



THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

FEBRUARY 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Jimmy Cox

The snow has melted for now; hopefully, spring is just around the corner. Your Lodge was very busy again in January with our fall shuffleboard league finishing. We had a great tournament with good times. After a quick break, the Shuffleboard Spring League started on January 31.

We had our \$100 block pool party with an added Ravens playoff game, which excited the crowd for a while. Maybe next year, Ravens.

Cleveland, Sharon, John, and Angela hosted the Elks Basketball Hoop Shoot at the local Elementary school. We had 15 children attend, and 5 winners will move on to the District shoot in Delaware. Also, thank you, Carrie Mitten, for your help.

In January we brought in over 20 new members. Please make our new Elks feel welcome at the Lodge. They are the Best People on Earth (BPOE).

February starts with a Texas Hold Em' Tournament on the 4th. All are welcome. There will be a couple of Friday night dinners, so check our calendar, Facebook, and email blasts for the latest information. Superbowl Sunday is February 11th. Come down, bring a dish, and enjoy the big game. We will supply chicken wings and a brisket.

On February 25th, warm up your crock pots and make some Chili to compete

in our Chili Cook-off. We will have cash prizes, DJ Tim Sutch, and a chili dinner made by Lloyd, just in case you didn't get enough while tasting and judging.

We march into March with a big bang. Come out and support our biggest fundraiser for the Lodge. Our annual Cash Bash is on March 9th. Win some money, have fun, and see what your ER has in store for you this year!

We will also have a St. Patty's Day dinner and dance on March 15th with DJ Steve Moody. Steve was a big hit last year. We will serve traditional corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes, green beans, and a surprise dessert.

It is with a heavy heart we say goodbye to Arthur Goering. Art was a Kent Island Elks charter member, a past ER, State VP, and DDGER. He was a pillar of the community and a good friend to all who knew him.

Our Elks Lodge is run by Volunteers. Our February's Elk of the Month is Patty Nagy, who is ALWAYS ready to jump in. We rely on her for our events, selling tickets, working the door, serving food, or anything else we need. There is no need to ask; Patty jumps right in. Thank you for all you do, Patty!

Proud to be your Exalted Ruler

Jimmy Cox



Jimmy Cox
Exalted Ruler



ELK(S) OF THE MONTH:

PATTY NAGY

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 January, the Kent Island Elks has donated a total of \$13,937.75. Per-Member of \$15.36 In the state we are 5th per member and 2nd in total donations.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance March 15th 6-10

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. 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

3rd SUNDAY Breakfast
at Kent Island Elks #2576
February 18
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

FRIDAY *Night* DINNER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
6 - 8:00PM
OR UNTIL SOLD OUT

CHICKEN PARMESAN

WITH PASTA & SAUCE, SIDE SALAD, CHEESY GARLIC BREAD, AND HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE

\$18

MEMBERS AND REGISTERED GUESTS

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

\$25 TICKETS
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL MARCH 2, 2023

KENT ISLAND ELKS LODGE #2576

COMMUNITY EVENT

TEXAS HOLD'EM



POKER

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM
PLAY STARTS AT 12 NOON

\$80.00 BUY IN

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

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KENT ISLAND ELKS LODGE #2576 PRESENTS
Open to Members and their Registered Guests

THE BILL ATWELL MEMORIAL CHILI

Cook-Off



FREE
TO ENTER CONTEST

FEBRUARY 25
TASTING BEGINS AT 4:00 PM

Compete for the Best Overall Taste, the Hottest (spiciest), and the Most Unusual Ingredient

CASH PRIZES
EAT - TASTE - JUDGE
Includes Chili, Cornbread, and Salad
DJ TIM SUTCH AND RAFFLES
DJ SPONSORED BY BERT & JERRY MAISEL
SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LODGE
Contestants, please use a large size Crock-Pot
Contact Janie with questions 410.703.1796



SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024

CASH BASH



\$65
\$ BIG PAYOUTS \$

Drawings throughout the event
Food and draft beer included
Cash prizes determined by ticket sales
See your bartender for tickets (available soon)
Each person must have a ticket to enter

2:00PM TO 6:00PM

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576
COMMUNITY EVENT

RULES AND INFORMATION FOR CHILI COOK-OFF :

We will award cash prizes to champions in three categories:

1. Best Overall
2. Most Creative (Unusual Ingredient)
3. The Spiciest (Hottest) Chili

Please bring your Chili ready to taste in a Large Crockpot, 6-7-quart size. Fill with about a gallon and a half of chili so everyone will be able to taste some. (If you do not have one, ask the kitchen manager and we will loan you one.)

Entries must be at the Lodge no later than 3:00 pm the day of the cook-off




Free entry for contestants and children under 12. We are asking everyone else for a \$5.00 donation.

Members will be tasting and judging from 4:00 until 6:00 (may change depending on how many are in attendance).

Following the awards we will be serving Chili, Caesar Salad, and cornbread to everyone. Thank you Lloyd Barron for agreeing to make it again this year!

