



ELK NEWS

MADISON LODGE NO. 2473

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ORDER OF ELKS

Lodge Officers:

MAY 2026

A WORD FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Hello Elks, as we welcome the promise of May flowers and summer sunshine, we're reflecting on a remarkable April filled with service to our community and the Annual Tennessee Elks State Convention. Our fundraiser, spearheaded by **Madison, TN Elks Lodge #2473**, has made a tangible difference in the lives of others, with Recovery House (Dare) and Patriot Place (Vets) receiving vital support. Recovery House will receive enough food for about 60 meals, while Patriot Place will distribute toiletries to 34 residents. We were proud to have 15 members attend our State Convention, and we congratulate our new State Officers and Local Lodge Officers who will serve in 2026-2027. Looking ahead, May promises excitement with the Kentucky Derby, Cinco De Mayo celebrations, Youth Week, and our Memorial Day cookout - potentially on the Sunday before Memorial Day. We invite all members to join us, share ideas, and volunteer for causes that resonate with them. Sign-up sheets for committee positions will be available at our next two meetings, offering opportunities for everyone to lead and contribute. We're gearing up for projects that will enhance our Lodge, including new flags, office renovations, patio upgrades, and a TV installation. Let's come together to make a difference and show our commitment to our organization and community.

Best Regards,

Linda Sue Brown ER

Linda Brown
Exalted Ruler

Ron Bush
Leading Knight

Kenny Parker
Loyal Knight

Stuart Walden
Lecturing Knight

Audrey Anderson
Secretary

Angel Holley
Treasurer

Alvin Murff
Tiler

Amber Turpin
Esquire

Kellye Osteen
Chaplain

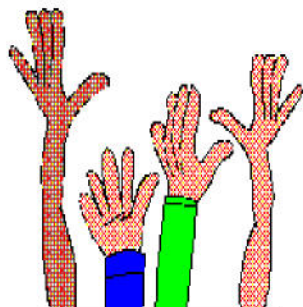
Tom Sirten
Inner Guard

Trustees:
John Hutchinson
Bobby Smith
Wes Holley



LODGE HOURS:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Wednesday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Thursday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Saturday 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Sunday NOON - 10 p.m.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

A Note From The Lodge Secretary

Happy May!

The correct key card for the front door is now **GREEN**. If you have not gotten your new card please get in touch with me and we can work together to get your new card.

If you have NOT paid your dues for the Lodge year that began April 1, 2026 and runs through March 31, 2027, please pay online or at the Lodge.

If you have paid your dues and do not have the new card please check first with the Club Managers to see if they have it.

If you need to get in touch, please email me at elks2473@AOL.com

Fraternally, Audrey Anderson / Member / Secretary



Register for and Create Your **Elks.org** Account!

If you have not set up your personal account follow these steps:

1. Go to **elks.org** and click "Register" in the upper right hand corner
2. Read and Accept the terms of Service at the bottom of the page
3. Fill out the Form with your information and provide your Lodge Number, Member Number, email address and create a password. You will be provided with member-only features and benefits by having set up your account



Volunteer to be on a Lodge Committee

We are always needing Volunteers to help run our Lodge. What interests you? What are you good At?

Drug Awareness. Hoop Shoot. Youth. Patriotic Endeavors. Flag Day. Membership. Veterans. Public Relations. Government Relations. Financial Affairs.

Come to the meetings and ask for ways to get involved.

Receive your Monthly Newsletter by E-mail

Have you been receiving the Monthly Newsletter in your inbox? Please email Elks2473@AOL.com to request that you are added to our email list.

Reasons why you need the newsletter sent to you via email:

- 1) You get it sooner than waiting on the regular mail
- 2) It is in **COLOR**
- 3) Saves your Lodge money on printing and postage

Your Lodge will be having 2 meetings in May:

Please come in and learn about what is going on at your Lodge.

