



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



JANUARY 2023

There's something about the turning over of a year that brings on feelings of joy, happiness, and a sense of renewed spirit. We allow ourselves to brush off some of the day-to-day burdens and start things off fresh and with hope for brighter times. The Towson Elks has come a long way in the past few years. We not only weathered the storms of the continued COVID Pandemic, we thrived during it. Outside our doors, there are national and global concerns have shaken many of us to the core. All of that being recognized, I am SO PROUD of the Towson Elks Lodge with how it has displayed its strength and resiliency. Our membership has greatly matured and embraced a more diverse population. Physical changes to enhance the aesthetic of the lodge, as well as upgrades to our security have been put in motion. Our charitable and social programs that are at the heart of our mission as Elks have expanded into something wonderful...something that I haven't seen before. It's all so very exciting!

As we continue through the 2022-23 Elk Year, there is so much more to look forward to. Your team of hard-working, dedicated leaders are at the ready to present you with great opportunities for volunteerism, charitable giving, and, of course, lots of events that will just be a great deal of fun!

One of the new events that we present to you is, Wine and Dine for Warriors. Join us on Saturday, February 4th, for a special fundraising event sponsored by the Towson Elks Veterans Committee at The Recher. There will be beautiful food stations, a Silent Auction, live music by Weird Science, and more! Tickets are available behind the bar and conveniently located on our website, under the EVENTS tab. Please note that 100% of your \$65 donation, as well as any funds earned surrounding the event, will go to the Veterans Committee and will support special programs to benefit local Veterans. Tickets and donations are tax-deductible through our 501c3. Please see our flyer and postings for more information, including the menu. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

In addition to attending the Wine and Dine for Warriors Event, if you have any items or services that you would like to donate, we are accepting them for the Silent Auctions. We also have opportunities for event sponsorship! All donations are tax deductible via our 501c3. Please see any of our Wine and Dine for Warriors Committee Members for details: Stacey Peto, Ray Der, Brendan Harthausen, Tricia Trikeriotis, Ron Zepp, and Heather Sullivan. We appreciate your generosity and continued support of our local veterans!

Wishing you, your friends, and family a Happy New Year,

Stacey Peto

Exalted Ruler

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IN THE HEART OF TOWSON SINCE 1899

Wine and Dine for Warriors

DINNER * SILENT AUCTION * BEER & WINE

LIVE MUSIC FROM WEIRD SCIENCE

Saturday, February 4, 2023
6:00pm at

\$65 ADMISSION

DINNER INCLUDES:
HOT TUNA APPETIZER, CHARBROILED, CARVING STATION, FISH STATION, SALAD, ROASTED VEGETABLES, PASTA STATION, & DESSERT STATION SKILLFULLY PREPARED BY THE CULINARY EXPERTS AT TOWSON TAVERN

Tickets Available at the Towson Elks Lodge Bar or at Towsonelks.org under the **EVENTS** Tab

This fundraising event will gift 100% of proceeds to benefit special programming efforts designed by The Towson Elks Veterans Committee to assist local heroes post-service.
Tax-Deductible Donations may be made via the Towson Elks 501c3

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**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 February 4, 2023 at

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

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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 Keely	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

Our in-house doppelganger of Clark Kent, (aka Leading Knight, aka "Face,"), has brought the magic to the 2022 Holiday Season. Special thanks to Chris O'Connell for coordinating all of our holiday giving efforts, along with Vince Pullara. From the Mitten and Hat Tree, to the Adopt-a-Family Gift Tree, to the donations for food baskets to Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). We appreciate your time, effort, and love of this lodge which as made your work at the Towson Elks so successful.

Remember when...?

When I joined the lodge I did not have the long standing connections as most of the members. I wasn't in the Military or a Calvert Hall alumna (these are the unofficial requirements to join). The lodge was very welcoming to me and I found my home in the kitchen (bet you didn't see that coming, haha). In my early days Friday Dinners were prepared by Bob Stambaugh, Ken Kocun, Ron Blachowicz with Toni and Sandy serving. I was able to join them on the occasional Friday night and they made me feel at home. As time passed I got more and more and maybe too much more involved and there was always a lodge member helping in one way or another along the way. The Lodge is the place to go where everybody knows your name and they are always glad you came -- "Cheers".

See you around the Lodge.

Vince Pullara



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

Baby it's COLD Outside!

ADD \$1 or more to your Bar tab this month and donate to



Our drive is to be Maryland's leading organization dedicated to the efficient delivery of cost-effective **energy assistance** for low-income households to maintain their well-being and encourage self-sufficiency.

Give the gift of Warmth! Elks Give Locally January 2023

“Thank You!” from Our Leading Knight

The membership delivered an estimated \$6,000 worth of gifts to 30 children through the Assistance Center of Towson Churches during their annual charitable Christmas giving program. Your fellow members volunteered their time and money to give back to underprivileged youth in need and we can't thank them enough! Didn't have time to participate this year, but would still like to donate? Don't fret, our annual food drive still needs plenty of support! You can make your donation to the ACTC food drive by asking any bartender. – Chris O'Connell, Leading Knight

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for November 2022

Lutherville Fire Company	\$100
My New Book, Inc.	\$150
Toys for Tots	\$100 plus 63 toys valued at \$945
Assistance Charities of Towson Churches	
Gifts for 9 families valued at \$6000	
Mitten & Hat Tree benefitting	
3 Local Elementary schools	330 pairs
Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members:	

Over \$7,195 in cash & gifts!

Thank you for your generosity!

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.


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

Pardon Our Dust

The Flooring Project will begin on Tuesday, January 3rd, in the bar on the main floor. The lodge will be closed January 3rd & 4th. The lodge will re-open, downstairs only, on January 5th. Please enter ONLY through the Banquet Room entrance on Pennsylvania Ave until the bar is complete.

The dining room will be closed for floor installation starting Monday, January 23rd. Please enter through the Front Door ONLY until the dining room is finished. Each project has approximate completion times of 5-7 days. Check your email, website, and social media for the latest updates. Thank you for your patience during this time!



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 Since 1899

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 Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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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
January 1 st	Sunday	New Year's Day with PER Guest Bartenders	12 PM
January 3 rd	Tuesday	Flooring Project Begins	
January 6 th	Friday	Live Music with Marshall Stone	7 PM
January 13 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music w/ Rod & Reel	7 PM
January 14 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
January 21 st	Saturday	Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest @PickUp USA Fitness	4 PM
January 23 rd	Monday	Dining Room Flooring Project Begins	
January 27 th	Friday	Live Music w/ Anna Marie Acoustic	7 PM
February 4 th	Saturday	Wine & Dine for Warriors: Veteran's Fundraiser Veteran's Fundraiser at the Recher	6-10 PM
February TBD		Annual Chili Cook-Off	

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