



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



NOVEMBER 2022

You can almost smell it now...turkey roasting in the oven, fixin's being fixed, and all the pies cooling in the windowsill. The air is crisp and cool, and excitement fills our hearts as we welcome family and friends to celebrate life and give "Thanks." As I reflect upon this Elk Year, I have so many of you to thank for your kindness, generosity, and support.

Our mission as Elks is a simple one, "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members...to cultivate fellowship..." yet the tasks taken to achieve its fulfillment takes an enormous effort on the part of our generous team of volunteers. Thank you to all our Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs & Members, and Past Exalted Rulers. Thank you to our Bartenders, Cooks, Cleaners, and Counters. Thank you to every one of you who take the time to volunteer and participate in our dinners, special events, projects, clean-up efforts, and parties. Thank you to each member of the Towson Elks Lodge: we sincerely appreciate you and your families, and we love to see your faces around the lodge. We value your dedication to our mission and our continued support. If you haven't been down to the lodge in a while, come on back! We have a seat waiting for you.

Happiest of Thanksgivings to you and your families!

Sincerely,

Stacey Peto

Exalted Ruler

2022 Elks Winter Coat & Clothing Drive

Hello Elks, Family, and Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude to the outpouring of generosity with the 2022 Elks Winter Coat and Clothing Drive. Every week over the last several months, the boxes were filled to the brim with all types of clothing items and donations for those less fortunate. Paul's Place Charity of Baltimore has relayed their appreciation for the drive, and they have been accepting of all good during the weekly drop-offs.

I'd like to thank Patrick Roddy, who has been instrumental with the drop-offs to Paul's Place, and his support throughout the drive. These initiatives couldn't have been successful without our amazing members, their loved ones, and the dedication to Towson Elks Lodge #469. To all who found it in their hearts to contribute, the event really did live up to one of the key mottos of our order-Fidelity. Thank you for making the lives of others better and for demonstrating your kindness toward your fellow men, women, and children. -Andrew Rowan, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

THE DICK FLANIGAN
MEMORIAL
TURKEY BOWL
BREAKFAST

\$8.00 per person

THURSDAY, November 24th, 2022
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



CALVERT HALL

VS



MENU: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage (optional Scrapple)
Hash Browns, Toast, Pastries, Juice & Coffee.

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**PLUS! The Return of the
BUILD YOUR OWN Bloody Mary Bar**



ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

A chance to get your name in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DEVELOPING GRITTY KIDS

CONTEST LOCATION PickUp USA Fitness - 8855 Orchard Tree Ln, Towson, MD 21286

HOSTED BY: LODGE NAME Towson, MD LODGE NO. 469

DATE Saturday, January 21, 2023 **TIME** 4:00pm (sign-in & warm-up)
Contest starts at 4:30pm

DIRECTOR Peter Cline **PHONE/EMAIL** 410.371.2232 or clinep33@yahoo.com

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2023. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.

 Elks National Foundation, Inc.
2750 N. Lakeview Ave. | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773/755-4758 | hoopshoot@elks.org | elks.org/hoopshoot

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
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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

Who do you think of when you hear, "Golf" and "Elks" in the same sentence? Bob Cwalina, of course! For 9 years, Bob has dedicated much of his time to coordinating one of our favorite annual fundraisers for our Charitable Giving Fund (501c3). His passion resulted in raising thousands of dollars each year so we can give to local charities, Veterans & children's programs, and fund our scholarship program. He raised over \$24,000 in 2021 alone...and that was with COVID restrictions! Thank you, Bob, for all your efforts, which allow us to provide so generously to our community.

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for September 2022

Maryland School for the Blind	\$200
Jovian Concepts, Inc.	\$500
Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center	\$156

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members: \$856.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Remember when...?

