

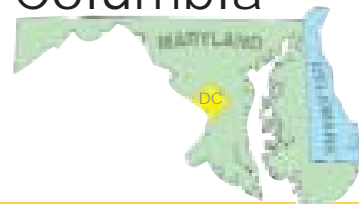


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Carl Robinson

President 2010-2011

Message from the State President

I welcome all of you to the 91st State Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. I know it is a cliché, but Beth and I can't believe that the year is already over. It really does seem like just a week ago I was sworn in. We have met many new people and rekindled old friendships throughout the course of the year. This weekend we hand the reins of the best Association in Elkdom over to two wonderful people, Richard and Sheila Burg. If you give them the support you have demonstrated to Beth and me, I know they will be able to lead us to new heights. This weekend we have the pleasure of hosting the newly installed Presidents and First Ladies from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I hope that you will take time to talk to Ron and Nina Lenker from Harrisburg Lodge No. 12 and Rusty and Mary Beth Gerstenmier of Kearny Lodge No. 1050. Please show them the hospitality that our Association is known for.

As I take this look back on my year as your State President, I hope that I made all of the members proud of their membership in the best fraternal organization on earth. I had strived to put into place the start of a leadership process for our State chairs. This needs to continue to grow. You cannot manage a committee if you NEVER meet with the people on the committee with you. I know gas prices are high, but PLEASE in the best interest of our Association, everyone of you needs to commit to the committee they are on. Others have seen something in you that is worthwhile, PROVE them right and step up to the plate.

A cornerstone of my year has been reinvigorating our membership. Well, our membership took another hit this year. Members, this is unacceptable. Too many lodges are complacent in their attitude towards growing their membership roles. Without new members, we will continue the slide into oblivion. We need to light a fire in the belly of this association. We need to stoke it, feed it, fan it and if we are successful our flames of passion will burn bright and will be a beacon to those who want to join. After family, we need to make membership the most important thing in a person's life. How we do this is unique to every situation. Put in place a solid membership committee and make LAPSATION your number ONE priority, above all else in the lodge. For without members, there is NO lodge. The lodge year is just two short

months old. So as the saying goes, "Plan your work and then work your plan."

I hope everyone has a great time in Phoenix this year. Beth and I will be home waiting on the arrival of our sixth grandchild. I wish I could be with you. I firmly believe that this year's Grand Lodge will be one for the record books. Take your responsibility as voting members seriously and I know you will do what is right for Elkdom.

Beth and I want to extend our gratitude to EVERYONE in this great Association and across to our neighbors in PA and NJ. I would like to give a personal thanks to Carroll Wagner and Warren Johnson for their support and guidance this year. If I can paraphrase what General MacArthur said in his speech to Congress after returning from Korea, "old Elks never die; they just fade away." I now will move out and find that reserved piece of pasture with my name on it. Yet, I stand ready to help anyone, anytime, anywhere.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Carl Robinson

COMING EVENTS

June 25, 2011

Ritual Clinic
Newark, DE • 10AM

July 17-21, 2011

Grand Lodge Convention • Phoenix, AZ

August 6, 2011

Word Check Clinic
Kent Island, MD after camp meeting

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011

Fall Conference
Princess Royale Hotel • Ocean City, MD

January 13-15, 2012

Winter Meeting
hosted by Milford Lodge #2401

February 18, 2012

State Hoop Shoot
Whittier Rec Center • Frederick MD

March 23-25, 2012

Spring Meeting hosted by
Camp Springs Lodge #2332

June 15-17, 2012

92nd State Convention
Turf Valley Resort • Ellicott City, MD

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SPRING WORKSHOP OF THE MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

AGENDA ----- JUNE 10-12, 2011

Friday, June 10, 2011

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 - 6:00 P.M. Trustees meeting (convention center)
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. ECB Executive Committee (convention center)

Saturday, June 11, 2011

7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 - 8:45 A.M. Elks Camp Barrett Meeting
8:00 A.M. - Noon Registration
8:45 A.M. - Noon Business Session (Committee Chairs have 3 minutes to summarize the 2010-2011 year)
11:55 A.M. Announcements
12:00 P.M. Adjournment
Noon **Lunch**
12:30 - 2:00 P.M. State President-Elect meeting with incoming Officers and State Chairs (Dutch Treat)
2:30 - 4:00 P.M. Flag Day Program (Summer Tux for participants)
6:00 - 6:45 P.M. Cocktail Reception
6:45 - 8:00 P.M. Dinner (Business Suits / Coat & Tie)
8:00 P.M. Presentations and Awards

Sunday, June 12, 2011

7:00 - 9:30 A.M. Buffet Breakfast
8:00 - 9:00 A.M. Registration
9:30 A.M. Memorial Service (Summer Tux for participants)
10:15 A.M. Installation of Officers for 2011-2012 (Summer Tux for participants)
11:00 A.M. Closing

Next Meeting - Fall Conference • Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011
Princess Royale Hotel and Conference Center • Ocean City, MD

Message from the President-Elect:

I want to thank the members of the Association for your support by electing me your President-Elect for 2011-2012.

Sandy and I are looking forward to serving the best State Association in Elkdom!

Jim Stewart, PDDGER
President-Elect 2011-2012

Next Newsletter
Deadline:
Sept. 9, 2011

GRAND LODGE



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

To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

With many school years ending, perhaps we should check on our Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and committee objectives

and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your Members are the foundation of your Lodge; treat them as such.

We have many opportunities during the month of June to Promote Elks Passion.

Flag Day is a mandatory service that should provide your membership a purpose to participate. Put the necessary attention to this program and make your Lodge PROUD. Involve the membership and community. Flag Day could also provide your Lodge some VISIBILITY and offer an opportunity to attract new Members. After the program, provide some refreshments and a short program explaining what Elks represent. Invite the media to your event as well as the gathering afterwards. Be Proud...Be Loud...Be Visible.

Father's Day allows us to show gratitude to fathers as well as to share some fellowship. Why not have your Members bring their friends to help celebrate and learn more about our Order while enjoying the evening? Make the event fun and fruitful. Please keep in mind as we sponsor programs that we are

permitted to enjoy the moment and share the opportunities with others. Share the Fun and keep it positive! There is enough "Yuk" outside our Lodge for those in need. Enjoy your membership, our good works and allow others to be a part of our Great Order.

During our travels, we have witnessed some tremendous projects. I challenge you to allow others in your community to learn about your Lodge and our Order. We also seem to abandon our new Members. We indoctrinate and initiate and then assume the Member feels welcome. Why not sponsor a meet-and-greet function to recognize all Members initiated in the past 12 or 18 months? Many Members do not attend Lodge meetings and therefore would not know the new Members. Embrace these valuable assets and make them feel wanted. I suspect your lapsation would greatly improve.



Paul D. Helsel
Past National President

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Annual 2010/2011 Convention of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association, this year at the Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown. It is the time we reflect on and celebrate

the accomplishments of this past Association year, as well as begin a new Association year with renewed dedication and goals, hopefully leading to even higher levels of achievement than experienced in past years.

