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## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Robert H. Raleigh, Jr.

Welcome to the Spring Workshop of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association. Frederick Elks Lodge #684 is our host Lodge this weekend. A big THANK YOU to Exalted Ruler Judi McKnight and her cast of many for providing this excellent weekend for us.

This weekend we are honored to welcome Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and First Lady of Elkdom Amy. Also, our Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Helsel, and our special First Lady Jane. I hope you will each take some time to introduce yourself to Grand Exalted Ruler Mills and his wife and show them the friendship and hospitality we offer throughout our State Association.

I want to congratulate the new Lodge officers for this coming year and wish you all good luck and success. If you have not already, I hope you plan to take advantage of the training sessions available to you by our Elks Training Committee. Do not be afraid to ask your past Lodge officers for guidance. Your next step is in the State Association.

We are all working on membership, the lifeblood of our Order. We have eighteen Lodges with a quote from Rick Gathen indicating "Outstanding Work" by those Lodges. Other Lodges are nearing their goal for the year but must keep pushing. Let's go, MD, DE & DC; we have six weeks to go!!

I have one more Lodge visit remaining before completing my official visits. The Vice Presidents have done an excellent job helping me with scheduling and getting their visits completed with the Lodges. thank you, Vice Presidents! And thank you to all our Lodges for making our visits enjoyable.

I attended the State Soccer Shoot in Jessup, Maryland, followed by lunch and awards hosted by Laurel Lodge. State Soccer Chair Dolly Broom and her committee did a great job organizing the shoot. I look forward to attending the Regional Soccer Shoot in York, PA, March 11-12 to cheer on our participants.

All officers, please complete and send your Charity Reports to Cory Bradley. This is an important part of our job. Also, Lodge Secretaries must have the Lodge members fill out the Charity Reports for any volunteering at the Lodge level.

I hope everyone enjoys their weekend in Frederick. I will be glad to see and talk with all of you. Before concluding your weekend, please join me in thanking Frederick Lodge for their hospitality.

God Bless and Be Safe!

*Robert H. Raleigh, Jr.*

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## Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

### T. KEITH MILLS



#### FINISH STRONG WITH ELKS PROGRAMS ENF CONTRIBUTIONS

The Elks year is winding down, but now is not the time to sit back and relax and ride the wave to the finish line. You still have time to complete some unfinished projects and make subtle adjustments to finish strong.

All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take some time to review Elks programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue *"Meeting the Challenge."*

This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I know your Lodge has met or is close to

meeting the \$4.80 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Newly elected Exalted Rulers, if you have not done so, list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please get this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2.

Finally, for all retiring officers, I would like to thank you for your commitment, dedication, and service to our Order. Retiring Exalted Rulers, please do not stop being involved. I understand some ERs feel they need to take a break, but your knowledge and experience cannot be replaced. Your new role is to provide assistance and guidance to your Lodge, new officers, and Members. Also, consider getting on a state committee. They need your help and experience as well.

## Message From Our State Sponsor

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I hope this message finds all of our MD-DE-DC Elk families and their associated Lodges safe and well through these first few months of 2022. It's great to see that our Association, Lodges, and individual lives are steadily moving out of the lingering COVID fog and back to a semblance of normalcy; back to how we were two years ago at this time.

At this time of year, for many years we have all been getting ready for our Association Spring Conference. In 2020 for the first time, we had to cancel the conference because of the COVID Pandemic. Last year in 2021, we held the conference at Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540 but under various COVID restrictions. Now in 2022, we are full speed ahead for our Spring Workshop at Frederick Lodge #684. The Frederick Lodge and President Robert Raleigh have planned an entire weekend of fun and fellowship for your enjoyment, with a bit of business sprinkled in. It promises to be a great weekend, and Jane and I look forward to enjoying the fellowship and visiting once again with each of you.

Also, for this Spring Conference weekend, we will have the honor of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and his lovely wife, Amy. I know they are looking forward to

seeing and visiting with each of you over the weekend. They are genuinely a "down-to-earth" and pleasant couple who you will enjoy visiting with. Please join Jane and me in welcoming and greeting them personally and taking the time to explain how your Lodge and our Association are **"MEETING THE CHALLENGE"!!!**

Once again, a good portion of this workshop will be devoted to training and providing needed information to individual officers (leadership) and members to better handle their specific Lodge operations and Elk Programs in their local communities. Please participate in the planned activities, listen, learn, and bring all the information you learn back to your Lodge and apply it – hopefully helping make your Lodge a more involved and stronger Lodge!!!

The 2021/2022 Lodge year is about to end (March 31, 2022), and I'm so proud of what our 37 Lodges and Association, as a whole, have been able to accomplish during this year of rebuilding and getting back to where we were pre-COVID. Well, through the dedicated efforts of Elks at all levels within our Lodges and Association, the 2021/2022 year will go down in the records as a great year with many accomplishments.

Membership growth has been the number one priority. Our efforts to grow membership at the individual Lodge level and across our Association have been outstanding throughout the year. Our numbers are steadily improving after losing 659 members in 2020/2021. With about five weeks to go, across our 37 Lodges, we already have added 1,431 members, with 1,321 delinquents giving us, at this point, a net gain of 110 members. However, we will likely reduce the 1,321 delinquency

## MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION SPRING WORKSHOP AGENDA MARCH 18–20, 2022 AT FREDERICK LODGE #684

