MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT of COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
United States of America

Minutes

State Convention
June 10-12, 2011
Hagerstown, Md.

(Next Meeting: Fall Conference, Ocean City, Md., Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011)

Saturday June 11, 2011

State Pres. Carl Robinson opened the State Convention @ 9AM.
Introductions- Sergeant-at-Arms Lowell Rockwell, introduced **PSP Frank Clopper,** who introduced **Pa. State Pres. Ron Lenker** and **NJ State Pres. Rusty Gerstenmier.** He also introduced **Grand Treasurer Reese Hickman,** who introduced **PGER Paul Helsel.**
Pledge and prayer were done.
Roll of Officers taken, absentees noted
PSP's were introduced. Pats State VP's, Officers and DDGERs were recognized.
Roll of Lodges- 33 Lodges with 136 members.
Minutes were approved as distributed.
Pres., Pres.-Elect, VP's all gave their reports and are in the Newsletter. Secretary and Treasurer reported.
Camp Barrett Improvement Fund- Lou Schmeltzer reported $62,000 gross sales with a profit of $32,000.
Trustees- Jay Strong explained how money is approved and paid. Said the Budget is still tight. Motion, second to pay 446,359 in vouchers, approved. Jay presented the Conflict of Interest Policy.
Camp Barrett- Les Bussard said the Camp is ready for the kids. **John Istvan** spoke of the Family Picnic, there were 771 adults, 155 kids and 133 volunteers. Thaks to all who helped.
Caribbean Trip- Fat Jack presented to the Camp $7200 from the trip. Bob Baxendell will take over next year.
Veterans Service- John Curran said there was 100% participation again this year in the Veterans Remembrance Report. Female Volunteer of the Year- Doris Nowottnick,, Male- Ron Maurice. Brian Thompson spoke of the Boyd Code Foundation and how to help Vets at the community level.
By-Laws- PSP Bill Buttrill made a motion to do away with the Jan. Meeting, second and much discussion. The motion failed. Also motioned to combine Convention and Conference committees, second, discussion and passed.
PSP Greg Wilkes made announcements about the weekend and spoke of the Fall Conference in Ocean City Sept. 30- Oct. 2 at the Princess.
Grand Lodge Convention- PSP Tom Rabickow said reservations needed to be made ASAP.

Scouting- Joe McGeeney introduced Kirk Platt who handed out Certificates of Appreciation for Scout 4 Food. $1000 donation to the Scouts was made.
Membership- Carl Vogt said 0% Lapsation must be attained. Awards were distributed.
Directrory- PSP George Hamilton said WE HAVE DIRECTORIES! !
ENF- Claudia Findley-Bryant accepted Donations.
National Home- PSP Earl Schellman said there are 53 men and 47 women at the Home. Donations were accepted.
Government Relations- Dave Wolcott thanked the Lodges for their Charitable Record Reports. Reminded everyone to Keep It Private. **Rich Reynolds** said Delaware had passed the medical marijuana bill in the House.
Inter-Lodge Activities- Mike Green announced that Frederick is Horse Shoe Champ. Laurel will host Horse Shoe Championship Sept. 24. Dover trip was a bust.
Lodge Activities- Charlie Spadone thanked all the Lodges that entered the All American Lodge Contest.
Public Relations- Connie deYoung said it was a good year for State PR, 27 out of 38 Lodges reported. 9/9 deadline for Oct. Newsletter.
Resolution- PSP Vince Pingitore read a Memorial Resolution for PSP William Goodman.
Ritual- Dick Fleck announced the Ritual Clinic in Dover June 25th. Word Check Clinic at Kent Island. Awards were given out.
Scholarship- Joe Pallozzi said top 3 girls and 1 boy will be awarded at dinner. There was a slim turn out for the Vocational Scholarships.
Soccer- Butch Morgan thanked all the Lodges that participated.
Jernick Fund- PSP Lee Davis reminded every one to fill out the application correctly and follow procedures. Donations were taken.
Youth Activities- John Ramsey thanked everyone for a good year.
Golf, Tennis and Bowling- Pete Peterson said June 23 is deadline for applications, thanks to the District Chairs.
Unfinished Business- PSP Stu Kerr said GL Shirts needed to be picked up.
New Business- none.
Good of the Association- **SP Rusty Gerstenmier** thanked all for the hospitality. **SP Ron Lenker** did the same.
PGER Paul Helsel spoke some words of wisdom.

Departed members were remembered.
There was no Sickness and Distress.

The Meeting was closed at 12:15PM.

Sunday June 12, 2011

The Memorial Service was performed by the PSP's, State Secretary James Harbour and PDDGER Dave Wolcott.

Installation of Officers-

President- Richard J. Burg
President- Elect- James E. Stewart
VPNE- Bonnie Bussard
VPW- Henry Lewis
VPSW- Kelly Randolph
VPSE- Rick Konrad
VPNC- John T. Wald
Secretary- James W. Harbour
Treasurer- Joyce M. Bailey
Inner Guard- Thomas P. Simons
Sgt.-at-Arms- Lawrence "Larry" Mathers
Tiler- Richard W. Anderson
Chaplin- Tammy Guttry
Trustees- NC- Jay Strong
W- Sandra Brantner
SE- John Loftus
NE- Gary Thompson
SW- Gary Eckenrode

The State Convention ended at 11:20am.

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Respectfully submitted
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