February

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>See ya at the Elks</i>				1 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	2 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	3 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
4 Texas Hold Em Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	5 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Board Meeting	6 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM PER night & Officer Nominations	7 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	8 Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special Shuffleboard	9 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:00 pm Chicken Parmesan, salad, garlic bread & cheesecake	10 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
11  Super Bowl Covered Dish 6:30 pm Turkey Shoot Noon Sign up 1:00 shoot	12 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00	13 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i> Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	15 Kitchen Open Thursday Soup Special Shuffleboard	16 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i> Happy Birthday! In 1868 birth of The Order of the Elks	17 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
18 Sunday Breakfast 8-11AM Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	19 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Board Meeting	20 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm Elections	21 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	22 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard Thursday Soup Special	23 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	24 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
25 Chili Cook-Off 4:00 PM Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	26 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00	27 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	28 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	29 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard Thursday Soup Special	1 March Kitchen Open	2 March Shotgun Bingo 7:30

Lodge is open 7 Days a Week

Kitchen Open 6:00-8:00 Monday—Saturday pending volunteers

TBD means "To Be Determined"

Upcoming Events

CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

March 3—Elks Leadership Training
Day at KI Lodge 8:30 am

March 9—\$ Cash Bash \$

March 15—St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 22—23 State Workshop,
Pocomoke City Lodge Hosts

April 21—Arthur Goehring's
Celebration of Life

Sickness & Distress

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 louiseweeziephraim@verizon.net

Elks Care - Elks Share

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



CLAIM YOUR ITEMS BEFORE MARCH

Are you missing a coat or Jacket? This photo shows all the items left behind at the Lodge. They are located in the closet to the right as you enter the lobby of the Lodge.

Any items not claimed by March 1st will be donated to charity.



"It's not about the minutes or the hours, but the act of giving itself." Two Elks' Scholars, Nick and Kyra Obert, one State President Elect, Angela, and Chef Bobby. There are many ways to give. During their college winter breaks, Nick and Kyra volunteered their time at the Lodge.



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER

Arthur William Goehring, 72, passed away at Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte, FL, on January 11, 2024.

Art was born in Annapolis, MD, on April 14, 1951, as the son of Charles and Rita Goehring. Art attended Annapolis High School, followed by an apprenticeship, which led to a position as a machinist with the federal government at the U.S. Naval Academy for 36 years in Annapolis, MD. He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, on December 6, 1969.

Art and Barbara lived in Stevensville, MD, from 1975 until they retired and moved to Port Charlotte, FL, in 2021.

Art was also a huge sports fan, cheering on the Baltimore Ravens and the Baltimore Orioles. In the past, he enjoyed playing softball, bowling, shuffle boarding, and horseshoes.

Before moving from Stevensville, Art was a charter member of the Kent Island Elks, a past ER, State VP, and DDGER. He was also a member of the Kent Island American Legion Post #278.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Lodge on April 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

Instead of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Kent Island Elks Scholarship Fund in memory of Art. Checks may be made payable to Kent Island Elks Scholarship Fund and mailed to 2525 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666, c/o Cleveland & Sharon Sweeney.



Come and see our "Queen Mary, of Hearts", a dedicated Volunteer. Look for Mary to purchase your tickets at \$5.00 each, and maybe your name will be drawn for the ever-growing pot.

Drawings each Monday at 8:00pm



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POOL LEAGUE FINALS

Our first Pool League took off and recently had their final games for the season. The winners are shown above. From left to right: 4th place Toni Cheri, 3rd place Mark Torre, 2nd place Steve Oliff, and 1st place Tim Keagy.



It was a tense battle between Mark and Steve for 2nd place, pictured above, right.



THURSDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE FINALS

Pictured above: Jerome Meyer, Kim Spindler, Mark Torre, Kim Wingo, Dane Schriver, Judith Iseman, & Troy Emerick.

WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st Place, Dane Schriver & Kim Wingo
- 2nd Place, Mark Torre & Kim Spindler
- 3rd Place, Judith Iseman & Jerome Meyer
- 4th Place, Troy Emerick & Sharon Toone

WEDNESDAY SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE FINALS

Picture right: Bob Sherwood, Bonnie Waller, Jimmy Cox, Morgan Whiting, Ed Sindorf, Angie, Robertson and Chuck Robertson

WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st Place, Ed Sindorf & Moran Whiting
- 2nd Place, Chuck & Angie Robertson
- 3rd, Bob Sherwood & Danny
- 4th Place, Bonnie Walter & Jimmy Cox

Photo right:
First Place
Thursday night
Shuffleboard
winners
Dane
Shriver &
Kim Wingo



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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JANUARY 31, 2024



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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

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

Youth Activity Contest

Most Unique Youth Activity

*Use your Creativity, Imagination!
Make a 3 Minute Video and send it to me,
a trophy will be awarded to the Winner!*

Deadline March 1, 2024

*Send entries to dcurp@aol.com
include lodge name, number & Youth
activities chairman contact information*

Winner will be announced at the MD/DE/DC
Spring Conference 2024