



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



NOVEMBER 2021

My Fellow Elks,

I hope this letter finds everyone healthy and well. October has been a busy month and we are looking forward to many additional events coming up in November.

But first, I would like to send a big thanks to Bob Cwalina and everyone who helped out with the Golf Tournament. Not only was it a huge success, but we also raised a large amount of money for our 501C3 fund! You can find additional information about this within the newsletter.

We will be starting the month with the return of our Craft Fair! Stacey Peto and her team have been hard at work lining up vendors. Please be sure to stop by November 6th to browse and support our vendors. Rob will be cooking up his beef sandwiches, BBQ and other items for those who are hungry! Veteran's Day will be following the Thursday. All members are welcome to attend our annual wreath laying ceremony at the Wayside Cross at 11:11am. In addition, we will also be having a food special that evening to watch the Baltimore Ravens take on the Miami Dolphins! All proceeds will benefit the Towson Elks Veteran's events. Also, come out on Thanksgiving morning for breakfast as the Calvert Hall Cardinals and Loyola Dons play their annual Turkey Bowl Football game! The lodge will remain open for the duration of the game.

Also, as we move into the holiday season, please remember to be kind to our staff. The bartenders are part of our Elk's family and work very hard to make sure everyone has an enjoyable time when they visit the lodge.

And finally, to all members, I wish you and your families a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Ron Zepp
Exalted Ruler

ELKS 2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



The 16th Annual Elks Golf Tournament Fundraiser was held on October 4 at Pine Ridge Golf Course. *It was a very successful event and raised over \$24,000 for our 501C3 Charity Fund despite lingering concerns over the covid pandemic and my usual September panic mode.*

We had 28 foursomes participating on a totally beautiful weather day. Both lunch and dinner and beverages on the course were served to our participants. We had a buffet style lunch format and then the excellent dinner menu ended a perfect day.

We had 120 members (16% of our total membership) who generously supported this most important event which enables us to fund our charitable programs for veterans and youth. Think what we could attain with all members supporting this once-a-year Fundraiser! Special thanks go to Vince Pullara, Bill Lewis, Brian Keelty and Dennis Cuomo for their outstanding support of the event!

And many thanks to all members who supported our fundraiser and the volunteers who gave their time to assist us.

We look forward to an even better turnout and support level next year. So, come and join us next year!

Elks Care, Elks Share

LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler	Ron Zepp	443-829-7561
Leading Knight	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Loyal Knight	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Lecturing Knight	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Secretary	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Tiler	Paul Curry	410-377-0871
Chaplain	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Presiding Justice	John Austin	410-296-0209
Inner Guard	Betsy Wittelsberger	410-440-3840
1 Year Trustee	Vince Pullara	410-967-0981
2 Year Trustee	Andy Pusloskie	443-250-6708
3 Year Trustee	Mark Merrick	410-365-9946
4 Year Trustee	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
5 Year Trustee	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

501©3 Charity Fund	John M. Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Accident Prevention	Vince Pullara	410-967-0981
Activities Chairman	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Americanism	Paul Curry	410-377-0871
Auditor	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
Building Maintenance	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
Bylaws	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Camp Barrett	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Charitable Contributions	John Austin	410-296-0209
Drug Awareness	Jeff Roygom, PER	410-929-4578
ENF	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Entertainment Co-Chair (Music)	Joe Olmedo	410-960-0842
Entertainment Co-Chair (Music)	Erik Ortel	443-834-3600
Flag Day	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
Fourth of July	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Golf/Fundraiser	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
Historian	Brian Keilty	410-821-6786
Hoop Shoot	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
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 Giangrasso	410-800-6935
Membership	Pat Riley	443-465-3916
National Foundation	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Newsletter	Ron Zepp	443-829-7561
Public Relations	Ron Zepp	443-829-7561
Scholarships	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Youth Activities	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
Vegas Night	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Veterans Service	Brendan Harthausen	443-465-7693
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Sean Priest	860-951-6579

