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State President  
Marion A. Davidson, Jr.  
MD-DE-DC Elks Association

## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marion A. "Jr." Davidson

### *"Strength in Numbers"*

Welcome Family and Friends to our Association's Fall Conference in Ocean City! A special welcome to our honored guests, State Sponsor PGER Paul Hesel and his wife Jane, GL Accounting & Auditing member John Neetz and his wife Kelly, and New Jersey State President Vickie Watson.

It was a great honor and privilege to have PSP Sandy Brantner install me as your State President at the June Convention. Since our June Convention, Diane and I have attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, where I had the honor of carrying the Maryland Flag during the opening ceremony. A Special thanks to PGER Paul for recommending me to be an Assistant to the Grand Tiler and work with other State Presidents distributing and collecting ballots for the GL voting session. It was a pleasure to attend another great convention and spend time with the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association family and friends.

With the start of October and the beginning of the Fall season, what this means for Exalted Rulers, your Lodge year is half over. It is time to revisit your plans and goals for your Lodge Year. Evaluate your committees and goals. Are your committees meeting, planning, and putting their plans into action? Are they in need of

help? Remember, the State Association is here to help. Listed in the Directory are the District and State Chairpersons who can help your committees be successful. Be concerned about one-person committees and remember my motto, "Strength in Numbers."

October is the month for Lodges to review and adjust their annual budgets for the Lodge Year.

As you review your budget, please remember to try and support your State Projects in any way possible. The Jernick Fund, Elks Camp Barrett, and the Army of Hope are our State Projects and need the support of our Lodges. If possible, try to hold a special Lodge fund-raising event to support these valuable Committees. Thank you for your support!

Diane and I hope to see all of you at the Conference, and I look forward to my upcoming Lodge visits. Please let me know if you are doing a special event at your Lodge, and I will make every effort to attend. Be Loud and Proud.

Our next conference will be in March when we host our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and the First Lady Helen at Milford, DE. Let us give him a good showing and a great welcome from our Association! Make plans now to attend.

God Bless America, Our Troops, and God Bless the Elks.

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## Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**BRUCE A. HIDLEY**

### ENF GRANTS, PROGRAMS BOLSTER COMMUNITIES

October brings to us many Elks activities and family fun. Let's start with the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation (ENF). As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have once again established the goal of \$4.80 per Member per capita. When you do the calculation for this goal, that's just a little over \$.01 a day. For each Lodge dollar donated, ENF could potentially repay hefty dividends for the programs offered.

Your Lodge can and should apply for the various grants to assist your communities: Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. I encourage all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. Find some Members who would be willing to dedicate their time to apply for these worthy grants.

Other programs ENF funds include: Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans Service, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is to support the Great Heart of Elkdom. The Elks' mission is to build stronger communities and ENF provides the resources to fulfill this mission. I charge you to get out into your communities with great pride and show them what the Elks do for them. For

more information about the Elks National Foundation, go to [elks.org/enf](https://elks.org/enf).

Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually from October 23 to October 31. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in your communities. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring a Red Ribbon Week.

Have your Members distribute red ribbons to our schools and encourage Members, friends and loved ones to wear red ribbons.

Today, Drug Awareness has become an even greater challenge as we continue to fight the horrors of drug abuse and addiction. The staggering number that comes to mind is that in the United States alone, there have been nearly 71,000 overdose deaths each year. The amount of deaths from drug overdoses is the reason why the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks takes such a hard stand to prevent and educate our youth and adults. The Elks will always be there to support hugs are better than drugs. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to work hard to stop these dreaded drug diseases.

October is also a time when most people enjoy a nice fall holiday with Columbus Day. Finally, October 31 is known as Halloween. A day and night when the ghosts and ghouls come out. Our children get to enjoy putting on their favorite costumes to go trick or treating. Please be safe when going door to door and stay in neighborhoods that you know well.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and, most of all, God bless America.



## Message From Our State Sponsor

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Dear Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks and Friends:

I hope this message finds all MD, DE & DC Elks and their families doing well and our 37 Elk Lodges across the Association prospering and making strides to reach their goals and objectives, as well as serving their members and the communities in which they reside. It's hard to believe that we are already into the 6th month of the 2022/2023 Lodge year, but that also means we still have almost 7 months left in this year to accomplish our goals and objectives.

In my message a year ago, I said: "The Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association is an association of 37 individual Elks Lodges across our two

states and the district. The accomplishments and failures of this Association are the sum total of the accomplishments and failures of our 37 individual Lodges. Everything begins and ends with the local Lodge - nothing is accomplished but at the local Lodge level. All our attention and efforts must flow to the individual Lodges - they must be successful and flourish for the Association and indeed our Order to be successful and flourish."

That's been the case since the Order began back in 1868, is the case today 154 years later, and will continue to be the case long after we as individual Elk members are gone. This past 2021/2022 Lodge year was a prime example of where a majority of our Lodges participating in an effort working individually but in unison achieved a higher level of accomplishment - demonstrating that the total of the individual Lodge efforts, when the majority of

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**MD, DE, DC ELKS ASSOCIATION FALL WORKSHOP AGENDA  
SEPT. 30—OCT 2, 2022 PRINCESS ROYAL HOTEL OCEAN CITY, MD**

