



# Maryland, Delaware AND District of Columbia

## Elks Association News

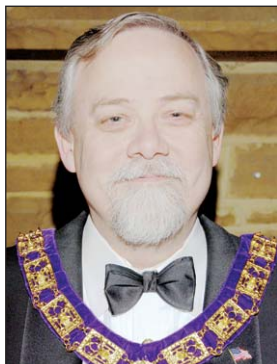
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**Carl Robinson**

*President 2010-2011*

### Message from the State President

Dear members of the Association,

I welcome all of you to the Fall Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. I hope that your summer was filled with wonderful times with family and friends.

Since my installation in June at Hagerstown, Beth and I have had a heck of a time. The cul-

mination had to be my bringing in the Maryland State Flag during the opening ceremonies at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando. What a great time! We met many people there and made many new friends. I want to take this moment to thank Susan Conlogue and Art Walker for bringing in the Delaware and DC flags, respectively. They did a great job.

My theme this year is **Back to the Basics**. So what does that mean to you? Well, one thing it means to me is family. The Elks started out to help a family. We need to rekindle the FAMILY in what we do. Look around and see what your lodge is doing for the families of your members. We start by doing more for our families. Make the lodge a place to bring the family. Start with the Friday night dinners, but start thinking out of the box on ideas that will get the families to the Lodge to participate in our programs. They will make suggestions on how the lodge can help the community. Listen to the suggestions. The members certainly don't have all the answers. You never know where the next great idea might come from. This will help with the next phase. That is to get back to letting our communities know who we are. Look to your communities for ideas. How can your lodge make your community a better place? With November just around the corner, do something for the Veterans in your community. Take a moment to remember those who returned and those who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can continue to enjoy the freedom we cherish so dearly. Please make sure whenever you do something in your community that you get it into the local paper. Who knows, that article might just be the one that starts a steady stream of new members into your lodge.

My dates for visitation have been sent to the Vice Presidents and you probably have already received them from your District Vice President and via the PR e-mail distribution.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
**Carl Robinson**

### COMING EVENTS

#### October

Elks National Foundation Month

#### October 1-3, 2010

Fall Conference  
Princess Royale Hotel  
Ocean City, MD

#### October 23, 2010

State Soccer Shoot  
Ocean City, MD

#### October 23-31, 2010

2010 Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week

#### November

Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

#### December 5, 2010

Elks Memorial Services

#### January 14-16, 2011

Winter Workshop  
Pocomoke City Lodge #1624

#### March 25-27, 2011

GER Visit/Spring Conference  
Salisbury Lodge #817

#### April 2011 ~ DDGER Clinics

#### May 2011 ~ ECB Annual Bull Roast

#### June 3-5, 2011

91st State Convention  
Clarion Hotel • Hagerstown, MD

#### July 3-8, 2011

Grand Lodge Convention  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Dec. 15, 2010**

**FALL WORKSHOP OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE  
AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

**AGENDA ----- OCTOBER 1-3, 2010**

**Friday, October 1, 2010**

Noon - 5:00 P.M.-----Registration  
1:00 P.M.-----Advisory Meeting  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.-----Committee Meetings as Requested by Chairman  
5:00 P.M.-----State Trustees meeting

**Saturday, October 2, 2010**

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. ----- Buffet Breakfast  
8:00 A.M. ----- Elks Camp Barrett Meeting  
8:00 A.M. - Noon ----- Registration  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon ----- Presentations & Committee Reports  
Carl F. Vogt, State Chairman ----- Membership  
Hon. Priscilla A. Schwab ----- Hosting Workshops  
Jay Strong, Chairman, Trustees ---- Revised 2010-2011 budget preview  
State Committee Reports  
11:45 A.M.-----Announcements & Recess until 9:30 A.M., Sunday  
**Noon ----- Lunch**  
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.-----Committee Chairpersons meeting with State President  
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.-----Hon. Paul D. Helsel, P.G.E.R. Meeting with the DDGERS  
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.-----Cocktail Reception  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.-----Dinner (Business Suits / Coat & Tie)  
8:00 P.M.-----Special Awards

**Sunday, October 3, 2010**

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. ----- Buffet Breakfast  
8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. ----- Registration  
9:30 A.M. ----- Meeting Called to Order  
Officer's Reports  
Finish committee Reports  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Good of the Order  
12:00 Noon ----- Closing  
12:30 P.M. ----- Check-Out Time

**Next Meeting Winter Workshop  
January 14-16, 2011 Pocomoke City Lodge No. 1624**

# GRAND LODGE



Grand Exalted Ruler  
Hon. Michael F. Smith  
Plant City, Florida Lodge #1727

## *Excerpt from acceptance speech...*

Throughout the coming year, I plan to help instill a desire to **"PROMOTE ELKS PASSION"** in our membership. Our membership must find that spark to rekindle the fire that made you become a Member of our Order.

