Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

FEBRUARY 2023

"Hey…whatchya up to?"

If the answer is anything like, "I dunno…what are you doing?" "Binge watching White Lotus on Netflix," or "My cat has me pinned to the couch," then it's time to get up and head on down to the Towson Elks Lodge!

When you think of the lodge, one of the first things that pops into your head is the bar. We don't blame you! It's where a lot of action takes place: dinners, live music, parties…and it's where the drinks are.

That being said, are you taking advantage of all the activities that the lodge has to offer? Everyone knows about the bar, but have you ventured downstairs lately? There are several games waiting for you including shuffleboard tables, a pool table, foosball, darts, a poker table, and an area to lounge and play board games while watching cable TV. We have different leagues throughout the year for these games too, so keep your eye out for sign up sheets…all levels of experience accepted!

The opportunities to get moving that are at the heart of our organization involves volunteering, and there's plenty of that to go around! You can pitch in during food service—Bob always needs a helping hand (no experience necessary). How about taking a couple of hours on an event day to help out? You're going to be there anyway. Jump in when we ask for help with Spring Cleaning—it's coming up soon!

Don't see anything you're interested in, but have an idea of what to do? Just let us know! We're always looking for fun activities. We'll request that you take the helm to fulfill your vision but know that this is YOUR lodge. We're run by volunteers, like you…and you make it special.

See ya at the lodge,
Stacey Peto
Exalted Ruler

Elks Care, Elks Share

Super Bowl Pot Luck
Sunday, February 12th
5pm

Bring your favorite Game Day Grub to Share!

A Word on Fellowship

We are proud of the increased diversity among our membership in recent years. Please be reminded of our Mission Statement: "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 quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship." Our order is a non-political and non-sectarian fraternity. Racist, misogynistic, homophobic, and bigoted rhetoric not only goes against what we stand for as Elks, it is a violation of our National Standards. Violations of our Code of Conduct are to be brought to the attention of Board of Trustees. All are welcome in our home, and we must respect the uniqueness that each member and their loved ones bring.

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
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Stacey Peto	602-228-7443

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Robert A Ruhl	1968-1969	Michael S Perry	2006-2007
Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008
Robert A Ruhl	1976-1977	Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	Roger J Delp	2009-2010
James A Gede Sr	1984-1985	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
James A Gede Sr	1985-1986	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Ray Der	2013-2014
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	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		
James A Jenkins	2004-2005		

Elk of the Month

Walk softly and carry a big…guitar. Isn't that how the saying goes? It does for Mark Merrick. Mark is one of those guys whose impact is greatly felt by his actions, not by his boisterousness. He has a deep love for the lodge, which is evident through his quiet participation. He's always willing to lend a hand, whether it's in the kitchen, ensuring the lodge property is clean and orderly. He has incomparable insight and vision for the future of the lodge, and it's exciting to see where he will lead us. Thank you, Mark. We truly value all that you do.

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

Towson Elks Give Locally in February to:

BALTIMORE COUNTY
Police Assistance & Relief Fund

Our mission
WE SUPPORT ACTIVE-DUTY MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, FIND THEMSELVES DEALING WITH UNRECOVERABLE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

Support Those Who Serve
Your Donation to the PAR Fund is a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the difficult work and dedication our heroes in blue perform.

Ask your bartender to ADD $1 or more to Elks Give Locally

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!" Don't forget to Add $1

Elks Care, Elks Share

Elks Care, Elks Share: Charitable Contributions for December 2022

Assistance Center for Towson Churches Giving Tree	$6,000
Assistance Center for Towson Churches Food Pantry	$1,670
Fuel Fund of Maryland	$513

Total Donated by Towson Lodge #469 Members:

$8,183

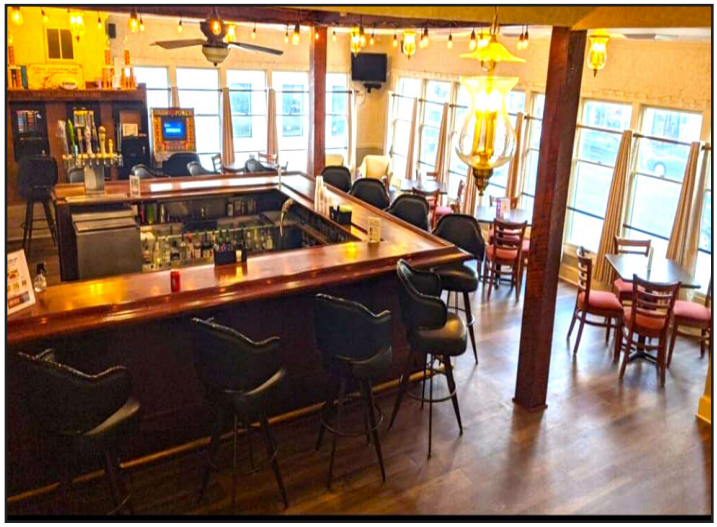
Thank you for your generosity!

Please Note

This lodge was notified in October of 2022 via a letter from the Grand Secretary, that the Per Capita general liability insurance assessment will increase $5.00 per member starting with the 2023-2024 dues payment. This letter was shared with the membership at our October 25th general business meeting. Towson Lodge #469 dues will remain the same, but the Grand Lodge increased assessment will raise your payment to $153.25.

Remember when…?

I remember when I first started coming to the Elks Lodge when my husband Mark was convinced to join by a friend, John Bashaar, 20 years ago. We would stop by occasionally for a drink or a crab cake dinner on a Friday night on the deck which was the only outdoor space in Towson. We didn't really know too many members but enjoyed the outdoor setting and would bring family, ordering take out for birthdays and special occasions. When Zack's band, All Time Low, was to perform at the Towson Center in 2010, we needed a space to gather all family and friends of the band beforehand. Ordering at a restaurant would take too long for our large group. The Elks was the perfect solution. Brian Tunney gave us the go ahead to use the deck for our gathering and was very accommodating. A good time was had by all before heading to the show. I realized the Lodge is a special place. Since then, I've become more involved, joining the Ladies of the Elks, then becoming an Elk myself. I've made new friends and many of my family and friends have joined and are able to share in this special home away from home!
– Carla Merrick, Towson Elks Give Locally Chair



Stop by the lodge and check out the new flooring. It looks and feels amazing!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LODGE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7PM ON THE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER MEETINGS ARE THE 2nd TUESDAY ONLY

Date	Day	Event	Time
February 3rd	Friday	TBD	
February 4th	Saturday	Wine & Dine for Warriors: Veteran's Fundraiser Veteran's Fundraiser at the Recher	6-10 PM
February 10th	Friday	Live Music w/Spike & Friends	7 PM
February 11th	Saturday	Bingo & Food Specials	7:30 PM
February 12th	Sunday	Super Bowl Pot Luck	5 PM
February 17th	Friday	TBD	
February 24th	Friday	Live Music w/Sean Bera & DC	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