



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



APRIL 2026

Towson Elkdom and Friends...

“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.” – Jack Handy

Let's start with introductions.

As many know, my name is Will Hill and I am the new Exalted Ruler for Towson Elks Lodge 469. I would like to start this letter with an acknowledgment and a debt of gratitude for our newest Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Andy Stilling. I am about to fill some pretty big shoes in terms of leadership. It was my privilege to serve as Andy's Leading Knight and observe his balanced leadership, depth of knowledge and genuine incredible demeanor as a human and friend. Our lodge was privileged to have his steady leadership as he navigated a plethora of Elk personalities. I am genuinely grateful to Andy Stilling.

We're in this together.

As we open a new Elk year this April, I like to reflect on where we are and how we can build on what we do best. As Elks, we are at our best when we act in our daily lives with Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love. Our membership is diverse and talented with experience in nearly every facet of professional life. We are best when we come together, pool and utilize our diverse talents to enhance the lodge. Our charitable giving is incredible. Our lodge activities - like the annual golf outing and other activities - feed our 501C3 because we have dedicated members who believe that what we are doing is a force for good in our communities. This is why I am a member of the Towson Elks 469. I met people who I genuinely enjoy and they brought me into our lodge and I stayed – because I believe what we do is important and good. Our youth activities, lodge activities, veterans committee, trustees, PERs, and chairs work together to make sure our lodge is the best home for those who wander and want to belong.

I have had many members come to me with ideas for growth or business outreach or ideas for improvements or grants or ideas for ways to generate more revenue. My attitude is the following, **how can we say yes.** Let's grow more. Let's get more people involved. Let's disperse our knowledge and expertise to our fellow Elks and community. **Let's be the best version of ourselves to help those around us be the best version of themselves.** I believe no idea is a bad idea (at least until proven otherwise). All ideas are on the table to improve the lodge and our membership and the good work we do. So, to our newest members – get involved – what you do matters. To all members - come to me with your ideas, you will find them welcome. We're all in this together and the work we do for the lodge is important and it is good work and worthy of all our efforts.

Will Hill

Exalted Ruler



LODGE OFFICERS 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler	Will Hill	443-622-9963
Leading Knight	Michelle Marzullo	410-913-9099
Loyal Knight	Alex Lemaire	410-935-0219
Lecturing Knight	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Secretary	Sean Brown	443-865-1304
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Dalton Hanson	443-377-8642
Tiler	Betsy Wittelsberger	410-440-3840
Chaplain	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Presiding Justice	Glen Lazzaro	410-242-1449
Inner Guard	Jim Ripken	410-350-9121
1 Year Trustee	Darrell Russell	443-465-8938
2 Year Trustee	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
3 Year Trustee	Josh Kainth	203-830-9468
4 Year Trustee	Barbara Lewis	410-404-0989
5 Year Trustee	Bryan Mager	410-977-7792

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

501©3 Charity Fund	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
Accident Prevention	Andy Pusloskie	443-250-6708
Activities Chairman	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Americanism	Jim Ripken	410-350-9121
Auditor	TBD	000-000-0000
Bingo	Mary Wontrop	443-465-4058
Building Maintenance	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
Bylaws	Sean Brown	443-865-1304
Camp Barrett	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Charitable Contributions	Bryan Mager	410-977-7792
Drug Awareness	Alex Lemaire	410-935-0219
ENF	Bryan Mager	410-977-7792
Entertainment Chair (Music)	Joe Olmedo	410-960-0842
Flag Day	Alex Lemaire	410-935-0219
Fourth of July	Michelle Marzullo	410-913-9099
Fourth of July	Will Hill	443-622-9963
Golf/Fundraiser	Sam Thomsen	443-834-4048
Grants	Heather Sullivan	205-765-2087
Historian	Brian Keelty	410-821-6786
Hoop Shoot	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
Inner & Intra Activities	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Lapsation	Peter Beitman	410-409-5225
Lapsation	Patrick Slaughter	443-465-4063
Mediator	Michael Lawlor	410-494-1800
Member Investigations	Larry Smith	410-591-0246
Membership	Andy Stilling, PER	410-241-3422
National Foundation	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Newsletter	Will Hill	443-622-9963
Newsletter	Donna Murphy	410-917-9448
Orientation	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Public Relations	Stephanie Denison	410-382-4755
Queen of Hearts	Liz Leonardi	443-862-5400
Scholarships	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Towson Elks Give Locally	Carla Merrick	443-465-3525
Youth Activities	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
Veterans Service	Ray Der	410-236-8774
Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner	Hiran Perera	410-262-5763
Volunteer Coordinator	Stacey Peto, PER	602-228-7443

