Virginia Elks Association
Fall Meeting - Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel
Virginia Beach, Virginia

October 9-11, 2009

Ronald L. Hicks – President
Fredericksburg, Virginia Lodge 875

Horace E. Jones, Jr., PDDGER
Secretary
October 10, 2009
Friday, October 9

9:00 – 8:00 p.m.  Registration Open

10:00  Golf, Nansemond River Golf Club

12:00 – 2:30  District Deputies & District Deputy Esquires Lunch - Room E w/PGER Hess

2:30  Trustees Meeting (Deese room TBA)

2:30  Video Presentation: Part I, Lodge Best Business Practices – Room A

4:00  Youth Camp Meeting – Room A

6:00  PSP Reception and Dinner (Dutch treat) – Rooms D & E

Meeting to follow dinner (Coat & tie)

Saturday, October 10

7:00  Registration Open

7:30  PER/ER Breakfast Buffet – James Room

9:00  Business Session – Rooms A & B

9:30  Ladies Breakfast Buffet – Room C

1:00  VEA Luncheon Buffet - Meeting & Awards - Atlantic Ballroom

(Request Hospitality rooms be closed from 1:00 – 3:00)

3:30  Eleven O’clock Toast Contest - Rooms C

4:30  Video presentation: Part II, Lodge Best Business Practices – Room A

7:00 – 8:00  President’s Reception - Casual Dress (invitation only) – Rooms D & E

8:00–12:00  Dance – Hawaiian theme – best dressed contest – Rooms A & B

9:00  Announce Toast Contest Winners – Rooms A & B

Unless otherwise stated, the dress for all of the above is business casual – No T-shirts, tank tops, jeans or shorts. Coat & tie is optional.
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Ronald L. Hicks.

Invocation: Beverly McMurtry PER, Chaplain of the Virginia Elks Association

Presentation of Colors: North District Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag: Steve Culbert, SDGER

National Anthem: Singing Led by William C. Tennis. PSP

Introduction of Head Table: Ronald L. Hicks, VEA President
Joseph E. Hicks, Legal Advisor; Beverly McMurtry, VEA Chaplain; Stephen P. Culbert, SDGER; Randolph D. Holley, President of the West Virginia Elks Association and G. Stephen Clarke, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee.

Welcome: Henry A. Deese, State Convention Chairman.
### Roll Call of Officers, Secretary Horace Jones:

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Mr. President, all officers are present.

### Roll Call Of Lodges: Horace E. Jones, Jr., Secretary

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Mr. President all lodges are present.

**Minutes of Previous Session:** Horace E. Jones, Jr., Secretary
Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried

**President’s Report:** Ronald L. Hicks, VEA President

After being installed as President of the Virginia Elks Association in Lynchburg, Virginia, in June 2009, I attended the Grand Lodge session in Portland, Oregon. It was my honor to present the flag of Virginia at the Sunday evening opening ceremonies.

I attended all of the August District Deputy Clinics held throughout Virginia, i.e., Manassas, Virginia Beach, Martinsville, and Fredericksburg. Also, since my election, I have visited 21 of the 32 Lodges in Virginia, meeting many fine members and participating in a number of Lodge Events.

As President of the Virginia Elks Association, I have been very active and traveled many miles: I attended the Tournament of Champions in Pennsylvania, at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. I attended the Richmond Conference of the Career and Technical Training Division of the Department of Education to accept a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Association for our Safety Glass Program. I visited Virginia Beach to meet with Buddy Deese, Fall Convention Director, and make final preparations and reservations for the Fall Convention activities. I attended two Legislative Sub-Committee meetings in Richmond to discuss proposed changes to the Bingo Regulations in Virginia and how this would affect our Elk Lodges, and have led an effort to get other organizations involved in this issue across the State. I also attended the Labor Day festivities at the Virginia Elks Youth Camp.

It has been a real honor to represent the Virginia Elks Association in my travels, and I look forward to the remainder of my year as President.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald L. Hicks, President

**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS:**

**First Vice-President:** James M. Powell
Mr. President, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hess, other honored guests, brother and sister Elks.

I have visited all the Southeast District Lodges and attended the first District Deputy Clinic at Virginia Beach 2268. I plan on attending DD clinics in each of the other districts as well as the remaining DD clinics in the southeast district

I attended the 2009 Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon. It is the duty of the First Vice President to chair the Virginia Hospitality Room. Due to work restrictions, I was unable to commit to the eight plus days required to fulfill this duty. Buddy and Bobbie Deese were kind enough to chair the room. The entire time I was at the convention I worked the Hospitality Room.
I also participated in the joint Flag Day Service at Hampton Lodge 366.
All committees are working well with the committee chairs doing a good job.

Respectfully submitted
James M. Powell, 1st VP

Second Vice President: Timothy E. Knotts

The Virginia North District Lodges have seen the effects of the National economic slow down, but all eight lodges have found ways to adjust and keep the Grand and Local lodge program on track. Each lodge has concerns, but all are finding ways to offset these concerns and turn them into successes.

Since June I have attended all required DD Clinics, have visited three lodges, spoken to many North District committee chairpersons, filled voids in the state committee needs, and tried to spread the joy of ELKDOM to as many people who would listen.

I am encouraged by the efforts of VEA President Hicks’ attempts to strengthen lodge participation in Ritual, Indoctrination, Membership and its retention, Elks National Foundation and other Grand lodge programs. His efforts show his leadership skills and desire to elevate Virginia Elks to the next level.