This past year was another fine year for the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia

Elks Association and under the capable leadership of President Carl Robinson and his cadre of officers and committee personnel the Association has once again fared very well in most areas of endeavor. The records show that our Association ranks right up there with the best in our Order. Congratulations and thank you to one and all who worked so hard to make it all possible.

The accomplishments that we boast are the summation of the individual and collective efforts of members and lodges across our Association, and while we all can be proud of those accomplishments, we need to recognize that there is so much more that can and should be done. We must keep working to improve our organization, the processes we use to get things done, and the way we interface with our members, lodges and communities. The relationship our lodges build with their members

and their communities will determine the future well being of the lodge, our Association, and our great Order. We need every lodge and every member involved in our efforts to grow, prosper and serve our communities.

Again congratulations and thanks to President Carl Robinson, his officers and committee personnel, and members and spouses all for a great 2010/2011 year - best wishes to all for an enjoyable convention in Hagerstown - best wishes to incoming State President Richard Burg and his officers and committee personnel - and best wishes to all lodges for a most prosperous and successful 2011/2012 year. Working together our Association will have another great year!!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul D. Helsel, PNP



Richard Burg
President-Elect

MD, DE, DC Members...This is my last message to you as President - Elect of this Great Association.

At this 92nd Convention I will be installed as President of the MD, DE and DC State Elks Association.

You, the members, elected me to advance to this Office during our workshop held in Annapolis Lodge #622 in March, 2010. I

thank all of you who were Lodge delegates for giving me this opportunity to serve our Association by giving me a plurality of the votes cast.

With the obligations I had to my family, including to my seriously ill daughter, my lodge, District Ritual Judging, our close friends and this new commitment, I had little or no spare time. However, I did manage to get done everything necessary to honor all these commitments. Sometimes it was necessary to finish paperwork at the "twelfth hour", but it was managed.

I thank all the incoming Committee Chairmen and Officers for their commitment for

this upcoming State Association year.

As your State President for 2011-2012, I am expecting and requiring your support to meet our deadlines and obligations.

Keeping the flow of information from Local Lodges to District Chairs, to the State Chairs, to the State Secretary and myself then to Grand Lodge is the key to a successful State Association.

I hope I can count on your continued support and cooperation.

Richard J. Burg
President-Elect

Government Relations

The legislature in Maryland finished its' session with some good news/bad news on a couple of issues. The good news is the Lorraine Sheehan (dime a drink) proposal was dropped again; the bad news is that last-minute legislation (HB 1213/SB 994) increased the sales tax on alcohol from 6% to 9%. The Sheehan proposal at least earmarked the income for use in alcohol treatment and abuse programs, whereas the tax increase is earmarked for some controversial educational purposes in defined, limited school districts, not necessarily statewide. On another front the good news is that by another piece of very last-minute legislation, House Bill 39, Worcester County was added to the list of counties where fraternal, veterans, etc. organizations are allowed to have slot machines. The somewhat bad news is that Senate President Miller, an outspoken critic of slots in fraternal, demanded as his pound of flesh that the auditing and control of the slots now be transferred to the Comptroller's office from the local Sheriff's offices. While somewhere down the line we can expect fees to go up to match the increased administrative costs, we will closely observe the process to try and block any attempt to interfere with the portion designated for charity. As the transition takes place there may be more to report at our October meeting.

The news from Delaware was fairly bleak; with the passage of Senate Bill 17 the Delaware

Medical Marijuana Act was created. This legislation allows for the state-regulated distribution of medical marijuana to qualified applicants (possessing a physician's certification) and "patients" would be allowed to possess up to six ounces for their medical use. There is good news on the national level, however: a bill signed by President Obama repealed the onerous 1099 reporting requirements.

The Government Relations emphasis has been, and will continue to be, fairly consistent. While we will continue to monitor State and Federal legislation that may have impact on our Lodges and our Order we will also continue to stress the Lodges Statutory and legal responsibilities. In order to avoid dire consequences the Lodges must be aware of and compliant with their local gaming and liquor laws. The Lodges must continue to monitor their guest admittance and purchasing policies and must remember that we are indeed a private fraternal organization. The Lodges must constantly review their income-producing practices, properly and timely file their audit and above all account for their Unrelated Business Income and avoid the temptation to hide it in the corner somewhere; it will be too late when the IRS auditor finds it. The Lodges must continue to utilize their Public Relations capabilities and get the word out in the community that we are more than a strange ritual and a bar, we exist to help

them. The Lodges must remember their responsibility to timely file their Charitable Records reports. These reports, when coupled with positive Public Relations, are our strongest tool whenever our charitable, fraternal purpose is challenged.

While the future of the Government Relations Committee may be uncertain, the above-mentioned items and practices must continue to be addressed, dealt with and complied with. It is hoped that if the outcome on the Grand Lodge level is not favorable, our Association will come up with a format or State program that will continue to provide the necessary guidance and monitoring. We do too many good things to allow a little bit of laziness, a little bit of no one will notice, a little bit of maybe I'll get to it tomorrow to jeopardize the impact we make on our communities and the fraternalism we enjoy as Elks. Our charitable reputation is such that when people or organizations need help they instinctively turn to the Elks for assistance and we cannot let a ho-hum attention to what we are supposed to be doing cut off our ability to provide that assistance. It's really simple: it only takes a minute to do the right thing and to do the thing right.

As always, KIP - Keep It Private.

Dave Wolcott, Chairman
Government Relations Committee

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR

CARL ROBINSON

STATE PRESIDENT 2010-2011



BEST WISHES

INCOMING PRESIDENT 2011-2012

RICHARD J. BURG

FROM THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

NORTHEAST VP REPORT



Robert Raleigh
NE District VP

Greetings from the "NORTHEAST". Since my last report, I attended the GER dinner at Selbyville Lodge. Selbyville Lodge did a terrific job of hosting and served a wonderful dinner. We then had the spring workshop at Salisbury Lodge. It was a great weekend, and Salisbury Lodge even treated us with a nice snow event.

I also attended the NE District DD clinic at Dover Lodge which included our caucus.

I would like to congratulate all the new ER's and State Officers for having the confidence of their lodges backing them. There is a lot of work to be done for the great heart of Elkdom. It is a great organization and we have a great State Association to be proud of. Let's keep up the good work!

I enjoyed being Vice President and am grateful for the hospitality extended by all members and lodges.

I will still be visiting the NE Lodges and will be Esquire to our DDGER Mike Todd. Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally,
Robert Raleigh

NORTH CENTRAL VP REPORT



Lou Schmeltzer
NC District VP

I would like to start by thanking the Members in the North Central District of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association, for allowing me to serve them, this past year, as Vice President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The hospitality shown to State President Robinson and me was absolutely amazing. This just proves that the North Central is a major part of the reason for the MD, DE & DC Elks Association being the Nation's best.

The District's Lodges are not all thriving but, those that aren't, are all fighting the battles of membership & participation. It is indeed a difficult struggle but we keep "plugging" away at it. I firmly believe that with the tenacity that these Lodges are showing; they will succeed. I applaud the successful Lodges but caution them to not let their guard down because it can slip away very easily.

