



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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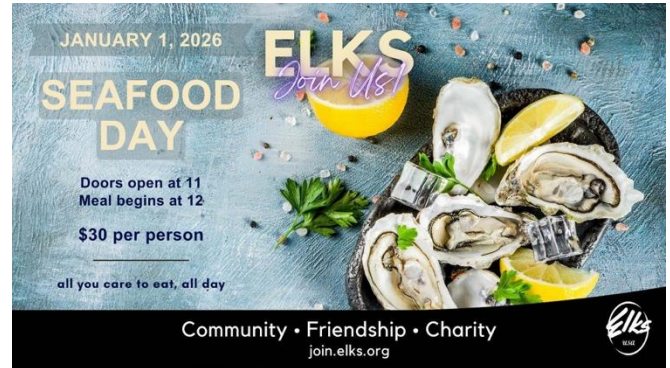


Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! As we turn the calendar to January, I want to share some exciting events we have planned for this month.

We begin the month with **Seafood Day on Wednesday, January 1**. The crew is planning a great menu, and we welcome you to bring your favorite dish to add to our fresh seafood. If you can help with prep, serving, or cleanup, please speak with Tony Robinson.



To give some breathing space, **Steak Night will move to Friday, January 9**. This evening is a steady favorite, and it is a good chance to bring a friend who has been curious about the lodge.

Our **Adult Prom will be on Saturday, January 24**. Tickets are \$20 per person, and the proceeds to toward funding a scholarship for a student at TCAT. Wear what feels right to you, and celebrate the decade of your high school graduation! We will have music, a meal, raffles, and of course - the Prom King and Queen. The Prom is open to members and guests.

Karaoke continues to draw a good mix of voices and good humor. "Momma's Cooking" nights, Taco Tuesday, and Burger Nights will continue through the month.

If you have questions about any event, or want to suggest a new idea, please reach out to me or any officer. I am grateful for the time and care you bring to this lodge, and I look forward to seeing you in the Social Club this month.

Fraternally yours,
Kristin Schrader
Exalted Ruler, Athens Lodge #1927



Have you ever considered
volunteering at the Lodge, but
you don't know what you can do
or where to start?

We have many volunteer opportunities for any and all skills!

If you are interested in learning more about the committees you can serve on or types of volunteer work the Lodge needs, please lookout for a Volunteer Orientation Session coming soon.

We will have lots more information!



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From the Scholarship Committee

As many members know, the Scholarship Committee has been hosting several raffles in hopes of putting on the:

Adult Decade Prom!

January 24th

7:00 PM

Tickets: \$20

This will be a fun night celebrating styles from the 1950s through today, so dust off those prom dresses and ties and get ready for an evening of fun and fellowship.

There will be raffles throughout the night, with all proceeds going toward building a fund for our local TCAT program right here in our community. We'll be decorating soon, so if anyone has decorations that would fit a decade/prom theme, please reach out to Leslie Jacobs.

Sponsorship Opportunity

We will have a sponsor packet available for any member who may know of a business or individual interested in contributing to support this event and our scholarship efforts.

Volunteers Needed!

This event will also require several volunteers. Events like this take a team, and any help is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer needs include decorating prior to the event, and two volunteers to work the doors (money collection and ID checks) on the night of the event. (Shifts can be split into 20-minute slots and will be close to the upstairs doors so volunteers don't miss out on the fun.) We ask members to bring food/snacks if possible. Finally, Leslie will need volunteers to assist with raffles during the event.

Lastly, a friendly reminder: when volunteering for any lodge event, please be mindful that we are representing our lodge and want to make a positive impression. Know your limits and help us make this a great night for everyone.

From the Secretary's Desk

Voting on the following candidates on February 5 (if investigations are complete):

Michael Dazen (proposed by Ray Judd),
Devin Greene (proposed by Kristin Schrader),
Kathleen Hallenback (proposed by Dianne Pupard)
Joseph Pulgini (proposed by Sandy Ray).

Initiations will be held on **February 19** for those elected.

DO YOU STILL OWE 2025-2026 DUES? Athens Lodge members can now pay their dues online at:

www.elks.org/payonline

Cards for the 2025-2026 year are available if you have paid. Ask your server for yours. If you want your card mailed to you, send me an e-mail.

Dee Baker, Secretary BPOE1927@comcast.net

January Birthdays

Edward Anderson	01
Michael L Boyd	01
H Lawson Breedlove	01
Charles E Burke	01
Robert Benjamin Fetter	01
Jimmy D Fields	01
Michael Frye	01
Jack L Lyons	01
Patrick E Morrow	01
Tracey Hill	02
Jason E McDonald	04
Kathy Case	05
Brandon Hicks	07
Paul F Mason	10
Aimee Engelbrecht	11
Monique Proffitt	13
Austin Wiseman	13
Susanne Linboe	16
Melissa Boyd	18
Michael W Masingale	18
Catelyn Barnett	20
Leslie M Jacobs	22
Joe Nipper	23
Amber Cook	27
Tonyah L Myers	27
Jack Weiss	27
Melessa Rena Harris	28
Heath Slack	28
Peyton Eastman	29
Doug Scott Reed	29
Dylan Paul Burns	30

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REMINDER: Please make sure you sign your guests into the social club. Guests are allowed 6 visits per fiscal year.

Meetings First and Third Thursdays of each month except January and July. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

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Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER), George Gray, is available to any member who has issues or needs advice or assistance which may be better addressed by him rather than our ER or officers. Should you ever need to contact Joshua, he can be reached at 423-715-0752.

2025-2026 Lodge Officers

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	Kristin Schrader
<i>Leading Knight</i>	Wayne Wilson
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	Jesse Contreras
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	Mary Vinson-Dyer
<i>Secretary</i>	Dee Baker
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sandy Walker
<i>Esquire</i>	Frank Wilson
<i>Tiler</i>	Drew Haren
<i>Chaplain</i>	John Dyer
<i>Inner Guard</i>	Angie Wilson
<i>Trustees:</i>	Tony Robinson
	Tony Johnson
	Sandy Ray