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## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE "BRING THEM BACK"

Welcome to the Fall Conference of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association. It seems like just a few weeks ago we were attending our June Convention. Rob Broom and his committee did a GREAT job of putting together this conference. Thank you, Con-Con!

Since our June Convention, I have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa. Many of our State Association members attended and we had hours of learning and fellowship. I served as Assistant Grand Tiler for the Convention and had the honor of carrying the Maryland Flag in the flag procession for the opening ceremony. That was TRULY an honor!

I worked with other State Presidents handing out ballots for the Grand Lodge voting session and helped collect the ballots after voting was complete. We survived the "almost hurricane" and returned home safe and sound.

By now, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, and the State Vice Presidents, and I have started our visitations. Please welcome these Officers when they visit your Lodge.

My goal is to get membership up and going. Following the last year of COVID-19,

many Lodges have been doing well bringing new members into their Lodge. Membership is the lifeblood of our Association. My motto this year is "Bring Them Back." We all have many members we don't see anymore, but they have a wealth of knowledge that can be an asset to our Lodges; Bring Them Back!

Let's continue to work hard to get Elkdom back up and going strong. The Elks Camp Barrett Camporee is scheduled for November 19-21. Soccer Shoots and Hoop Shoots will be revived this year. Get together and have one at your Lodge and District.

We have a lot to be thankful for, so let's come together and get our Association Rocking and Rolling again. Be Loud and Proud to be an Elk.

God Bless America and God Bless the Elks!

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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS GIVE BACK—AND LURE NEW MEMBERS



**Message from the  
Grand Exalted Ruler**

**T. KEITH  
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Community projects give back—and lure new Members How are you doing with your Lodge Community Projects? Did you know that you can enter your Lodge into the Community Project Contest offered by the Grand Lodge Activities Committee? Visit the Grand Lodge Activities Committee on [elks.org](http://elks.org) to see what is needed to get your Lodge some additional recognition. If you have done some projects, fantastic. If not, it is not too late to begin now. This is a great way for your membership to get involved outside the Lodge. Who knows, it may interest new Members for your Lodge. October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans every year. The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, and

others plan activities throughout the month. Contact local law enforcement and community organizations to see if your Lodge can get involved. In addition, encourage your Members to wear red ribbons for the month during their daily routine. Pass out red ribbons to your schools, sponsor a red ribbon activity, submit public service announcements supporting your Red Ribbon program to local media. Also, during this time, most DEA agencies sponsor a prescription Drug Take Back Day. Ask a local law enforcement agency if your Lodge can volunteer to help in any way. Now is the time for your six-month review of your Lodge operations. Lodge Secretaries need to give their bi-annual report on the activities of their office to the membership. Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, you need to submit to the Lodge floor your report on the Grand Lodge Session. Auditing and Accounting Committees also need to review the Lodge financials and report to the Lodge Members. Finally, make revisions (if necessary) to your annual budgets to get

a clearer financial picture of your Lodge and to make decisions moving forward. Keeping your Lodge fiscally strong will ensure you continue "Meeting the Challenge."

In addition to other activities, get started on the American Essay contest at your local schools. The deadline for submission is in mid-December. Information for the essay contest is located in the Grand Lodge Americanism Manual found on the Elks website. Have your Americanism chairperson examine the manual—There are great programs for your Lodge and community, and it provides ways to interact with others outside the Lodge, promote our programs, and find prospective new Members.

Finally, let us not forget Halloween at the end of the month. Think about planning an event for kids or working with another entity to provide a safe and fun opportunity for our youth.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE SPONSOR



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I hope this message finds all MD DE & DC Elks and our 37 Elks Lodges well, prospering, and returning to a more normal existence.

It appears that COVID-19 or variations of it may be around for a long time to come. Fortunately, it seems that we have learned and are still learning to cope with it and our lives and Elk operations are steadily moving back to a more normal routine.

We still need to remind everyone to continue to be cautious, careful, and vigilant and follow the rules and guidelines as they continue to change. Please be considerate for the safety and

well-being of yourself, your family, friends, and fellow Elks in all that you do.

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 totals of the achievements 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 of our attention and efforts must flow to the individual Lodges - they must be successful and flourish for the Association and our Order to be successful and flourish. Each Lodge is separate and distinct with a unique personality and social setting - no two are exactly alike, and what works for one may not work for any other.

While each Lodge must be treated on an individual basis, there are many commonalities between the Lodges, the

rules, procedures, etc., every Lodge must follow. Specifically, the things that make them a solid business entity and an ELKS LODGE, not just a local "Social Club" or "Bar."

Our Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Marketing Committee has dubbed this year "Respond, Recover, and Renew." Within this moniker for the year, the individual Lodges are expected to be, or become, compliant with the rules, regulations, procedures, and/or programs that Elks Lodges are required to follow or participate.

Probably the most important item in this endeavor is to "Respond, Recover, and Renew."

At all times, each Lodge must have a dedicated and engaged group of officers and committee persons in place, functioning in a manner that instills and utilizes good business practices.

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FALL WORKSHOP AGENDA PRINCESS ROYAL HOTEL OCEAN CITY, MD**

<b>Friday, October 1, 2021</b>	Registration "Palmetto Promenade" (12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM)
1:00 PM	Advisory Meeting "Mako Room"
3:30 PM	ECB Executive Committee Meeting "Aruba Room"
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting "Aruba Room"
<b>Saturday, October 2, 2021</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 - Charlie Spadone
9:40 AM	Soccer Shoot - Dolly Broom
9:50 AM	Auditing & Business Practices - Debbie Price
10:00 AM	Con-Con - Mary Underwood
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 - Dewayne Wilcher
11:00 AM	ENVSC, Army of Hope - Lou Schmeltzer
11:10 AM	Welcome Home - Carl Robinson
11:20 AM	Elks and Scouting - Tanner Bilbrough
11:30 AM	Scholarship - Lynn Evans
11:40 AM	Lodge Activities - Mary Villeneuve
11:50 AM	Announcements & Recess until 9:00 AM, Sunday, October 3
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	PGER Paul D. Helsel Meeting with DDGERs & PSPs/DLs
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	State President & President Elect Meeting with VPs & Committee Chairs
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Committee Meetings (as requested by State Chairs)
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Social Hour followed by Dinner (Business Casual) "Palmetto Room"
<b>Sunday, October 3, 2021</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 - Coleen Ford
9:10 AM	Elks National Foundation - Mary Underwood
9:20 AM	Donate Life - Danelle Chapman
9:30 AM	Membership - John Opitz
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	Advisory Report - Sandra Brantner
10:30 AM Business Meeting	Trustees' Report - Dave Reihl
	Secretary's Report - Jim Harbour
	Treasurer's Report - Jackie Phillips
	Unfinished Business / New Business
	Announcements
<b>COMMENTS</b>	Grand Lodge Committee Members, Connie deYoung & Sandra Brantner
	President-Elect, Marion Davidson & President, Robert Raleigh
	Grand Lodge Sponsor, Paul D. Helsel
	Remembrance of Departed Members / Sickness & Distress
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Prayer by Chaplain Darlene Harmon
	Next Meeting - March 18—20, 2022, Spring Conference at Frederick Lodge #684