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Robert A Ruhl	1968-1969	James A Jenkins	2004-2005
Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Michael S Perry	2006-2007
Robert A Ruhl	1976-1977	Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009
James A Gede Sr	1984-1985	Roger J Delp	2009-2010
James A Gede Sr	1985-1986	Joseph F Cox	2010-2011
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	Ray Der	2013-2014
Richard O Taylor	1992-1993	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Michael E Ward	1994-1995	John J Morton	2016-2017
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Jeff Roygom	2018-2019
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Joe Lancaster	2019-2020
Kenneth J Kocun	2002-2003	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004		

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – SATURDAY 12 PM TO MIDNIGHT
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

Queen of Hearts Message

Don't forget to come out and play the Queen of Hearts Game!

Drawings are held every Saturday at 7:00pm and tickets are on sale every day the lodge is open.

Want to help run the game?

Volunteers are needed on Saturday's from 6:00pm-7:30pm to sell additional tickets and draw the week's winner.

A sign-up sheet is next to the game board in the lodge. If you have any questions, email or call Ron Zepp: ron@ronzepp.com or 443-829-7561

Bingo is Back!

Every Second Saturday of the month

Starting 7:30pm

Food will be offered by the lodge.

Outside food will be allowed on Bingo nights.

Check the website and email blasts for updates

Before you leave please take a minute to clean

Please help out your bartenders and keep the lodge clean! If you are sitting at a table inside or outside, please bring any glassware in to the bar and dispose any plastic or paper products in the trash cans.

This is your home away from home.

Please help keep it clean. Thank you!

Parking note:

Please remember that parking spaces are reserved for members using the lodge facilities. Members should not use the parking lot to attend functions or events outside the lodge. If, for any reason, you must leave the lodge, and your car is parked in our lot, please notify the bartender.

Holiday Reminders

The Holidays are just around the corner and there is a lot going on at the lodge, including our annual charity events. Last year we raised over \$2200.00 for food, presents for 8 families with 33 kids. Mittens and hats, stuffed animals and games were donated to help make Christmas a little better for families in need. Let's do more this year!

The annual Lodge (Adult) Christmas Party and the Memorial service is on December 5th. A donation 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.

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.

Every year we join forces with Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) 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 time of the 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 Chris O'Connell 443-829-7561 or Vince Pullara 410-967-0981

Towson Elks Lodge #469 Annual
Adult Christmas Party
Catered • Hors d'oeuvres • Drink Specials
For members and their significant others ONLY!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2:00-6:00 PM



469
Admission
one
\$15.00
unwrapped
Toy for a child
or \$15.00
Per Person
Additional
Donations
Accepted
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**All Proceeds donated to
charity for kids**

Thursday Night Football November 11th - Starting at 6:30

Ravens Game Veteran's Day Fundraiser

(Proceeds to benefit the Veteran 501c3)



Tickets \$35.00



Includes:

**1-Pit Beef Sandwich with side
Choice of
6 Raw Oysters or 9 Steamed Shrimp
and
Unlimited Draft beer
Yuengling and Coors Lite**

Plus - Purple Drink Special



Tickets are limited



Towson Elks Lodge #469
 In the heart of Towson
 Since 1899

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 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LODGE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER TO JUNE .
 JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS ARE THE 2nd TUESDAY ONLY

Date	Day	Event	Time
November 5 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM
November 6 th	Saturday	Elks Craft Fair	2-6 PM
November 11 th	Thursday	Veteran's Day Ceremony	11:11 AM
November 11 th	Thursday	Raven's Game Day Fundraiser	6:30 PM
November 12 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM
November 13 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
November 16 th	Tuesday	Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner	5-10 PM
November 19 th	Friday	TBD	7-11 PM
November 25 th	Thursday	Turkey Bowl Breakfast	9:00 AM - 1 PM
Future Events:			
December 5 th	Sunday	Annual Elks Memorial Service	12-1 PM
December 5 th	Sunday	Elks Adult Christmas Party	2:00 PM
December 11 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo	7:30 PM
December 12 th	Sunday	Elks Children's Christmas Party	12:30 PM

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: Wives and family members under 21