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March Birthdays

01 Wiggington, Ray	10 Klutts, Sandra	19 Caldwell, Lisa
04 Hampton, Bobby	12 Lewellen, Amy	23 McDaniel, Dwight
06 Hypes, Jason	12 Woods, James L	23 Smith, Austin R
06 Legons, Brian	14 Adams, Robert Scott	24 Rinker, Micheal
07 Sims, Lawrence	15 Anderson, Gwin	26 Dilday, Patrick
08 Danner, Donald Ray	15 Mitchell, Joe	26 Wilson, Michael
08 Hodges, Gaylord	15 Reese, John R.	29 Doran, Aaron Drake
09 Harper, Karen	16 Harris, Kerry	30 Mayo, Kimberly J
09 Jolley, Larry M	18 Brock, Thomas	30 Pettie, Michael
09 Spellings, Bobby W	18 Willis, Rick	30 Rowlett, Charles



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.

March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day. Celebrate on Wednesday Mar 18

March 14 –15 - State TEBT Nursing Scholarship Committee at Lodge to judge scholarship applications. Lodge open for full dining menu and entertainment on Saturday evening the 14th. There will be 30 or more Elks from Lodges all across the state to come to the Lodge, come to meet and visit with them.

March 16 – Business Men's Dinner

Check our Facebook page for details.

Come to the Lodge for Dinner

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

Note new Dinning Hours: Serving starts at 5 PM

Wednesday & Friday Night Meals: Full Menu includes Steaks, Burgers, Pork, Fish, Chicken, Seafood selections. **Chef's Specials also offered.** **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.*



Businessmen's Dinner – There will be a dinner in March (**Mar 16**). The menu will be Grilled Pork Chops. 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 February dinner. Without your support we could not continue to host this important Charity Fund raising event. We appreciate your support.



WHY AN ELK?

This Lodge Year is quickly coming to an end. A new year will begin April 1. While reflecting upon this past year's activities and accomplishments we would be amiss to not recognize those members that helped to establish this Lodge and those members who have helped to lead and carry on the work of the Lodge and its fine traditions.

Charter Members that are still active in the Lodge are: Seldon Cashon, Richard (Dicky) Hutcherson, James Westbrook, and Mike Pettie.

The Active **Past Exalted Rulers** are: Harry Freeman, Jim Crawford, Ralph Cooper, Bobby Spellings, Bob Page, Chad Forrester, Andy Oliver, Alex Bynum, Rusty Morris, and Richard Trevathan.

We had one applicant apply for a **Trades Scholarship**. It has been sent for judging.

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.



Dresden Elks Lodge is partnering with and helping to sponsor the **Weakley County Back Pack Program**. We received a **\$6000 Beacon 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 Mar. 3**, 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 1st and **Baylee Griffin** finished 3rd in their age divisions at the TN State Championship. Ella will represent Tennessee in the 4-state reginal competition to be held at Paducah, KY. We wish Ella good luck!

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.

Elks Websites

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



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.

TECT Lottery ticket sales. Just as in the past, we have 300 tickets (\$20 each) to sell. There will be a \$500 winner from each 100 tickets sold. 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 TECT raffle is authorized by the State of Tennessee and the proceeds are equally split between Veterans Services and TEBT, which funds our Nursing scholarship programs.

See any of the Lodge officers or come by the Lodge to purchase tickets.

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.

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

Meeting Nights — 2nd Tuesday Mar 10 & 4th Tuesday Mar 24
Meeting time is 7:00 pm. Refreshments to be served following the meeting.

February meeting notes: Meetings were held on Feb 10 and 24.

Candidates initiated on 2/10/2026: **Welcome our new members.**

Timothy D. Sellers, Dresden; Stanley Black & Decker; Proposed by Magie Parker.
Steven Wayne Hall, Dresden: Handyman; Proposed by Paul Hutcherson.
Rebecca Daniell Donoho, Palmersville; Donoho Farms; Proposed by Curtis Doran

Candidates proposed for membership:

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

Candidates proposed for Reinstatement:

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

Election of Lodge Officers for year 2026 / 2027 was held on Feb 24. *The elected officers are: Exalted Ruler- Wade Pittman; Leading Knight – Russ Finney; Loyal Knight – David Lewellen; Lecturing Knight – Jason Hypes; Secretary- Donny Smith; Treasurer- Bob Page; Five yr. Trustee – Kieth Rutkowski; Two yr. Trustee – Matt Carroll.*

Installation of officers will occur at the Mar 24 meeting.

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

The Business Men's Dinner was held Feb 16. There were 111 sponsors and guests to enjoy the Frog Leg dinner. There will be a dinner on March 16. The menu will be Grilled Pork Chop and trimmings.

The **Exalted Ruler Training School** will be held Mar 7-8 beginning at 12 PM at the Nashville /Franklin Lodge. The Exalted Ruler, Secretary, Leading Knight, Treasurer, and Board Chairman are encouraged to attend.

The Tennessee Elks Association **2026 Annual Convention** will be held at the Edgewater Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN on Apr 9-11. You can go online at tnelks.org for rates and registration forms. Registration due by Feb 21.

Membership Dues for all members for the coming **lodge year (2026 / 2027)** are due and payable before 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 \$24.00; Elks Magazine \$5.50; State Association dues \$3.00). The Lodge is now accepting payment. Please pay as soon as possible.

ATTENTION PAST DUE MEMBERS

The Lodge records indicate that there are **39** members that have not paid this year's (25/26) dues:

Trent Adams, Michael Blom, Jake Bynum, Brent Lee Cantrell, Joe Bradley Capps, Blasé Cashion, Tina Kay Coleman, Randy Connell, Christopher Crocker, Phillip Davis, Rebecca Donoho, Joseph Drnach, John Robert Freeman, Chris Harper, Adam Harrison, Steve Hefner, Stephen Mark Hendrickson, Guy Howe, Angie Kelly, Adam Killebrew, Brian Legons, Cory Maddox, Wade Mansfield, Todd Maxey, Craig McClure, Skylar Oliver, Steven Permenter, Daniel Pettit, Dustin Pinkston, Chance Plunk, Lawrence Sims, Dalton Turnbow, Mike Wilson, Hunter Wood, Rickey Workman.

If you are on this list, please pay your Lodge year 2025/2026 membership dues of \$110.00. We do not want to lose you as a member. The Lodge needs your dues to help meet the overhead costs of the Lodge and to help in our charitable programs.

If you feel your name is listed in error, please contact Donny Smith, Lodge Secretary.

If you do not pay this year's Lodge dues, the Grand Lodge Statutes require that you be dropped as a member of the Lodge. Section 14.160 requires that a delinquent member be dropped from the rolls by March 31st provided the delinquent dues are not paid. During this period of delinquency, you are not entitled to the privileges of membership. If dropped you will no longer be a member unless you apply for reinstatement in the manner provided by the Laws of the Order.

To avoid losing your membership, *you can renew your membership for the current 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.

Why did the Elks cry at the Funeral? They had lost a Deer friend.



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