Friday, March 18,	
Noon - 4:00 PM	Registration
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch (off the menu) – Lodge #684
1:00 PM	Advisory Committee Meeting - Garden Room
3:30 PM	Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee Meeting - Card Room
5:00 PM	State Trustees Meeting - Garden Room
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner, Lodge #684 - Ham & Fish Buffet (casual dress)
Saturday, March 19	
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet, Lodge #684
7:30 AM - Noon	Registration
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Elks Camp Barrett (Meeting) - Ballroom
9:00 AM	Workshop Called to Order by State President Robert Raleigh - Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Introductions, Invocation, Pledge, Roll Call, etc.
9:30 AM	Presentations, Committee Reports
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Americanism, Charlie Spadone
9:40 AM - 9:50 PM	Auditing and Business Practices / FRS, Debbie Price
9:50 AM - 10:05 AM	Elks Veterans Service, Welcome Home, Lou Schmeltzer & Carl Robinson
10:05 AM - 10:15 AM	Elks National Foundation, Mary Underwood (Donations Accepted)
10:15 AM - 10:25 AM	Elks Camp Barrett, Ben Stone (Donations Accepted)
10:25 AM - 10:35 AM	Drug Awareness Program, Angela Meyer
10:35 AM - 10:45 AM	Government Relations, Corey Bradley
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM	Scholarships, Lynn Evans
10:50 AM - 10:55 AM	Accident Prevention, Mike Ford
10:55 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership Report, John Opitz
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	Soccer Shoot, Dolly Broom
11:05 AM - 11:10 AM	Hoop Shoot, Dwayne Wilcher
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, Susan Caldwell (Donations Accepted)
11:20 AM - 11:25 AM	Lodge Activities, Mary Villeneuve
11:25 AM - 11:50 AM	2020-2021 Awards, PSP Stu Burgoon
Announcements	Recess until Sunday 9:00 AM
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Lunch, Lodge #684 - Hot Dog & Hamburger Buffet
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Hon. Paul D. Hesel, PGER Meeting with DDGERS / GER T. Keith Mills
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	State President & President Elect Meeting with Incoming ER's
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	State President Meeting with VPs / Committee Chairs
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Committee Meetings
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner (Roast Beef/Stuffed Chicken Buffet) – Presentations to GER T. Keith Mills (Coat & Tie)
7:30 PM - 11:30 PM	Entertainment in the Lounge, Lodge #684

Sunday, March 20	
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet, Lodge #684
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Meeting Called to Order
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	Con Con Committee, Robert Broom
9:10 AM - 9:20 AM	State Officers' Reports
9:20 AM - 10:50 AM	Unfinished Business, New Business, Elections, Trustee Budget
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	Good of the Association
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	Comments, Connie deYoung, GL Area 2 Public Relations & Membership Marketing / Sandy Brantner, GL Area 2 Fraternal Committee
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	Comments, State President Elect, State President
11:20 AM - 11:35 AM	Comments by GL Sponsor Paul D. Hesel
11:35 PM - 11:50 PM	Comments by GER T. Keith Mills
11:50 PM - 12:00 PM	Remembrance of Departed Members
12:00 PM	Adjournment / Prayer Chaplain Darlene Harmon
12:05 PM	Raffles / Drawings
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Lunch, Lodge #684
NEXT MEETING:	June 10 - 12, 2022 - State Convention in Solomons Island



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 31—Deadline for State Veteran Volunteer of the Year nomination
- April 30—Hoop Shoot Finals
- May 7—ECB Sneak Peek (see page 13)
- May 8—Mother's Day
- May 29—ECB Family Picnic (see page 12)
- May 30—Memorial Day
- June 14—Flag Day
- June 10-12—State Convention in Solomons Island
- June 19—Father's Day
- July 3 -5—Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta

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



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number, and with 430 candidates waiting for initiation, our year-end total gain number should go even higher. Of note is that at least 23 (62%) of our 37 Lodges will end this year with a gain in membership. Thank you to every Lodge and every individual Elk who helped make this gain a reality. GREAT JOB!!!

At this Spring Conference, you will learn about where we expect to be at year-end, March 31, 2022 and the many other accomplishments already made and expected with our programs and activities. Of note is the fact that after a two-year hiatus (because of COVID), we are once again on track to have a camping season for deserving children at Elks Camp Barrett this coming 2022 summer. Thank you and congratulations to the leadership of Elks Camp Barrett for keeping our Major Project alive and relative during the Pandemic and now ready to get back to its normal purpose of serving the youth of our communities with an onsite camping season.

Also, at this Spring Conference, we will be electing a Secretary and Treasurer for the 2022/2023 Association year and a President-Elect who will serve as our President in 2023/2024. This important annual process ensures we have

capable leadership in place each Association year. Please be sure your Lodge has the proper and appropriate delegation present at the Conference to vote and help determine that the best qualified Elks attain leadership positions in our Association.

Thank you once again to all those Elks who have and are continuing to work so hard for their individual Lodge, our Association, and our Order – know that you have made a tremendous difference and are responsible for getting us through the most challenging period in the history of our Order, as well as the difference you will continue to make as we move forward into the new 2022/2023 Lodge year.

Best wishes to all attending our Conference at Frederick #684; hopefully, it will be an informative and fun-filled weekend for all. Best wishes to our 37 Lodges for a most prosperous and successful 2022/2023 Lodge year.

Be safe, be well, and I look forward to seeing you all at the conference.



Paul D. Helsel, PGER & Sponsor

## NOMINATIONS FOR ELK OF THE YEAR

At the June Convention, I will announce the recipient of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association Elk-of-the-Year award. I need your help in finding this person.

The criteria for this award are very much like your Lodge Elk-of-the-Year award. It is someone who has shown exemplary efforts in furthering the work of Elkdom but on the State Association level. This is someone who has gone "above and beyond" in performing their duties. And to that end, there are a couple of classes of our members who are **NOT** eligible this year:

1. Anyone who is currently serving as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
2. Anyone who is currently serving as our State Association Vice President
3. Any Past State President

The thinking is, they are doing their job in the first two cases and should not get special recognition for that. And in the case of the PSPs, this is a group of Elks who have "been there, done that" and have already been recognized for their efforts.

Your nomination for Elk-of-the-Year **MUST** be sent to me in writing. Email [robertraleigh7@gmail.com](mailto:robertraleigh7@gmail.com), or Snail-mail 23137 Raleigh Road, Chestertown, MD 21620 (Please DO NOT phone.) It does not have to be elaborate. Not how long they have been an Elk or a list of their past positions. Just a simple "who" and "why."

Thank you for helping me make this decision, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Robert Raleigh, Jr, President

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Welcome to the Spring Workshop at the Frederick Elks Lodge and a special welcome to First Lady Amy Mills and Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills. What an honor and privilege to have them visit the MD-DE-DC Elks State Association. Let us make this an enjoyable and memorable weekend as they visit and learn what we are doing as an Association and Lodges for Elkton.

