



THE *Eleventh Hour* UPDATE

Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

DECEMBER 2023

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Jimmy Cox

Happy Holiday Season. We had a great November at our Lodge. Rachel and Morgan started the month with a sellout Chicken Parmesan dinner. Proceeds from the meal went to the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Our Veteran's Day Dinner was a big hit, serving over 100 mouth-watering Ribeye dinners. Our veterans ate for free.

November's Sunday Breakfast included a bonus addition donated by Jerry and Bert Maisel. Those donuts from Blondies were a special treat.

Annual Elks Memorial Service is Sunday, December 3rd at Noon in the KI Elks Lodge, Hauer Hall. Please join us for this memorial service to honor members who have passed this year. This service is open to all, both members and non-members.

I invite all our members and guests to our annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 15. Bring a dish; the Lodge will supply ham and cocktails from 6-8. Afterward, sing along with your fellow members as we will have karaoke by Eddie the Hittman.

Christmas Angels are still seeking sponsors for some Queen Anne's County children. Please call Linda Austin if you can help. We also have a Toys for Tots box in the lobby. As we are in the season of giving, remember

your Lodge has contributed generously to our community - Over \$100,000 this year!

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the Lodge's bylaws and recommended some updates and changes. These changes are posted on Page 3 of this newsletter. We will be voting on these at the meeting on December 5.

We are looking for volunteers who have a favorite dish to share for a Friday Night dinner. See Sharon Toone if you have a signature dish you want to cook.

The new year is approaching fast. Your Elks Lodge will host the Annual ER's New Year's Eve party with the sounds of local band JJ McDick. This event is free to members and guests. Bring a dish, and the Lodge will supply the meat. Stay close to home and have a great time.

Our Elk of the Month goes to Nicole Meyer. Nicole has been a huge help around the Lodge with the turkey shoot and especially in the kitchen. Thank you, Nicole!

Jimmy Cox



See ya at the Elks



Jimmy Cox
Exalted Ruler



ELK OF THE MONTH:

NICOLE MEYER

ELK OF THE YEAR:

JERRY MAISEL

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

DONNA HAGERTY

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

SHARON SWEENEY

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We are a proud sponsor of Queen Anne's County Christmas Angels. Please bring unwrapped new gifts

to the Lodge and place them in the box just inside the front door in the foyer. **Deadline for drop-off is December 8th!**

Elks Kid's Christmas Party



Sunday December 10th 2-4 pm

Members, please see the sign-up sheet in the Lounge. Space is limited to the first 30 children under 10 years old who sign up.

Kids will be decorating their own Gingerbread Houses, (made from cardboard for durability.)

Enjoy some Christmas snacks and a visit from Santa.

If you miss the chance to decorate gingerbread houses, Santa will be around until 5 pm to visit with any children who were unable to sign up prior to the event.

Merry Christmas!



For Members & their grandchildren

MEMORIAL TO HONOR OUR ABSENT MEMBERS



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Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Noon



Two veterans enjoy their complimentary Veteran's Day Rib Eye steak dinners.



A table full of veterans and families enjoyed the meal on Veteran's Day



Elks National Foundation

By Rachael Whiting

As of November, the Kent Island Elks has donated a total of 11,167.75. The per-member giving is \$12.31

In the State (37 Lodges) we are 4th in per member and 2nd in total donations.

Support your local Lodge and join the Fidelity Club to help us meet our goal!



SAVE THE DATE ST. PATRICK DAY DINNER AND DANCE 3/15

How to Donate:

- Loose bills and change in the donation box at the front door.
- Place your donation in a sealed envelope labeled with your name, member #, and label it "ENF Donation," then give it to the bartender, any officer, or to Rachael Whiting.
- Join the Fidelity Club <http://enf.elks.org/recurring>
- Go online at <https://www.elks.org/enf>

| FIDELITY CLUB (Regular Scheduled Donations) | LOYALTY CLUB (5+ years of consecutive donations) |
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| Brian K. Cummings | Mark A. Anderson |
| Nance Dominick | John A. Buzgierski |
| Donna M. Hagerty | Thomas C. Gulledge |
| Angela Meyer | Laura Mattes |
| Mr. John Meyer | Edward N. McCullough |
| Jane Swigert | John L. Meyer |
| Barbara J. Tomardy | Angela Meyer |
| Your Name Goes Here! | Bill J. Simmonds |
| | Leo A Sincavage Jr. |
| | Barbara J. Tomardy |
| | Carl D. Williams |



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Legacy Awards scholarships are available for the children and grandchildren of Elks. Applications are due **February 5**, but apply early to cross it off your to-do list! Visit: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



PROPOSED BYLAWS & HOUSE RULES CHANGES

The Board of Directors met and have proposed the following changes to our Bylaws. These changes will be voted on at our next General Membership Meeting on December 5, 2023.

