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August Birthdays

Day	Name	Day	Name
02	Belew, Bart Wayne	16	Blackmon, Phillip
02	Dinning, Van	18	Eddings, Gary
03	Hopper, David W.	19	Randolph, Ginger
04	Dudley, Robert T.	20	Brooks, Eric E
04	Klutts, Paul Dudley	20	Hutcherson, Kyle
05	Messenger, Harry F.	21	Bone, Joshua
05	Sledd, William T		
06	Carpenter, John W.	22	Doran, Colin
06	Sawyer, Kourtney	23	Hammonds, Jeff
07	Owen, Kody Teeter	23	Spence, Mike
09	Sanders, Mike	24	Budine, James L
10	White, James B	26	Cross, Joseph B
11	Cosby, Jeff	26	Freeman, Harry
13	Johnson, Tommy	28	Mansfield, Wade
13	Trevathan, Frank	29	Forrester, Chad
		31	Doster, Terry Mack



Come to the Lodge for Dinner.

Bring the family; Excellent accommodations and menu; Friendly atmosphere; Smoke Free; Family oriented.

Note new Dinning Hours: Serving now starts at 5 PM

Wednesday & Friday Night Meals: Full Menu includes Steaks, Burgers, Pork, Fish, Chicken, and Seafood selections. **Chef's Specials also offered.** We serve the best rib eye steaks around. **Rib eye steak** with sides and salad is featured. Try the new bacon wrapped **Pork Filet**; you will be very pleased. If you would like **Appetizers**, we have a fresh supply of breaded mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, cheese curds, fried green beans, onion skins, deep fried pickles, fried tomatoes, buffalo chicken wings, and more. Come to the Lodge for a social hour and try the menu. This is a great opportunity to not cook and to come to the Lodge for an excellent meal.

*** If you have any ideas for menu items to serve for our Wednesday night meals, please let us know. We are seeking new ideas and need to know what everyone would like.

Carry-out service for the menu is available. It is always great if you can come to the lodge for dinner and a visit, but if you can't stay for some reason just come by the Lodge or call at 364-9841 and your meal will be prepared for you to take out at a time that is convenient for you. (This would be a great way of having a delicious meal after attending prayer- meeting on Wednesday night).

Please Note!!! The Lodge is now accepting credit and debit cards for payment.

*Cards can be accepted only from members in good standing, no guest payments. There will be a 5% convenience fee added to the total bill to cover the card company's service charges. Also, an **ATM** is available in the front lobby to use to obtain cash.*

Lounge Activities for August

The Lounge is open all week (Tue. – Sat.) during normal hours (4pm – 10 / 11pm).

Pool Table, Dart Board, and Juke box available for games and entertainment.

Come by the Lodge to visit with fellow Elks and participate in the activities.



Businessmen's Dinner – There will be a dinner on the third Monday in August (Aug 17). The menu will be Fish & Country Ham. If you would like to get on the list to sponsor a group for the dinner, just give a call to **Richard Trevathan** at 731-514-1345 and he will be more than happy to sign you up. The Lodge would like to thank all the **Faithful Sponsors**. Without their support we could not continue to host this important event. We appreciate your support:



WHY AN ELK?

WHY BE A MEMBER of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks?

BECAUSE.... Through the Elks National Foundation, a perpetual fund with assets of nearly eight hundred million dollars, we provide more than \$54 million each year for college scholarships, grants for higher education to children of deceased Elks and other charitable, benevolent endeavors.

BECAUSE.... Through our local Lodge, district, state, and national programs, we provide healthful activities, guidance and assistance to millions of boys and girls every year. We fund scholarships, athletic teams, and drug education programs. We encourage civic and patriotic involvement, as well as family-oriented activities in our Lodges.

BECAUSE.... In our Lodge civic leaders prominent in public, business and professional life can be found. In our Lodge smiling faces and a warm welcome await you as an Elk. You'll never have to stand alone in an uncaring world around you, now that you are member of the Elks family.

GRAND LODGE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Timothy F. Jaeger of the Napa, CA Lodge No. 832 was elected Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2026–2027 year. Before becoming the GER, he served as the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. His theme this year is “Ready Elks – Let’s Go.” It means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things Elks strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place.

Our newly appointed **District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler** for the Tennessee West District is Matt Carroll from the Dresden Lodge. He will be serving throughout the coming year of 2026-2027.

There were approximately 7,200 members attending the convention. Matt and McKenzie Carroll, Wade and Cristy Pittman, Donny Smith, and Bob Page attended from our Lodge.

The 2025-2026 **Membership Report** was filed on line via CLMS2. As of March 31, the Order ended the year with a total membership of over 900,000. Tennessee had a positive membership growth for the year.

