



# THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

**JUNE 2023**

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

BY JIMMY COX

Dear Members of the BPOE Elks,

As summer approaches, we welcome June with open arms and a heart full of excitement. The BPOE Elks Club has an array of fantastic events and updates to share with you. From community outreach initiatives to thrilling social gatherings, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Here is what we have in store for you this month:

**Bands outside on the Patio/Pavilion:** every Saturday night in June, we invite all members and their guests to come out and listen to some great music. It's an opportunity to bond, relax, and enjoy a night of outdoor fun. Delicious food, engaging games, and lively entertainment will make these evenings an unforgettable experience for everyone. Remember to bring your chairs and a smile!

**Bingo Night:** "Shotgun Bingo!" will resume in the fall with our jackpot prize of \$16,750. We will start right where we left off, so you have great odds of picking the winning card. Remember, it's not just about winning but also about having a blast with fellow members.

**Community Outreach:** At the Elks Club, we take pride in giving back to the community. This month, we donated a total of \$12,800. These donations addressed the needs of several local organizations such as Army of Hope, Welcome Home, Jernick Fund, Kent Island High School, Eagle Scouts, Kennard Library, Elks Camp Barrett, and UM Chester River Health Foundation.

**Lodge Upgrades:** We are delighted to announce that our Lodge is undergoing some exciting renovations. We are investing in improvements to enhance your club experience. The upgrades will include a revamped pavilion bar, new stools, an improved bandstand, and an expanded parking lot. We appreciate your patience during this time and look forward to unveiling the transformed space soon.

**Scholarship Golf Tournament:** Swing into action on October 23rd as we host our annual Golf Tournament at Prospect Bay Country Club. Gather your friends and fellow Elks for a day of friendly competition and raising funds for a worthy cause. Stay tuned for more details on how to sign up and support this event.

Remember, the Kent Island Elks Club is a family of caring individuals, and your active participation and support make a meaningful difference. We encourage you to mark your calendars for the upcoming events; Elvis /Johnny Seaton on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Crab Feast on October 14<sup>th</sup> and bring along your family and friends to share the joy.

If you have any suggestions or ideas and want to get involved in organizing events, please reach out to any member of the board. We value your input and are always eager to hear from our members.

Thank you for being an essential part of our vibrant community. Wishing you a joyful June filled with warmth, laughter, and great memories.

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Jimmy Cox  
Exalted Ruler



**Elk of The Month:**

**BUZZ REISING**

**Elk of the Year:**

**JERRY MAISEL**

**Officer of the Year:**

**DONNA HAGERTY**

**Citizen of the Year:**

**SHARON SWEENEY**

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COVER STORY CONTINUED

This Elk of the Month is long overdue. He generously helps the bartenders with stock, ice, and trash. You will also recognize him as the guy selling every raffle and game of chance we have. He's a consistent member who wants the best for the Lodge.

Thank you, **Buzz Reising**. You're the best! Enjoy your parking space.

Proud to be your Exalted Ruler,

*Jimmy Cox*

**ANY CHANGES?**

Our Lodge Secretary, Mike Benson keeps track of all members addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. If you need to change any information, email [mbbenson1@verizon.net](mailto:mbbenson1@verizon.net).

This will change the lists that everyone uses to send emails and notices to the membership.



Welcome new members from our Initiation held on May 9, 2023. Pictured in alphabetical order are: Gary Crompton, Barbara Fisher, Michael Fok, Jeff Guerrieri, Richard Jaramillo, John Kleeck, Richard Lannucci, Charles Miller, Henry Murray, Kelly Murray, Chris Sacks, and Elizabeth Wheatley

**THE ELKS PEARL HARBOR CAMPAIGN**

*Submitted by Lynn Evans, PER*

At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. The campaign ended November 11, 2020 and as of June 4, 2023, the Elks raised \$514,971.78.

*"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great-*

*grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"*

Since that announcement, Elks have been partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, to help preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial. Thanks to your donations, we've raised more than \$500,000! Here's what the funds will be used for.

The first \$15,000 Elks raised will be used to replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.

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# Elks National Foundation

By Rachael Whiting, Committee Chair

As of June, the Kent Island Elks has donated a total of \$4,837.18, that's a per member total of \$5.85. In the state we are 3rd per member and 3rd in total donations.

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

### How to Donate:

- Loose bills and change in the donation box at front door (Lodge donation)
- Place your donation in a sealed envelope, labeled with your name, member #, and write on it, "ENF Donation," and give it to a 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	
		Bill J. Simmonds	
		Leo A Sincavage Jr.	
		Barbara J. Tomardy	
		Carl D. Williams	



### POST IT NOTE FUNDRAISER

Donate \$20 (or more) to the Lodge for a chance to win \$500. See the info at the board in the back of the Lounge.

### PEARL HARBOR CAMPAIGN CONTINUED

An additional \$270,000 raised by Elks will upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the museum.

All additional funds raised will be used to enhance and expand a virtual education program that will allow youth and adults across the country to "virtually visit" Pearl Harbor and learn about our history.













Thanks to all who have donated so far! These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

MD-DE-DC Elks Association donated a total of \$23,017 collectively. We reached 116% of our goal.





