



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

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## Monthly Newsletter – February 2024



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

Greetings Members,

February is when we take nominations and vote for next year's Lodge Officers. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is nominations, and the second meeting is when we vote. Only members in good standing can vote and membership cards will be checked.

The State Hoop Shoot is February 3. Nashville-Franklin will serve lunch at their Lodge and the shoot will be held at Liberty Elementary Gym in Franklin at 1 pm. Pulaski Lodge is being represented by DeMarcus Christmon. Wish him luck and come out and show your support.

Gonna Be University will be held at Nashville-Franklin Lodge on March 2 (8am-5pm) and March 3 (10am-12pm). Any member is welcome to attend and newly elected officers should attend if possible. It is a great learning experience and it will help you in the coming year.

The yearend State Convention is being held in Gatlinburg on April 10-14. Registration forms are at the Lodge. If you are planning on attending please get your completed forms turned in ASAP as rooms are filling up. State Lottery tickets are available at the lodge and the drawing will be held in Gatlinburg on Saturday night. We have a lot of events coming up at the Lodge in the next couple months as you will see in the calendar of events. Come out for dinner on Wednesday or Friday from 6-8. Hope to see you soon!!

Exalted Ruler,  
Dewayne Skeen

### **PULASKI ELKS LODGE OFFICERS 2023-2024**

**Exalted Ruler** - Dewayne Skeen, PER  
**Leading Knight** - Cathy Evans-Meltzer  
**Loyal Knight** - Art Marsh, PER  
**Lecturing Knight** - Brian Paysinger  
**Secretary** - Cheryl Willoughby Sutton  
**Treasurer** - Belita Lawhorn  
**Chaplin** - Gina Hobbs, PER

**Inner Guard** - Jill Marsh, PER  
**Tiler** – Ande Dimmick  
**Esquire** - Luke Boruff  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee** - John Wade  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee** - Mike Wiser  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee** - Tony Riser, PER  
**Newsletter Editor** – Art Marsh, PER

### Upcoming Events Calendar

February 3 – State Hoop Shoot- Nashville/Franklin Lodge- Program @ 10:00 am- Shoot@ 1:00 pm

February 6 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, House Committee Meeting 6pm-Nominations Of Officers For Elk Year 2024-2025

February 20 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, BOD Meeting 6pm-Voting On Officers

March 2-3- Gonna Be University – Nashville/Franklin Lodge

March 5 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, House Committee Meeting 6pm

March 19 – Lodge Meeting 7pm, BOD Meeting 6pm

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

### February Kitchen Schedule

February 2- Friday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm – Full Menu with

February 7 – Wednesday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm-

February 9- Friday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm – Full Menu with

February 14-- Wednesday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm- Flatbread Pizza & Burgers with Jan & Charles

February 16- Friday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm – Full Menu with Charles & Crew

February 21- Wednesday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm-

February 23- Friday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm- The Fish Crew Is Back

February 28- Wednesday-Kitchen Open 6pm-8pm

**\*\*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, Bill Roper, 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.**



## Congratulations To Our District Winner!!!



12-13 year old boys- DeMarcus Christmon

The State Hoop Shoot will be held on February 3. The program starts at 10 am at the Nashville/Franklin Lodge. Shoot starts at 1:00 pm at Liberty Elementary School. All are welcome to come and cheer on the Kids!!!

