

Teen of the Year Final Report 2010-2011

The Teen of the Year Committee met in Morgantown at Lodge #411 during the Month of July to complete this years grading of the State qualifiers for the Teen and Jr. Teen of the Year. Before going any further with this report I would be remiss if I did not pause to thank Sister Clydene Mason, Brother John Penn PDDGER, ER Herbert Haines and the Morgantown Lodge for their kindness, hospility and of course the luncheon that they provided for the Committee after the judging of the Brochures was completed. During the State Committee Meeting one major change was addressed as per the scoring of the presentation of the brochures. This will be one of the focal points discussed by the committee at your up coming District Deputy Clinics.

This year 9 of our 22 Lodges in the State Association competed in this most worthwhile program. This was an increase of 3 Lodges from the 2009-2010 contest years. Although our participation was not at the level that we had hoped, the Lodges that did participate did not disappoint. It was indeed a pleasure to see and read of the great works that the young people of our communities are involved with not only academically but also in their extra-curricular pursuits.

Judging between our participants was extremely close this year, with our winners all being within just a few points of each other. For this I would like to thank the Lodge

Chairpersons from each Lodge for an outstanding job. It is your hard work and assistance to the youth of our communities, which makes my job a pleasure to perform.

On Saturday of this convention our State winners and their families will be in attendance for the awards ceremony. I would ask each of you to take the time to stop and talk with our future movers and shakers, these young people are something to behold and in time will make active Elks. Also please take the time to look at their winning brochures and gain ideas to take back to the chairperson of your lodge's scholarship committee.

The packet of information that each Lodge received prior to the start of the session has a wealth of information concerning implementation, scoring, and media releases. Please, look over the packet with your chairperson before the upcoming clinics. If you have questions or concerns voice them to me this weekend or at the upcoming District Deputies Clinics. Remember, the members of this committee are here to assist each of their respective Districts in any way that they can.

Those Lodges who participated this past year, the committee challenges you to strive to get one more student and one more Elk involved in the coming year, from what I can discern your programs are in good shape adding to them can only make them stronger. Those Lodges who did not participate (stern gaze :) please try to have your chairperson attend the upcoming DD Clinics. My intention is to be at all three of the fall Clinics to give a presentation on how to make this program a reality in your Lodges on a tight budget. Enclosed in your packet I have placed an outline of what I intend to discuss at your clinic. Look over it and if you have any questions on any part of this program write them down and I will do my best to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

In closing this report allow me to reiterate this committee's willingness to do whatever it can to make your Lodge program a successful venture for both the young people you are going to honor and the communities for which you are all apart. It is now

my honor to introduce our District Co-Chairpersons representing the Central District
Clydene Mason from Morgantown “almost heaven” #411 and Brother Shane Kisner
PDDGER from St. Marys #1701

Mister President this concludes the report of the 2010 -2011 Teen of the Year Committee.

Co Chair North Shane Kisner St. Mary’s Lodge #1701

Co Chair Central Clydene Mason Morgantown Lodge #411

Co Chair South to be named at a later date

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Bill Verelst Jr., PER

Chairman