



# THE *Eleventh Hour* UPDATE

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

**APRIL 2023**

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

BY JIMMY COX

Thank you, members, for electing me as your Exalter Ruler for a 3rd term. I am very grateful to everyone who supported me and turned out to vote. It was an exciting night! I will do my best not to let you down.

We have a ton of things planned for our members and their guests this year. Annual favorites like Cash Bash, Luau, Elk-a-Rita-ville, and Crab Feast will continue, and Saturday night bands will rock the pavilion from May through October. You may also see 'Elvis' enter the building and 'AC/DC' cause some High Voltage. There are other events in the planning stages, but I want to hear from you. What would you like to see and do? How would you like to help?

You may have noticed some construction work around the Lodge. We are expanding the pavilion bar area and working to get some additional parking.

42 new members were initiated in March! With all these new members and the great events being planned, we will need extra parking.

Our BPOE State Association has selected Rick Frere as the District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. He is the 3rd District Deputy from our Lodge. Congratulations also to Angela Meyer, who has been elected to the

position of State President-Elect. Congratulations to both of you for the well-deserved achievements.

I would like to thank Ron Kunz. He will be stepping down from the Esquire position, which he has held for many years. He always had his lines memorized and was dedicated to the position. He is not going anywhere though, as he moved to the position of Tiler.

Like everything else, our dues have increased a bit, but in reality, a membership adds up to only \$8.00 a month and we still have the cheapest food and adult beverages around.

At our Installation of Officers, outgoing ER, Ray Wilson recognized Jerry Maisel as the Elk of the Year, Sharon Sweeney as the Citizen of the Year, and Donna Haggerty as the Officer of the Year. Their photos are on page 5. Congratulations!

Thank you, Ray Wilson, for a successful year as Exalted Ruler. You seamlessly stepped into the position, and you are appreciated for all your hard work.

For the month of April, I've selected Mark Torre as our Elk of the Month for all the work he does all around the Lodge. He jumps right in whether we ask him to or not. When you see Mark, tell him Thank You.



Jimmy Cox  
Exalted Ruler



**Elk of The Month:**

**Mark Torre**

**Elk of the Year:**

**Jerry Maisel**

**Officer of the Year:**

**Donna Haggerty**

**Citizen of the Year:**

**Sharon Sweeney**

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## CHARITY, A CORNERSTONE OF ELKDOM

By Lynn Evans PER Kent Island Elks

**Charity** begins in our Lodge, with donations made locally to support and enhance our community. Over the last year, we have supported students, schools, scouting, churches, fire departments, veterans, and our community Queen Anne's County.

**Students** – Over \$18,000 was donated to students through supporting activities like Special Olympics, Christmas Angels, Queen Anne's Goes Purple, Talisman Therapeutic Riding, Mind Movement Dance, and KI Youth Soccer League. Jacob Sloan Foundation and The Julianna Rosella Foundation provided youth scholarships.

**Schools** – Over \$16,500 has been donated to area schools. Requests were made for senior awards, band programs, women's basketball, ice hockey team, men's soccer, art scene, PTSA fundraiser, indoor track and field, football program, field trips, health professional pathways, chrome book chargers, field day, clay targets team, supporting LLS, baseball training aids, and field trips.

**Churches** – Over \$4,000 was donated to Haven Ministries for their work with their food shelter, food pantry, and art fundraiser.

Also, donations were made to other churches for their fundraisers and daycare.

**Fire Departments** – Over \$18,500 has been donated to local fire departments, Kent Island, United Communities, Grasonville, and Queenstown.

Within Queen Anne's County Initiatives - **Over \$23,250** for a variety of needs. Fraternal Order of Police, County Library, Centre for the Arts, Sheriff's Office- Child Safety, CASA,

**Shop with a Cop**, KIFA, KIFA Student Showcase, Chesapeake Cats and Dogs, Martin's House and Barn, Chesapeake Environmental Center, Compass Regional Hospice, Leukemia and Lymphoma, UMD cancer fund, Sudlersville Library, Rebuilding Together, Make a Difference Day, Advocate for Youth, Crossroads Community, and Dudley's Chapel Restoration. Also 4 - H Clubs for fundraisers and Dream Rider ribbons.

**Scouting** – Over \$7,000 was donated to 6 Eagle Scout Projects, Cookies for Troops, Blue & Gold Dinner, and the General fund of Troop #496.

