



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



APRIL/MAY 2024

I would like to take a moment and thank you for giving me this opportunity of leadership for the Towson Elks #469. Over the past few months, I tried to reflect on how I got to this position and thought it best to share with you all that story.

On December 10th, 2020, I walked into the Towson Elks for the first time to play some parlor games with a new friend, Wes Ottey. The night turned into several games of darts played with his buddy, Brendan Harthausen and by March 2021, I was a member. In the months to follow, I found myself spending many evenings at the lodge, and even days doing clean-ups and supporting various volunteer activities. Now, just three short years later, I find myself in the driver's seat.

Of course, taking any position, especially this early, was not on my mind when I first stepped through the lodge doors, but the people I met along the way, the sense of community that radiates from everyone here and the work that our lodge accomplishes together made it very easy to join the ranks of leadership. I was asked, and "The Dude abides".

While I was anxious about becoming Exalted Ruler, what I heard from the old guard that gathers around the bar early in the day is that, in recent memory, the lodge has never been stronger. And while my short time here doesn't allow me to make the same statement with any value, I can say that the excitement from the membership is unbelievably motivating.

For those of you that read Past Exalted Ruler O'Connell's final newsletter, he opened with "The wedding is the event, love is a practice", so let me tell you about the reception ...

A few months ago, Mike Lawler brought an idea to the lodge to apply for funds from the state. Dick Hurd immediately got to work on how the funds could potentially be used and Chris O'Connell kept everyone motivated and on task to do the tedious paperwork. Lisa Sparks then tirelessly completed the application and with the approval of the rest of the trustees, our application was submitted. On Tuesday, April 9th, we were made aware that our lodge was approved to receive funds in the amount of \$215,000 to use for capital improvements! You read that right ... **TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.** When you see these folks at the lodge take a moment to thank them and buy them a drink.

It is the strength of our membership that will keep us successful. I encourage you to find a committee to join or even just reach out to help from time to time. Come help at an event or ask a committee chair or leadership for a job to do. Check-in with Bryan Mager and his team to see what amazing events are on the horizon and need in-person volunteering. Keep your eye on the website, message board or Facebook for opportunities and come make it a family event. Maybe even just bring a new friend one night to play parlor games and see what happens next. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Matt Hall
Exalted Ruler

TOWSON ELKS
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
Registration Starts @ 5 pm

BEER TOURNAMENT PONG

\$50 per Team
*Teams of 2 Required

\$15 for anyone that wants to eat & drink but not PLAY

Includes:
Draft Beer & Food

** Entries are Limited - While Supplies Last

LODGE OFFICERS 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
Leading Knight	Andrew Rowan	314-795-9359
Loyal Knight	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Lecturing Knight	Mike Jenkins	410-710-9530
Secretary	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Michelle Marzullo	410-913-9099
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	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
2 Year Trustee	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
3 Year Trustee	Darrell Russell	443-465-8938
4 Year Trustee	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
5 Year Trustee	Josh Nagle	443-834-8812

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	Brendan Hartausen	443-465-7694
ENF	Bryan Mager	410-977-7792
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	Larry Smith	410-591-0246
Membership	Valerie Spangler	410-812-2013
National Foundation	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Newsletter	Matt Hall	443-388-7106
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	Mike Jenkins	410-710-9530
Volunteer Coordinator		
Web & Social Media Co-Coordinator	Stacey Peto, PER	602-228-7443
Wine & Dine	Ed Kilcullen	410-241-9042

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	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	Chris O'Connell	2023-2024
James A Jenkins	2004-2005		
Michael S Perry	2006-2007		
Richard A McAllister Jr	2007-2008		
Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009		
Roger J Delp	2009-2010		
Devin A Foggo	2011-2012		



Queen of Hearts

Drawing Overview

Price: \$5.00 per Ticket

Ticket to be filled out with holder's name, phone number and the envelope number they choose.

Tickets sold daily, by the Towson Elks bar staff, and by the Queen Team Leader, from 5-7, on the Saturday before the drawing.

When: Drawing is Saturday at 7pm

Drawing will start when 25 tickets are sold. In the event, the 25 ticket minimum is not met prior to the 7:00 drawing time, sold tickets will transfer to the next drawing date.

