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May Birthdays

Day	Name	Day	Name
01	Pierpoint, Roy	18	Kendall, Ben
03	Capps, Joe Bradley	18	Moore, C J
04	Adams, Trent	21	Bolding, Dale
04	Hutcherson, Paul Tyler	21	Davidson, Donald A
09	Dilday, David	23	Crawford, James
10	Christopher B Pritchett	23	Rhodes, Bryant
11	Chappell, Mickey	25	Wilhite, Andrew B
11	Killebrew, Adam	26	Adams, Cary B
		26	Cashion, Shannon Blase
15	Lewellen, William D	29	Oliver, Zachary
17	Bennett, Kenneth	30	Moore, Jared James
17	Wilson, Paul Ryan	30	Menzies, Dustin



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.*

Lodge Activities for May

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

May 2 -- Derby Day at the Lodge with big hats, specialty drinks, horse racing.; Saturday afternoon; conducted by the Elks Ladies.

May 2 – Saturday Night – The dining room will be open with full menu offered.

See the Elks Face Book page for full details.



Businessmen's Dinner – There will be a dinner on the third Monday in May (May 18). The menu will be Fish & Country Ham. 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 of the April Business Men's 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.



WHY AN ELK?

WHY BE A MEMBER of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks?

BECAUSE... We Elks are a nationwide community-service organization of nearly a million American citizens. We love our Country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, traditions, and values. We respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well-being. We love and enjoy life and believe this enjoyment is increased by sharing it with family, friends and all with whom we come in contact.

Because.... We lead no one to our doors with any promised material benefits or fame. We pledge no advancement of personal or career ambitions; instead, we vow to help each other become better and happier persons. We believe in not merely wishing others well but in manifesting this belief by deeds, seeking to serve rather than to be served. To Elks, laughter is better than tears, and a kind word is more powerful than a frown. The dream of a better world becomes reality when shaped by enough willing hearts and hands.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES – Put May 25th on your calendar for the remembrance of those who gave the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms and our American way of life that all of us enjoy so much. Many Elk members in conjunction with the Veterans Service Officer and members of the American Legion usually conduct a Memorial Day Program on the court square in Dresden. The time is 11:00 am. . It is always an impressive program. Make it a priority to attend the ceremony if it is conducted and show your gratitude. Remember the Elk motto; ***“As long as there are Veterans Elks will not forget them”***.

Veterans Breakfast -- The Lodge will host a breakfast for all veterans and 1st responders on Saturday May 30. The meal will be served at the Lodge from 8-10 AM.

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.

Chris Pritchett had surgery just recently and is now recovering.

The **Grand Lodge National Convention** is scheduled to be held in Chicago, IL, July 4-8. Registration is due by June 1. Forms and information are available at the Lodge or on line at elks.org.

Information for the **Dresden Lodge #2373 Scholarships** was distributed to all the schools in the county. 21 applications have been received for the 4 scholarships to be awarded (\$1,000, \$750, \$500X2) to deserving students from Weakley County. The scholarships will be awarded to the winning students at the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

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



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 May. 5**, 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.

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.



Don't forget **Mother's Day** (May 10). Honor your mother.

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

Meeting Nights — 2nd Tuesday May 12 & 4th Tuesday May 26
Meeting time is 7:00 pm. Refreshments to be served following the meeting.

April meeting notes: Meetings were held on Apr 14 and 28.

Candidates initiated on 4/28/2026. **Welcome our New Members:**

Bart Allen Belew, Martin; Athletic trainer, UTM; Proposed by Russ Finney.
Jessie Biggers, Palmersville; Electrician; Proposed by Curtis Doran.
Grant Kelly, Dresden; H&R Agri-Power; Proposed by Wade Pittman.
Cristy Pittman, Dresden; Accountant; Proposed by Wade Pittman.

Candidates balloted upon and awaiting initiation:

Mary K. Brittingham, Dresden; Retired; Proposed by Alberta Vancleave
Jacob Lynn Vickery, Gleason; D B Trucking; Proposed by Ginger Randolph.

Financial reports were given. All bills against the Lodge were read, approved, and have been paid. Grand Lodge and State dues of \$12,129.00, Property Plus Insurance of \$4343.00 were paid.

The Tennessee Elks Association **2026 Annual Convention** was held at the Edgewater Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN on Apr 9-11. Matt & Kenzie Carroll, Wade & Cristy Pittman, Russ & Tina Finney, David & Amy Lewellen, Jason & Samantha Hypes, , Jacob & Candice Sutherland, and Donny Smith attended the convention and represented the Lodge.

Congratulations to Matt Carroll for being selected to be the District Deputy of West TN for 2026/2027.

204 TN Elks Charitable Trust Lottery tickets were sold. The proceeds will go to help with the TEBT Nursing Scholarships and Veterans programs. **Andy Mangrum & James Washburn** won \$500 each; The Dresden Lodge will receive \$1020 for our efforts in conducting the lottery.

The **Business Men's Dinner** was held April 20. There were 106 sponsors and guests to enjoy the Rib-Eye Steak dinner. There will be a dinner on May 18. The menu will be fish and country ham; biscuits and gravy will be served.

The proposed budgets for 20226/2027 and the hiring of Lounge staff were discussed.

A **District Deputy Clinic** was hosted by the Dresden Lodge on Apr 19. All Lodges in the West District were represented at the clinic.

The Dresden Elks Lodge #2373 Corporation meeting will be held on May 12 at 7PM at the Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP

Dresden Lodge has 311 active members as of April 1. 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!

NOTE!! The Lodge will be closed on May 25 for the Memorial Day Holiday.



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