

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

First of all I would like to thank President Ashley for allowing me the opportunity to serve the West Virginia Elks Association as Chairman of the State Elk of the Year Program. Second of all 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 Lester "Buck" Verner, PDD, Per, presently Exalted Ruler Wellsburg Lodge #1553, Fred Moler, PDD Martinsburg Lodge #778, Ernie New, PER Williamson Lodge #1408, Gene Chute, PDD Sistersville Lodge #333, Randy Holley VP South Hinton Lodge #821, Advisor Joseph J. Cionni Sr. PSP Wellsburg Lodge #1553. Let me tell you that I could not have done it without these gentleman, I recieved nominations from the Lodges and sent out the information to them and they made their selections. This Year we had 15 Lodges particapate in this program, n! ext year I want to see 22 Lodges participate. Every Lodge has at least one Elk who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Exalted Rulers please see that your Elk of the Year Committee recognizes them because they deserve it. They are your Lodge's Most Valuable Player.

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

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

Respectivley Submitted,
Mark E. Olexick
Chairman West Virginia State Elk of the Year Program