Diane and I attended the State Training sessions and were happy to see the

great turn-out of the new and returning Officers of the Lodges. The new Lodge year will be starting in a couple of weeks, so allow us to begin the year running. Get your committees planning and working. This is one of the busiest times of the year for your Membership Committee. We have until the end of the month to get new members initiated and reduce the delinquent list. Even after March 31, we can still bring back our delinquent members. Remember our President's motto, "Bring them Back." Membership in the State Association is on a pace to be plus this year so let us make that happen by recruiting, initiating, and retaining our members.

We received great news from the Camp Barrett meeting I attended. We will have

a camping season this year. Last year we were unable to hold Camping Season and the camp was a lonely place missing all those happy campers. Revenue was down due to the pandemic and no camping season. Lodges, if you still have the budgeted funds for campers last year, could you please revisit your budget, and if the funds are still available, please donate to our State Project Camp Barrett.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Conference in Frederick.

Diane and I thank all the Lodges, State Association Committees' & Officers, Advisory Board, and our State Sponsors Paul and his wife Jane for all you do for Elkton.

## TRAINING COMMITTEE Renee' Rivituso, PDD

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Congratulations to all incoming Lodge officers. Your Elks Training Committee is here to help you make the 2022-2023 year successful and harmonious. Exalted Ruler Elects, your first step in having a successful year is appointing your committees. Knights are responsible for overseeing and working with many of the Lodge's appointed committees throughout the year to ensure their success. Next, sit down with your Lodge leadership team to plan out your year. Decide activities for the year and get them on the Lodge's calendar. There are some mandatory events you must have as an Elks Lodge, for example, Flag Day and the Elk's Memorial Service, to name just two. An organized and well-planned year will ensure the success of your Lodge.

On another note, there is an ongoing Training Contest that will bring awareness to your Lodge and your district. The deadline is March 31, 2022 to log into Elks.Org and take any of the 4 training courses offered. Each completed course will earn 2 points towards the contest (Log into Elks.Org, hover over "Members Only" and click on Manuals, then on training).

Our committee looks forward to working with your Lodge leadership team. At any time, if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to your District Chairperson or me.

Grow With the Elks,

Renee' Rivituso, PDD  
Candidate for President-Elect



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Participation in our Americanism program expresses one of the core values of the foundation and groundwork of our order which is patriotism and love of country. Additionally, a well-executed program brings visibility to your Lodge and the great work we do, thereby creating the opportunity for increased membership.

Many thanks to the Lodges who participated in the poster and essay contest. The leading district with 5 Lodges was Southwest, with Camp Springs, Deale, Calvert, Washington Rockville, and Waldorf participating. The remaining Lodges are Milford, Chestertown, Kent Island, Westminster, and Laurel. Judging will occur during the week of February 21st, and the winning Lodge's / contestants will be notified.

The Americanism awards luncheon, as noted earlier, will be conducted at Camp Springs Elks Lodge on Saturday, March 5th, from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Participation this year was affected by reduced access to schools and other traditional venues due to COVID restrictions. Now that schools are reopening, I urge each new Exalted Ruler to appoint an Americanism chairperson early and to reach out in your communities to involve more of our youth.

Thank you to State Hoop Shoot Chairman Dewayne Wilcher for his idea of providing Hoop Shoot contestants with the opportunity to participate in the Americanism contest. Consider other ideas like inviting children who attend Lodge events to create posters or take home the essay guidance for subsequent submission.



The following article was accidentally omitted from our January Issue

## ELKS NATIONAL VETERAN SERVICE MISSION

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Until Every One Comes Home

The Army of Hope has been very active in assisting Veterans who are suffering setbacks. Just the last ¼ of the year, we have helped Veterans to the tune of \$14,685.00. We have given a lot of folks some peace of mind in return for their sacrifices to keep us safe. Please remember this vital committee when you prepare your budgets for the upcoming Lodge year. As you may or may not know, the Army of Hope is supported solely by donations from the Lodges and, of course, the efforts of Bobby McIntyre with his car raffles.

The E.N.V.S.C. has been busy lifting the spirits of our Veterans in the V.A. hospitals and the U.S.O. facilities. The COVID virus has limited these efforts, but the restrictions seem to be lessening and will hopefully be fully opened for volunteers soon.

I will have a more detailed report for you here in Frederick.



On December 18th, the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277 hosted their 6th annual "Night of Giving" in partnership with a local non-profit Live, Hope Laugh. 52 families caring for children with disabilities participated in a day of fun that included Santa Claus, the Grinch, a magician, Sparky the fire dog, and a DJ. Over 800 volunteer hours were involved in helping with the preparations of food and gifts for the children to open on Christmas morning.

Pictured are (L to R) are members John Pusateri, Joe Bonarrigo, Angela Bonarrigo, Caroline Ross (Chairman of Live, Hope, Laugh), Christy Landsman (Esteemed Lecturing Knight), Greg Ackerman, Mike Breaker, and Harlan Hill. Over \$12,000 was raised to support this event; funds came from the Beacon Grant Program and matching funds from the Elks Golf Committee and Private Donations.

## ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION & ARMY OF HOPE

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In our continuing effort to give back to our Veterans just a little of what they gave to us, the Army of Hope has assisted multiple Veterans.

Some have needed assistance with rent or utilities or, in one case, an insurance payment so that he could maintain his transportation to rehab & work, in addition to other needs. The total of these contributions from late December until late February has been \$8,000.

The problems encountered by these less fortunate Vets are ongoing, and we want to stand ready to assist them as we are able. This can only be accomplished with your help. The Army of Hope is supported solely by contributions from Lodges and, of course, the car raffle that Bobby McIntyre has undertaken these last few years, started by PSP Dave Walcott before his passing. I ask that each Lodge allocate some money in their budgets to this vital effort. We want to continue supporting our Veterans that have given so much.

### VA VETERAN SERVICE

Our hard-working reps who service the various VA hospitals & the USO have been busy helping make our Veterans more comfortable and entertained. They have volunteered 170 plus hours to this cause and have donated gift cards, toiletries, a tabletop air hockey table, and even pictures of the Vets with Santa. All these items totaled approximately \$2,400.