2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Kitchen Open	2 Kitchen Open  8:00	3 Kitchen Open <b>Live Music by Driftwood Dogs</b>
4  <i>Lodge Open</i>	5  6-8:00 Board Meeting 7pm	6 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00	7 Horseshoes Kitchen Open	8 Kitchen Open	9 Kitchen Open  8:00	10 Kitchen Open <b>Live Music by Kick Back</b>
11  <i>Lodge Open</i>	12  6-8:00	13  6-7:30 PM	14 <b>Flag Day</b> <i>(details pending)</i> Horseshoes Kitchen Open	15 Kitchen Open	16 Kitchen Open  8:00	17 Kitchen Open <b>Live Music by Nicholas Ray</b>
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>8—11:00</b> <i>(Dads eat free)</i>	19  6-8:00 Board Meeting 7pm	20 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00	21 Horseshoes Kitchen Open	22 Kitchen Open	23 Kitchen Open  8:00	24 Kitchen Open Live Music by <b>Bird Dog &amp; the Road Kings</b>
25 Monthly Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot 	26  6-8:00	27  6-7:30 PM	28 Horseshoes Kitchen Open	29 Kitchen Open	30 Kitchen Open  8:00	July 1 Kitchen Open

Kitchen Open 6:00-8:00 pending volunteers  
TBD means "To Be Determined"

## Upcoming Events

### CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 8 Paulverizer Band
- July 15 Jim Cochran Band
- July 22 Our Luau
- July 29 Chris Sacks
- Oct 14 Crab Feast
- Oct 23 Scholarship Golf Tournament



### 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

### 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

### PAVILION HOURS:

Wednesday: 6:00—9:00 pm  
Friday: 6:00—11:00 pm  
Saturday: 6:00—11:00 pm

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





*Driftwood  
Dogs*



**Saturday, June 3**

**KICKING OFF OUR SUMMER BAND SERIES  
AT THE PAVILION 7:00 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION  
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
(We move inside if the weather is bad)  
MEMBERS AND THEIR ACCOMPANIED GUESTS**





Elks Care - Elks Share

# FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Elks Care - Elks Share

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**JUNE 18 2023**

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8:00 TO 11:00 AM BREAKFAST BUFFET  
AT KENT ISLAND ELKS #2776

**\$10**

ADULTS & KIDS OVER 12

**&**

**\$5**

CHILDREN 6-8 YEARS

**FATHERS AND KIDS  
UNDER 6 YEARS EAT FREE**

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

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT - COME CHECK US OUT!  
2525 ROMANCOKE RD. STREVENSVILLE





Recent Past Exalted Rulers stopped for a second allowing us to capture a photo following the PER's Cinco de Mayo dinner. Thanks for your hard work in preparing the delicious Mexican inspired meal. Lloyd Barron 2016-2017, George Tunnicliff 2011-2012, Mike Benson 2019-2020, Rick Frere 2021-2022, Ray Wilson 2022-2023, and Angela Meyer 2017-2018.





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### PAST EXALTED RULERS

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 1979-80 \*GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR.  
 1980-81 \*FRANCIS R. HAUER  
 1981-82 \*FRANCIS R. HAUER  
 1982-83 \*WILLIAM O'NEAL  
 1983-84 ARTHUR GOEHRING  
 1984-85 \*WILLIAM E. KELLY JR.  
 1985-86 \*ROBERT D. EAKLE  
 1986-87 \*FRANCIS R. HAUER  
 1987-88 \*CRAIG PACKARD  
 1988-89 PUTT WILLETT  
 1989-90 GERALD LAIRD  
 1990-91 JOSEPH P. VITEK  
 1991-92 L. DAVID GRANT  
 1992-93 \*JOHN WISNIEWSKI  
 1993-94 T. LEE ROSS

1994-95 CHARLES H. KROLL  
 1995-96 JOSEPH McGEENEY  
 1996-97 \*HOWARD ROSKOSKY  
 1997-98 \*E. PAUL WILSON  
 1998-99 EDWARD G. COX. JR.  
 1999-00 ARNOLD SLAGLE  
 2000-01 RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR.  
 2001-02 \*FRANK STAMM, JR.  
 2002-03 DAVID D. MACDONALD  
 2003-04 RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR  
 2004-05 EDWARD G. COX. JR.  
 2005-06 RAYMOND L STOKES, JR  
 2006-07 \*BERNARD TOMARDY  
 2007-08 BENJAMIN STONE  
 2008-09 BENJAMIN STONE  
 2009-10 S. DARLENE WOODHURST

2010-11 STEPHEN L. WOODHURST  
 2011-12 GEORGE TUNNICLIFF  
 2012-13 RON KUNZ  
 2013-14 LYNN EVANS  
 2014-15 JIM COX  
 2015-16 BILL SIMONDS  
 2016-17 LLOYD BARRON  
 2017-18 ANGELA MEYER  
 2018-19 MIKE KELLY  
 2019-20 MIKE BENSON  
 2020-21 JIMMY COX  
 2021-22 RICHARD J. FRERE  
 2022-23 RAY WILSON

\* Denotes Deceased



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576 PROUDLY PRESENTS

# KICK BACK



**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH  
STARTS AT 7:00**

**Kick  
Back**

Kick Back is a modern Country / Southern rock cover band playing throughout the Delmarva area. We are always adding new music as we follow the top 100 songs on the country charts.

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND ACCOMPANIED GUESTS



**JUNE  
17**

Kent Island Elks #2576 Presents

*Nicholas Ray*

**LIVE 7 PM**

**Elks**

**At the Pavilion**

Food, music and fun

*Members and accompanied guests*



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2566 PRESENTS



**SATURDAY, JUNE 24 7:00 PM**

*At the Pavilion, weather permitting  
Members and accompanied guests*



Kent Island Elks #2576

# **ANNUAL CRAB FEAST**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**\$65**

Per Person



***ALL YOU CARE TO EAT***

**INCLUDES BUFFET, DRAFT BEER, & FOUNTAIN SODA**

**CASH BAR, MUSIC BY DJ**

**CRABS BY KENT ISLAND CRAB COMPANY**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM YOUR BARTENDER**



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