I am watching with enthusiastic hopes that the changes made to this Fall Conference schedule of events will spur more participation from all lodges in the four districts. Some new direction is needed and this week will be just a beginning with other possible change in the future.

It has been a pleasure to serve as second Vice President of the Virginia Elks Association and I look forward serving to you in the future.

Timothy E. Knotts, PDDGER

Third Vice President: Darryl Myers
Since June my activities are as follows:

August 2009
Hosted VEA President Hicks and wife Nancy
Southwest District Deputy Clinic at Martinsville Lodge #1752
Bedford Lodge 2844 to their celebration on the purchase of land
Bedford Lodge 2844 DD Visit
Southwest Virginia Veterans Cookout at the Salem Veterans Hospital
Visited Roanoke Lodge 197

September 2009
Youth Camp Draw Down at Millsboro, VA
Galax Lodge 2212 DD Visit
Danville Lodge 227 picnic at Hyco Lake
Clifton Forge Lodge 1065 DD Visit
Roanoke Lodge 197 DD Visit
Lynchburg Lodge 321 DD Visit

October 2009
Danville Lodge 227 DD Visit
Elks National Home 8081 DD Visit
Attend the VEA Meeting Virginia Beach

During the past two months I have made numerous calls in hopes of establishing an Elks Lodge in South Boston Virginia. I have kept District Deputy Bobby Fender and Special Deputy Steve Culbert informed on the progress.

After this meeting I plan to attend the DD Visit at Martinsville and Pulaski Lodges, per the VEA By-laws. I have already traveled over 1,500 miles with at least another 1,000 to go.

Respectfully submitted,
Darryl Myers

Fourth Vice President: Richard F. Stroop

I wish to thank Page Sencindiver his guidance and for nominating me for the office of 4th VP of the VEA. I further want to thank the delegation for their faith in me by electing me as their 4th VP at the fall meeting in Virginia Beach. I consider it to be a distinct honor and privilege to be allowed to serve the VEA in this capacity.

Following my installation at Lynchburg in June 2009, I attended the Grand Lodge session in Portland, Oregon. I attended every business session except Thursday (sorry Pete). On that day Carolyn and I took one of the tours of the beautiful Oregon Coast.

While at the convention I attended the opening ceremonies where I witnessed our President Ron carry in the Virginia Flag. I also spent time in the Virginia Room which was without a doubt the BEST Elks hospitality room at the convention. Many thanks to Buddy and Bobby for their hard work in making our room the best ever.

In August I attended Central district DD meeting conducted by our newly installed DD, Pete Decatur.

Prior to being installed, I contacted all the General Chairs and all Central district Chairs of the Committees in my charge. All positions were filled in time for the issuance of the directory.

I am looking forward to the upcoming years of service as a chair officer in the VEA. Again, thanks for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard F. Stroop, 4th VP

Secretary’s Report: Horace E. Jones, JR, Secretary

Monies Received 7/1/09 to 10/10/09

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PSP Dinner/ Two Dinners 360-01 $ 419.40
Total $ 48,933.36

**Disbursements 7/1/09 to 10/10/09**

- Elks National Foundation 309-00
- Expenses not in Budget 310-00
- Virginia Elks Youth Camp 311-00
- Doubletree/Charlottesville Deposit 06/10 316-01
- Fall Convention Refund 316-02 $ 216.00
- Golf Spring Tournament 316-03
- Golf Fall Tournament 316-04
- Audit 331-00 $ 1,100.00
- Pins/Badges 333-00
- Old Dominion Elk 334-00
- Presidents Expenses 337-00 $ 6,000.00
- Internet Committee 338-00
- Food Guest 340-00
- Dishonesty Bond 342-00
- Directors/Officers Liability Insurance 349-01
- Contingency Fund 349-02 $ 3.00
- State Corporation Fee 349-03 $ 25.00
- Printing 349-04 $ 139.94
- Office Supplies 349-06
- Secretary's Expenses 351-01 $ 1,200.00
- Treasurer's Expenses 351-02 $ 450.00
- Deputy Esquires 351-03 $ 400.00
- PSP Dinners 360-01
- Ritual Team 360-02
- VA Hospitality Room 360-03 $ 8,500.00
- Ritual Committee 370-05
- Veterans 370-06
- Veterans Service Committee Postage 370-07
- Andy Anderson Achievement 380-01

**Total Disbursements** $ 18,033.94

**INCOME** ENF FUND 7/1/09 to 10/10/09

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ENF Monies dispensed 7/1/09 to 10/7/09:

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**Total Disbursements** $ 47,164.26

**Veterans Account:**

**Virginia Veterans Account**

SunTrust Account No 704018748 0736

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**Total** $ 3,240.00

**Disbursements July 1, 2009 to October 10, 2009**

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8/10/2009 Roy McGuire/VA Vet Care CT $  100.00  731  
9/4/2009  Roy McGuire/VA Vet Care CT $  100.00  732  
9/4/2009  Roy McGuire/VAMC Salem $  190.00  733  
9/4/2009  Melinda Angel/VAMC Hampton $  190.00  734  
9/4/2009  Guy Hall/VAMC McGuire $  180.00  735  
9/16/2009 Guy Hall/ Don Staunton 351 $  600.00  736  
10/6/2009 Roy McGuire/VA Vet Care CT $  100.00  737  
10/6/2009 Roy McGuire/VAMC Salem $  190.00  738  
10/6/2009 Melinda Angel/VAMC Hampton $  190.00  739  
10/6/2009 Guy Hall/VAMC McGuire $  180.00  740  

