge member, Patti Stanley ER-ENF Chair, John Maraist pantry volunteer



Left: In March **Towson Elks Lodge #469** purchased an additional 64 cases of canned goods for the ACTC (Associated Center of Towson Churches) food bank. Pictured is Trustee Vince Pullara's wife Heidi delivered food along with Vince.
All Towson news was submitted by Jim Bullington, Elks PR Chair



At the annual Towsontown Spring Fest, May 1st & 2nd, the **Towson Elks Lodge #469** members volunteered to work the beer garden and raised \$2,200 in tips that were donated back to the Lodge. Pictured above is ER Stacey Peto and hearty group of her Elks volunteers.



Towson Elks #469 donated \$100 to help with eagle scout Nick Wolfe's project at Camp Barrett. Nick constructed a life size chess table with pieces on the playground at the camp. Congratulations Nick on a job well done!

Towson Elks Lodge #469: Members and guests donated \$163 to the Elks Giving Board, which gives to various non-profit charities in the Towson and surrounding areas. And in February 'they gave to FUEL FUND of Maryland. The Lodge also donated to Doctors Without Borders, The MD School for the Blind, The Arts for Learning center of MD, Immaculate Conception School for their EAGLES ON THE GREEN golf outing . The Auxiliary (Ladies of the Elks or LOTES) donated to The Talmar org, a non-profit group dedicated to helping people with health issues thru innovative, therapeutic, and vocational environment programs. LOTES organizer Mary Wontrop also donated ACTC, a local food bank in Baltimore county.



Towson Elks Lodge #469 presented a check for \$600 to the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Co. which was collected from our Elks Giving Board, benefitting local charities and volunteer organizations. Presenting the check: Chris O'Connell, leading knight, Valerie Spangler, chaplain, Gene Parker, president of LVFC, Mark Merrick, Trustee, Carla Merrick, Giving Board Chair, Bryan Mager, Charitable Contributions. Chair.