If we can put some "pep in our step" it will become contagious and others will want to take part. We must address complacency with vigor and bring energy into our Order and our local Lodges.

I challenge each of you

to continue your good works with the children, with our Veterans, with our communities and with those in need. Let that commitment be seen and heard by everyone to prove that **"Elks Care - Elks Share"**.

Dear Friends and Members of the MDDEDC:



Paul Helsel PGER

Welcome to our annual Fall Conference here in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. Hopefully it will be an enjoyable and enlightening weekend for all as we plan, review and proclaim our "to date" efforts to promote and participate in the programs of Elkdom within the lodges and across the communities of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

We are now into the 7th month of the lodge year and the 5th month of the Association year and progress should abound. At this conference we will learn just how far we have come in our many efforts, what good things are happening, and what a great job our committees and individual Elk workers are doing.

Hopefully we will learn about how committees at the State and District levels are meeting and communicating with the Lodge Chairpersons, both planning and carrying out actions that have and will continue to yield positive results with our programs and projects.

By now we should be well on our way to being number one in the nation for ENF per capita donations with every lodge (38) having or very close to applying for the \$1000

Gratitude Grant for use in a local community service project. With this program we have the potential of getting up to \$38,000 of additional ENF money for use in Community Project all across our Association.

Membership retention and growth should be number one in everyone's mind. The committee is working hard to reach the lodges and our membership with information and ideas to improve on our declining numbers. This is an effort that requires every lodge and every Elk's participation. If you and your lodge are not on board and working hard to retain and grow the membership, it is now time you get on board and make something happen!!

I look forward to seeing each and every lodge in attendance at this conference and eagerly involved in networking and learning more about our programs and having a great time being with fellow Elks and fellow friends. And again, best wishes to everyone for a great Conference weekend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Paul D. Helsel*

PGER & Sponsor

## 2010 - 2011 Grand Lodge Officers

From left to right:

**John (Jack) Stush**, W DDGER  
**Reese Hickman**, Grand Treasurer  
**Paul D. Helsel**, PGER, MD, DE & DC Sponsor  
**Susan Conlogue**, NE DDGER  
**Gordon Taylor**, SE DDGER  
**Gary Eckenrode**, SW DDGER  
 Not Pictured - **Richard Hasson**, NC DDGER





## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

### AUGUST 2010 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

## ADOPT A VETERAN

Anyone who has been hospitalized for a length of time will understand the loneliness and depression experienced by veterans who either live in a facility or are confined to their homes. Visits from family and friends may be infrequent or non-existent. Elks Veterans Volunteers make special efforts to visit, call, send cards, and bring them to special events. This personal contact we call adopting, for these are the actions of a family reaching out to loved ones.

Stewart G. Israel of Plymouth, Michigan Lodge No. 1780 is Chairman of the Adopt-a-Veteran Program. Brother Israel, as a dedicated VAVS representative, also takes an active part in adopting veterans in hospitals and working closely with the homeless.

It is estimated that almost 200,000 veterans are part of our Adopt-a-Veteran program nationwide. Adopting

a veteran is our way of saying 'Thank you for your service to this country, and we will always remember you'. We are grateful for the commitment of Brother Israel and the volunteers at the Lodge, District and State level who so willingly adopted these men and women.

To find out how your Lodge can take part in this program, including where to find veterans in need of adoption and how to adopt, visit our website at <http://elks.org/vets/AdoptAVeteran.cfm> or contact Stewart Israel directly.

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e-mail: [stewizzy@yahoo.com](mailto:stewizzy@yahoo.com)

Adopt-a-Veteran certificates are available from the Chicago office at no cost.

### Elks Camp Barrett Patron Program Donor List

Platinum:	Salisbury Lodge #817 Carl Riffle
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and 140 Patron Donors

## STATE RITUAL TEAM



L-R Shirley Stevens, Chaplain; Vickie Freeze, Inner Guard; Scott McKnight, Candidate; Danniele McKnight, ER; Gil Guttry, Loyal Knight; Audrey Rayfield, Esquire; Gordon Alexander, Coach; Bob Staley, Lecturing Knight; and Tammy Guttry, Leading Knight.

Scott McKnight, Publicity Chairman-Frederick Elks Lodge 684

### *Flag Bearers at the Opening Ceremony of the 2010 Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida*



Pictured from left to right: Susan Conlogue, NE DDGER, Dover Lodge #1903 carrying the Delaware State Flag; Carl Robinson, State President, Laurel Lodge #2283 carrying the Maryland State Flag; Arthur Walker, ER, Washington-Rockville Lodge #15, carrying the District of Columbia Flag.

## NORTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Robert Raleigh  
NE District VP

Greetings from the "NORTHEAST". After having a great weekend in Hagerstown, and Hagerstown Lodge did a wonderful job of hosting for all of us, I came home and said "now what"?

