

# **WEST VIRGINIA ELKS ASSOCIATION**

## **Past State Presidents Advisory Board**

August 13, 2010

Mr. President, Delegates and Guests; Your Advisory Committee consisting of the Past State Presidents of the association met yesterday, May 12, 2010 at 3:30 PM here at the Holiday Inn in Weirton, WV. We had eighteen (18) Past State Presidents in attendance. We expect three more to arrive later which should give us a total of twenty one (21) in attendance at this convention. Also attending were George Olsen, President of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association, our own State President Vince Gurrera and our special guest Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith of Plant City, Florida Lodge No. 1727.

We were saddened by the passing of Past State President David G. Martens of Princeton Lodge No. 1459 since our last meeting in early May. On the happier side, we noted the presence at our meeting yesterday of Past State President W. C. "Dusty" DeWeese from Morgantown Lodge No. 411 who recently celebrated his 90<sup>TH</sup> birthday. Congratulations Dusty and we hope you have many more in your future.

The board heard reports concerning membership, our State Major Project and future convention plans and proposed sites. President Vince Gurrera presented a comprehensive report regarding the State of our Association and his activities during the past three months since his installation. It was noted that our committee will again meet this coming November at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV for our second annual retreat.

At this time we have no recommendations to pass on to the delegates at this meeting. Mr. President, this concludes our report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman