

## **2019 Tri-State Association Brother Elk of the Year**

**PSP James D. Chester, Sr.**

**Dorchester Lodge #224**



James D. Chester Sr. affectionately known as "Darnell" was born on July 31<sup>st</sup> in Cambridge, Maryland to Maxine Stanley and the late James F. Chester. He is the fourth child of six. He was educated in the Dorchester County Public Schools Systems and graduated in 1976 from Cambridge Sr. High School.

After graduation, Brother Chester joined the United States Army and retired in December 1996 as an Apache Helicopter Inspector after 20 years of service. During his military career, Brother Chester traveled intensely and received numerous Certifications and Military Awards. James attended and proudly graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics. He was a Leader who embraced the principles of servant leadership of developing other Soldiers and building a hard-working and trusting Team that together they earned respect and achieved positive results.

After retirement, Brother Chester relocated to Prince George's County and is currently employed at the Maryland State Department of Education Division of Early Childhood Education Office of Child Care as a Child Care Licensing Supervisor. In April 1997, Brother Chester joined Dorchester Lodge # 223 in Cambridge, Maryland and has held various positions. In the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order Elks of the World, Brother Chester holds the positions of Assistance Grand Lodge Inspector and Grand Lodge Chaperone. He is also a member of the Grand Lodge Education Department and Grand Lodge Beauty & Talent Department. In the mighty Tri -State Association, Brother Chester currently holds the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Director of Beauty & Talent Department, and District Deputy for Ancient City #175, Annapolis Maryland, Montgomery Lodge #347, Rockville, Maryland and Mountain City Lodge # 382, Frederick, Maryland. Additionally, Brother Chester is a member of Past Exalted Rulers Council #76 and Tri-State Cavaliers.

During his leisure time, Brother Chester's shares his leadership skills in his social settings as he serves as the Commander of American Legion Cook Pinkney Post 141 in Annapolis Maryland, President of Ravens Roost #35 of Annapolis Maryland, Past President of Cedar Meadows Rod & Gun Club in Cambridge, Maryland and a member of Masonic Lodge #50 Pride of Cambridge.

James have been married for 21 wonderful years to Sharon and has two children, James D. Chester Jr. and Jer'mell D. Chester, three grandchildren Tanidria, Robyn and James D. Chester III, James enjoys collecting and rebuilding historic cars, watching old western movies, football, basketball, and inventing useful household gadgets

Brother Chester stands tall as a man of service who consistently shares his time and talent with his family, friends and community.

**2019 Tri-State Association Daughter Elk of the Year**

**PSP Linda Herbert**

**Zorah Elliott Temple #717**



Linda M Herbert was born November 3, 1963 to the late Elizabeth Perry and Francis Herbert. She graduated from Carver Vocational High School in 1980. She is the youngest daughter of eleven siblings and Mother of two beautiful children, Tara Herbert and Kevin Smith. Also grandmother of six grandsons and one beautiful granddaughter. In addition to those, she raises two nieces and two great nephews. She began living her dream with her children in 1983.

Daughter Herbert joined Zorah Elliott Temple #717, IBPOEW, Inc. on November 19, 2016. She currently serves as Assistant Daughter Ruler. She has received numerous awards; Frances Royster Award in May 2017 and Zorah Elliott Temple's Daughter of the Year in June 2018. She has chaired various committees for her Temple; New Daughter Dance in February 2017, 70's & 80's Party in July 2017 and Annual Jazz Show in March 2018 and March 2019, Co-Chair for Daughters Annual Bull Roast in October 2018, and held Toy Drive for 100 families in December 2018.

She joined Peace and Harmony Council in June 2017 and currently serves as Loyal Vice Daughter Ruler.

Daughter Herbert is a member of the Tri-State Association, DOE and currently serves as the State Conductress. She received her Past State President Honors through the Athletic Department in June 2018. She also reigns as the Tri-State Queen and is a member of the Queen Department. She Co-chaired Tri State Black History Program and Tri State Basketball Tournament.

She is also the President of Mix Company Motorcycle Club

When people tell her she is too busy, she replies that "**She CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS HER**". Her hobbies are helping people and dancing

She is very thankful to Daughter State President Bettie L Weems for this splendid honor, 2019 Daughter Elk of Year,