



# Pulaski B.P.O.E. Lodge #1827

1415 W. College St., Pulaski, TN 38478

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## Monthly Newsletter – April 2024

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### *A Message from our Exalted Ruler:*

Fellow Members,

It is an honor to have been selected as Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025, thank you to everyone and I assure you that I will do my absolute best to live up to all of your expectations. I would also like to thank Exalted Ruler Dewayne Skeen and all of the outgoing officers for all of your work over the past year(s).

The incoming officers for this year will be Leading Knight Arthur Marsh, Loyal Knight Ann Byrmer, Lecturing Knight Steve Martindale, Treasurer Debbie Childress, Secretary Jill Marsh, Chaplain Cheryl Sutton, Esquire Luke Boruff, Tiler Tim Polly, and Inner Guard Ron Childress.

First year Trustee is Dewayne Skeen, Second year Trustee is John Wade and Third year Trustee is Mike Wiser.

We will all work very hard to ensure this upcoming year will be successful, with fundraisers, activities and entertainment. I have been approached by a few members who would really like to have karaoke back in the lodge and we will do our best to ensure this happens. We are always open to any suggestions or new ideas from any member.

Thank you to all the members that participated in benevolent night either by purchasing a ticket, cooking, making phone calls, cleaning, decorating and the list goes on. The food was delicious, and the entertainment by The Mishaps was great. A very special thank you to The Outlook, Chapmans, Johnson's Foodtown, Davis and Eslick, The Hickory House and Lew Lew's, for their generous raffle donations and to Joel Slaton and Mike Armstrong for being the MC's.

On March 21, ER Dewayne Skeen, incoming Leading Knight Art Marsh and myself made the third and final food delivery for 2023-2024 year to Giles County High School's backpack program. With funds made possible by the ENF Beacon Grant we were able to deliver over \$6000 in food items. This is an amazing program and the school is always so appreciative of our support. We will also be going to each Giles County school by the end of March to present each of them with a check for \$250 for their libraries.

April 7th at 5:00pm will be installation of the new officers with a dinner immediately following. Also in April several of our members will be traveling to Gatlinburg for the TEA Annual Meeting and Convention.

Each year we apply for and receive The Beacon, The Gratitude and the Community Outreach grants and we will continue to do so. However, this year we would also like to apply for the Impact grant. This is a very competitive grant and requires significant Elks involvement by members actively giving their time to the project. These grants though very competitive can reach up to \$10,000. If any member knows of any needs in our community please reach out to me.

Over the next year please feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns or questions you may have.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Fraternally,  
Cathy Meltzer

### **PULASKI ELKS LODGE OFFICERS 2024-2025**

**Exalted Ruler** - Cathy Evans-Meltzer  
**Leading Knight** - Art Marsh, PER  
**Loyal Knight** –Ann Brymer  
**Lecturing Knight** – Steve Martindale  
**Secretary** - Jill Marsh, PER  
**Treasurer** – Debbie Mc Bride Childress  
**Chaplin** - Cheryl Willoughby Sutton

**Inner Guard** – Ron Childress  
**Tiler** – Tim Polly  
**Esquire** - Luke Boruff  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee** - Dewayne Skeen, PER  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee** - John Wade  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee** – James Mike Wiser  
**Newsletter Editor** – Art Marsh, PER

### **Upcoming Events Calendar**

April 7- Installation of Officers 5pm

April 2 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, House Committee Meeting 6pm

April 11- Charcuterie Bingo- Hosted By Patty Ogle-Pardon- 6:30 pm

April 11-13- Tennessee Elks Association Annual Meeting- Edgewater Hotel/Conference Cntr.-Gatlinburg

April 16 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, BOD Meeting 6pm

April 21- District Deputy Meeting-Lewis County Lodge #2883. Social hour @9 am-Meeting@ 10 am

