



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



MAY 2022

"Why don't we ever do that anymore?"

"You know what we SHOULD do..."

"Why don't they...?"

"No one likes that, we need to do this..."

Hi Friends!

Have you ever heard (or said) any of the above about our lodge? I know I certainly have! Well, what if I told you that a side conversation has the potential to make actual, meaningful change in our lodge? No, really...it's true! The thing is that more often than not, our musings over cocktails often fall on tipsy ears and don't actually go anywhere, and our lodge stays at status quo. So, how do you actually get heard? Simple: Go to a lodge meeting.

Now, hear me out. I know you're saying, "Really? A lodge meeting? Ughhh...I am in meetings all week..." Or, maybe you're saying, "I haven't been since I was initiated. Are they all that long, because I just couldn't even...and besides, I don't remember anything about the ritual. I would be totally lost!" Yep. I get it. But, here's the reality: most meetings are less than an hour, and no one is looking at you during the ritual anyway. Everyone is too busy trying not to forget what to do themselves.

So, what do we do at a meeting? We discuss lodge events, vote on how we spend our budget, learn about committee actions, discuss charitable contributions, and recognize members for their hard work on making our lodge amazing. We also have a ritual component that helps strengthen our bond as members and reminds us of our core tenets: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

All right, I'll step off my soap box now to extend you a personal invite to come to a meeting in the near future. They're held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, except in July and August, when the meetings are only held on the 2nd Tuesday. Oh, and the best part? Stop in early or stay late to enjoy a beverage and time with your friends!

We would love to see you there! This lodge is what we all make it, so let's make it AMAZING!

See you soon & Best wishes,

Stacey Peto

Exalted Ruler

IT'S PARTY TIME

SATURDAY PREAKNESS PARTY
MAY 21 2PM-7PM
 WITH FOOD, GAMES & DRINK SPECIALS!
BEST DRESSED & BEST HAT CONTESTS

Elks Camp Barrett is back in July!

Any youth between the ages of 9 and 13 (or completed 3rd grade) from the Maryland, Delaware, or the Washington, D.C. area may be eligible to attend. They do not have to be needy, but should be worthy and deserving or one who would not otherwise have such an opportunity for a camping experience. There is NO Fee to attend! Please contact Andrew Rowan, Lecturing Knight for details at 314-795-9359.

LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Leading Knight	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Loyal Knight	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
Lecturing Knight	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Secretary	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Tiler	Betsy Wittelsberger	410-440-3840
Chaplain	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Presiding Justice	Glen Lazzaro	410-242-1449
Inner Guard	Tricia Trikeriotis	410-937-2679
1 Year Trustee	Andy Pusloskie	443-250-6708
2 Year Trustee	Mark Merrick	410-365-9946
3 Year Trustee	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
4 Year Trustee	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
5 Year Trustee	Larry Smith	410-591-0246

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

501@3 Charity Fund	John M. Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Accident Prevention	Andy Pusloskie	443-250-6708
Activities Chairman	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Americanism	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Auditor	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
Bingo	Mary Wontrop	443-465-4058
Building Maintenance	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
Bylaws	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Camp Barrett	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Charitable Contributions	Bryan Mager	410-977-7792
Drug Awareness	Jeff Roygom, PER	410-929-4578
ENF	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Entertainment Chair (Music)	Joe Olmedo	410-960-0842
Flag Day	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
Fourth of July	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Golf/Fundraiser	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
Historian	Brian Keelty	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	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443
Newsletter	Donna Murphy	410-917-9448
Public Relations	Jimmy Bullington	443-286-2731
Queen of Hearts	Ron Zepp, PER, Interim	443-829-7561
Scholarships	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
Towson Elks Give Locally	Carla Merrick	443-465-3525
Youth Activities	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
Vegas Night	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Veterans Service	Brendan Harthausen	443-465-7693
Volunteer Coordinator	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443

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	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Ray Der	2013-2014
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Richard O Taylor	1992-1993	John J Morton	2016-2017
Michael E Ward	1994-1995	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	Jeff Rogyom	2018-2019
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Ron Zepp	2021-2022
Kenneth J Kocun	2002-2003		
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004		

Elk of the Month

Bryan Mager's generous spirit shines as the Towson Elks Charitable Contributions Committee Chair. He works tirelessly to vet donation requests presented to our lodge to ensure that their mission aligns with ours, and carefully takes note of how much goes to the beneficiaries as opposed to overhead. We're so fortunate to have Bryan on our team and thank him for all that he does to show that Elks Care and Share.