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT



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Welcome to the Fall Workshop in Ocean City. It is hard to believe Summer is over, and we are halfway through the current Lodge Year.

Diane and I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa. It was great to see many of our Lodges represented, and we enjoyed our visit with our Elk Families.

I have attended the Camp Barrett Executive Committee & Representative's Meeting and had an enjoyable time at the Camp Picnic. Thanks to all the Lodges for their support of our Great State Project.

It was my pleasure to attend the Northeast District DD

Clinic. Thanks to DDGER Bonnie Howell and the Northeast District for their hospitality. I also attended the West District DD Clinic and thank you DDGER Ruth Collins-Shaw for hosting another great Clinic. There was a lot of valuable information learned at both Clinics, and hopefully, everyone in attendance carried that information back to their Lodges.

I look forward to working with and learning from our State President, Robert Raleigh, the Advisory Committee, and our State Sponsor, Paul.

Lodges, please have your Secretary or Public Relations Committee place me on your email list and newsletter. It would be my pleasure and honor to attend some of your Lodge Activities to see firsthand the great work you do for your communities.

I hope you have an enjoyable time at the Fall

Conference. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

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They must continue to follow the rules and regulations that provide routine, accurate, and required reporting. This breeds a Lodge atmosphere with appropriate amenities that attracts and maintains membership participation and support.

MEMBERSHIP is a key component in the success of every individual Lodge. Each Lodge must have a dedicated and functioning Membership Committee (TEAM) working day in and day out, doing, or causing to be done, the things that will help attract new members and cause the current members to participate, support, and continue to pay their dues. This must be a 24/7 effort in every Lodge if we are to "Recover" and establish and maintain a new "norm" of growth at all levels - Lodge, Association, and Order.

FINANCIAL STABILITY is just as important, and without it, few Lodges succeed, at least over the long haul. Every Lodge must follow sound business practices and have in place the required checks, balances, and reporting necessary to provide the data to manage the business, verify its

performance, and instill confidence and assurance that the Lodge is, in fact, a sound and properly run business.

I've already touched on Leadership, Membership, and Financial Stability. These are extremely important matters in the operation of every Lodge and the major factors that determine the outcome of the Lodge's performance for any given year.

If you feel your Lodge needs help in any of these areas, contact State Leadership, the District Deputies, or myself, and we'll try to assist your Lodge in any way we can. We want every Lodge to be successful and the best that it can be.

The 2021/2022 year is the 50th Anniversary of our premier Hoop Shoot Program. It is indeed a significant and proud milestone for the program and our Order.

We hope and anticipate that this will be a banner year for the program and would encourage every Lodge to be involved and participate in helping make it so. The State, Regional, and National Contests will be doing some extra things this year to celebrate this milestone, hopefully, your Lodge and

District contests will also do some things to commemorate this milestone as well. If you need help to participate in this effort, contact your District or State Hoop Shoot Director.

Our Fall Conference in Ocean City at the Princess Royale is now upon us. While the pandemic has forced the hotel to make some changes in what and/or how we do some things, it still promises to be a fun-filled weekend with a bit of business and learning sprinkled in. Hopefully, we will see all Lodges represented and participating in the fun, sessions, and activities.

Best wishes to all for a most enjoyable Fall Conference; Jane and I look forward to seeing you all there.

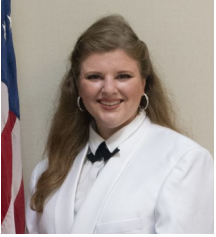
And thank you to all our MD DE & DC Elk family for your continuing dedicated efforts on behalf of your Lodge, our Association, and our great Order.

Keep up the good work, and stay safe and well.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor





## South East District VP

**Carrie Kane**

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It is an honor and pleasure to serve our District and our State Association as Southeast District Vice President. I joined Cambridge Elks #1272 in September 2016. Standing there during initiation, I would have never thought I would have the privilege to serve Cambridge as an officer, let alone move beyond the local Lodge level of service. I have my husband, Dan Kane, to thank as he "voluntold" me into the Lecturing Knight position; from there, my journey began.

Being an Elk has been rewarding and fulfilling, and I take every chance I can to learn about the history of Elkdom. I am looking forward to my meetings and spending time with all of you, learning the ins and outs of your Lodges. COVID-19 has been a challenging time for all of us. I am proud of how the individual Lodges and our Association as a whole have rallied together and made the best of a terrible situation. We should be

proud of the progress we have made this year and take the lessons and challenges to better serve us in the future and maintain the permanency of our Lodges.

So many great events are in the works and being planned within our District. I encourage all members to share information through emails and social media. Post your activities on your Lodge Facebook pages. Whenever your Lodge does a presentation, initiation, donation, or any other special event, post that on the MD/DE/DC Facebook page and share that accomplishment.

Our State President's motto for this year is "Bring Them Back." Over the years, fraternal organizations have been on the decline for new membership. There has been an increase in current members not renewing their membership for one reason or another. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on attendance at Elks Lodges and all fraternal clubs and businesses alike.

Work on the delinquent members – give them a friendly phone call, ask them why they did not renew their membership to your Lodge. It could be as simple as miscommunication in the

lounge, or it could be as serious as a health issue, and they could no longer afford their dues. Communication is vital, and when you take the time to make that phone call or have a face-to-face conversation, those small acts of kindness can go a long way in bringing a former member back.