<b>Friday, Sept 30, 2022</b>	Registration "Palmetto Promenade" (12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM)
1:00 PM	Advisory Meeting
3:30 PM	ECB Executive Committee Meeting
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting
<b>Saturday, Oct 1, 2022</b>	Registration "Palmetto Promenade" (8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Schooners Restaurant)
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	ECB Representatives Meeting
9:00 AM	Workshop Called to Order "Palmetto Room"
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call Etc.
9:30 AM - 11:50 AM	<b>Presentations, Committee Reports</b>
9:30 AM	Americanism - Carrie Kane
9:40 AM	Soccer Shoot - Dolly Broom
9:50 AM	Auditing & Business Practices - Debbie Price
10:00 AM	Con-Con - Rob Broom
10:10 AM	Drug Awareness Program - Angela Meyer
10:20 AM	Elks Training - Renee' Rivituso
10:40 AM	William. J. Jernick Memorial Fund - Susan Caldwell
10:50 AM	Hoop Shoot - Dwayne Wilcher
11:00 AM	ENVSC, Army of Hope - Lou Schmeltzer
11:10 AM	Lodge Activities - Mary Villeneuve
11:20 AM	Elks and Scouting - Carl Robinson
11:30 AM	Membership - John Opitz
11:40 AM	Trustee Report - Kathy King
11:50 AM	Announcements & Recess until 9:00 AM, Sunday, October 2
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	GL Auding & Accounting (Area 2) John Neetz - FRS Presentation
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	PGER Paul D. Hesel Meeting with DDGERS & PSPs/DLs
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	President & President Elect Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Social Hour followed by Dinner (Business Casual) "Palmetto Room"
<b>Sunday, Oct 2, 2022</b>	Registration "Palmetto Promenade" (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast (Schooner's Restaurant)
9:00 AM	Workshop Called to Order "Palmetto Room"
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Presentations, Committee Reports</b>
9:00 AM	Youth Activities - Delanna Rose
9:10 AM	Elks National Foundation - Mary Underwood
9:30 AM	Welcome Home - Carl Robinson
9:40 AM	Elks Camp Barrett - Ben Stone
9:50 AM	Accident Prevention - Mike Ford
10:00 AM	Public Relations & Website - Joe McGeeney
10:10 AM	Government Relations - Corey Bradley
10:20 AM	Scholarship - Sandra Brantner
10:30 AM	Advisory Report - Sandra Brantner
10:40 AM Business Meeting	Secretary's Report - Jim Harbour
	Treasurer's Report - Jackie Phillips
	Unfinished Business / New Business
	Announcements
COMMENTS	GL Committee Members, Sandra Brantner & Mary Cardinal-Vogt
	Special Guest GL John Neetz & NJ State President Vickie Watson
	President Elect Renee' Rivituso / President Marion Davidson, Jr.
	Grand Lodge Sponsor, Paul D. Hesel
	Sickness & Distress / Remembrance of Departed Members
ADJOURNMENT	Prayer by Chaplain Patti Stanley
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Spring Conference March 24-26 at Milford Lodge #2401</b>
<b>Next Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>December 15, 2022</b>

## STATE SPONSOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

participates, will routinely yield positive and higher-level results for the Association and Order.

As a bit of background, as of March 31, 1991, our Association reached its high point in membership at 26,181 members. For the next 25 years, we lost 6,931 members reaching a low point of 19,250 members as of March 31, 2016. During those 25 years, that loss equated to a loss of about 26% of our members as opposed to a loss of over 50% for other Associations and our Order. Historically, the MD DE & DC Elks Association has done a better job with membership than the rest of the Order!!!

For the next four years after March 31, 2016, we once again were back on track, increasing our membership numbers. In the 2020/2021 year, COVID-19 caught up with us. Unfortunately, we experienced another major membership loss as of March 31, 2021, bringing us to a new low of 19,196 - hopefully the lowest membership number we will ever see as an Association!!

Well, this past year, in 2021/2022, the 37 Lodges of the MD DE & DC Elks Association turned that around and gave our Association a gain in membership (a 483-member increase! At least two things stand out about this accomplishment; First, a 483-member gain is the highest individual annual membership gain in 37 years since March 31, 1985. And second, 28 of our 37 Lodges achieved a growth in membership, the most significant number of Lodges to ever achieve a gain in a given year in the history of our Association. An outstanding effort, and thanks to all those Lodges and individual Elks that made those results possible for the 2021/2022 year - everything begins and ends at the Lodge level, and the efforts of the many caused great results for the Association!!

The membership numbers at this point for this 2022/2023 year look pretty similar to those of last year at this time, but with about 11% higher gains already posted. It seems pretty encouraging, but it will require all Lodges to keep their eye on the ball and diligently work the remaining seven months to attract new members, collect delinquent dues, and initiate! Once again, the more Lodges involved in the effort, the better the chances for overall success.

Each individual Lodge's ENF donations total what the Association accomplishes. Through July 31, 2022, we are ranked 7th of the 48 Associations of the Order with \$105,455.25 already donated by our 37 Lodges and a whopping 111.641% of the Grand Exalted Ruler goal (in just four months). Last year at the same time, we were 15th in Order and only at 80.387% of the GER's goal. We (our 37 Lodges) are on a record-setting pace of donating.

If the effort and level of giving continues for the remainder of the year, this could truly be a record-setting year for the Association and another example of the individual Lodges collectively causing high accomplishments for the Association.

The underlying message continues to be that the MD DE & DC Elks Association can excel in any and all programs, projects, and endeavors it pursues if a majority of our Lodges are engaged and seriously pursuing those same programs, projects, and endeavors.

Individually and collectively, we must get all our Lodges engaged in all Elk endeavors like they have been with Membership this past year - not limited to, but including Elks Camp Barrett, WJMF, ENF, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness, Veterans Service, Americanism, Government Relations, Public Relations, Ritual, etc., etc. We have the wherewithal as an Association (a group of 37 Lodges) to excel in these areas and lead the way for Elks everywhere, but that requires more, all of our Lodges being engaged and working the programs, etc. If your Lodge is not seriously engaged and working on all Elk programs, please work to get them more heavily involved, and if you can't make it happen yourself, request assistance from any level of State or District leadership. WE NEED EVERY MD DE & DC ELK, EVERY MD DE & DC LODGE ENGAGED IN ALL OUR MANY WORKS OF ELKDOM!!

At the upcoming Fall Conference in Ocean City (Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2022), we will be hosting the New Jersey Elks State President

Victoria "Vickie" Watson and her husband Les, as well as John Neetz, Area 2 member of the GL Auditing & Accounting Committee and his wife, Kelly. Please join Jane and me in extending a warm welcome to both couples, and be sure to let them know how you, your Lodge, and our Association are "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm."

Also, John will conduct an Accounting/FRS Seminar on Saturday and will gladly work with any Lodge/Lodge Treasurer to address any accounting/FRS issues. Encourage your Treasurer to be there and participate in the Seminar.