July was fast and uneventful, then came August. We traveled to Elkton Lodge for their picnic. They had lots of food, good music and socializing. It was nice to see several other lodges also represented.

Then, on a more somber note, we attended the memorial service for our departed Brother Jack Conrad, PER, PDDGER, in Wyoming, Delaware. The past DDs

did an excellent performance of the memorial service. After the service we stopped at Dover Lodge for an enjoyable dinner.

DDGER Susan Conlogue held her first clinic on August 28 at Chestertown Lodge. It was attended by all eight lodges of the NE District. DDGER Susan did an excellent job of officiating her first clinic.

State President Carl Robinson promises that we will all be busy soon, and I am looking forward to visiting all of the lodges in our district as well as lodges in some of our other districts.

Be safe and God Bless.

Fraternally,  
Robert Raleigh

## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT VP REPORT



Lou Schmeltzer  
NC District VP

As a result of a very busy work schedule, I have little to report at this time. I had planned to visit several Lodges in the District socially, this summer, but the pesky job kept getting in the way. I did, however,

participate in the District Deputy Clinic in August representing Lodge Activities. I have also participated in the Camp Barrett Executive Board Meetings in August & September as the VP from the State President's District.

By the time you read this, my visitation schedule will have been completed and distributed.

Fraternally,  
Lou Schmeltzer



## HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER OCTOBER 24, 2010

on Kent Island at the Bay Bridge Airport Rt. 50

It is being held in conjunction with **Kent Island Safety Day**  
starting at 1PM

**Nominees for Enrique Camarena Award**

will be honored at 3:30PM

**Hands Across the Border Ceremony** at 4PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BEN STONE, STATE CHAIRMAN DRUG AWARENESS  
AT 240-882-7149 or BFBJF@aol.com



## Drug Awareness Trailers

To reserve a Drug Awareness Trailer contact Cindy Taylor,  
cindycynt@aol.com or cbtaylor@somerset.k12.md.us  
Phone # Home 410-623-3613 Cell 410-726-9293

Current Reservations:

October 9th - Seaford Lodge Southeast Trailer

October 24-25 - Kent Island Lodge Big Trailer

October 26-27 - Crisfield Lodge Elroy

October 27 - Selbyville Lodge Southeast Trailer

November 5-8 - Cape Henlopen Lodge Southeast Trailer

December 4 - Cape Henlopen Lodge Southeast Trailer

Southeast Trailer - kept in Ocean City

Big Trailer - kept at Camp Barrett

West Trailer - kept at Frederick Lodge

Elroy - kept at Camp Barrett

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Loftus  
SE District VP

Greetings to all! This is my first opportunity to thank the members of the Lodges of the Southeast for giving me the opportunity to serve as our District Vice President this year. So here we

go, Thanks to each of you!!! I was installed in June at the State Convention and so far things have been pretty quiet. I look forward to visiting each of our Lodges in the coming months and sharing the positive and uplifting activities in which we take such pride.

District Deputy GER Gordon Taylor graciously invited me to speak at his clinic on August 15th as well as participate in the breakout sessions. It was a pleasant way to begin the official activities of my term and I look forward to working with Gordon throughout this year.

I have been attending Elks Camp Barrett meetings as a Lodge representative and will continue to do so as SEVP.

I encourage all our members to familiarize themselves with the camp and its activities. There are ample opportunities to attend events or volunteer your services in our Associations major project.

On a more somber note I, along with several other members of the Southeast, recently travelled to Wyoming, Delaware to pay our respects to our departed Brother Jack Conrad, PER, PDDGER. As you would expect, the performing officers gave a very moving rendition of the memorial service. I know Jack was very helpful to us at Cape Henlopen Lodge during my years serving as Exalted Ruler and he will be sorely missed.

In addition to serving as Vice President, I have been appointed District Chair for the Jernick Fund. In this capacity I will be assisting our Lodges in the preparation of applications for grants to assist worthy and appropriate children afflicted with medical illness, injury, or disease. As you know this fund is "ours," owned and operated by our state association. This means that we provide the monetary resources to operate the fund, and as a result, the fund directly benefits our local communities. Please consider

making the William J. Jernick Fund a line item in your Lodge budget if it is not already. We routinely collect cash donations at District meetings which are deposited with the Fund's treasurer. Thank you for your past and future generosity.

If there is a topic involving the Association with which you think I may be of help, please feel free to call me. I may not know the answer to your issue, but I will make every effort to find someone who does.

I am excited about learning new skills, meeting new friends, and working to accomplish the goals established by our Order and our Association. I will be visiting each Lodge in our District, either with our President Carl Robinson, or on his behalf. I hope to see you there! In the mean time, think positive and remember what Ralph Waldo Emerson said. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

See ya' soon,  
Fraternally,  
John Loftus

## WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John L. Boehmer  
West District VP

Since being installed as West District Vice President in Hagerstown, I have spent a great deal of time trying to acclimate myself to the duties and responsibilities,

but I also had the opportunity to serve in this position for several State Association and Grand Lodge Activities.

