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PARIS ELKS LODGE 816

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Officers 2025-2026

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



STAG AND DOE DAY

January 1st 11am

Bring a appetizer to share
Andy's Bloody Mary's will be served

Hello again Paris Lodge #816!

Happy New year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and at least took a minute to remember what the day was really about. Our memorial service this year was short and sweet, because this is the first time that anyone can remember, we haven't had any members pass for the whole year. Thank the Lord for that.



Jingle and Mingle had a great turn out and I just want to say I was at the Jingle for a while and the men and women that our lodge put the event together did an amazing job. I was impressed and the kids had a blast. The Mingle I was told was fantastic also and lasted way past 11 O'clock. Toast. Thanks Ray-a-oke, it was great also. I almost forgot I want to thank Santa Ean for taking time for all the kids who just loved the Santa at the lodge. I want to thank everyone again who helped with this event. I really appreciate it. It's folks like y'all is what keeps us going! Andy has our #816 Bloody Mary fixing for New Years Stag & Doe Day, you know they are so good!!

There will be no regular meeting on the 1st per the DD. Stag & Doe starts at 11 for all who want to attend. The DD clinic in Waverly on the 11th, if you want to attend, we are meeting at the lodge and leaving between 8-8:30. As of the 23rd we have had 205 deer hides. A little down from last year but we appreciate any we received. I want to thank the members that came and helped get them ready to be shipped off. As you might guess, it's not the most pleasant job to do, so thank you guys again for that help.

January meals are burgers on the 6th, tacos on the 13th, BLTs (and they are so good) on the 20th. The 24th is our only Saturday meal of turkey tetrazzini, salad and dessert. The 27th will be pizza. Come out and enjoy one of our great meals. Not to sound like I'm bragging, but our lodge has the best cooks anywhere around.

We will have to start work on our new budget after the new year for next year. If you think of anything we need, please contact one of the trustees or officers with it. Looking ahead we will have a Super Bowl party on February 8th and Helping Hand on February 10th. Pass Exalted Ruler night is February 6th. Anyone that would like to get more involved with the lodge as an officer, please get a hold of any of us. It would be great to have you serve.

Another heads up, we will be having our steak and shrimp on Valentines Day. I've been to the last 3 and the steak is great, they are cooked just right. Plan on getting signed up when the list goes up. You won't be disappointed.

As I always say, the building on Russell Street is just a building and can't be a Lodge #816 without you, our fine members. Remember Elk Care and Elk Share generously. I hope to see all of you soon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Paris Elks Lodge, #816

There will not be a meeting on January 1st. Come out to the Lodge for Stag & Doe Day. Bring a snack, enjoy Andy's 816 Bloody Mary, and watch some games. Starts at 11:00.

Thanks to all who attended the Memorial Service. It is a very moving service to pay respect to our departed members, regardless of what year they have passed.

Deer Hides program is wrapping up for this year. Thanks to all the have helped. This is a great program that supplies wheelchair gloves to veterans in the VA units and homes. Every hide counts, so thanks for those that helped and those that donated.

Dues notices will be going out soon. Be sure to get your dues paid to the lodge as soon as you get the notice. We are required to pay the Grand Lodge up front, not as we collect. Don't put it off, get them sent in.



Turkey Tetrazzini

1/24/26

6pm

Sign up Facebook
or at the lodge

Do you know an outstanding volunteer at your Lodge? Nominate them for your state's Elks National Veterans Service Veteran Volunteer of the Year! This award recognizes excellent Members who serve veterans in their communities throughout the year. This honor is given to two individuals from each State Association, usually one man and one woman. The winners are selected from nominations sent to each State ENVSC Chair—and now is the time to send in your nominations. Veteran service has always been an important part of being an Elk, from last century to this one. As 2024-25 Volunteer of the Year winner from Arkansas, Joy Gunter, explained, "The Elks are continuously thinking of new things that we can do for our veterans." Gunter serves as the Voluntary Service Representative at the VA Medical Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She visits the hospital several times each month, consistently providing activities like bingo with snacks, and special events that give veterans something to look forward to. Recently, she and her fellow Elks cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for a fishing derby at the VA. Another Volunteer of the Year award winner who is making a difference for veterans is Judith Wutzke from Lewiston, Idaho. Judith supports programs at the Idaho Veterans Home like meals for sporting events, craft making, and the Bakes and Bites program, which allows veterans to create their own dishes and share memories. These activities help veterans stay connected with each other. Volunteers like these are just two examples of the many Elks serving veterans every day. Make sure the volunteers in your Lodge know you appreciate them. Nominations for the Veteran Volunteer of the Year Awards are due by January 31, 2026. To nominate someone from your Lodge, please visit our website to fill out a form and send it to your State Veterans Chair at elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.

What's Cookin'

**Saturday January 24th will be a new meal for the lodge.
Turkey Tetrazzini, salad and dessert. If the ladies are
Making it, you know it will be good!
Sign up early at the lodge**

To Our Absent Members

**Prayers go out to the sick and shut in members. Also keep
our service men and women and our first responders in your
prayers.**

BIRTHDAYS

Important Dates:

1/1 Stag & Doe
 1/6 Burgers
 1/11 DD Clinic in Waverly
 1/13 Tacos
 1/15 Meeting
 1/19 Board Meeting
 1/20 BLT's
 1/24 Turkey Tetrazinni
 1/27 PIZZA

5 Frank Vozel
 15 Kerri Atwill
 16 Patrick Underwood
 Larry Watson
 19 Debra Stoope
 22 Miguel Castellanos
 Dana Tillett
 26 Molly Jackson
 30 Lee Ross



Sign Up



January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Stag& Doe 11:00	2	3
4	5	6 Burgers 	7 Closed	8	9	10
11 DD Clinic	12	13 Tacos 	14 Closed	15 Meeting	16	17
18	19 Board Meeting	20 BLT's 	21 Closed	22	23	24 TURKEY TETRAZINNI
25	26	27 PIZZA 	28 Closed 8	29	30	31

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

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

**Saturday, February 14th will be Steak & Shrimp at the lodge.
Bring your sweetheart and enjoy a nice meal at the lodge.
Get signed up early.**

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

◀ January	February 2026						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
S Superbowl Party 3:00	9	10 HELPING HANDS	11	12	13	14 Steak & Shrimp 6:00	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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