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Exalted Ruler: Wade Pittman

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April Birthdays

01 Crawford, James
01 Pittman, Gary Wayne

07 Oliver, Andy
09 Pash, Dylan R

03 Pritchett, Andrew J
04 Finney, Ty
04 James, Jonathan
06 Winstead, Terry L
07 Hunt, Joe R

11 Washburn, James Russell
12 Browning, Robert
15 Reavis, Tom
17 DeWaters, Edward A
17 Howe, Guy S

18 Coleman, Tina Kay
24 Sellers, Timothy D
26 Harper, Christopher Scott
26 Norris, Tyler
28 McHugh, Greg
28 Swafford, Keith
30 Dudley, Jimmy
30 Massey, Cason J



Come to the Lodge for Dinner.

Bring the family; Excellent accommodations and menu; Friendly atmosphere; Smoke Free; Family oriented.

Note new Dinning Hours: Serving now starts at 5 PM

Wednesday & Friday Night Meals: Full Menu includes Steaks, Burgers, Pork, Fish, Chicken, Seafood selections, and Pizza. **Chef's Specials also offered.** We serve the best rib eye steaks around. **Rib eye steak** with sides and salad is featured. Try the new bacon wrapped **Pork Filet**; you will be very pleased. If you would like **Appetizers**, we have a fresh supply of breaded mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, cheese curds, fried green beans, onion skins, deep fried pickles, fried tomatoes, buffalo chicken wings, and more. Come to the Lodge for a social hour and try the menu. This is a great opportunity to not cook and to come to the Lodge for an excellent meal.

*** If you have any ideas for menu items to serve for our Wednesday night meals, please let us know. We are seeking new ideas and need to know what everyone would like.

Carry-out service for the menu is available. It is always great if you can come to the lodge for dinner and a visit, but if you can't stay for some reason just come by the Lodge or call at 364-9841 and your meal will be prepared for you to take out at a time that is convenient for you. (This would be a great way of having a delicious meal after attending prayer- meeting on Wednesday night).

Please Note!!! The Lodge is now accepting credit and debit cards for payment.

*Cards can be accepted only from members in good standing, no guest payments. There will be a 5% convenience fee added to the total bill to cover the card company's service charges. Also, an **ATM** is available in the front lobby to use to obtain cash.*

Lounge Activities

The Lounge will be open all week (Tue. – Sat.) during normal hours (4pm – 10 / 11pm).

Pool Table, Dart Board, and Juke box available for games and entertainment.

Come by the Lodge to visit with fellow Elks and participate in the activities.

April 20 – Business Men's Dinner

Check our Facebook page for details.



Businessmen's Dinner – There will be a dinner in April (**Apr 20**). The menu will be **Rib Eye Steaks**.

Make plans to sign up your group early because reservations are going quickly. If you would like to get on the list to sponsor a group for the dinner, , just give a call to Richard Trevathan at 731-514-1345 and he will be more than happy to sign you up.

The Lodge would like to thank all the **Faithful** Sponsors for our March dinner. Without their support we could not continue to host this important event. We appreciate your support.

Mike Ford, Dresden; 2) Terry Woodruff, Dresden; 3) Joe Rother, H & R Agri Power; 4) Donny Smith, Dresden; 5) Brent Baier, Baier Farms 6) Johnathon James, James Automotive, Greenfield 7) Mike Sanders, Rives; 8) Servall, Wade Pitman, Martin; 9) Charlie Davis, Davis Automotive, Martin; 10)) Larry Alexander; 11) Steve Matheny; 12) Richard Killebrew, Dresden; 13) Tommy Thomas, Dresden; 14) Gary Eddings & friends; 15) Randal Walker, Dresden; 16) Andy Woods, Dresden; 17) Phil Don Finch, Dresden; 18) Terry McDade, WCSO.

If you know of someone that would make a good Elk, ask them to join.



WHY AN ELK?

The **Lodge Year** is quickly coming to an end with a new year beginning April 1. We begin the transition from the Officers who have worked so hard this last year to ensure the success of the Lodge to the new Officers who will carry on the long tradition of fraternity and charity. Congratulations to **Wade Pittman for being elected our Exalted Ruler**. He becomes our president and chief executive officer of the Lodge. As such, people will look to him for leadership. He has the responsibility to represent the Order to our Members and community with dignity and professionalism. Let us give him and all the other officers our support this coming year as they lead the Lodge in all of its endeavors. Let them know that we all appreciate their continued dedication. The officers that will be serving for the 2026 – 2027 year are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

As we know, some Members originally joined the Lodge solely for the social aspect of our Order. They enjoy coming to Lodge, knowing it is a good place to bring the family for dinner, and to enjoy the fellowship of their fellow members. These members make a significant contribution to the success of our Lodge. It is essential that we provide the activities within our Lodge that meet their needs. However, our Lodge will not succeed if it focuses on the social side alone. Our fraternal and charitable work is the heart of what we do and who we are. This is the time when we should look at how to engage our Lodge more in our community, whether through the schools, veteran services, or a project that can serve a need.

If you know of any High School Seniors that would like to apply for the scholarships that are available through the Elks, please encourage them to do so. To receive details and deadlines for applying visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars or www.tnelks.org.

TN Elks Assoc. Trades School Scholarship – The TEA is offering five \$1500 scholarships to attend a trade school to obtain a certificate or associate degree. For details go to tnelks.org.

