

# Virginia Elks Association News

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## Americanism Notes

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### **A NEW BEGINNING!**

This month I have the honor of becoming the State Chairman of the "ELKS AMERICANISM COMMITTEE." This is an honor that I do not take lightly. One of my first goals will be to ensure that each Lodge appoints an AMERICANISM COMMITTEE. Each Lodge Committee should consist of at least the Chairperson and two members. To ensure success of this goal, I shall rely on the District Chairs for assistance.

On May 25th I sent a letter to each Lodge Exalted Ruler requesting that they ensure that an Americanism Committee Chair has been appointed and that they inform me of the appointment. I would love to announce at the June Convention that all Lodges have made their appointment

**Robert Ward, Chairman**

### **MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

Each month I shall endeavor to suggest themes for the coming month. EXAMPLE! In April and May I would have made note of the following possible Americanism Themes for June.

- \* Flag Day 06/14/1777
- \* US Army is established 06/14/1775
- \* Battle of Bunker Hill 06/17/1775
- \* G. Washington appointed Army Commander 06/15/1775
- \* Pledge of Allegiance 06/22/1942
- \* Father's Day 06/15/----

I will ask each Lodge to send me a copy of the program outline for each event that is held.

**Email Addresses:** District and Lodge Chairs, I am trying to improve on the way we communicate with all of our members. Please send me your current email address for the database. Please send your address to [rosesreward@comcast.net](mailto:rosesreward@comcast.net). Your help is appreciated. By using Email to communicate we can save .45 per communication.

### **Public Service Announcements**

#### **CAMPER FEES ARE PAST DUE !**

Just a reminder! Camper fees are due prior to the start of the camp season. If you have not sent in your Camper Fees for this year, PLEASE do so now. Thank you.

### **A GREAT AMERICAN ONCE SAID.**

The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

### **VEYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The Board of Directors will meet at the regularly scheduled meeting of June 15th at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, Falls Church VA. Time and room number to be announced.

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

**SEND A KID TO CAMP!**