BYLAWS

Article IV: Meetings, Section 1

- The Lodge will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.
- The Lodge will meet the first and third Tuesdays of February, March, and April at 7:00 PM.

Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 4

- The Secretary's compensation will be paid out quarterly.

Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 5

- The Treasurer's compensation will be paid out quarterly.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 1

- The Lodge will no longer offer a discounted initiation fee.

House Rules

- Change the Scholarship Fund contribution from slot machine proceeds of 10% to be 5% for the Scholarship Fund and 5% to Lodge Improvements.



During our recent Drug Take Back Day, the Kent Island Elks took in 8.2 pounds of unused, unwanted medications for safe disposal. Great Job Kent Island.



Mark your calendars for Cash Bash coming March 9th!

NEW IN 2024!

Starting with the 2024 MVS contest, every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive \$30,000—increasing the guaranteed scholarship for the Top 20 Finalists by 50 percent. The switch will cultivate better relationships amongst our scholars, create opportunities for more engaging programming, and allow for more Champions of the Order.

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

Christmas

MEMBER OPEN HOUSE
ADULT MEMBERS, SPOUSES, AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ONLY
6PM-8PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
 Open Bar 6-8:00
KARAOKE
 Bring a covered dish to share

Members & Guests of Kent Island Elks #2576

2024
You are invited
NEW YEAR Celebration
31 DECEMBER

Featuring **JJ MCDICK**

8:00PM WITH LIVE MUSIC 9:00-12:30AM
 BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE
 FREE CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

TACO TUESDAY

Monthly 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
 6-7:30 pm

Make it your way at the Taco Bar!

Hard or Soft Tacos \$4.00 EA
 or 3 Tacos \$8.00
 Taco Salad \$9.00
 Dine in Only

PAY THE BARTENDER

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
December 2nd
JACKPOT
\$21,812.00

SHOTGUN BINGO

SATURDAY NIGHTS
 BINGO STARTS AT 7:30PM

DINNER 6-8:00PM

MEMBERS & ACCOMPANIED GUESTS

December

2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Lodge is open 7 Days a Week—Kitchen Open 6:00-8:00 pending volunteers TBD means “To Be Determined” FND means Night Dinner. May sell out early. | | | | | 1 CANCELLED! <i>No Fried Chicken Dinner</i> Kitchen Open | 2 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 3 Elks Memorial Service at NOON Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot | 4 Board Meeting Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League | 5 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM DDGER Visit | 6 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open | 7 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special | 8 Kitchen Open | 9 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 10 Kid’s Christmas Party 2-4:00 Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon Sign up 1:00 shoot | 11 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League | 12 New Member Initiation 7:00 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30 | 13 Shuffleboard Corn Hole Kitchen Open | 14 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special | 15 Member Open House 6-8:00pm Karaoke music (Covered dish) | 16 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 17 Sunday Breakfast 8-11AM Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot | 18 Board Meeting Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League | 19 <i>No Lodge Meeting</i> | 20 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open | 21 Shuffleboard Thursday Soup Special | 22 Kitchen Open | 23 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 24 Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot Lodge closing at 6pm | 25 Christmas Day  | 26 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30 | 27 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open | 28 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special | 29 Kitchen Open | 30 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 31 New Year’s Eve Party with Live music  | 1 January Officers Bartend | 2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM | 3 | | | |

Upcoming Events

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

January 28—Pool Block Party 3-6:00

February 11—Super Bowl 2024

March 9—\$ Cash Bash \$

March 15—St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Sickness & Distress

Advise “Weezie” about any Lodge member and/or family who might need a card, visit, phone call, etc., so the Lodge may respond appropriately.

