Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

JUNE 2022

"Spring is the time of plans and projects."
Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Hi Friends,

Wow, I cannot believe how quickly time flies! It seems like yesterday that we were ringing in the New Year, and now Summer has reared its head and is ready to roll! So, what happened to Spring? Who knows, but at the lodge we've been working hard to dust off the cobwebs and bring in the sunshine with a little bit of sprucing up.

In April, Patrick Sullivan, PER rallied a group of 15 energetic and enthusiastic member volunteers, who spent their morning brightening up our 121-year-old lodge. Inside, we cleaned the carpets, painted the vent covers, washed the windows and the curtains, scrubbed the baseboards, and much more. Outside, we power washed the deck, changed the front door light fixtures, trimmed the trees and bushes, mulched, and cleaned the parking lot, among other things. May brought a big, important addition to the bar that you can't see, but you can feel…we have a NEW air conditioner! What huge accomplishments!

In addition, we've been working on some smaller projects to brighten and update the interior décor. Tricia Trikeriotis, our Inner Guard, Mike Trikeriotis, and I put together a small lounge area in the bar that brings a "touch of cool" with its relaxed vintage vibe. We have also added some inviting lighting around the bar, as well painted below the bar chair rail to brighten up the room. I am so grateful for Tricia & Mike's time and help to make these beautiful changes!

My goal is to continue making some more small changes that will bring our lodge up to date throughout the year. In addition, there is a large change that I would like to make. I would like to remove the carpet in the dining room and bar and replace it with highly rated, industrial strength vinyl laminate flooring that has the look and feel of hardwood and is frequently utilized in restaurants, bars, and hospitals. I believe this change would not only significantly enhance the appearance of the lodge but will be easier to maintain than carpet. This change will be an investment. We will be holding a vote for the flooring at the July 12th Lodge Meeting at 7pm. I am hopeful that you will be in alignment with the effort to honor our unique, beautiful, and historical building by making this improvement.

Sincerely,

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.

PREAKNESS FUN 2022

Remember when…?

The debut of the song "I love this bar" by Toby Keith took place 20 yrs ago. I seem to reminisce about the lodge whenever I hear this song played; Tom Ellwood, who was an active member and Exalted Ruler in '93-94, took a liking to this song and the lyrics in which he would say best describes our little niche in Towson. A sense of unity and acceptance can be felt when stepping through these doors each and every day. Hence, is why I believe we all love this place and its ability to provide familiarity and comfort to those that are lucky enough to be able to enjoy the lodge. Tom, I believe, would have the same sentiments today as he did back then. We miss you Tom, and We love this bar(lodge). -Kim Moretti

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	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		

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for April 2022

Elks Camp Barrett	$500
Nova Ukraine	$100
American Cancer Society	$100
Bykota Senior Center	$ 50
Alzheimer's Association	$100
Catholic Charities Donor Services	$100
Helping Up Mission Inc.	$100
Sidney Kimmel Comp. Cancer Ctr @ Johns Hopkins	$100
One Love Foundation	$100
Athletes Serving Athletes	$100
Young Onset Dementia Education & Support	$150

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members: $1,500!!!

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

Elk of the Month

Confucius hit the nail on the head when he said, "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without." One of the favorite past times of our members is to hang out at the bar and let the music take them to a better place when our live bands play. Joe Olmedo works tirelessly to keep our minds entertained and our souls full by scheduling multiple live music events at the lodge. Thank you, for all you do, Joe! We appreciate your hard work, which keeps our hearts happy.

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.

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.

The Elks Give Locally Charity for June is:

ADD $1

onelove FOUNDATION
In honor of Yeardley Love

One Love educates young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships, empowering them to identify and avoid abuse and learn how to love better.

The foundation was founded to honor the unnecessary and tragic death of Yeardley Love by engaging young people through compelling, relatable films and honest conversations around healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors.

Together we can change the statistics around relationship violence! Knowledge is key to avoiding tragedies and One Love strives to relay that one conversation, one action, and one person can make a difference and even save a life.

For more information, please visit joinonelove.org
JUST ADD $1 ASK YOUR BARTENDER

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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 June, we're giving to the One Love Foundation, which has the goal of ending relationship abuse by empowering young people with resources needed to foster healthy relationships. 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
June 3rd - 5th	MD, DE & DC Elks District Conference at Solomon's Point		
June 4th	Saturday	Live Music No Boundries	7 PM
June 10th	Friday	Dinner & Ricky Olaguer	7 PM
June 11th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
June 12th	Sunday	Flag Day Ceremony	12 Noon
June 17th	Friday	Dinner & Sean Bera	7 PM
June 18th	Saturday	Foodie's Night Out	6 PM
June 24th	Friday	Dinner & Radio Religion	7 PM

Future Events:

July 3rd - 6th — Elks National Conference in Atlanta

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