



THE *Eleventh Hour* UPDATE

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

MAY 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Ray Wilson

Hello, Elk members of Kent Island Lodge #2576 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Hello to May; the sun feels a little warmer, and what I call the awe of spring. Flowers are blooming, and the grass seems to grow quicker; take in the beauty and all this great county offers its neighbors. Fishing for that Striped bass or waiting for your first steamed crabs of the season, sitting at a local waterfront restaurant sipping a cold beverage. As Elks, we are in the community, our voices reach far, and we can have an impact in our county.

We need a Chairperson for our Drug Awareness Program. This person will be responsible for promoting and seeing through Drug Take Back with our county Sheriff's Department and setting up and handing out our drug literature at the Queen Annes County Fair. We are always looking for help for our events or kitchen help on Friday and Saturday nights from 6 pm to 9 pm. Signup sheets will be in the lodge as soon as you walk inside the door to the right. As always, any help given is always appreciated.

The Best part of Elkdom is our members, who live by the following: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Our projects in May will include preparing the outside pavilion for our Summer Concert Series starting June 8th at 7 p.m. Reminder: The pavilion is open on Wednesdays, weather

permitting, through the month of May. Starting Friday, June 7th, The Pavilion will be open on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 6 p.m. until close.

Friday night dinners will continue. Menus will be sent out in our weekly email blast, so keep looking for a great night out with the family.

I am pleased to announce that on June 1st, 2024, we will be going to Oriole Park at Camden Yards to see our Baltimore Orioles play the Tampa Bay Rays. Charter Bus will have 52 seats and be provided by Chesapeake Charters. The cost is \$100.00, which includes an air-conditioned bus with the restroom, 1 ticket to the Game, and also some cold beverages for the trip. We will also be stopping at another Elk Lodge or 2 that day as well; the Bus will be leaving at 12 noon on June 1st and will return sometime around 9 pm on the 1st. What a great way to have fun and be safe all on the Bus.

Dates to remember in May:

May 4th Initiation 12 noon

May 12th is our Mother's Day Sunday Breakfast open to the public 8:00-11:00 am.

May 10th and 24th 8 pm until 11 pm Karaoke (Eddie Hitt)

Please plan to attend your Lodge's Tuesday meetings, which start at 7 pm and are open to all Elks in good standing on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.



Ray Wilson, Exalted Ruler

ELK(S) OF THE MONTH:

JOY OLIFF

ELK OF THE YEAR:

JANIE SWIGERT

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

RAY WILSON, PER

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

PETE SLOAN

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My Elk of the Month for May 2024 will be Joy Oliff. This past month, she helped organize a cleaning committee that took on our lounge area. I would also like to thank Kathy Barron, Lynn Evans, Sharon Wilson, Gail Fisher, and Patty King. Congratulations on a job well done. I would also like to thank Bill Moulden, better known as the Ace Hardware Bill, for getting all the ceiling fans cleaned.

Sincerely

William Ray Wilson, Jr.

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Thank you to this dedicated group of volunteers who keep the buffet replenished each week during our weekly **Taco Tuesdays**. Pictured are: Joan Hoffman, Ruth Hoffman, Jane Schwartz, Mary Austin, Gale Flynn, Marge Hardy, and Lorraine Sincavage. Rear: Ronnie Williams, Cindy Pusey and Jane Sparks.



Congratulations to the winners of the **MD-DE-DC State Elks Horseshoe Tournament**, which was held on April 27th at Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576. Pictured are Don Tragesor & Kathy Wirth from Deale Elks Lodge #2528, standing with the 1st place winners Carrie Rhoderick & Amanda-Harman Rhoderick from Frederick Lodge #684.


Elks Care - Elks Share

COMMUNITY EVENT
YOU ARE INVITED TO KENT ISLAND ELKS LODGE #2576
2525 ROMANCOKE ROAD, STEVENSVILLE

Mother's Day BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 12th 8:00-11:00 AM
May 2024

Mothers & children 5 years and under eat free
Children 6 to 12 years \$5.00
Adults and children over 12 years \$10.00

Complete Hot Breakfast Buffet
Waffle Bar & Omelet Station
Eggs, potatoes & various meat selections
Biscuits & Gravy
Something for everyone!