Contact Weezie Ephraim with Information. 443-249-0679 or louisewezeiephraim@verizon.net

LODGE HOURS:

Sunday: Lounge 12 noon—9:00 pm

Monday: Lounge 3:00—10:00 pm

Tuesday: Lounge 3:00—10 :00 pm

Wednesday: Lounge 3:00—10:00 pm

Thursday: Lounge 3:00—10:00pm

Friday: Lounge 3:00—Midnight

Saturday: Lounge 12 noon—Midnight

No one under 15 years of age allowed after 10:00 pm

2023-24 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS

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**SUPERBOWL
BLOCK POOL PARTY
SUNDAY, JAN 28
3:00PM TO 6:00PM
BLOCK HOLDERS ONLY
MORE INFO TO
FOLLOW**



It's always fun when Eddie the "Hitman" is in the house. Who Knew Kathleen had such a beautiful voice? Looking forward to her again at the Member Open House



Jimmy busting a move while Brittany sings

OYSTERS & WINGS MONDAYS



**Buck-A-Shuck
oysters**

Mondays 6:00-8:00 pm

(or until sold out)

\$1.00 PER RAW, FRESH LOCAL OYSTER

\$1.25 PER BAKED ON THE 1/2 SHELL (plain)

\$2.00 BAKED (with toppings) CHOOSE:

POOR BOY OR GARLIC PARMESAN

WE ALSO HAVE WINGS



2 Gun Raffle

WINNER GETS BOTH GUNS

**12 Gauge Weatherby and
a Browning Shotgun**

\$50.00 PER TICKET

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

Drawing when tickets are sold out!

**Winner must be 21 years of age and
obtain a background check at
Chesapeake Outdoors to win**

TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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PAST EXALTED RULERS

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1978-79 *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR. | 2001-02 *FRANK STAMM, JR. |
| 1979-80 *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR. | 2002-03 *DAVID D. MACDONALD |
| 1980-81 *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2003-04 RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR |
| 1981-82 *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2004-05 EDWARD G. COX. JR. |
| 1982-83 *WILLIAM O'NEAL | 2005-06 RAYMOND L STOKES, JR |
| 1983-84 ARTHUR GOEHRING | 2006-07 *BERNARD TOMARDY |
| 1984-85 *WILLIAM E. KELLY JR. | 2007-08 BENJAMIN STONE |
| 1985-86 *ROBERT D. EAKLE | 2008-09 BENJAMIN STONE |
| 1986-87 *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2009-10 S. DARLENE WOODHURST |
| 1987-88 *CRAIG PACKARD | 2010-11 STEPHEN L. WOODHURST |
| 1988-89 PUTT WILLETT | 2011-12 GEORGE TUNNICLIFF |
| 1989-90 GERALD LAIRD | 2012-13 RON KUNZ |
| 1990-91 JOSEPH P. VITEK | 2013-14 LYNN EVANS |
| 1991-92 L. DAVID GRANT | 2014-15 JIM COX |
| 1992-93 *JOHN WISNIEWSKI | 2015-16 BILL SIMONDS |
| 1993-94 *T. LEE ROSS | 2016-17 LLOYD BARRON |
| 1994-95 CHARLES H. KROLL | 2017-18 ANGELA MEYER |
| 1995-96 JOSEPH McGEENEY | 2018-19 MIKE KELLY |
| 1996-97 *HOWARD ROSKOSKY | 2019-20 MIKE BENSON |
| 1997-98 *E. PAUL WILSON | 2020-21 JIMMY COX |
| 1998-99 EDWARD G. COX. JR. | 2021-22 RICHARD J. FRERE |
| 1999-00 ARNOLD SLAGLE | 2022-23 RAY WILSON |
| 2000-01 RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR. | |
- * Denotes Deceased*

KENT ISLAND ELKS LODGE #2576

Join us for

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING



MONDAYS AT 8:00PM

**EACH WEEK BUY A TICKET AND PICK A NUMBER
TICKETS ON SALE ALL WEEK LONG
DIFFERENT CARDS HAVE VARIOUS PAY OUTS**

If you are not present at time of drawing, your winnings are reduced by half.
You must claim your winnings before closing the following Sunday.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS—YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO COLLECT