



SEPTEMBER 2026

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Exalted Ruler's Message

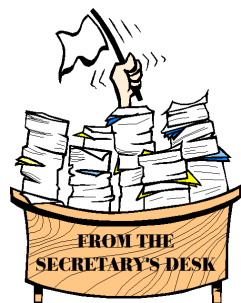
Hello Athens Elks,

Another month has flown past. In August we had a good turnout for the District Deputy clinic in Chattanooga. We also had a visit from the TEA President, Lori Nally. Lori is a member of the Jackson Lodge which will be hosting the mid-year convention. The convention is October 8th thru 10th. Anyone wishing to attend will need to fill out an attendance form that will be available from the bartender or secretary.

As always, our Activities Committee is working tirelessly to keep us entertained. Some of you have noticed the karaoke system is more interactive. I hope everyone is enjoying the new options. They also have events planned for this and the upcoming months. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter and Facebook for information.

If you're wanting to get to know more of your fellow lodge members or just get more involved, we always need volunteers. Whether its helping decorate for an event, running karaoke, or helping out during a clean up day, there is something for everyone who wants to participate.

Your humble Exalted Ruler,
Wayne Wilson



Dear BPOE Lodge #1927 Members,

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well!

Our Lodge is more than a meeting place. It's a family built on friendship, service, and the active involvement of members like you. Every time you stop by for a drink, attend an event, volunteer, or simply share a laugh with fellow Elks, you help make our Lodge stronger.

We have some great events planned in the months ahead, and we need your support to make them successful. Whether you come out to enjoy an evening with friends, participate in a fundraiser, or bring a fellow Elk along, your presence matters.

Here's how you can help:

- Stop by and enjoy the fellowship.
- Support our events and activities.
- Invite fellow Elks to get involved.
- Share your ideas and suggestions.

Our staff and volunteers work hard to create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone, and your participation makes it all worthwhile.

Together, we can continue building a vibrant Lodge that our members are proud to call home. Let's stay connected, support one another, and make this year one of our best yet.

Thank you for being an Elk and for everything you do for BPOE Athens Lodge 1927. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge soon!

Fraternally,
Chris Anthon - Secretary

Voting on the following candidates on **September 3:**
Thomas Fagley (proposed by Preston Miller);
Thomas Gumbrecht (proposed by Leslie Jacobs)

Initiation will be held on **September 17** (if investigations are complete).

You can now pay your dues online at:
<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

For those who have paid, cards for 2026-2027 year are available from your server. If you want your card mailed to you, send an e-mail to the Secretary at bpoe1927@comcast.net



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Christopher	Cronan
01	Jack	Travis
02	Benjamin	Burchfield
04	Tom	Case
09	Audreanna	Tilley
10	Ronnie	Lingerfelt
10	Jeff	Wolfenden
11	Randy	Kelley
13	Eric	Shoquist
14	Michael	Queen
16	Cindy	Baker
16	Karle	Bucklew
23	Patty	Manney
24	Rick	Wade
25	Lori	Earps
28	Crystal	Turner
30	Glenn	Cooley



Welcome to Suzanne Coleman,
initiated at the August meeting.



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ACTIVITIES/SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Coming Together as a Lodge

Coming together as a lodge is just as important as everything that goes on behind the scenes to make things happen. The Activities Cmte. has been trying lots of **new things** to bring some fun, participation, and growth to our lodge.

First, I want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who has stepped up to cook, volunteer, help with events, donate, clean, plan, or simply show up and support what we are doing. It truly takes all of us. As always, though, **we could use more hands!** There are a lot of things happening, and every little bit of help makes a difference.

September is Going to Be BUSY!

We are going to try a **Trivia/Game Night on a Thursday night!** We had so much fun with trivia during our last Steak Night that we thought—why not make it its own thing? Please come out, give it a try, and support it. New activities only become regular activities when our members participate!

 **Football is back!** And we all know we love football at the lodge! We also love a good potluck, so you can expect some football, food, and fellowship. And if everything works out, we may even have some **smoked meat** to add to the potluck. Cross your fingers!

The Fish Fry is coming back!

We heard you loud and clear after the last one. We had a much bigger turnout than expected, so this time we are making a few adjustments and plan to be prepared for **a whole lot more plates!**

And Then Comes October...

October is shaping up to be an **even bigger month!**

Our first BIG event is the **Community Day & Membership Drive on October 3rd** right here in our parking lot. Over the next several weeks, you will start seeing **volunteer sign-up sheets, lists of items we need to borrow, and different ways members can help.** Please keep an eye out and SIGN UP!

This is our opportunity to come together as a lodge and show our community **who we are, what we represent, and the good we can do when we work together.**

 **And October doesn't stop there!** More information will be coming soon about our **Halloween festivities**, so keep an eye out. We have plenty more fun in the works for the lodge as we head into fall!

We love this lodge, and we want to see it grow. But growth takes participation, new ideas, volunteers, and members willing to come together.

Let's show our community what the Elks are all about. Let's support each other, welcome some change, and work together for the growth of our lodge.

Thank you to every member who continues to show up and help make it possible. ❤️

Leslie Jacobs
Activities Chair



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LODGE CLOSED LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 7 to
allow our staff to enjoy time with their families

TEA PRESIDENT, Lori Nally's, message: *"Together We Will Grow"*

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.

CONNECT WITH US FOR LODGE NEWS AND EVENTS

www.facebook.com/groups/elks1927members/



Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER), Matthew Brownfield, 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 Matt, he can be reached at 423-595-4428.

2026-2027 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Esquire
Tiler
Chaplain
Inner Guard

Wayne Wilson
Jesse Contreras
Sandy Walker
Mary Vinson-Dyer
Chris Anthon
Kristin Schrader
Frank Wilson
Drew Haren
John Dyer
Angie Wilson

Trustees:

Tony Robinson
Tony Johnson
Tony Hester