First and foremost, I attended the Grand lodge Convention in Orlando, wherein addition to seeing our New GER, Mike Smith, installed, I stood

proudly as our own Reese Hickman was installed as Grand Treasurer for 2010-11. I was also proud to be there when West District DDGER Jack Stush took his oath of office along with the other 4 DDGER from our Association. We had a great hotel and a really nice AND WELL RUN Hospitality Room this year and I am already planning for Phoenix next year.

In addition, I attended the Elks Camp Barrett meeting on August 7th and the first DD Clinic on August 22.

Thus far, I have traveled 1502 miles in the air and 476 by car in my duties. I look forward to many more miles and many enjoyable times in the coming months. I have set a goal to not only make my formal visits to each Lodge

this year, but also to enjoy at least 1 social event at each.

Finally, I would like to announce that I will be accompanying State President Robinson on his visits to Oakland on 10/27 and Frederick on 12/1, as well as making my visits to Frostburg on 11/22, Westminster on 12/8 and Hagerstown on 12/21. I think Frederick might have to be a sleep over for me.

I am looking forward to a great year not only for the BEST District, but hope to enjoy some good times in the other districts as well and wish all of my fellow Vice Presidents nothing but success this year.

Fraternally,  
John L. "Fat Jack" Boehmer



## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Renee' Rivituso  
SW District VP

I would like to thank the members of the Southwest District for electing me to serve as Vice President. I'm happy to be part of our State President, Carl Robinson's "Back to the Basics" Year and look forward to working with all the lodges

On June 11th I attended the State Convention held at Hagerstown Lodge. They did a wonderful job as always hosting our meeting. This year's officers were installed on Sunday. We have 4 men as our District Vice Presidents and then me, a rose between four thorns.

On August 7th I attended the Camp Barrett Meeting. The camp had 655 reservations and 532 campers present. There was a video presentation of the camping season showing the children all having a wonderful time doing various activities. There are many different fund raisers for the camp in progress, for example Christmas Candy, Vacation Raffle, and 50/50 tickets. Please support our state project by sending in your camper fees if you haven't already done so, as well as, participate in at least one of their current fundraisers.

On August 22nd I attended the District Deputy Clinic, which was led by Gary Eckenrode at St. Mary's Lodge. All lodges in the Southwest were represented. Grand Lodge Programs were presented superbly and I'm sure all went away with more knowledge than they came with. As Public Relations District Chairman I handed out a pack-

et to each lodge and in turn received August Public Relations Reports from all seven lodges. Keep up the good work Southwest. Thank You to St. Mary's Elks Lodge and Mike Hewitt, ER for hosting this event and a delicious lunch after the meeting.

On September 1st Waldorf Elks Lodge held their Fifth Annual Back to School Dinner. They served 72 dinners. Children enjoyed playing with the toys and having their faces painted. Mary B. Neal School received six boxes of school supplies and two, One Hundred Dollar gift certificates to the School Supply Store.

In closing, I am looking forward to visiting all the Southwest District Lodges in the upcoming months. Our lodges in the Southwest always work diligently to promote the programs within Elkdom but remember "Public Relations" is the cornerstone of all our good works. As of today I have traveled approximately 496 miles and spent 35 hours doing District Vice President Elks work.

Fraternally Yours,  
Renee' Rivituso

### BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution Voting Results

**Orlando, FL 2010**

*Ballots cast*

**2668**

<i>Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Messages</i>
1	Allows the Treasurer to establish a checking account to pay for club deliveries.	2084	580		
2	Allows the Presiding Justice to enter a final Order after settlement of disputes.	2411	248		
3	Allows the Grand Exalted Ruler to enforce Executive Orders.	2445	217		
4	Allows Lodges more flexibility in scheduling their meetings.	2369	294		
5	Allows Clubs and lodge facilities to remain open during Lodge meetings.	853	1809		
6	Removes the mandatory annual assessment for the Elks National Home.	1493	1166	56.15%	
7	Restores disqualification of an accused Officer from any Subordinate Forum duties.	2371	287		
8	Clarifies service on the opposing party in Grand Forum appeals.	2459	189		
9	Allows Honorary Life Membership for distinguished military service.	902	1758		
10	Provides funding for capital improvements at the Elks National Home.	1158	1503		
11	Allows Life Member of a dissolved Lodge to apply for Life Membership in another Lodge.	2440	225		
12	Permits Initiation of an elected candidate on the date of balloting.	1771	888		
13	Clarifies the authority of the Board of Directors under Section 16.030.	2371	282		
14	Establishes conformity between the statute and CLMS.	2421	233		

## Interlodge Activities

### 2nd Annual MD DE & DC Elks Association Fishing Rodeo

Thirty Elks set sail out of Deale, Maryland for the MD DE & DC Elks Association Fishing Trip on August 7th. There was a smaller crowd this year but the enthusiasm remained high throughout the day. Lodges were represented from Westminster, Havre de Grace, Severna Park, Glen Burnie, Deale and Oakland. Everyone had a blast, although the fish seemed to have lockjaw and eluded most of the anglers. Several fish were caught and all anglers decided that they wanted to plan another trip, possibly in the Spring.