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Jeff Rogyom	2018-2019
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	Ron Zepp	2021-2022
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	Stacey Peto	2022-2023
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Chris O'Connell	2023-2024
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Matt Hall	2024-2025
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004	Andy Stilling	2025-2026
James A Jenkins	2004-2005		
Michael S Perry	2006-2007		
Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009		
Roger J Delp	2009-2010		
Devin A Foggo	2011-2012		
Ray Der	2013-2014		
John M Wontrop	2014-2015		
John J Morton	2016-2017		



Queen of Hearts

Drawing Overview

Price: \$5.00 per Ticket

Ticket to be filled out with holder's name, phone number and the envelope number they choose.

Tickets sold daily, by the Towson Elks bar staff, and by the Queen Team Leader, from 5-7, on the Saturday before the drawing.

When: Drawing is Saturday at 7pm

Drawing will start when 25 tickets are sold. In the event, the 25 ticket minimum is not met prior to the 7:00 drawing time, sold tickets will transfer to the next drawing date.

One ticket will be drawn from the ticket drum.

The person whose name is on the ticket will have the opportunity to pick a numbered envelope.

If the ticket holder is not present and an envelope is not specified, the Queen of Hearts administrator will pick a numbered envelope for them.

Each numbered envelope (1-54) will contain one standard playing card (joker(s) included). The ticket holder will immediately be awarded their prize money in cash (Queen pot issued as a check). The picked card will be turned face up and remain in the lock box until the Queen of Hearts is revealed.

After each Saturday drawing, the ticket drum will be emptied and sales for the next drawing will begin. Each ticket will be good for one drawing. This will repeat weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn and the grand prize is awarded.

Governing Rules

Only Elk members and their guests are eligible to purchase tickets. You can purchase as many as you like.

Winner need not be present, please check payouts.

*Present includes members registered in the dollar game book on the same day as the drawing.

Good Luck!

Prize Payouts

Drawing 1 thru 10

2-10 \$25.00

J.A.K.A \$60.00

Joker \$70.00

Drawing 11 thru 25

2-10 \$35.00

J.A.K.A \$80.00

Joker \$70.00

Drawing 26 Beyond

2-10 \$45.00

J.A.K.A \$70.00

Joker \$70.00

4 of Clubs Pays \$300.00
and reverts the board over

Queen of Hearts

Per 10% of Pot when Present*
60% to winner & 40% to lodge

Per 10% of Pot when Absent
40% to winner & 60% to lodge

All winnings must be claimed by 90 days of drawing. An EDS 1899 will be issued for prizes of \$500.00 and above.

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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – THURSDAY 12 PM - MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 12 PM - 1 AM / SUNDAY 12 PM TO 8 PM

Lodge telephone number: 410.296.4690 • Fax 410.583.5295

Lodge Address: 4 W. Pennsylvania Ave Towson, MD 21204

Tunnel to Towers Foundation
TOWER CLIMB
TOWSON, MD

The National Run, Walk & Climb Series was inspired by the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC, which retraces FDNY Firefighter Stephen Siller's final footsteps on 9/11. The RWC Series consists of over 80 runs, walks and climbs in different cities across the nation, paying homage to America's heroes.

CLIMB. HONOR. REMEMBER.

SUNDAY
APRIL 26TH
 CLIMB STARTS AT 9:00 AM

JOHNNY UNITAS STADIUM
 TOWSON UNIVERSITY
 7537 Auburn Drive
 Towson, MD 21204
 Do you have a question?
 luthervilleclimb@t2t.org

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Oyster & Bull Roast

hosted by Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 18th, 2026
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Casa Mia's
17417 York Rd., Parkton, MD 21120
(only 100 Seats Available)

Feast your eyes on this scrumptious menu!