There are still facilities that are only open to the volunteers on a limited basis, but many are starting to ease restrictions. These volunteers deserve a huge thank you from us all. The things they do are appreciated by the Vets and are an excellent credit to the name of Elksdom.



If you are interested in obtaining Elks Organizational auto plates and reside in DE, contact Bonnie Howell, [bhowell48@verizon.net](mailto:bhowell48@verizon.net) or call ((C) 302-632-0420. Cost is \$10.00. This does not replace your tag on the vehicle. Your new tag may be displayed on the front of the vehicle or over the current tag. (*Your current tag must remain within the vehicle.*)

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## WILLIAM J. JERNICK MEMORIAL FUND

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Should you not be familiar with the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund, it was established in 1982 to honor our deceased Grand Lodge Sponsor. This was set up on a one-time basis to help families with deserving children, 21 years old and under, who are facing medical illness or disease. Upon application and approval by the Board of Directors, Grants are given freely and without obligation for repayment at any time. Special consideration is given to applicants who have no insurance or other means to help themselves financially.

Each year the Board of Directors allocates the previous year's earnings for distribution among five districts within the State Association and to support one week of camping for children with special needs at Elks Camp Barrett in Crownsville, MD. The principal donations are never allocated and continue to grow as tax-deductible donations are received year after year.

Each State District has a chairperson who receives requests from the Lodge chairperson, then forwards the request to the State Chairperson for submittal to the Board of Directors. The individual Lodges also donate thru fundraisers and the like, more money to aid the family in need of assistance.

Now that you are reminded of the procedure, use this fund to make a difference in the care of a child. Check the State website for further information or the State Directory. We are here to help make a difference and do not hesitate to contact one of the chairpersons to assist in this wonderful venture of MD, DE, & DC Elks Association.

During the past few months, we have not received a lot of requests for assistance. The Jernick Fund is here for the use of all Elks in our State Association to help those families with children whose quality of life might be improved by this one-time monetary grant.



Left: William J. Jernick Memorial Fund recipient, 6-year old Scarlett Ryan, sits on her therapeutic horse "Foxy". Joining her is Cathy Schmidt, Executive Director, Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding Center; Lou Muller, North East District Jernick Fund Chairman, Abingdon Lodge #2354; Betty Hardin, North East District Vice President, Havre de Grace Lodge #1564; S. Michael Johnson, Exalted Ruler, Havre de Grace Lodge #1564; Brad Ryan, Scarlett's father, and Megan Ferry, Program Manager, Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding Center.

Scarlett has a neuromuscular condition caused from a stroke at birth. Therapeutic horseback riding has proven to increase core strength and mobility. The sessions are partially funded by the Jernick Memorial Fund.



**ELKS NATIONAL  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

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Welcome to the March Conference! Welcome, Grand Exalted Ruler Kevin T. Mills to the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia State Association. We are very glad to have you visit our wonderful state and hope you enjoy your visit and our state project, Camp Barrett.

At the time this report was written, we have 26 Lodges that have met and exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler Keith T. Mills' goal of \$4.80 per member for the ENF! That is double what we were back in October. Keep up the great work and remind your members about ENF and what ENF does for our State Association. Reminder, all donations must be submitted to ENF no later than March 31, 2022, to be counted towards this year.

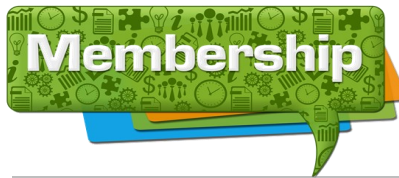
I placed a challenge back in June for a District competition. We'll review where each District and individual Lodges are during the weekend meetings at Frederick. As a reference, the challenge was to see which District donates the most towards ENF throughout this Lodge year. The competition has been heating up and the numbers are changing on a weekly basis.

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 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.

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 your Lodge meets the per member goal of \$4.80, the Lodge will be eligible to apply for the Gratitude Grant next year.

Again, thank you and I look forward to hearing your wonderful ideas of how to raise ENF funds.





## John Opitz, Jr.

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Welcome, all, to the Spring conference. Welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. It is good to spend some time with our friends we see just a few times per year.

As I write this in mid-February, we are very close to achieving a gain in membership for the year. In my presentation at the conference, I hope to report that we have reached this goal. Also, as I write this, I am happy that my Lodge uses the billing program. As Lodge Secretary, I have only had to make sure member addresses are correct and send a few billing notices to those folks who were slow to update their information. Most of the billing notices have been completed for me with this program, with significant financial savings for my Lodge.

Here are some numbers to consider as of mid-February. We started the

year with 19,196 members; we currently have 20,563. We also have 433 candidates awaiting initiation. We need a concerted effort to complete as many initiations as possible before the end of March. Initiate, Initiate, Initiate!!!

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

Grand Lodge has a goal, for each State to add 10% of its starting

number as new members. For MD, DE, & DC, this would mean adding 1,920 new members. Just short of the end of the Lodge year, we have added 1,649. We are at 85% of that goal. If we can initiate all our pending candidates, we will exceed the objective. 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 164 initiations already. Cape Henlopen and Ocean City are close behind, with 157 and 140 initiations, respectively. These are great 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 above and in the directory.



## West District VP Michael Collins

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Our Local Lodge year is quickly coming to an end. Time seems to fly when you are busy, and as Elks, there is a lot to squeeze into a year. Our Lodges continue to step up to the challenge and do the good work in our communities and for our members.

As I write this, our Lodges are completing the election of new officers. My sincere appreciation and gratitude go out to all those that accepted the call to service and volunteered to give their time and energy to be the leaders your members need and deserve. Good luck to all, and I hope this upcoming year is a good one! The State Association just completed the new officer training held in Annapolis, Md. It was well attended and well presented. Remember, plenty of resources are available for Lodge leaders at Elks.org, mddedcelks.org, and our state committee chairs.

Welcome to the Spring Conference in the West District at Frederick Lodge #684. Thanks to the Frederick Lodge Officers and Members for hosting this event and hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and his wife, Amy. (If you are viewing this pre-conference, be sure to get your registration form completed and your reservations in by March 5th.)

