



Towson Lodge 469

The Bugle



MARCH 2026

Friends, Romans, Countrymen,

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more. It is hard to believe that this is my final communicate to you as Exalted Ruler. It has been my great honor to steer this lodge this past year and I know that you will all join me in welcoming Will Hill to the role as our newly elected ER for the 26/27 Elk year. I know Will is going to do a stellar job and he has a really great team around him to ensure it.

We opened February with the PER Meeting and Dinner, where the Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge run the meeting and then we sit and eat together to celebrate the year. I thank all the PERs for coming out and especially my predecessor, Matt Hall for organizing and Bob Stambaugh, Vince Pullara and their team for an amazing meal. I am thrilled to join the ranks of all these past leaders and to hopefully lend what little wisdom I have from my experience to future ERs that serve.

We also had an amazing turnout for the Brian Tunney Chili Cook-off. I was fortunate to join the judge's table (and would be happy to stay on in that role in future years for the record!) and I didn't understand why my fellow judges were only having a bite or two of each chili instead of the whole sample. That confusion lasted until we were 8 chilis deep and I was already starting to get full and half the chilis still remained. Lesson learned. Spirits were kept high with the off-color comedy styling of Mike Lawlor and Charlie Waechter and we had over 80 people in attendance to sample the offerings of our 16 entrants. Given the success, I'd be surprised if the event wasn't even bigger and better next year. Thanks to Betsy Wittlesberger and her team for all their hard work in putting the event together. The results can be found further down below, and my congratulations to the winners.

Exciting news from the Hoop Shoot as Kinzi deGraca, who qualified out of the Towson competition, is the State Champion for the 12-13 Girls. She'll continue on to regionals in Charlottesville to vie for a chance to compete nationally in Chicago!

I've got to watch my word count this month but please check out the flyers below about our March events including Early Bird Beef and Beer and Bingo to support a good cause.

As my time as ER draws to a close I would be remiss not to mention two outstanding Elks who are also riding off into the sunset at the end of the lodge year. Secretary Steve Gabis and Head Trustee Dick Hurd have spent many years serving this lodge in so many ways to keep it running. I'm better off for knowing them and I can't imagine getting through this past year without their help, support and guidance. If you happen to catch them at the bar; buy them a drink, they've earned it. Thanks fellas.

Eternally Fraternally,
Andy Stilling
Exalted Ruler



LODGE OFFICERS 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler	Andy Stilling	410-241-3422
Leading Knight	Will Hill	443-622-9963
Loyal Knight	Alex Lemaire	410-935-0219
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 Barret	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	Ray Der	410-236-8774
Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner	Hiran Perera	410-262-5763
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.

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.

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!

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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

ELKS BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY
MARCH 14
7:30 PM



BENEFITTING
MISSION HELPERS OF THE SACRED HEART

THE SISTERS FROM MISSION HELPERS WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS AND THERE WILL BE BONUS PRIZES FOR SOME GAMES

Towson Elks

Early Bird

BEEF & BEER



MARCH 21ST 1PM | PAY YOUR DUES ON OR BEFORE 3/21 AND JOIN US FOR FREE PIT BEEF SANDWICHES AND BEER AS LONG AS THE KEG LASTS!




Brían Tunney Chili Cookoff Results

JUDGES' CHOICE
1ST PAUL ANECHARICO

2ND ERNIE KOHLER

3RD JIM JENKINS

AUDIENCE CHOICE
JASON BUCKLEY




Kinzi deGraca, State Champion Towson Hoop Shoot Competition.



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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
March 6 th	Friday	Live Music - Half Down	7 PM
March 10 th	Tuesday	Lodge Meeting	7 PM
March 13 th	Friday	Live Music - Anton Tuvelman	7 PM
March 14 th	Saturday	Bingo	7:30 PM
March 17 th	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day - Live Music Andy Bopp Duo	2-6 PM
March 20 th	Friday	Live Music - Unranked Maryland	7 PM
March 21 st	Saturday	Early Bird Beef & Beer	1 PM
March 24 th	Tuesday	Lodge meeting	7 PM
March 27 th	Friday	Live Music - Radio Religion	7 PM
March 29 th	Sunday	Installation of 26-27 Lodge Officers	1 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