A member could have dropped from the rolls due to being worried about COVID-19 safety or nervous about returning to the Lodge as they don't know what protocols are being taken. Take the time to explain how your Lodge is proactive in keeping everyone safe, and in turn, that member could feel more comfortable returning to the Lodge. All members are valuable and assets to your Lodges. It is important they know and feel that when they walk through the door.

I will soon be sending my official visitation letter to the Lodges. I am so excited to meet with you, learn from you, and grow together to continue to make the Southeast District prosper and grow. Southeast Rocks!

Fraternally,

*Carrie Kane*

Southeast District Vice President



## West District VP

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Greetings to all! It is hard to believe Fall is upon us so soon, and our children and grandchildren are once again, back in school. It is nice to see some activities around us returning to a resemblance of what we remember as normal. I have learned as time runs on, there are moments in life that can be a little chaotic and overwhelming. It is reassuring that we can count on the Elks to promote God, pride in our Flag and Country, and provide comfort for our members, veterans, and others in need. I am confident you will continue to promote our cause and give charity to those in need. I see Elks really do care. They don't just talk about it; they "be about it," and it inspires me every day.

Last year we saw Statewide Conventions, Conferences, and the 2020 Grand Lodge Convention canceled. So, it was especially nice to attend the Grand Lodge Convention this summer and see so many fellow Elks gathering in person, teaching, learning, sharing, and providing fellowship.

I also attended the West District DD Clinic in Frostburg, MD on August 21st and was pleased to see such a good turnout.

I enjoyed the clinic format the West District Deputy implemented. We all left a little wiser than before. I wish the Exalted Rulers all the best and all the Lodges success this year.

Our State President's motto is "Bring Them Back." I look forward to receiving the State President's schedule for Lodge visits and coordinating with all Lodges for the State President and the VP visits.

I will be speaking with you about the importance of recruiting new members, keeping members, and bringing back Elks that may have temporarily strayed. There are tools available to accomplish this, and I want to ensure we all know of them. In addition, I will communicate with our Lodges that are struggling with membership to understand your challenges.

I will talk with the Lodges that are successful in recruiting and retaining membership to find what is working and facilitate the sharing of information that may be helpful to others.

I am thankful to serve the West District as your Vice President and look forward to the rest of the year!

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## South West District VP

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I am just as honored and humbled to serve as your SW VP now as when I served in 2010. Visiting all the Lodges in the SW, as well as the camaraderie with members of the MD, DE & DC Elks Association, is rewarding. The Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa, Florida, was wonderful.

Since the June Convention, I have attended functions at Waldorf Lodge, Washington-Rockville Lodge, Deal Lodge, and Calvert Lodge. The Lodges in the SW have been busy opening back up since COVID-19, working Elks programs, giving donations, and volunteering in their communities.

### Camp Springs Lodge #2332

On Saturday, May 22, the Camp Springs Elks Lodge held a "Social Distancing" Indoor Flea Market and Plant Sale.

Several items were donated by Lodge members and the surrounding community. Our Lodge partnered with the Melwood Horticultural Program to support both causes. We supported Melwood by purchasing flowers and plants from them, to be sold at our event. Melwood is one of our local non-profit organizations that provides training and jobs for the county's special needs population.

From the sale of the plants and flowers from Melwood, the donated items, and the table rentals, our Lodge was able to profit over \$1,100.

On June 19th, the Camp Springs Elks Lodge held its first Steak and Shrimp Dinner since our shutdown for the pandemic. It was a pleasure to see many of our members and friends for the first time in 18 months. The ER (Walter Benson), his Officers, and Board Members performed our prestigious Flag Day Ritual, which commemorates the Birth of our American Flag.

*Submitted by: Camp Springs Elks Lodge Public Relations Committee Shelva Redd, Chairperson, and Dee Glover, Co-Chair.*

### Calvert Lodge #2620

Calvert Lodge celebrated Mother's Day with a breakfast. There were 80 in attendance.

We held our annual Flay Day Service at Calvert County Court House and the Girl Scouts carried the flags.

Calvert also hosted 2Country4Nashville show and dinner. There were 60 in attendance, including our VP Renee' Rivituso and her fiancé Jeff Brown. Proceeds will go towards a very much-needed HVAC system for the Lodge.



*Above: David Marchyshyn ER, MD, DEL & DC Elks Assoc. Inner Guard and his mother dancing the two step.*

### Deal Lodge #2528

Deale Elks has been busy using Elks National Foundation Grants. A check was presented to our local food bank SCAN in the amount of \$2,000 to feed our local community. They feed over 400 families monthly.

Another ENF Grant allowed for a donation to the Valhalla Sailing Project. This organization offers Sailing lessons to veterans of active war to prevent veteran suicide.



### Prince Georges Lodge #1778

Down in Solomon's, MD, our Skyler Baldwin placed 1st in Americanism's 4-5 age group. ER Ray Manyette and PER from 2020-2021, Masiel Guevara attended this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa.

### St Mary's County Lodge #2092

St Mary's County Lodge #2092 assisted two National Junior Honor Society 7th

graders in establishing a toy drive benefiting local county rescue, fire departments, police, and animal shelters across St Mary's County. They hosted a toy drive and aided students in collecting and distributing over 1,000 stuffed animals.

The two St John's School students, Ava Currie and Cristiana Wasel, established the toy drive as part of a school passion project after learning small toys are stored and used to comfort children who find themselves in the ambulance. The fundraiser generated more toys than the students anticipated. After sanitizing the donations, they kept them in sealed containers and delivered them to seven volunteer fire and rescue squads, an animal shelter, and the Naval District Washington Fire Department aboard Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Their donations often came in other forms other than stuff animals; members also gave monetary donations.

Other donations were toys donated to St. Mary's County police for children in need.



### Waldorf Lodge #2421

On July 21, Waldorf Lodge donated \$1,500 from the ENF Gratitude Grant to the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department. The money will provide needed resources and prevention to the citizens in our region and maintain the tools and apparatus that keep the fire company running. The Lodge has also been busy in August. On the 14th, we hosted a benefit to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. \$4,400 will be donated in the name of the Lodge.