Be safe and well, and best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference; Jane and I look forward to seeing you all there. Keep up the excellent work, and thanks to our MD DE & DC Elk family for your continuing dedicated efforts on behalf of your Lodge, our Association, and our great Order.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor



## PRESIDENT-ELECT

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Thank You again for electing me to represent our great association as your President-Elect. I look forward to working with and learning from State President Marion Davidson, Jr. and all the officers and committees. Jeff and I attended Grand Lodge Sessions in Atlanta, Georgia, soon after the wonderful Installation of Officers on Solomons Island. Several changes in the Statutes Annotated were voted upon and approved. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the change. Since Grand Lodge, I have enjoyed traveling to meetings and functions in our association.

The next stop was for Elks Camp Barrett meetings, held at Bowie Lodge #2309. While at Bowie Lodge, I attended meetings with the Executive Committee, Trustees, and Lodge Representatives. Many good things happened at the camp, and with the help of many, we weathered the nasty storm that caused damage to the camp. As they say, the show must go on, and our camping season continued. A special thanks to Angela Myers, staff, and

all volunteers who diligently worked to make the next week of camp take place.

Jeff and I traveled to Crisfield Lodge #1044 for the South East District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) Clinic. DDGER Dan Kane had a good turnout and put on an informative - educational clinic. Thank You, Dan, for the invitation to join the South East District. We stayed for the weekend to celebrate Crisfield's Lodge #1044's 115th year as an Elks Lodge. Their crabs were excellent, and so were the sides. Thank You, Crisfield, for your wonderful hospitality. Jeff and I wish your Lodge many more years of success.

Our most recent visit was to the North Central District for another crab feast at Glenn Burnie Lodge #2266. Our thanks go to Exalted Ruler Kevin Rose and all his volunteers for a wonderful time. The crabs and all the food were delicious.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference in Ocean City (OC) at the Princess Royale. While in OC, stop by and say hello to the folks at Ocean City Lodge# 2645.

Jeff and I look forward to attending events at your Lodges. Please add me to your list for the email blasts and Lodge newsletters.

## AmazonSmile

As you begin your Amazon holiday shopping please remember to log into Amazon Smile and help the State Association earn some money.

When you shop on **AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com)**, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the eligible charitable organization of your choice.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. **Choose Maryland Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association Inc.** They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

1. **\$1,721.21 to Maryland Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association Inc.**
2. Over \$355 million to US charities
3. Over \$403 million to charities worldwide



Carrying their respective state flags at the Convention are, President Marion Davidson carried MD, Connie deYoung, PGLC carried DE and Diana Patton, PER carried DC



## South East District VP Rick Frere

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Greetings, fellow Elks, and welcome to the South East District. I hope you will visit the Ocean City Lodge while you are here and stop into some of the other nine wonderful Lodges within the District during your travels.

My official visits have been scheduled, and I am excited to get out and meet with the Officers and Members of all ten Lodges. Our Lodges have been doing a solid job of contributing to ENF, with three of our Lodges holding spots in the top 5 in the Association and raising a combined total of \$57,465.

All of our Lodges have been incredibly active through the summer, with live music, phenomenal dinners, and fun activities all around. A dedicated Facebook group has been established to help share Lodge events across the District, and it has been quite successful so far. Between Salisbury's Cash Bash, nearly every Lodge's Crab Feast, various other parties, and dinners galore, there is always something going on across our District.

Our District has featured three different Lodges hosting luaus, so don't be surprised when you see a few Hawaiian shirts around! Of these three, Crisfield's should be highlighted as they celebrated their 115th anniversary. Congratulations on 115 years, Crisfield!

The Lodge, with the claim of being the "fastest," is undoubtedly Selbyville, who unveiled their race car, number XI. Loren & Nicole Evans have offered to bring the car to events at Lodges in the area, and I thank them for their efforts to spread the good news of our Order.

Many Lodges have shifted with the season to provide back-to-school assistance to their communities, as well as scheduling their Soccer and Hoop Shoot activities. These programs are further examples of our Order's positive impact on the youth of our communities as they grow into future leaders and future Elks.

Finally, I ask that we all take the time to thank our volunteers, as, without their help, none of our Lodge activities would be possible.

Fraternally,

*RJ Frere*

Photo below: Loren Evans ER at Selbyville Lodge #2173 in the South East District has been working on a project for the past few months. You see, Loren used to race for quite some time as an owner/driver decided to switch gears and use his car for a better cause. The goal is to capture the attention of kiddos and to promote Elkdom. He is asking our veterans to sign the car. The car made its debut August 6th alongside of Elroy at their Lodge and it went very well.

If your Lodge is having an event and would like to have it on hand Loren promises to do his best to bring it to you. Contact Loren at 302-841-1033 | elkcarxi@gmail.com.



Pictured above: Loren Evans ER, Jr. Davidson, St. President, and Dan Kane SE DDGER, State Trustee



Left: Loren brought the car to the Millsboro, DE Police Department's 4th Annual Bike Rodeo on September 10th.

### MORE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT NEWS

Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540 donated \$1,000 to the Annual Delaware Veterans Stand Down held on September 23, 2022, in Dover, DE.

The annual Veterans Stand Down is a one-day outreach event to assist Delaware veterans in achieving independence and self-sufficiency. Services include housing, medical, dental, flu shots, behavioral health, VA eligibility assessment, benefits, haircuts, legal service, hot food, warm clothing, employment readiness assistance, and camaraderie.

It is with great pride that the Elks can support this worthy cause for our local veterans. Another upcoming event is the Second Annual Golf Outing to Benefit Sussex County Veterans, to be held Friday, October 7, 2022, at Mulligans Pointe Golf Course in Georgetown. This overwhelmingly successful fundraiser assisted the Home of the Brave and scholarship funds for veterans attending Del Tech. The Elks seek donations, giveaways, gift certificates, and sponsorships. More information can be found by sending an email to eElksGolf@icloud.com.

