



**MARYLAND, DELAWARE and DISTRICT of COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION**

A Fraternal Organization
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
United States of America

Minutes

**Spring Conference
March 25-27, 2011
Salisbury Lodge #817, Salisbury, Md..**

(Next Meeting: State Convention, Hagerstown, Md., June 10-12, 2011)

Saturday March 26, 2011

State Pres. Carl Robinson opened the Spring Conference @ 9AM.

Introductions- Sergeant-at-Arms Lowell Rockwell, introduced **PSP** and **Grand Treasurer Reese Hickman**, who introduced **PGER Paul Helsel** who in turn introduced **GER Michael F. Smith**.

Hilda Davis- reported on Wolfgang Chocolate sales. Things have changed as far as the profit plan and shipping. May change companies next year.

SP Carl Robinson explained the voting procedure for Sunday.

Veterans Service- John Curran said there was 100% participation again this year. Congratulations to the top Lodges.

Membership- Carl Vogt said that 3 Lodges in the NE had a gain. There is a lot of work needed to stop the erosion.

PGER Paul Helsel discussed the findings of The Future of Elkdom.. Questions were fielded. Paul went through the report item by item.

Accident Prevention- Jim Stewart said all Lodges need to have an Accident Prevention Chair, preferably a Trustee.

Elks Training- Jim Stewart said there had been 207 members representing 33 lodges participate.

Advisory- PSP Carroll Wagner explained what and who the Advisory is and what they do. He said the Jan. Workshop probably will be discontinued.

Auditing- Maurice DiPoli reported that the State Association finances are within Budget. Cited a lot of figures. Said the Camp finances are within Budget, and gave more figures.

By Laws- PSP Bill Buttrill reported on the By-Law changes that will be presented at the June Convention.

Off Site- PSP Greg Wilkes said State Convention will be at the Clarion in Hagerstown, Md. June 10-12.

Directory- PSP George Hamilton said the Directory will be out in June. **Susan Conlogue** will be taking over in June.

Elks Camp Barrett Fund Raiser- Lou Schmeltzer mentioned that the tickets for the raffle will be out in a couple of weeks. He asked everyone to buy at least 1 ticket.

ENF- Claudia Findley-Bryant said we should be over \$200,000.00 by the end of the year. 31 Lodges have met the GER's Goal of \$4.50 and 9 Lodges have reached the Presidents Goal. Awards were given to Jack Stush and Carl Robinson. Donations were accepted.

Trustees- Jay Strong presented the amended Budget for 2011-12. There were some explanations..

Hoop Shoot- Fat Jack Boehmer. announced that 2 of our kids are going to Nationals. Please send them a good luck wish.

Inter Lodge Activities- Mike Green told every Lodge to pick up their packets. There are a lot of fun and exciting events coming up in the future.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 AM until 8:30 AM Sunday morning.

Sunday Mar. 27, 2011

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 AM by **SP Carl Robinson.**

Roll of Officers was taken, absentees noted.

PSP's were recognized, as were **Grand Lodge Committee** persons.

VP's, DD's, PDD's and **Past Sate Officers** were recognized

Credentials- Millie Kerr announced that there were 191 Members and 26 guests registered.

Roll Call of Lodges- 35 Lodges present and 146 members were present.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

President, President-Elect, and VP's gave their reports and are in the Newsletter.

Secretary- James Harbour reported as did **Treasurer- Joyce Bailey** .

Trustees- Jay Strong motioned to approve the amended Budget, second and passed. Vouchers #7631 to #7637 were approved to be paid for \$14,036.00.

Camp Barrett- Les Bussard- thanked Danielle McKnight, Nancy Wert, Kelly Randolph and Martha Scully for their work raising \$5026.00 at the October meeting. Presented the Camp Barrett amended Budget which was approved. Donations were received.

Americanism- Mary Cardinal-Vogt talked about all of the Americanism programs. Flag Day Service will be held at the State Convention in June.

Drug Awareness- Ben Stone said he still needs help to get his garage cleaned out, there are plenty of Drug Awareness supplies to be used. **PSP Terry Lagier** spoke of the Medical Marijuana Bill in Del.

National Home- PSP Earl Schellman said there are 104 residents at the Home, 2 apartments are available. Donations were accepted.

Government Relations- Dave Wolcott mentioned that all information is on the web site. He spoke of some pending bills.

Grand Lodge Convention- PSP Tom Rabickow reported on their recon trip to Phoenix.

Public Relations- Connie DeYoung said that the monthly reports are due by the 5th of the month. Deadline for June Newsletter is May 20th.

Lodge Activities- Charles Spadone. said the All American Lodge Contest was coming to an end. Only 9 Lodges had applied.

Ritual- Dick Fleck spoke of the Grand Lodge changes. Announced that Dover Lodge #1903 was the Champion, followed by Frederick, Annapolis and Prince Georges County.

Soccer Shoot- Butch Morgan thanked all who helped and attended the Region II shoot, won by New Jersey. Region II to be held in Hagerstown in 2012.

Jernick Fund- PSP Lee Davis for **Morgan Brown** stated that there is still money left. 9 contributions to date with 2 pending. Donations were accepted.

Golf, Tennis and Bowling- Pete Peterson said 11 Lodge will send kids this year. District Chairs were introduced. He also mentioned the Play-It- Safe program for teens in Ocean City.

Unfinished Business-final count for ENF was \$2034.00. See Millie Kerr for GL shirts. Tom Rabickow has State pins for sale.

New Business- Nominations and Elections

President-Elect- W. Lee Ridenour nominated by **PSP Frank Clopper.**

James E. Stewart nominated by **PSP Warren Johnson.**

Secretary- James W. Harbour nominated by **Pete Peterson.**

Treasurer- Joyce Bailey nominated by **James Harbour.**

James Stewart was elected.

Good of the Association- PSP Priscilla Schwab gave an update on Martha Scully. Jack Boehmer gave an update on the Mexico trip. Stu Burgoon said the Fishing Rodeo will be in August.

PGER Paul Helsel spoke many words of wisdom.

GER Michael Smith spoke some more words of wisdom and thanks.

Sickness and Distress- departed members were remembered.

The Spring Conference was closed at 11.45AM.

Next Meeting: Clarion Hotel, Hagerstown, Md., June 10-12, 2011

The minutes and newsletter can be viewed at www.mddedcelksassn.org

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

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