

## **WV Elks Ritualistic Report Mid-Year 2010**

At this time I would like to recognize the members of our State Ritual Committee and our Certified Ritual Judges:

From Sistersville Lodge #333,  
Our advisor, **Don Stokes, PSP**  
**Bill Lambert, PSP** from Grafton Lodge #308,  
**Harry Palu, PER** and **Carl Mooney, PDD**, from Huntington Lodge #313,  
**Bill Sutphin, PDD** from Beckley Lodge #1452,  
**PM Carper, Jr., PSP**, and **Steve Janney, PER**,  
from Charleston Lodge #202, and our newest certified Judge,  
**Jim McIntyre, PDD**, from Sistersville

Since the last State convention in May, we had the opportunity to send Carl Mooney to Grand Lodge as a Word Judge.

As you are certainly aware, Sistersville Lodge #333 represented WV at the Grand Lodge Ritual contest in Orlando, Florida. This year their score was **96.2179**. This was even higher than their previous high score of **95.9981** at last year's contest.. They finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the East and 10<sup>th</sup> overall. The final four teams were, in order of finish:

**1st place Artesia, NM #1717 – 98.152**  
**2nd place: Kenton, OH #157 – 97.638**  
**3rd place: Bradenton, FL #1511 – 97.5417**  
**4th place: Houston, TX #151 – 97.383**

### **Announcements:**

Our Committee will be holding our Officers and Coaches Clinic later this year. The date and site are yet to be determined. The State Ritual Contest is tentatively scheduled for March 4 and 5, 2011, in the Central District. As a reminder, to host a contest, the host lodge **MUST** participate.

Saturday afternoon, the Committee will conduct the Eleven O'clock Toast Contest. All Exalted Rulers, Esteemed Leading Knights and all Past Exalted Rulers are invited to participate in this contest. All Elks and their families are invited to attend the contest. The "Toast" we will be using is the one from the Ritual of Initiation and will be judged on word accuracy, pronunciation, and impressiveness. A signup sheet is at our registration desk. The winner will be performing the Eleven O'clock Toast Saturday evening.

In addition, this year we will again be conducting "The Tribute to the Flag Contest". Details of both of these contests were emailed to all of the Lodges. This is open to **all Elks**, not just Exalted Rulers, Past Exalted Rulers, and Leading Knights. This Contest will be judged on Accuracy, Deportment, Pronunciation and Impressiveness. Again this year, for both contests, trophies for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded. Also, there is a traveling Trophy, which the winner will have engraved with their name. Again, thanks to our Committee Advisor, Don Stokes, PSP, for donating this trophy.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bailes, PSP, Chairman  
State Ritual Committee