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### NOMINATIONS AND VOTING FOR OFFICERS FOR ELK YEAR 2024-2025

**To Nominate a candidate or Vote for any Lodge Officers you MUST be a member in good standing and your dues MUST be paid for the current Elk Year 2023-2024 (Ending 3/31/24)**

**All Nominees for office MUST be members in good standing and their dues MUST be paid for the current Elk Year 2024-2024 (Ending 3/31/24).**

**Any member elected to an office MUST have his/her dues paid for the 2024-2025 Elk Year PRIOR to their Installation.**

**Nominations for officers will occur during the first Regular Monthly meeting in February (2/6/24).**

**Voting for officers will occur during the second Regular Monthly Meeting in February (2/20/24).**

**Any members wishing to nominate or vote on a candidate MUST be present at the meeting.**

**NO ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE PERMITTED.**

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**As the Elk Year is coming to a close, we currently have 27 delinquent members. If you haven't paid your dues for the current Elk Year, please do so ASAP. If you know of a fellow Elk who hasn't paid their dues, please reach out to them and encourage them to do so. Your dues allows us to keep our Lodge open and serve the community. We don't want to lose any members due to non-payment of dues.**

**Remember- MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR ORDER.**



**LODGE OF SORROW**

**Bubba Abernathy**

Initiated January 16, 1989

Died January 18, 2024

*To our absent members...*

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

*May they rest in peace.*

**February Birthdays!**

01 Birdsong, Andrea  
02 Erwin, Thomas  
03 Vosburgh, Amelia  
04 Crutcher, Carlene  
04 Deason, Mike  
05 Brumit, Chris  
12 Black, Peyton  
13 Slaton, Barbara  
14 Sneed, Joseph

20 Watson, Michael  
21 Pickett, Randal  
22 Hobbs, Gina  
25 Childress, Eugene  
25 Wade, Mike  
28 Blade, Payton  
28 Edwards, Brandon Chase  
28 Simpkins, James

**Current Membership Total: 295**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

## New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Thank you to the House Committee and all the members who donated food, snacks and desserts and joined us to "Ring In The New Year" at the Lodge. It was great to see so many members and their guests enjoying themselves among family and friends. A special thank you to Leading Knight Cathy Evans-Meltzer for organizing the event and for coordinating all the decorations and entertainment. Thanks also to all the members that helped decorate, clean up and sponsor the entertainment.

Thanks to Trista for another GREAT PERFORMANCE.

If that wasn't enough, you all came back and did it again to celebrate New Year's Day with football and food!!

We are truly blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to plan, organize, and work these many events.

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

## THE FISH CREW IS BACK!!!



## THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!!

Exciting Things Are Happening In The Lounge!!!

New Bar Hours Starting 12/2/23

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!!

Stop In and Meet Our New Bartenders- Emma & Angie

COME CHECKOUT OUR NEW AND EXPANDED MENU  
NEW MENU ITEMS AND ADDED SIDES

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

SAVE THE DATE

BENEVOLENT NIGHT- MARCH 23

Tickets and Gun Tickets will be available soon

FUNDRAISER FOR STATE PRESIDENT ELECT BILL ROPER- APRIL 6

Details To Follow

DERBY DAY WITH HORSE RACES & CONTESTS-MAY 4

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Details To Follow

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT-JUNE 15

### **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

## ELK SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy Awards Contest- Eligibility includes college-bound seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. Application Due 2/5/2024 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 2/15/2024 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 1/31/2024. Application available on [TNE.ELKS.ORG](https://TNE.ELKS.ORG)

### **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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*Starting with April's issue, we will be accepting advertising in our newsletter!*

*Pricing will be as follows for a business card size ad:*

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

*This will give 300 members and their families the opportunity to support businesses that support our lodge! Checks made out to Pulaski Elks Lodge #1827, and business cards should be left at the Lodge to the attention of Art Marsh. If you have any questions contact Art at art.bpoe1827@gmail.com or (908) 963-2131.*

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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.

Annual dues are always due by April 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year. If you have not paid your dues for 2023 - 2024, **you are not a member in good standing**, and, by Grand Lodge rules, should not be permitted access to the Lodge. Some of you have paid this year for last year, but are not caught up. Check with the Lodge Secretary, Cheryl Sutton, to find out your status. Please get your dues in for this year ASAP. The Lodge is dependent on membership dues to keep the doors open and to help support our charitable programs.

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!

**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**