**Veterans** – Over \$7,500 for Wreaths Across America, Order of the Purple Heart, Voices for Vets, and Faces of Valor.

In addition to all the support being given to our community, the Elks also support State Elk Initiatives. Over \$40,500 was donated to the Elks National Foundation (ENF), Army of Hope, Welcome Home, the William Jernick Foundation, and Elks Camp Barrett (*our State major project*).

## FUN AT THE LODGE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO BENEFIT ENF



Patty and Ron Kunz looking festive



Our organizers, Rachael and Morgan Whiting shown with the DJ Steve Moody



# Elks National Foundation

By Rachael Whiting, Committee Chair

Through March 25th, our Lodge and its members have donated a total of \$16,425.00 to the Elks National Foundation. This is a per member giving of Per-Member of \$19.86. In the State Association (which is comprised of MD, DE, and DC) we are 3rd in per member and 5th total donations. We have 907 recorded members in ENF.

We recently held our St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance to benefit ENF. **Thank you to everyone who helped make it a huge success!!** I am looking forward to organizing it again next year.

**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 (It will be recorded as a Lodge donation.)

Place your donation in a sealed envelope, and include your name, member number, and write "ENF Donation," on the envelope and give it to the bartender, any officer, or to Rachael Whiting.

Joining the Fidelity Club is easy. Simply log onto <http://enf.elks.org/recurring> and complete the information. Or you may go online at <https://www.elks.org/enf/>.

### ENF Mission Statement:

#### Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

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. Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

#### 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. Gullledge
Angela Meyer	Laura Mattes
Mr. John Meyer	Edward N. McCullough
Jane Swigert	John L. Meyer
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	Bill J. Simmonds
	Leo A Sincavage Jr.
	Barbara J. Tomardy
	Carl D. Williams

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## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

# JANE'S RIBS & BRISKET

### APRIL 21, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM

**DINERS CHOICE**

Served with baked beans & macaroni and cheese

**Bobby & John in the kitchen!**

## Welcome Back Jimmy Dinner


### FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 14 @ 6-8:00 PM

Cheese Dreams Appetizer followed by Braised Pork Medallions in a Marsala reduction served along side of roasted new potatoes, spring asparagus with hollandaise, dinner roll and dessert.

# Turkey Shoot

Sundays through April.  
12:00 sign-in followed  
by 1:00 Shoot  
April 30 is our last shoot  
of the season.

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*FND (Friday Night Dinner) subject to change and may sell out early Kitchen Open, always pending volunteers TBD = To Be Determined						1
2 Installation of Officers  Turkey Shoot 12 sign up 1:00 shoot	3 Board Meeting 7:00	4 Lodge Meeting 7:00	5 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	6 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	7 <i>Good Friday</i> *FND Fish Fry 6-8 Queen of Hearts 9:00	8 Kitchen Open  <i>(No SG Bingo)</i>
9 EASTER Lodge Open  	10	11 Taco Tuesday 6:00 PM	12 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	13 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	14 *FND with Bobby & John making Pork Medallions 6-8 Queen of Hearts 9:00	15 CASH BASH 2—6:00 (Kitchen Closed)  (No SG Bingo)
16 Breakfast 8—11:00 Turkey Shoot 12 sign up 1:00 shoot	17 Board Meeting 7:00	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00	19 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	20 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	21 *FND Jane's Ribs / Brisket Dinner 6-8 Queen of Hearts 9:00	22 Kitchen Open  Shotgun Bingo 7:30
23 Turkey Shoot 12 sign up 1:00 shoot	24	25 Taco Tuesday 6:00 PM	26 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	27 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	28 *FND TBD  Queen of Hearts 9:00	29 Kitchen Open  Shotgun Bingo 7:30
30 Final Turkey Shoot of the season Noon sign up, 1:00 shoot	1 May	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00	3 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	4 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	5 *FND TBD Queen of Hearts 9:00	6 Kitchen Open  Shotgun Bingo 7:30



**CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST**

- May 29—Memorial Day
- August 4—High Voltage Concert to benefit the Scholarship Fund



**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Contact Weezie Ephraim  
 with Information  
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**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 permitted after 10:00*

# Your 2023-2024 Lodge Officers and Board of Directors



Left to right: Ron Kunz, John Meyer, Doug Bishop, Cleveland Sweeney, Bert Maisel, Rusty Steele, Rick Frere, Rachael Whiting, Ray Wilson, Leo Sincavage, Joe Vitek, Mike Benson, Mike Kelley Center Front: Jimmy Cox and Morgan Whiting



