

May 2026

PARIS ELKS LODGE 816

MEMORIAL DAY

5/25/26

FREE

BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

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Officers 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler– Ean Reed
Leading Knight– Ray Lewis
Loyal Knight– J Michael Frence
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

The poster features a central rectangular area with a light blue and white watercolor background. This central area is framed by a decorative border of various flowers and greenery, including pink roses, red berries, and green leaves. The top and bottom corners of the poster are dominated by large, detailed pink tulips with green stems and leaves. The text is centered within the watercolor area.

Mother's Day

Ceremony & Pork Chop Dinner

Saturday May 9th

6pm



Greetings my fellow Elks,

I hope that the month of April went well for everyone and a happy Fish Fry was had by all! It was a busy month for the lodge, we had our own fish fry to welcome in the new slate of officers and start the new lodge year off right.

There was a great turnout and Pete Lackey and his crew did an excellent job as always, a big thank you to all those who helped. Several of our dedicated members showed up on Saturday the 11th and did an outstanding job getting the lodge cleaned up and ready for spring and summer. They really put in the work to make our place look great!

Five of our officers, including myself, attended the spring District Deputy meeting in Dresden. Many topics were discussed as it relates to the proper running of the lodge business. One of the chief takeaways was our need to conduct a separate corporate meeting to approve the finances of the lodge, which we will satisfy that requirement at our second meeting in May on the 21st for any member who is interested in attending. Another key takeaway from the clinic for me personally was the “We Principles”. This is a series of 11 key principles that we as the Elks brotherhood should strive to live by and live up to. I will include a summary of these principles in a separate part of this newsletter.

This month we will have a Mother’s Day dinner on Saturday May 9th at 6pm. Our own Ray Lewis will be preparing grilled pork chops, with baked potatoes and salad with a roll. Cost for this dinner will be \$14 per plate, and it is well worth the price. We will follow the meal with a brief program to celebrate all the mother’s who mean so much to us! Also, on May 30th Mike Castellanos will be preparing a Sante Fe Style Barbeque. This will consist of barbequed tri-tip, beans, salad, and served with French bread. My mouth is watering just thinking about how delicious it will be!

Tuesday nights are for eating at the 816! *This month our schedule for Tuesday night cooking’s will change a little bit so our Taco Tuesday will coincide with Cinco de Mayo. So, Tacos on May 5th, Burgers will then move to the 12th, and Pizza will move up to the 19th. We will not have a meal on the 26th as it is the day after Memorial Day. Any member who is interested in getting involved in the Tuesday meal rotation, please let us know. We are always interested in hearing new ideas and getting more members involved.*

I will close this message by encouraging every member to come by the lodge and visit us. The best people can be found right here at your local lodge. Drop in for a quick visit or stay for the afternoon, it will be time well spent either way. I hope to see you all very soon at the lodge!

Ean

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Paris Elks Lodge, #816

The lodge will be closed May 25th in observation of Memorial Day. There will not be a meal on Tuesday, May 26th.

Thanks to everyone that helped with our First Responders meal on Fish Fry Friday. This is a feather in our cap in our community. We always put our best foot forward for this and this year was no exception. Thanks to Pat, Carlene, Brenda, Kerri, Melanie, Gene, Ray, and Danny for getting it done. And thanks to everyone that showed up before and after to set up the tables and take them back down.

Monday night game night is still going full swing. If you haven't checked it out, you need to! Bring a snack and get your game on.



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Reminder
NO MEAL TUESDAY
5/26

The “WE Principles”

- i. WE Do the right thing...Always*
- ii. WE Lead by Example*
- iii. WE Say what we are going to do...Then WE do it!*
- iv. WE Take Action*
- v. WE Own our Mistakes*
- vi. WE Pick Each Other Up*
- vii. WE Measure ourselves by Outcomes...Not Activity*
- viii. WE Challenge Each Other (Diplomatically)*
- ix. WE Embrace Challenge*
- x. WE Obsess Over Details. Details Matter a Lot*
- xi. WE Are ELKS*

What's Cookin'

Saturday, May 6th, our chop master Ray Lewis will be grilling up some of his delicious Grilled Pork Chops. The meal will be followed by a short and very touching Mother's Day Service.

On May 30th, Mike Castellanos will be serving up a Santa Fe Style BBQ meal. The meal consist of specially prepared tri-tip BBQ, beans, salad, and French Bread. Get on the list for both meals!

To Our Absent Members

Prayers go out to our First Responders and our Military Families.



Santa Maria Style

Tri-Tips

MAY 30TH

6PM

**SALAD, BBQ BEANS, AND
BREAD**

Important Dates:

5/5 Tacos-Cinco De Mayo
 5/7 Meeting
 5/9 Mothers Day Meal
 5/12 Burgers
 5/18 Board Meeting
 5/19 Pizza
 5/21 Meeting
 5/25 Memorial Day Lodge Closed
 5/26 No Meal
 5/30 Santa Fe Tri-Tip Meal

BIRTHDAYS

6 Dan Townsend 19 Jeff Morris
 7 Jack Veazey 23 Larry Mahan
 10 Angela Trevathan Joe Rice
 14 James Hart 29 Terry Knott
 Jeff Mahan Jerry Watkins
 16 Chris Alexander



Sign Up



◀ April	May 2026					June ▶
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3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo Tacos 	6 Closed	7 Meeting	8	9 Mothers Day Meal 
10	11	12 Burgers 	13 Closed	14	15	16
17	18 Board Meeting	19 PIZZA 	20 Closed	21 Meeting	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Lodge Closed	26 NO Meal	27 Closed	28	29	30 BBQ Tri Tips 
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COMING UP IN JUNE

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

Friday, June 26th, there will be Ka-Ray-Oke in the lounge with our newest grill masters Mikey French & Keith Martin manning the kitchen from 6-8 pm. Come out and enjoy!

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

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