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576
MEMBERS, SPOUSES & GUESTS

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BUS TO THE BALLPARK

**SATURDAY
JUNE
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PICK-UP KENT ISLAND ELKS
12 NOON - RETURNS BY 9PM
TICKET PRICE \$100.00 EACH
INCLUDES TICKET, DRINKS ON
BUS, AND TWO STOPS VISITING
OTHER LODGES ON THE WAY
(PAY YOUR OWN TAB AT LODGES)

52 TICKETS AVAILABLE

FOR TICKETS,
SIGN THE SHEET
THEN PAY YOUR
BARTENDER





Elks National Foundation, Inc.

Elks National Foundation

By Connie Frere

There are many ways to donate to the Elks National Foundation. The easiest and most secure way is to join the Fidelity Club. The Fidelity Club is a monthly donation you set up and forget about. You may donate as little as \$5 per month if you wish.

When signing up for the Fidelity Club, you can designate your gift to one or all charity programs.

Joining the Fidelity Club not only supports a great cause but also comes with some exciting perks. You'll receive a sticker for your membership card, and your name will be proudly displayed on our online Fidelity Club Honor Roll. After 12 monthly donations, you'll be awarded a Fidelity Club Pin and, after 25, a pin attachment. And if you're attending the Elks National Convention, you'll get an exclusive breakfast invitation, a special recognition for your commitment.

Simply go to the following website and fill out the form. It is very straightforward and takes less than 5 minutes.

<http://enf.elks.org/recurring>

2024 Elks Camp Barrett Annual Family Picnic

Come Join Your Fellow Elks Family & Friends For A Day of Fun, Food and Friendship

Sunday, May 26, 2024



Gates Open at Noon \$20.00 per person
Children under 12 Free

Just For Fun

- Frozen Strawberry Daiquiri Bar
- Prize Wheels
- Kids Games
- Swimming Pool
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Moon Bounce and Amusements
- Music By Local DJ
- Inter-Lodge Fun and Games
- Cake Auction
- Corn Hole Games

Menu Includes

- Pit Beef
- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Fried Chicken
- Corn on the Cob
- Pulled Pork
- Salads
- Draft Beer & Soda
- Lot's of delicious picnic food

Help Support Camp Barrett



Elks Camp Barrett, 1001 Chesterfield Road, Annapolis, Maryland

Contact: Robert Raleigh 410-708-5098

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

Taste of the Keys

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Dinner 6:00-8:00
Karaoke 8:00-11:00

Enjoy Mojitos & feast on chicken & shrimp skewers with rice. Celebrate as the Conch Republic comes to Kent Island for a night.



Members and Accompanied Guests

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

2024 SUMMER BANDS AT THE PAVILION

- JUNE 8 DRIFTWOOD DOG
- JUNE 15 BIG MONEY BAND
- JUNE 22 SHARON & THE EDGE
- JUNE 29 GUILTY AS CHARGED
- JULY 6 DRIVETRAIN BAND
- JULY 13 KICK BACK CLASSIC
- JULY 20 LUAU
- JULY 27 VICE SQUAD BAND
- AUG 3 CHRIS SACKS SOLO
- AUG 10 JERRY & THE HEARTACHES
- AUG 17 WYE RIVER BAND
- AUG 24 THE PAULVERIZER BAND
- AUG 31 KICK BACK CLASSIC
- SEPT 7 FUZZBOX PIRANHA

Music starts at 7:00 pm - Bring a lawn chair - Food available for purchase
If it rains, we will move the music inside
Schedule subject to change
Open to Members & Accompanied Guests