Total $  3,240.00  

Respectively Submitted
Horace E. Jones, Jr., PDDGER, Secretary

Treasurer’s Report: Beverly A. Hamby, Treasurer

Virginia Elks Association
Treasurer’s Report
June 7, 2009 thru October 6, 2009

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

ID #54-0716914 Virginia Elks Association Checking
Beginning Balance $ 56,876.82
Total Receipts $ 28,664.69
Total Disbursements: $(37,688.31)
Ending Balance VEA Association $47,853.20

ID #54-1978453 Virginia Disaster Relief Fund
Beginning Balance $ 16,217.15
Total Receipts $ 20.41
Total Disbursements $ .00
Ending Balance VEA Disaster Relief Fund $ 16,237.56

ID #54-0494411 Virginia Elks Youth Camp Fund
Beginning Balance $ 23,609.45
Total Receipts of Session $ 61.47
Total Disbursements $ .00
Ending Balance of Virginia Elks Youth Camp Fund $ 23,671.42

ID #54-0716914 Virginia Elks CD's
Beginning Balance $134,412.99
Total Receipts of Session $ 1,541.59
Ending Balance of VEA CD's $135,954.58

ID #54-1978453 Virginia Elks Fund
Beginning Balance $ 59,004.63
Total Receipts of Session $107,778.61
Total Disbursements: $(16,832.28)
Ending Balance Virginia Elks Fund $149,925.96

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly A. Hamby, PER
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Committee Reports

**Accident Prevention:** Darryl Myers, Chairman
No written report

**Americanism:** Donald E. Henderson, Chairman
No written report

**Audit Report:** Richard F. Stroop, Chairman
Report to be given at June meeting

Business Practices:

**Credentials:** Donald E. Netschke, Chairman
No written report

**Drug Awareness:** George D. Decatur, Chairman
No written report

Elks National Foundation, Beverly Hamby, Chairman

The VEA Elks National Foundation Committee is composed of the following District Chairmen: John Rosenberger in the North; Steve Sabin in the Southeast; Walter H. Hodges in the Southwest; and Gene McCausey in the Central.

This Committee provides ENF information to the lodges in their district to promote the purpose of our Order “Charity”. We are asking all ENF Lodge Chairmen to attend Indoctration to give a little history about what the Foundation is about, thus letting our new Members to be made aware of the good of the Order and to get them involved in a committee or two.

As General Chairman, I e-mail reports to all District Chairman, asking them to get in touch with the Lodge Chairman in their District, if they see the Lodge is not making donations, and ask if they need any help. I continue to request ENF information be put on the VEA Web site (thanks to Webmaster Susan Blair), ENF information for all Lodges so they are kept current with any new Foundation information and news.

Each District Chairman has been asked to follow-up with the Lodges in their District to discuss the need not only for the Lodge to donate but for Members to support the Foundation and answer any questions. The District Chairmen have also been asked to attend all DD Clinics to report on what the District is doing as a whole. When Lodge Officers donate to the Foundation, it shows that they are leading by example. This also gives points for the All American Lodge Contest and the other contests of the Order.

By continuing to keep membership informed of our efforts and to have the Lodges and members donate to the Foundation, they participate, for example, in the Order’s annual Most Valuable Scholarship Program in the amount of $2.2 MILLION.
Respectfully submitted, Beverly A. Hamby, chairperson

**Elks National Foundation Hardships:** Henry A. Deese, Chairman

If you have a child or grandchild, you know how costly a college education is. One of the best kept secrets at the Elks National Foundation is the Emergency Educational Grant Program. This Scholarship Program aids families of deceased or totally disabled Elks by helping their children obtain a college education. The ENF allocated over $3.64 million in 2008-2009 to fund three scholarship programs.

Last year, the Foundation helped over 100 children of Elks go to college through the EEG Program. Applicants have to be under the age of 23, attending college, and unmarried. The ENF states “Put us in touch with the family and we’ll ensure that they receive an application for assistance.”

New applications should be filed between July 1 and December 31. Renewal applications must be filed between July 1 and October 31.

Emergency Educational Grant applications may be obtained from the lodge or from the ENF Chicago office by calling 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org.

**District Chairmen:**

Southeast  Art Heyman  757-868-0917  
Central     John Geer   434-975-3924  
North      Georgianna Knotts  703-437-9221  
Southwest  Frank Barrett  540-491-9144  

Henry A. Deese, Chairman

**Elks National Home:** Ronald Plamondon, Chairman

There are currently 106 residents at the Elks National Home. At the writing of this report, there are two apartments available – a small 1-bedroom and a large 2-bedroom with den. We also have several vacancies for single occupancy in the residential section. Anyone who is interested can get full information on requirements, accommodations, and prices by checking our website at www.elkshome.org, by calling 1-800-552-4140, or e-mailing enhome@elkshome.org.

We want to remind all Virginia Elks about the annual Procedure-Protocol seminar that will be held at the Home on Sunday, March 14. We hope every lodge will be well represented. There will also be some state committee meetings on Saturday, March 13. If you are chair of one of these committees or responsible for one of the Saturday meetings, let us know as soon as possible how many to expect for your meeting and how many will be here for lunch. We need this information in advance so that we can make preparations for the correct number of people.

Anyone who hasn’t participated in the “Buy-a-Brick” program for the Home is missing a great opportunity. You can have your name, or any message, engraved on a brick that will be placed in a patio at the Home. Size 4”x8” bricks with 3 lines of text are $100.00 and 8”x8” bricks with 6 lines of text are $200.00. A portion of the cost is tax deductible. For details, call 1-800-552-4140 or e-mail enhome@elkshome.org.