One ticket will be drawn from the ticket drum.

The person whose name is on the ticket will have the opportunity to pick a numbered envelope.

If the ticket holder is not present and an envelope is not specified, the Queen of Hearts administrator will pick a numbered envelope for them.

Each numbered envelope (1-54) will contain one standard playing card (joker(s) included). The ticket holder will immediately be awarded their prize money in cash (Queen pot issued as a check). The picked card will be turned face up and remain in the lock box until the Queen of Hearts is revealed.

After each Saturday drawing, the ticket drum will be emptied and sales for the next drawing will begin. Each ticket will be good for one drawing. This will repeat weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn and the grand prize is awarded.

Governing Rules

Only Elk members and their guests are eligible to purchase tickets. You can purchase as many as you like.

Winner need not be present, please check payouts.

*Present includes members registered in the dollar game book on the same day as the drawing.

Good Luck!

Prize Payouts

Drawing 1 thru 10

2-10 \$25.00

J.A.K.A \$60.00

Joker \$70.00

Drawing 11 thru 25

2-10 \$35.00

J.A.K.A \$80.00

Joker \$70.00

Drawing 26 Beyond

2-10 \$45.00

J.A.K.A \$70.00

Joker \$70.00

4 of Clubs Pays \$300.00

and reverts the board over

Queen of Hearts

Per-100 of Pot when Present*
80% to winner & 20% to Judge

Per-100 of Pot when Absent
40% to winner & 60% to Judge

All winnings must be claimed by 90 days of drawing. An IRS 1099 will be issued for prizes of \$500.00 and above.

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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

Where the Elks will be volunteering...

April 23rd

Sandalwood Elementary School -
volunteer at their community family game
night

April 13th

Helping The league for people with
disabilities 300 Light Street

Contact Bryan Mager if you are available to
help. 410-977-7792



Open Daily at the Lodge
Check the website weekly
for days and menu

Spring Cleaning

Do you enjoy being outdoors?
Like lending a helping hand or
have a green thumb?

Our lodge will be conducting our
Annual Spring Cleaning
April 27th



Contact any officer
for more
information or just
show up!

Elks Care, Elks Share

DONATE TO OUR ELKS GIVE LOCALLY CHARITY IN APRIL



The Casey Cares Foundation is
a non-profit organization that provides uplifting
programs and activities for critically ill children and
their families.

They help keep families' spirits high by arranging
palliative programming - whether it's a care package for
a simple movie night and a fresh pair of pajamas,
visiting a live show, going to the zoo, or attending a
major sporting event. Casey Cares makes life a lot
better by adding a personal touch throughout the year
and making lasting memories for families throughout
the Mid-Atlantic region, Florida, and portions of the
Midwest. Many of our patients will be receiving active
treatment for years and this will impact their siblings,
parents and their community. We focus on the entire
family, not simply the sick child.

Make a difference in a Child's day.
Ask your bartender to add donation to your check!

Saturday MAY 18th 3pm - 7:30pm

LIVE MUSIC w/ Tyler Hayes

TOWSON ELKS PREAKNESS PARTY 2024

2024 Commemorative Elks Preakness Pint Glass

Black Eyed Susan & Preakness Spritzers

Complimentary Lite Hors D'oeuvres

PLUS!!

RAFFLES - PREAKNESS POOLS - GAMES OF CHANCE AND SILENT AUCTION



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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
April 20 th	Saturday	Beer Pong Tournament	Registration starts at 5 PM
April 26 th	Friday	Dinner & Live Music Spike & Friends	7 PM
April 27 th	Saturday	Spring Cleaning Day	
May 3 rd	Friday	Dinner & Live Music Sean B & DC	7 PM
May 4 th & 5 th	Saturday & Sunday	Towsontown Spring Festival - Bartending	
May 10 th	Friday	Dinner & Music Radio Religion	7 PM
May 11 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
May 18 th	Saturday	Preakness Party w/Music Tyler Hayes	3-7:30 PM
May 31 st	Friday	Dinner & Live Music	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