May

2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| MEMORIAL DAY HOURS NOON-TO 6:00 PM | | | 1 Horseshoes 6 pm Kitchen Open | 2 Kitchen Open (Pending Volunteers) | 3 Friday Night Dinner TBD | 4 New Member Initiation at Noon Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 5 | 6 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting 7:00 | 7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM | 8 Pavilion opens weekly @6:00 pm Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm | 9 Kitchen Open (Pending Volunteers) | 10 DD Clinic in Hall Friday Night Dinner "Taste of the Keys" Karaoke with Eddie Hitt 8:00-11:00 | 11 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 12 Mother's Day Breakfast 8-11AM <i>(Open to the public)</i> | 13 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting <i>(Tax Day)</i> | 14 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30 | 15 Pavilion Open 6:00 Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm | 16 Kitchen Open (Pending Volunteers) | 17 Friday Night Dinner Meatball Sub with Broccoli Slaw (Sharon's home-made) | 18 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 19 <i>No Sunday Breakfast</i> | 20 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting 7:00 | 21 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm | 22 Pavilion Open 6:00 Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm | 23 Kitchen Open (Pending Volunteers) | 24 Friday Night Dinner TBD Karaoke Eddie Hitt 8:00 PM | 25 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30 |
| 26 Family Picnic at Elks Camp Barrett 12 Noon | 27 MEMORIAL DAY Lodge Open Noon—6:00 pm  | 28 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30 | 29 Pavilion Open 6:00 Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm | 30 Kitchen Open (Pending Volunteers) | 31 Friday Night Dinner TBD | June 1 Buss to the Ballpark @Noon |



See ya at the Elks

Upcoming Events *Sickness & Distress*

- June 1—Bus to the Ballpark
- June 7-9—State Convention, Annapolis, MD
- June 8—Weekly bands start with Driftwood Dog
- June 23—Next Turkey Shoot
- June 30-July 3—National Convention in Austin, TX

Contact "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 louiseweizieephrain@verizon.net

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

Lodge is open 7 Days a Week
Kitchen Open 6:00-8:00 Monday—Saturday pending volunteers
TBD means "To Be Determined"
FND means Night Dinner & may sell out early

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—10:00 pm
- Friday: Lounge 3:00—Midnight
- Saturday: Lounge 12 noon—Midnight

PAVILION OPEN WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM

Phone 410.643.2221

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



HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

In 1865, The first known observance of Memorial Day occurred in Charleston, South Carolina. This happened when a group of newly

freed slaves gathered to honor the Union soldiers who had died as prisoners of war in a local racetrack.

The group decorated the soldier's graves with flowers and held a ceremony to pay their respects.

What exactly is Memorial Day?

For families who have lost loved ones, it is not a happy day, nor a day intended to be celebrated in the traditional sense of that word.

We encourage you to take a moment to learn why the holiday exists and how you might recognize it.

The meaning of Memorial Day is deeply personal. It is a day to mourn a dear grandparent, parent, spouse, child, or friend who died in service to our nation.

After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor all Americans who died while serving in the military.

Celebrating Memorial Day Now

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated across the United States with parades, speeches, and ceremonies honoring those who sacrificed for their country.

Americans also visit cemeteries or memorials to pay their respects and decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags.

Each year remember the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Seek ways to honor our nation's heroes who died in service to our great country.

Plan a visit to a military cemetery or war memorial, attend local activities hosted by local veteran groups, or take a moment to learn more about those who serve our nation.

Conclusion

Talk to your neighbors about how they plan to commemorate the holiday or speak with your children about the reason we, as a nation, set aside one day each year to remember those who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms.

Never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by our fallen heroes and their families.

<https://www.milestone-academy.org/memorial-day-history-and-today/>

YOUR LODGE 'S TOTAL CHRITABLE DONATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024—TOTAL \$49,780