We also donated part of the funds needed to help replace the floor of our cabin at Camp Barrett and raised another \$255 for the Maryland Special Olympics. As the summer comes to a close, we prepared for our annual Crab Feast, which will have been held on September 9th.

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# South West continued from page 6



Waldorf Lodge donated funds from the ENF Gratitude Grant to the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department.

## Washington-Rockville Lodge #15

Once again, our Lodge participated in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair with the Elk Drug Awareness Trailer. This was an opportunity to promote Elkdom, our Drug Awareness Program, and other activities at Washington Rockville to our community. The children coming past especially enjoyed trying their hand at shooting baskets in the child's basketball hoop and winning a bookmark and Washington Rockville Elks pencil. The trailer was open from Saturday, August 14 to Saturday, August 21. John Shoemaker, Bob Ennis Scott Hedrick, Marge & Paul Reiman, Debbie Hansen, Derrick Yu, Scharla Estep, Suzanne Noonan, Charlie Pacholkiw, Sally Wess, and Diana Patton helped throughout the week.



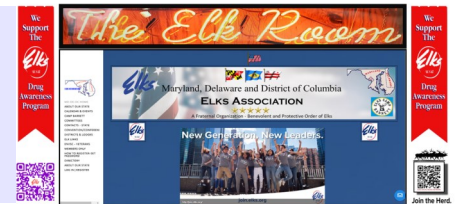
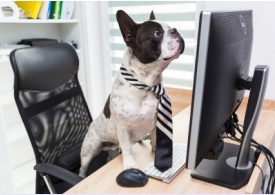
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Our State Website is a Five-Star Website for the second year in a row. Many resources will help guide you through Elkdom Online—world-wide-web.

A slide show presentation has been added to the State Home Page at the Header. Each picture/graphic will Link you to another Elk-related web browser/Page.

Click on the Header (at the top of every Page, with State Flags), and it will

redirect you to the State VHP ( Virtual Home Page on Elks.org). Many other pictures/graphics throughout the Website Pages will redirect you as well.

Located on the left sidebar is the Main Menu; Click on Committees, and voila, all Committee Links are in button form.

Then, click on the Committee of choice. Each Footer will redirect you back to the GL-VHP with all Lodge Links to their GL-VHP.

Click on the "Elks Care-Elks Share" (at

very bottom), and it will take you to the "State Home Page." The star banner (red, white & blue on many Pages) will take you to the GL-Veterans Section.

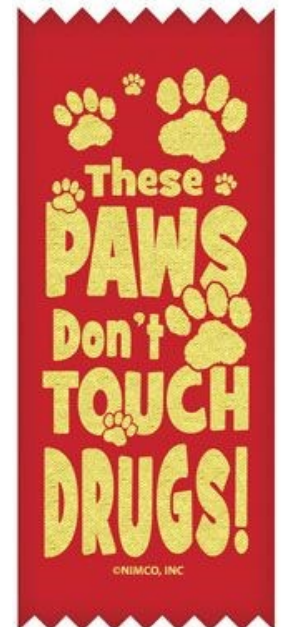
Explore the wealth of information on our State Website: [MDDEDCElks.org](http://MDDEDCElks.org). Also, explore the GL Website: [Elks.org / Join.Elks.org](http://Elks.org/Join.Elks.org) (it has a Pre-Application signup form for potential New Members) or <https://virtualmanuals.elks.org/>. You will find the New Membership and Marketing Guides here.



Proudly carrying the Washington DC flag at the National Convention in Tampa, FL



NE DDGER Bonnie Howell carrying the Delaware Flag and State President Robert Raleigh carrying the Maryland Flag at the Opening Ceremony at Grand Lodge in Tampa.







## NORTH CENTRAL VP

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Greetings to all,

Thank you North Central District for choosing me as your Vice President for this year. I am really hoping this year will be a little more normal than 2020-2021 was.

Debbie and I have been able to get out to a few Lodges so far this year, and not just in North Central either. I have visited friends in Bowie, Cape Henlopen, and Washington/Rockville for a few events. We are looking forward to visiting all of our North Central Lodges in the coming months; football parties, crab feasts, dinners, oyster roast, sock hop, and bingo.

I think one of the many challenges most Lodges are having right now is

membership. There are many delinquent members, and we should be thinking of ways to bring these members back into our Lodges and the Order. Perhaps invite them to one of our dinners and comp their meal.

It was really a treat to see so many friends from around the MD, DE DC Association at the Elks Camp Barrett Picnic on August 28th. I think there was a great turnout, and I know everyone had a great time; lots of smiling faces in the crowd. The food was delicious (as usual), and the games were fun for all ages. I want to take a sentence to thank everyone who went out of their way to help in the North Central District, as much as everyone in our State Association. Being the closest District to the Camp, I want to thank all of the members who have over the summer, volunteered by cutting grass, trimming, and with all of the other maintenance tasks that were handled by great ELK members from our District and again the State Association.

Remember, the Camp needs help throughout the year, and we are the closest Lodges.

Let's all look forward and focus on the good and great things that we can do as Elks. With our Jernick Fund, the ENF, Grants, and other ways, we can help improve our communities and raise awareness of our existence, projects, and passions.

Please let's all keep our Lodges as good, positive, fun places, and especially safe and welcoming.

**NORTH CENTRAL ALERT:** The "Travelling Gavel" is starting to grow roots in Laurel. The idea behind the gavel is to boost comradery and inter-Lodge activity, and fun. All I can say is, "Come and get it!!!"

Fraternally yours in Elkdom, Frank

*Remember: Life doesn't come with remote control. We have to get up and change things ourselves.*

2021-2022 State Association directories are available at the registration table, see Betty Hardin or Email: [bettwedg@comcast.net](mailto:bettwedg@comcast.net)



## NORTH EAST VP

**Betty Hardin**

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It was an honor to be installed as Vice President to represent the great "Beasts of the North East." It has been a hectic year already.

What a great District Deputy Clinic we had at the Newark Lodge. I was so proud to hear of all the accomplishments of our seven Lodges in the North East. Our new Exalted Rulers are off to a great start.

In August, I attended Milford's crab and shrimp feast, worked the food serving line at the Family Picnic at Elks Camp

Barrett, and attended a Zoom meeting chaired by the State Association Public Relations Chairman.

