

July 2026

PARIS ELKS LODGE 816

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Officers 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler– Ean Reed
Leading Knight– Ray Lewis
Loyal Knight– J Michael French
Lecturing Knight– Keith Martin
Esquire – Cy Alexander
Chaplin - Debra Stoope
Inner Guard– Dennis Beall
Tiler– Dicky Bomar
Secretary– Melanie Lewis
Treasurer– Jennifer Dolliver
Trustees– Andy Richardson
Pat Reed Steve Hart

From the ER

Greetings my fellow Elks,



Summertime is here and with it comes the celebration of our nation's independence. July 4th, 1776, our forefathers formally began our separation from the British Empire by signing the Declaration of Independence. This year marks the 250th anniversary of our country. The American people have thrived in times of great prosperity and suffered through times of tremendous adversity, yet we remain united as a country. It seems everywhere you look there are people trying to tell us how we are different, and how divided as a country we are, but I believe there is far more common ground among the American people than there are disputes. Deep down most Americans want the same things in life, even if we disagree on how we should get them. As our order is distinctively American, we as Elks should take the time during this celebratory period to give thanks for all that this country and our way of life has provided us. We are blessed to count ourselves as part of the lucky few that get to enjoy all the benefits that this nation has to offer.

In observance of our nation's Independence Day, the lodge will be closed on the 4th of July. We will, however, be cooking and selling Boston Butts as a fundraiser which can be picked up at the lodge on the 3rd of July. Sign up for these ends on the 1st of July and the cost is \$50 per butt. Also, this month we will be bringing back one of our lodge favorites and have Ribs on July 25th. Price for rib plates are \$22 if you are eating at the lodge or \$24 if you want the plate to go. We will also offer the option of just a slab of ribs for \$20. We will again host the District Deputy meeting for the Grand Lodge on August 9th for those who wish to attend or help with food preparation.

Over this past month, we had a good turnout for our Flag Day ceremony which was once again provided with the assistance of Scout Troop 28, and we thank them for their participation. We had Hamburger Steaks on the 20th, which was very enjoyable for those that attended. And on June 26th there was a small group of us on hand to make the most out of another round of Ka-Ray-oke, while Keith Martin and JMichael French manned the grill and fryer to provide food for those in attendance.

Tuesday Nights are for Eating at the #816 this month our Tuesday cooking will include Burgers on the 7th, Tacos on the 14th, BLT's on the 21st, and Pizza on the 28th. Come out and enjoy the food, fellowship, and most of all support your lodge.

As always, we continue to look for new people to get involved with lodge activities and we welcome you to come to a meeting and share your ideas or thoughts about new activities or ways to increase membership participation. Hope to see you at the lodge soon!

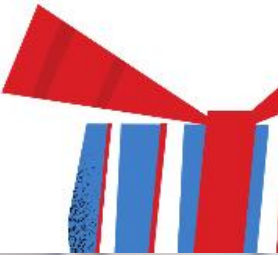
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BOSTON BUTTS

**PICK UP
JULY 3RD 4-6PM**

Cut off to order – July 1st
Market price



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out our page on Facebook. You can find it at the following :

Paris Elks Lodge, #816

Boston Butts for the 4th. Order by July 1st. Call the lodge or order on line. Pick up on the 3rd.

Thank you to those who have been helping with the front corner cleanup. We are beginning to see the extra room you are getting us.

Andy's gang has ribs coming this month. Seems like you should call and get on the list! Eat in or carry out.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts that came to the lodge and performed the Flag Retirement Service on the 14th. Also, thanks to those that attended.

The lodge will be hosting the District Deputy Meeting at the lodge on August 9th. We will need some help fixing a Meal and setting up the lodge.



ANDY'S FAMOUS RIBS



**JULY 25TH
6PM**

**Dinner Plates
or
by the Slab**



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. Happy America 250! We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. We as proud Elks uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation and organization. Did the last twelve months fly by for you as they did for me and First Lady Sue? My, weren't we in Kansas City last week? The old adage "time flies when having fun" is fitting. The easy part of staying enthused week after week was visiting each state and the Members thereof. Sue and I want to thank each and every one of you for your assistance, hospitality, and support during our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. Each of you are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong with more than 1,780 Local Lodges who form the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America. We are strong and mighty, and we are blessed to be citizens in our great country. God bless each and every one of you. God bless the BPOE, and God bless the United States of America. Always remember my motto, Be The Difference, as we are 158 years young!



What's Cookin'

July 25th, Andy and his crew will be offering up Baby Back Ribs and Fixins!
Get on the list for the best ribs in town. If you know, you know.
Come On out and get some!

To Our Absent Members

Prayers go out to the family of our departed member
Mike Snyder.

Important Dates:

7/2 Meeting
 7/3 Boston Butts
 7/7 Burgers
 7/14 Tacos
 7/16 Meeting
 7/20 Board Meeting
 7/21 BLT
 7/25 Ribs
 7/28 Pizza

BIRTHDAYS

1 Paul Harbor	21 Marshall Petty
5 William Atchison	22 James Laignel
10 Mary Beth Lewis	23 Ashleigh Alexander
	25 Bill Bostic
15 James Cook	26 Lloyd Lewis
17 Zeb Robinson	27 Elbert Ellison
20 Glenn Heinrich	30 Rod McKinney



Sign Up



◀ June		July 2026					August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Closed	2 Meeting	3 	4	
5	6	7 Burgers 	8 Closed	9	10	11	
12	13	14 Tacos 	15 Closed	16 Meeting	17	18	
19	20 Board Meeting	21 BLT 	22 Closed	23	24	25 Ribs 	
26	27	28 PIZZA 	29 Closed 8	30	31		

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of someone to cook meals Tuesdays and Saturdays!!!

Cooks choice on what you fix. We will help you manage the online sign up list.

Call Melanie to
get signed up
(731) 363-1763
or
Lodge
642-0153



Breakfast for Dinner

Spagetti

Lasagna

Chopped Steak

Chili/Soups

Smothered Chicken

COMING UP IN AUGUST

Here is a sneak peak for next month. Start making plans now!

THE LODGE WILL BE HOSTING THE DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC ON AUGUST 9TH. WE COULD USE HELP SETTING UP THE LODGE AND PREPARING THE MEAL. MEMBERS FROM WEST TN ELKS LODGES WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

THE Paris Elks Lodge, #816 FACEBOOK PAGE IS THE SOURCE FOR ANY SPUR OF THE MOMENT CHANGES

◀ July	August 2026					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 DISTRICT DEPUTY MEETING	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					