- Q.A. County Library- Children's Reading Programs
- Compass Hospice Fund Raiser
- BSC of Del-Mar-VA Council
- Chesapeake Cats and Dogs
- QAC Future Framers America
- QAC Crossroads Community
- CASA, Courts Appointed Special Advocates for Children
- Elks Camp Barrett Charity Fund Raiser- Chocolate Bars
- Spring Conference Jernick Fund
- Spring Conference ENF
- March Conference Welcome Home
- March Conference Army of hope
- March Conference ECB
- Eagle Scout Project Benjamin Robinson
- Tuckahoe Park Benches
- Eagle Scout Project Serenity Gardens
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding Center
- Meki's Tamure Polynesian Arts Group
- Hope Warehouse Art Auction to Benefit Haven Ministries
- Kent Island High School Track and Field Teams
- Kent Island High School National Honor Society
- QAC MAC Meals on Wheels
- KIFA Student Art Showcase
- KI Youth Baseball/Softball
- KIHS Clay Target Team
- BSA Troop 496 Supporting their programs, and expenses. Fund raisers candy Bars
- QAC Public School 21st Awards Gala
- Matapeake Elementary School 5th Grade field trip to Philadelphia
- KI High School Band Boosters
- American Cancer Society Stevensville Drive
- Christ Episcopal Church Pre School
- KIHS Art Scene
- KIHS Varsity Girls Softball
- Queen Anne's Sheriff Drug Prevention
- Boy Scouts Sea Base Program
- Scout George Stoltz Eagle Scout Prep.
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding
- Paving Hope Program
- Fast & Furriest Run for Rescues
- Elks Camp Barrett Support for Summer Campers
- Cub Scout Troop #496 Cross over and Awards
- Sudlersville Elementary School Band Support Floor Riser
- Girls Scouts of Chesapeake Bay Cookies for Troops

THE 27th ANNUAL MD-DE-DC STATE HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT 4/27/2024



Thank you "Grill Masters" Holly, Bert, and John

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576 PRESENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 10 AND FRIDAY, MAY 24

KARAOKE

"HITTMAN" EDDIE HITT

DINNER 6-8:00 PM MUSIC 7:00-10:00 PM

MEMBERS AND ACCOMPANIED GUESTS



2024-25 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS

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ELKS Reminder to Renew



Elks Membership Payment Due!!

Pay your dues today!
Contact your Lodge Secretary

Community • Friendship • Charity
elks.org



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**



WE HONOR OUR PAST EXALTED RULERS

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|---------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1978-79 | *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR. | 2002-03 | *DAVID D. MACDONALD |
| 1979-80 | *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR. | 2003-04 | RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR |
| 1980-81 | *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2004-05 | EDWARD G. COX. JR. |
| 1981-82 | *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2005-06 | RAYMOND L STOKES, JR |
| 1982-83 | *WILLIAM O'NEAL | 2006-07 | *BERNARD TOMARDY |
| 1983-84 | * ARTHUR GOEHRING | 2007-08 | BENJAMIN STONE |
| 1984-85 | *WILLIAM E. KELLY JR. | 2008-09 | BENJAMIN STONE |
| 1985-86 | *ROBERT D. EAKLE | 2009-10 | S. DARLENE WOODHURST |
| 1986-87 | *FRANCIS R. HAUER | 2010-11 | STEPHEN L. WOODHURST |
| 1987-88 | *CRAIG PACKARD | 2011-12 | GEORGE TUNNICLIFF |
| 1988-89 | PUTT WILLETT | 2012-13 | RON KUNZ |
| 1989-90 | GERALD LAIRD | 2013-14 | LYNN EVANS |
| 1990-91 | JOSEPH P. VITEK | 2014-15 | JIM COX |
| 1991-92 | L. DAVID GRANT | 2015-16 | BILL SIMONDS |
| 1992-93 | *JOHN WISNIEWSKI | 2016-17 | LLOYD BARRON |
| 1993-94 | *T. LEE ROSS | 2017-18 | ANGELA MEYER |
| 1994-95 | CHARLES H. KROLL | 2018-19 | MIKE KELLY |
| 1995-96 | JOSEPH McGEENEY | 2019-20 | MIKE BENSON |
| 1996-97 | *HOWARD ROSKOSKY | 2020-21 | JIMMY COX |
| 1997-98 | *E. PAUL WILSON | 2021-22 | RICHARD J. FRERE |
| 1998-99 | EDWARD G. COX. JR. | 2022-23 | RAY WILSON |
| 1999-00 | ARNOLD SLAGLE | 2023-24 | JIMMY COX |
| 2000-01 | RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR. | | |
| 2001-02 | *FRANK STAMM, JR. | | |

** Denotes Deceased*

Kent Island Elks #2576 MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

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

OBTAIN YOUR PLATE, AND PAY, THE BARTENDER