PER Henry Lewis of Westminster Lodge #2277 won BPOE Angler of the year.

The Biggest Fish awards were won by: Keri Albright from Severna Park Lodge on the "Back Draft" boat, Jimmy Keeler, ENF

Chairperson from Severna Park on the "Loosen Up" boat and Dick Spence from Havre de Grace on "The Hook Mash" boat.

Dottie Flora from Oakland got the much sought after "Stu's Master Baiter" trophy. She never really got her sea legs.

After awarding prizes and enjoying refreshments at Calypso Bay Tiki, the anglers headed over to Deale Lodge for crabs, burgers and dogs. A Big "Thank You" to Ted Keen and his crew for hosting us at the Elk Back Tiki Bar. We also raised \$128.75 for Elks Camp Barrett. Thank you to all the Anglers that participated and we hope to see more fishermen next time.

Fraternally,  
Stu Burgoon Sr. . PER  
Glen Burnie 2266



Master Baiter, Stu Burgoon, PER awarding Henry Lewis, PER Westminster Lodge #2277 the "BPOE Angler of the Year" award.

## HORSESHOES

MD, DE & DC Elks Association Inter-Lodge Horseshoe Tournament was hosted by Kent Island Lodge #2576 on Saturday, September 25th.

Winning Team and results will be announced at the Fall Conference.

## CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations such as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks would average out to a cost of \$20.85 per hour and \$.55 per mile. Please use these new figures to calculate your charitable activity.

## CAMP BARRETT FUNDRAISER

### Riviera Maya, Mexico Trip

Grand Palladium Colonial and Kantenah Resort & Spa  
ALL-INCLUSIVE (Air, hotel, food & drink)

April 30- May 7, 2011

from \$1,160.94\* per person

Final payment is due to Antietam Travel Service, Inc., by February 15, 2011.

A VALID PASSPORT is required for travel to Mexico.

Space is very limited at these group rates so book early.

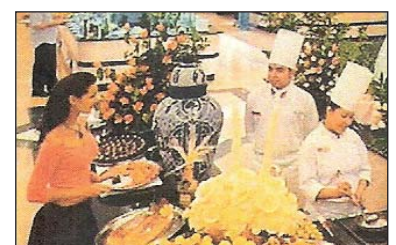
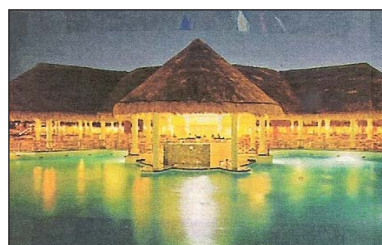
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301-662-8666.





## Elks Training Course

The Elks Training exercise has been developed to offer all Elks the opportunity to increase their knowledge and aid them in improving their lodges.

The questions are taken from nine different manuals, which should be available within every lodge.

If your lodge does not have the current copy of these manuals, you can obtain them from the Grand Secretary's office.

Participants can perform the exercise alone or with a group. Take your time to carefully read the question, circle the correct answer and list the references where the answers were found, including the page, section or chapter, decision or paragraph. Completed answer sheets must be sent to me no later than March 15, 2011. Those who complete the exercise with not more than 5 incorrect answers will receive a Grand Exalted Ruler citation. If you want your answer sheet returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thus far, there have been 5 lodges that have participated in the Elks Training Course, these lodges all from the West District, which give the West 100%, with 20 participants.

I encourage all District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers to include a break-out session at one of your clinics to give each lodge in our association an opportunity to participate in Elks Training. I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in helping our State

Association toward our goal of 100% participation.

Congratulations to each District Chair for your appointment this year, and I encourage you to work in conjunction with your District Deputy to attain 100% in your respective districts. If you have NOT received a copy of the test, please notify me and I will forward one to you.

It is my goal this year to once again reach 100% participation, but also with a higher number of participants than before. Last year, 282 members took the test, but I would like to reach over 300 this year, and I know that our members can achieve this small feat.

Remember, the deadline is March 15, 2011.

Fraternally,

Jim Stewart,  
PDDGER  
Elks Training State Chairman

## Jernick Fund Contributions

Thank you to everyone who made contributions to William J. Jernick Fund last year. Your generous contributions will continue to help children and their families facing medical challenges.