Since the last report: I have accompanied President Robinson on his official visit to the Bowie Lodge our final visit), attended & participated in the DD Clinic in April and attended & participated in the Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings as the Vice President from the State President's District.

I know that John Wald will serve the District with distinction, next year, and will be available to help, whenever & wherever he's needed.

I traveled a total of 1423 miles including this trip, devoted 80 hours & \$14.40 in tolls & parking.

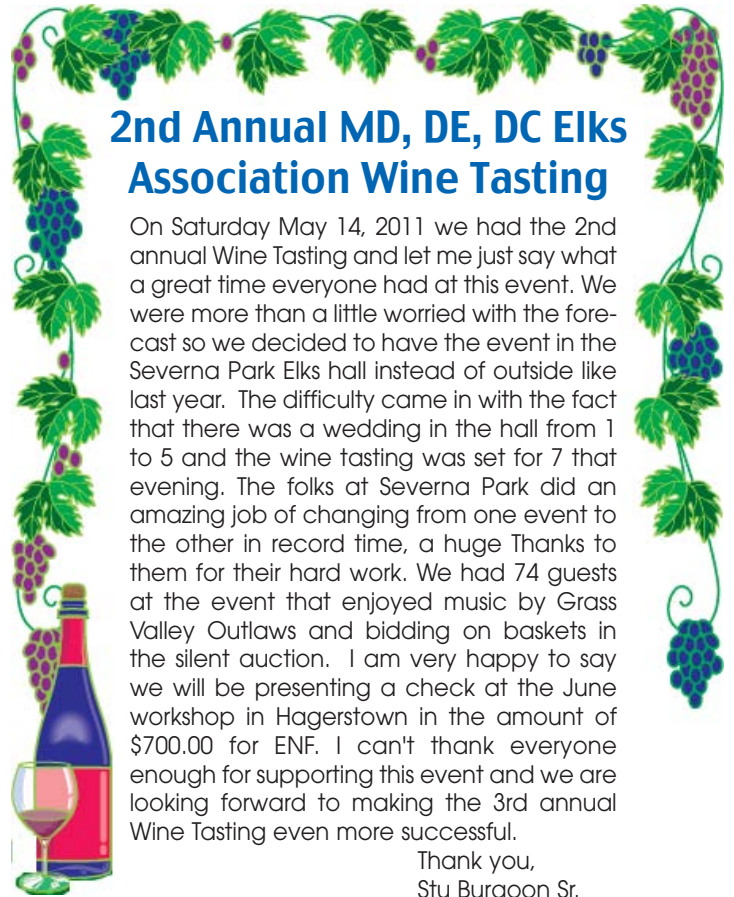
I thank you again for this wonderful opportunity and I know that the North Central will continue to thrive.

Fraternally,
Lou Schmeltzer

Frederick Lodge #684 HORSESHOE CHAMPIONS




Frederick Exalted Ruler, Bob Staley, and some of the members of the State Champion Horse Shoe team pose after winning the Spring Tournament in Frederick on May 21st. Mike Blank and Brian Wiles were the winning pitchers. They defeated Kent Island in the final match.



2nd Annual MD, DE, DC Elks Association Wine Tasting

On Saturday May 14, 2011 we had the 2nd annual Wine Tasting and let me just say what a great time everyone had at this event. We were more than a little worried with the forecast so we decided to have the event in the Severna Park Elks hall instead of outside like last year. The difficulty came in with the fact that there was a wedding in the hall from 1 to 5 and the wine tasting was set for 7 that evening. The folks at Severna Park did an amazing job of changing from one event to the other in record time, a huge Thanks to them for their hard work. We had 74 guests at the event that enjoyed music by Grass Valley Outlaws and bidding on baskets in the silent auction. I am very happy to say we will be presenting a check at the June workshop in Hagerstown in the amount of \$700.00 for ENF. I can't thank everyone enough for supporting this event and we are looking forward to making the 3rd annual Wine Tasting even more successful.

Thank you,
Stu Burgoon Sr.



WEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John L. Boehmer
West District VP

All good things must come to an end and this weekend marks the end of my year as Vice President of the BEST District. I certainly hope that the members of the 5 Lodges in our District have enjoyed my year

as much as I have. I've been a member of this great organization for 17 years, but this year has made me even more aware and appreciative of all the great things we do. I was extended the warmest greetings and hospitality by every Lodge and thank them all.

Since we last met in Salisbury things have slowed down a bit, but I did attend the District

Deputy Clinic in Frederick on April 10th and held our Best District Caucus afterwards.

We had some really great Elks nominated for the various positions up for election and the results of that caucus are as follows:

- Vice President(2011-12) - Henry Lewis
PER Westminster 2277
- 2 Year Trustee- Sandra Brantner PDDGER
Oakland 2481
- Camp Barrett Executive Board - Danniele
McKnight PER Frederick 684

I wish all 3 the best of luck in the coming year and feel that our District is fortunate to have the quality of people that we do to serve in these very important positions.

I would also like to congratulate Tracy Harvey PER, PSVP of Oakland for her appointment as DDGER for the coming year.

My last official duty as VP was on May 21st when I attended the Horse Shoe Tournament in Frederick. Mike Greene has certainly brought a

great amount of dedication and energy to Inter-Lodge Activities and his efforts are showing in the participation of the Lodges.

Although it was not a requirement as VP, I did choose to attend an informal gathering of 108 Elks and friends in Riviera Maya Mexico from Apr.30- May 7 and can report that a great time was had by all and law enforcement did not need to be called on even one occasion.

I have traveled 1502 miles by air, 2581 by car and spent 138 very enjoyable hours performing my duties this year.

No matter what cheers you may hear at the workshops and convention, one fact remains time tested and true. From Westminster to Oakland, the West District is still the BEST District.

Thanks for a great year and even though I may be leaving office, I ain't going away.

Fraternally,
John L. "Fat Jack" Boehmer

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT VP REPORT



John Loftus
SE District VP

Greetings from the Super Southeast District!!

After attending the Spring Conference at Salisbury Lodge, and enjoying the camaraderie of my fellow Elks, I joined with Seaford Lodge to mourn the loss of our Brother, Del

Frye. Del was a dedicated Elk and extremely active in the Drug Awareness Program, he will be sorely missed.

I had the pleasure of attending the

Installation of Officers Ritual at four of our Lodges and was honored to be invited to participate in the Ritual at Pocomoke City Lodge and Cambridge Lodge.

At our District Caucus, I conducted the elections of our State Officers for the next year. Congratulations to Rick Konrad, PER Salisbury Lodge, who will serve as our VP and Roger Wilbrandt, PER Ocean City Lodge, who will represent the District on the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Board.

I will remain involved in the State Association, serving as a Trustee.

The Southeast has been active in the Jernick Fund, with two applications completed and two others in the works. I am gratified

to be a part of this activity which provides direct support to our youth and their families.

Having reported my activities throughout the year at each of our State Association gatherings, I will limit my report to this brief overview. I have truly enjoyed my time serving as SEVP. I have visited each of our Lodges for Official visits and to enjoy the many events and activities which have taken place throughout the year. I have logged Two Hundred Forty Hours of activity and over Two Thousand Five Hundred miles of travel. I thank the Lodges of Southeast District for the opportunity to have served in this capacity and I pray that Rick will have a great year.

John Loftus

Accident Prevention

I would like to remind lodges that you should have Directors and Officers Insurance in place. Thirteen lodges in Maryland and one in Delaware presently are not insured. That is one less than last year. Although most claims are slips, trips and falls, we have had two in our Association this year, as well as four property damage losses.

You may want to consider having your lodge appraised. Some lodges have not been appraised since 1992, and six since 1999.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers will be starting their visits to the lodges. Exalted Rulers, you should make sure that your Accident Prevention manager has the self-inspection report in their hands and be prepared for the DD to review. The weather is being more cooperative now, so, you may want to start cleaning up around the lodges.

Clear away any debris, check for broken sidewalks, handrails, children play areas, etc. and do any necessary repairs.

Picnics, parties, wedding receptions, etc. are perfect times for "open bars". Remember, someone must supervise the serving of alcohol at these functions. Beer should not be served in pitchers and a keg should never be left unattended. There should not be any "self-service" of alcoholic beverages and identification should be checked if there is any question of age. Be observant of anyone approaching intoxication and refuse service if necessary.

I want to thank Bill Kummer, Vice Chairman, for his assistance this past year. I am looking forward to working with him again this coming year.

Jim Stewart, PDDGER
State Chairman Accident Prevention



Elks Training:

The year ended with 218 participants with 34 out of 38 lodges. Three districts achieved 100%, West, South West and South East. South East had 79 who took the test; this was the highest.

I am not sure where Elks Training is heading for this year, but I do want to thank all of those who helped this past year. District Chairs and District Deputies gave me much assistance by presenting Elks Training at DD Clinics.

Jim Stewart, PDDGER

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VP REPORT



Renee Rivotuso
SW District VP

It was my pleasure to serve as your S.W. District Vice President this past year with Carl Robinson, State President. During my visits to all the lodges in the southwest, I observed the dedication and compassion given to our veterans, as well as, our

communities. All lodges participated in most, if not all of our Elk's Programs. Six out of seven lodges made the Grand Exalted Ruler's Elks National Foundation (ENF) Goal. Congratulations to Prince George's Lodge #1778, St. Mary's Lodge #2092, Waldorf Lodge 2421, and Washington/Rockville Lodge #15 for making or exceeding the State President's ENF Goal of \$9.00 per member.

I attended our Spring Workshop at Salisbury Lodge #1887 in March. Then on April 10th the Vice President Caucus was held immediately following Gary Eckenrode's final District Deputy Clinic at Camp Springs Lodge #2332. The 2011-2012 officers elected are Kelley Randolph,

PER and Charles Spadone, PDDGER, both from Camp Springs Lodge; Kelly as incoming Vice President and Charles as Camp Barrett Executive Board. Gary Eckenrode, DDGER was elected for 2-Year Trustee. On April 2nd I was honored to assist in the installation of officers at Camp Springs Lodge. Lastly, Mother's Day Ceremony & breakfast was enjoyed with officers and members of St. Mary's Elk's Lodge. To the newly Past Exalted Rulers, their officers, and many Elk volunteers I am proud of what we have accomplished in the Southwest this year, a job well done by all.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all our new Exalted Rulers of the lodges and their officers, Kelly Randolph, PER, Charles Spadone, PDDGER, and Gary Eckenrode, DDGER.

I know all of you will continue the good works we do as Elks in the Southwest. I look forward to visiting your lodges again during the 2011-2012 lodge years as I serve as Auditor for our incoming DDGER, Mary Cardinal-Vogt. This quarter I have traveled 622 miles, for a grand year total of 2,187 miles traveled for Elkdom.

Fraternally Yours,
Renee Rivotuso

ENVSC Chairman's Report

Male / Female Veteran Volunteer of the Year 2010-2011

I want to thank all the members that submitted a letter of recommendation for this prestigious volunteer award. There were many letters submitted but only one male and one female could be selected. Please re-submit your letter again next year.

The Female Veteran Volunteer of the Year hails from the Bowie Elks Lodge: is a PSVP, Chairperson for her Lodge Veterans Committee and was recommended by her ER, Wayne Becraft. Please join me in congratulating Doris Nowotnick, as the Female Veteran Volunteer of the Year 2010-2011.

The Male Veteran Volunteer of the Year has been actively serving the veterans at the Washington, VA-MC, for many-many years. He is a PDDGER from the Camp Springs Lodge 2332 and is very well known throughout this State Association. Please join me in congratulating Ronald G. Maurice, as the Male Veteran Volunteer of the Year 2010-2011.

Thank you both ... For serving those, that served for us. I realize that volunteers do not have more time ... Just more Heart and that is the "Heart of Elkdom."

God Bless You Both.
Fraternally,
John A. Curran



Dover Lodge No. 1903

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS



The Officers and Members wish to extend their heartfelt thanks

Congratulations

State President 2010-2011

CARL ROBINSON

"Thanks for a great year of leadership to our State Association and Elkdom."

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*We also extend our*

**Best Wishes**

**Incoming State President 2011-2012**

**RICHARD J. BURG**

*"Here's hoping your year is full of exciting moments and rich rewards"*



# Elks National Foundation Final Report

## June 2011

### Lodge Year April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

I am very pleased to announce that once again our State Association has come in 9th in the nation at \$8.536 per capita with total donations of \$192,112.94. This is an increase of \$0.17 per capita. Due to membership loss there was a decrease of approximately \$4,000.00 in total contributions from last year. We should continue to be very proud of our accomplishments and our continued support to ENF even during these tough economic times.

Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 14 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member which an increase of 2 from last year. A total of 33 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member which is an increase of 1 from last year. I would like to congratulate Washington-Rockville No.

15 for being our top per capita winner at \$43.04 per capita.

I would also like to congratulate Abingdon Lodge No.2354 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 94.14 and Washington Rockville No. 15 for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$25,696.96. I would like to congratulate the following lodges for being first in their District: NC: Laurel Lodge No. 2283; NE: Abingdon Lodge No. 2354; SE: Kent Island Lodge No. 2576; SW: Washington-Rockville #15; and W: Frederick Lodge No. 684.