Ray Wilson presented Sharon Sweeney with the Distinguished Citizen Award



Elk of the Year, Gerald Maisel



Ray Wilson presented Donna Hagerty with the Officer of the Year Award

## 3rd SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH  
8—11:00 AM  
ADULTS \$10.00  
KIDS \$5.00 (12 & Under)



KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576  
PRESENTS

# CASH BASH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**  
**2:00 TO 6:00 PM**

**\$60.00 per person**  
**\$ BIG PAYOUTS \$**

Drawings throughout the event  
Food and draft beer included  
Cash prizes determined by ticket sales  
See your bartender or [kentislandelks.com](http://kentislandelks.com) for tickets Each person must have a ticket to enter

THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT

## Art Auction

**28 April 2023**  
**6:00pm**

Presented by:

Hosted by:  
**Cascia Winery**  
1200 Thompson Creek Rd  
Stevensville, MD

**\$30** Per Person advance ticket sales  
**\$35** Per Person at the door

to benefit: Haven Ministries  
Help Through Shelter, Clothing, Food and Support

Scan for Tickets

**Featuring:**  
Complimentary Glass of Wine  
Lite Fare  
Live & Silent Auction including unique art, jewelry and items many by local artists whose work reflects scenes from the Eastern Shore

SPONSORED BY:  
 KIFA  
KENT ISLAND FEDERATION OF ARTS

Haven-Ministries.org  
For more info contact: Joni Melotti 410-490-8498

## 2023 Elks Camp Barrett Annual Family Picnic

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

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 12 noon**

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

Help Support Camp Barrett

**Menu Includes**

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

Elks Camp Barrett, 1001 Chesterfield Road, Annapolis, Maryland  
Contact: Robert Raleigh 410-708-5098

ELKS CAMP BARRETT

**SNEAK PEEK**

**SATURDAY MAY 6 11:00 AM**

Come for the Camp Representative's Meeting and stay for lunch and a Sneak Peek

E.C. the Bee happily invites all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Lodge Officers and Camp Representatives to learn about ECB.

Start by joining us for the Camp Representative's Meeting at 11:00 AM, and then enjoy lunch while you learn about Summer Camp On-line Registration. Tour the campus, check out your Lodge's Cabin and enjoy time at camp. Stay and do a little work around the campus. Spread the word and bring with you Lodge members who have not seen the camp.

Sneak a peek at the Jewel that is The State Major Project of the MD, DE, DC Elks Association

<p><b>TOURING</b></p> <p>Tour the camp and see all we have to offer</p>	<p><b>REVIEWING</b></p> <p>One of our latest remodeling projects</p>	<p><b>INSPECTING</b></p> <p>Your Lodge's cabin for repairs</p>
<p><b>ENJOYING</b></p> <p>A camp lunch and fellowship with officers, representatives, and friends of Camp from all over our state association</p>	<p><b>LEARNING</b></p> <p>All about Camper registration for your Lodge</p>	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>Your Lodge's participation in the Family Picnic</p>

**Just so you know:**  
Prep for family picnic is May 20st—27th.  
Camp is open weekdays so your Lodge members can come and work on your cabin.  
Call ahead so we know you are coming.

U + ME @ ECB = A GR8 Place 2B!

## 2023-24 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & COORDINATORS

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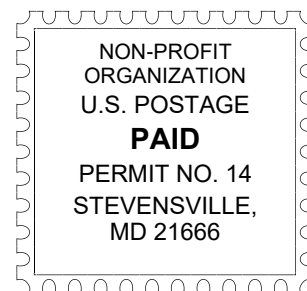
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PAST EXALTED RULERS		
1978-79 *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR.	1994-95 CHARLES H. KROLL	2010-11 STEPHEN L. WOODHURST
1979-80 *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR.	1995-96 JOSEPH McGEENEY	2011-12 GEORGE TUNNICLIFF
1980-81 *FRANCIS R. HAUER	1996-97 *HOWARD ROSKOSKY	2012-13 RON KUNZ
1981-82 *FRANCIS R. HAUER	1997-98 *E. PAUL WILSON	2013-14 LYNN EVANS
1982-83 *WILLIAM O'NEAL	1998-99 EDWARD G. COX, JR.	2014-15 JIM COX
1983-84 ARTHUR GOEHRING	1999-00 ARNOLD SLAGLE	2015-16 BILL SIMONDS
1984-85 *WILLIAM E. KELLY JR.	2000-01 RAYMOND L. STOKES, JR.	2016-17 LLOYD BARRON
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*\* Denotes Deceased*

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