We hope all Virginia Elks, and their families and friends, will take time during the Holiday Season to visit the Home to view our Christmas display. The lights will burn this year from December 11 through New Year’s Eve from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each evening.

Thank you all once again for your continued support of the Elks National Home. We depend upon the $1.00 membership assessment and, also, voluntary donations to enable us to offer this retirement community to Elk members. Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated and
may be mailed to the Elks National Home at 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523. Since we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, your gifts are tax deductible

**Elks National Veterans Service:** Donald DeLap, Chairman
No written report.

**Elks Training:** Henry A. Deese Chairman

It is that time of the year for our lodges to be scheduling Elks Training. Every lodge in the state was given two copies of the test with answer sheet at this Convention.

Thanks to the great efforts of the Vice Presidents, the District Deputies, and the Exalted Rules, we had 100% participation and we are very proud of our Association.

Virginia needs to have 100% participation again this year, **NO EXCUSES.** The list of names and office held if applicable of the Elks who took the test must be to me **before** March 1, 2010. I need to forward this list to the Grand Lodge for Virginia to be given credit due. There is no need to send me the tests.

Please start pushing the lodges in your district to get the test scheduled and completed.

Virginia State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ted Hess, was very pleased that we have had 100% participation for the last 3 years. Let's do it again!

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally,
Buddy Deese, Chairman

**Golf:** Ron Heathwole, Chairman
No written report.

**Golf Tournament Winners**
- First Place – Onancock Lodge #1766
- Second Place – Harrisonburg Lodge #45
- Third Place – Staunton Lodge #351
Proceeds from the Tournament $921.11 were donated to the Virginia Elks Veteran Committee.

**Government Relations:** Joseph Hicks, Chairman
No written report.

**Achievement Awards:** John Rosenberger, Chairman
No written report

**Hoop Shoot:** Lynn Rutherford Snow, Chairman

This has been another exciting year for the Virginia Elks Hoop Shoot. With the help of our State Sponsor Ted Hess, all four District Chairmen in Virginia came within seven lodges of having one hundred percent lodge participation. Two of our District Chairs retired at the end of our 2008-2009 Hoop Shoot, Montie Largin, Southwest and John McKinney Southeast. I am extremely grateful for their many years of service! They were replaced by Mike Kyle, Southwest and Pat Rideout, Southeast. To all Elk members who helped with your Local, District, or State contest - your impressive manner and dedication in which you have worked over the years,
help to make our Virginia Hoop Shoot a success! Thank you for supporting our Hoop Shoot in such a grand way.

My home lodge, Charlottesville Lodge # 389, is busy preparing for our State Contest which will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Twenty-seven of our lodges have named a local director. I ask that we all work together and strive for 100% participation. This past year, over ten thousand boys and girls from across Virginia participated in the Elks Free Throw Program for the 2008-2009 shooting year. They were apart of the nearly three million Hoop Shooters represented from all the other states who participated.

It has been a great year because of my mentor and our former State Director, Thomas "T" Byrd who helped guide me. Again, I am honored to serve as your State Hoop Shoot Director. With the support of my District Chairmen and all our wonderful Elk volunteers and helpers, Virginia Elks will continue to be successful in our Hoop Shoot program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Rutherford-Snow, Chairperson

Indoctrination; Ronald L. Hicks, Chairman

The State Indoctrination Committee is composed of the following District Chairmen: Frank Burns in the North District, Stephen O'Connell in the Southeast District, Pat Shelor in the Southwest District, and Bill Vincent in the Central District.

The Committee is continuing its efforts to expand the traditional scope of Indoctrination to include an "Indoctrination Process." The purpose of this "Process" is to assist our Lodges in placing their new members firmly on the road to becoming lifetime Elks.

The "Indoctrination Process", which begins when a Lodge receives the candidate's application, includes an interesting and informative orientation meeting, an impressive Initiation, and prompt follow-up by a Lodge Officer or Committee Chairman to make sure that the new member quickly returns to the Lodge to participate in their very first Lodge activity, project or program.

As General Chairman, I have e-mailed all Exalted Rulers and Secretaries asking them to focus more on the Indoctrination Process. I have also provided them with a copy of the Indoctrination Guidelines and a PowerPoint Presentation (prepared by Frank Burns) to help them with the planning of an interesting, informative and meaningful Indoctrination Program. They were asked to share this correspondence with all other Lodge Officers.

Each District Chairman has been asked to follow-up with the Lodges in their District to discuss the Indoctrination Process, review the Guidelines and answer any questions. The District Chairmen have also been asked to visit some of the Lodges in their District to actually observe an Indoctrination meeting and discuss their findings with the Lodge Officers.

By continuing our efforts to have the Lodges focus on the Indoctrination Process, we hope to achieve an even greater experience for our new Members, jump-start their career in Elkdom, and help make them true and faithful Elks.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Hicks

Internet: Susan Blair, Chairman
The VEA web site is a vehicle for posting information of interest to Elks statewide and to inform Elks from other states about the happenings of the Virginia Elks Association.

Pertinent information would include articles about Elks Programs such as:

- Elks National Foundation
- Drug Awareness
- Scholarships
- Veterans
- Hoop Shoot
- Soccer Shoot
- Youth Camp
- Youth Activities
- Convention News
- Installation of Officers & Awards

Lodge activities such as dinners, dances, cookouts, pig roasts, etc., should be covered in your local lodge bulletins and local web sites. Links are provided on the state web site to access your local newsletters and web sites, so the information should be posted there. Do not send lodge distribution e-mails to the web master covering these events. These e-mails just clog the web master's inbox and draws out the process for getting pertinent information posted to the web.