Our West District Deputy will be holding a DD clinic on April 9th at the Westminster Lodge. There will be a West District Caucus that day for District VP, District State Trustee, and West Area Camp Barrett Executive. Thanks, Robert Comer Frederick Lodge, for running again as the West Area Camp Barrett Executive. If anyone would be interested in serving in any of these state association positions, please let me know soon.

We are in our final month of the Elk year. Our State Association is close to finishing with a positive gain in membership this year. Let's finish this year strong by reaching out to our delinquent members in paying their dues; encourage them to come back and be part of the good work you do. Finally, let's get those candidates' in-waiting initiated before April 1. Thanks for all you do!



### South East District VP Carrie Kane

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It has been an honor and a pleasure serving the Southeast District as your Vice President and supporting our wonderful State President, Robert H. Raleigh, Jr. It has been a great year, and so many exciting things have been happening in our District.

**Easton Lodge #1622** received a citation from Governor Larry Hogan for their service to the community during Waterfowl Festival. I presented him with State President's pin and talked to him about the great things the Elks do for our State and beyond.

**Seaford Lodge #2458** celebrated 50 years of service to Elkdom and to our community. What an accomplishment!

**Pocomoke City Lodge #1624** renovated its bar and lounge and had a Grand Re-Opening. I was able to attend that event and they did a wonderful job with their renovation - make sure to check it out if you haven't already!

**Ocean City Lodge #2645** has been bringing in huge groups of new members into their Lodge. Keep up the excellent work!

**Salisbury Lodge #817** assembled holiday baskets for Christmas to help their local community.

**Crisfield Lodge #1044** held a Memorial Service on December 5<sup>th</sup> for their departed members.

**Cambridge Lodge #1272** held a toy drive to benefit the children in their local community.

**Kent Island Lodge #2576** held a chili cook-off where I got to help present awards for the best chili around!

**Selbyville Lodge #2173** is 42<sup>nd</sup> in the nation and 1<sup>st</sup> in our District for their ENF per member donations. Way to go!

**Cape Henlopen Lodge #2540** held a Veterans Day Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup> to honor their members who are members of the armed services.

I will be holding my Caucus before the District Deputy Clinic on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ocean City Lodge. District Deputy Caldwell will be sending out her notices to the Lodges very soon. I hope to see all Lodges represented at the clinic.

I am proud of our District and what we have accomplished over the past year. As we move past COVID and other hardships we have endured over the past couple of years, it is so important for our Lodges to stick together and work together to move forward to be the best version of our Lodges that we can be.

Southeast Rocks!

Fraternally,  
*Carrie Kane*



Ocean City Lodge initiated large groups of new members



Cambridge Lodge Member's Toy Drive



Governor Hogan and Carrie Kane at Easton Lodge



Governor's Citation for Easton Lodge



Salisbury Lodge Holiday Baskets



Crisfield Lodge Memorial Service





## NORTH EAST VP Betty Hardin

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Greetings and welcome to our Spring Conference. I ask all our North East District attendees to please introduce themselves to Grand Exalted Ruler Keith and First Lady Amy this weekend.

All my VP visits are complete, and I want to thank all North East District officers and members for their warm hospitality and kindness. You have all made me proud.

On February 26th, I was honored to attend the Annual Charity Fundraiser at Dover Lodge, which benefited the Alzheimer's Association, which is near and dear to me.

What a wonderful day I had on March 5th at Camp Springs Lodge when they hosted the Americanism Awards Banquet. We have many young people of which to be proud. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Elks Training Committee put on an exceptional training class at the Dover Lodge on March 6th. Our North East District had a significant number of officers in attendance.

I enjoyed a wonderful evening on March 12th at the Chestertown Lodge as they celebrated their Lodge's 50th Anniversary.

Best wishes to all our incoming Lodge officers. Remember, I am here to help you in any way I can to help your Lodge prosper and grow. Keep publicizing all the good work you do in your community and for our Veterans. To our outgoing Lodge officers, thanks for a great year. Make sure you file all your year-end reports on time and make yourself available to help guide and assist your new officers.

It is also that time of year when we need to fill District positions in our State Association. North East District Lodges will be receiving correspondence from me before the end of March with each Lodge's number of available votes for North East District Vice President, Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee, and State Trustee. Voting will take place at our April North East District Deputy Clinic.

Before we know it, this cold weather will be gone, and we will be looking forward to our Elks Camp Barrett Family Picnic and our June and Grand Lodge Conventions. Hopefully, COVID will be behind us and we will be back to some normalcy by then.

Thanks to Frederick Lodge for hosting our Spring Conference, and I wish a prosperous fraternal year for the North East District and all the Lodges in our Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia State Association.



The Milford Elks #2401 Team "Elks Freezin' for a Reason" raised over \$3,000 for the Annual Special Olympics DE Plunge. The water was 37°, and the air was 32°. A chilly brisk day, but at least the water was warmer than the air plunged. Pictured: Donna McCarthy, Mindy Lerman, towel holder George Lerman and Joe Rybicki, Mary Rybicki, Beverly Ann Mahon, Linda Nastri and "chilly" Cyndee Sammons in blue to the right.

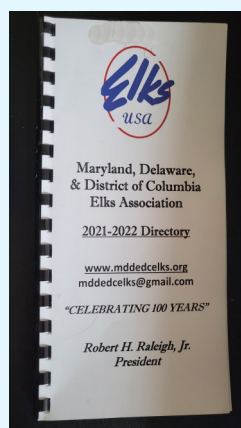
## STATE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

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Spring Conference means it's time to prepare the 2022-2023 State Association Directory.

All Lodge Secretaries have received my request for the information for their new Lodge Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, and Secretary. Please make sure you provide me with this information by the requested due date.



If you will be listed in the Directory, please keep me informed of any change in your information throughout the year. Our Directory is a valuable tool for our leaders and members, and keeping it up to date is essential.

Next year's Directory will be available at our June State Convention in Solomons Island.





## NORTH CENTRAL VP Frank Kane

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Greetings to all from North Central.

By now, everyone is waiting for spring to show up with its warm temps, blooming flowers, and later sunsets. Let's not get ahead of ourselves because I think Old Man Winter may not be done with us yet.

