Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

JULY 2025

Greetings Fellow Elks,

The dog days of summer have arrived in full force! As we look at the summer solstice in the rear view mirror and sit here in the midst of a just heinous heat wave, I'm reminded everytime I step outside of the old adage "It's not the heat that'll kill you, it's the humidity." And though Mother Nature has attempted to cut me down, here I sit, undaunted, delivering another newsletter to you fine folks.

We had a new scout troop help us this year with our Flag Day celebration. Many thanks to the scouts from Troop 711 and to Pete Cline for all his help setting up our annual event. Speaking of our Star Spangled Banner, we hope that many of you will join us as we once again march in the Towson 4th of July parade. We will meet at the lodge at 9 am on the 4th before heading to our staging area. We will hand out flags to the parade goers as per usual. This is always a great event to bring the kids to, actually being in the parade is quite the big deal for little ones. Come back to the lodge afterwards for burgers and dogs on the grill.

In very exciting news keep an eye out for details about our yearly golf event from new chairman Sam Thomsen! And if you see Bob Cwalina around, thank him for his many successful years at the helm of this event.

We have a proposed change to the bylaws that will be posted further along in this newsletter. We will have discussion on the proposed changes at our July lodge meeting and a vote will occur at the August meeting.

As always we welcome you and your point of view on this and all lodge issues at our meetings.

As I write this I am days away from heading to this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City. I look forward to connecting with fellow Elks from across the country and sharing our successes at the Towson Lodge and hopefully picking up some useful tips and tricks to bring home with me. I remain immensely humbled that you have seen fit to let me lead the lodge this year.

Cheers,
Andy Stilling
Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Leading Knight	Will Hill	443-622-9963
Loyal Knight	Mike Jenkins	410-710-9530
Lecturing Knight	Michelle Marzullo	410-913-9099
Secretary	Steve Gabis	443-299-9967
Treasurer	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Esquire	Sean Priest	860-951-6579
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	Richard Hurd	410-303-4163
2 Year Trustee	Darrell Russell	443-465-8938
3 Year Trustee	Lisa Sparks	443-632-8170
4 Year Trustee	Josh Kainth	203-830-9468
5 Year Trustee	Barbara Lewis	410-404-0989

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	Sam Thomsen	443-834-4048
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	Josh Kainth	203-830-9468
National Foundation	John Wontrop, PER	410-592-7062
Newsletter	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
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	Stacey Peto, PER	602-228-7443
Web & Social Media Chair	Patrick Sullivan, PER	443-286-5798
Wine & Dine Co-Chair	Stacey Peto, PER	602-228-7443
Wine & Dine Co-Chair	Tricia Trikeriotis	410-937-2679

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	John M Wontrop	2014-2015
Philip A Schoenberger	1980-1981	John J Morton	2016-2017
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Jeff Rogyom	2018-2019
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Michael E Ward	1994-1995	Ron Zepp	2021-2022
Thomas A Keller	1994-1995	Stacey Peto	2022-2023
Christian H Rose	1995-1996	Chris O'Connell	2023-2024
Dwaine N Garber	2000-2001	Matt Hall	2024-2025
Gerald D Mastropieri	2003-2004		
James A Jenkins	2004-2005		
Michael S Perry	2006-2007		
Jay V Strong Jr	2008-2009		
Roger J Delp	2009-2010		
Devin A Foggo	2011-2012		
Ray Der	2013-2014		

Queen of Hearts Drawing Overview

Price: $5.00 per Ticket

Ticket to be filed 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,Q,K,A	$50.00
Joker	$70.00
Drawing 11 thru 25	
2-10	$35.00
J,Q,K,A	$60.00
Joker	$70.00
Drawing 26 & Beyond	
2-10	$45.00
J,Q,K,A	$70.00
Joker	$70.00
4 of Clubs Pays	$100.00

and resets the board once

Queen of Hearts

Portion of Pot when Present*
60% to winner & 40% to lodge

Portion of Pot when Absent
40% to winner & 60% to lodge

All winnings must be claimed by 30 days of drawing. An IRS 1099 will be issued for prizes of $600.00 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

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Article V - Section 4

Penultimate paragraph
Final sentence
Currently reads: For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation $6.00 per member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable monthly.

Changed to (changes in bold): For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation **$9.00** per member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable monthly.

Article V - Section 5

Final sentence
Currently reads: He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of $5,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of $4,000.00 per annum, payable twice a year.

Changed to (changes in bold): He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of $5,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of **$6,000.00** per annum, payable twice a year.

Both of these changes were approved in principle by the trustees prior to this Lodge Year and will be retroactive to apply as of the beginning of the '25-'26 Elk Year.

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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	Friday	Towson Parade meet @ the Lodge	9 AM
July 8th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting	7 PM
July 11th	Friday	Live Music - Anton Tuvelman	7 PM
July 18th	Friday	Live Music - Anything Goes Trio	7 PM
July 26th	Saturday	Live Music - Radio Religion Band	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