I appreciate Stacey asking me to write about a meaningful memory from the lodge. However, as November will mark my 1st anniversary as a member, I am selecting from a relatively short sample size. That being said, this first year has already been jam packed with fun times. The thing that jumps out most of all is watching this past Orioles season out on the deck. The team couldn't have picked a better time to become relevant again. Heading out a few nights a week and saddling up next to Dick McAllister, Pat Sullivan, Chris O'Connell or Sam Thomsen to name just a few. Then together riding the rollercoaster of our beloved baseball team playing meaningful games late into the season while calling up exciting prospects who are the future core of the team was truly special. Moments like that are always more powerful when you share them with people you care about and who share that vested interest along with you. When I think of the past year, watching the O's on the deck at the Elks will continue to be front of mind. Andy Stilling, Esquire



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

Towson Elks Lodge #469 Annual
Adult Christmas Party
 CATERED • Hors d'oeuvres • Drink Specials
 For members and their significant others ONLY!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1:00-4:00 PM



469
 Admission
 \$20.00
 Per Person
 Required or
 \$20.00 Gift
 Card from
 Major retailer
 Additional
 Donations Accepted
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This year \$20.00 your Admission goes to Little Sisters of the Poor

TOWSON ELKS ANNUAL



DATE: Sun., December 18, 2022
TIME: 12:30PM – 3:30PM
LOCATION: Towson Elks Lodge
 4 West Pennsylvania Avenue
 Towson, MD 21204

Bring your little ones to the lodge for some holiday food, crafts, and entertainment—and maybe even a visit from Kris Kringle.

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, 12/8 and, when you do, be sure to provide the name, age, and gender of all children attendees.

Adults are welcome to stay to watch the Ravens/Browns @ 1pm.

RSVP to Peter Cline:
 410-371-2232 or clinep33@yahoo.com



Just \$25 buys a bag of food for local families in need

Towson Elks Annual Food Drive

In partnership with the Assistance Center of Towson Churches &
Towson Elks Give Locally

Giving is Easy:

- \$25 for a bag of food to feed a family
- Donation of Choice to help restock the ACTC Pantry
- Add \$ to your bar tab
- Give cash or check in an envelope to bartender with your name

Questions? Contact:

Chris O'Connell, Leading Knight @ 443-465-7978
 Vince Pullara @ 410-967-0981



Donations Wanted for Veterans Auction

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

- Vacation Rentals
- Sports Memorabilia
- Rounds of Golf
- Hotel Accommodations
- Art
- Jewelry
- Event Tickets
- Antiques
- Gift Cards/Certificates
- Experiences
- Gift Baskets
- New Toys/Games
- Business Products
- New Handbags
- Movie Tickets
- Services
- Dinner for Two
- Auto Detailing/Service
- New Electronics
- Music/Sports Lessons
- 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 February 4, 2023 at



Auction Committee Contacts:

Stacey Peto, Exalted Ruler
 Ray Der, Past Exalted Ruler
 Brendan Harthausen, Veterans Committee

staceypeto@yahoo.com
 ray_der@hotmail.com
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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



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 In the Heart of Towson





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 In the heart of Towson
 Since 1899

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 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
 4 West Pennsylvania Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21204
 www.towsonelks.org

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
November 4 th	Friday	Dinner & unMarked Bills	7 PM
November 5 th	Saturday	Craft Fair (Bring your friends)	2PM-6PM
November 11 th	Friday	Veteran's Day Ceremony at Wayside Cross	11 AM
November 11 th	Friday	Dinner & Dixie Dudes	7 PM
November 12 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
November 18 th	Friday	Dinner & Andy Bopp Duo	7 PM
November 24 th	Thursday	Dick Flanigan Turkey Bowl Breakfast	9AM-1PM
November 25 th	Friday	No Music	
December 2 nd	Friday	Dinner & Josh Christina	7 PM
December 4 th	Sunday	Annual Memorial Service @Noon & Adult Christmas Party @1PM	
December 9 th	Friday	Dinner & Ricky Olaguer Duo	7 PM
December 10 th	Saturday	Bar Bingo - Food Specials	7:30 PM
December 16 th	Friday	TBD	
December 18 th	Sunday	Children's Christmas Party	12:30 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