Lodges, Affiliates, Events & Meetings	Elkton #2618
Oakland #2481	PSP Advisory Committee
Kent Island #2576	Prince George's County #1778
Newark #2281	Towson #469
Cambridge #1272	Wilmington #307
Dover #1903	Milford #2401
Cape Henlopen #2540	Ladies of Dover Lodge #1903
Seaford #2458	Fishing Rodeo
Abingdon #2354	Tribute Donations for
Westminster #2277	William Spurgin
Ladies of Essex Lodge #1866	Monthly ECB Camp Meetings
PER Association Dover #1903	Northeast DD Clinics
Ocean City #2645	North Central DD Clinics
Washington/Rockville #15	Southeast DD Clinics
Essex Lodge #1866	Southwest DD Clinics

It is impossible to list everyone who made cash contributions during the various meetings. Please know that through your support over \$18,500 was raised last year. This was one of the best years in recent memory for donations.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Thomas Rabickow, PSP, Treasurer and  
Joyce Bailey, PDDGER, State Chairman 2009 - 2010

## RITUAL REPORT, JUNE 2010

Since the June Convention, we have had a Word Checker Clinic at Milford. The turnout was light, but the session went well. There will be a Ritual Clinic on Sunday, October 17. At press time, the location was not set. I will announce this at the meeting. These clinics are great learning sessions for officers as well as a time to certify judges. So I encourage as many officers as possible to attend. And speaking about certification, we really need more judges, especially in the Southwest District.

At the Grand Lodge Convention, Frederick did a good job representing us. They scored over 95%. Unfortunately, it took a high 97 to get into the finals. The

team from New Mexico took the championship with a score of 98.152% in the runoff. In their first performance, they took 8 of the 9 All American honors and the Exalted Ruler was a close second. Quite an accomplishment!

The DD visits are under way and Lodges are being judged. We appreciate the hospitality shown to the judges who travel with the District Deputies. Good luck to all of you.

I also wish to welcome the new chairmen in the Southeast - Dave Wolcott. Thanks for stepping up, Dave.

Dick Fleck  
State Chairman

## 10 REASONS FOR SUCCESS!

by Maurice B. DiPoli, PDDGER

- 1) **MUST BE SMART!**  
Need an education in your field...
- 2) **BE DETAILED!**  
Prepare in detail...have all facts available...
- 3) **GET OUT OF COMFORT ZONE!**  
Challenge yourselves and reach outside your zone...
- 4) **BE PROBLEM SOLVER!**  
Solve problem with common sense solutions...
- 5) **BE CONFIDENT...TAKE RISK!**  
Check out all areas but have ability to take risk,...
- 6) **MENTALLY REHEARSE!**  
Go over presentation in advance, mentally...
- 7) **DO JOB FOR ART!**  
Enjoy the work you do...
- 8) **TENACIOUS & COURAGE!**  
Don't give up, have courage to stand up for your beliefs...
- 9) **BE THE BEST YOU CAN!**  
Be the very best, according to your ability...
- 10) **PICTURE YOURSELF SUCCESSFUL!**  
Use pictures and be positive about your success...

## Tournament of Champions Results

MDDEDC State Elks Association had seven Lodges sponsor tennis and golfers in this years Tournament of Champions at Seven Springs Resort on July 25-27, 2010.

Congratulations to the following winners:

### Tennis Boys Junior

Area II Champion 2nd place **Tommy Hibbs** - Annapolis Lodge 622

MDDEDE 1st place **Tommy Hibbs** - Annapolis Lodge 622

### Tennis Boys Senior

Area II Champion 3rd place **Adam Becker** - Annapolis Lodge 622

MDDEDC 1st place **Adam Becker** - Annapolis Lodge 622

### Tennis Girls Junior

Area II Champion 2nd place **Samantha Grim** - Annapolis Lodge 622

MDDEDC 1st place **Samantha Grim** - Annapolis Lodge 622

### Tennis Girls Senior

Area II Champion 1st place **Jessica Grim** - Annapolis Lodge 622

MDDEDC 1st place **Jessica Grim** - Annapolis Lodge 622

### Golf Boys Junior

MDDEDC 1st place **Matthew Tribbitt** - Cape Henlopen Lodge 2840

2nd place **Ryan Schlegel** - Salisbury Lodge 817

### Golf Boys Senior

MDDEDC 1st place **Connor Gebhart** - Ocean City Lodge 2645

2nd place **Noel Temple** - Salisbury Lodge 817

### Golf Girls Junior

Area II Champion 1st place **Taylor Lewis** - Cape Henlopen Lodge 2840

MDDEDC 1st place **Taylor Lewis** - Cape Henlopen Lodge 2840

Next years Tournament of Champions will be held again at Seven Springs Resort PA on **July 24-26, 2010**.

Pete Peterson Chairman for Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling

## AMERICANISM

### ESSAY CONTEST

## “Why I’m Proud to be an American”

DIV. 1 - Grades 5-6

DIV. 2 - Grades 7-8

Essay length not to exceed 250 words and must be typed or printed in ink.

Entries are due to Lodges by **JANUARY 10, 2011**

Lodge winners are to be in District Chairmen hands by Jan. 20, 2011.

