



THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

DECEMBER 2020

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Jimmy Cox

Thanks to our amazing team of officers, bartenders, kitchen volunteers, and members, your Lodge is doing a great job financially through this tough COVID-19 year. We are complying with the rules and managing to host our events. We have increased our membership, made excellent use of our outdoor pavilion, and enjoyed some great live music. We've also continued our Shotgun Bingo and our Queen of Hearts, so Great job to all!

This month we began supporting the Queen Anne's County Christmas Angels, which helps provide Christmas gifts for children in need. In thanks to our Veterans, we served over 70 meals of Shrimp and Oysters during our Veteran's Day dinner.

In November, we hosted the Annual Battle of Rt. 8 between the American Legion and the Kent Island Elks. The Legion prevailed in the closest battle yet, winning 13 - 12, but the good news is in the Commander's Challenge. Your ER crushed their Rep, Nikki!

On Tuesday, December 2nd, at our General Meeting, we will host our DDGER (*District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler*) Angela Meyer.

On December 6th, we will hold our Annual Memorial Service in

remembrance of our absent members.

Also this month, we plan to have our Elks Christmas party (Friday, December 18th) and New Year's Eve party --- COVID-19 permitting. We will use the Hall and the lounge areas for these functions.

Sadly, this month we lost our brother, Mickey Gibson. Mickey was a frequent face around the Lodge and the best-dressed horseshoe player in the league. Mickey will be missed by many. RIP, my brother.

My Elk of the Month is Annie Fichera. She consistently works every month to ensure the newsletter gets out. Annie has shown up to help for five years running. She outperforms those half her age. It is a thankless and tedious job, but she joyfully takes it on. You will often hear her comment, "One of the best decisions I have ever made is to join the Elks!" Thank you, Annie.

*Well, the good ol' days may not return
And the rocks might melt, and the sea
may burn.*

Proud to be your Exalted Ruler

Jimmy Cox



Jimmy Cox, Exalted Ruler

Elk of The Month:



Citizen of the Year:

Mike Link

Elk of the Year:

Barbara Span-Obert

Officer of the Year:

Cleveland Sweeney

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KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576



Christmas

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 18 6:00 pm

Open to adult members & their spouse or significant other
Eddie's Carolina cooking will be serving their specialties
NO COVERED DISHES THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19 RULES



Above: An unused area at the rear of our property has been cleared as an Eagle Scout Project. The area will be used for Scouts camping activities.



QUEEN OF HEARTS
SATURDAYS
AT 8:00 PM ←

Note: New Time

CORRECTION

We apologize that In the November Issue's ER Message regarding our charter membership, we mistakenly misspelled Butch Hauer's name.

PRESCRIPTION ROUNDUP RESULTS

For the 10th year the Queen Anne's County Drug-Free Coalition, Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office, Kent Island Volunteer Fire Company, and the Kent Island Elks Lodge #2576 collected unused and expired prescription medication at sites convenient to Queen Anne's County residents.


The results were: AC Sheriff's Office 54 pounds, KIVFC 52 pounds, and KI Elks Lodge 51 pounds

SGT. Troy Lowrey, Program Supervisor for the Sheriff's Office said, "This was more than collected last year and a big thank you to the QAC citizens who took the time to bring in the medication. You are helping save the environment and protecting our children by disposing of medication properly."

To Our Absent Member

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mickey Gibson, a faithful member, and friend who passed away on November 7th. His wife, Sheila, is one of our bartenders, and we send her our sincere condolences.






We are accepting donations to support his family during this difficult time. *(There is a box with his photo on the bar where you may place donations.)*



*We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
 There will be the vacant chair,
 But though we no more possess him,
 Still our hearts his memory bear,
 But a while ago we gathered,
 Friendship beaming in each eye,
 Now the golden cord is severed,
 He has passed to realms on high.*

DECEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DDGER @ General Membership Meeting 7:00 \$2 Hot Dogs	2 Cornhole League Kitchen Open	3 Kitchen Open	4 Kitchen Open	5 Shotgun Bingo 7:30 Queen of ♥ 8:30 Kitchen Open
6 1:00 PM Memorial Service for our Absent Members Turkey Shoot Noon sign-in Shoot @1:00	7  Buck-A-Shuck 6:30-8:00	8	9 Cornhole League Kitchen Open	10 Kitchen Open	11 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:00 Kitchen Open	12 Shotgun Bingo 7:30 Queen of ♥ 8:30 Kitchen Open
13 Turkey Shoot Noon sign-in Shoot @1:00	14  Buck-A-Shuck 6:30-8:00 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	15 General Membership Meeting 7:00 \$2 Hot Dogs	16 Cornhole League Kitchen Open	17 Kitchen Open	18 Christmas Open House begins at 6:00 pm	19 Shotgun Bingo 7:30 Queen of ♥ 8:30 Kitchen Open
20 Turkey Shoot Noon sign-in Shoot @1:00	21  Buck-A-Shuck 6:30-8:00	22	23 Cornhole League Kitchen Open	24 Kitchen Open	25 Lodge Closed for Christmas 	26 No Shotgun Bingo Kitchen Open TBD
27 Turkey Shoot Noon sign-in Shoot @1:00	28  Buck-A-Shuck 6:30-8:00	29	30 Cornhole League Kitchen Open	31 New Year's Party 9:00 pm 	Jan 1 Officers Tend Bar Annual Event	Jan 2