In September, I attended the crab night at Abingdon, and Friday night dinners at Dover and Chestertown, along with many activities at my home Lodge in Havre de Grace. I have also attended the monthly Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee meetings as the VP representative.

Our North East District Lodges have many events planned. I encourage you to share information through your emails and social media. Continue to publicize the good works that you do and please, submit your monthly charity reports.

I am looking forward to conducting my official visits to North East Lodges and

conveying our State President's goals for the year and his motto, "Bring Them Back." Working together, we will continue to move our North East District Lodges forward in the great work for Elkdom. I ask that you continue to grow your membership, promote Americanism, Drug Awareness, Support our Veterans Programs, the Elks National Foundation, Hoop and Soccer Shoots, Scholarships, Scouting, Youth Activities, Elks Camp Barrett, and our William J. Jernick Fund.

I promise I will help you in any way I can to ensure you succeed in all our Grand Lodge and State Association Programs. Remember: we are good people, having a good time, and doing good works!

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# AMERICANISM

## TWO ANNUAL CONTESTS OCCURRING IN THE FALL

Donna Sheldrake-Marks State Chair Americanism  
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1. **ESSAY CONTEST.** This year's theme, determined by Grand Lodge is "What does it mean to love your Country?" This contest gives school children in grades 5-8 the opportunity to express views on their pride in America.
2. **POSTER CONTEST,** sponsored by MD, DE, & DC Elks State Association. This year's theme is "My Favorite American Monument". This contest is open to children ages 3 to 17.

All contest rules and entry forms have been forwarded to the District Chairs and District Deputies. If you have not received the electronic file, please get in touch with Donna Sheldrake at Ladydmm46@yahoo.com.

We anticipate the annual Banquet to be held in March 2022; the location is to be determined. There were 26 winners last year, and we are hopeful this program will grow in 2022. We look forward to a successful program and will continue to invest in our youth.

## WHAT'S NEW IN ELKS 2021-2022?

### TRAINING

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## ELKS TRAINING CONTEST

### CRITERIA:

2 Points for completion of each of the four Grand Lodge Training Courses (Log into Elks.org and hover over "Members Only" , Click on Manuals, then on Training).

1. Local Lodge Training Course
2. Board of Directors, Lodge Trustees, and House Committee Training Course
3. Lodge Veterans Chair Quiz
4. Local Lodge Secretary Training Course

*(Up to 8 points can be earned for this category per Elk member. District Deputy of the Grand Exalter Ruler (DDGER) will earn an additional 2 points by completing their DDGER Training Course at Elks.org.)*

- 5 Points for each Officer who attends the MD, DE, DC Elks Leadership Training Clinic held in February/March 2022, *(date to be determined)*
- 10 Points each for a non Lodge officer/member attending the MD, DE, DC Elks Leadership Training Clinic

PLAQUES for the highest points earned will be awarded to one Lodge in the Association and one in the District of MD, DE, DC Elks Association.

Deadline March 31, 2022

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**Dover Lodge #1903** used a Gratitude Grant to host a Youth Bike Rodeo at the Lodge.

The Lodge partnered with the City of Dover Parks and Recreation, thanks to our member Carolyn Courtney. They provided lessons in bike safety and an obstacle course for the children to practice on with bikes borrowed from the city bike safety crew.

Over 70 children attended along with camp councilors and safety managers. The Lodge provided a box lunch and snacks for all as well as a giveaway of 10 new bikes and accessories to a group of children who otherwise would not be able to have a bike. Elk member Gary Johnston also donated a new bike.

It was a great event; the children really enjoyed the day.

Thank you to all the Elks who came out and volunteered.



Pictured above, Mr. L. Wilson, Colton Wilson and Lucas Wilson with their new bikes they received from the Lodge.

Submitted by Patti Stanley ER

Elks Care - Elks Share



## John Opitz

Abingdon Lodge #2354  
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Welcome, all, to the Fall Conference.

It is good to get together again; we can spend time with friends who we don't see regularly. Let's take advantage of this slow return to normalcy by bringing folks back into our Lodges and getting our delinquent members back into our Order.

Lodge membership committee chairs can use the many online resources in the membership tool kit on the Grand Lodge website. I encourage all Lodge Officers to review this part of the Grand Lodge website. We can get a good start with these resources, but there is no substitute for an active membership committee. Contacting delinquent members and inviting them back to the Lodge may be all you need to reduce your number of delinquent members. 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.

Participation in the Grand Lodge billing program is an easy way to ensure dues notices are regularly sent to unpaid members. The savings to your Lodge in postage, paper, ink, and envelopes is substantial. Speaking as a Lodge Secretary, I can attest to the time savings gained by my own Lodge's participation in the program.

Thus far this year, we are on the right track towards our goal of having a gain in membership for our Association. We started the year with 19,196 members; We are now at 19,818. We also have 429 candidates waiting to be Elks. To quote Rick Gathen, "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 1,920 new members. We're just short of the halfway point in our Association year; we have added about 44% of that number. Let's get these candidates initiated. If all our candidates get initiated, we will be at 66% of this target. My report at this conference will have up-to-date numbers.

Congratulations are in order for our leaders in recruitment and initiations. Frederick Lodge leads the pack with 77 initiations already. Cape Henlopen and Salisbury are neck and neck, with 68 and 66 initiations, respectively. These are significant numbers, and keep recruiting! Many Lodges are also getting reinstatements and transfers, easy additions; these folks are already Elks. As we all know, these numbers will change before we meet. I will endeavor to be accurate at that time.

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



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Lynn Evans, State Scholarship Chair  
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The Elks MVS Scholarship Program is now underway, and the deadline for entry is November 15, 2021. Any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen may apply for this scholarship. Applications will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

The Legacy Award is now open to children and grandchildren of living Elks who joined the Elks before April 1, 2019. Applications will be judged on knowledge, charity, community service, and integrity. Seven scholarships will be awarded to students from our state association.

The State Association Skilled Trades Scholarship information and application will be available on our state website at [www.mddedcelks.org](http://www.mddedcelks.org) by November 1, 2021.

This scholarship is open to high school graduates who graduated from 2018 to 2021 or will graduate in 2022.

This scholarship is not for students seeking a four-year degree. Upon completion of their post-graduate program, the student will be ready to enter the workforce.

There are over 200 trades with jobs in great demand. Trades in health care, technology, construction, automotive, plumbing, electricity, welding, cosmetology, and many more are in high demand. The application deadline is April 15, 2022.

The Emergency Educational Grant provides undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000. The grant is for educational assistance and is not intended to cover all college costs. The deadline is November 1, 2021.

## ! UPCOMING EVENTS !

- October 11—Columbus Day
- October 13—Navy's Birthday
- October 23—31 - National Red Ribbon Celebration
- October 31—Halloween
- November is Veterans Remembrance Month
- November 7—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- November 10—Marine Corp Birthday
- November 11—Veteran's Day
- November 15—MVS Scholarship Deadline
- November 19—21—ECB/USNA Scout Day/Camporee
- December 5—Elks Annual Memorial Service
- **January 2, 2022—Deadline for January Newsletter**
- January 8—State Soccer Shoot in Jessup, MD
- January 17—Advisory Meeting
- March 18—20, 2022 Spring Conference Frederick #684

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





**Joe  
MCGEENEY**

Essex Lodge #1866 [www.MDDEDCElks.org](http://www.MDDEDCElks.org)  
 MDDEDCElks@gmail.com | 443-610-0935

Grand Lodge—Phase II of the Public Relations / Membership Campaign has started in September. This is a Public Relations / Membership Marketing Campaign. It is a comprehensive Social Media / Email Campaign designed to help Lodges enhance their Membership Retention & Membership Gains programs. Focus upon retaining your Members who may be on the Lapsation List or already Dropped from the Rolls.

These are your Best Opportunities to regain your Members that have gone astray. Increase the Lodges' efforts with your PR / Membership & Lapsation Committees; a personal contact will go a very long way in the "Bring Them Back" - the slogan of our State President Robert Raleigh (Chestertown 2474).

The State Public Relations Committee stands ready to help your Lodge

in any way possible. The Social Media blitz will continue in hopes of helping your Lodge to better communicate with your Communities.

<https://Join.Elks.org>—is an excellent opportunity to get Proposed New Members started in a Pre-Application Process Online. Visit this website; there are many tools to help your Lodge for New Members.

MDDEDCElks.org—is our State Website with loads of info on the "Home Page." Scroll down mid-Page and check out the PR Section with Links to: BPOE TV, BPOE News & Videos—to name a few.

September and October are GER Class Months. Hold Initiations often and get those Proposed New Members into the Order. Let's have a banner year, since COVID has diminished our chances for the past 1-1/2 years.



**ELKS NATIONAL  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

Mary Underwood, State ENF  
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Welcome to the Fall Conference! When this report was written, we had 12 Lodges that have met and exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills' goal of \$4.80 per member for ENF. Keep up the great work and remind your members about ENF and what ENF does for our State Association. There's still time and different ways to donate to ENF.

Did you know that you can donate at your Lodge by giving a donation? Did you know about donating through the Fidelity Club? What - you don't know what the Fidelity Club is? The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who help support ENF monthly with automatic, scheduled donations made through their checking account or credit card. These are referred to as "sustainable gifts." Joining the Fidelity Club is easy. All you do is log onto your [elks.org](http://elks.org) account, go to ENF, then Support ENF. Joining the Fidelity Club is convenient, safe, and flexible. You can modify your gift at any time. If you are ready to join the Fidelity Club, please go to [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift-giving today.

In June, I met with the District ENF Chairs and challenged them to a fun District competition. The challenge is to see which District donates the most towards ENF throughout this Lodge year. The competition is heating up! I check on all Lodges every week, and the numbers are constantly changing. During this weekend's conference, we'll see where each District and Lodge sits on a per-member basis and monies donated to date. I hope your Lodge is at #1!

As a reminder, please make sure that you have an ENF Chair at your Lodge and that they have enrolled as an ENF Chair on the ENF site. When Lodge Chairs enroll, it increases our Chair Challenge points! And remember, if you enrolled last year as the Chair, you would need to enroll again each year. If you have fun ideas to help raise ENF funds, please share them with me.

Thank you to those members who have, and continue to donate to ENF. Without you, ENF would not be able to support Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Camp Barrett, Scholarships, or the Community Investment Grants. Don't forget, if you meet the per member goal of \$4.80, you will be eligible to apply for the Gratitude Grant next year. Again, thank you, and I look forward to hearing your wonderful ideas for raising ENF funds.



**Dolly Bloom**

SW State Chair St. Mary's Lodge #2092  
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Last year the Soccer Shoot had 5 of the 10 National Champions. That's a hard act to follow, but I know we can have another great year.

Important dates to remember are:

State Soccer Shoot Saturday, Jan 8, 2022, in Jessup, MD, and Mid-Atlantic Regional Shoot March 11-13, 2022, in York, PA. Please reach out to your District Chairs if you are interested in hosting a Soccer Shoot at your local Lodge.

You can even team up with another Lodge and host together. Check with your District Chairs to be sure you have your local shoot before the District Shoot.



**20-21 NATIONAL SOCKER SHOOT WINNERS**

- Skyler Baldwin Prince George's County #1778
- Kash Ward Crisfield Lodge #1044
- Reid Miles Crisfield Lodge #1044
- Savanna Barefoot St. Mary's County #2092
- Dominic Schneider St. Mary's County #2092
- (Shown with Elks Officers, in no particular order)*

- North East - Carl P. King
- North Central - Julie Burgoon
- South East - Willis H. Dryden
- West - Barrett F. Fitzwater
- South West - Rob Schneider



# ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT FALL 2021

**"Now is not the time to FALL behind."**

Mike Ford, NE State Chair Abington Lodge #2354 | 410-977-8230  
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Well, it's that time of year again. The weather is becoming more comfortable, the leaves are changing on the trees, and the kids are back in school. Oh yeah, COVID-19 Delta is here to ruin everything. Before I get into some other things, I would remind you that stress is also a killer. Controversy with going back to wearing masks or not, getting the vaccine or not, it's still a personal choice. Your life is your decision, be safe cause nobody wants to end up in the hospital. Just a reminder, when things are getting you down or are becoming stressful, TAKE A TIME OUT. Step outside, take several deep breathes, and clear your mind of everything except your HAPPY PLACE. Taking 5-

10 minutes will drop that heart rate, and things won't seem that bad. Do some stretches to relax those muscles.

