

The Elk's Antler

July 2026



2026-2027

Officers

Exalted Ruler: Byron White

Leading Knight: Andrea Gobbell

Loyal Knight: Jonathan Barry

Lecturing Knight: Robin Walker

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Stephen McKee

5 Year Trustee: Rodney Gobbell

4 Year Trustee: Wayne Romesburg

3 Year Trustee: Terry Potts

2 Year Trustee: Patti Hollinsworth

1 Year Trustee: Gary Greksa

Esquire: Josh Sykes

Inner Guard: Dana Bass

Tiler: Barbara Garland

Chaplain: Karson Gobbell

Message from the Exalted Ruler:

Greetings Fellow Elks

As we end another busy month we are approaching the Elks Grand Lodge convention month!

We finished May with our annual lodge yard sale, with all profits going to our building fund. I want to thank everyone who took the time to see this through! Yard sales are a lot of work!

We were a "watering hole" for a memorial ride for Debbie Childress. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend and help. This also was a busy day for Tom Hollingsworth and Wayne Romesberg as they worked hard at the Hohenwald smoke off. Thanks to both of you!

We had great evenings on the deck with live music and karaoke also.

As voted, we donated three bicycles to the Maury County summer school Learning Program.

With July coming up I would like to mention again to save the date for our 125th anniversary of our lodge, which is July 25, 2026, 6-10pm. Please check the calendar for updates! I hope to see a good turnout for this event!

Everyone please have a great and safe summer!

Exalted Ruler,
Byron White

Tip of the Antler – Lynn Brewer



Tip of the Antler this month is Lynn Brewer. She has done a great job with our new look for our menus and keeping us updated on upcoming events. Thank you, Lynn! We appreciate you and your hard work!

COLUMBIA ELKS LODGE #686

125TH

125 YEARS
OF TRADITION,
COMMUNITY &
ELKDOM!

HONORING OUR
PAST, CELEBRATING
OUR PRESENT,
BUILDING OUR
FUTURE!

BIRTHDAY
Celebration!



COME CELEBRATE 125 INCREDIBLE YEARS
OF FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE & MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

★ SAVE THE DATE! ★



★ TIME: TBD ★

*More Details
Coming Soon!*



GREAT FOOD!



LIVE MUSIC!



PATRIOTIC
PRIDE!



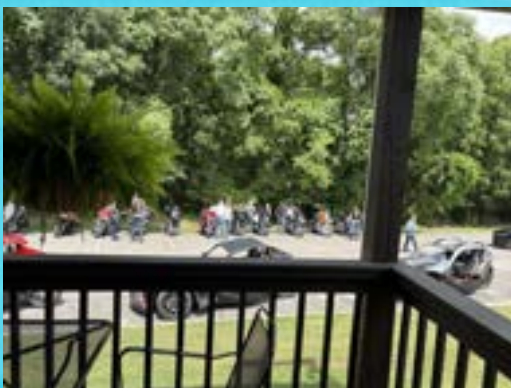
STRONGER
TOGETHER!



MEMBERS CAN **BRING A MEMBER PROSPECT**

Help Us Grow Our Lodge and Continue Our Legacy!

We had several riders stop by our lodge for the Debbie Childress Memorial Ride. Thanks to all members who came out to help with this event!



Attention Elks Members:



Dues for the 2026–2027 lodge year are due by **April 1st**.

You may submit your payment in the following ways:

- *Scan the QR code located on the menu, or tables at lodge*
- *Mail your payment*
- *Pay at the lodge using debit/credit card or cash*



Your server can assist with debit/credit payments by adding the amount to your tab or processing an individual receipt.

New membership cards will be available for pickup beginning the week of April 1st. Cards can also be mailed upon request.

For questions, please contact the lodge at: **columbiaelks686@gmail.com**

Thank you for your prompt attention and continued support of our lodge!



District Deputy Message:

Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) Dewayne Skeen, is available to any member who needs advice or assistance which may be better addressed by the DD rather than ER of Officers.

Dewayne Skeen can be reached at:
(931) 447-5823

1258 Charlie Davis Rd.
Prospect, TN 38477
Dewayne.skeen@gmail.com

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Statutes, Bylaws, House Rules – some useful info!

