



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



AUGUST 2022

Happy Summer, Towson Elks!

There's nothing like celebrating this sunny time of year with cookouts, the beach, and vacations or getaways. Speaking of getaways, I had the honor and privilege of serving as our lodge representative at the 2022 Elks National Convention in Atlanta last month. I hadn't been to Atlanta in years, so I was excited for the opportunity to visit some of the best of what the city has to offer: the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Centennial Olympic Park, and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum. Atlanta is such a beautiful and inviting city, but the main purpose wasn't to be a tourist: I was there for Elks business.

When I walked into the Grand Lodge Opening Session, I was in awe! There were thousands of people in attendance (6000 overall!), hootin' and hollerin', full of excitement. People were rushing around giving hugs, trading pins, and cheering for their districts. It was like a giant party, with everyone gathered in the name of Elkdom! There was some pomp and circumstance, but when it came down to it, we were all there to celebrate our accomplishments as Elks. It was such a humbling feeling when the realization hits that there are so many people in our country who are working so hard for the same essential mission: to support Veterans and children while building friendships and strengthening our communities. We read about it, we talk about it, and we do the work, but we don't often reflect on it, which is what the Convention gave me as whole.

In addition to handing out "warm fuzzies," we got down to business to address many concerns facing the organization. The end result put in place resolutions which allowed for bringing our lodges up to day in the electronic era with which we live. This includes improved electronic reporting and special allowances for virtual meetings. Also, because of increased societal concerns regarding personal safety, additional safeguards have been put in place that allows for the Grand Exalted Ruler to step in act promptly, if necessary. Elections were held, and the new Grand Lodge officers were installed. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Bruce Hidley, of the Watervliet Lodge #1500 in the State of New York. He has a lot of positive energy and his motto for the year is, "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm." We're looking forward to seeing what the next year has to bring on the Grand Lodge Scale!

What I am hoping to do for the lodge with this experience under my belt, is to bring a renewed sense of energy when it comes to service. We, the Towson Elks, do a lot of wonderful things for our community throughout the year... and we have a great time doing it! You'll see in the coming

months that our Board of Officers are bringing some great new projects and events to the table, and we would love for you to get involved! Just take a look at the back page of this newsletter, and you have a big list of committees that you can join, along with the names and phone numbers of the chairs. We can't wait to hear from you with what you would like to help with or bring to the table!

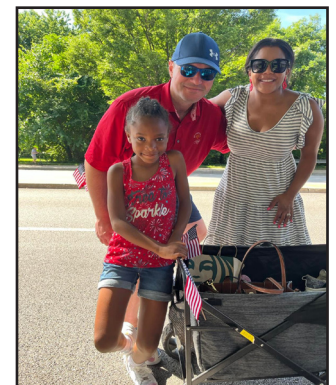
Best wishes,

Stacey Peto

Exalted Ruler



Fourth of July Parade



Pardon Towson's Dust

Please be informed that due to alley improvements, there will be interruptions to lodge parking in the near future. While we don't have an exact timeline of each phase for fixing the alley behind the lodge, we do know that at any point we'll have limited to no availability for parking in our lot. With that said, you'll be able to park in the garage on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the lodge once that phase effects our parking. Simply enter the garage and grab a ticket. Bring that ticket with you to the Elks and you'll receive validation for free parking for the day. The garage is open 24 hours, but you must have the parking vouchers validated to not have to pay.

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 Giangrosso	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

If there was a problem, yo, he'll solve it. Check out the hook while Dick Hurd revolves it... Our in-house Superman spends countless hours at the lodge making sure that our building is ready to roll each day by the time our members come in the building. He can do anything from HVAC to plumbing to all things construction related. Thank you, Dick for your generosity in everything that you do for our lodge. Your love for our home is not lost on us, and we sincerely appreciate your time, energy, and talent.

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for June 2022

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore	\$100
The Arc Baltimore	\$100
Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation	\$200
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$100

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Queen of Hearts
Saturday at Seven

One winner every week, has the chance to win big!
3 chances for \$5

Tickets are on sale every day the lodge is open.



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

Please consider giving to our
Elks Give Locally Charity for August



About Kids' Chance

Since 1996, Kids' Chance has provided college scholarships to the children of Maryland's catastrophically injured workers. Every year, hundreds of workers are disabled by on-the-job injuries and, tragically, about 60 workers in Maryland lose their lives every year. Kids' Chance of Maryland provides an opportunity for the children of these workers to pursue their higher education, reach their goals, and fulfill their dreams for the future.

Every donation, whether small or large, helps a student fulfill their dreams for the future.

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

Remember when...?

When I met Brian (Tunney), he told me all about the Towson Elks. I said to Brian, "I do not know anything about the Elks." Brian talked of how much of a family the Elks were to him, and that he had found a home. Brian took me to meet his fellow Elk Members, and Brian was absolutely right. I immediately felt that I was welcomed to the Elk Family, and see why Brian loved the Elks." -Betsy Whittlesberger, Tiler



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
August 5 th	Friday	Dinner & Noah Pierre	7 PM
August 12 th	Friday	Dinner & Radio Religion	7 PM
August 13 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
August 19 th	Friday	Dinner & Suzie Mac Duo	7 PM
August 27 th	Saturday	Foodie's Night Out & Ricky Olaguer & The Post Band	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