Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle

FEBRUARY 2026

Hello again Fellow Elks,

It is hard to believe that this is almost my last missive to you all. We just initiated another robust class into the lodge adding 18 new Elks into our ranks. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold temperatures and icy conditions to help bring these new members into the fold.

We are very excited about the return of the Brian Tunney Chili Cook-off on Sunday February 15th from 1-3 pm. It's free to attend and sample the various chilis that our contestants cook up. So come out and try the best our Elks chefs have to offer.

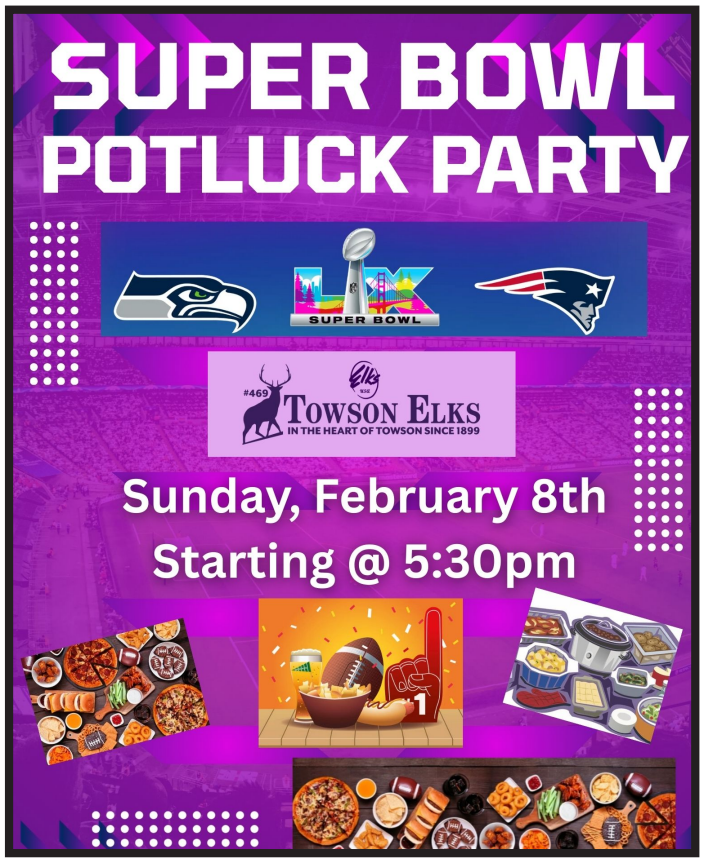
Speaking of food, we have a new option for easy eats at the lodge. For times when Rob isn't around serving his delicious offerings from our home kitchen, we now have a touchscreen kiosk in the dining room right by the bar entrance that is directly linked to CVP's system. Use this to order and you receive a 10% Elk discount on your meal and an additional 10% is donated back to the lodge by CVP. They'll deliver it right to the lodge so you don't have to brave the cold or miss a moment of the game!

February is always an important time for the Towson Elks. At the February 10th meeting we will have nominations for the lodge officers for the 26-27 Elk Year. We will vote on these positions at the February 24th meeting. Unlike some people, I'm very excited to soon be a lame duck leader, as I'm excited to see what the next group of folks to steer this ship have in store for us.

There is a proposed change to our by-laws that can be found below in this newsletter. It would raise the application fee for prospective members from $150 to $200. We will have discussion on this change at the March 10th meeting and vote on it at the March 24th meeting. So if you feel strongly one way or another about this please join us and have your voice heard.

Finally you'll see some photos below of the Polar Bear Plunge. Our head of charitable giving, Bryan Mager raised over $13,000 and his team raised over $40,000 for the event. That's incredible in and of itself. However it is very worth noting that as they did their super plunge (plunging every hour for 24 hrs), the heaters in the tent that the plungers sheltered in stopped working! Congrats to Bryan and thanks for always representing the Towson Lodge in such an extraordinary way.

Penultimately,
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

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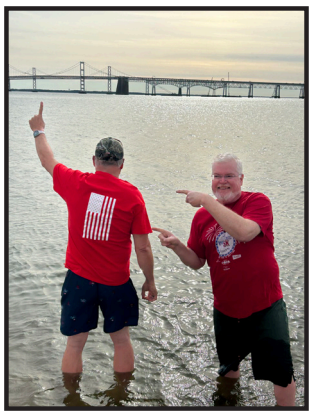

BRIAN TUNNEY CHILI COOKOFF

February 15, 2026 1-3pm

It's gonna be a HOT time!

This event is for Adults only.
No children. It can get salty.

Proposed By-Law Change

with changed text **bold** in **red**

Article X Section 1 currently reads:

The fee for initiation in this lodge for an applicant who has passed his/her twenty-sixth birthday shall be **$150.00**, all of which should accompany the proposition.

The fee for initiation in this lodge for an applicant making application prior to his/her twenty-sixth birthday shall be **$150.00**, all of which should accompany the proposition.

And with changes it will read:

The fee for initiation in this lodge for an applicant who has passed his/her twenty-sixth birthday shall be **$200.00**, all of which should accompany the proposition.

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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
February 6th	Friday	Live Music - Middletown Sound	7 PM
February 8th	Sunday	Super Bowl Pot Luck Party	5 PM
February 10th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting: PER Night & 26-27 Nominations	7 PM
February 13th	Friday	Live Music - John & Sharon Acoustic Duo	7 PM
February 14th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
February 15th	Sunday	Brian Tunney Chili Cook-off	1-3 PM
February 20th	Friday	Live Music - David Reed	7 PM
February 24th	Tuesday	Lodge meeting: 26-27 Elections	7 PM
February 27th	Friday	Live Music - Sean Bera & DC	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