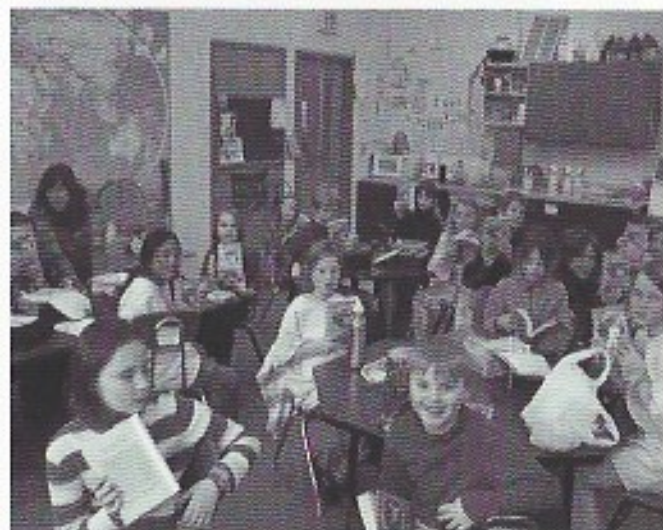




and the
**Dictionary
Project**

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Mary French of Charleston, SC. The sole mission of this nonprofit organization - which we, as Elks share - is to distribute dictionaries to as many 3rd graders as possible in the 50 United States and our environs. In 1999, 10,295 dictionaries were distributed. Varying service clubs were the main thrust of sponsorship. In the 2004-2005 Lodge year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks became involved. Dictionaries have been distributed in every State of the Union, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



We hope every Elks Lodge in America and our environs will help in this project.

The Dictionary Project

Consider these motivations for your Lodge to become involved. **It is:**

- ◆ A wonderful literacy project;
- ◆ An opportunity to be involved in a hands-on project that does not involve a great deal of time;
- ◆ Relatively inexpensive;
- ◆ An opener of doors into the schools of your community, paving the way for other youth projects — scholarships, essay contests, sponsorship of scouting, an Antlers Programs, etc.;
- ◆ Lends itself to media coverage, to let the community know of the good works you do, of your concern for our Nation's young people;

We are very proud of the many things Elks do for our nation's youth and this program further exemplifies our motto.....

Elks Care - Elks Share

Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee

A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool that a child may own. Its usefulness goes beyond the spelling, pronunciation, and definitions it lists; it is a companion for solving problems that arise as a child develops his or her reading, writing, and creative thinking abilities. Students benefit from an increase in self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the maxim. *"look it up."*

A STUDENT'S DICTIONARY, contains much valuable information. This one contains, in addition to the dictionary, for example a Table of Weights and Measures, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Maps of Seven Continents, Information on the Fifty States, Biographies of the 43 U.S. presidents, facts about the Solar System as well as several factual sections.

Most schools today have to struggle with rising day-to-day operating costs and are not financially able to provide dictionaries to individual students.

We hope every Elks Lodge in our environs will help in this united effort.

For order forms and pricing information, please contact the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Member in charge of the Dictionary Project.

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