

PARIS ELKS LODGE 816

April 2026

First slate of officers of the Paris Elks Lodge 816



September, 1949 -- Paris Lodge No. 816 -
First Officer Organization -
Front Row: Left to Right - Jack Veazey, Treasurer; J. Y.
Wall, Inner Guard; Phillip Watson, Lecturing Knight;
W. J. Neese, Exalted Ruler; Arthur L. Dow, Leading Knight;
Robert L. Turpen, Loyal Knight; B. F. Diggs, Trustee.
Back Row: Left to Right - David P. Jackson, Secretary;
Herman Reynolds, Trustee; Rainey Reynolds, Esquire; Ernest
Greer, Tyler; Jack Hay, Chaplain; G. T. Hamilton, Trustee.

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Officers 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler- Ean Reed
Leading Knight- Ray Lewis
Loyal Knight- J Michael Frence
Lecturing Knight- Keith Martin
Esquire - Cy Alexander
Chaplin - Debra Stoope
Inner Guard- Dennis Beall
Tiler- Dicky Bomar
Secretary- Melanie Lewis
Treasurer- Jennifer Dolliver
Trustees- Andy Richardson
Pat Reed Steve Hart



FISH FRY

To welcome in
Ean Reed
as the new ER

APRIL 4TH
6PM



Greetings my fellow Elks,

I hope that this message finds you well, and that all of you are preparing for springtime and all that comes with it. April not only brings new life and activity to the plants and animals, but the new lodge year begins as well. For those of you that don't know me, I am Ean Reed and I will be serving as the Exalted Ruler for our lodge this year. I have been a member of our order for the past 31 years, but truth be told I grew up in this lodge of Elks. My father, Bill Reed, was active in the local lodge from the time I was a kid, and my mother, Patsy Reed, was there to help him every step of the way. I won't bore you with the details of all the deep ties that our family has with this lodge and the Elks organization, but the survival and prosperity of this lodge is as important to me as if it were a member of my own family.

I want to take a moment to thank the officers of the lodge and the members who hold no title, but put in the work, day in and day out, to keep this place running and make it the best it can be. Keith Martin has dedicated himself to this lodge for the past year as Exalted Ruler and will continue to serve as an officer this year. I personally thank him for the job he has done and continues to do and would ask that each of you show him your appreciation too. Chris and Christy Alexander have served as officers in our lodge for the past several years and have decided to take a step back this year. I know life can get pretty busy and both Chris and Christy have gone above and beyond to serve, and I am confident that they will both continue to help in any way that they can. Most of our other officers will stay involved, some in new roles and some in the position that they held last year.

We had to have a new HVAC unit installed in the lounge last month, but the work has been completed, and you can rest assured that you will have a comfortable stay whenever you stop by the lodge. Please, stop by and enjoy the lounge and stay connected with all that we have going on. Remember that this lodge belongs to you, the members, and we are always open to hearing from you about things that can be done to increase participation. We are also always looking for members who are willing to get involved with helping cook, building maintenance, charitable work, or just pitching in to help clean up around the building and property.

Tuesday nights are for eating at the 816! For the month of April, we have Burgers on the 7th, Tacos on the 14th, and everyone's favorite Pizza on the 28th. There will be no meal on the 21st as it is the week of the World's Biggest Fish Fry and we know everyone will have a very busy week. The only Saturday night cooking we have this month is on the 4th, when our very own Pete Lackey and his crew will be preparing a fish fry for our members to kick off the new lodge year. Please contact or stop by the lodge to sign up for these events or you can sign up online in a pinch.

We have a lodge clean up day scheduled for Saturday April 11th beginning at 8 am. There will also be a District Deputy meeting at the Dresden Elks Lodge on Sunday April 19th for anyone who is interested in attending. April 24th we will host the First Responders luncheon for those law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel who have been working to keep the community safe for the past year. We have hosted this luncheon each year after the Grand Parade for the past 15 years or so and it is a great community service opportunity for the lodge. We serve ribeye sandwiches or grilled chicken sandwiches with chips, cookies and drinks for more than 150 local emergency responders who are very appreciative. We welcome all members who would like to help with this event.