By Cindy Butler, Cape Henlopen Elks #2540, Lewes, DE



Recognizing the Cape Henlopen Elks' donation to the annual Veterans Stand Down: Stand Down Treasurer Gail Gartner, Elks Membership Committee member Buttercup Baker, and Director of the Delaware Veterans Stand Down Liz Byers-Jiron..



Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474 was presented a proclamation by the Kent County Commissioners for Elks National Patriotism Week Pictured left are ER Tanner Bilbrough, Americanism Chair Karen Stevens, several Lodge members and the 3 County Commissioners.



**South West District VP**  
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It is an honor to have been selected to serve as your SW Vice President, and I am looking forward to visiting as many Lodges as possible during the coming months.

The Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta was motivating and always rekindles the fire to strive to support our mission as Elks. My visitation schedule is posted, and I will begin my visits soon.

Many Lodges have been busy all summer with picnics, horseshoes, corn hole, crab feasts, gun bashes, and many more activities. I will indeed be reporting on many more activities as I visit each Lodge.

SOUTHWEST FLIES!!

*Linda*

### CAPE HENLOPEN LODGE #2540



During the Army JROTC Awards Ceremony, Cadet Lt. Col. Marini antini received a scholarship from Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540.

Photo left: Elks Veterans Committee member Dan Celia, Exalted Ruler Joanne

Mayer, Santini, and Veterans Committee Chair Robert Trafton.

Photo right: Matthew Hobson, center, is awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. Far left is Councilman Mark Schaefer, and far right is Delaware State Representative Steve Smyk, offering inspiring words of encouragement.





## North Central VP Mary Underwood

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Greetings from North Central District! Thank you for choosing me as your Vice President for the 2022-2023 Lodge year. We continue to come out of the COVID years, and I see that many of our Lodges are almost back to normal business.

I have visited some of our Lodges within North Central and other Districts, and I see that we are all trying to get ahead and put the last few years behind us and move forward. The crab feasts, cornhole tournaments, lunches/dinners, and entertainment have been fantastic! I look forward to stopping by your Lodge soon to attend more events. A reminder that Laurel Lodge #2283 will be hosting the fall State Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, October 8. Shoes fly at 9:00 AM, and all Elk members in good standing are eligible to play. I hear there will also be a pig roast at Laurel that afternoon. Good luck and I hope to see you there.

Glen Burnie and Laurel recently held crab feasts and both Lodges had a great turnout. At the time of this publication, Broadneck has scheduled a seafood boil, Severna Park is hosting several dinners and lunches, Towson is in the mix with a golf tournament, Bowie with some dueling pianos, Laurel hosts Friday night dinners and has a fantastic bull and oyster roast coming up, Essex and Annapolis have been hosting some dinners with entertainment. It's great to get out and see everyone more, meet up with friends, and make new ones along the way.

As we continue into this Lodge year, I want to remind everyone to keep membership at the forefront of our business. Without members, we don't exist. State President Marion (Junior) Davidson Jr.'s motto is Strength in Numbers. Our Lodges still have delinquent members, and we should be trying to get those members back in the Lodges and active. Invite them to your upcoming events, and maybe provide a discounted dinner cost to them. Let them know we want them back and that they are missed. We should initiate those candidates who

have been waiting as well.

Let's not forget our State project – Camp Barrett. With the season winding down, there's always something that can be done at Camp. Reach out to Angela Meyers or me to see what you can help with. I want to thank those Lodges who sent campers this past season, helped around Camp and participated in events throughout the season. It's always a great time at Camp.

In closing, remember to submit your donations for ENF, Jernick Fund, Welcome Home and Army of Hope. These donations and your volunteer hours are greatly appreciated – a little goes a long way. If you haven't applied for Grants, now is the time to do so.

At the North Central DD Clinic, DD Ken Chapman spoke about the "Traveling Gavel." Just a reminder – it's still housed at Laurel. Keep up the inter-Lodge activities, and I hope to see a North Central Lodge TRY to acquire the gavel to house in your Lodge.

Fraternally Yours in Elkdom,

*Mary*

## TOWSON LODGE #469 NEWS

By James Burlington, PR Chair and Lodge member

Towson Elks Lodge #469 donated \$100 thru their May Elks Giving Board to Camp Horizon, which provides summer programs for kids with cancer, and their siblings, free of charge.

The Lodge also donated \$100 each to The Arc of Baltimore which provides education, support & employment for people with special needs and to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, which provides families in need with food, clothing, housing & education.

Last June the Towson Lodge held its Flag Day Service. Elks officers and Scout Troop #828, members and guests attended the ceremony and were served lunch. Scouts were presented \$250. Hats off to PER Pete Cline for organizing another fine patriotic event.

With \$1,946 in proceeds collected from their Elks Giving Board, Towson Elks Lodge #469 donated to The One Love Foundation, a local non-profit organization that empowers young people with the tools and resources they need to see the signs of unhealthy relationships and abuse and to bring life-saving prevention education to their communities.

Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.



ER Stacey Peto, with Scout Troop #828 and 2nd photo, PER Pete Cline with Scout leader Frank Delosso



When Baltimore-area children return to school, some of them will have a new spot to read and socialize. The Baltimore Hunger Project, My New Book Inc. and the Towson Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks worked together to bring "My Cozy Corners" to life in Baltimore City and Baltimore County schools. The Towson Elks Lodge #469 covered most of the costs thanks to a grant from the National Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It was reported on WBAL news.



**MORE NORTH CENTRAL NEWS**



**Towson Elks #469** participated in the annual 4th of July parade. Over 30 volunteers marched in the parade handing out 5,000 American flags to those in attendance. Hat's off to Leading Knight Chris O'Connell and the volunteers. Sean Priest is pictured above holding the Lodge banner.

Towson Lodge News Submitted by Lodge PR Chair Jim Bullington



**Towson Elks Lodge #469** participated in the The American Legion riders HERO DOG RIDE. It raises money to place disabled Veterans with trained service dogs. They also donated \$500 to the event. Pictured are Hero Dog trainer Joe Dennie, Towson American Legion Rider Director John Horner and ER Stacey Peto, presenting check from the Lodge.