I've been around our District and have visited a few of our Lodges. It's refreshing always to be welcomed so nicely. One thing that I get asked is what is proper behavior at our Lodges. This includes language, discussion of politics, current events, sports, etc. We must keep in mind how much we partake of alcoholic drinks and how it may affect our behavior, volume, and language. We must remember that we are Elk Lodges; our purpose is to do great works in our communities and assist and support veterans. Like I've heard it said many times, "We are Elks Lodges with a bar, not a bar with an Elks Lodge!"

Our Lodge elections are coming up, and by the time this is in print, I think all our Lodges will have decided our leaders for the next Lodge year. Let's all be ready and willing to

help our Lodge leadership in the upcoming year so that our Lodges can be successful.

Our Spring meeting is upon us, and we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills, and his wife Amy here at the Frederick Lodge #684. I hope to see all Lodge Officers (incoming and outgoing) in attendance. As I have said before, we learn so much about our organization, on a state and national level, at these meetings and our District Deputy Workshops.

While I'm on the subject of meetings, let me remind everyone in North Central that on April 23rd at 10:00 am, our DD Matt Briggs will be hosting the District Deputy Workshop at the Glen Burnie Lodge. This is a must-attend for Exalted Rulers, Secretaries, Leading Knights, and Chairpersons of the Board of Directors. All members are welcome to attend. By attending these meetings, we get a lot of information, input, training, and the opportunity to spend time with leaders from our local Lodges.

I hope that everyone is looking forward to our new Lodge year. Remember to keep your ENF donations up and to take care of your Lodges.

Fraternally yours, in Elkdom

*Frank Kane*

**Towson Elks Lodge #469** presented \$2,000 to THE NICHOLAS ZIOLKOWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP at their annual event held at the Towson American Legion Post #22. Money raised from this event goes to a scholarship to benefit students who served their country in active duty and are pursuing a college degree. Nick planned to study history at Towson University before being killed in action in Iraq. To present the check to Nick's mom Tracy were Lecturing Knight Sean Priest, Chaplain Val Spangler, and ER Ron Zepp. (pictured below at the podium)



(bottom left) During the first meeting in February, **Towson Elks Lodge #469** held its PER meeting & dinner. PERs spanning over 28 years assumed the officer positions for the meeting. PER Pete Cline took the role of ER and conducted the meeting. Nominations were presented for the various officer positions to be voted on for the upcoming Lodge year.

Following the meeting, they were treated to a fantastic surf and turf dinner. Thanks to Lodge member Bob Stambaugh and Trustee Vince Pullara and their staff for a wonderful meal.

On Jan 29th, **Towson Elks Lodge #469** hosted boys and girls from various counties in MD for the **District Hoop Shoot** at PICKUP FITNESS USA GYM in Towson, MD. Afterward, contestants and their parents were invited back to the Lodge

for food, refreshments, and awards to the first and second-place finishers. Congratulations to the winners, and good luck with the upcoming state finals.

Hats off to PER and Hoop Shoot coordinator Pete Cline and to all the volunteers and contestants who showed up on an extremely cold weather day.



(left) Pete Cline explaining rules to contestants.

Volunteers in back row,

ESQ Andrew Rowan, Coordinator & PER Pete Cline, Gavin McIntyre and

(right) Lecturing Knight Sean Priest stand with contestants.



In December, **Towson Elks Lodge 469** donated thru its members and guest \$2,500 to ACTC (local food bank in Baltimore county). Pictured is Vince Pullara's (Lodge trustee) wife Heidi, who used the funds to buy and deliver over 1,037 pounds of food.

*Submitted by James Billington*



## South West District VP Renee' Rivituso

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Candidate for President-Elect 2022-2023



This Lodge year has gone by so fast. Good job to all the outgoing officers, and congratulations to the incoming Officers.

In January, Jeff and I worked the State Soccer Shoot in Jessup, MD. Congratulations to all the winners.

We joined several St. Mary's Lodge members for a wonderful bus trip to Laurel #2283, Kent Island #2576, Glen Burnie #2309, Deal #2528, and Calvert #2620. The scavenger hunt was a blast. Thank You to all the Lodges for their hospitality.

We also attended Deal Lodge #2528 Bull and Oyster Roast and the grand opening of their social quarters. The food was delicious as always. Deale did an excellent job renovating their social quarters with the help of a grant.

The District Hoop Shoot was so much fun. Five of the seven Lodges in the SW District participated. The children poured their hearts into making those baskets. Deale Lodge children shined with four, maybe five going to the State Shoot. Waldorf Lodge #2421 has one shooter moving on to the State: hooray! Congratulations to all the children.

Calvert Lodge #2620 donated \$2,500.00 to the East-John Youth Center to provide youth with recreational, educational, cultural, and spiritual development opportunities. The donation was made possible through the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Their Antler's also made Valentine cards for Charlotte Hall Veterans

Washington Rockville Lodge #15 recently donated \$430.00 to the Foundation for Blindness. The money was raised from member donations at the conclusion of their meetings. They also donated \$1,084.00 to Lollipop Kids; an organization that gives assistance to those who have a family member with disabilities. The funds for Lollipop Kids were raised from donations at a Wednesday night dinner.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WEBMASTER, JOE MCGEENEY



Each year Grand Lodge recognizes the best State Associations websites. Each site is graded on content, layout, design, graphics, and effectiveness in telling the Elks story. Nationally, there were only eight five-star winners this year.

Great job, Joe, in maintaining our 5-Star status again this year!



### Calvert Lodge #2620

Left to Right: ER David Marchyshyn, Louvenia Banks, PSP Mary Cardinal-Vogt, Sharon Roston and Julie Gadway.



### St. Mary's Lodge # 2092 Bus Trip. Good times!



On January 30<sup>th</sup> Senator Sarah Elfreth wrote "The Deale Elks Lodge #2528 is essential to the South County community - it's not just a social space, but also plays regular host to blood drives, vaccine clinics, farm bureau dinners, and more.

Yesterday I had the honor to help cut the ribbon to celebrate the completion of much-needed renovations following storm damage in 2018. This is a product of many hands making light work; Elks members giving of their time and talent, local contractors pitching in, and funding from a State grant my office helped secure in partnership with Delegate Seth Howard. Congratulations to all involved with this project - the space is beautiful!"

# ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

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This year's raffle is underway. If you have not received your tickets, you should soon. On behalf of the Camp, I want to thank you for your generosity.

The Improvement Fund is always in need of your help due to a never-ending number of issues that need to be addressed. This raffle is the primary source of income for the fund. All the expenditures are necessary to maintain the beauty and safety of the facility.

The raffle will occur at the annual Family Day Picnic on May 29th, which will kick off the summer at Camp Barrett. I hope you all participate in the very enjoyable day of food, drink, games for kids & adults, and a lot of interaction with other Elks and guests. It is always a pleasant day. I hope to see you there.



Even with the hurdles, we are determined to hold our camp this summer. This year, more than ever, we need help from our members. We need members to spread the word that we are hiring paid staff counselors who are 18 and older, assistant directors 25 and older, and a camp nurse. Additionally, we desperately need volunteer cooks and member volunteers to work as program staff in the art shack, archery and rifle range, environmental classes, and other areas. Please call Ms. Angela if you can help.

On a better note, we have hired a new caretaker! Mr. Cameron Cage started a month ago and is doing a splendid job. EC. the Bee is so happy that he doesn't have to help with the custodian and maintenance duties any longer. Next time you're on campus, say hello to Cameron, aka. "Mr. C."

EC. Bee is excited to share the news that we will be having the Elks Family Picnic on Memorial Sunday, May 29th, and Sneak a peek will be held on Saturday, May 7th. That kind of news makes us all happy that maybe, just maybe, things are getting back to normal.

A special hug and thank you to everyone who helped keep ECB moving forward during our two years of closures. Your concern and support are so appreciated. Our major state project is beautiful and accomplishes great things—a reflection of the beautiful, giving, and loving members of our Association.

## Angela M. Meyer



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## YES, VIRGINIA, THERE WILL BE ELKS SUMMER CAMP AT ECB THIS SUMMER!!!

The COVID-induced dark clouds are clearing, and it looks like, although an abbreviated version, Elks Camp Barrett Summer Camp will be held on our grounds this summer. We've adjusted the schedule to fit in with the dates already contracted by our partner camps and squeezed out our abbreviated schedule. The flyer, schedule, brochure, and pre-registration are on the website and ready to go! elkscampbarrett.org. We will hold only 3 of our traditional 6 camp weeks this season.

Two years without summer camp has been hard on everyone and getting started again has been a challenge. We couldn't begin our annual hiring in January as usual because the county mandates were not yet lifted. There were no solid guidelines for opening residential camps, making it impossible to recruit early. Making things even more difficult is that most school systems have recently announced the school year will be extended, and the summer break will start well past our regular camp start date. Many schools have their teachers in school until the 27th of June and later. As most of our senior staff are teachers, this pushes our training time even further.

Great things happen at ECB. See you at camp!



## 2022 Elks Camp Barrett Annual Family Picnic

**Come Join Your Fellow Elks  
Family and Friends  
For A Day of Fun, Food and Friendship**

Gates Open at Noon \$20.00 per person Children under 12 Free



**Just For Fun**

- Frozen Strawberry Daiquiri Bar
- Prize Wheels
- Kids Games
- Swimming Pool
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Moon Bounce and Amusements
- Music By Local DJ
- Inter-Lodge Fun and Games
- Cake Auction

### Help Support Camp Barrett





**Menu Includes**

- Pit Beef
- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Fried Chicken
- Corn on the Cob
- Pulled Pork
- Salads
- Draft Beer & Soda
- Lot's of delicious picnic food

Please follow any current Anne Arundel Co. and CDC Covid recommendations  
Elks Camp Barrett, 1001 Chesterfield Road, Annapolis, Maryland

Contact: Ben Stone, Chairman 410-960-2718 or  
Chalita Dudley, Co-Chairman 301-481-9693



ELKS CAMP  
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**SNEAK  
PEEK**

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**SATURDAY  
MAY 7  
11:00 AM**

Come for the Camp  
Representative's Meeting  
and stay for lunch and a  
Sneak Peek

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E.C. the Bee happily invites all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Camp Representatives, Lodge Officers and Camp Representatives to learn about ECB.

Start by joining us for the Camp Representative's Meeting at 11:00 AM, and then enjoy lunch while you learn about Summer Camp On-line Registration. Tour the campus, check out your Lodge's Cabin and enjoy time at camp. Stay and do a little work around the campus. Spread the word and bring with you Lodge members who have not seen the camp.

**Sneak a peek at the Jewel that is The State Major Project of the MD, DE, DC Elks Association**

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">ENJOYING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A camp lunch and fellowship with officers, representatives, and friends of Camp from all over our state association</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">LEARNING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All about Camper registration for your Lodge</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">PLANNING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your Lodge's participation in the Family Picnic</p>

Just so you know:  
 Prep for family picnic is May 21st—28th.  
 Camp is open weekdays so your Lodge members can come and work on your cabin.  
 Call ahead so we know you are coming.

U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!





**Angela M. Meyer, State Chairperson**  
 MD, DE, DC Elks Association  
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## INCOMING ERS: FILL THE DAP CHAIR

Now is the time for Lodge ERs to think about committee assignments! Nothing can be more important to your Lodge or your community than to select a hard-working Drug Awareness Chair. Now is not the time to simply provide a name or fill in a blank. Instead, assign the position to an Elk who is ready to roll up their sleeves.

Search for candidates who are comfortable with meeting school officials and one who believes in our future — our children. COVID-19 has taken its toll on our Order and within our communities, but the work of the DAP has consistently moved forward over this time. As we come out of this crisis, we as Elks need to be the voice of reason, and the message needs to be clear. That's why it is essential for you, as the leader of your Lodge, to assign the work of the DAP to a dedicated individual.

If you are uncertain of qualities to look for, feel free to reach out to Angela Meyer, State Drug Awareness Chairperson, and ask!

## DAP NEWS SNIPS

- Now that life is returning to normal, there will be more calls for DAP displays at schools, parades, and fairs.

Keep in mind every district has a DAP Display Kit that holds a 10X10 logo canopy, folding table with logo tablecloth, folding chairs, and display rack. Contact your District Chairperson to reserve the kit for your next DAP event. Don't forget to invite Elroy, the ELKS DAP Mascot, to your next DAP event. We have three Elroy costumes in the State Association that can be reserved. Call your District Chairperson.

