

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lester C. Ted Hess Jr., President Ashley Martin, and members all:

First of all I would like to once again thank President Ashley for allowing me the opportunity to serve the West Virginia Elks Association as Chairman of the State Officer/Citizen of the Year Program. I would like to thank my Committee. If you are present please stand and be recognized, and please hold your applause until all introductions are complete. Assistant Chairman Robert Sult, PER Wellsburg Lodge #1553, Dave Schlarb, PER Parkersburg Lodge #198, Wayne Hovermale PER Martinsburg Lodge #778, David Westfall, PDD Princeton Lodge #1459, and our Advisor Harold "Happy" Pancake, PSP Sistersville Lodge #333. These gentlemen and myself worked together to make the selections for District and State Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year. I received nominations from Lodges and sent out information to them and they made their selections. This year we had a total of 16 Lodges participate in the State Officer of the Year Program, and 15 Lodges participate in the State Citizen of the Year Program. Next year I want to see 22 Lodges participate in both programs. Every Lodge has one Officer who was your right hand and was always at your beckoned call. And every Lodge has one Citizen in their community who has worked diligently to make your community a better community. And remember that the Citizen of the Year does not have to be an Elk. Lodges please recognize these people because they deserve it.

President Ashley please assist me in presenting the District Officer of the Year Awards  
North-  
Central-  
South-

The State Officer of the Year will be awarded at the Saturday night dinner

President Ashley please also assist me in presenting the District Citizen of the Year Awards

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Central-  
South-

The State Citizen of the Year will be awarded at the Saturday night dinner.

Respectivley Submitted,  
Mark E. Olexick  
Chairman West Virginia State Officer/Citizen of the Year Program