Open Kitchen, provided we have volunteers. Schedule is subject to change.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
 Contact Weezie Ephraim with information
 443.249.0679 or louiseweeziephraim@verizon.net

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FRIENDS ON December 31, 9:00 pm

Open to members & guests. Enjoy food & entertainment as COVID-19 guidelines permit.



Check your inbox for the latest information

NEW LODGE HOURS:

- Sunday: Lounge 12 noon-9:00 pm
- Monday: Lounge 3-10:00 pm
- Tuesday: Lounge 3-10 :00 pm
- Wednesday: Lounge 3-10:00 pm
- Thursday: Lounge 3-10:00 pm
- Friday: Lounge 3-10:00 pm
- Saturday: Lounge 12 Noon-10:00 pm

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Pavilion closed for the winter

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PAST EXALTED RULERS

1978-79 *GEORGE M. HOMBERG, JR.

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1980-81 *FRANCIS R. HAUER

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1982-83 *WILLIAM O'NEAL

1983-84 ARTHUR GOEHRING

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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

** Denotes Deceased*



Elks National Foundation

During the 2019-2020 Lodge year, the Elks of MD, DE & DC Association donated \$175,975 to the ENF. This year the Foundation will give back a total of **\$372,880.00** to support our State Association Charities, Special Grant, Most Valuable Student, Legacy Award, and Funding for Veterans Service Commission.

So far this Lodge year Kent Island Lodge #2576 ranks **1st in the State** with a total giving of \$11,706.57 which equates to \$ 15.69 per Lodge member.

Please help keep us on the top by donating. It is easy and tax deductible.

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 "ENF Donation," then give it to the bartender, any officer, or to Connie Frere.

Go online at elks.org/ENF/supportENF.cfm to use your credit card. You can set up an automatic monthly withdrawal for as little as \$5.00 a month.

FIDELITY CLUB MEMBERS (monthly giving)	LOYALTY CLUB (10+ years of giving)
Mr. Brian K Cummings	Mr. Mark A Anderson
Ms. Barbara J Tomardy	Mr. Thomas C Gulledge
Ms. Janie Swigert	Ms. Barbara J Tomardy
	Mr. George Tunncliff
	Mr. Ron Kunz

BUCK-A-SHUCK MONDAYS



Mondays 6–8:00 pm
(or until sold out)

Your choice of Raw or "Poor Boy Rockefeller", cooked on the half shell with choice of bacon, cheddar, parmesan, and Shell's homemade cocktail sauce
Add 25¢ per oyster for toppings
Darin's "Poor Boy" Oyster Shooters available upon request for \$2.50
\$1.00 per fresh local Oysters

SHOTGUN BINGO
EVERY SATURDAY
START @7:30 pm **SHARP**
\$\$\$ JACKPOT RETURNS \$\$\$
New rules to comply with CDC guidelines



Come to our weekly Turkey Shoot, Sundays at 1:00 pm (*sign in at noon*) and win some cash prizes.

No turkeys are harmed in this activity.



3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive Supporting Johns Hopkins Children's Center

Help make this Holiday season bring smiles to the children of Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Now accepting **NEW** Unwrapped Toys for ages 2-19 as well as monetary donations through December 22nd. Donations can be dropped off inside the front door of The Kent Island Elks, CES, KES, and Our Mother of Sorrows Church in Centreville.

This toy drive is supported by
The Kent Island Elks Lodge 2576
& Established by Matthew Schieke.

For more information please contact:
Nikki Schieke: 703-582-4831(c)
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**This is not a QACPS sponsored event



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SCOUT TROOP #496 PICKED UP TRASH

Photo Left: The following scouts from Troop #496 picked up 48 bags of trash along Rt.8 and the bike trail from the Elks to Matapeake park on November 21st.



Jenna Scalia, Alyssa Scalia, Madison Mitchell, Carissa Shue, Addy Engelmeier, Nora Koch, Sienna Koch, and Isabelle Slavin

Queen Anne's County residents
Thank You!!!

Photos and article submitted by Mike

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASKS UNLESS YOU ARE SEATED. NO MASK=NO SERVICE.

Volunteers!



In order to keep our kitchen functioning, we depend upon our volunteers. Even if you are inexperienced, we can train you to help us! If you are able to help us out, please contact Sharon Toone, an officer, or bartender.

**THE PAVILION IS NOW
CLOSED FOR THE
WINTER**

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