- We've reordered the plastic giveaway bags in bulk to save money. They have finally arrived and are ready to be distributed. Every Lodge will receive 250 bags at no cost and may purchase additional bags in packs of 250 bags for \$47.50 per pack (that's only \$.19 a bag!). The bags are being stored at the camp, and pick up or drop off may be arranged by calling Angela or your district DAP chairperson.
- ONE PILL CAN KILL is a joint DEA and DOJ program introduced in October. The program is designed to raise awareness about the increased amounts of counterfeit pills coming across our borders. Most of these pills are designed to look like opioids and other commonly prescribed and misused drugs. These fake pills are often laced with fentanyl or methamphetamines. 4 out of 10 counterfeit pills seized contain lethal doses of fentanyl.

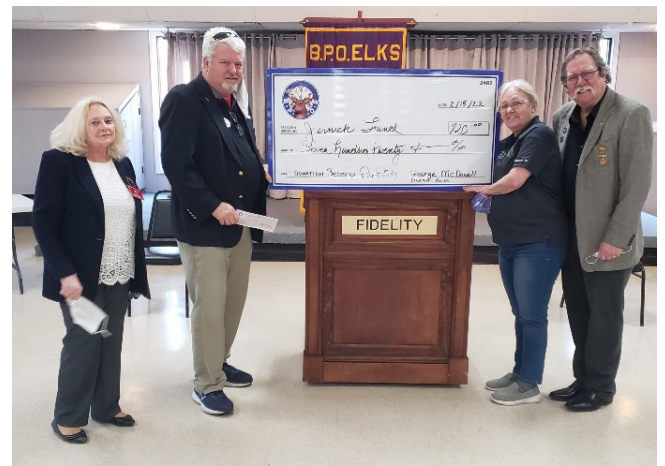


Flyers, PowerPoint presentations, and more information on this subject are available by visiting [elksdap.org](http://elksdap.org).



Severna Park #2482 Exalted Ruler George McDowell and North Central Jernick Chair Julie Burgoon presented \$4,000.00 to the parents of Ari Jarrett, Fred, and Brianna Jarrett. The money went towards the purchase of a new wheelchair. (The Lodge split the cost 50/50 with the Jernick Fund.) The family was very appreciative and happy.

(Left to right) Severna Park Leading Knight Susan Stokes, father Fred Jarrett, mother Brianna Jarrett, ER George McDowell, Jarrett twin daughters, recipient Ari, Past State President Stu Burgoon Sr., North Central Jernick Chair Julie Burgoon, and Severna Park Treasurer Joanne Montgomery



Severna Park Lodge #2482 Exalted Ruler George McDowell presented \$720 to North Central Chair Julie Burgoon for the Jernick fund.

(Pictured above left to right) Severna Park Leading Knight Susan Stokes, ER George McDowell, North Central Jernick Chair Julie Burgoon and Past State President Stu Burgoon Sr.

Photos and information submitted by Julie Burgoon



## ACCIDENT PREVENTION REPORT

"Don't become Lodge Mayhem like Me."

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At this Spring Conference I will be speaking about:

1. Liquor Liability Questionnaire
2. How to fill out accident/incident reports
3. Lodge monthly safety reports

Welcome to Frederick, Maryland, and our 2022 Spring Conference! The Wild West!

Now's the time to reflect on the accomplishments of last year and to start planning for the 2022/2023 Elk year. One of, if not the most important, plan you'll have to make is the defense of your Lodge. What am I talking about, you ask? How are you going to protect your Lodge from lawsuits and Lodge Mayhem?

You will be changing committee personnel and Officers; they need to be brought up to speed on making the Lodge safe and, more importantly, how to file an accident report.

Again, we are Elks, and we assume and expect to see the good in people. Remember, your Lodge is a company and could be subjected to lawsuits. It's imperative that we take the monthly safety reports seriously and immediately address any issues. Review the procedures in filling out incident reports and accident reports. We will be going over this during the meeting, and I'll also give you some other ways to help protect your Lodge. I am available to speak at your Lodge if needed or write up something to present. With that being said, I will leave you with some safety tips. Stay safe and be careful.

## LODGE RENTAL AGREEMENTS

The following should be included in all rental agreements:

- Follow pages 10-11 of the Liability Insurance Program
- Require a certificate of insurance naming the Lodge as additional insured.
- Include a provision for an indemnity agreement.
- Describe the area to be rented, indicate any restrictions on use.
- Indicate any limitations regarding capacity.
- State all rental fees and a clearly defined cancellation policy.
- Verify with the proper authority that the Lodge's liquor license allows service of alcohol to non-Members.
- Service of alcohol must be controlled by the Lodge, no outside alcohol is allowed.
- Self-service of alcohol and self-service kegs are not allowed.
- The Lodge will reserve the right to refuse service to anyone at the discretion of the servers.
- The renter's clean-up responsibilities/requirements should be clearly indicated.
- The Lodge must not sign an agreement assuming responsibility for hired security personnel.
- The Lodge has the right to stop inappropriate behavior.
- The Lodge has the right to shut down the event.
- Consider having an attorney review the rental agreement.



## FACILITY RENTAL POLICIES

Anyone using Lodge facilities must provide an Additional Insured Certificate that names the Lodge as an additional insured.

If the Additional Insured Certificate is not provided, Facility Rental Policies may be obtained by contacting Gallagher

Insurance at (800) 421-3557. Facility Rental policies are also available on the Elks website or the Safety Insurance page.

## BEWARE OF SCAMS

Scam artists always follow the money, so look out for the following:

- Deposit cash in the bank promptly, do not wait until the next day
- Government agencies/Law Enforcement never ask anyone for cash
- Do not provide anyone with bank account information
- IRS always makes its first contact by U.S. Mail, not by telephone or e-mail
- The IRS never requests Not For Profits to make special payments
- Someone "in need" asks for plane fare and cash since they heard that the Elks do good deeds
- An unsolicited "free" inspection of the roof or crawlspace will result in an unnecessary repair bill
- Make sure that you know the sender of an e-mail