**Frederick Elks Lodge #684**  
Photo left: Karen Larson McNitt, PER (right) presented Judith McKnight, PER (left) with a plaque from ENF welcoming her into the Silver Circle of Giving for meeting the \$10,000 giving milestone. Thank you, Judi, for your amazing generosity to ENF!  
By Vicky Chandor George Lodge Secretary, Frederick Elks #684



**West District VP**  
**Barrett F. Fitzwater**  
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Thank you to the Lodges in the West District for allowing me to serve as Vice President for 2022-2023. I look forward to visiting with everyone at Ocean City and the West District Lodges this year.

It is fantastic to see the Lodges and all the events that have been planned this year. Great to see the calendars full of upcoming events. It is wonderful to see the Officers and members keeping up with our principles and supporting our communities, Veterans, and youth in many wonderful ways. Keep up the membership gains and retention that means so much to our organization.

Congratulations to the Oakland Lodge #2481 on their 50th Anniversary and all who attended. They still have 26 active Charter Members in the Lodge.

Frostburg #470 had another successful Soap Box Derby Day on July 4th. The 45th annual, great job! They continue to be a very active Lodge in their community.

Frederick Lodge #684 continues to recruit members at an amazing rate. Keep up the great work! Their membership just collected and donated items for the Kline Hospice House in Mt. Airy and recently held their annual car show.

Remember those who have passed and the great works they achieved in their lifetimes. Elkdom will truly miss Frank Clopper, PSP from Hagerstown Lodge #378. May God speed him and watch over him on his everlasting journey.

Congratulations to Westminster Lodge #2277 for being the home Lodge of our State President, Marion Davidson, Jr., and 1st Lady, Diane.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a new year! I look forward to seeing everyone in Milford, DE., when we host our Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley, and 1st Lady Helen. I hope everyone has a wonderful and successful year. Thank you all, and take care.

Fraternally yours,

*Barrett F. Fitzwater*



Photo left: \$5,000 was presented to Kline Hospice in August. Angela Casterlin (Development and Marketing Manager, Kline), member Humberto Benitez (one of the golf organizers), and Jeff Scire, Exalted Ruler.



## North East VP James Biddison

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It's been my honor to serve the members of the Northeast District as your Vice President. I have enjoyed my visits to each of the Lodges so far.

The Dover Fishing Derby was great, and it was a pleasure attending their Bull Roast with our State Association President, Marion Davidson, in attendance. I look forward to my visits to other Lodges soon.

Here is a list of some events in the North East District:

- Newark Lodge #2281 held its Annual Crab Feast on September 17th.
- Abingdon Lodge #2354 held a Crab Bags event on September 17th.
- Chestertown Lodge #2474 had a Shrimp Dinner on August 25th.
- Dover Lodge #1903, members enjoyed a Bull Roast on September 4th.
- Havre de Grace Lodge #1564 had a Sunday Breakfast, and Dinner on September 16th. The Chicken Parmesan Sandwiches were delicious.
- Milford #2401 held a picnic for First Responders on September 18th.
- Wilmington Lodge #307 had 3 J's Band entertain on September 30th.

"Doing our Part"

Fraternally yours in Elkdom,

*J.R. Biddison*



Photo left:  
The DAP makes its rounds at the **Dover Lodge #1903** Bull Roast.

The car is a project by Loren Evans ER at Selbyville Lodge #2173 in the North East District.

He decided to retire his racing car and use it for a better cause. It is now used as a way to capture the attention of kiddos and promote Elkdom. He is asking our veterans to sign the car.

## Dolly Bloom

SW State Chair St. Mary's Lodge #2092  
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Have you scheduled your local Lodge Soccer Shoot? Reach out to your District Chairs if you have any questions.

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## DISTRICT SOCCER SHOOTS

- South East—Oct. 9th (rain date Sunday Oct. 16) at Crisfield Lodge #1044
- South West—October 15th at St. Mary's County Lodge #2092
- North East—Nov. 12th 9:00 AM at the Milford Lodge #2401
- West—TBD
- North Central— TBD

State Shoot will be Jan 13th in Jessup, MD and Mid-Atlantic Shoot will be March 10-12th in York, PA.



Above: Dover Elks Lodge #1903 hosted an Annual Bike Rodeo with over 80 children participating. Along with bike safety lessons, there was an obstacle course for the children to ride. They donated 38 bikes to children who needed them.

There was an article in the Delaware State News about the event. The Lodge used funds from an ENF Beacon Grant and additional donations, to host the rodeo and provide the bikes and lunches.



## John Opitz

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Welcome, all, to the Fall conference. It is good to spend some time with our friends and Elk Family we see just a few times per year.

As I write this in late August, we are on track toward another successful membership year. We are recruiting new members and getting our delinquents back into the fold. Our delinquent percentage is about 11%; nationally, it is 12%, so we are above average here. This is a bit close for comfort; let's keep working on those delinquents.

Here are some numbers to consider as of late August. We started the year with 19,679 members; we currently have 20,386. Our delinquents are at 2,200; keep after them. We also have 391 candidates awaiting initiation. We need to move on these; let's not keep people waiting. Initiate, Initiate, Initiate!!!

Grand Lodge has a goal for each State to add 10% of its starting number as new members. For MD, DE, & DC, that would mean adding 1,968 new members this year. We're just short of halfway through the Lodge year, and we have added 920. We are at 47% of that goal. Let's keep our momentum going. My report at this conference will have up-to-date numbers.

There is no substitute for an active membership committee. As the Grand Lodge Plus Membership program mentioned, we need our committee to be a "team." Lodge Secretaries, you can give "read" access to CLMS to your Lodge membership chairs, making it easier for them to stay current on who needs to be contacted. Membership committee folks should become familiar with the Membership and Marketing guides, which are part of the "members only" part of Elks.org.

We have a new resource available now, it's Join.Elks.Org. Prospective members can learn about our Order and apply online through this new site. One caution for Lodge Secretaries is that the site **does not collect the application fee**, so you will need to contact the applicants before processing the online applications.

