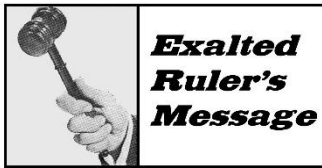




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Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello Athens Elks,

I look forward to this next year as your Exalted Ruler. With the arrival of spring and warmer weather we plan to continue clean-up as well as updates to the lodge. As you begin to enjoy more outdoor activities keep in mind that our lodge remains a great place to complement your plans. Consider the social club as a great place to wind down with friends after a sunny day on the lake or make the lodge your final stop after a great motorcycle ride. Cool drinks with friends make for a great ending to a perfect day, and don't forget that our fabulous Taco Tuesdays and burger nights are much better than cooking at the end of a long day.

I also want to remind everyone to frequently check Facebook and keep the newsletter on the front of your fridge so you always have the latest info on upcoming meetings and events. As you know, volunteerism is not just a Tennessee thing, it is built into the very spirit of being an Elk. Whether decorating for special events, assisting with the Veterans' Day parade, or seeing the joy on kids' faces during Shop with an Elk, I promise our volunteers gain much more than the satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to something special; it's a great opportunity to make new friends or deepen existing friendships. If you would like to become more involved, please just ask myself or any board member.

Your humble Exalted Ruler,
Wayne Wilson



Kristin crowns the new Exalted Ruler, Wayne Wilson, with the Grand Puba hat.

Voting on the following candidates on **April 2** (if investigations are complete):

Sharon Aiyanna (proposed by Ronald Malone)

Tammy Metzger (proposed by David Goebel)

Stewart Lemont Benton (proposed by Shamara Asbury)

Audreanna Tilley (proposed by Jesse Contreras)

Initiations will be held on **April 16** for those elected on April 2.

You can now pay your dues online at:

<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

For those who have paid, cards for 2026-2027 year are available from your server. If you want your card mailed to you, send an e-mail to the Secretary at bpoe1927@comcast.net

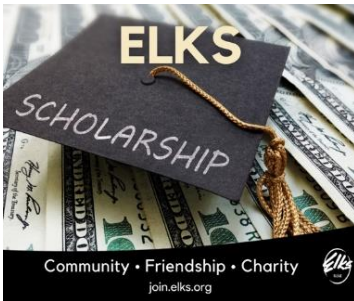
A note from your new Secretary, Chris Anthon!

As your new Secretary, I would love to see more members contributing to meetings and committees so that your voice is heard (before decisions are made) and so that a larger contribution is made when we plan events and as we make policy changes. It takes more than 12 people to get things done if we want to be successful!



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Scholarship Committee Announcement

Government Day is set for April 14th! All Elk members are encouraged to come out and support this meaningful event.

Each year, our lodge proudly awards two \$1,000 scholarships—one to a high school young man

and one to a young woman in our local school system—to help further their education.

Please plan to attend and show your support for these bright, deserving students as they take the next step toward their future.

- Meet at the courthouse square at 8:00 AM
- Luncheon to follow at the lodge around 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Let's come together and make a strong showing for our youth and their accomplishments! If any plans change, a Facebook post will be made prior to the event .

Thank you in advance for all the support .



We initiated 4 new members at the March 19 meeting.
Welcome to Kendall Howard, Michael Dazen, Jeff Hostetler,
and Joe Pulgini.

Did You Know?

Anyone who has not paid their dues by **April 1** is considered delinquent and cannot be served in the Social Club.

Paid members CANNOT sign in members who have not yet paid their dues.

Get your dues in today!

New committees for the 2026-2027 year are forming now! Get involved! Help plan activities, participate in Veterans Services, Scholarship or other community activities. Contact any Board Member to find out more.



Sadly, we were informed of the death of **Lance Cavett**. He passed away in March 2024. He was a 39-year member of the Athens Elks Lodge.



April Birthdays

01	Susan	Ferrell
02	Donna	Ray
03	Jaime	McGinnis
03	John	Plemons
04	Daniel	Coleman
04	James	O'Bringer
06	Robert	McKee
16	Douglas	Byrum
16	Janet	Fitch
17	Brenda	Emerson-Alford
17	Aaron	Smith
18	Larry	Humm
19	Timothy	Crofts
19	Jerry	Smith
20	Kenneth	Crady
23	Ronald	Malone
23	Brandon	Toops
24	Steven	Walker
25	Tracey	Womac
26	H. William	Russell
27	Benjamin	Bohannon
27	Samuel	McCosh
30	George	Cagle

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REMINDER: Please make sure you sign your guests into the social club. Guests are allowed 6 visits per fiscal year.

Meetings First and Third Thursdays of each month except January and July. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

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www.facebook.com/groups/elks1927members/



Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER), George Gray, is available to any member who has issues or needs advice or assistance which may be better addressed by him rather than our ER or officers. Should you ever need to contact George, he can be reached at 423-715-0752.

2026-2027
Lodge Officers

<i>Exalted Ruler</i>	Wayne Wilson
<i>Leading Knight</i>	Jesse Contreras
<i>Loyal Knight</i>	Sandy Walker
<i>Lecturing Knight</i>	Mary Vinson-Dyer
<i>Secretary</i>	Chris Anthon
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kristen Schrader
<i>Esquire</i>	Frank Wilson
<i>Tiler</i>	Drew Haren
<i>Chaplain</i>	John Dyer
<i>Inner Guard</i>	Angie Wilson
<i>Trustees:</i>	Tony Robinson
	Tony Johnson
	Tony Hester