Likewise, the **Annual Charity Reports** show the Order donated over \$544 Million in time, mileage, and in-kind gifts.

Four resolutions were voted upon. All resolutions were house-keeping in nature and were passed.

The coming year of 2027/2028 **Grand Lodge dues assessment** will be set from \$34 to \$37 according to the Lodge’s liability insurance rating.

The **Grand Lodge annual budget** for the 20262027 Lodge year will be \$9,553,815.00.

There will be a **District Deputy Clinic** on August 9 held at the Paris Lodge. The meeting begins at 10AM. The Board of Directors are required to attend.



Dresden Elks Lodge is partnering with and helping to sponsor the **Weakley County Back Pack Program**. We received a **\$3500 Beacon Grant** and a **\$2500 Sunshine Grant** from the Elks National Foundation to help fund this program. Packing of the food items will begin on **September 1** at the Community Life Center of First Baptist Church in Dresden. We need Elk volunteers to help get the food packed and distributed. Make plans to help. It will only take about an hour of your time.

Sickness and Distress

Please remember to call Bob Page or send an email when you hear of someone who needs to be mentioned under Sickness or Distress or could use a card or a call.

Dr. Richard Hutcherson is recuperating from his recent illness at a Huntingdon. TN Rehabilitation Center .

All members should register on the **official Elks web sites**. You go to **elks.org** and **TNelks.org** and select the member’s only tab. You then enter a user name and password. There is a wealth of information provided to you through the website. The TN Elks password is “Elks”.

Meeting Night -- 4th Tuesday August 25
See you at the meeting. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

July meeting notes: Meeting was held on July 28.

Candidates balloted and awaiting initiation:

Jacob Lynn Vickery, Gleason; D B Trucking; Proposed by Ginger Randolph.
Alex Sims, Dresden; RN; Proposed by Thomas Sims.

Candidates proposed for membership:

Cheryll Ann Nichols, Dresden; Retired nurse; Proposed by James Washburn.

Financial reports were given. All bills against the Lodge were read, approved, and have been paid.

There are some major repairs needed for the Lodge. The 3 HVAC systems serving the dining room and kitchen have stopped functioning. The ice machine has quit working. The cost of repairs will be approximately \$10 to \$12 thousand dollars.

The Board of Directors met on July 14 to discuss the repairs needed at the Lodge and a financial plan to pay for them. At the July 28 regular Lodge meeting a motion as presented by the BOD unanimously passed to make the needed repairs and fund the costs. Work is in progress trying to raise the money for making the repairs.

The Business Men's Dinner was held July 20. 100 sponsors and guests enjoyed the Rib-eye Steak Dinner.

The Tennessee Elks Association Board of Directors meeting will be held Aug. 1 at the Nashville/Franklin Lodge. Wade Pittman (BOD member), Matt Carroll (DDGER), and Bob Page (PSP) will be attending.

****NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:** At the July 28 regular Lodge meeting a motion from the By-Laws Committee was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to make the proposed General Revisions to the Lodge By-Laws and House Rules a special order of business at the Sep 8 regular Lodge meeting. The purpose of this special order of business is to discuss and vote upon the General Revision of the Lodge By-Laws and House Rules. Any other changes can also be considered and discussed.

MEMBERSHIP

Dresden Lodge has 321 active members as of July 1; 53 members have yet to pay their dues. Look at your Elks membership as a means **for a better future for our youth; a better future for your community; a better future for our veterans; a better future for our nation.**

Membership Dues for all members for the current lodge year (2026/2027) are due and payable now. The amount for the dues is \$109.00. The breakdown of the dues is: Lodge dues \$70; Grand Lodge and State assessments are \$39.00 (Grand Lodge dues \$6.50; Liability insurance \$24.00; Elks Magazine \$5.50; State Association dues \$3.00). The Lodge is now accepting payment. Please pay as soon as possible. You can renew your membership for the coming year by making payment to Dresden Elks Lodge # 2373 and mailing to 449 South Poplar St., Dresden, TN 38225. Better yet, bring them to the Lodge and see what is happening.

**** Do not forget to also include a contribution to ENF. (Our Lodge receives nearly \$5 back for every dollar donated). Thank you for your prompt attention and support.**



The Dresden Antler is now available by e-mail! Just e-mail ***dresdenelks@gmail.com*** with your name in the subject line to sign up! This would save much paper and postage. We can also get you the bulletin much quicker than by snail mail.

What did the moose say when the Elk stole her Chocolate?
How Deer You?



ELKs Care -- Elks Share.

If you know of someone that would make a good Elk, ask them to join our Order.