Another new program available online is a photo opportunity. Get a group photo of the new members and email it to Rick Gathen ([rickg@elks.org](mailto:rickg@elks.org)). He will send back a photo of the group digitally framed with a picture of our GER Bruce Hidley giving them a warm welcome. This photo is printable, can be sent to each new member, and can be included in your Lodge communications.

I have made many references to Elks.org, and all members can access this site; if it's your first visit, follow the instructions to register, and you'll be all set.

Initiations in September and October are called the "Grand Exalted Ruler's Class." You will see many

references to this class on social media and Elks' news sources throughout the fall. Let's see how many MD, DE, DC Lodges we can get into the class.

Congratulations are in order for our leaders in recruitment and initiations. Our current leaders are Cape Henlopen, Ocean City, and Salisbury. I will report on who leads the pack when we meet. Many Lodges are also getting reinstatements and transfers, easy additions as these folks are already Elks.

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

*John Opitz*



*Members of Broadneck Elks attended initiation classes at the National Convention in Atlanta*



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*Facebook post by Corey Bradley*

## ! UPCOMING EVENTS !

- October 21-23— ECB/USNA Scout Day/Camporee
- October 23-31 - National Red Ribbon Celebration
- November is Veterans Remembrance Month
- November 6—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- November 11—Veteran's Day
- November 14—MVS Scholarship Deadline
- November 24—Thanksgiving
- December 4—Elks Annual Memorial Service
- December 25—Christmas Day
- **December 15, 2022—Deadline for January Newsletter**
- March 18—20, 2023 Spring Conference GER Visit Milford, DE Lodge #2401

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

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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### MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

**Deadline: November 14, 2022** [enf.elks.org/MVS](https://enf.elks.org/MVS)

- Open to all high school seniors who are citizens.
- Applications must be submitted online.
- Applications are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

### LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: February 6, 2023** [enf.elks.org/leg](https://enf.elks.org/leg)

- Open to children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks
- Applications are judged on knowledge, charity, community service, and integrity.

### EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANT

**Available by request May 1 - November 1**

Available by request for the academic year for which assistance is desired. Provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks

- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must be unmarried and under the age of 24 during the academic year for which assistance is desired.

### MD/DE/DC ELKS SKILLED TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: March 15, 2023** [lynnevans6303@gmail.com](mailto:lynnevans6303@gmail.com)

- Open to all high school graduates who graduated between 2019 – 2022, or will graduate in 2023.
- Applications are judged on student goals, financial need, aptitude/ability, grades, and courses to be taken.



GL Public Relations & Membership Marketing  
Connie deYoung, and Mary Cardinal-Voyt



**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Mary Underwood**

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Greetings from ENF! I hope all are well, and I'm glad to see you all here in Ocean City. At the time of the writing of this article, we have 15 Lodges that have met Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley's per member goal of \$4.80 per member. That is three more Lodges than where we were this time last year! Excellent work by amazing Elks. I am very excited to see our numbers higher than last year, and the numbers continue to grow!

Last year, I had a special competition between the Districts regarding meeting the Grand's goal. This year, I have decided to keep that competition going. The numbers continue to climb, and I see Lodges that struggled last year with ENF step up to the plate and have met the goal already! During this weekend's conference, I will gladly share those numbers and where each Lodge stands per member. I thank you for all you do, and I ask that you continue your ENF support. Let's finish out this year with huge numbers!

Here is a reminder of grant submissions: If you qualify for any of the ENF Grants, please make sure to apply for them, get the required documentation and receipts, and submit them on time. I know that everyday life and its demands sometimes hinder us from completing these tasks, but the quicker we can get the grants executed, the better it is for reporting purposes and the better the chances of being able to apply for grants the following year.

Please contact your District Chair, Lodge Chair, or me if you need assistance with grant writing or submission. We are here to help and guide you along the way. If you have any suggestions on how to raise ENF funds, please share them with those Lodges that may need an extra boost. As a final reminder, it's helpful to submit your donations regularly and not wait until the 11th hour. March 31st is the deadline for ENF donations to be counted towards this year. We are halfway there, so let's finish this year on a positive note with higher ENF numbers than last year! Keep up the great work; I can't wait to see which Lodges shine this year.

Fraternally yours,  
*Mary Underwood*

Elks Care, Elks Share, Elks Do  
In the words of GER Bruce Hidley –  
"With Enthusiasm!"



## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION & ARMY OF HOPE



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The Army of Hope has been actively assisting veterans suffering financial difficulties. Since the middle of May, we have helped Veterans to the tune of \$17,900.00. This aid comes in many forms but mainly utilities & rent. We have given many Vets some peace of mind in return for their sacrifices to keep us safe. As you may or may not know, the Army of Hope is supported solely by donations from the Lodges and their fundraisers.

The E.N.V.S.C. has been busy lifting the spirits of our Veterans in the VA hospitals and the USO facilities. The Covid virus has limited these efforts, but the restrictions are lessening in some of the facilities and will hopefully be fully opened for volunteers soon. The volunteers have donated many dollars and hours giving back to our deserving Veterans. Some of the ways the volunteers give back are snack food, birthday parties, gift cards, toiletries, a hot dog machine, a jigsaw puzzle table, a pizza party, and much more.

The Veterans appreciate the efforts of the Reps and the donations.

## CAMP BARRETT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Judith Black

South West District's **Washington Rockville Lodge #15** recently connected their community partner, Team River Runner, with Elks Camp Barrett to coordinate housing for their first Leadership Week program in our area. Disabled veterans from TRR Chapters across the country were chosen to participate in this early June event. Angela Meyer, Director of the camp, welcomed these veterans with open arms to stay in the camp cottages and enjoy the facilities during their week-long stay. In preparing the camp facilities in the preseason, Angela helped coordinate the meals and involved Lodges to fund and prepare them. **Kent Island Lodge #2576** generously funded and prepared several meals along with Washington Rockville Lodge.

Veterans learned the art of flat water paddling each morning in Annapolis and participated in leadership activities at camp in the afternoon led by Lisa Weed, director of Team River Runner's Walter Reed Chapter. Day trips were scattered throughout the week of activities, including a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and Fields4Valor, a veteran-run farm producing fresh produce for veterans in need.