May 4- Derby Day with Horse Races & Contests PLUS Cinco De Mayo Celebration

May 7 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, House Committee Meeting 6pm

May 18- Elks Run-10 am

Fundraiser for State President Elect Bill Roper at Pulaski Lodge

May 21 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, BOD Meeting 6pm

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY EVENINGS- KITCHEN IS OPEN 6PM – 8PM

## April Kitchen Schedule Hours 6 -8 pm

April 3 – Wednesday – Burgers and Chicken Sandwiches with Art & Chan  
April 5- Friday – Fish Crew  
April 10 – Wednesday – Burgers and Chicken Sandwiches  
April 12- Friday – Full Menu  
April 17-Wednesday – Flatbread Pizza & Burgers with Jan & Charles  
April-19-Friday – Full Menu with Charles & Crew  
April 24- Wednesday – Burgers and Chicken Sandwiches  
April 26- Friday – Fish Crew

**\*\*Volunteers to help with cooking and serving are always appreciated!!\*\***

**A sign-up calendar for kitchen volunteers has been posted on the kitchen door.** Feel free to contact House Committee Chairperson, Art Marsh, or reply to this email address with any questions. Thank you in advance!

**COME OUT & BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!! CATCH UP WITH YOUR FELLOW ELKS!! HAVE A GREAT TIME AND ENJOY SOME GREAT FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, AND ENTERTAINMENT.**

## **CONGRATULATION TO OUR NEW LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025**

Exalted Ruler- Cathy Evans-Meltzer  
Leading Knight- Arthur H. Marsh, Jr., PER  
Loyal Knight- Ann Brymer  
Lecturing Knight- Steve Martindale  
Secretary- Jill Delin Marsh, PER  
Treasurer- Debbie McBride Childress  
Chaplin-Cheryl Willoughby Sutton  
Esquire- Luke Boruff  
Inner Guard- Ronald Childress  
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1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee- Dewayne Skeen, PER  
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**INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS WILL BE ON APRIL 7 at 5 pm. All welcome!**  
**Dinner will be served after the ceremony- Baked Ziti, Salad & Bread**  
**Lodge Will Be Opening at 3:00 pm.**



## LODGE OF SORROW

*To our absent members...*

*Their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.*

*May they rest in peace.*

### **April Birthdays!**

01 Shelton, Robert  
01 Turner, Ronnie  
02 Lambert, Jason  
02 Rose, Grady Todd  
04 Childress, Debra  
09 Marvin, Retta  
10 Richter, Tim  
11 Garrett, Kristina  
14 Gilliam, Roger Keith  
18 Edwards, Glen L

18 Holt, Mark  
20 Bass, Neal  
20 Jones, Billy  
21 Wade, Robert E  
22 Bass, Benjamin  
22 Webb, Cheyenne  
23 Bassham, Kelli  
23 Hagan, Angela  
27 Crocker, Andrew  
28 Crawford, Jay

30 Russell, Crystal

**Current Membership Total: 277**  
**Candidates Waiting For Initiation 2**





# **IMPACT GRANTS**

## **Large-Scale Service Projects**

The ENF is looking to award Impact Grants to Lodges that intimately understand a problem in their community, have a unique idea about how to solve it, and are ready with the volunteer power to get it done. Impact Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000!

**Requirements:** Elks involvement and leadership are key requirements in an Impact Grant project—these grants are designed to set a standard of excellence in community engagement through volunteerism, mentoring and service. Elks must be the driving force in the planning and implementation of the project. Impact Grants require Lodges to take action.

Impact Grant projects must...

- ★ Be charitable and address a local need.
- ★ Have significant Elks involvement, meaning that a substantial number of Elks must actively participate by giving their time to the project.
- ★ Be ongoing projects, not one-time or once-a-year events.
- ★ Improve the lives of a population, not simply one individual or family.
- ★ Be practical and results oriented.
- ★ Have visible Elks identification and leadership

**Charitable Focus:** Keep the following IRS defined categories in mind when planning a grant project: relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged; advance education, but not through scholarships; lessen the burdens of government; lessen neighborhood tensions; eliminate prejudice and discrimination; combat juvenile delinquency.