Information for the **Dresden Lodge #2373 Scholarships** has been distributed to all the schools in the county. Four scholarships will be awarded (\$1,000, \$750, \$500X2) to deserving students from Weakley County. Applications are available from the school guidance counselors. Application deadline is April 11.

GRANTS AWARDED

Two grants were recently awarded our Lodge from the Elks National Foundation.

A **Gratitude Grant** in the amount of \$3000 was awarded for meeting this year's ENF donation goal. The grant will be used to support the different youth sports venues.

A **Beacon Grant** in the amount of \$3500 and a **Sunset Grant** of \$2500 was awarded. These funds will be used to support the Weakley County Back Pack Program.



Dresden Elks Lodge is partnering with and helping to sponsor the **Weakley County Back Pack Program**. We received a **\$6000 Grant** from the Elks National Foundation to help fund this program. Packing of the food items for this month will be at **12 PM, Tuesday Apr. 7**, at the Community Life Center of First Baptist Church in Dresden. We need Elk volunteers to help get the food packed and distributed. Make plans to help. It will only take about an hour of your time.

Hoop Shoot:

Ella Brooks finished 3rd in her age division at the Regional Championships. She is the daughter of Eric (#1487) & Jennifer Brooks. Congratulations!

Sickness and Distress

Please remember to call Bob Page or send an email when you hear of someone who needs to be mentioned under Sickness or Distress or could use a card or a call.

“To Our Absent Members”

It is a sad duty to report the death of our member: **Jerry Spain** (#148), age 83. Jerry was a good friend and a faithful member for 56 years. His presence will be truly missed, but never forgotten. *“The places that have known him shall know him no more; but his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.”*

Our **District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler** for the Tennessee West District is Daron Hamm from the Waverly Lodge. He will be serving throughout the year of 2025-2026.

Meeting Nights — 2nd Tuesday Apr 14 & 4th Tuesday Apr 28
Meeting time is 7:00 pm. Refreshments to be served following the meeting.

March meeting notes: Meetings were held on Mar 10 and 24.

Candidates initiated on 3/24/2026: **Welcome our new members.**

Lindalou Garraputo, Dresden; Court Square Deli; Proposed by Curtis Doran.

Kathryn Logan, Dresden; Nurse; Proposed by Curtis Doran.

John Edward South Wilson, Martin; Stanley Black & Decker; Proposed by Jacob Southerland.

Members Reinstated: Welcome back

Pat Scarbrough, Pillowville; Retired; Proposed by Amy Lewellen.

Candidates proposed for membership:

Mary K. Brittingham, Dresden; Retired; Proposed by Alberta Vancleave

Bart Allen Belew, Martin; Athletic trainer, UTM; Proposed by Russ Finney.

Jacob Lynn Vickery, Gleason; D B Trucking; Proposed by Ginger Randolph.

Grant Kelly, Dresden; H&R Agri-Power; Proposed by Wade Pittman.

Cristy Pittman, Dresden; Accountant; Proposed by Wade Pittman.

Financial reports were given. All bills against the Lodge were read, approved, and have been paid.

Budgets for the coming lodge year for the Lodge and Lounge are to be prepared and approved during April.

The Exalted Ruler Training School was held March 7&8 the Nashville / Franklin Lodge. Wade Pittman., Donny smith, and Bob Page attended.

The Tennessee Elks Association **2026 Annual Convention** will be held at the Edgewater Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN on Apr 9-16. You can go online at tnelks.org for rates and registration forms. Registration due by Feb 21.

The Business Men's Dinner was held March 16. There were 104 sponsors and guests to enjoy the Pork Chop dinner. There will be a dinner on April 20. The menu will be western Rib-Eye Steaks and trimmings.

TEA Lottery ticket sales. Just as in the past, we have 200 tickets (\$20 each) to sell and should we sell them all, we will be guaranteed two \$500 winners. Then, all tickets will go into the big drum for the grand prize of \$5000. Our Lodge has had several \$500 winners in the past and also the \$5000 prize. This TEA raffle is authorized by the State of Tennessee and the proceeds are equally split between Veterans Services and TEBT, which funds our scholarship programs. See any of the Lodge offices or come by the Lodge for tickets.

Membership Dues for all members for the coming lodge year (2026–2027) are due and payable by April 1. The amount for the dues will be **\$109.00**. The breakdown of the dues is: Lodge dues \$70; Grand Lodge and State assessments are \$39.00 (Grand Lodge dues \$6.50; Liability insurance \$2.00; Elks Magazine \$5.50; State Association dues \$3.00). The Lodge is now accepting payment. Please pay as soon as possible.

You can renew your membership for the coming year by making payment to Dresden Elks Lodge # 2373 and mailing to 449 South Poplar St., Dresden, TN 38225. Better yet, bring them to the Lodge and see what is happening.

**** Do not forget to also include a contribution to ENF. (Our Lodge receives nearly \$5 back for every dollar donated).**

Thank you for your prompt attention and support.

Look at your Elks membership as a means **for a better future for our youth; a better future for your community; a better future for our veterans; a better future for our nation.**



The Dresden Antler is now available by e-mail!

Just e-mail dresdenelks@gmail.com with your name in the subject line to sign up! This would save much paper and postage. We can also get you the bulletin much quicker than by snail mail.

Elks Websites: Visit tnelks.org and elks.org to see everything going on in Elkdom!



Happy Easter!



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