State Association winners will be receiving awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place in each division.



### POSTER CONTEST

## “MY FAVORITE SYMBOL OF AMERICA”



Artists must be 0-9 years old.

CATEGORIES:

0-3 yrs. old; 4-5 yrs. old;

6-7 yrs. old; 8-9 yrs. old

Art may be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11

Please have name, address, phone number, age, name of school (if enrolled) and name of sponsoring Lodge on back of artwork.

DEADLINE:

District Chairmen by Jan. 20, 2011;

State Chairmen by Feb. 1, 2011



Send the message: Elks Care ~ Elks Share

Americanism is an all encompassing program that unites us in many ways no other program does. Since Sept. 11, Elks have been participating in various activities to show their support to their communities, the military and to the families affected by the attack, which is commendable - just as you did again this year. This is what the Lodges are all about. Please don't forget that we aren't like any other organization - we partner with the community. Let everyone know we work with Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, have cancer walks, support local Jude House in your area and local fire and rescue units. Each Lodge is recognized in the community based on what you do! Make it something that shows your Americanism.

Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Americanism Chairman

401-535-2417 or 301-706-7051

## AUDITING & BUSINESS PRACTICES:

By: Maurice B. DiPoli, PDDGER

This is a reminder that your State Auditing & Business Practices Committee has been working hard this past year to assist lodges. Remember, our assistance is confidential and no report goes to Grand Lodge. If your lodge is making a profit (at least 24% or more) and, making budget with no problems making money, that's GREAT! But, if you're not making a profit of at least 24%, plus making budget, then you may need to look at your overall lodge finances. Do you know how I arrived with a 24% profit figure?

Here are some questions that may help:

- 1) Do you have computerized accounting?
  - a) Are you using these reports to manage your lodge?
- 2) Are monthly written reports given with two (2) weeks of event?
  - a) Are you making a profit?
- 3) How much cash do you have in reserve?
- 4) How long will this reserve last?
  - a) One Month?
  - b) Two Months?
  - c) Three Months?
  - d) None of the above?
- 5) Do you have a plan for your year?
  - a) Is it a one year, two year or longer plan?
  - b) Who helped with this plan?
  - c) Just flow with the same thing?
- 6) What's the plan?
  - a) Does it include all ages?
  - b) Does it include improvements?
  - c) Does it include inflation factor?
- 7) How much does it cost you to run your lodge?
  - a) By the Month?
  - b) By the Week?
  - c) By the Day?
  - d) By the Hour?
- 8) Do you have proper "financial" checks and balances?
  - a) Is your audit team active?
- 9) Do you get written monthly financial statements?
  - a) Budget Vs Actual?
  - b) Profit & Loss (P & L)?
  - c) Balance Sheet?

If your answers are no, to any of these questions, then you need to correct this situation ASAP! How...we (the Audit Committee), will provide suggestions and business advice/guidance, if requested by the Exalted Ruler or Trustees.

Fraternally yours,  
Maurice B. DiPoli, PDDGER  
State Chairman, Auditing & Business Practices

## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of a member who has let his or her membership lapse, extend your hand to that brother or sister. Many times all they need is a little encouragement to become an active member once again. It's up to all of us to retain our members. All too often we don't give our brothers or sisters the chance to talk about themselves and what they want. It is just as easy to listen as it is to speak. Remember, it isn't always about us, but it is about "ALL" of us.

**DON'T LET THESE MEMBERS THROW AWAY THE BENEFITS THEY RECEIVED WHEN THEY BECAME MEMBERS OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS. IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RETAIN ALL MEMBERS ALONG WITH SPONSORING NEW ONES.**

To our members, when your dues are about to be renewed, you should receive an invoice from the Lodge Secretary. As soon as you receive that renewal notice, send it in. There are several ways you can submit your yearly dues. You can pay via the invoice with a check or in some cases with a credit card.

Many times members do not receive their notices of renewal because their contact information has changed and they did not contact the Lodge with those changes. In some cases, members have paid their dues but because their contact information was wrong, they do not receive their new membership card. If the above has happened to you, not receiving your dues notice or your new card, contact the Lodge Secretary. They are there to assist you. Just don't let it go. If there is any doubt when your membership expires, look at your card, it will tell you.

Remember, once you become an inactive member, you forfeit all your rights and privileges that were afforded to you as a member of the BPOE when you first joined.

SO....maintain your good standing in the BPOE by keeping your dues current.

In closing, be mindful that... Listening is a quality that we sometime take for granted, and by not listening to others, we could be driving them away. What members are saying may not seem important to you, but it is to them. Their voice is just as important as any other's.

It is up to all of us to keep our fraternity strong and retaining members is the best way to accomplish that.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS.....

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD  
State Membership Chairman

## Accident Prevention Report

It is with much regret that I have received this committee due to the passing of Jack Conrad, Dover, who was chairman of this committee for the past few years. He will be missed by all.