**Restrictions:** Impact Grants cannot directly benefit Elks members or Lodge employees. They cannot be used to purchase land or buildings for an Elks Lodge, or improve, repair, renovate or expand current Lodge buildings or property in any way. See [elks.org/ImpactGrant](http://elks.org/ImpactGrant) for basic CIP guidelines.

In addition, Impact Grant projects cannot...

- ★ Be a donation of funds or supplies to another organization.
- ★ Pay salaries or personnel costs for another organization.
- ★ Establish or increase a foundation, trust or interest-bearing account.
- ★ Fund a one-time item purchase, such as a vehicle or large piece of equipment.
- ★ Be a small part of a large community capital campaign fund.

### **Application Dates:**

**April 1 – August 15:** Impact Intents open.

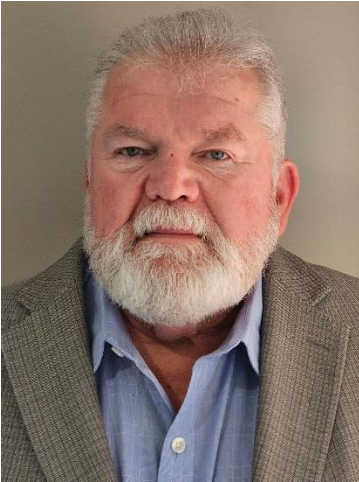
**September 1 – November 1:** Impact Grant application open for Lodges invited to submit a full application.

**December:** New Impact Grant Class announced.

*Visit our webpage at [enf.elks.org/ImpactGrants](http://enf.elks.org/ImpactGrants)*

Questions? Contact the Lodge Grants Office at 773/755-4730 or [LodgeGrants@elks.org](mailto:LodgeGrants@elks.org).

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEA PRESIDENT-ELECT



Well it's almost the end of another Lodge year. As TEA President-Elect, I would like to thank the members of Pulaski Lodge #1827 for your support and help through the years!

In April I will be installed as Tennessee Elks Association State President for the 2024-2025 Lodge year at our Annual Convention in Gatlinburg.

Our Lodge has been through a lot of tough times since the pandemic, but we have fought back and are getting stronger every day. We are starting to see members back at the Lodge we have not seen in a while.

Pulaski #1827 is blessed with a great core of Elks who have supported our Order at the local, district and state level! We are the premier Benevolent and Protective Order in the country and will stay that way.

There will be some fundraisers across the Middle District for our travels across the state to visit all 29 Lodges this coming year. Some of the events scheduled to date include, a March 16<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry at the Lawrenceburg Lodge, a Crazy Karaoke night at the Madison Lodge on March 29<sup>th</sup> and an event at our Lodge on May 18<sup>th</sup> with details still being worked out.

In closing, I can't tell you how much Katherine and I appreciate the support and hard work our Lodge has shown us, we will do our best to represent Pulaski Lodge #1827 to the best of our abilities.

Fraternally,

Bill L. Roper  
TEA President Elect

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

## Benevolent Night

A HUGE THANK YOU to the House Committee and all the members that worked to make Benevolent Night a huge success!! Thank you to all the members who decorated, cooked, cleaned up and who brought sides and desserts. Thank you to all the members, and their families and guests who came and supported one of our major fundraisers. It was great to see so many members come together and enjoy the evening!

A special thanks to The Outlook, Chapmans, Johnson's, Davis & Eslick, The Hickory House, Lew Lew's, and Cardin Distributing for their generous donations to our raffle. Thanks to ER Cathy Meltzer for the donation of the beautiful decanter set. Thank you to Jeff Darnell for our opening prayer and Joel Slaton and Mike Armstrong for being our MC's for the evening.

