



# THE Eleventh Hour UPDATE

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

MARCH 2024

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Jimmy Cox

Dust in the wind, and just like that, my year is over.

I want to thank all my Officers, committee members, and Elk members who supported me. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Exalted Ruler. There are way too many of you to thank, but know that I appreciate all your support, kind words, and loyalty in making the Kent Island Elks the Best Place on Earth.

We had a great February, starting with our Superbowl party and being able to watch it on our new 75" big-screen TV. Our Shotgun Bingo is going strong, with the Jackpot sitting at \$20,000. We also held our first Bill (Backhoe Bill) Atwell Chili Cook-off with 35 Entrees.

March will be a busy month at the Lodge. We have the Cash Bash on the 9th and our St. Patrick's dinner and dance on the 15th. We will have our breakfast on the 17th, new member initiation on the 26th, and Installation of Officers on March 30th. Please join us on the 30th to recognize the last year and kick off the next successful year with Ray.

It's been quite a year; two Cash Bashes, sold-out Crab Feast, New Year's Eve Party, Elvis, Elk-A-Ritaville, and my personal favorite was our parties in the pavilion. I don't know what the ER and officers will do in the future, but the Burgers and Bands

were a lot of fun and a huge success for our Lodge.

To end my year, we will have Eddie the Hittman karaoke on March 29th. Let's have a party!

We will continue our Oysters and Wings through the end of March. Don't miss the last Monday in March to enjoy music by Chris Sacks with your dinner.

Our Elk of the Month is Chris Meyer. Chris stepped up and helped in the kitchen cooking wings and running the Turkey Shoot in my absence. Thanks for all you do Chris!

Proud to be your Exalted Ruler,

*Jimmy Cox*

*PS-"I would like to apologize to the King, as he came to the courts seeking justice and justice was not properly served!*



Jimmy Cox, Exalted Ruler



### ELK(S) OF THE MONTH:

**CHRIS MEYER**

ELK OF THE YEAR:

JERRY MAISEL

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

DONNA HAGERTY

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

SHARON SWEENEY

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KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

2024-2025

# Installation of Officers & Awards Ceremony

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**  
**12 NOON**

Join us in applauding Exalted Ruler Jimmy Cox for his successful year.

Welcome incoming Exalted Ruler Ray Wilson while he installs the 2024-2025 Officers, recognizes our charity recipients, and bestows awards and praise upon our hard-working members.

Refreshments immediately following the ceremony

Members, their families, and invited guests

KENT ISLAND ELKS #2576

# Third Sunday BREAKFAST

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**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



## Elks National Foundation

By Rachael Whiting

As of February, the Kent Island Elks has donated a total of \$14,022.75. Per-Member of \$15.46 In the state we are 7th per member and 3rd 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>




**25 MARCH MONDAY**  
**CHRIS SACKS**

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**29 MARCH FRIDAY**  
**KARAOKE DJ EDDIE HITT**

**CHRIS SACKS 6-9:00 PM**

**EDDIE HITT 8-10:00 PM**

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. Gulledege
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

**RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP BEFORE IT  
EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT,  
MARCH 31, 2024**

**\$102.25 for members  
\$69.25 for Lifetime  
members**

If you have not paid your dues before April 1st your old beige key card will not gain entrance to the Lodge. You will miss out on all the fun if you don't renew. You may pay your bartender or respond to the invoice mailed earlier in the year.

If paying by credit card, you must pay the bartender in person.

# HORSESHOE LEAGUE

By Mike Moran, Chairperson

The Kent Island Elks Horseshoe League will have its annual **Spring Meeting in the Lounge at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 20th**. League play will begin on April 3rd at 6 PM. All those currently in the league and anyone interested in playing are requested to attend.

The Horseshoe League is always looking for new pitchers. No experience is needed to learn to play. We have beginners and experienced pitchers. Our league is competitive but with an emphasis on having a good time. The cost is \$5.00 per week, paid for the season within the first two weeks of beginning.

There are two horseshoe seasons each year. The Spring Season runs from early April into July or August, and pitching is from 6 to approximately 8:30. The length of the season is determined by the number of players that sign up to pitch. Each pitcher is put into one of four brackets based on experience level. Then, teams are selected by luck of the draw, with the most experienced players teaming up with the least experienced. This tends to make the teams very competitive without using a statistical handicap. Every team plays every other team one time.

At the end of the season, there is a playoff for the top ten or twelve teams and a cookout for all members. We pitch every Wednesday and ask that each player is committed to being there every week. If a player can't make it once in a while, the player can get a substitute for that week.

The Fall season begins immediately after the Spring season. The fall season is adjusted by the number of players signing up so that we can finish by the end of October with the playoffs on a Saturday or Sunday. A pitcher is not required to pitch in both seasons.

If you are interested in pitching, you can contact Mike Moran at 301-509-9516.

*Mike Moran*

Horseshoe League Chairperson

**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

## ! HALL FLOORING VOTE !

Pursuant to the Statutes of our Order, we will be holding a vote during our Lodge meeting on Tuesday, March 19th, to vote on approving the replacement of the carpeting in Hauer Hall.

You may remember, we already replaced the dance floor, and a portion of the carpet following flood damage this fall. This proposal would carry that same, new flooring throughout the space.