If you have an activity to raise money for one of the Elks Programs listed above, please provide an article after the fact with pictures and an article describing the event and the funds raised.

Articles should be submitted in e-mail form or as attachments using Microsoft Word, Adobe .pdf files, or Microsoft Publisher. Pictures should be submitted in .jpg format with captions including names of people or a description of the event.

If you have any questions, please contact the Susan Blair, Chairman, Internet Committee, sblair301@aol.com.

Susan Blair, Chairman

**Lodge Activities: James Estep, Chairman**

My Committee’s work began at the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Ore. where I accompanied the Exalted Rulers from all districts to tour the Grand Lodge Activities Booth and the Americanism Booth. All the ERs were encouraged to pick up the 2009-2010 GL Lodge Activities Pamphlet and various grading sheets for the different contests. Contestant brochures from the Community Service and Image Contest (Contest B), the Elks Memorial Day Contest (Contest C), and the Lodge Bulletin Contest (Contest D) were physically examined, usually with an encouraging talk from myself and a Grand Lodge Committee member who offered helpful suggestions. In addition, the All American Lodge Contest form (Contest A) was distributed. These same groups meandered to the Americanism Booth where we examined the Contest 1 (Americanism) contestant brochures, and received again helpful suggestions from GL Committee Members. We were again told that we were one of the few states that had an organized attendance at these booths.

At each of the four District Deputy Clinics this year, District Lodge Activities Chair Persons made presentations regarding the upcoming contests and GL awards. Emphasis was made towards full participation, this year, in the All American Lodge Contest; free GER Certificates and Elks Training. At the January Clinics, additional copies of Grand Lodge materials will again be distributed to the ER of each lodge. In addition, I am in the process of placing links to download copies of materials on the VEA Website.
In August, an entry form with contest rules for the VEA Subordinate Lodge Website Contest was placed on the VEA Website. The district chairs evaluated the entered websites and forwarded the district winners to me for final evaluation. I forwarded the state entry to the Grand Lodge by October 1, 2009.

In addition to attending the Grand Lodge Convention, I also attended DD Clinics in the North, Southeast and Central Districts in April and August.

We are again shooting for 100 per cent participation with Contest A – the All-American Lodge Contest. In addition, we are hoping that the number of Contest D entries will continue to rise, as well as the number of GER certificates. The District Chair Persons and I will work closely with the DD’s towards this desired ending.

I wish to thank Kitty Sandy, Linda Belch, Buster Shaner and David Biggs for their invaluable assistance in the successful operation of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Estep

**Lodge Development: Stephen T. Culbert, Chairman**

The New Lodge Committee has been very busy this year. We are planning to establish a new lodge in South Boston Virginia.

Darryl Myers is working with a group in South Boston who would like to start a new Elks Lodge in that area.

The Grand Lodge has sent us a list of stray elks in that area and we hope to get some of them interested in the new lodge.

However we are far from establishing this new lodge, this process takes a lot of work and we have had a few problems getting people together.

We still feel that as the population in the state of Virginia continues to grow, so will the number of Elks lodges grow. We are still looking at many potential locations in the state For new Elks lodges, and this year we intend to pursue them.

Some of the locations we are looking at are, Christiansburg, Franklin, Blacksburg, Luray, Woodstock, and Williamsburg.

In order to accomplish our goal we will need help in each district of the state, help made up of Past State Presidents, and Past District Deputies, along with all other interested Elks.

Establishing new lodges throughout the state is a challenge to every Elk. I would like to remind all District Deputies that they are asked to recommend a possible location in their area for a new lodge. We hope each of you has a location to suggest for our consideration.

Respectfully submitted Stephen T. Culbert,

**Membership and Lapsation: W. Frank Poole, Chairman**

The State Membership Committee is composed of the following District Chairmen: Central District G.R. Davis II, North District John M. Fairfax, Southeast District Karl G. Knobel, Southwest District David W. Biggs and Frank Poole as General Chairman.
The Committee is continuing its efforts improve the retention of our members and increasing our numbers by using follow up methods on delinquent members and trying to get more members involved in Lodge activities.

As General Chairman, I have emailed the District Chairmen and encouraged them to stress Recruitment and Retention and asked that Membership Lapsation be addressed at the District Meetings. I have asked the District Chairmen to follow up with the lodges on membership Committee activities and what they are doing to improve membership numbers trying to get their Lapsation Committees active early and continue through the year.

The elks as a organization is continuing to lose in our membership retention In Virginia we are down approximately 2.8%. We need to continue to recruit members into our organization. We also need to continue to keeping our membership involved in our lodge activities. If we can make them feel wanted and involved, and we work Lapsation all year instead of the end of the year we maybe able to turn the membership loss around.

I am pleased to report that our Area 3 Grand Membership Chairman (Steve Clarke) has been invited to make a presentation on membership at our October Convention in Virginia Beach. Hopefully he will be able to give us some additional insight to improve our membership numbers.

Respectfully submitted: W. Frank Poole, Chairman

Past Exalted Rulers Association: Daniel Toft, President
No written report.

Procedure – Protocol: Dr. Ronald Plamondon, Chairman
No written report.

Public Relations: William C. Tennis, Chairman
No written report.