Thank You,  
Claudia Finley-Bryant  
State Chairman ENF

| Lodge Name and Number       | Membership | District | Total Amount | Per Capita |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Washington-Rockville #15    | 597        | SW       | \$25,696.96  | \$43.04    |
| Kent Island #2576           | 575        | SE       | \$17,535.00  | \$30.50    |
| Abingdon #2354              | 255        | NE       | \$5,842.15   | \$22.91    |
| Milford #2401               | 497        | NE       | \$7,154.48   | \$14.40    |
| Laurel #2283                | 300        | NC       | \$3,628.00   | \$12.09    |
| Elkton #2618                | 95         | NE       | \$1,120.97   | \$11.80    |
| St. Mary's County #2092     | 305        | SW       | \$3,600.00   | \$11.80    |
| Annapolis #622              | 1160       | NC       | \$12,525.50  | \$10.80    |
| Seaford #2458               | 191        | SE       | \$2,041.00   | \$10.69    |
| Newark #2281                | 355        | NE       | \$3,583.10   | \$10.09    |
| Pocomoke City #1624         | 364        | SE       | \$3,420.00   | \$9.40     |
| Chestertown #2474           | 370        | NE       | \$3,444.50   | \$9.31     |
| Waldorf #2421               | 408        | SW       | \$3,687.00   | \$9.04     |
| Prince Georges County #1778 | 333        | SW       | \$3,000.50   | \$9.01     |
| Camp Springs #2332          | 352        | SW       | \$3,035.00   | \$8.62     |
| Salisbury #817              | 1088       | SE       | \$8,468.75   | \$7.78     |
| Cape Henlopen #2540         | 694        | SE       | \$5,279.15   | \$7.61     |
| Ocean City #2645            | 1240       | SE       | \$9,191.85   | \$7.41     |
| Calvert #2620               | 568        | SW       | \$3,932.75   | \$6.92     |
| Cambridge #1272             | 415        | SE       | \$2,782.50   | \$6.71     |
| Havre De Grace #1564        | 309        | NE       | \$2,070.00   | \$6.70     |
| Easton #1622                | 879        | SE       | \$5,680.75   | \$6.46     |
| Dover #1903                 | 847        | NE       | \$5,381.77   | \$6.35     |
| Selbyville #2173            | 317        | SE       | \$1,880.00   | \$5.93     |
| Essex #1866                 | 580        | NC       | \$3,394.00   | \$5.85     |
| Frederick #684              | 1831       | W        | \$10,194.89  | \$5.57     |
| Westminster #2277           | 622        | W        | \$3,406.63   | \$5.48     |
| Wilmington #307             | 568        | NE       | \$3,028.00   | \$5.35     |
| Bowie #2309                 | 553        | NC       | \$2,791.00   | \$5.05     |
| Hagerstown #378             | 1699       | W        | \$8,532.85   | \$5.02     |
| Severna Park #2482          | 385        | NC       | \$1,878.50   | \$4.88     |
| Oakland #2481               | 813        | W        | \$3,913.50   | \$4.81     |
| Frostburg #470              | 347        | W        | \$1,612.00   | \$4.65     |
| Towson #469                 | 904        | NC       | \$3,370.00   | \$3.73     |
| Crisfield #1044             | 447        | SE       | \$1,346.50   | \$3.01     |
| Glen Burnie #2266           | 614        | NC       | \$1,660.00   | \$2.70     |
| Deale #2528                 | 391        | SW       | \$1,005.00   | \$2.57     |
| Broadneck #2608             | 237        | NC       | \$195.00     | \$0.82     |



# Elks National Foundation

## A Look Back at 2011 and a Look Forward to 2012

I want to thank each any every lodge and member of our great association. We have had a wonderful year with our ENF program. Our contributions were \$8,536 per capita with total donations of \$192,112.94 and we were in 9th in the nation. Looking back on my goals for our association we met so many of them that I wanted to share these accomplishments. Our association was very close to having 100% of our lodges make the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$4.50 and increased our number of lodges that made the State President's goal. There has also been an increase in the number of lodges that have taken advantage of the Community Grants Program. The district chairmen have attended lodges and DD clinics to further involvement in contributions to ENF and programs that it funds. I want to thank all of my district chairmen: Ed Pettit (Northeast), Sandy Brantner (West), Cathi Simanek (Southwest) and Roberta Maykrantz (Southeast) for everything they have accomplished. Our association has lost a very hard working and dedicated district chairman. Jim Keeler from North Central passed away this

spring. Jackie Barnes will now be our district chairman for the North Central District.

Two lodges in our association have been nationally recognized by ENF. Abington Lodge #2354 won 3rd Place in Division I for the Chairman Challenge with a score of 95.141. Washington-Rockville #15 won 2nd Place in Division 3 for per capita contributions of \$43.044. Congratulations!!!

Looking forward to next year my goals include having 100% of our association's lodges make their Grand Exalted Ruler's goal and continue to increase the number of lodges making the State President's goal. All of our lodges who qualify for the Community Grants Program need to apply. The \$1,000 can be used in so many ways to further the service we do in our communities. Please continue all of your hard work and dedication to the Elks National Foundation. Let us continue to show Elks Care, Elks Share,

Thank You,  
 Claudia Finley-Bryant  
 State Chairman ENF

### DRUG AWARENESS

I'd like to thank everyone in the association for their hard work for the Drug awareness program this year. Thanks to all my District Chairs and to all Lodge Chairs.

This past year we distributed over 8000 pieces of literature and over 2000 items in the way of pencils, rulers, frisbees. etc.

I hope we can do even better this year. I really enjoy working with each and everyone toward the same goal to help keep our youth away from drugs. We have had our ups and downs this year and I plan on working harder with everyone this year.

Summer is here and the trailers are on the move, if you are in need of a trailer for an event please remember to contact Cindy Taylor for availability Thanks to Cindy for her hard work to keep all the dates straight for the trailers. Check the directory for information to contact myself, Cindy or your district chairman.

Ben Stone  
 State Chairman  
 Drug Awareness



**Richard Burg**

**Newark, DE  
 Elks Lodge #2281  
 congratulates  
 Dick Burg  
 State President  
 (Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia)**

**Elks Lodge #2281  
 also home to Paul Hesel,  
 Past Grand Exalted Ruler**



## Wolfgang Candy Campaign

Our Wolfgang Christmas Candy Campaign and our Candy Bar Campaign is now complete. Our 2010 Christmas campaign will continue but we really need more participation. Think about it because before we know it, time will be here to order. Keep in mind that it makes a nice Christmas gift. The profit from our 2010 Christmas Campaign was \$2,013.00.

Our candy bar campaign was a big success. Kudos to all. This year we sold 253 boxes of candy giving us a profit of \$4,248.60. Both campaigns had donations which makes our total donation to Elks Camp Barrett \$6,261.60.

A special thank you to David Neil from Salisbury Lodge for having people available to unload the candy from the truck and assisting us throughout the weekend. Good job Salisbury Lodge.

As always this is not a competition between Lodges but I would be remiss without thanking Sharon Rinta and the Frederick Lodge for their phenomenal support. They purchased 36 boxes of candy and gave a total of \$150 in cash donations. Way to go West.

### THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE MADE CASH DONATIONS:

Frederick - Dennis Dudley, Paula Larson, John Parker and an anonymous donor  
Milford - Ladies of the Elks

### THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE CHAIRPEOPLE FOR ONE OR BOTH CAMPAIGNS:

|                            |                                                         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Abingdon Lodge #2354       | Bonnie Bussard                                          |
| Annapolis Lodge #622       | Mary O'Brien                                            |
| Bowie Lodge #2309          | Doris Nowotnick                                         |
| Broadneck Lodge #2608      | Sherrie Hall                                            |
| Calvert Lodge #2620        | Mary Cardinal Vogt, John Curran                         |
| Camp Springs #2332         | Charles Spadone & Kelly Randolph                        |
| Cape Henlopen #2540        | John & Eileen Loftus                                    |
| Chestertown Lodge #2474    | Robert Raleigh                                          |
| Dover Lodge #1903          | Connie deYoung, Susan Conlogue                          |
| Easton Lodge #1622         | Dave & Connie Wolcott                                   |
| Essex Lodge #1866          | Lee & Hilda Davis                                       |
| Frederick Lodge # 684      | Sharon Rinta, Judi McKight                              |
| Glen Burnie Lodge #2266    | Larry & Pat Mathers                                     |
| Hagerstown Lodge #378      | Rosalie Ridenour, Nina Garrett & the Ladies of the Elks |
| Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 | Mike Todd                                               |
| Laurel Lodge #2283         | George & Pat Larkins                                    |
| Milford Lodge #2401        | Ed Pettit, Greg Adams                                   |
| Newark Lodge #2481         | Sheila Burg, Jane Helsel, Michael Rhodes                |
| Oakland Lodge #2481        | Tracy Harvey                                            |
| Ocean City Lodge #2645     | Carroll & Toni Wagner                                   |
| Prince George Co.#1778     | Mike Green                                              |
| Salisbury Lodge # 814      | Davis Neal                                              |
| Seaford Lodge # 2458       | Art & Joan League                                       |
| Severna Park Lodge #2482   | Earl Christan                                           |
| Selbyville Lodge #2173     | Mae Fleck                                               |
| Towson Lodge #469          | Devin Foggo                                             |
| Waldorf Lodge #2421        | Claudia Bryant, Maurice DiPoli                          |
| Washington/Rockville #15   | Gary Eckenrode                                          |
| Westminster Lodge #2277    | Paul Cohen                                              |

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought sold or helped in any way. Thank you for your time and remember it is never too late to help. Our Christmas sales for 2011 will start sometime in September. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lee or Hilda Davis at 410-256-9691. Kudos and thank you.

Hilda Davis

## BPO Elks Disaster Relief Fund

Submitted by Michael F. Smith, Grand Exalted Ruler

Since its earliest days, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been committed to easing the burden of those most affected by natural disasters. Recently, severe storms and tornadoes struck the southern portion of our country and wreaked havoc...Thousands of people have seen their homes wrecked and their personal belongings destroyed.

Since we have a Disaster Relief Fund established, we were able to quickly send money to the Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia State Elks Association which were affected by these terrible storm systems. To date, over \$100,000 has been distributed and, with the summer months coming shortly, your assistance is needed.

We, as Elks, come forward to lend a helping hand to those in need. It is what our Order is known for and it is a responsibility from which we will not shy. Now, your help is needed to prove, once again, that **Elks Care - Elks Share**.

I'm asking Elk Members to **"Be Proud...Be Loud...and Be Visible"** by sending donations to our Disaster Relief Fund to replenish the funds expended and build our reserves so we have money available to lighten the burden and lend a helping hand to victims of future catastrophes. Donations are tax deductible as allowed under the 501(c)(3) IRS Code.

**All checks should be made payable to: BPO Elks Disaster Relief Fund.**

Contributions should be mailed to:

BPO Elks Disaster Relief Fund  
2750 N. Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614-1889

## DRUG AWARENESS TRAILER SCHEDULE

MD DE DC Elks,

If anyone needs the trailers please contact me at email address [cindycynt@aol.com](mailto:cindycynt@aol.com) or [cibtaylor@somerset.K12.us](mailto:cbtaylor@somerset.K12.us) or call at one of the following: cell - 410-726-9293 home - 410-623-3613.

Thank you,  
Cindy Taylor

### Trailer at Camp Barrett

June 1 - 5 Bowie Lodge  
July 2 - 4 Severna Park Lodge  
August 2 Prince Georges Lodge

### Trailer housed in Ocean City (Southeast)

May 31 - June 14 Ocean City Lodge  
June 15 - 19 Pocomoke Lodge  
September - 1 - 6 Crisfield Lodge  
September - 9 - 11 Seaford Lodge  
September 22 - 26 Cape Henlopen Lodge (plus Elroy)

### Trailer in the West (to be housed at West Minister Lodge starting June 10, 2011)

June 10 - 12 West Minister Lodge  
June 25 West Minister Lodge  
July 2 - 5 Frostburg Lodge  
August 12 - 21 Washington-Rockville Lodge

### Small Trailer (housed Essex Lodge)

June 3 - 6 HaveDeGrace Lodge

## SOCCKER REPORT

It is hard to believe that another State Association/Soccer year has come to a close! It was another good year for us. We had eleven of our lodges participate in the Soccer program and that is about our average for the last several years and I sincerely thank those 11 lodges. It has not always been the same lodges who participate so there are many others who are familiar with the program which means we can do better. Lets do it!

Did your lodge participate in the Soccer program this year? If you answered yes then you know what an exciting program this is and how rewarding it can be for everyone involved. If your answer was "no" then I ask that you please consider adding Soccer to your Youth Activities program. The Elks has always been a leader in our communities and this is one of the programs that proves it.

Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the country and is popular in almost every town large or small. Our Elks soccer program is open to every child under the age of 14 and that is a lot of kids! It is an extremely gratifying to participate in this Soccer program and see the kids compete, receive trophies and prizes and then getting recognized for their accomplishments by a crowd of applauding adults and children. This simple recognition they receive very often makes an impression that encourages them to go on to bigger and better things. So let's reach out to them and offer a helping hand. Get you lodge involved, the new State Association year begins now!

In closing, I again want to thank all the lodges, their ERs and members who were involved this year. I also want to thank the District Deputies and State Vice Presidents who gave their support and promoted Soccer, and most importantly the District Soccer Chairpersons without whose support and help the program would not happen. The District chairpersons were West-Gerald Morrow PDDGER, SE-Mike Taylor, NE-Donna Watson, NC-John Istvan PDDGER, SW-Ron Lamot PSP.

It has been my extreme pleasure to serve as State Soccer Chairman and I am eager to do so again next year. Thank you.

Myron "Butch" Morgan, PDDGER

## Camp Barrett

Thank you "Fat Jack" for another well planned, and well attended Caribbean Trip, which provided a \$7,000 plus contribution to Camp Barrett. A special thank you also, to the vacationers who helped, by their attendance, in this worthy cause.

As of this writing, our most important fundraiser....The Improvement Fund Raffle, and the most well attended function at the Camp....The Family Picnic, have not yet taken place. At Hagerstown, I will give our report on both, as well as how the reservations for the camping season are going. We do however, already know the dates for this years Scout Camporee. Please take note, so if you intend to volunteer, you should leave the weekend of November 6th open.