I am looking forward to receiving the Self Inspection Reports from the District Deputies when they do their lodge visits. I will forward onto Bill Kummer, co-chairman, who will review the reports in the North East and South East Districts.

We will then contact the lodges within our Association to confirm that any discrepancies on these reports

are, or have been addressed by the Accident Prevention Chair in the lodge.

All lodges should review the security arrangements and avoid large amounts of cash kept overnight in the lodges. In the past we have had similar situations where it seemed to indicate that criminals have targeted Elks lodges and similar organizations. Lodges should consider, 1. Keep cash on hand in small amounts, 2. If possible, obtain burglar alarm stations if economically possible, 3. Interior

and exterior video surveillance, 4. Burglar resistant doors, locks and management with control of all keys.

In the last few months, there has been an unusually large number of claims. Entries on steps and rising levels in the lodge. Special attempts should be made to make sure that there are no tripping hazards or obstructions.

Do not allow persons to use stages, except when absolutely necessary. When in use, there should be railing to eliminate chances of falling.

Remember, the biggest part of any Accident Prevention activity is communication. Not only the communication from your State Chairman to the lodges, but also within the lodges is vital between leaders and members.

In November I will be attending a seminar in Chicago on Accident Prevention, and I am looking forward to being your State Chairman for 2010-2011.

Fraternally,  
Jim Stewart, PDDGER  
Accident Prevention State Chairman



## 2010 Camp Barrett Grand Lodge Display

This year State President Carl Robinson and his wife Beth decided to drive and follow us down to Orlando. They drove over to Delaware on Tuesday before the Convention and meet Bonnie and I for some harness racing action at Harrington Raceway. We then meet at our house in Milford at 5:00 AM Wednesday morning, where Butch Morgan, Greg Adams, Bonnie and I were waiting, while Carl and Beth were touring Milford. Going to

Orlando from Milford did give the Robinson's a chance to go over the Bay Bridge and Tunnel.

We had a good trip this year. This is the third year with the new trailer and everything worked like it is supposed to. If our Suburban could only get a little better gas mileage.

When we pulled up to the Hotel to unload the hospitality room supplies, Dave Wolcott and Gordon Taylor were there to help unload.

Dave and Gordon then road over to the Convention Center to help us set up the Camp Barrett Display, needless to say they were a big help.

Dave Wolcott has been a great asset over the years not only setting up, he has also put a lot of time working the display handing out pens and answering question about Camp Barrett.

As always, I would thank everyone who helped work at the display. It can be very hard sometimes to find enough Elks from our State Association to help us, with all the meeting attendance hospitality rooms and responsibilities that are required at these Conventions.

I thought the display looked good this year; we were able to get Five Stars again. The T.V.s looked very sharp and with the DVD we were able to get from the Camp really made the display. Last year the T.V.s were too low and too small, this year

we were able to raise them about a foot, and we rented two 42" LCD that were really sharp.

I would like to thank Greg Wilkes for bringing a new DVD down from the Camp and working the display the day of judging with Carl Robinson and myself. Others who worked during the week were: John Istvan, Frank Clopper, Millie Kerr, Jim Steward, Pat Larkins, George and Barbara Andrene, Mike Todd, Henry Lewis, Darwin and Marilyn Leatherman, Erin Muscarella, Wayne Bebraft, Doris Nowotnick, and of course Butch, Greg, and Bonnie. I hope I did not miss anyone.

In closing, I would like to say it is very rewarding to do a display of our Major Project when we have such a beautiful and well run asset as we have in Elks Camp Barrett.

Bruce Howell, PSP  
Chairman, Camp Barrett Display

### E.C.B. 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Annapolis in March (that I failed to put in March's newsletter) was Maurice DiPoli from Waldorf Lodge No.242. Thank you and we hope you enjoyed your winnings.

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Hagerstown in June was Bill Elliott from Easton Lodge No. 1622. Bill donated \$200 back to the Camp. Thank you very much Bill for your support of Elks Camp Barrett.

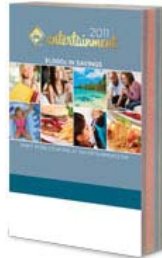
Members, do not forget to purchase your 50/50 E.C.B. raffle tickets this weekend.



### 2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Members, the 2011 Baltimore and Delaware Entertainment Books that benefit Elks Camp Barrett, are available from Lee Davis. The Baltimore books are \$30 this year and the Delaware books are \$35 and can be used as soon as you purchase them.

I have books with me this weekend if you are interested.



### AMERICANISM

Members of the Maryland, Delaware and DC Elks Association, please do not forget to "GET OUT AND VOTE" in November. Voting is an important responsibility of yours as an American Citizen. Do not let this freedom go to waste. Exercise this right, for many people throughout the world do not have it.

Respectfully,  
Lee Davis, PSP, GLC



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