



THE *Eleventh Hour* UPDATE

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

NOVEMBER 2023

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

BY JIMMY COX

Before we know it, Christmas will be here. Please make note of the parties and events scheduled for the Holidays.

October was a busy month. The Annual Crab Feast was a huge success with many volunteers. We consumed over 40 bushels of crabs and 200 pounds of shrimp. Thanks to all who donated cakes for the auction. We raised over \$2,500 for charity!

On the 23rd, we held our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, another successful event—many thanks to Sharon and Cleveland Sweeney for organizing a great team of volunteers. Without the help of many, we could not have done it – thank you!

Horseshoe teams from Kent Island traveled to Chestertown for the MD-DE-DC State Elks Horseshoe Tournament. After several schedule changes, we found a few "scrappy teams" to attend. Kent Island Lodge had three teams, Jeff & Genn, Cliff & Gail, and Burt & me, representing our Lodge. We won and brought the trophy home to Kent Island. We will be hosting the Spring Tournament in April 2024.

Due to the weather, our outdoor events concluded inside with Chris Sacks and Friends playing in the Lounge. JJ McDick is returning to entertain us on New Year's Eve. Many loved them when they played on the patio, so we are bringing them back! They are not to be missed.

In November, Oyster Monday nights return, as well as Shotgun Bingo, and our Wednesday and Thursday Shuffleboard Leagues. Regarding Thursday nights, Bobby and John will cook in the kitchen with our regular menu and a weekly soup special.

On November 19th, we will hold our Hoop Shoot Contest for kids ages 8-13 at Matapeake Elementary School. Contact Sharon or Cleveland Sweeney for information or visit <https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot>.

Many thanks to our Monday night kitchen crew who made our Shrimp and Wings a colossal success: Rusty, Brittany, Mary, Nicole, Chris, Donna, and Skip.

Our Elk of the Month is Jaclyn Fox and Eddie Cadle, Jr. Thank you both for all you do for Elkdom, and enjoy your reserved parking space!



Jimmy Cox
Exalted Ruler



Elk(s) of The Month:
JACLYN FOX
AND EDDIE CADLE, JR.

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, Committee Chair

As of October, the Kent Island Elks has donated \$10,762, making the per-member total \$11.86.

In the State Association, we are 4th per member and 2nd in total donations.

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

ENF supports Elks National Drug Awareness, Scholarships, Elks National Veterans Service Commission, State Elks Association Grants, Community Investment Programs. and Hoop Shoot.

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. Gulleddge
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



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

The Most Valuable Student scholarship will award scholarships worth \$30,000 each to the Top 20 finalists and \$4,000 scholarships to the 480 runners-up. All high school seniors who are United States citizens are eligible to apply, and the deadline is **November 13.**

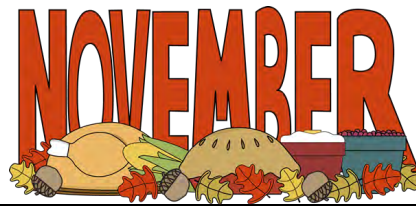
Legacy Awards scholarships are also available for the children and grandchildren of Elks. Applications are due **February 5**, but apply early to cross it off your to-do list! Visit: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>




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.



NEW THIS MONTH In addition to our regular menu, we will offer a Soup Special each Thursday evening.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	2 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special	3 Friday Night Dinner Chicken Parmesan w/pasta 6-8:00	4 Shotgun Bingo 7:30 Kitchen Open <i>Roll your clocks back before bed</i>
5 Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	6 Board Meeting Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	9 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special	10 Kitchen Open	11 Veteran's Day Rib Eye Steak Dinner 6-8 PM (Veterans eat free) Live Music by Brian Haniffee NO Shotgun Bingo
12 Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon Sign up 1:00 shoot	13 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	14 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	15 Shuffleboard Corn Hole Kitchen Open	16 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special	17 Kitchen Open	18 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
19 Hoop Shoot 11-1:00 Matapeake Elementary Sunday Breakfast 8-11AM Football Covered Dish	20 Board Meeting Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	23 Closed for Thanksgiving 	24 Kitchen Closed	25 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
26 Football Covered Dish Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	27 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Pool League	28 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	29 Corn Hole Shuffleboard Kitchen Open	30 Shuffleboard Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special	1 DECEMBER Friday Night Dinner Fried Chicken 6-8:00	2 DECEMBER 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.