5/7/2026 & 5/21/2026



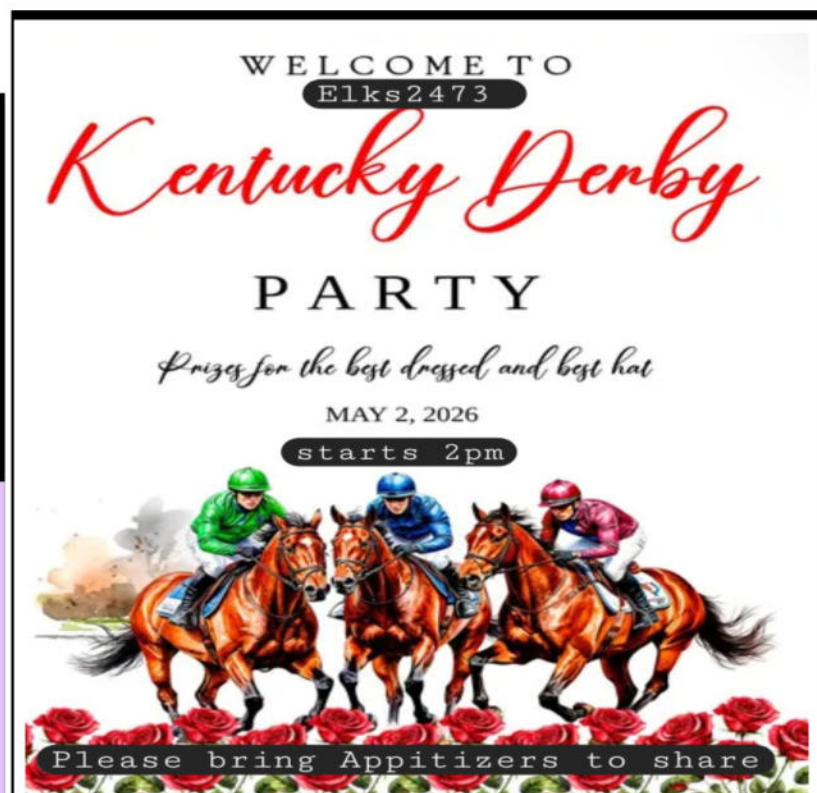
~ Saturday 5/2 Kentucky Derby Party @ 2 p.m.

~ Tuesday 5/5 Cinco de Mayo party @ 4 p.m.

~ Lodge Meeting 5/7 @ 7 p.m.

~ Lodge Meeting 5/21 @ 6 p.m.; Vice President Risner Lodge Visit and dinner

~ Memorial Day 5/25 Open 2 p.m. Cookout 4 p.m.

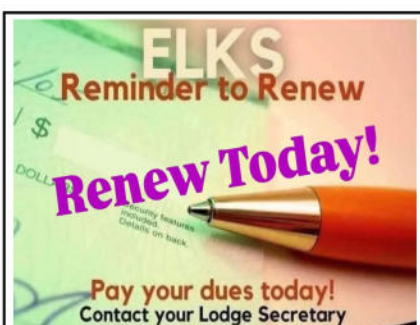




- 01 Jeanne Leitch
- 05 James Hendry
- 07 Sammy Phelan
- 11 Sue Milliken
- 11 Shirley Rich
- 12 John Smiley
- 15 Bethany Bass
- 15 Rhue Shelton
- 26 Linda Brown
- 29 Charles Shelton
- 29 Blainy Zachary
- 30 McKinley Chambers



**BIG
EVENT!**



Our new Lodge year started April 1st 2026 and runs until March 31st 2027.

Please pay your dues online or at the Lodge.

What an extraordinary achievement! A huge round of applause is in order for years of dedication to the Elk Ritual 'Tribute to the Flag'! **Adam Benjamin Lowe** from **Madison, TN Elks Lodge #2473** has taken the top spot as the 1st Place Winner at the Tennessee Elks State Convention. We're thrilled to wish Adam the very best of luck as he represents the magnificent state of Tennessee at the Elks National Convention in Chicago. The spirit of Elks Rituals is making a triumphant return! Go win it Adam! (pic Adam, state ritual chair Steve Parsons)



Sickness and Distress

Please keep in your prayers:
Tommy Blackwell;
Terry & Joyce Fussell's son;
Eva Jenkins;
Mike & Karla Caperton;
Dale & Cheryl Ivey;
Glenn & Anna Stotts;
Howard & Queenie Kirby;
Trish Simmons

May God Bless All, our Military, Veterans, First Responders and The United States of America!

Elks Care - Elks Share



A huge appreciation to Madison Elks & Friends for hosting an incredible Friday Night 'Adopt a Veteran' BBQ for Patriot Place! Thanks to Skipper Grace Band for the great music, and to everyone who donated and volunteered - your efforts made for a truly unforgettable night. Your #1 great fellowship and new members coming! [#Elksservingcommunity1971#](#)



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To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

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We post many updates to our calendar of events and it is a wonderful way to stay involved.



God Bless Our Flag And God Bless America!