We are always open to suggestions for fundraising at the camp, and all viable ideas are appreciated. A combination Wine and Beer Tasting at the Camp, is being considered for this year, as well as starting a week long training course, for young Chess and Checker enthusiasts, from a professional member of The American Chess and Checker Federation. We are working with Mr. Ray Shelley of Cambridge Lodge, to make this a reality. For more information, or to present your ideas, please talk to your Lodge Camp Barrett Representative, or your Exalted Ruler. On behalf of The Camp Barrett Executive Committee, thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,  
Les Bussard, Chairman  
Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee

### ***STATE PRESIDENT 2010-2011***

***CARL ROBINSON***

***FOR A GREAT YEAR***



***BEST WISHES***

***INCOMING PRESIDENT 2011-2012***

***RICHARD J. BURG***

***HOPING YOUR YEAR IS FULL and REWARDING***

***MILFORD ELKS LODGE 2401***

## Youth Activities

As the State Association year comes to a close and a new one is about to begin, I wish to thank the following District Chairs: Connie Wolcott, Southeast; Doris Nowattnick, North Central; Greg Adams, Northeast; Dana Gourley, West; and Tracy Rozell, Southwest. And I also wish to welcome aboard Rick Anderson.

As we close this year, I would like to suggest you use this summer to plan and coordinate your District's Youth Activities Programs. You can offer many suggestions and resources to the Local Lodges. I would like for you to put emphasis on the Veterans/Youth Programs and the Teenager/Student of the Month and Year. If we do nothing else but improve upon these programs, we will have a successful year. And I am sure there are many of you out there whose wheels are turning about how to initiate these programs or improve those that exist. So, I challenge every Local Lodge and the District Chairs to step up to the plate and hit a home run!

John Ramsey  
State Youth Activities Chair

## Youth Tennis, Golf & Bowling

The June 25, 2011 deadline is fast approaching for submission of applications to the July 24-26 Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling 27th Tournament of Champions. As a reminder, this is the only Elks Youth athletic program for ages 14 to 18 in Area II. Competition includes participants from Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The following lodges in the MDDEDC State Elks Association have indicated that they will be sponsoring participants in this year's competition:

West District - Oakland and Frostburg  
South West District - Prince George's  
North Central District - Annapolis  
North East District - Dover  
South East District - Cape Henelopen, Selbyville, Salisbury and Ocean City

The State Association, through ENF, helps each lodge financially by reimbursing a portion of the participant's fees. Last year each lodge who requested reimbursement received forty-four percent return. Lodges requesting reimbursement must send an email following the tournament to the chairman (peteward@aol.com) stating the number and cost for each participant.

The 2011 rates are as follows:

| Participants                          | Chaperones                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$281.00 per person, single occupancy | \$320.00 per person, single occupancy |
| \$259.00 per person, double occupancy | \$298.00 per person, double occupancy |
| \$250.00 per person, triple occupancy | \$284.00 per person, triple occupancy |

I want to thank my District Chairperson's for their help this year in promoting the Youth Tennis, Golf and Bowling program. With their help we have increased our lodge participation to possibly nine lodges. A special thank you to Suzan Snyder of Oakland lodge who is stepping down after five years as West District Chairperson. Brian Westfall of Frostburg Lodge will take over the West District

Edward "Pete" Peterson  
Chairman

## Jernick Fund Recipient



Dover Elks #1903 presented a Jernick Fund check for \$1,000 to Fred and Stephanie Johnson whose daughter Riley was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Although legally blind and deaf, Riley is able to respond to outside stimuli through an Apple iPad. The funds from the Jernick check enabled the Johnson family to purchase the iPad2 in March. Pictured: Joyce Bailey, Jernick Fund Chairperson; Bret Scott, PER; Riley Johnson, Fred Johnson, and Stephanie Johnson.

## HOOP SHOOT

What a fantastic year for the Hoop Shoot program in MD-DE-DC. We had 3 more Lodges participate with local shoots and, although the overall number of shooters was down, the quality was up.

Two of our State Champions went on to win Regional Championships and win a trip to the National finals in Springfield MA. 10-11 Year Old Boys Champion, Morgan Edwards (Frostburg) finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd place and ended 4th as a result of the shoot off. 12-13 Year Old Boys Champion, Jack Wheatley (Easton) finished in a 3 way tie for 7th place. Morgan has 3 years left to achieve his goal of winning the National Championship, but unfortunately this was Jack's last year of eligibility. My congratulations go out to both of them and all the young boys and girls who participated in this year's contests at any level.

As some very wise person once said, "That was then and this is now!" and that is where we stand as you are reading this. I hope that all Exalted Rulers have put a Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairperson in place and that they are already working on the date for their local shoot. I had great support from my District Directors this past year and I look forward to the same support this year. They should already be seeking gyms for the District Shoots. The State Shoot will be held on Saturday Feb.18th, 2012 at the Whittier Recreation Center in Frederick with the awards dinner at Frederick Lodge immediately after the shoot. I expect that we will once again also recognize our Americanism winners at the same time.

As I stated, when I took over the State Director position from Jim McNitt, my goal is to have EVERY Lodge in our Association hold a local shoot. Let's all start right now to achieve that goal.

In closing, just remember all the shots we take in life might not swish the net, but even a missed shot represents an honest attempt.

Jack Boehmer  
Hoop Shoot State Director  
MD-DE-DC State Elks Association

## Quarterly Report 06/11/11 Auditing & Business Practices

Our State Association finances for 2010-2011 are within budget, from May 1st through April 30, 2011. The State Association has earned \$476,371.12 of the \$500,702.79 Budget or 95.0% of Income. Expenses for the same time period are: \$414,127.33 or 82.0% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Income of \$24,331.67.

Elks Camp Barrett for the same period, are within budget, from May 1, through April 30, 2011 they have earned \$337,640.00 or 105.38% of their budgeted income of \$320,640.00. Expenses for the same time period were \$286,450.68 or 89.34% of Budgeted Expenses. Or a Net Ordinary Gain of \$36,812.24.

The State Association Balance Sheet through May 9, 2011, has total assets

of \$952,228.50, in June 2010 we had \$835,809.56. This includes your Checking/Savings bank accounts (\$419,318.66) building equipment (860,647.83 less accumulated depreciation of \$377,452.00, for a total fixed assets of \$483,015.83), the improvement fund has \$27,074.90.

We are still holding our own and we must continue watching our spending.

Over this last year, your state Audit committee has given briefings at all of your DD Clinics and, I have traveled to a number of lodges, handled many phone calls and e-mails for help or guidance. A Presentation on "Understanding the Budget Process" was given at the South West District's DD Clinic at Prince George's Lodge. I have also attended the majority of the State Trustee and ECB meetings

throughout the year. And, in May of last year, I traveled to the Pennsylvania Elks Association State meeting at 7-Springs and gave 3 training sessions; "Understanding the Budget Process" "How to Run the Business of Your Lodge" and "10 Reasons for Success."

Remember, any State Committee or Lodge having questions or needing assistance from the State Auditing Committee may contact their District Chairman or Chairwoman and, if he or she is not available, please call or e-mail yours truly. We are only a phone call or e-mail away!

Faternally yours,

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

### 3rd Annual North Central Elks Fishing Extravaganza

August 13, 2011  
Harrington Harbor North

Join us for a day on the bay. Just for the record we will have boats for "Skirts", "Guys" and also co-ed boats, so we have something for everyone.

The cost is \$110 per person. A \$25 deposit is required for reserving a spot.

Contact Stu Burgoon  
410-608-4573 or email  
mdrodman@yahoo.



