



# THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

**JANUARY 2024**

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Jimmy Cox

Happy New Year! December was a whirlwind at our Lodge, starting with our Memorial Service honoring our absent members who will Never Be Forgotten. We initiated 13 new members and celebrated Christmas by constructing gingerbread houses with our kids and then toasting the members at our annual Christmas party.

With your help, our Lodge donated time and money to the Queen Anne's County Christmas Angels program, Toys for Tots, and Wreaths Across America by assisting the scouts with providing lunches to the drivers and volunteers.

Shotgun Bingo has grown \$16,000 since the start of December, and still no winner! We will start a new deck with three chances of winning -1/4 pot, 1/2 pot, and the jackpot, which is currently \$36,000. As our jackpot has increased, so has our attendance, and at times, our staff gets overwhelmed. We greatly appreciate your patience and remind you that these are VOLUNTEERS working in the kitchen, bar-backing, setting up, cleaning, and selling chances. Please treat them with kindness.

Football in January is a blast at the Elks. Come and see your teams in the playoffs with the camaraderie of your fellow members. Our \$100 Block

Holders Pool party is on January 28th from 3-6. Our lifetime block pool holders and one guest will enjoy food and drinks as we pick the numbers for the block pools. On February 11th, the Superbowl will be playing on all 9 TVs. We hope to see you there.

The fall shuffleboard league is winding down and will have its tournament on January 20th at noon. Our winter/spring shuffleboard meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, at 6 pm. I would like to thank Angie, Chuck, and Troy for running the league this year.

The Lodge and I would like to thank the Cornhole league participants who have played in the hall for the past ten years. They are a great group of people who have helped our Lodge grow into a hot spot on Wednesday nights. Thank you, Calvin and James, for running the league and donating \$800 to the Lodge.

Our Elks of the Month are Billy and Judy Finlay. They have been a huge help in the kitchen on Saturday nights with the mega crowds we have been having with Bingo. Thank you, Judy and Billy.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year

Proud to be your Exalted Ruler

*Jimmy Cox*



Jimmy Cox  
Exalted Ruler



### ELK(S) OF THE MONTH:

**BILLY AND JUDY FINLAY**

**ELK OF THE YEAR:**

**JERRY MAISEL**

**OFFICER OF THE YEAR:**

**DONNA HAGERTY**

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:**

**SHARON SWEENEY**

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# Elks National Foundation

By Rachael Whiting

As of December, the Kent Island Elks has donated a total of \$11,787.75 and per-Member total of \$12.99. Of the 37 Lodges In the state, we are 5th per member and 2nd in total donations.

St. Patrick Day Dinner and Dance is March 15 from 6-10:00.

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

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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)
Brian K. Cummings	Mark A. Anderson
Nance Dominick	John A. Buzgierski
Donna M. Hagerty	Thomas C. Gullede
Angela Meyer	Laura Mattes
Mr. John Meyer	Edward N. McCullough
Jane Swigert	John L. Meyer
Barbara J. Tomardy	Angela Meyer
<i>Your Name Goes Here!</i>	Bill J. Simmonds
	Leo A Sincavage Jr.
	Barbara J. Tomardy
	Carl D. Williams

## CLASS IS IN SESSION



Students are back to the books, and ENF 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! Applications for the Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship open January 1.

**St. Patrick Day**  
**Dinner and Dance**

MARCH 15, 2024  
DINNER & DANCE: 6-10 PM

**DJ: STEVE MOODY**  
**DINNER CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE**  
**BOILED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS,**  
**DESSERT**

**BEER AND SODA SOLD SEPARATELY**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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# 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**

## 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



Come to our weekly Turkey Shoot, Sundays at 1:00 pm (sign in at noon) and win great prizes. Bring home yours and have a great time with your friends.



**Shotgun**  
**Bingo**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**7:30PM**

*3rd*  
**SUNDAY Breakfast**  
at Kent Island Elks #2576  
**JANUARY 21**  
OPEN 8:00am - 11:00am

LOTS OF FAVORITES TO CHOOSE FROM THE BUFFET  
ADULT: \$10  
CHILDREN 6-12 YRS \$5.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

**January 6, 2024**

**JACKPOT**

**\$36,000.00**

**BINGO**

**SATURDAY NIGHTS**

BINGO STARTS AT 7:30PM

**SPECIAL DINNER MENU 6-8:00PM**

MEMBERS & ACCOMPANIED GUESTS

**SUPER BOWL**  
FOOTBALL POOL \$100.00  
BLOCK HOLDER'S PARTY

**JAN 28** | TIME 3:00PM TILL 6:00PM  
FOOD - DRINK - MUSIC  
\$100.00 FOOTBALL POOL BLOCK HOLDERS ONLY  
AT KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

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**OPEN SHUFFLEBOARD Tournament**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**12 NOON**

**SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE LODGE**

# January

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Ravens vs Dolphins</i> <i>Commanders vs 49ers</i> 1:00 pm <i>JJ McDick New Year's Celebration</i> 9:00 pm	1 Officers Tend Bar all day  Lodge Hours Noon—8 pm	2  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	3  Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	4  Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup	5  Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	6  Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
7  Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	8  Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	9  Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	10  Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	11  Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup	12  Friday Night Dinner Fried Chicken 6-8:00 pm	13  Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
14  Football Covered Dish  Turkey Shoot Noon Sign up 1:00 shoot	15 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Board Meeting Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	16  Shuffleboard Sign-up meeting 6:00pm <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	17  Last Shuffleboard  Kitchen Open	18  Last Shuffleboard  Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special	19  Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	20  Open to all Shuffleboard Tournament 12:00 noon Kitchen Open
21 <b>Sunday Breakfast</b> <b>8-11AM</b> Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	22  Board Meeting Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	23  Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	24  Kitchen Open	25  Kitchen Open  Thursday Soup Special	26  Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	27  Kitchen Open  <b>NO Shotgun Bingo</b> <i>(Pinewood Derby in Hall)</i>
28 <b>Football \$100 Block Party 3-6:00</b> (\$100 block holders only) Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	29  Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	30	31  Shuffleboard Mixer League  Kitchen Open	1 February  Shuffleboard Mixer League  Kitchen Open Thursday Soup	2 February  Kitchen Open	3 February  Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30

**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.

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

## Upcoming Events

**CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST**

- February 5—MVS Scholarship Deadline
- February 11—Super Bowl 2024 6:30 pm
- Feb 25—Bill Atwell Memorial Chili Cook Off
- March 9—\$ Cash Bash \$
- March 15—St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- March 22—23 State Workshop, Pocomoke City Lodge Hosts

## 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](mailto: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

**Phone 410.643.2221**

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



### MD, DE, DC Elks Continue Annual Drug Take Back Efforts

Drug Take Back Day is still a major tool used by DEA and Elks Drug prevention programs to help eliminate drug abuse opportunities in our communities. Thank you to those Maryland and DC Lodges who held a Drug Take Back event or national night out events in their communities.

Locally, the DEA Washington Division, which includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV), reported collecting over 27,656 pounds between 303 locations. Our local Elks Lodges proudly share in collecting a sizeable portion of that take-back number. We collected roughly 600 pounds Association-wide.

Jarod Forget, Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Division, commented, "our team is grateful for the collaboration and hard work demonstrated by our local and state partners in successfully establishing and managing more than 300 collection sites. Their efforts have significantly created a safer and healthier environment for everyone. By disposing of these substances responsibly, we are taking a crucial step towards preventing them from being misused or ending up in the hands of those who could use them for illegal activities."

For more than a decade, DEA's National Prescription Take Back Day has removed almost 17.9 million pounds of unneeded medications from communities across the country. Elks Drug Awareness Programs are front and center in those efforts and continue to be out in front as an all-volunteer asset to national drug abuse prevention organizations and the DEA.

Removing unnecessary medications from the home can help prevent situations involving not taking medicines as intended or dosed, taking someone else's prescription, and taking the medicine for euphoric effects rather than medicinal purposes.

DEA continues to expand opportunities to make safe disposal of medications more accessible nationwide. They encourage people to remove unnecessary medications from their homes regularly and dispose of them at one of the nearly 17,000 permanent drug drop boxes located in communities across the country. Safe medication disposal receptacles and DEA Take Back events provide families with accessible, no-cost opportunities to eliminate unnecessary medicines stored in the home. KI Lodge will be holding another Drop in the spring.

*Angela M. Meyer*

State Chair Drug Awareness Programs

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These "little Elks" are the greatest kids! It is good to see them playing in the kid's area of the Lodge after their Christmas Party. Thanks for picking up your toys afterwards. *(It only took a little bribe.)*



Laverne is in the house. You can always tell by the familiar sound of her touchdown cowbell.

Come join in the fun and cheer on your favorite team.

One of our favorite singers, Keith sings Karaoke at the Lodge.



**2023-24 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS**

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# 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**



Patty and Terri are all smiles watching football



Our Christmas Open House is always well attended and this year was no exception. DJ Eddie Hitt entertained us with karaoke and many sang along. Pictured above, Jamie sings while Donna and his mother, Kay dance.



Jimmy, Mike and Chuck



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

# FRIDAY *Night* DINNER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6 - 8:00PM

OR UNTIL SOLD OUT



**CANDI'S  
FRIED  
CHICKEN**

SERVED WITH 2 SIDES

MEMBERS AND REGISTERED GUESTS

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**



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### PAST EXALTED RULERS

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 PRESENTS

# THE BILL ATWELL MEMORIAL CHILI Cook-Off



**FEBRUARY 25**  
TASTING BEGINS AT 4:00 PM

**FREE**  
TO ENTER  
CONTEST

Compete for the Best Overall Taste, the Hottest,  
and the Most Unusual Ingredient  
**EAT - TASTE - JUDGE**  
Includes Chili, Cornbread, and Salad  
**MUSIC AND RAFFLES**  
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LODGE  
Contestants, please use a large size Crock-Pot  
Contact Janie with questions 410.703.1796  
Open to Members and their Registered Guests