



THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

APRIL 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Ray Wilson

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

As your Exalted Ruler, I would like to say a few things before moving forward. To our outgoing ER, Jimmy Cox, *Thank You* for a tremendous year at the lodge. Your leadership, along with your countless volunteers, has made our lodge highly successful. I know I will have your support for 2024 and 2025. May you enjoy the next few weeks of a much-needed vacation.

To all members, for those who don't know me, I would like to tell you a little about myself. My family has been around Kent Island for 50-plus years. I believe in our community, and all it has to offer. Currently employed by Queen Annes County, I live on the Island with my wife, Sharon, who has been my rock for 20 years. Between us, we have 6 children, 4 grandchildren, and one on the way in June. I am a big believer in family. At the Elks, we will strive to make you feel welcome whenever you are at your Lodge. If you need assistance at your Lodge, please seek out an officer or a bartender. We are here to make your experience a memorable one every time. If you feel it needs my attention, please email me at highpower1964@gmail.com.

April is a time to reflect on these past few months as we prepare to take in the beauty of spring, preparing our yards and gardens. We also at the Lodge must take stock and move forward to make our Lodge the best in our state and the country.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will have sign-up sheets for committees. So, if you have any skills or a trade where you can donate a few hours a month, we would greatly appreciate your help making us the best it can be. We are always looking for help with our events and 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.

So here is the game plan moving forward. We will continue our summer concerts starting on June 15th and running until Saturday, September 14th, so please come out and enjoy some great music on Saturday nights beginning at 7 pm. Please see your newsletter for information on the bands and dates.

The Best part of Elkdom is its members, who live by the following: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. No mountain is too high or valley too low that we cannot cross together.

Our projects in April will be as follows: We'll remove the carpet in the Hall and install a new floor, not carpet.

Friday night dinners will be coming back for all to enjoy, so starting April 12th at 6 pm, we will have meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans for \$15.00 until sold out.

On April 19th, you can choose brisket or ½ rack of pork ribs, served with green beans, coleslaw, or potato salad, and dessert for \$20.00 from 6 pm to 8 pm or until sold out.

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Ray Wilson, Exalted Ruler

ELK(S) OF THE MONTH:

JANIE SWIGERT

ELK OF THE YEAR:

JANIE SWIGERT

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

RAY WILSON, PER

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

PETE SLOAN

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KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

Third Sunday BREAKFAST MOVED TO APRIL 28



8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

ADULTS \$10

**KIDS AGES 6-12 \$5.00
KIDS UNDER 6 YEARS FREE**

**COMPLETE BUFFET WITH OMELET
STATION - COFFEE & DRINKS**

COMMUNITY EVENT • 2525 ROMANCOKE RD • 410.643.2221

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES ARE DUE

PAST DUE ON APRIL 1

MARCH

31

SUNDAY

**DID YOU PAY
YOUR DUES?**

**YOU MUST BE
CURRENT TO
ENTER THE
LODGE AND
HAVE A BLUE
KEY CARD**

STOP BY THE LODGE TODAY AND PAY A BARTENDER

SURF & TURF

SHRIMP & WINGS Mondays 6-8:00 pm



MEMBERS & GUESTS

ER MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM COVER

Then, on April 26th, we will offer a choice of ½ pound of steamed or ½ pound of deep-fried shrimp, served with Broccoli salad and dessert for \$20.00.

The outside pavilion will reopen on April 10th and every following Wednesday at 6 pm, weather permitting.

I am pleased to announce that next year, we will be hosting the Grand Exalted Ruler at our Lodge from March 20th, 2025, until Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, for the Spring State Conference. On those days, we will welcome over 100 guests from our MD, DE, and DC State Association. In the next couple of months, we will be forming committees and chairpersons for said committees, so if you can make the time, your help would be greatly appreciated. Let us show the "Grand" why Kent Island Elks Rocks.