## FLAG DAY CEREMONY



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011**

**2:30PM**

### GOALS OF AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

*Is to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and to stimulate an awareness of pride and respect toward patriotism.*

*We as members will become constant reminders to the people of the nation that America truly means freedom.*

**ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE**

**MARY CARDINAL-VOGT  
AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**

# MEMBERSHIP

*As I continue on my second year as your Membership Chairman, I want to say it has been both a privilege and an honor to have served under Carl Robinson's Administration. Carl and his Officers are an exemplification of the GER's motto: "Promote Elks Passion" and our Order's perpetual motto: "Elks Care...Elks Share".*

*It has also been a pleasure to have worked with a wonderful team of District Chairmen and Vice Presidents. Moreover, I offer my sincere appreciation for their continued cooperation throughout the year.*

*Congratulations to the newly elected Richard Burg Administration, the District Chairmen and newly elected Vice Presidents on their assignments. As the current Association Year comes to a close, we begin to see the forecast for the coming year looking brighter and brighter.*

*I am pleased to report that although we have not met the goal of plus 1(+1) membership gain for all the lodges last year, we did have less Lapsation and Membership Loss than the prior year.*

*Here are the Statistics for last two years:*

| Association Membership             | 2009 - 2010  | 2010-2011            | District Membership | NE          | NC          | SE          | SW          | W           |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                    |              |                      |                     |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Total Lodges</b>                | <b>38</b>    | <b>38</b>            | <b>Total Lodges</b> | <b>8</b>    | <b>8</b>    | <b>10</b>   | <b>7</b>    | <b>5</b>    |
| <b>Membership Start</b>            | <b>23528</b> | <b>22505</b>         |                     | <b>3296</b> | <b>4733</b> | <b>6210</b> | <b>2954</b> | <b>5312</b> |
| <b>Membership End</b>              | <b>22505</b> | <b>21658</b>         |                     | <b>3271</b> | <b>4426</b> | <b>6044</b> | <b>2791</b> | <b>5126</b> |
| <b>Membership Loss</b>             | <b>896</b>   | <b>847</b>           |                     | <b>25</b>   | <b>307</b>  | <b>166</b>  | <b>163</b>  | <b>186</b>  |
| <b>Annual Report to GL</b>         | <b>36</b>    | <b>37</b>            | <b>N/A</b>          |             |             |             |             |             |
|                                    |              |                      |                     |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Lodges with Membership Gain</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>8 (see below)</b> | <b>None</b>         |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>Membership Loss</b>             | <b>30</b>    | <b>28</b>            | <b>All</b>          |             |             |             |             |             |
| <b>No Change</b>                   | <b>1</b>     | <b>2 (see below)</b> | <b>None</b>         |             |             |             |             |             |

| LODGES with Membership Gains:             | No. Gained | % Gained     | Lodges with less than              | Lapsation %  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                           |            |              | <b>2% Lapsation</b>                |              |
| <b>Wilmington, DE No.307</b>              | <b>12</b>  | <b>2.1%</b>  | <b>Frostburg, MD No. 470</b>       | <b>1.4%</b>  |
| <b>Cambridge, MD No. 1272</b>             | <b>25</b>  | <b>6.0%</b>  | <b>Havre De Grace, MD No. 1564</b> | <b>.3%</b>   |
| <b>St. Mary's County, MD No. 2092</b>     | <b>4</b>   | <b>1.3%</b>  | <b>Selbyville, DE No. 2173</b>     | <b>1.6%</b>  |
| <b>Abingdon, MD Lodge 2354</b>            | <b>14</b>  | <b>5.5%</b>  | <b>Newark, DE No. 2281</b>         | <b>2.0%</b>  |
| <b>Chestertown, MD No. 2474</b>           | <b>52</b>  | <b>14.1%</b> | <b>Waldorf, MD No. 2421</b>        | <b>.20%</b>  |
| <b>Oakland, MD No. 2481</b>               | <b>10</b>  | <b>1.2%</b>  | <b>Cape Henlopen, DE No. 2540</b>  | <b>.30%</b>  |
| <b>Severna Park, MD No. 2482</b>          | <b>8</b>   | <b>2.1%</b>  |                                    |              |
| <b>Ocean City, MD No. 2645</b>            | <b>28</b>  | <b>2.3%</b>  |                                    |              |
|                                           |            |              | <b>Westminster, MD No 2277</b>     | <b>0.00%</b> |
| <b>Westminster, MD No. 2277</b>           | <b>0</b>   |              | <b>Broadneck, MD No. 2618</b>      | <b>0.00%</b> |
| <b>Broadneck, MD No. 2618 (no report)</b> | <b>0</b>   |              |                                    |              |



## **OBJECTIVE FOR THIS YEAR ZERO LAPSATION**



Hearty CONGRATULATIONS to all of you for accepting the challenge to take a leadership position and accept the challenges of our Order. Your membership has invested their trust and confidence in your ability to improve your Lodges, communities and Grand Lodge programs. With your budgets prepared and objectives set, it is time to make your year a benchmark of accomplishments that others will follow.

By now you should be on your game and getting a quick start to ensure a successful year. With Officers and Committees in place you should set benchmarks to be checked throughout the year to help you stay the course. I would encourage you to make sure the Lapsation Committee is contacting the delinquent Members, either in person or by telephone, with a real discussion as opposed to a letter, bulletin or email.

With many school years ending, perhaps you should check on your Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and

committee objectives and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your committee needs to constantly work it.

All appropriate awards and NEW Chairman's Challenge for 2011 - 2012 will be made either during Saturday's General meeting or the dinner that evening. Until then.....keep up the dedication and timeless effort it takes to make 2011 - 2012 a *Zero Lapsation Year*. ***YOUR MEMBERS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR LODGE..... TREAT THEM AS SUCH.***

Fraternally,  
Carl F. Vogt, PDD  
State Membership Chairman

## **THANKS**

***STATE PRESIDENT 2010-2011***

***CARL ROBINSON***



***FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENTS***

***JACK BOEHMER - WEST; LOU SCHMELTZER- N.CENTRAL  
BOB RALEIGH – NORTHEAST; JOHN LOFTUS – SOUTHEAST  
RENEE RIVITUSO - SOUTHWEST***

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ELKS ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS**



**PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL  
9100 Coastal Highway  
OCEAN CITY, MD 21842  
September 30- October 2, 2011**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST - UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS**

**1. Weekend Package**

Includes two nights Ocean/ Pool View Suite on September 30 and October 1,  
Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.  
Dinner choices are Chicken Florentine or Grilled Atlantic Salmon

Double Occupancy:  \$355.00 #\_\_Chicken  
Single Occupancy:  \$293.50 #\_\_Salmon

**2. Individual Room Rates**

One Night  \$ 116.00  
Two Nights  \$232.00

**3. Dinner Only (Advanced Reservations Only - No tickets will be sold at the door)**

One person  \$33.50 #\_\_Chicken  
Two persons  \$67.00 #\_\_Salmon

Total amount due this reservation based upon above selections: \$\_\_\_\_\_





ONE BED

TWO BEDS

Enclose payment with reservation and check payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Association:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

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