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



Scan Me to get a
direct link to our
website.

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

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for
March 2022

The Arc Baltimore	\$200
Doctors Without Borders	\$100
Maryland School for the Blind	\$200
Arts for Learning Maryland	\$100
Immaculate Conception School	\$300
Nova Ukraine	\$100
Elks Camp Barrett	\$500
American Cancer Society	\$100
Bykota Senior Center	\$ 50
Lutherville Fire Volunteer Fire Company	\$600

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members: \$2,250!!!

Thank you for your generosity!

Remember when...?

As a Lifetime (30yrs) Member and PER, I have had the opportunity to participate on several committees at The Lodge. The one committee that I have had the best experience with is participating on the Veteran's Committee. The committee provided BBQ events to the various VA Hospitals, served Thanksgiving Dinner to the vets along with bingo at The Lodge, arranged to have the vets attend Oriole Games and participate in fishing trips. The gratitude that the vets showed towards the Elks was very gratifying to me. It exemplified the Elks Motto "Elks Care-Elks Share."

--John Morton



**17th Annual Fundraiser
ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday October 3, 2022
at Pine Ridge Golf Course
Player costs are \$160.00 per person.
Sponsorships start at \$100.00**

Sign-up forms for players, sponsors and 50/50 tickets are available at the bar & on our website

We need sponsors, players and 50/50 ticket purchasers.

We will start at noon with lunch/registration and the shotgun start will be at 1:00pm. In addition to lunch and beverages on the course, there will be a full dinner afterwards as usual.

This is the biggest fundraiser for our 501C3 charitable foundation.

Last year, despite the virus, we were able to raise over \$24,000, which is used to support our veterans and our youth.

We need all hands-on deck this year to enable us to continue and even expand our charitable endeavors.

Towson Elks Give Locally in May to:



Who We Are

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore brings the simple pleasures of childhood back to children struggling with cancer, changing months of loneliness and isolation into summers filled with sunshine, laughter and happiness. And because Horizon is a day camp, it does all this while allowing the children to continue their medical treatment and enjoy the comfort and safety of their own homes at night.

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore is a proud member of the [Sunrise Association](#), whose mission is to bring back the joys of childhood to children with cancer and their siblings worldwide. Sunrise accomplishes this through the creation and oversight of welcoming, inclusive summer day camps, year-round programs and in-hospital recreational activities, all offered free of charge.

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore is a full-summer day camp for children with cancer and their siblings, ages 3 1/2 – 16, who are in active or follow-up treatment for cancer. Unlike most oncology sleep-away camps that are offered for 1-2 weeks each summer, Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore allows children to attend camp as often as they can. Contact Lisa, our Camp Registrar, for more information at registrar@horizondaycamp.org.



Have you seen the, "Add \$1" signs around the lodge? What's THAT all about? It's a reminder to participate in the easiest way that you can give to our featured monthly charity. How does it work? Just ask the bartender to add at least \$1 to your tab, and she'll give you a card to post on our light-up board as a "Thank you!" In May, we're giving to Horizon Day Camp for children with cancer. Don't forget to Add \$1!

Elks Care, Elks Share

Effective April 1, 2022

New Elk Year,

Cool New Drink Chips.



Old chips can be redeemed at full Value thru June 2022

After July 1st, old chips have lowest value.



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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
May 6 th	Friday	Dinner & Noah Pierre	7-11 PM
May 13 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	7-11 PM
May 14 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
May 21 st	Saturday	Preakness Party	2-7 PM
May 27 th	Friday	No Music, but come on in!	

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: Wives and family members under 21