Dates to remember in April 2024:

April 1st Lodge closes at 8 pm (Bartender Meeting)

April 5th, 7 pm till 10 pm Karaoke (Eddie the "Hittman") No Friday Night Dinner

Sunday breakfast on April 21st has been postponed until April 28th from 8 am to 11 am.

April 26th, 7 pm until 10 pm Karaoke with Eddie Hitt

April 27th Elks State Horseshoe tournament at our Lodge 9 am until complete

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.

My Elk of the Month for April 2024 will be Jane Swigert for her contributions to the Lodge and promoting Elkdom at home and around our Great State Association. Janie will publish this newsletter for my year at the Lodge and our State Association's newsletter. She was recently honored with a 5-star award at the Spring Conference in Pocomoke City. Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

William Ray Wilson, Jr

NOMINATIONS FOR 2 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We have two open board positions, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and 2-Year Trustee. At our next Membership meeting on April 16th at 7:00 pm, we will take nominations and vote to fill those spaces.

Please join us and cast your vote! If you have questions regarding the open positions, see any board member or Ray Wilson, ER. Your bartender will direct you if you don't know who to talk to. There is a Board member in the house when the Lodge is open.



April

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Board Meeting Queen of Hearts 7:00 Kitchen Closed Lodge Closes Early at 8 pm	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	3 Horseshoes 6 pm Kitchen Open	4 Kitchen Open	5 Kitchen Open 7-10:00 Karaoke with Eddie the Hitt	6 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
7	8 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00	9 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	10 Pavilion opens weekly @6:00 pm Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm	11 Kitchen Open	12 FND Meatloaf & 2 sides 6-8:00	13 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
14	15 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting (Tax Day)	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm	17 Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm	18 Kitchen Open	19 FND Brisket or Ribs & 2 sides 6-8:00 pm	20 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
21 Arthur Goehring's Celebration of Life <i>Breakfast postponed to next Sunday</i>	22 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00	23 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	24 Kitchen Open Horseshoes 6 pm	25 Kitchen Open	26 FND Fried or Steamed Shrimp with side & dessert Karaoke with Eddie Hitt 7-10:00 pm	27 Elks State Horseshoe Tournament 9 am Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
28 Sunday Breakfast 8-11AM Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	29 Shrimp & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00	30				



See ya at the Elks

Upcoming Events

Sickness & Distress

- April 13—DD Clinic Cape Henlopen
- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 27—Memorial Day
- June 15—Weekly bands start with Big Money Band
- June 30-July 3—National Convention in Austin, TX

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

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 louisewezeiephraim@verizon.net

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



Elks National Foundation

By Connie Frere

Elks National Foundation, also known as ENF, was created in 1928 to serve as the charitable arm of the Elks. The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

This past year alone, ENF distributed \$36.4 million in grants nationwide, and they have budgeted \$45.3 million for 2024-25. The money was distributed across Community Investment Programs, State Projects, Hoop Shoots, Drug Awareness, the Veterans Service Commission, Veterans' Homelessness, and Scholarships.

As far as our Lodge and our State association go, Kent Island Elks Lodge was approved for all of the grants we requested, totaling \$9,000. This money was donated to Haven Ministries' community programs and the continuation of our local Giving Closet program.

The MD-DE-DC State Association received a total of \$425,710. This money was distributed across Camp Barrett, Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, educational programs, 14 MVS scholarships, 7 Legacy scholarships, and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. In fact, our state association received \$1.62 for every \$1 donated last year. Your money counts.

Our goal this year is to reach a \$25 per member donation, as well as increase Fidelity Club Memberships.