Resolutions: Steve Culbert, Chairman

RESOLUTION # 1

Resolved that the Virginia Elks Association express its sincere thanks to the Elks from the South East District, their industrious committees and dedicated members for the detailed planning, warm, and gracious hospitality in making this Convention a success.

Also our deepest gratitude to the Virginia Elks Association Convention Committee for their assistance in the planning of this Fall meeting of the Virginia Elks Association.

RESOLUTION #2

Resolved that this Association express its gratitude to our Grand Lodge Sponsor the Honorable Lester C. Hess, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, for his continued support and guidance. He has contributed greatly to the success of Elkdom in the State of Virginia and has endeared himself to all Elks in this State.

We regret that his lovely wife Becky could not be with at this Convention. We all truly miss her presence.
RESOLUTION #3

Resolve that the Virginia Elks Association express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Virginia North District Honor Guard. For the outstanding job they did at the Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon, and at our Virginia Conventions.

They were very impressive each day as they presented the colors at the opening of the business session. All Virginia Elks should be proud of this dedicated group of Elks.

RESOLUTION #4

Resolve that this Association extend its sincere gratitude to G. Stephen Clarke and his lovely wife Joyce for honoring us with their attendance at this convention.

Their friendliness has added greatly to the success of this Fall meeting of the Virginia Elks Association. We wish them good health and Happiness in the coming year and hope they will visit us again soon.

RESOLUTION #5

Resolve that this Association express its appreciation to Randolph B. Ho11ey, President of the West Virginia Elks Association and his lovely wife Mary Ann, for their attendance at this Fall Meeting. Their participation has contributed much to the enjoyment of this convention.

RESOLUTION #6

Resolve that this association express its appreciation to the Honorable Ronald L. Hicks, President of the Virginia Elks Association for his progressive and efficient administration of this association. For the excellent manner in which he has conducted this Fall Convention. And to his lovely wife Nancy for all her hard work as our first lady.

RESOLUTION #7

Resolve that the members of the Virginia Elks Association remember with great regret and sympathy the loss of our loyal member, Dedicated Elk and Dear friend, Robert L. Pannell.

Brother Bob was initiated into the Clifton Forge Elks Lodge #1065 on February 24, 1955. He served his lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1965-66. Bob also served his Lodge as Secretary for many years.

Bob was appointed District Deputy by the Grand Lodge in 1972-73 and was elected State president for the year 1978-79. Bob also served on many State Committees, New Lodge, Ritualistic and National Elks Home Visiting Committees. Be it further resolved that we express our deep sense of loss and heart felt sympathy to his family and that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Virginia Elks Association and that a copy be sent to his family.

RESOLUTION #8

Resolve that the members of the Virginia Elks Association remember with great sympathy and regret, the loss of our loyal member and dedicated Elk, James E. Harlow a member of Staunton Elks Lodge # 3 51.

Jim was a very active Elk, he served as Exalted Ruler of his Lodge in1985-86 and again in 1996-97
Jim was very active in the State Association, serving on the Elks National Foundation, Rose Bowl Float and the Elks National Home visiting committees.

Jim was appointed District Deputy in 1988-89 by the Grand Lodge and he served with great distinction. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Be it further resolved that we express our deep sense of loss and heartfelt sympathy to his family and that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Virginia Elks Association and that a copy be sent to his family.

RESOLUTION #9

Resolved that this association keep PSP Dave Rogers in their prayers, Dave is in very bad health.

I talked to his wife Alene and she said that Dave is suffering from advanced Dementia and Diabetes. Dave spends most of his time in bed or in a wheelchair, he does not even recognize Alene.

RESOLUTION #10

Resolved that this association express its thanks to: Timothy Knotts, Daniel Toft, Beverly McMurty, Richard Stroop and Martin Robinson For the judging of the 11:00 Toast Contest. Their expert and unbiased judgment has contributed much to the success of this contest.

RESOLUTION #11

Resolve that the Virginia Elks Association and its (31) lodges continue to pledge their full support of our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to the President of the United States of America in the war to eliminate Terrorism throughout the World.

MOTION, To accept these Resolutions, seconded and carried

Stephen T. Culbert, Chairman, R. Steve Nelson, Donald E. Netschke

Ritualistic: Donald E. Kidd, Jr. Chairman
No written report

Scholarship: Dr. Robert Hinkle, Chairman

Virginia Elks Youth Camp
The camp had a very good attendance considering that the dues were raised from $125 dollars to $150 dollars. I want to thank each lodge that sent children and also to the 7 who sent above their quota.

The ACA inspector on his first visit marked quite a few things that we needed to do before camp started. Susie, our Director of Camp and Mike, the Camp Ranger immediately got started. Some of the things were just little but we found out that we needed a person age 21 to work the waterfront. Well we had a person but she was 20. Couldn't use her. Next we didn't have anyone qualified for the canoes so
couldn't use them. Then we couldn't find an EMT locally, so we got a CNA, but then we had to have a Doctor or an RN to come and review her work. Everything got done and the only thing that happened for the girls is that one cut her foot and had to get 5 stitches. On Wednesday, the last week of the boys the drain in the East bathhouse got clogged. Susie and Mike need to be applauded for coming up with other things for the children to do and for keeping everything going.

We still have 5 lodges who have not or will not support the camp by sending children or by sending their quota of funds. We have to count their quota also because they are still members. Each year that means that there are children who are not getting to enjoy the outdoors and all the fun. Also, we the camp have been losing at least $10,000.00 dollars or more every year. How would you like to depend on that amount of money to pay for one of your bills? If this continues, I think you are smart enough to know what is going to happen. The Executive Board can only make suggestions so my hope is that this Executive Board and the State Trustee's can come up with a solution to this problem before next camping season.

