Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

JULY 2023

Members All,

As we enter the month of July, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the amazing community that we have built together. Our lodge has always been a place where friendship, service, and support thrive, and I am truly honored to serve as your Exalted Ruler. This month, let us continue to make a positive impact in our community and inspire others to join us in our noble pursuits.

Our lodge has always thrived due to the dedication and involvement of our members. As we strive to build a stronger community, I encourage each of you to extend an invitation to family, friends, and colleagues who may be interested in joining the Elks. Our goal is to provide a lodge that provides a welcoming environment for individuals of all backgrounds, and by expanding our membership, we can amplify the impact of our service and charitable initiatives. Together, we can make an even greater difference in our community.

The month of June was filled with delightful days on the deck and death-defying feats on the pool and shuffleboard tables. On one beautiful Friday evening in June, Bob Horn and crew whipped up an incredible paella night that was devoured by all. There may also have been a championship shuffleboard match or something…who really remembers that part of the night anyway? Kidding aside, a big congratulations to Mike Trikeriotis and Nick Theodosakas for winning a hard-fought championship match against two really strong, good looking, kind, witty, intelligent competitors who were completely fine with losing and didn't even really care at all. Good season, all!

I had the pleasure of attending the State Associations convention earlier this month. I got to know some of our state, regional and district representatives. There was much discussion around what things are working and where we need improvement in our lodges. I'm happy to report that we are doing most of these things already (no surprise), but there's always room for improvement. I'm honored to be attending the Elks Grand Lodge Convention over the Fourth of July week in Minneapolis. While I'm sad to be missing out on the Towson parade, Matt Hall is set to put on a great show.

Join your fellow members as we proudly march in the Towson Fourth of July Parade, a time-honored tradition that brings our community together in celebration of our nation's independence. To make the Towson Fourth of July Parade a resounding success, we need enthusiastic volunteers to help with various tasks. From decorating our vehicles to distributing hundreds of American Flags or preparing and grilling up food back at the lodge - every contribution matters.

We invite all members, along with their families and friends, to be a part of our lodge's presence in this grand event. It's an opportunity to showcase our commitment to community service and patriotism. If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact your Leading Knight, Matt Hall. Let's come together and make this parade a memorable experience for our community.

Finally, get ready for an evening of friendly (or not) competition and camaraderie at our Elks Beer Pong Tournament on July 7th. Bring your A-game and form teams to battle it out for the title of Towson Elks Beer Pong Champions. This event promises calm demeanor, polite banter and surely no fist fights in the parking lot. Registration opens the night of, so gather your friends and sign up early to secure your spot. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting our lodge and its charitable endeavors. Let's raise our cups and have a great time while making a difference in our community.

Remember, the impact we make is not limited to a single month. It is the collective effort, passion, and dedication we bring year-round that truly defines us as Elks. Let us continue to inspire, serve, and uplift our community in July and beyond.

Fraternally yours,

Chris O'Connell

Exalted Ruler

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

★ TOWSON 4TH OF JULY PARADE ★

JOIN US ON JULY 4TH AS WE WALK IN THE PARADE AND HAND OUT FLAGS TO THE CROWD.

ANYONE WISHING TO COME OUT, PLEASE BE AT THE LODGE BY 9:30 AM.

LODGE OFFICERS 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Leading Knight	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
Loyal Knight	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Lecturing Knight	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Secretary	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Mike Jenkins	410-710-9530
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	Mark Merrick	410-365-9946
2 Year Trustee	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
3 Year Trustee	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
4 Year Trustee	Darrell Russell	443-465-8938
5 Year Trustee	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

501©3 Charity Fund	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
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	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Fourth of July	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
Golf/Fundraiser	Bob Cwalina	443-465-4291
Historian	Brian Keelty	410-821-6786
Hoop Shoot	Pete Cline, PER	410-371-2232
Inner & Intra Activities	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Lapsation	Peter Beitman	410-409-5225
Lapsation	Patrick Slaughter	443-465-4063
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	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Newsletter	Donna Murphy	410-917-9448
Orientation	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
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
Veterans Service	Brendan Harthausen	443-465-7693
Volunteer Coordinator	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Stacey Peto, PER	602-228-7443
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
Wine & Dine	Ed Kilcullen	410-241-9042
Wine & Dine	Ray Der	410-236-8774

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Robert A Ruhl	1968-1969	Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008
Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009
Robert A Ruhl	1976-1977	Roger J Delp	2009-2010
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
James A Gede Sr	1984-1985	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
James A Gede Sr	1985-1986	Ray Der	2013-2014
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	John J Morton	2016-2017
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Michael E Ward	1994-1995	Jeff Rogyom	2018-2019
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Ron Zepp	2021-2022
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Stacey Peto	2022-2023
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004		
James A Jenkins	2004-2005		
Michael S Perry	2006-2007		

Pull Tabs are 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.

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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

Elks Give Locally in July to

Horizon DAY CAMP Baltimore, MD

Who We Are

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore brings the simple pleasures of childhood back to children struggling with cancer, changing months of loneliness and isolation into summers filled with sunshine, laughter and happiness. And because Horizon is a day camp, it does all this while allowing the children to continue their medical treatment and enjoy the comfort and safety of their own homes at night.

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore is a proud member of the Sunrise Association, whose mission is to bring back the joys of childhood to children with cancer and their siblings worldwide. Sunrise accomplishes this through the creation and oversight of welcoming, inclusive summer day camps, year-round programs and in-hospital recreational activities, all offered free of charge.

Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore is a full-summer day camp for children with cancer and their siblings, ages 3 1/2 – 16, who are in active or follow-up treatment for cancer. Unlike most oncology sleep-away camps that are offered for 1-2 weeks each summer, Horizon Day Camp-Baltimore allows children to attend camp as often as they can.

Contact Lisa, our Camp Registrar, for more information at registrar@horizondaycamp.org.

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

2023 Shuffleboard Champions
Nick Theodosakas and Mike Trikeriotis

ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday October 2, 2023
at Pine Ridge Golf Course

Player costs are $170.00 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

&

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 our biggest fundraiser for our 501C3 charitable foundation.

The proceeds are 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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Since 1899

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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
July 4th	Tuesday	Independence Day Parade	Meet at Lodge @ 9:30 AM
July 7th	Friday	Beer Pong Tournament	Registration is 6 PM
July 7th	Friday	Music - The ShamRogues	7 PM
July 14th	Friday	Music - Brave Front	7 PM
July 22nd	Saturday	Music - Crush	7 PM
July 28th	Friday	Music - Suzie Mac Trio	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