Fresh-shucked and fried oysters, oyster stew, pit beef/turkey, baked ziti, salads and sides, wine, beer, soda & MORE!

Event proceeds benefit MSHH ministries and senior care of our Sisters.

Event Co-Chairs:
Sally Souris Snell

A message from the Commish...

Thank you to all who participated in the 8 ball League this past fall. As usual it was a fun time, and the banter and trash talk were on par. This year, Randy Farmer and I were the first-place winners. The second-place team are new members Eddie Hoffman and his partner Rich DiPietro. They finished the regular season in first place with a very strong offensive strategy, and I'm sure they'll be a force to be reckoned with next season. It has been great watching everyone's strategy and skill level evolve over the years and watching the league grow.

The end of season dinner was held at CVP and fun was had by all! Many thanks to our member Melony Wagner and her staff for hosting since, as we all know, the Elks can be a rowdy bunch!

Looking forward to next year! - Ray Der

50/50 RAFFLE

POOL TABLE MAINTENANCE FUND
\$5 PER TICKET
DRAWING 4/30
JOHN RUFFER 443-831-0789

THE "MAGER" LEAGUES

Volunteer Opportunities from the desk of Charitable Giving
 Chairman Bryan Mager

Elks in the Wild

Tunnel to Towers
 Towson University Johnny Unitas Stadium APRIL 26th Register ASAP. A T2T climb attempts to have participants ascend the same number of floors as were in the Twin Towers, which were 110 floors. This is not a requirement and many climbers only reach 60 - 70 floors. As this event is in Johnny Unitas Stadium, participants will need to complete five stair sections (laps) of the bleachers.

My Cozy Corner
 Book reading at Milbrook Elementary School Monday, May 18th 9:45-11:00AM, call, text, or email Bryan Mager @ 410-977-7792, bmager1967@gmail.com. We'll see you there!

Mission Helpers

Bull & Oyster Roast Saturday April 18th from 1:00-4:00PM at Casa Mia's in Parkton, MD. Need volunteers to help serve, keep drinks filled, 50/50 raffles, etc
 Their contact info is listed on the flyer in the newsletter, reach out to volunteer.
<https://shorturl.at/bB8Hl>

Baltimore County Department of Health Overdose Response Program

Between now and June '26 they're offering 30 minute training courses on recognizing ODS, administering Naloxone, MD's Good Samaritan Law and no-cost Naloxone delivered to your home.

Athletes Serving Athletes

Volunteers needed to help run Pikes Peak water stop #2 in Montgomery County, April 26th from 7AM to 10:30AM. Please sign up for the slot labeled "Water Stop #2" under Race Day Volunteers.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LODGE MEETINGS

ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE
2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER MEETINGS
ARE THE 2nd TUESDAY ONLY

Date	Day	Event	Time
April 3 rd	Friday	Live Music - "The Day Drinkers"	7 PM
April 10 th	Friday	Live Music - Spike & Friends	7 PM
April 11 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
April 14 th	Tuesday	Lodge meeting	7 PM
April 17 th	Friday	Live Music - Brave Front Duo	7 PM
April 18 th	Saturday	Spring Cleaning!!!! Come Join the Effort!!	8 AM
April 24 th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting - Initiation	7 PM
May 1 st	Friday	Live Music - Whiskey Narrows	7 PM
May 2 nd	Saturday	TowsonTown Festival	
May 3 rd	Sunday	TowsonTown Festival	
May 8 th	Friday	Live Music - Anton	7 PM
May 9 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
May 12 th	Tuesday	Lodge meeting	7 PM
May 16 th	Saturday	Preakness Party with Live Music - Tyler Hayes	3 PM
May 22 nd	Friday	Live Music - Sean Bera & D.C.	7 PM
May 24 th	Sunday	Memorial Day Service	TBD
May 25 th	Monday	Memorial Day	
May 26 th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting - Initiation	7 PM
May 29 th	Friday	Live Music - Nocturnal Sands	7 PM

Subject to change. The most current and up to date Events will be posted online and in the Lodge.
Food and Drink information will be posted online



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All members must sign their guests into the lodge .
Exceptions: Spouses and family members under 21