



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



November/December 2020

My Fellow Elks,

A lot has happened at the lodge since my last newsletter. Where to begin...?

We have a new Lecturing Knight. Paul Curry was appointed to fill the void left when Collen Cashill had to resign her post due to some unforeseen conflicts. Thank you, Collen, for your past service. Thank you, Paul, for stepping up.

And we will soon have a new member of the Board of Trustees. I have appointed Mark Merrick to fill the seat that Bob Cwalina has resigned due to health concerns. The announcement was made at the lodge meeting on 11/10 and will become official at the meeting on Tuesday, 12/8. Mark will fulfill the remainder of Bob's term. Thank you, Bob, for all the time and effort you gave during your tenure as a trustee. You've got big shoes to fill, Mark, but I know you are up to the task.

As the pandemic rages on—and surges—we're doing our best to keep things as normal as possible. We continue to follow all the directives handed down by the State of Maryland and the CDC. Those of you that have been able to visit know that it's pretty much business as usual but with the addition of masks, hand sanitizer stations and socially distanced seating. For those of you that haven't been able to visit, we hope you will be able to join us again soon.

Even with these measures in place we've been able to host a few special events, most notably the Preakness Party in early October. This party also served as a replacement for the golf tournament, so the 50/50 raffle was drawn that night as well. Congratulations to our winner, Gary Bull, and thank you for your generous contribution back to the lodge. All things considered, this event was a huge success, and I would like to extend a personal thank you to Bob Cwalina and all of his helpers for their hard work and dedication.

Our most recent blood drive was a huge success as well with a total of 17 units collected. A big thank you to Leading Knight, Ron Zepp, for all his efforts to help pull this off in the midst of a global pandemic.

On Veterans Day, a contingent from our lodge, along with a group from American Legion Post 22, participated in ceremonies to honor those who have served or are presently serving in our armed services. The events were covered by several of the local networks and a few of us even made it on the evening news. A special thanks to Paul Curry for making sure our Veterans were honored even during a driving rainstorm.

A special thanks, also, to Christine Theodosakos and her crew for organizing the Halloween party at the end of October. A scary good time was had by all. And, now that we're all fat on Halloween candy, that can only mean one thing—the holidays are just around the corner!

And whether that's music to your ears or it sounds like nails on a chalkboard, one thing is for certain, much like everything else in 2020, this holiday season will be like none we've ever experienced. At our lodge, unfortunately, it means we won't be able to conduct or we will have to modify many of the events that we cherish—and help us give back—at this time of year.

Since the Turkey Bowl is back on, we will be able to host the Dick Flanigan Memorial Turkey Bowl Breakfast on Thanksgiving morning. I hope to see many of you there. And, since you can't actually attend the game in person, why not stick around after breakfast and have a drink (or two) while watching the game on one of our many televisions?

Moving into December, the annual Children's Christmas Party will not be held, nor will the Lodge (Adult) Christmas Party. It's just not feasible with the limited capacity/seating, serving restrictions and safety measures that would need to be in place.

However, we will still be accepting donations of an unwrapped toy or a cash donation of \$10—the usual “admission” price for the Lodge (Adult) Christmas Party—for distribution to children in need through Catholic Charities should you feel compelled. I am happy to report, however, that we will continue the important tradition of the Mitten & Hat Tree. Newly purchased mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves that our members—that’s YOU—donate will be distributed to the children in our community who are most in need. The deadline for donations will be December 20. Look for the Mitten & Hat Tree in the dining room at the Lodge.

The annual “Adopt-A-Family” Gift Tag Tree will also be present at the lodge. Each tag on the tree will contain the name, age, and three gifts desired by each child in an adopted family. Our members are encouraged to sponsor a family by selecting a tag, copying the information, and printing your name and phone number on the tag while leaving the tag on the tree. Then be sure to bring your wrapped gifts to the lodge by December 13 and place the tag on the gifts to identify.

We have also joined forces with Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) again this year to provide food baskets to those in need. A donation of any dollar amount will be accepted, and we will purchase as many baskets as we can.

Thank You for your support and generosity, especially this year, and for helping to spread some holiday cheer to the children, families, and Veterans in need in our community. For more information on any of the above efforts please contact Vince Pullara (410-967-0981).

As we head into the home stretch of the dumpster fire of a year that has been 2020, I say good riddance to this year and here’s hoping 2021 is better. It couldn’t be much worse, right?!?



Stay safe and happy holidays,
Pete Cline

*I would love to hear from you.
This is your lodge, I simply have the exceptional privilege of representing us this year. Feel free to contact me directly at clinep33@yahoo.com*

LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler	Pete Cline	410-371-2232
Leading Knight	Ron Zepp	443-829-7561
Loyal Knight	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Lecturing Knight	Paul Curry	410-377-0871
Secretary	Kenneth J Kocun, PER	410-296-7787
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Tiler	Vince Pullara, Sr.	410-967-0981
Chaplain	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Presiding Justice	John Austin	410-296-0209
Inner Guard	Chris O’Connell	443-829-7561
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3 Year Trustee	Andy Pusloskie	443-250-6708
4 Year Trustee	Mark Merrick	410-365-9946
5 Year Trustee	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

501©3 Charity Fund	James Jenkins, PER	410-404-1488
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Entertainment Co-Chair (Music)	Erik Ortel	443-834-3600
Flag Day	Pete Cline	410-371-2232
Fourth of July	Ron Zepp	443-829-7561
Golf/Fundraiser	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
Historian	Brian Keely	410-821-6786
Hoop Shoot	Chris O’Connell	443-829-7561
Indoctrination	Pat Riley	443-465-3916
Inner & Intra Activities	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Lapsation	Ray Der, PER	410-236-8774
Mediator	Michael Lawlor	410-494-1800
Member Investigations	Nick Giangrosso	410-800-6935
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Newsletter	Pete Cline	410-371-2232
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Youth Activities	Pete Cline	410-371-2232
Vegas Night	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Veterans Service	Colleen Cashill	410-812-3277
Web & Social Media Coordinator	Sean Priest	860-951-6579

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Robert A Ruhl	1968-1969	Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004
Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	James A Jenkins	2004-2005
Robert A Ruhl	1976-1977	Michael S Perry	2006-2007
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008
James A Gede Sr	1984-1985	Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009
James A Gede Sr	1985-1986	Roger J Delp	2009-2010
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Joseph F Cox	2010-2011
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
Richard O Taylor	1992-1993	Ray Der	2013-2014
Michael E Ward	1994-1995	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	John J Morton	2016-2017
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
James F Garrity	1998-1999	Jeff Roygom	2018-2019
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Joe Lancaster	2019-2020
Kenneth J Kocun	2002-2003		

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – SATURDAY 12 PM TO 10 PM
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

THE DICK FLANIGAN MEMORIAL TURKEY BOWL

BREAKFAST

\$8.00
per
person

THURSDAY, November 26th, 2020

9:00 am - 1:00 pm



CALVERT HALL

VS



MENU: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage (optional Scrapple)
Hash Browns, Toast, Pastries, Juice & Coffee.

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Bring your old CHC or Loyola Yearbooks, Photos,
Class Garb and we'll take a stroll down Memory
Lane for the 100th installment of the Turkey Bowl.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LODGE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM SEPT. TO JUNE.
 JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND TUESDAY ONLY

Date	Day	Event	Time
Nov. 26	Thursday	Turkey Bowl Breakfast	9:00am-1:00pm
Dec. 6	Monday	Elks Memorial Service	2:00pm
Jan. 1	Friday	Annual PER Guest Bartending	All Day
*Now through Dec. 13 th		"Adopt-A-Family" giving tree donations accepted	
*Now through Dec. 20 th		Christmas donations for Catholic Charities and Hat and Mitten Tree accepted	

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