The tongue is a mighty sword. It can cause havoc anywhere or anytime. There are those of you who think or feel that the camp has a lot of money and why should you keep donating. Let me inform you that that is not true. The pool funds were raised by the Ways and Means Committee which is appointed by the State Trustee's. Therefore, that money is in their account with our name on the account and they have the say on how the funds are spent. This year the Ways & Means Committee has committed to raising at least $5,000.00 or more toward our budget. When Joyce stands up here and gives her report I can assure you that is all we have anywhere in our accounts. If you ever have any questions about the camp, please ask a Board member of the camp rather than just assuming that the information you heard is correct.

I was requested by the State Trustee's to gather 3 estimates for the guttering on the dinning hall, Ranger's house and garage, gravel for the road around the camp, and also, for the hot water heater which is needed for our new dishwasher. This project was put into the hands of the 1st Vice President, Maintenance Director and the Camp Ranger. When I received all of the estimates I mailed them to the State President and the 5 State Trustees'

Finally, I want to thank Bob Higham and Don Netschke for suggesting that I run for the office of 4th Vice President. I will treasure this experience for a long time. My only regret is that we could not make it handicapped accessible but at least we tried. Thanks to my Executive Board, there were times when we disagreed but still remained good friends because this was not about us but the good of the children and the camp.

Jay, I wish nothing but the best for you and your Executive Board. I will always be there if you need me. Just remember to have patience.

Good bye's are hard so I won't say that. I have every intention of being involved with the camp somewhere or anywhere that they may need help. Even in the kitchen.

God Bless each and everyone for your help and kind words and thanks for the memories.

Respectively Submitted,
Margaret R. Sandy, President

**Virginia Hospitality Room:** Henry A. Deese, PSP

The National Convention was held in Portland, Oregon, from July 5 through 9, 2009. Virginia Elks stayed in the LaQuinta Inn just down the street from the Convention Center which was very convenient.

Each district was designated one day to help with the food preparations, bar tending, cleaning up, etc. Monday afternoon was designated as Virginia Elks and guests only.

The help and support Bobbie and I received during this week was overwhelming. There were people in the room all day and night preparing food, bartending, cleaning up, and of course, being gracious hosts. We appreciated all of this help from everyone more than words can express. We wouldn’t have had a successful room without them.

The room was busy all the time. We had wonderful accommodations and the room was spacious. The hotel staff was always available for our needs. Even the weather cooperated beautifully which was very unusual for Portland.

Ted Hess and VEA President Ron Hicks and his wife Nancy were able to stop by for a visit.

The expense report was filed with Horace Jones, VEA Secretary.

I was happy to act as Chairman when asked to do so by Jimmy Powell, 1st Vice President.

Respectfully submitted, Buddy Deese, Acting Chairman

**VA State Convention Committee:** Henry A. Deese, Chairman
No Written Report

**Youth Camp Liaison:** Timothy Knotts, Chairman
No Report

**Youth Camp Maintenance:** Raymond Shaner, Chairman

The Virginia Elks Youth Camp in appearance is at the top. Due to the many volunteers this spring and the continued hard work of our Camp Ranger Mike Journell. But appearances are not all they seem. There are problems with the 50 plus year old drainage system from the north bath house. A continuing drainage situation at the dining hall and the camp roads which have started to become pot holes due to the lack of gravel.

These are not insurmountable problems but, do require attention as well as funding to correct.

The name VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP would indicate it was a camp for all the Virginia Elks youth. No so! There are some Elks Lodges who do not and have not supported the camp for years. This is WRONG!! All lodges should give 100% to the development of their youth threw their support of the Youth Camp. As with all decisions that are made not all get 100% support. That is human nature. But once a decision is made by the majority all should support that decision,. The wisdom of past Elks leaders for the creation of the Youth Camp should continue today with all Elks Lodges giving their 100% support.

I have the utmost respect for the Youth Camp Executive Committee and praise for the President "Kitty" Margaret Sandy and her active Vice Presidents who have given unselfishly to the camp It is time ALL LODGES DID THE SAME.
Respectfully Submitted

Raymond Shaner, Chairman

**Youth Camp Ways and Means:** Timothy Frank, Chairman

The VEYC 2009 Budget called for the VEA Ways & Means Committee to raise $5000 for the fiscal year 2009. To accomplish that goal, the W&M Committee held several fund raisers including:

- The Quilt Raffle - raised $1404.00
  Previously submitted to the camp treasurer

- Raffle of 1 Jim beam Commemorative Elks bottle at Protocol - raised $270.00
  Previously submitted to the camp treasurer

- Sale of VEYC pins - raised $250.00
  Previously submitted to the camp treasurer

- Raffles of 2 Jim Beam Commemorative Elks bottles in Lynchburg - $322.00
  Previously submitted to VEA Treasurer

- Calendar Raffle (July/Aug/Sept) - raised $2961.09

- Labor Day Reverse Raffle - raised $4241.53
  Total raised from Calendar & Reverse Raffle $7202.62
  Of which a check for $7000.00 will be submitted at this convention, leaving $202.62 in the account to begin the next fundraiser.

To Recap, the funds submitted in 2009 to the VEYC from Ways & Means YTD is $9246.00, exceeding our $5000 goal.

I want to thank every lodge and individual Elk that supported our State Major Project by participating in our fundraisers. And extend a special thanks to the Richmond Lodge for the doing all of the cooking at the Labor Day Reverse Raffle party.