I will close by saying I am excited for the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler and look forward to the year ahead. If you have ideas or concerns about anything please reach out to me or any of the other officers, better yet come to a meeting and make your voice heard to everyone. This is our lodge, let's make it the very best that we can! Until next month...see you at the lodge!

Ean

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of someone to cook meals Tuesdays and Saturdays!!!

Cooks choice on what you fix. We will help you manage the online sign up list.

Call Melanie to
get signed up
(731) 363-1763
or
Lodge
642-0153



Breakfast for Dinner

Spagetti

Lasagna

Chopped Steak

Chili/Soups

Smothered Chicken

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out our page on Facebook. You can find it at the following :

Paris Elks Lodge, #816

First Responder Lunch will be hosted by the lodge again this year on Fish Fry Friday, April 24th. We need volunteers to show up to help feed the first responders that will be here that day.

Our cooks are still looking for some additional “chefs” that are willing to help with some meals on Tuesday nights or on Saturday nights. Get with Melanie for details.

A Cleanup day is scheduled for April 11th starting at 8:00am. We could use a little help getting the lodge ready for the First Responders that will be visiting the lodge on the 24th.

Monday night is game night at the lodge. There is always some kind of card game or something else going on and usually folks bring in snacks. It is growing so come out and see!

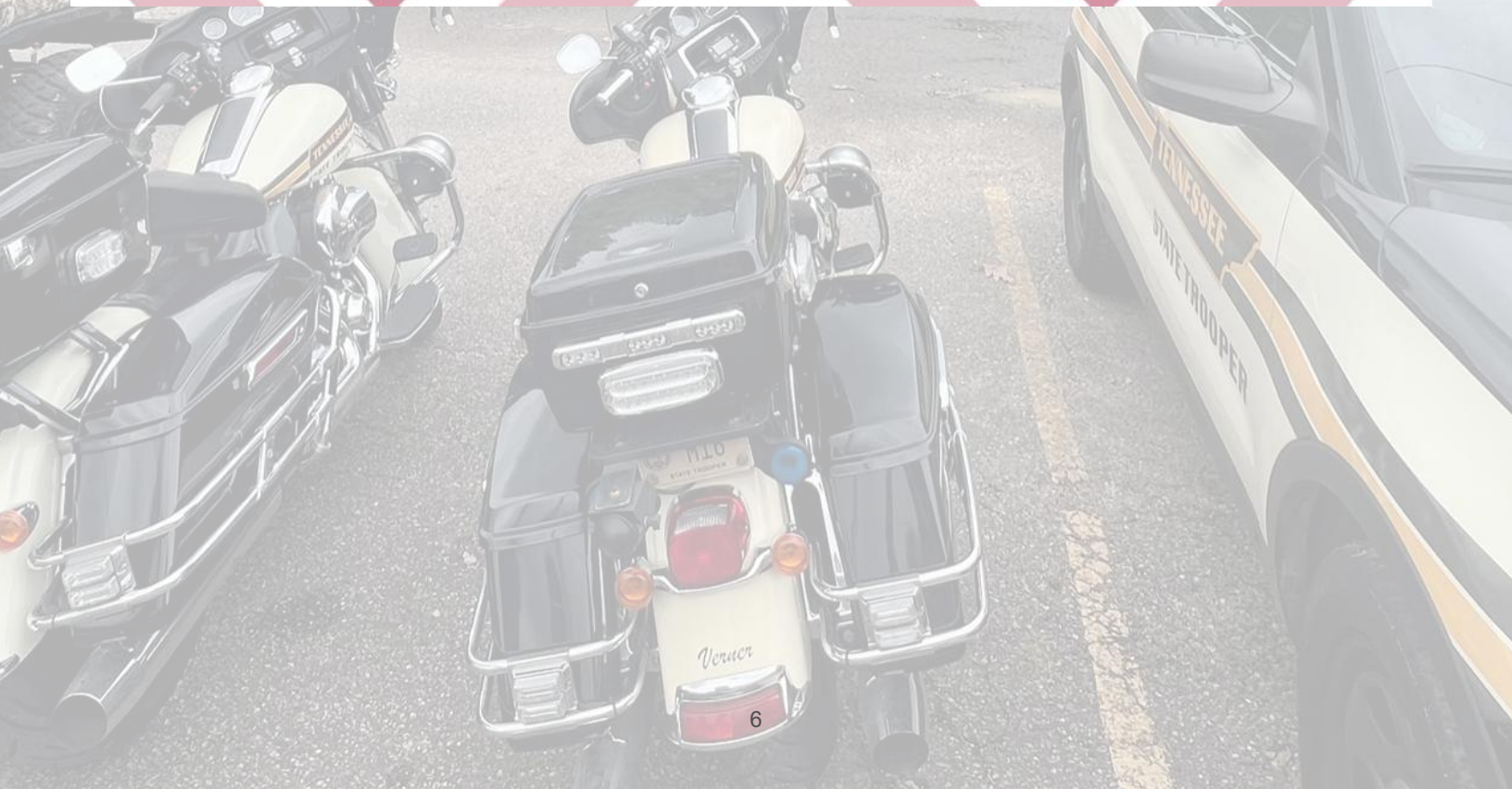


Paris Elks #816
will be hosting our

First Responders for Lunch

Friday April 24th

**Volunteers will be needed starting at 8am then
throughout the day**



Impact of Elks National Foundation on Local Lodge

The Elks National Foundation is an integral part of the support system that Elks provide for our community. Paris Elks 816 meets the suggestion for donations from members. The current desired contribution per member is \$5.15. Many members include a \$10 donation for ENF along with dues payment. The question arises about how those donations are used. These donations support grants made available to local lodges.