Thanks to all the volunteers who work in the kitchen every Wednesday and Friday Night!!!

## Back Pack Program Update

On March 21, ER Dewayne Skeen, Leading Knight Cathy Evans Meltzer, and Loyal Knight Art Marsh made our final food delivery for the 2023-2024 Elk year to Giles County High School, to benefit their Back-Pack Program. These donations were made possible by the ENF Beacon Grant.

This was our third and final food delivery of the school year.



Exciting Things Are Happening In The Lounge!!!

Bar Hours

Mon/Tues/ Thurs/Sat 3pm-8pm \*\*

Wed & Friday-3pm-10pm (Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm)

\*\* If you plan on coming late, please call to verify hours (931) 363-1424

Bar Food/Snacks Available Daily- Hot Dogs/Popcorn/Bar Pizza- More Selections & Specials To Come!!

COME CHECKOUT OUR NEW AND EXPANDED MENU

TOO BUSY TO STOP AND EAT- PICK UP IS AVAILABLE - CALL IN YOUR ORDER OR STOP AND ORDER

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE POOL, ELECTRONIC BOWLING, BASKETBALL AND JUKE BOX?



**WE ARE NOW A TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY RETAILER!!!**  
**KENO, POWERBALL, MEGA MILLIONS AND DAILY LOTTERY**  
**Be a winner and stop in the Lodge today!!!**

SAVE THE DATE

MOTHER'S DAY RITUAL & BREAKFAST-MAY 12  
Details To Follow

DERBY DAY WITH HORSE RACES & CONTESTS-MAY 4  
CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION  
Pig Roast, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Slaw

ELKS RUN-MAY 18- STARTS @ 10:00 AM

FUNDRAISER FOR STATE PRESIDENT ELECT BILL ROPER- MAY 18  
Details to Follow

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT-JUNE 15



# ELKS RUN

## Benefit for Elks Programs

Beginning at Pulaski Elks Lodge #1827

1415 West College St., Pulaski, TN 38478

# MAY 18, 2024

SIGN-UP: 10:00 / LEAVE: 11:00

### Scheduled Elks Lodge Stops

- Fayetteville (11:30)
- Lewisburg (12:45)
- Columbia (2:00)
- Lawrenceburg (3:30)
- Pulaski (5:00)

**Bikes, trikes and automobiles welcome**

**\$25 First Hand / \$10 Additional Hands**

**Meal Provided for All Participants at Pulaski Elks Lodge at 5:00 pm**

## A Message From The Elks Ride Committee

We are excited to announce the date of our annual “Elks Run” is May 18, 2024.

This year we are aiming high and asking all members to help with donations in the form of becoming a Ride Sponsor.

To become a GOLD SPONSOR a donation of \$ 200.00 is required.

To become a SILVER SPONSOR a donation of \$ 100.00 is required.

To become a BRONZE SPONSOR a donation of \$ 50.00 is required.

ALL SPONSORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING THE EVENT AND IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!!

Donations will be accepted from individuals, businesses, or groups. Receipts are available upon request. Make checks payable to Pulaski Elks 1827. Please include “Elks Run” in the memo.

Thank you very much,  
Ride Committee

### **MOTHER’S DAY BASKET**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR**

**1 TICKET FOR \$5.00/ 5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00**

**OVER \$200 VALUE**

**WINNER TO BE DRAWN DURING MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

**Winner Need Not Be Present To Win!!**

## **MIDDLE DISTRICT UPCOMING DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINICS**

**April 21, 2024- Lewis County Lodge # 2883**

Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, and BOD Chairman Required To Attend  
All Members Are Welcome