With that being said, I would like to offer the District Deputies and their Esquires my services for Safety and Accident Prevention. The DD's will be starting their Pre-visits, so don't fall behind on your checklists. I would also like to offer my services to speak or send you my report to present at your DD Clinics. Any questions you may have, I would be glad to help. My info is above Stay safe and check out these other tidbits of information.

## REPAIR WORK AT LODGES

Issues to be addressed when there are repairs or construction at a Lodge:

- Get references from customers of the contractor
- Check the contractor's past performance by contacting the Better Business Bureau or similar resource
- Every contractor must provide proof (an insurance certificate) that the contractor has liability insurance
- Every contractor must prepare a written contract that will indemnify

the Lodge from any claims arising out of the work

- Projects involving extensive repairs and renovation require that the contractor name the Lodge as additional insured under its general liability policy
- The Lodge should never take on the role of general contractor
- Volunteers should not be performing repairs
- No one from the Lodge should act as a construction manager and or a construction coordinator

Any Member who is a contractor must also have proof of insurance and prepare a written contract



When constructing a new building, putting on an addition, or making substantial renovations, the Lodge must contact Gallagher Insurance at (800) 421-3557 to make sure proper coverage is obtained.

## KNOW YOUR STATE ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT LAWS

Laws regarding business operations, legal gambling, and alcohol sales vary by state. Knowing the laws and regulations in your city and state are important to your operation.

Because of continuing problems regarding alcohol sales and service, Lodges need to know about responsible alcohol management and the law regarding not serving Visibly Intoxicated Persons, also known by bartenders and servers as VIPs.

Every Lodge should have a written policy instructing servers and managers how to handle most situations that may come up regarding the serving of alcohol. Rules regarding Visibly Intoxicated Persons could help reduce your risk of liability.

First and foremost, servers and managers need to know that it is against the law to serve people who are visibly intoxicated. If a Visibly Intoxicated Person gets into or causes an accident, the server and the Lodge could be held accountable.

Recognizing a person who is visibly intoxicated is not difficult when servers and managers know what to look for. Some signs to notice if someone is intoxicated:

These are some of the signs of visible intoxication. As soon as any of these are noticed the service of alcohol should be stopped immediately.

By knowing your customers and talking with them you may be able to find out that they are having a bad day. If so, a server might try to slow down their drinking by putting a glass of water in front of them between rounds, getting busy with some task to slow down service, or inviting them to have something to eat.

- Acting loud and boastful
- Drinking alone and fast
- Ordering doubles
- Buying round after round for friends
- Crude behavior
- Slurred speech
- Stumbling and bumping into things
- Falling asleep at the bar

You should make your policy part of new and continuing employee training. Also, your policy should include filling out Incident Reports for fighting, intoxication, falls, anything your employee did to get the intoxicated person home safely (accepted or not), and anything else that could cause your Lodge a problem in the future. All reports should have a date, time, witnesses, and signature. They should be kept on file for two years.

We are all paying more for insurance coverage because of various problems caused by irresponsible alcohol service. This is a problem we can control through education and responsible alcohol management programs.





## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**Corey Bradley**, Government Relations State Chair  
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Between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, our association has contributed \$3,917,325 to surrounding communities in the form of volunteer hours, mile traveled, cash and non-cash donations. While we are amid a pandemic, our communities need us more than ever.

### HOW DO WE INCREASE THESE NUMBERS?

While we strive to get back to normal, we must focus on the programs that make the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks who we are. We need to get back into the community and host a soccer shoot, empower our youth to participate in the hoop shoot, volunteer at a veterans home, or even raise funds to distribute scholarships to teens who wish to further their education.

We can only increase our contributions by being active community members and by reporting what we as Elks do.

Let me repeat it for those who may have missed it, **WE CAN ONLY INCREASE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS BY BEING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND BY REPORTING WHAT WE AS ELKS DO.**

Reporting your involvements means keeping track of hours, miles traveled, and expenses for all events and programs. It means keeping track of the number of volunteers, both Elk and non-Elk volunteers. It means tracking it every day and submitting the information to your Secretary for Lodge information or Government Relations Chair for State/District information. Accurately reporting this information will ensure that \$3.9 million dollars in contributions will be doubled, if not tripled, next year.

As we look forward, keep these dates in mind:

Sunday, October 24 to Saturday, October 30 is National Red Ribbon Week – this an excellent opportunity to promote Elks drug awareness program.

Halloween is on Sunday, October 31 – consider hosting a child-friendly family event as it is a Sunday and a school night for many children.

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

Louis B. Schmeltzer, Jr.  
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This is the final report on the 2021 raffle: the gross receipts were \$79,910.00, and the expenses were \$24,319.33, which left a net profit of \$55,590.67. 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, I believe, the largest net ever. This result was achieved even though the Annual Family Day Picnic scheduled for May was canceled again.

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 wonderful place that it is.

I'm quite sure the Executive Board of the Camp will find uses for these funds which will create the need for replenishment next year.

I have been asked by our State President to head the raffle next year, and I look forward to doing so. I hope that the health issues will diminish to allow the May picnic to be held and the raffle drawing to occur at that great event.



Thank You!



Left: George Tunnicliff PER and Rick Frere ER from the Kent Island Elks #2576 serve Margaritas at the August ECB Picnic

## ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle in Solomon Island on Sunday, June 6, 2021, was Tom Coyle from Waldorf Lodge #2421. He received \$400, and Elks Camp Barrett received \$400, which made the total raffle income \$800.

A special thank you to John and Marilyn Ramsey for taking care of the 50/50 raffle that weekend as we had family plans and could not attend.

The Camp wants to thank everyone who purchased tickets to support the Elks Camp Barrett Raffle and asks you to please support your camp this weekend again and purchase your tickets for the ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 raffle at the Registration Table.

**"THE WINNER COULD BE YOU"**

H. Lee Davis, PSP





Merrilyn Ramsey manned the Raffle table with items donated by Prince George's Lodge #1778

## FREDERICK ELKS LODGE #684 RAISES FUNDS FOR FREDERICK HEALTH HOSPICE

Frederick Elks Lodge #684 recently donated \$2,869.88 raised from their annual golf tournament to Kline Hospice House of Frederick Health Hospice.

"For the last two years, it has been an honor for the Frederick Elks Lodge #684, to support the Kline Hospice House with monetary donations and supplies. The Kline House is a blessing to our community for those who are facing end of life. It's a home away from home," said Judi McKnight, Exalted Ruler.



Pictured from left to right: Angie Casterlin, Hospice development manager; Tom Lynch, four-year trustee; Judi McKnight, Exalted Ruler; Katrina Wilson, Hospice Kline House nurse supervisor; and Ryan Maloy, Loyal Knight.

## THE FIRST STATE ELK219 DELAWARE 1977 Elks Delaware Auto Tags

Cost \$10.00 one time only (unless change tag number or do not retain your current tag). This does not replace your tag on the vehicle.

Your tag may be displayed on the front of the vehicle or over the current tag. (Your current tag must remain within the vehicle.)

There are many great numbers to choose from. To claim your number and receive an application, call or email Bonnie with your request. Return completed application to Bonnie, State Chair along with a check for \$10.00 made out to DMV. Your tag will be sent to your home address by DMV.

### Requirements:

- Elk in good standing
- Home address Delaware. (If you no longer want the tag, email State chair, and it will be removed from your car's registration information.)

### Questions?

Email or call Bonnie Howell, at bhowell48@verizon.net or call (H) 302-422-6410 or (C) 302-632-0420, 68 Cedar Beach Rd, Milford, DE 19963

This is a wonderful way to promote the Elks. If you have one of Delaware's low number tags, you will not lose it. Delaware allows a tag on the back of your car and a different tag on the front because they are both registered to your car. Let's blow this up, and for TEN BUCKS you can promote the Elks as long as you keep your tag.

**Maryland residents** may contact Frank Kane, Laurel Lodge #2283 | (C): 240-593-3529 or fjkane@comcast.net.

## CAR RAFFLE



**1975 Mercedes  
450 SL**




Proceeds to Benefit  
MD, DE & DC Elks Association  
**Elks National Veterans Service Commission**  
Army of Hope & Welcome Home Project

**Drawing: March 12, 2022**  
Need not be present to win

**1 ticket \$20.00 or 6 tickets for \$100.00**

Please make checks payable to  
Newark Elks Lodge 2281  
42 Elks Trail New Castle, DE. 19720  
Contact: Roseanne Cinclair at Newark Elks 302-328-2281  
Bob McIntyre 302-540-2880

## AmazonSmile



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.





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### Celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23—31, 2021

To help the Lodges celebrate Red Ribbon Week, MD, DE, DC Elks Association Drug Awareness program is distributing a Red Ribbon Kit to each of our State Association Lodges. Please make sure you pick up your Red Ribbon Kit from Angela before leaving the Workshop this weekend. If you need to order additional materials, let Angela know no later than Sunday, October 3rd, to ensure delivery before your event. Drug-Free Hugs to All!

## Red Ribbon Week History

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, Calif. in 1966. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Marines where he served for two years. Following his military service, Kiki joined the Calexico Police Department and later moved to the El Centro Police Department. On June 28, 1974 he became part of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Seven years later he was assigned to the resident office in Guadalajara. He worked out of this office for four and a half years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation. On February 7, 1985 Kiki was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years of age.

Shortly after Kiki's death, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter and Calexico High School classmate Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's home town of Calexico, Calif. Club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug free lives.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later the United States. The Elks have been supporters of Red Ribbon Week since the beginning. The campaign was formalized by President and Mrs. Reagan who served as honorary chairpersons. Congress officially established Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Nationwide, it is celebrated annually in the last week in October.

For the complete Red Ribbon Week history, visit  
[www.elks.org/dap](http://www.elks.org/dap).



## THANK YOU, SOLOMONS FOR HOSTING OUR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE 2021



John Loftus, PSP and his wife Eileen, along with Joy and Bill Buttrill, Jr., PSP, PGLC presented Jackie Phillips with the MD, DE, & DC Elks Association Elk of the Year plaque in Solomons.



Connie deYoung gave a belated thanks to John Loftus, PSP for his work as State President in 2019-2020.



# MORE FROM SOLOMONS



Connie DeYoung, PSP thanks Stu Burgoon, Sr., PSP for his work as State President in 2020-2021.



(Left to Right) Stu Burgoon, PSP, representative of Abingdon Elks accepting the award for 1st in donations to ENF. Also pictured is Mary Cardinal-Vogt PSP, Coleen Ford PER, and Joe Gagliardi, ER Abingdon



Winners of the All American Lodge Contest



# ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION & ARMY OF HOPE



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First, I would like to thank our Sponsor, PGER Paul Helsel, and State President, Rob Raleigh, for having the faith to ask me to fill such a rewarding position. I will make every effort to fulfill their confidence. I would also like to thank Bobby McIntyre for his years of dedicated service to the Veterans in this position. I certainly have big shoes to try and fill.

The ENVSC has been as active as the conditions allow it to be. The visitations continue to be restricted by the virus. The representatives have been busy delivering grilled food to Perry Point for a 4th of July celebration, Welcome Home Kits to the Wilmington VA. Medical Center, snacks to the USO at BWI, and Sam's Club and WAWA gift cards to the Dover USO There will be considerably more activity at all the facilities as the restrictions lessen.

We should all congratulate Calvert Lodge for their appearance in the Elks Magazine in September 2021 for their delivery of Easter cards & candy to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

There is still a vacant Service Rep. position at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. Anyone interested in filling this very rewarding position, please contact me.

The Army of Hope has been active in helping several Vets avoid homelessness & discomfort by supplying them with rent and utility bill assistance.

As you know, the Army of Hope needs your financial help in continuing the great work of helping our Vets. The assistance is supported by donations from your Lodges and the car raffle that is currently underway. See Bobby McIntyre from Newark Lodge for tickets for the Mercedes raffle. I know that he would be more than happy to provide you with as many as you'd like. You might even ask your Lodges to purchase some tickets.



Robert D. Coleman Easton Lodge #1622 was presented with the David Wolcott Memorial Award for Excellence in Leadership to the Lodges in the SE District. Above he stands with Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor