



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



NOVEMBER 2023

Who even likes Orioles anyway? “This season was like an ex that comes back into your life after years of disarray proclaiming they’ve gotten their act together, enrolled in classes at ITT Tech, their uncle Jimmy will give them a job as a roofer if they graduate. You accept them back into your life and you wake up one morning to find them gone, along with all your silverware and the copper wire is stripped out of your home. We’ll get ‘em next year baby!” -Stavros Halkias

I’m younger than some and haven’t been able to spend a ton of time cheering on a good Orioles team. So it was an especially fun season and thank you to the seam-heads for putting up with my adolescent understanding of the rules of baseball. Thank you all for coming out and spending your time at the lodge throughout the month of October! The Sunday English breakfast for the Ravens-Titans game hosted by Matt Hall and Patrick Sullivan was a huge success and the Halloween Monster Mash was a night we won’t soon forget! I’m familiar with the normal zombies that lurk in the halls of our lodge, but the additional thought and creativity that went into everyone’s costumes was quite impressive. Thank you to the Halloween committee for throwing another great party. Speaking of another spooktacular success, we also held our annual golf tournament fundraiser led by Bob Cwalina.

The 18th Annual Elks Golf Tournament Fundraiser was held on October 2nd at Pine Ridge Golf Course. It was a successful event and raised over \$22,000 for our 501C3 Charity Fund. We had 28 foursomes participating with perfect day of weather! Lunch, dinner, and beverages were served to all participants on the course during the round. We had a buffet style lunch and the excellent dinner followed to end a wonderful day. Unfortunately, only 16% of our members chose to support this important event which enables us to fund our charitable programs for veterans, youth and local charities. Think what we could attain with all members supporting this once-a-year fundraiser! Special thanks go to Vince Pullara, Bill Lewis, Brian Keelty and Jim Jenkins for their outstanding and continuing support of the event! And many thanks to those members who did support our fundraiser and the great volunteers who gave their time to assist us. We look forward to an even better turnout and level of support next year. So, come and join us next year!

Save the Date – October 7, 2024!

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THE DICK FLANIGAN MEMORIAL TURKEY BOWL BREAKFAST

CALVERT HALL VS. L

Thursday, November 23rd 8:30am - 12 noon

\$9.00 per Person

Includes

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon & Sausage
Hash Browns
Toast & Pastries
Juice & Coffee
Scrapple (Optional)

PLUS! THE RETURN OF THE BLOODY MARY BAR

Towson Elks Lodge #469 Annual
Adult Christmas Party
Catered • Hors d'oeuvres • Drink Specials
For members and their significant others ONLY!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 1:00-4:00 PM

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Admission \$20.00
Per Person Required or \$20.00 Gift Card from Major retailer
Additional Donations Accepted 469

This year \$20.00 your Admission goes to Little Sisters of the Poor

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	Chris O'Connell	443-465-7987
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

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Robert A Ruhl	1968-1969	Roger J Delp	2009-2010
Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Devin A Foggo	2011-2012
Robert A Ruhl	1976-1977	Ronald J Blachowicz	2012-2013
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	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		
Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008		
Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009		

Towson Elks Lodge #469 Annual

Kid's Party

Come for Lunch and Christmas Goodies,
Professor Horn's Punch and Judy Show, and a
special appearance by SANTA!

Sunday, December 17th - 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

RSVP by December 3rd with each child's name, age, and gender
so Santa knows what to bring.



For more information contact:
Pete Cline at:
410-371-2232
clinep33@yahoo.com

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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

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Your lodge initiated 13 new members in October, and we have a full pipeline for November. If you have signed up an applicant and they haven't scheduled their interview or have been meaning to bring in that friend, family or colleague to introduce them to your lodge, make it happen in November. This month, the lodge's schedule is jam packed with a number of ways to give back to your community while celebrating the virtues of our order focusing on charity and brotherly love.

Saturday, November 11th we will conduct the Veterans Day ceremony at 11am at the Wayside crossing up the street. Obviously, your attendance isn't required, but I will question why you're a member if you're not there. On Tuesday, November 14th, instead of our normal meeting, we will be hosting the veterans from Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET) for a Thanksgiving dinner celebration and charitable giving. If you have questions and/or would like to donate your time or funds to this evening, please contact me directly.

On Tuesday, November 28th, State President Renee Rivituso and VP Kevin Rose will be in town attending our normally scheduled meeting at 7pm. Renee and Kevin are staunch supporters of our organization and represent all things Maryland when it comes to our national organization. Are you interested in understanding the future vision of our organization and how that will affect you? Do you want to get the gossip on what I do during these national and state association meetings? These are the people to talk to and direct your questions. I hope I don't ask too much of you all, in this case I am. Come fill our lodge room and hear what our guests have to say. As a refresher, to find our lodge room, go up the stairs and instead of going out on the deck, you keep going up the stairs and find a seat. See you all soon!

All the best,
Chris O'Connell
Exalted Ruler

Mitten & Hat Tree

Donations go to grade school kids in need of warm gloves and hats. Look for the Mitten Tree in the dining room at the Lodge.



Food Drive

We are working with Assistance Center of Towson Churches again this year for our annual food drive.

\$25.00 per food bag/family
& restock the shelves at ACTC
(Any dollar amount helps)

Members and Guests can donate
any dollar amount they want.

Please leave a check or cash with the bartender.
Write your name on the outside of the envelope.

Elks Care, Elks Share



Adopt-A-Family Gift Tag Tree

The annual gift tag tree will be in the Lodge, to benefit local families. The Tree and tags is available each tag will contain the name, age and 3 gifts desired for each child in the Adopted Family.

Select a tag, copy the information and Print your name and phone number,
Leave the tag on the tree.

Bring the wrapped gifts to the lodge by
December 11th, place the tag on the gifts to identify.

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 In the heart of Towson
 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
November 3 rd	Friday	Music - Radio Religion	7 PM
November 4 th	Saturday	Open House & Craft Fair	2-6 PM
November 10 th	Friday	Music - Sean B & D.C.	7 PM
November 11 th	Saturday	Veteran's Day Ceremony at Wayside Cross	11 AM
November 11 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
November 14 th	Tuesday	MCVETS Thanksgiving Dinner	
November 17 th	Friday	Music - Spike & Friends	7 PM
November 23 rd	Thursday	Dick Flanigan Turkey Bowl Breakfast	8:30AM-12:30PM
November 28 th	Tuesday	Elks State President Visit	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