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Dear Glenn,

I want to thank you on behalf of the SC Elks Association State Major Project Alzheimer's Committee and all the Lodges Alzheimer's Committees my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to publish our articles.

Please publish in the December 2007 Elk Life Edition the following article:

“Elks Working For Those Who Cannot Remember”

The SC Elks Association officially adopted Alzheimer's as its State Major Project in 1997 by SC Elks Association President Deerwood “Woody” Aydlette. The Charleston Lodge chartered its State Major Project Alzheimer's Committee in 1995 by Exalted Ruler Michael Stephans. Teddy Pettersen, PER and Buddy Sirisky, PER were appointed the Charter Co-Chairmen at that time. The Elks “Perpetual Trust” and State Major Project Pin that portrays “Rodin's Thinker” with the inscription “Elks Working For Those Who Cannot Remember” was designed by Teddy Pettersen, PER. One significant aspect of the SC Elks State Major Project is that it is among the few if not only State Major Project dedicated to Senior Citizens in the Grand Lodge.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the Alzheimer's work is the opportunity to provide help to the community and especially to the Elks when they need help. I can attest to many phone calls from Elks members needing help on where to go for assistance when a family member or loved one discovers having a problem.

The SC Elks State Major Project primarily supports The Alzheimer's Association – South Carolina Chapter, in the area of Respite Care for Care Givers. Just recently I received a call from Past State President Bill Borchert of the Greenville lodge who sent me an email inquiring for help for a friend in his lodge with Alzheimer's. I immediately forwarded the e-mail to the

Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Chapter, Cindy Alewine. The following e-mail was sent to Bill Borchert by Ms. Alewine:

“Hi. Buddy:

Thanks for the referral. I sent the following message to Bill. I hope that he will get in touch with us.”

“Hi Bill,

Buddy forwarded your e-mail to me and I am glad that he did. We have a lot of support and services available to your (Elk) brother and to your entire family. I understand that you are in Greenville. The phone number of our Greenville Area Office is 864-250-0029. The staff in that office are Marjorie George and Michelle Edwards. We have respite care, support groups, care consultations and helpline, a great amount of educational materials, etc. We are here to support you and your family in any way possible. Please call our Greenville office or feel free to contact me at the number below. I look forward to helping. We appreciate all the Elks do for the Alzheimer's Association in South Carolina.

Thanks.

Cindy”

Charles “Buddy” Sirisky PER

Chairman, SC Elks State Major project, Alzheimer's Committee