

Helping Children and Families in Need for over 25 Years



Through the William J. Jernick Memorial Fund

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THE  
MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ELKS ASSOCIATION

## EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

For children under the age of 21

EYEGLASSES,  
SPECIALIZED COMPUTERS,  
HEARING AIDS,  
MEDICAL TREATMENTS &  
MEDICATIONS,  
WHEELCHAIRS,  
HOSPITAL BEDS  
PROSTETICS,  
TRANSPORTATION  
EXPENSES,  
REMODELING COSTS TO  
ACCOMMODATE  
PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS  
AND OTHER MEDICAL  
NEEDS

TO APPLY, PLEASE  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL  
ELKS LODGE.

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

Search link above to  
find a local Elks Lodge

### Donations are greatly appreciated for the benefit of the Jernick Fund

Check should be payable to the "William Jernick Memorial Fund"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to help local children with serious medical, physical and mental challenges through this tax-deductible donation:

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$20.00

\$25.00

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill me annually

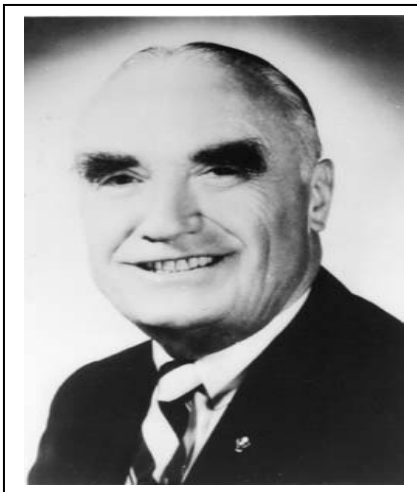
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

William J. Jernick  
Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
1954 - 1955

Bill Jernick was born in Newark, NJ in 1901, was initiated into the Nutley, NJ Lodge #1920 in 1929 at the age of 28, and served as Exalted Ruler in 1935 and President of the New Jersey Elks Association in 1939. He was appointed chairman of the Grand Lodge State Association Committee in 1940 and proceeded to hold Grand Lodge office until 1953, at which time his term of office as Grand Trustee was interrupted to become Grand Exalted Ruler in 1954. His slogan was "As Elkdom sows, America Reaps." His objective was to broaden the Order's youth and community service program and to strengthen the Nation both spiritually and physically for its role as leader of the free world.

He became the Grand Lodge Sponsor to the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia in 1956 until his death in 1982.

A trust fund was established that same year by the MD, DE and DC Elks to honor his legacy of willingness to lend his time, talents and generous spirit for the benefit of others.



**William J. Jernick Fund  
Program Highlights**

- The fund was established in 1982 to honor our deceased Grand Lodge Sponsor.
- Deserving children under the age of 21 who are facing medical illness, injury or disease are eligible to receive a one-time, monetary grant upon application and approval by the Board of Directors.
- Deserving families should submit an application to one of the local Elks lodges within the MD, DE, & DC State Elks Association for consideration and sponsorship.
- Grants are given freely and without obligation for repayment at any time. Special consideration is given to applicants that 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 the 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 Trust's corpus is never allocated and continues to grow as tax deductible donations are received year after year.
- Through your generous donations, we have been able to help many, many children and their families over the past 25 years. Please help us continue this legacy by making a tax-deductible contribution in your name or to honor the memory of a loved one.

**Examples of requests answered  
through your generous  
donations to this fund.**

- A family with three children ranging in age from 16 to 5 asked for assistance when the youngest was diagnosed with leukemia and had to drop out of kindergarten. The father over came his own battle with testicular cancer about 10 years earlier.
- A family with an 8 year old, who has a rare form of anemia that causes bone marrow failure, returned home from the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital after a bone marrow transplant just in time to celebrate Christmas with his big brother and couldn't wait to see if Santa Claus had been to his house yet.
- A family with a 16 year old who while sledding with friends was thrown from her sled suffered an accident which shattered her skull leaving her comatose with little hope of recovery and the need for life long medical care.
- A family of a premature infant wrote to say there is no preparation of any type to deal with a child that is not "whole". We are managing as best we can with the roller coaster ride of financial, emotional and spiritual hardships that relates to your child. Your generosity is truly appreciated.