Grand Lodge Statute Section 14.130, opinion 02: 02 Except as provided in 14.130, only Members who are not delinquent in the payment of dues are entitled to the privileges of membership in the Order. A Member who is delinquent in the payment of dues is not entitled to use the Club facilities or to attend meetings of the Lodge. (See Section 14.190 for exception.) Sidenote: pay your dues if you haven't already!

Members who are dropped as members for non-payment of dues are Unaffiliated Members and fall under Grand Lodge Statute 14.190:

Section 14.190. An unaffiliated Member shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge. An unaffiliated Member shall not join as an Elk in any public procession or display of the Order, display or use any emblem of the Order, nor receive relief or burial by a Lodge. An unaffiliated Member, who is the non-suspended spouse of a Member in Good Standing, is permitted to visit a Lodge and attend events sponsored by the Order consistent with the access granted to other non-Member spouses. (see Statutes manual for more info)

At Columbia Elks Lodge# 686, House Rule #3 : 3. Each person eligible for membership (male or female 21 years of age or older) is allowed 2 visits to the Club before petitioning for membership in the B.P.O. Elks (any current Member may sponsor you). [That's 2 visits ever- not per month, year, etc.]

Membership Notices

Meeting date July 14, 2026

To be Read:

Ashley Castillo, Columbia, Columbia Elks Lodge, Proposed by Gary Greksa

Scott Speers, Columbia, Maury County, Proposed by Richard Dunn

For reinstatement: Larry Peach, Summertown, retired, Proposed by Ed Lee

Balloting:

Lilly Barry, Columbia, Hill Family Dental, Proposer: Mandy Barry

David Bishop, Chapel Hill, retired, Proposer: Jimmy Dooley

Josh Cambell, Hurricane Mills, Boys & Girls Club, Proposer: John Merritt

Logan Jones, Columbia, KJ Mechanical, Proposer: Karl Sterenberg

Gayla Lee, Columbia, retired, Proposer: Terry Potts

Initiation:

Brittany Bennett, Columbia, Proposer: Katherine Sykes

Deborah Boehms, Columbia, retired, Proposer: Patti Hollinsworth

Michael D. Bryan, Columbia, retired, Proposer: Lee Duff

Bernard Burns, Columbia, retired, Proposer: Guy Odom

Christopher Costa, Columbia, Proposer: Beau Harden

James Tjoflat, Columbia, Four Sixes Liquor, Proposer: Karen Baldwin

Christine Ann Volkert, Mt. Pleasant, retired, Proposer: Barbara Garland



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posted on Facebook

Back Room Rentals-Please
be considerate of persons
that paid for a private
party/event..

<https://www.facebook.com/ElksLodge686>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	Lodge Open 30	Lodge Open 1	Lodge Open 2	Lodge Open 3 Independence Day Holiday	4 Independence Day LODGE CLOSED
5 <i>Grand Lodge Convention-Chicago</i>	6 <i>Grand Lodge Convention-Chicago</i>	Lodge Open 7 <i>Grand Lodge Convention-Chicago</i>	Lodge Open 8	Lodge Open 9	Lodge Open 10	Lodge Open 11 Room Rental
12	13	Lodge Open 14 Entertainment Committee Mtg 6pm Regular Meeting 7pm	Lodge Open 15	Lodge Open 16	Lodge Open 17	Lodge Open 18 Room Rental
19	20	Lodge Open 21 Elk-tivites-Bingo	Lodge Open 22	Lodge Open 23 Building Mtg	Lodge Open 24 Room Reserved	Lodge Open 25 Lodge 125 th Birthday
26	27	Lodge Open 28 NO Meeting	Lodge Open 29	Lodge Open 30	Lodge Open 31	Lodge Open 1

Fridays! Are you wearing your red? R.E.D Friday is a tradition where people wear red to show their support for military troops deployed every Friday. While R.E.D is an acronym that stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed", the red color represents the sacrifice of those who serve. RED Friday is a reminder of the importance of keeping our troops in our thoughts as a way to help increase their morale.

Once paid cards are available at lodge for pick up

2026-2027 Dues

Regular Members \$ 135.50

Lifetime Members \$ 78.50

Spouse card \$ 5.00



Please update your mailing
address with lodge for new
Dues Notices to be mailed.
Payments maybe mailed to
Columbia Elks #686
1208 WKRM Lane
Columbia, TN 38401