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please let "Weezie" know about any Lodge member and/or family who might need a card, visit, phone call, etc. so someone from the Lodge may respond appropriately.

Contact Weezie Ephraim with Information 443-249-0679

louisewezieephraim@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

Upcoming Events

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

- Dec 1—Fried Chicken Dinner
- TBD—Children's Christmas Workshop
- Dec 15—Christmas Open House
- Dec 31—New Year's Eve Party

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In the months of August, September, and October, the Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 donated a total of \$26,600 to the following local charities:

- All American Quarter Horse
- Kent Island Optimist Club
- Shop with a Hero
- Kent Island H.S.
- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Kent Island H.S.
- Men's Soccer
- Eagle Scout Project
- Ashton Wingard, Troop 278
- Roof repair on dugout
- Voices of Vets
- Military Order of Purple Heart
- Christmas Angels
- Kent Island H.S. Bucs
- Softball Team Field Equip. & Apparel
- Aris Academy School Supplies
- QAC Mental Health Committee
- Army Of Hope
- Welcome Home
- Jernick Fund
- Elke National Foundation
- Elks Camp Barrett
- Chesapeake Bay Piranhas
- Kent Island H.S. Volleyball
- New Uniforms and Jerseys
- Martin's House & Barn
- Food, Shelter & Clothing
- Upper Q. A. Lions Softball
- New Jerseys and Uniforms
- Island Gymnastics
- Queen Anne's County High School Nursing Program
- Kent Island High School
- Varsity Golf Program
- Talbot Figure Skating Club
- Supporting Mid-shore Skaters
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding
- Aiding Disable Veteran's and Children
- Wreaths Across America
- Supporting Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, MD
- Kent Island Jeep Club
- Sponsoring Not My Child Drug Program
- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
- Fundraiser "Rock the Reef"
- Kent Island High Senior Class Fundraiser
- Haven Ministry Annual Beef, Bonfire and Cigars Event

MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANS NOW!

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



Congratulations to Bert Olmstead and Jimmy Cox for finishing second and to Cliff Conway & Gail McHugh, who came in first. Kent Island Lodge brought the Fall 2023 MD, DC, DE ELKS State Association Horseshoe Tournament Plaque back home to Kent Island Elks! Thank you, Chestertown Elks, for hosting!

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

CHICKEN PARMESAN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
6-8:00 (or till sold out)



SERVED WITH PASTA, GARLIC BREAD AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FOR DESSERT

MEMBERS AND ACCOMPANIED GUESTS

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER

NOVEMBER 11TH
6-8:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC BY BRIAN HANIFEE
BOBBY IN THE KITCHEN



RIB EYE STEAK DINNER SIDES AND DESSERT

FREE FOR ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICE



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



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576



Christmas

MEMBER OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
6PM-8PM

ADULT MEMBERS, SPOUSES, AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ONLY

Open Bar - Music by DJ

Bring a covered dish to share



2023-24 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS

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Thank you Tim Sutch for the music at the Halloween Party



Dan & Patty won 1st place



Janie, Guitar Ghoul and Jerry



Dr. Tim in the house



Tom & Kathy won 2nd place



Patty, Marissa, and Tracy (who won 3rd place)



Can you hear the swish of the net? The 2023-23 Hoop Shoot season has officially started, and children ages 8-13 are stepping up to the line to take their shot at having their name displayed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The Hoop Shoot has been unleashing gritty kids for 51 years. The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw program for youth ages 8-13. Our shoot is scheduled for:

November 19th 11:00 to 1:00 at Matapeake Elementary School

For more information visit <https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/> or call Cleveland Sweeney 443-362-2244 or email sharonsweeney13@gmail.com



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

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. | <i>* Denotes Deceased</i> |



Shotgun Bingo

**SATURDAYS
7:30PM**

QUEEN OF HEARTS

**MONDAYS
8:00 PM**



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



See ya at the Elks



Keep up to date on Lodge happenings! Follow us on Facebook @kentislandelkslodge#2576