



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



OCTOBER 2022

It was a dark and stormy night. The wind was howling like a lost soul being dragged to the darkest depths of the Great Beyond. I was finding my way down Pennsylvania avenue, in the Heart of Towson. Passing the swarms of tipsy undergrads celebrating the week's end, I sought shelter from the bitter tempest. In the distance, a warm glow from the windows, of what appeared to be a home, served as a beacon of hope amidst the chaos. I ventured up the entry staircase only to find the door was locked. I started to panic, and a sense of doom engulfed my soul. I was certain to be left to the elements. I stood in silence, watching the shadows dance to the enchanting melodies that filled the air. Suddenly, an ominous shadow appeared to the right of my shoulder, and my entire being tensed. As the figure came closer and into the light, I realized that it was not a monster that had approached, but a familiar and friendly face in its stead. He asked, "Did you forget your key...again?" I laughed and acknowledged him. Slowly, he reached into his wallet, and pulled out a card that he slipped into the designated slot. He held the door open, and a clear view of the revelry inside overcame me. My spirit warmed as I made my way in, and as I was welcomed by smiling faces saying, "Finally! We're so glad that you could make it!"

Happy Halloween! This fall, our lodge calendar is packed with fun and fantastic events, and you're all invited. From weekends filled with music, food and Game Day get-togethers, to special events like the Halloween Party, Craft Fair, Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Parties, and more! Keep your eyes out for events to add to your calendar. We'll be sending all the info via email, Facebook, and posting flyers around the lodge. We look forward to seeing you at them all!

Sincerely,
Stacey Peto
 Exalted Ruler

Wine & Dine for Warriors

The Towson Elks Veterans Committee would like to introduce a new fundraising effort designed to assist in the development of meaningful, hands-on programs to benefit our local Veterans. Brendan Harthausen, Army Veteran & Veteran's Committee Chair will utilize the funds to include events, but not to be exclusive of, reacclimating Veterans to Civilian lifestyles, creating meaningful friendships, connections, and personal development. You can help by donating tax deductible goods and services to be auctioned off at our Wine & Dine for Warriors event in January 2023. More details regarding the event itself will, be coming your way soon. Please see the flyer below and thank you for your help to make this a successful event!



Donations Wanted for Veterans Auction

Let's tap into our friends, family, neighbors, and business associates to collect our most wanted items:

- Vacation Rentals
- Hotel Accomodations
- Event Tickets
- Experiences
- Business Products
- Services
- New Electronics
- Sports Memorabilia
- Art
- Antiques
- Gift Baskets
- New Handbags
- Dinner for Two
- Music/Sports Lessons
- Rounds of Golf
- Jewelry
- Gift Cards/Certificates
- New Toys/Games
- Movie Tickets
- Auto Detailing/Service
- Anything you can think of!

Corporate & Individual Sponsorship Levels of the event are also available.

Your donations may be tax deductible!

Our goal is to raise **\$50,000** for our Local Veterans and we need **YOUR** help to make it happen!

Wine and Dine for Warriors on January 14, 2023



Auction Committee Contacts:

Stacey Peto, Exalted Ruler
Ray Der, Past Exalted Ruler

Brendan Harthausen, Veterans Committee

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Flooring Update

Please be informed that the flooring project is scheduled to take place in January 2023. Please contact the Board of Trustees or Stacey Peto, ER for further information. Thank you!

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 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 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

This month, we're celebrating a team of Towson Elks that works behind the scenes to keep this lodge up and running. Special thanks to Steve Gabis, our Lodge Secretary and John Wontrop, our Lodge Treasurer. This Dynamic Duo makes sure that all of the "I's" are dotted, and the "T's" are crossed with regard to the day-to-day running of the lodge, and keeping us straight with all of the requirements of the MD-DC-DE District and Nationals. We are so fortunate to have John and Steve on our team, as they're certainly the cornerstone of the Towson Elks.



Pull Tabs 

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Now Available!

See the Bartenders for Details on the Fun!



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

CRAFT FAIR



Saturday, November 5th

2-6 PM

Holiday Wreaths * Hand Crafted Ornaments * Handmade Jewelry & Accessories
 Hand Painted Glassware * Skincare Products
 Local Art * Wine Gifts * Sports Products * Baked Goods * Stationary
 And More!

Pit Beef & Other BBQ Deliciousness available from **So Good BBQ**

Proceeds benefit our Charitable Giving Fund (501C3)
 Veterans, Children's, & Scholarship Programs



Elks Give Locally Charity for October

Defenders of Animal Rights, Inc.,

is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating cruelty to all animals. Founded in 1975, they celebrate their 45th Anniversary this year! In 1988, the shelter opened in the middle of a 35.8 acre wildlife sanctuary in Northern Baltimore County. They have adopted out over 30,000 animals with an adoption rate of about 97%.

What makes Defenders so unique is that they hold adoptable animals for as long as it takes to find each and every one a forever home.

Defenders of Animal Rights offers a variety of programs to benefit both the animals and the community including:

- Pet Adoption Center Wildlife and Farm Animal Sanctuary
- Animal Rescues and Veterinary Care
- Rehabilitation of abused, neglected, & abandoned animals
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program
- Lost and Found service Grief Counseling
- Youth Work/Community Service
- Humane Education



Elks Care, Elks Share! Add \$1 to your check to donate. Ask your Bartender!

Programs rely solely on public donations. Contributions are tax-deductible. Our rescue work depends on kind people like you to help STOP animal cruelty and strive for a kinder tomorrow.

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for August 2022

Kid's Chance	\$141
Boy Scouts of America	\$100
G.B. Charities, Inc.	\$100
Assistance Center of Towson Churches	\$500
Hope & Peace Foundation	\$250
Jovian Concepts, Inc.	\$500
Kelly's Dream	\$201

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members: \$1,792

Thank you for your generosity!



Remember when...?

I was asked to share my favorite memory from the lodge. This is very difficult as there are several, but the one that stands out the most was at John's funeral. After the Elk's service and I had seen many tears in their eyes, someone asked me if I knew any of the men participating. My reply was that I knew every one of them. I knew then that I had to be a part of this wonderful organization. I had found my comfortable place. Thanks for embracing me.
 Valerie Spangler, Chaplain

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



Towson Elks Lodge #469
 In the heart of Towson
 Since 1899

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 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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 Towson, Maryland 21204
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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
October 3 rd	Monday	17th Annual Towson Elks Charity Golf Tournament	
October 7 th	Friday	Dinner & Cool Change	7 PM
October 8 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
October 14 th	Friday	Dinner & Rod & Reel	7 PM
October 21 st	Friday	Dinner & Bryan Miller	7 PM
October 29 th	Saturday	Halloween Party featuring music with No Boundaries	7PM

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