Finally, I’d like to introduce and thank my 2009 VEA Ways & Means Committee District Chairmen for their help during the year:

- Southwest District – Bonnie Journell
- Southeast District – Erec Janowski
- North District – Tammy Symons
- Central District – Faye Willard, who organized & managed both the Calendar Raffle & Labor Day Reverse Raffle, which accounted for the majority of the funds raised this year.

Respectfully Submitted, Tim Frank, Chairman

**Youth Leadership and Activities:** James L. Chitwood, Chairman

With the start of the new school year, all Elks Lodges across the state of Virginia should be planning and carrying out their Youth Activities program. The program should include Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Scholarships, Americanism Essay, Scouting, Youth volunteers for Veterans, Dictionary, Junior Golf and Best Student Certificates. Plus any youth related programs that your Lodge implements. These programs and
the funds, Elk hours and mileage used to complete the programs should be recorded in the 2009-2010 Charity Record Book.

Each Lodge should make a Youth Activities Brochure or scrapbook presenting their Lodge’s Youth Activities with descriptions and pictures. The Youth Brochure is an excellent tool for many reasons. It recognizes the hard working members of your Lodge. It shows prospective members the programs that your Lodge is involved in and the many principals of Elkdom. Appoint a Lodge photographer to take your pictures and document your youth events. These photos can also be used as a great public relation tool to promote Elks. These Brochures should be turned into your District Youth Chairman by March 1 to be graded and then the state winners will be sent to the Grand Lodge competition.

The Dictionary Program is one of the newest programs to touch children and to encourage them to learn. For as little as $1.25 to $2.00 you can present each student, their own dictionary. The computer links are on the Grand Lodge website elks.org for Dictionary Program information.

Lodges should inform themselves with the programs of the Youth Activities Manual. The manual is a tool that will help each Lodge plan yearlong programs for the young people of their community. Your Lodge’s investment in the youth of your community is very important. The Elks showing concern for the welfare of youth make youth more productive citizens. The making of productive citizens benefits your community as a whole and helps the Elks gain respect and recognition.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Chitwood, Chairman

Guest Speaker: Betty Bowman, Director, VA Gaming Commission

Ms Green gave a presentation on the Virginia Gaming Laws and how that relate to BINGO and Pull Tabs in Virginia Lodges. She emphasized what Lodges can and can’t do. Tape of her lecture is on file with the State Secretary.

Guest Speaker: G. Steven Clarke – Chairman, GL Membership Committee

Mr. Clark gave a power point presentation on Elks membership trends on the past, present and future. Nation membership in the Order has slowed down but still declining. He emphasized the need for Lodges to take a serious look at their Membership Committee’s and initiate new ways to recruit new members, especially young members. The tape of his lecture is on file with the Secretary.

Election of 2010-2011 Officers:

- **President**
  *James M. Powell,* was nominated for the office of President for the year 2010-2011 by *John Curren, PSP* The motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of First Vice President be closed.

- **First Vice President**
  *Timothy E. Knotts,* was nominated for the office of First Vice President for the year 2010-2011 by *Dr Ronald L. Plamondon* The motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of First Vice President be closed.

- **Second Vice President**
  *Darryl Myers,* was nominated for the office of Second Vice President for the year 2010-2011, by *R. Pat Shelor, PSP.* The motion was seconded and hearing no other
nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of Second Vice President be closed.

- **Third Vice President**
  Richard Stroop was nominated for the office of Third Vice President for the year 2010-2011, by Page Sencindiver, PSP. The motion was seconded. and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of Fourth Vice President be closed.

- **Fourth Vice President**
  Linda Belch was nominated for the office of Fourth Vice President for the year 2010-2011 by Benard Koferia, PSP. The motion was seconded.

  Beverly Hamby was nominated for the office of Fourth Vice President for the year 2010-2011 by William C. Tennis, PSP. The motion was seconded.

- **Secretary**
  Horace E. Jones, Jr. was nominated for the office of Secretary for the year 2010-2011, by Richard Nelson PSP. The motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of Secretary be closed.

- **Treasurer**
  Karen DeLap was nominated for the office of Treasurer for the year 2010-2011 by Henry A. Deese, PSP. The motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of Treasurer be closed.

- **Five Year Trustee**
  Ronald L. Hicks, was nominated for the office of 5 year Trustee for the year 2010-2011 by Joseph E. Hicks. This motion was seconded and hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made seconded and carried that the nominations for the office of 5 year Trustee be closed.

- **Unanimous Ballots**
  A motion was made that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot, for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer, and Five Year Trustee. The motion was seconded and passed.

  Secretary, Horace E. Jones, Jr. cast the unanimous ballot for the office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer, and Five year Trustee.

  A motion was made that the Treasurer cast a unanimous ballot for the office of Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed.

  Treasurer, Beverly A. Hamby cast the unanimous ballot for the office of Secretary.

  **Elections Committee**
  President Hicks appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of Donald E. Netschke, Jr. Chairman, Daniel Toft, James Estep, Michael A. Korb and Darryl Myers.

  The committee was instructed to pass out the ballots to qualified delegates, They are to collect the ballots, count the votes and report the election winner later in the meeting.
Report of Elections Committee: Don Netschke, Chairman

- **Treasurer:** The winner was Karen Bundy Delap
- **Fourth Vice President:** The winner was Beverly Hamby

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried

Invocation: Beverly McMurty

Meeting Adjourned. At 11:55 A.M.