Donating is easy:

- Give a donation to the bartender (with name and member number)
- Give a donation to any officer (with name and member number)
- Place your spare change in the box next to the guest sign-in book
- Donate online at <https://www.elks.org/ENF/supportENF.cfm>

YOUR LODGE'S 2023-24 FUNDRAISING STATISTICS

Updated through 03/31/2024

<i>Total Donations:</i> \$15,068.11	<i>Membership Support:</i> 30.10%
<i>Per-Member-Giving:</i> \$ 16.61	<i>Fidelity Club Members:</i> 7
<i>Renewal Rate:</i> 52.88%	<i>2023-2024 ENF in your State:</i> \$ 1.62
<i>Leaky Bucket:</i> -47	<i>2023-2024 Lodge Grant Funds:</i> \$9,000.00



What, the door won't latch? Quick, John Meyer to the rescue. John is an unsung hero of the Lodge, fixing everything from latches to bobbles and doors. Thank you, John!



Member Burt Jamison was "Rockin' the House" when he played with fellow member and local well known musician, Chris Sacks celebrating the final Oysters of the season.



THE KENT ISLAND ELKS CLUB IS GAUGING INTEREST IN LEARNING TO HAND DANCE

Have you ever been to a dance function or wedding reception with all the youngsters on the floor? Have you found there is no room to dance?

Hand Dance could be your answer. Hand dancing is a unique style of dance that evolved from swing dancing in the 50's.

The dance pattern is basically a circular motion making it more compact than typical ballroom dancing.

For additional information explore the DC Hand Dance Club web site at <https://dchanddanceclub.net/history-of-dc-hand-dance>

If there is enough involvement a dance lesson program may start with a beginner group lesson and intermediate group lesson taught by a certified DC Hand Dance Instructor from the DC Hand Dance Club.

The end goal would be to have regularly scheduled beginner and intermediate group dance lessons and a dance immediately after the lessons.

If you are interested in attending, contact Mike (301-509-9516) or Linda Moran (443-254-4012) and a sign up will be posted in the lounge.

2024 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND AWARD CEREMONY



Back Row: Dan Kane, PDDGER (Past *District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler*), John Meyer, Trustee, Doug Bishop, Chaplain, Mike Benson PER & Secretary, Rick Frere, PER & DDGER, Leo Sincavage, Treasurer, Ray Wilson, PER & new ER, Brian Walsh, Rachael Whiting, Tiler, Lynn Evans, PER
 Front Row: Seated is Ron Kunz, PER, kneeling is Joe Vitek PER, Angela Meyer, PER &, State-President Elect, Jimmy Cox, PER, George Tunnicliff, PER & Leading Knight, Mike Kelly, PER & Esquire and Bert Maisel, Loyal Knight



Officer of the Year
Ray Wilson, PER



Citizen of the Year
Pete Sloan



Elk of the Year
Janie Swigert

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart."

- Elizabeth Andrew



Thanks to Rick & Lisa for the PRS guitar raffled at the Cash Bash. Congrats to the winner, Michelle, not pictured. Thanks Aimee Dehney for the photos



Jimmy Cox decked out in his cash jacket at the Cash Bash



Sharon Toone takes a break from the kitchen at the Cash Bash

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576 MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

SUMMER TURKEY SHOOT SCHEDULE

APR	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
28	23	28	25	22

NOON SIGN UP
1:00 PM SHOOT STARTS

WIN PRIZES!!!

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER

No real turkeys are harmed in this event. We shoot targets.

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

2024 SUMMER BANDS AT THE PAVILION

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	DRIFTWOOD DOGS
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

KENT ISLAND ELKS LODGE #2576 HOSTS

\$25 PER LODGE

MD-DE-DC ELKS ASSOCIATION

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

SAT. APRIL 27

TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE ELKS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM - GAME PLAY 9:00 AM
CALL JIMMY WITH QUESTIONS 443-740-3300

2024-25 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS

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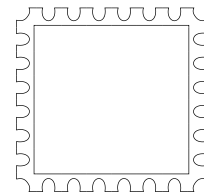
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PAST EXALTED RULERS

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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 | 2023-2024 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

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



QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING MOVED TO MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM