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***Secretary:*** Donny Smith  
***Treasurer:*** Dr. Bob Page



| DAY | NAME             | DAY | NAME                | DAY | NAME                |
|-----|------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 01  | Spence, Timothy  | 11  | Allen, William      | 21  | Moore, Thomas L     |
| 02  | McGuire, Morgan  | 11  | Lemmons, Mary       | 22  | Davis, James S      |
| 03  | Maddox, Cory     | 11  | Woodruff, Terry     | 24  | Westbrook, James H  |
| 04  | Baker, Jeffrey   | 13  | Potts, Gerald E     | 26  | Cook, Ronnie        |
| 06  | Butler, Terese   | 13  | Cox, Doyle          | 26  | Trevathan, Richard  |
|     |                  | 15  | Cantrell, Terry     |     |                     |
| 07  | Walker, David K  | 15  | Wood, Hunter Gail   | 27  | Carroll, McKenzie L |
| 08  | Eddings, Gary    | 17  | Launsby, Tonya Lee  |     |                     |
|     |                  | 17  | Moore, David B      | 27  | Todd, David         |
|     |                  | 18  | Vogel, Albert C     |     |                     |
| 09  | Higgins, Barry   | 19  | Baker, Steve D      | 28  | Pope, James Roy     |
| 09  | McGinnis, Farris | 19  | Finney, Russell L   | 29  | Elliott, Richard    |
| 09  | McClure, Chris   | 20  | Gearin, Kent F      |     |                     |
| 10  | Finch, Phil Don  | 20  | Glascok, Clifford B | 29  | Lewellen, David     |
| 10  | Terry, Ricky     | 20  | Hutcherson, Paul    | 29  | Stafford, Robert    |
|     |                  | 20  | Morris, James Rusty | 30  | Workman, Ricky      |

### Lounge Activities

The Lounge is 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.

**\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* The Lodge will be closed July 4 for the Fourth of July Holiday.**

(See the Elks Face Book page for full 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 now starts at 5 PM**

**Wednesday & Friday Night Meals: Full Menu** includes Steaks, Burgers, Pork, Fish, Chicken, and Seafood selections.

**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.*



**HAVE A HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**



## WHY AN ELK?

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

**BECAUSE** you can join the millions of fine and noble American Elks who have helped better the destiny and way of life for countless generations in our country for more than 157 years. The generosity is without fanfare and often even without the recipient's knowledge of the benefactor's identity. Elks are part of a great human enterprise that stretches across generations, across towns and cities, across this entire nation. Being an Elk matters more than you may ever know. **BECAUSE** your Elks Lodge affords you the opportunity to join your neighbors and friends, and take a prominent role in the improvement of community life by the practice of the principles and virtues we hold sacred – *Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity*. Last year alone, the value of cash, donated items, hours of service and miles driven exceeded over \$504 million to support struggling families and communities; \$5.4 million in scholarships to help students chase their dreams; \$84 million in community programs; \$56 million dollars to bring comfort, cheer and necessities to Veterans and active-service personnel throughout the United States and abroad. In so doing we fulfill our solemn pledge: *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

**Being an Elk** is about more than attending meetings and participating in social events. Membership in our great Order is about taking action, having an impact, and standing for something greater than yourself.

**The question you should ask yourself is not "Why be a member?" – it's "How could I not be one?"**

"What did our forefathers think as they looked down on this young nation that they so carefully tended in its early days? There must have been many things that brought a smile to their hearts and let them know their sacrifices were not made in vain. As Elks, we carry forth that patriotic tradition of our founders to ensure the safety of our nation and its people. We are passionate about our way of life and our families, and we cannot envision living any place else on this earth. Next time you say those three words – *"God Bless America"* – stop to remember all of the people who have contributed to the formation of our country and its image as a *"Beacon of Hope"* in the world. Be proud of this heritage. Happy birthday America!" Thomas H. Brazier, PGER.

