E.A.G.E.R Committee Fundraising Progress Report Update

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Elect A Grand Exalted Ruler

As Nancy and I finalize plans for our trip to Indianapolis and the Elks National Convention, we realize this great adventure would not have been possible without the strong support and encouragement of the Elks of Virginia. It will be our privilege to represent each of you, your Lodges and the Virginia Elks Association as we travel throughout the country in the coming year.

In the four short months since my endorsement as the GER candidate, we have been able to raise over $75,000 in Virginia, including the contribution from the VEA's Convention Fund!! Plus, we have received additional funds from the sale of our Fundraising Pins.

In addition to your fundraising efforts, many of you have offered your time and talents, and come together unbelievably united, to work on numerous dinners and other events, the pin, wine, candy and jewelry sales, invitations, deliveries to Indianapolis, and the planned Celebration, Virginia Reception, Grand Reception and Grand Lodge Luncheon at the National Convention.

A simple "Thank You" does not seem adequate to recognize your outstanding efforts since my endorsement. We are truly humbled, and thank you for your friendship and generosity.

Below are the latest figures on Virginia sales/contributions/donations to the VA-EAGER Campaign:

Lodge Contributions:	
Fredericksburg	
Lodge Fundraising	$6,500
Lodge Contribution	2,500
Ladies Auxiliary -	2,500
PER Association –	1,000
Quilt Raffle	168
Wine Sales (Ravinsky)	2,300
Alexandria Lodge	500
Roanoke Lodge	2,000
Clifton Forge Lodge	250
Staunton Lodge Dinner	520
Cheer Basket (Monger)	1,000
Woodbridge Lodge	
A City Trip (Highfield)	1,000
Jewelry (VL Johnson)	510
Loudoun Lodge 50/50	346
Onancock 50/50	284
Arlington-Fairfax Lodge	2,002
Ladies Auxiliary	355
Candy (Graves)	
Cheer Basket (Knotts)	

Individual Contributors:

Steve Culbert
Darryl Myers
Don Netschke
Judy Powell

District Raffles:	
North (Watch)	$1,000
SouthEast (TV)	4,900
Central (Watch)	450
SouthWest (Lowes"s)	2,275

VEA Convention:	
GER Fund	$40,000
Ladies Breakfast	80
Buddy & Bobbie Deese	
Badge Sales	171

In addition, we have received contributions from the following State Associations: Michigan; Maryland, Delaware and DC; West Virginia; North Carolina and New York.

We are also thankful that many of the Lodges are continuing their fundraising efforts, as we continue our work to raise sufficient funds to cover the expenses of the Campaign and the Convention. Your future donations should be sent to the VA-EAGER Fund c/o Mel Huff, Secretary, P.O.Box 537, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.

We are truly humbled by your efforts, and thank you for your generosity. THANKS TO ALL !!!!!

If we have missed anyone or any Lodge, please contact Ray Dameron, Administrative Aide to the GER, at ray.dameron@aol.com. You will be included with the additional donors in our next update.

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