# March

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	2 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
3 Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot Leadership Training Day at KI Lodge 8:30	4 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting	5 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM</b>	6 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	7 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	8 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i>	9 <b>CASH BASH 2 PM</b> Shotgun Bingo 7:30
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS Turkey Shoot Noon Sign up 1:00 shoot	11 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00	12 Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	13 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	14 Kitchen Open Shuffleboard	15 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 6-10:00 PM</b>	16 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>Sunday Breakfast 8-11AM</b> Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot	18 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 Board Meeting	19 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:00pm</b>	20 Kitchen Open Last Shuffleboard Spring Horseshoe Meeting 6 pm	21 Kitchen Open Last Shuffleboard	22 Kitchen Open <i>(pending volunteers)</i> <small>State Assoc Meeting in Pocomoke City Grand ER Visit</small>	23 Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
24 Turkey Shoot Noon sign up 1:00 shoot <small>State meeting ends</small>	25 Oysters & Wings 6:30-8:00 Queen of Hearts 7:00 <b>Chris Sacks Music 6-9 pm</b>	26 New Member Initiation Taco Tuesday 6-7:30	27 Kitchen Open	28 Kitchen Open	29 <b>Karaoke with Eddie Hitt 8-10 pm</b> Kitchen Open	30 <b>Installation of Officers 12:00 pm</b> Kitchen Open Shotgun Bingo 7:30
31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Lodge Closed	1 April Fools Day	2 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:00pm</b>	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			

## Upcoming Events

- April 3—Spring Horseshoe League begins
- April 13 - District Deputy Clinic (Cape Henlopen)
- April 21—Arthur Goehring's Celebration of Life

**CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR THE LATEST**

## 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 [louisewezeiephraim@verizon.net](mailto:louisewezeiephraim@verizon.net)

### TIME CHANGE!

**Queen of Hearts Drawing now Mondays at 7:00 pm**

## 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

Phone 410.643.2221

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

# BILL ATWELL MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



Our Chili Cook-off was held on February 25, 2024. DJ Tim Sutch played to the crowd while Lodge members tasted 35 pots of chili made by fellow contestants.

While tasting, those in attendance voted for their favorites in three categories: Hottest/Spiciest, Most Unusual Ingredient, and Best Overall. The winners were given aprons, a certificate, and cash prizes.

Following the award ceremony, all enjoyed a dinner of chili, salad, cornbread, stuffed peppers by Walt Smoot, and cupcakes by member Pebbles Whiddon. The event was very well attended.

An event of this size requires many volunteers; thanks to everyone. Special thanks to Loraine Sincavage and Mary Burneston, who willingly pitched in just when we needed them. Thank you, John Meyer, for checking the sockets so we did not blow up the place with all of those Crockpots, and Cleveland and Sharon Sweeney for helping with setup. Thanks Kathleen Rodrigues for taking the photos.

We are fortunate to have received sizeable donations from **Kentmorr Marina**, and **Jerry & Bert Maisel**. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Proceeds are being donated to the Elks National Foundation in honor of Bill Atwell. Bill was a longtime member and a good friend to many. He passed away in 2022, and he will be laid to rest with his wife, Barbara on March 6th at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. The Chili Cookoff was one of his favorite events at the Lodge, and he frequently won Best Chili.



Pictured above, left: The three winners!

1. Laurie Bruns (winner of the Most Creative Ingredient)
2. Keith Hutchins (Spiciest/Hottest category winner)
3. Spa Wheatley (Best Overall Taste)



Pictured above: Lynn Evans, Mary Rhoderick, and Janie Swigert, Chairpersons



ER Jimmy Cox, Laura Bruns, Mary Rhoderick, Janie Swigert, Tim Sutch, Lynn Evens, Spa Wheatley, and Keith Hutchins



Lovingly nicknamed "The Sisters", Rachael and Morgan stuck around to enjoy the evening following the Chicken Parmesan and pasta they made for a Friday Night Dinner.

Shown above: Rachael Whiting (Tiler & ENF Chair), Cleveland Sweeney (Trustee), and Morgan Whiting (Est. Loyal Knight)




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**JUST REPORTED**

**PRS PAUL REED SMITH GUITARS**

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED PRS GUITARS IS DONATING THIS GUITAR FOR US TO RAFFLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH,



Stay tuned for more information

**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

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Keep Island Kids #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

## OYSTERS & WINGS MONDAYS



Buck-A-Shuck oysters

**Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm**  
(or until sold out)  
\$1.00 PER RAW FRESH LOCAL OYSTER  
WE WILL BROIL YOUR OYSTERS FOR AN  
ADDITIONAL COST WITH YOUR CHOICE  
OF TOPPINGS  
WE ALSO HAVE WINGS



United Communities Volunteer Fire Department  
4th Annual


# BUNNY BRIGADE

Saturday, March 30-starting at 10am

UCVFD will escort the **Easter Bunny** through the neighborhood starting at 10am. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/UCVFD9>, you will be able to track the bunny during the Easter Bunny Brigade as times will vary depending upon attendance. The parade will run throughout the day, as we travel from one location to the next. "Bunny Stop Signs" will be at the stop locations. Please pick the spot closest to you and come on out! Photo ops are welcome!

10:00 am –

- ❖ Sunny Isle Kent  
Baltimore Dr & Sunrise Dr
- ❖ Chesapeake Estates  
Birch Rd and Chesapeake Estates Dr
- ❖ Long Creek Drive
- ❖ Kentmorr  
Allen Street and Parking Lot
- ❖ Queen Annes Colony  
Queen Annes Colony Playground
- ❖ Tower Gardens  
Tower Dr & Beachside Dr
- ❖ Chews Manor  
Chews Manor Dr & Carville Ct
- ❖ Kent Point  
Monoponsan Dr and Trequassin Rd
- ❖ Kent Island Estates  
Kent Island Estates Clubhouse
- ❖ Cove Creek  
Cove Creek Clubhouse
- ❖ Romancoke on the Bay  
Romancoke on the Bay Clubhouse

## QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING

## MOVED TO MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM



Keep up to date on Lodge happenings! Follow us on Facebook  
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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