Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

DECEMBER 2025

Seasons Greetings Gang,

I'm churning out this month's message a little earlier than usual so the task of putting the newsletter together can be done and dusted in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. As I write this, our dinner for veterans is fresh in the rearview mirror. What an incredible event, thanks to everyone who lent a hand in bringing it to fruition. Special thanks to Mike Jenkins for organizing, our surprisingly robust underground cabal of local chefs for preparing a mouthwatering meal and to all of the Elks who donated their time in the lead up to and during the event. A truly staggering number of members did their part taking care of the veterans and I am indebted to you all.

We have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks. Saturday December 6th we honor our members who have passed away in 2025 with the Elks Memorial Service at noon. That will be followed from 1-4 pm with the Adult Christmas Party. This event does have a $20 entry fee per person and is limited to members and their partners. Come eat, drink and be merry with your lodge family.

The following weekend we have a very busy week for Youth Activities Chair Pete Cline as he runs both the Elks Hoop Shoot on Saturday and the Kids Christmas Party on Sunday. The Hoop Shoot is taking place at Pickup USA in Towson at 4pm and is free to enter for kids who are 8-13 as of 4/1/26. The Kids Christmas Party is taking place at the lodge at 11 am. We'll have pizza, a magic show and a visit from Santa for gifts and pictures. If you are interested please reach out to Pete by December 7th with the names and ages of the children you are bringing so we can make sure to send every child home with a gift.

Come out and nurse your NYE hangover with us on New Year's Day. As is tradition the bar will be manned by a number of our Past Exalted Rulers!

Also further away we are getting excited about the return of the Brian Tunney Chili Cookoff. We will be hosting the cookoff Sunday February 15th from 1-3 pm. If you think you've got a chili recipe that has what it takes to win the crown contact Betsy Wittelsberger.

Finally this month, I want to wish all of you peace and good cheer through the holiday season and into the New Year.

Merrily,
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	Michelle Marzullo	410-913-9099
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

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Lloyd Elliot	1972-1973	Patrick Sullivan	2017-2018
Thomas J Michels	1986-1986	Jeff Rogyom	2018-2019
Ralph E. Patterson	1990-1991	Pete Cline	2020-2021
Joseph D Michel	1991-1992	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		
John M Wontrop	2014-2015		
John J Morton	2016-2017		

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

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING $50 AT THE BAR TO BENEFIT THE ASSISTANCE CENTER OF TOWSON CHURCHES.

Each donation provides a bag of groceries to a family in need

TOWSON ELKS

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Take a tag from the tree in the bar area to donate gifts to a child in need.

Final Collection will likely be during the week of 12/15 we will update after hearing from our partners at Mt Cavalry

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

TOWSON ELKS CHILDREN'S

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER **14** AT 11:00 AM

JOIN US FOR PIZZA, A MAGIC SHOW AND A VISIT FROM SANTA FOR PICTURES!

RSVP TO PETE CLINE BY 12/7
EMAIL: CLINEP33@YAHOO.COM
TEXT:410-371-2232
INCLUDE NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN WHO WILL ATTEND.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: PickUp USA Fitness - 8855 Orchard Tree Lane, Towson MD 21286
HOSTED BY: Towson Elks Lodge **LODGE NO.** 469
DATE: Saturday, December 13, 2025 **TIME:** 4:00pm (sign-in & warm-up) 4:30pm (contest starts)
DIRECTOR: Pete Cline (410.371.2232) **CONTACT:** clinep33@yahoo.com

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2026. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit **elks.org/hoopshoot.**

Elks National Foundation, Inc

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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
December 6th	Saturday	Elk's Memorial Service	12 PM
December 6th	Saturday	Adult Christmas Party	1-4 PM
December 9th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting	7 PM
December 12th	Friday	Live Music - Radio Religion	7 PM
December 14th	Sunday	Kid's Christmas Party	11 AM
January 1st	Thursday	New Year's Day with PER Bartenders	12 Noon

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