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

April 12-13, 2024-Southern Home and Garden Show-Giles County Ag Park

April 13, 2024- Saturday On The Square

April 27, 2024-American Legion Post 60- Legion Riders Benefit Ride

April 27-28- Giles County Trail of Tears Pow Wow- Giles County Ag Park

May 11, 2024- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Trent Holt 5K

June 8, 2024- Sundrop Festival-On The Square

## ELK SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy Awards Contest- Eligibility includes college-bound seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Application Due TBA Application available on [ENF.ELKS.ORG/LEG](https://ENF.ELKS.ORG/LEG)

TEBT Nursing Scholarship- Eligibility includes graduating high-school seniors, current student in a nursing program, or an adult wanting a career path change that lives in a TN Lodge jurisdiction. GED is acceptable. Application Due TBA Application available on [TN.ELKS.ORG](https://TN.ELKS.ORG)

Trade School Scholarships- Eligibility includes graduating high school seniors, an adult wanting a career change, continuing education for current career. GED is acceptable. Application Due TBA. Application available on [TNELKS.ORG](https://TNELKS.ORG)

APPLICATION DUE DATES FOR 2024-2025 ELK YEAR TO BE ANNOUNCED

### **2024 STATE AND GRAND LODGE EVENTS**

#### **TENNESSEE ELKS ASSOCIATION 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

**APRIL 11-13, 2024**

Edgewater Hotel & Conference Center  
Gatlinburg, TN

#### **TENNESSEE ELKS ASSOCIATION 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 10-12, 2024**

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Jackson  
1770 US 45 Bypass, Jackson TN 38305

**ALL ELKS ARE WELCOME – REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE  
LODGE SEVERAL WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENTS**

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*“Support the businesses that support the Elks.”*

Ad Pricing:

**\$30.00/ 3 Months, \$55.00/6 Months, or \$100.00 per year.**

Make checks out to Pulaski Elks Lodge #1827.

Business cards should be left at the Lodge to the attention of Art Marsh.

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BULLETIN BOOSTERS AND “In Memory of” are also available for \$ 20.00 annually

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If you have any questions contact Art at [art.bpoe1827@gmail.com](mailto:art.bpoe1827@gmail.com) or (908) 963-2131.

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## Bulletin Boosters

Jill & Art Marsh

Bill & Katherine Roper

PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING AN ADD FOR YOUR BUSINESS OR BECOMING A BULLETIN BOOSTER!!!



The Pulaski Lodge Newsletter is available electronically at no cost and will be sent to each member's email address. Please ensure your email address is up to date with the Lodge Secretary.

A copy of the newsletter will also be available at the Lodge on the bulletin board.

**If you would like a paper copy mailed to your address**, please help us offset the printing and mailing costs by writing a check to Pulaski Elks Lodge #1827 for \$12 per year. Mid-year subscriptions may be prorated at \$1.00 per month for the remainder of the calendar year. A calendar year will be the Elks' Calendar Year, from April 1<sup>st</sup> through the following March 31<sup>st</sup>, and checks for the mailings can accompany your annual dues.

Please make sure your address is correct through the Lodge Secretary.

**Reminder! 2024-2025 Membership Dues were due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. (No joke!)**

The Lodge is required to pay the Grand Lodge and State dues for every member on our roster regardless of whether we have yet received them from our members. This puts a financial burden on our lodge, as we are still trying to recover post-Covid and get to a point where we are fiscally sound.

**This is YOUR Lodge – Please get your dues in ASAP**

Membership is the life blood of our Order. We strive to increase our membership and we need your help by proposing a candidate for membership or encouraging a delinquent member to pay his/her dues.

**Save the Date:**

The 2024 Elks National Convention will be held in Austin, TX, June 30 – July 3, 2024  
Come to a BPOE National Convention to see "Elkdom" in action. All Elks are welcome!  
Applications are available at [Elks.org](https://Elks.org) and at the Lodge!

**BPOE GRAND EXALTED RULER 2023-2024 – Randy Shook, Lawrenceburg Lodge #2206**

**"We are THE Elks!"** is GER Randy Shook's motto for this year.

**Elks Care - Elks Share**