Paris Elks 816 during the fiscal year 2025-2026 has used these grants to support the local food bank, recognition and appreciation shown to local First Responders, provisions for a special meal on Veterans' Day for the State Veterans' Home in Humboldt, donations of items to veterans for inclusion in their Christmas stockings. Also on the local level, grants have been used to provide necessary clothing, bedding, emergency food items and infrared heaters to provide necessary heating to allow people to remain in their homes. Additionally, a part of grant money was used to provide vouchers for utility bills to aid people with unusually high utility bills. The provided examples are a small sampling of the ways that ENF grants affect our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the Elks National Foundation. If you have suggestions about needs of the community, come to a meeting or talk with an officer to express your concern and willingness to work on these projects.

What's Cookin'

**April 4th, Pete Lackey is bringing his traveling Fish Cooking crew
Back to the lodge for a New Lodge Year kickoff. Be sure to get signed up
Early so you don't miss out. Pete does a great job using his secret recipe fish meal
And great Hushpuppy mix. Great warmup for the World's Biggest Fish Fry the
Last full week of April.**

To Our Absent Members

**Prayers go out to the families of our departed members
Gayle Griffith and Steve Fells.**

A billboard advertisement for 'Clean Up Day' is the central focus. The billboard is white with black text and is mounted on a metal pole. The background of the entire image is a dense pile of white plastic bags, some of which are partially open, revealing trash inside. The billboard itself is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text on the billboard is as follows:

CLEAN UP DAY
APRIL 11TH 8AM

ALL VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Important Dates:

4/2 Meeting
 4/4 Pete Lackey Fish Fry
 4/7 Burgers
 4/14 Tacos
 4/16 Meeting
 4/20 Board Meeting
 4/21 NO MEAL
 4/24 First Responder HELP!
 4/28 PIZZA

BIRTHDAYS

1 Becky Davenport	14 Dan Jackson
2 Larry Buie	15 Lloyd Ray Lewis
5 Jennifer Dolliver	18 Monte Starks
8 Pam Richardson	Danny Robbins
12 Pat Reed	22 Ron Haley
13 Toby Eddlemon	25 Tom Little



Sign Up



◀ March		April 2026					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Closed	2 Meeting	3	4 Fish Fry 	
5	6	7 Burgers 	8 Closed	9	10	11	
12	13	14 Tacos 	15 Closed	16 Meeting	17	18	
19	20 Board Meeting	21 No Meal	22 Closed	23	24 First Responder	25	
26	27	28 PIZZA 	29 Closed	30			



NO MEAL TUESDAY

4/21

Enjoy the WBFF activities

COMING UP IN MAY

Here is a sneak peak for next month. Start making plans now!

There are currently no meals planned for May as of right now. Check the Facebook page below for updates.

**THE Paris Elks Lodge, #816 FACEBOOK PAGE
IS THE SOURCE FOR ANY SPUR OF THE MOMENT CHANGES**

◀ April	May 2026					June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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