



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



JULY 2022

Happy Summer, Towson Elks!

Friendship and revelry are usually at the forefront of our minds when thinking about the lodge, but those things only take our experience as members so far. As humans, we have a deeper drive to take care of those who need in our surrounding community, and that charitable fire inside our souls is what differentiates our order from the masses. Charity is at the center of what makes us the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Towson Elks strive to focus our efforts on contributing to local organizations in need.

Did you know that Bryan Mager, our Charitable Contributions Committee Chair, regularly performs research on organizations that reach out to us to help fund their cause? He and his committee members review not only the mission of the charity, but how far our contributions will go. If the organization is congruent with our tenets, Bryan will make a presentation at our Lodge Meetings to request funding out of the lodge accounts their projects.

Another local charitable effort that our lodge presents is a monthly drive called, "Towson Elks Give Locally." This program is spearheaded by Carla Merrick, whose focus is to push the giving beyond the lodge budget and ask for small contributions from the membership, directly. You know that big light up sign in the dining room with the cards on it? That's our way of saying, "Thanks!" to members who add a minimum of \$1 to their bar tab, which directly benefits the charity of the month. Keep an eye out for this month's charity, Kelly's Dream!

One of the largest annual efforts is via our 501 c3 Committee, which fundraises for and support our veterans and youth programs. Bob Cwalina does a fantastic job hosting one of year's grandest events, the Annual Towson Elks Golf Tournament. In it's 17th year, the tournament will be held on Monday, October 3rd at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Participants will enjoy the round of golf with their friends, lunch, and a full dinner afterward. Want to play? Sign up at the bar for only \$160 per person. Don't want to play, but want to contribute? Become a sponsor starting at \$100 or play the 50/50 raffle.

Andrew Rowan, our Lecturing Knight, has a new project coming up in August: a clothing drive benefitting Paul's Place, a local organization that helps those with disadvantages become more self-sufficient. Check out his notice in this month's newsletter!

Best wishes for an amazing Summer,

Stacey Peto

Exalted Ruler

Announcement:
Please be informed that the membership will be voting on the placement of new flooring in the lodge at the July 12th meeting at 7pm.



Flag Day Ceremony
June 12, 2022



INDEPENDENCE DAY!

4TH OF JULY
SINCE 1776

Join us at 9:00am Monday, July 4th in the Elks parking lot to walk along the parade route and hand out flags! Food will be provided back at the lodge after the parade.

Contact Chris with questions.
(443)465-7987

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	Chris O'Neil	443-829-7185
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	Elizabeth Davidson	443-791-2429
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

Life at the Towson Elks is that much more delicious because Bob Stambaugh is in it! From Friday Night Dinners that warm your heart and fill your belly to PER Night and the Christmas Party, Bob's got us covered in the deliciousness department. Thanks so much for all you do, Bob!

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for May 2022

Arts for Learning Maryland	\$100
Project Liberty Ship	\$100
Maryland Food Bank	\$200
Horizon Day Camp	\$100

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members: \$500

Thank you for your generosity!

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 Elizabeth Davidson: elizabethrdavidson@comcast.net or 443-791-2429



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

Paul's Place Clothing Drive

Hello Members,

I hope this summer is treating you, your friends, and families well. We will be running a Winter Clothing Drive for Paul's Place, a local charity in Baltimore. This initiative will start August 1st and will run through the end of September. We will have boxes set up for you to drop off goods for people of all ages in the dining room.

The following items are ideal but not limited for Winter Clothes Drive (all in good condition):

Coats, Winter Hats, Scarves, Gloves/Mittens, Sweatshirts T-shirts, Boots, Shoes, Jeans, Sweatpants, Dress shirts/ khakis/polo shirts- for job interviews that these fine people may have

New Toiletries:

Toothpaste/toothbrush, Deodorant, Shaving cream
Shampoo, Soap, Lotion, Combs/hairbrush

Please make sure when identifying items, they are still in suitable and acceptable condition. This is not a dump off for tattered and discarded clothing. Any contribution is most appreciated, and anything we can do to improve the lives of others will be an enriching experience for all. Thank you for your support and please feel free to reach out with any questions to me at (314) 795-9359 or andrewrowanjr@gmail.com

Andrew Rowan, Lecturing Knight

THE ELKS GIVE LOCALLY CHARITY FOR JULY IS:



Kelly O'Donnell Ware of Kingsville, MD was diagnosed with late-stage metastatic melanoma at the age of 39. Her disease was at an aggressive stage, and she had few options. Thus began her journey with an invasive treatment plan and two clinical trials. In 2009, Kelly founded Kelly's Dream, a 501(c)3 nonprofit providing financial assistance to cancer patients in Maryland and raising awareness to reduce the incidence of melanoma and other forms of skin cancer.

Kelly's Dream a local 501(c)3 non-profit foundation that focuses on easing the financial and emotional strain of cancer, raising melanoma awareness, and spreading the gift of hope.

Your donation to Kelly's Dream will provide limited financial assistance to families for practical living expenses that have suddenly become too difficult to pay when an individual is undergoing treatment for cancer.

**ADD \$1 OR MORE TO YOUR CHECK. ASK YOUR BARTENDER!
DONATE TODAY!**

Remember when...?



Remember when Jimmy Bullington said he would shave his head if the Ravens beat the Patriots to win the AFC Championship to go to the Superbowl?

If you don't, I do. And as I recall, Jimmy is looking at Carol who was standing behind me saying, "Oh my, oh my, what about work?...." –Ray Der, PER

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.



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Now Available!

See the Bartenders for Details on the Fun!



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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
July 4 th	Monday	Independence Day Parade - Meet at Lodge @ 9 AM	
July 8 th	Friday	Dinner & Bryan Miller	7 PM
July 9 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo	7:30 PM
July 16 th	Saturday	"Foodie's Night Out" & Kings of Marigold	7 PM
July 22 nd	Friday	Dinner & Andy Bopp Duo	7 PM
July 29 th	Friday	Dinner & Unmarked Bills	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