**TN Elks Assoc. Trades School Scholarship** – The TEA is offering twenty(20) \$1500 scholarships to attend a trade school to obtain a certificate or associate degree. For details go to [tnelks.org](http://tnelks.org).

### Congratulations to Aden Hutcherson

**Aden Hutcherson**, a 2022 Dresden Elks Lodge recipient of the Elks National Foundation Legacy Award, graduated (2026) Summa Cum Laude from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is currently employed as a Power/Controls Engineer with Thermal Tech Engineering in Memphis, TN. Aden is the grandson of Dr. Richard and Barbara Hutcherson.



**The Dresden Antler is now available by e-mail! Just e-mail [dresdenelks@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

### Sickness and Distress

Please remember to call Bob Page (731-514-0080) or send an email when you hear of someone who needs to be mentioned under Sickness & Distress or could use a card or a call.

### "To Our Absent Members"

It is a sad duty to report the death (06/12/2026) of our member Andrew (**Andy**) Oliver (#1113), age 45. He was a true friend to the Lodge and a member for over 22 years. Andy served as Exalted Ruler in 2008/2009. His presence will be truly missed, but never forgotten. *"The places that have known him shall know him no more; but his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory."*

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.

All members should register on the official Elks web sites. You go to **[elks.org](http://elks.org)** and **[TNeLks.org](http://TNeLks.org)** and select the member's only tab. You then enter a user name and password. There is a wealth of information provided to you through the website.

## Meeting Night -- 4th Tuesday July 28 (only 1 meeting in July)

See you at the meeting. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

**June meeting notes:** Meetings were held on June 9th and 23rd.

Members initiated June 23. **Welcome our new Members:**

Mary K. Brittingham, Dresden; Retired; Proposed by Alberta Vancleave  
Bryan Lester Culpepper, Dresden; Retired; Proposed by Curtis Doran.  
Andy Pence, Greenfield; Real Estate Developer; Proposed by Curtis Doran.  
Jeremiah L. Smith, Martin; Railroad Engineer; Proposed by Dylan Pash.  
James Ward, McKenzie; Investor; Proposed by Curtis Doran.

Member Reinstated:

George Durham, Dresden; State Department; Proposed by Trent Rutkowski.

Candidates balloted upon and awaiting initiation:

Jacob Lynn Vickery, Gleason; D B Trucking; Proposed by Ginger Randolph.  
Alex Sims, Dresden; RN; Proposed by Thomas Sims.

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

The Business Men's Dinner was held June 15. 87 guests enjoyed the Grilled Pork Chop Dinner.

The **Grand Lodge National Convention** is scheduled to be held in Chicago, IL on July 5-8. Registration is due by June 1. Forms and information are available at the Lodge or on line at [elks.org](http://elks.org).



**Businessmen's Dinner** –There will be a dinner on the third Monday in July (July 20). The menu is a **Steak Dinner** (with biscuits & gravy). 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 June dinner. Without their support we could not continue to host this important event. We appreciate your support.

1) Gary Eddings & friends, Dresden; 2) Wade Pittman, Servall, Martin; 3) Terry Woodruff, Wendell Alexander Realty, Dresden; 4) Janes motors, Greenfield; 5) Brent Baier, Sharon; 6) Rickey Carter, Dresden; 7) Trent Rutkowski, Dresden 8) Donny Smith, Dresden; 9) Larry Alexander, Martin; 10) Randell Walker, Dresden; 11) Van Dinning, Martin; 12); Richard Killebrew, Dresden; 13) Mike Sanders, Rives; 14) Mike Ford, Martin; 15) Trevathan Brothers Fabrication, Dresden; 16) Tery McDade, WCSO; Steve Howe, Martin.

### MEMBERSHIP

Dresden Lodge has 323 active members as of July 1; 61 members have yet to pay their dues. 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.**

**Membership Dues** for all members for the current lodge year (2026/2027) were due on April 1. The amount for the dues is **\$109.00**. The Lodge is now accepting payment. Please pay as soon as possible. You can renew your membership for the coming 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.

**What do Elks like to do for fun?**

Visit the a-moose-ment park.



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