



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



FEBRUARY 2022

My Fellow Elks,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and well! I did not think we would need to reinstate the wearing of face masks while moving about within the club. Unfortunately, that has happened. We are required to follow the rules established by Baltimore County and will make adjustments as needed. Please do your part in helping to keep everyone safe. Hopefully this requirement will be shorter than the last time!

Even with this small safety measure (or inconvenience as many will surely call it), be assured that the lodge is still operating fully and we have many events still being planned! We have our current scheduled events listed on the back page here, and we will send out email blasts if any new events are added after this newsletter goes to the printer.

Earlier in January, we had the return of our Youth Hoop Shoot organized by PER Pete Cline. Over 20 youth attended! The District Level event will be held at the end of January. As this newsletter is written prior, I wish all participants good luck! I would also like to thank our volunteers who came out to assist with this important youth event.

Also, this past month, we had our Inaugural Brian Tunney Memorial Chili Cook-Off. Our winner this year was Mike Jenkins. Second place was Donna Murphy, with Devin Foggo taking 3rd. A big thanks to all our judges, volunteer staff, participants, and attendees to make this event a success! I think everyone will be looking forward to this fun event next year and I don't think that anyone left this event hungry!

In closing, I hope that everyone remains healthy and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge throughout the month! This is your lodge. I just have the opportunity and honor to represent us!

Sincerely,
Ron Zepp
Exalted Ruler

Don't miss out....

**Early Bird Member Signup
With Free Beef & Beer
Saturday, March 12, 2022**

2-5pm



**Inaugural Brian Tunney Memorial
Chili Cook-Off January 16, 2022.**

**Devon Foggo, Mike Jenkins,
Betsy Wittelsberger & Donna Murphy**

(left to right)



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website.

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
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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 Rogyom	2018-2019
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Kenneth J Kocun	2002-2003		
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004		

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – THURDAY 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****Queen of Hearts Message***Still searching
for the Queen!****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.

Elks Care, Elks Share

In the month of December, the Towson Elks Lodge really stepped up to the plate and donated through its members and guests, \$3,000 in wrapped gifts to needy families in Towson and the surrounding areas. An additional \$2,500 was also donated from members, guests, as well as the Elks Charitable Contributions Committee, going to the ACTC (Associated Churches of Towson Center), which is a food bank serving the needy in Baltimore County. The Towson Elks also donated 140 hats, gloves, and scarfs from a Christmas Giving Tree to local elementary schools. Finally, 95 toys valued at over \$1,425 were donated to The Marine Corps Toys For Tots campaign. Hats off to Elks Trustee Vince Pullara who coordinated this, along with Chris O'Connell, Bryan Mager, and also to Leading Knight Stacey Peto for the Elks Giving Board.



Towson Elks Give Locally in February to the: The Fuel Fund of Maryland

The Fuel Fund of Maryland aims to be a lifeline for our vulnerable Maryland neighbors struggling with a home utility hardship. They assist by providing navigation through an array of financial and community resources that empower, engage, and safely connect a household in times of crisis.

Families who receive help always pay a portion of the balance and the Fuel Fund pays the rest to bring the balance down to zero, and give them a fresh start. In this way, the Fuel Fund supplements the resources of each household.



Here is the donation to the ACTC. Our donations weighed in at 1,037 pounds!



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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
February 4 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM
February 11 th	Friday	Elks Jam Band Night	7-11 PM
February 12 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
February 13 th	Sunday	Super Bowl Pot Luck	4:00 PM
February 18 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM
February 26 th	Saturday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM

Future Events:

March 12 th	Saturday	Early Bird Member Signup w/ Beef & Beer!	2 - 5PM
March 26 th	Saturday	Elks / Santa Claus Anonymous Bull Roast!	6:30-10:30PM

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