The vets were eager to take the skills they acquired back to their local TRR chapters to share with other vets. They

## Angela M. Meyer

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**We've got some Big, Bigger, and Huge DAP News!**

**BIG...**October is Drug Abuse Awareness Month. As Elks, during October, we also recognize Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31. Since it's beginning in 1985, the **Red Ribbon** has touched the lives of millions of people around the world. In response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena, angered parents and youth in communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. We encourage all Lodges to hold an event to showcase Red Ribbon Week. Contact Your District DAP Chair for ideas and assistance.

**BIGGER....** The Elks continue support for the **Red Ribbon Campaign** by sponsoring an annual award given to Law enforcement who do exemplary work in the field of drug prevention and enforcement. This award is named in honor of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena.

Lodge submissions are due December 1, 2022. Applications for this award are now available on the State Association website or by contacting Linda Buchanan, SW District DAP Chairperson [bungalowlady@aol.com](mailto:bungalowlady@aol.com), or Angela Meyer, State DAP Chairperson, [ecbsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:ecbsecretary@outlook.com).

**HUGE...**All three episodes of the Awkward Conversations miniseries have been released. We genuinely believe this is some of the best collaborative work that the Elks Drug Awareness Program and the Drug Enforcement Administration have done to date. Please take time to share the links below with your fellow members and in your Lodges.

<https://toolchest.elksdap.org/download/c795ece3-817c-4560-ab82-252950e28785>

<https://toolchest.elksdap.org/download/35d7673a-47a3-4fc6-8a57-f59d89d139aa>

<https://toolchest.elksdap.org/download/c88e1d45-abf7-4183-bc12-c4e02ca3cd73>

expressed their gratitude and appreciation to all the Elk volunteers who prepared cabins, led tours, prepared meals, etc., and especially to Angela Meyer, camp director, and Cameron Cage, camp custodian, for ensuring everything went smoothly during their stay.

Along with the leadership skills acquired, new friendships and connections were made. Some vets expressed an interest in connecting with their local Elks Lodge.

We look forward to coordinating the second annual Leadership Week with Team River Runner, Elks Camp Barrett, and Kent Island Lodge #2576 next year.

# TRAINING

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Your Training Committee will again hold two Leadership Training Clinics soon, one at the end of February and another at the beginning of March 2023, with exact dates to be determined later. In the meantime, focus your efforts on taking one or all three of the Training Test at Elks.Org to earn points towards the Training Contest to the right.

Any member registered on Elks.Org is eligible to take the training online. Please encourage your members to participate by advertising in your newsletter and website.

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

Grow with the Elks.

*Renee'*

# ELKS TRAINING CONTEST

## CRITERIA

- 2 Points for completion of each of the four Grand Lodge Training Courses (Log into Elks.Org, hover over "Members Only" & Click on Manuals, then on Training):
  - [Local Lodge Officer Training Course](#)
  - [Board of Directors, Lodge Trustees & House Committee Training Course](#)
  - [Local Lodge Secretary Training Course](#)

(Up to 8 points can be earned for this category per Elk member.  
 District Deputy of the Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) will earn an additional 2 points by completing their DDGER Training Course at Elks.Org). Members can not retake the test once it has been submitted. Encourage other lodge members to participate in the Grand Lodge Training Courses.
- 5 Points for each Officer that attends the MD, DE & DC Elks Leadership Training Clinic held in February/March of 2022 (Date to be determined)
- 10 Points each for a non lodge officer/member attending the MD, DE & DC Elks Leadership Training Clinic

Trophy for the highest points earned will be awarded to:

- One Lodge in the MD, Del & DC Elks Association
- One District of the MD, Del & DC Elks Association

Deadline: March 31, 2023

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

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This is the final report on the 2022 raffle: the gross receipts were \$79,990.00 (only slightly higher than last year), and the expenses were \$25,337.10 (a little higher than the previous year) plus two winners donating back \$600.00 between the two, which left a net profit of \$53,162.90. The expenses include the printing and postage, the mailing list from The Elks Magazine, and the prizes, which have all been paid. This outcome was slightly less than last year, which was the best.

I want to thank all who participated in the raffle. Your generosity, as always, is overwhelming. As you know, this is the primary source of income for the Improvement Fund at our Camp. Without these funds, it would not be the excellent facility it is.

I am sure that the Executive Board of the Camp will find uses for some of these funds, creating the need for replenishment next year.

Our State President has asked me to head the raffle next year, and I have agreed and look forward to doing so. I, again, plan to have the drawing at the Family Day Picnic at the end of May next year.

## Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31



Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug misuse prevention awareness campaign.

Red Ribbon Week started after the death of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who in 1985 was brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico. After Kiki's death, people started wearing red ribbons to honor his sacrifice.

Today, millions of people celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing red ribbons, participating in community antidrug events, and pledging to live drug-free lives.

For more information and to access the Red Ribbon toolkit, visit [www.dea.gov/redribbon](http://www.dea.gov/redribbon).



2022-2023  
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 President

**IF YOU NEED A STATE  
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## JOE MCGEENEY

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## TIPS FOR NAVIGATION

Our STATE WEBSITE has over 100+ Pages of Elk related information. The HOME Page has loads of links; State Newsletter (Downloadable), GL Manuals & much more.

Our main menu (left side on every Page) has quick links to many Pages; ENVSC, ECB, Con-Con, State Calendar. Select the ALL Committees page & click on the Committee of choice.

Click on any Picture or Graphic for Links to other Elks Websites. ex: Header will direct you to the State VHP on GL Web @ Elks.org.

The red, white & blue divider will direct you to the GL Veterans page on Elks.org

All footers will direct you to the State VHP Page of GL Website, State VHP, District & Lodges and a list of all 37 Lodges will appear that have a link to that Lodge VHP contact info & their related pages.

Visit our newest State Website at  
[www.ElksHelpingVets.com](http://www.ElksHelpingVets.com)

Additionally, Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program (DAP) has developed a new website with loads of information and links. Visit: [www.ElksDAP.org](http://www.ElksDAP.org) where you will find information and videos regarding our DAP & DEA. Don't forget Red Ribbon Celebration held annually October 23-31. You'll also find the newest DAP Video "Awkward Conversations" shown on YouTube.

### ~ ELKS DO!

Joe McGeeney, State Webmaster



First Lady Diane Davidson and Jane Helsel following our meeting in Solomons last June



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## GRAND LODGE of THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER of ELKS of USA

The Elks sponsor several social media channels across many platforms. We are utilizing the following official Grand Lodge social media channels to provide authoritative information. Grand Lodge Social Media Links Page: [socialmedia \(Elks.org\)](http://socialmedia(Elks.org)):

### Elks National Foundation:

- Elks National Foundation Facebook page — [facebook.com/ElksNationalFoundation](https://facebook.com/ElksNationalFoundation)
- Elks National Foundation Twitter feed — [@ElksNtnlFndtn](https://twitter.com/ElksNtnlFndtn)
- Elks National Foundation Instagram page — [@elksinaction](https://www.instagram.com/elksinaction)
- Elks National Foundation YouTube channel — [youtube.com/ElksNationalFndn](https://youtube.com/ElksNationalFndn)
- Midday with the ENF podcast - [Elks National Foundation :: Midday with the ENF](#)
- Elks National Foundation blog — [elksnationalfoundation.blog](http://elksnationalfoundation.blog)

### Elks National Veterans Service Commission:

- Elks National Veterans Service Commission Facebook page — [facebook.com/ENVSC/](https://facebook.com/ENVSC/)
- Elks National Veterans Service Commission Twitter feed — [@ElksVetsService](https://twitter.com/ElksVetsService)
- Elks National Veterans Service Commission blog — [elksveteransserviceblog.org](http://elksveteransserviceblog.org)
- Elks National Veterans Service Commission Instagram page — [@elksvets](https://www.instagram.com/elksvets)

### Grand Lodge:

- Grand Lodge [Marketing and Membership Facebook Group](#) - (7) [Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing | Facebook](#)
- Grand Lodge Social Media Page - [socialmedia \(Elks.org\)](http://socialmedia(Elks.org))
- Grand Lodge (ENF) Social Media Page - [Elks National Foundation](#)
- Grand Lodge [Join the Herd Facebook](#) - (7) [#JoinTheHerd - Explore | Facebook](#)
- BPO Elks USA Facebook Page — [facebook.com/bpoeusa/](https://facebook.com/bpoeusa/)
- BPOE TV Facebook page — [facebook.com/BPOETV/](https://facebook.com/BPOETV/)



## ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT FALL 2022

### "Gallagher has a new partner!"

Mike Ford, NE State Chair Abington Lodge #2354 | 410-977-8230 | prinklrgod26@yahoo.com

Well, we finally made it through the dog days of summer and on to the cooler weather of Fall 2022. This is the time of year when school starts back up, leaves are falling from the trees, and fire pits with family and friends. So please pay special attention to stopping school buses, and wet leaves on the road. Ensure you always have a water source and extinguish your fire pits at the night's end.

Did you know that hurricane season starts on June 1st and ends on

November 30th? Why am I bringing this up, you ask? Because Gallagher Bassett has just teamed up with a new partner, First OnSite! This is a new company that specifically deals with hurricane damage and significant storm damage. First OnSite has emergency services, general construction and reconstruction, COVID-19 disinfection services, and property damage consulting. I will discuss this in more detail during our meeting in Ocean City.

I am already excited from what I have read about First OnSite. While working with Gallagher Bassett, they will take care of our more extensive damages and losses at a quicker response time.

I am looking forward to sharing the good news with you all.

Stay safe and remember that you know where to find me if you need me.

See ya at the beach.

MWF



## ANGELA M. MEYER

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The 2022 Summer Camp schedule is complete. We have many great memories to hold us until the next camping season. So now we look forward to our Fall schedule which is in full swing.

As we started our season this past Spring, we abbreviated our Elks camp to 5 weeks with 60 campers per week out of concern that parents would still be tentative about COVID infections. It turns out it was a good business move as well, as we needed half the amount of staff reducing our employee costs substantially.

We hosted approximately 210 campers. Thanks to all the Lodges that sent and supported campers. ECB accomplishes our mission every year because of the support from our Lodges. It's because of you that we accomplish so much.

Our partner camps had reduced attendance this season also. We believe, and hope, next year we will be able to return to a more normal schedule.

We were met with some challenges this year, namely a nasty lightning

strike that took out so many things on the campus that we had to close the third week of camp and send the campers home. By the grace of God, no one was injured, and with a lot of hard work, we held the following week's camp and welcomed the campers who were sent home the prior week to rejoin us. Most of the problems are now repaired, but we are still finding things that were damaged. We've learned that lightning is a strange and scary thing.

The many events we accomplish at ECB, from camps to scouts, family reunions, company picnics, church groups, and more, are done well. This is because of our fantastic volunteers, a hard-working and dedicated caretaker, a kind and exciting summer camp staff, and a leadership team of experienced executive committee members and passionate ECB Lodge representatives. Everyone shares in carrying the load. We thank all of you for all you do to keep ECB open and active while accomplishing many wonderful things. We are so grateful for every member of our ECB team.

This Fall, we will be hosting the Scout Camporee a bit earlier than in past years. The Camporee will be the weekend of October 21 - 23. We always need help, so if you can spare some time, we would appreciate it. It is a lot of fun, and the scouts are always great.

Contact Ben Stone if you can help.

At ECB we love Elkdom, we love our State Elks Association, and most of all, we love the children, veterans, first responders, and the community we serve.

Thank you. Sending big E.C. the Bee Hugs to all. *Angela*



Angela Meyer, ECB Director of Operations accepts this beautiful piece of artwork depicting a map of the Association with locations of our then 44 Lodges. It was donated to ECB by PSP, Bill Buttrill. This beautiful piece will be hung in a place of honor at the camp. Thank you Bill for this wonderful gift and for always supporting Elks Camp Barrett.