



ELK NEWS

MADISON LODGE NO. 2473
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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

OCTOBER 2025

A WORD FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

Hello Elks! I hope September has been a great month for you. Thank you again to Kenny Parker and all of the pool players for your continued dedication to our successful billiards tournaments on the weekends. Thank you to Trustee, Debby Scudder, for all of her hard work with our Veterans in the community. I also want to thank James and Danielle Sloan for stepping up and doing a great job cooking at our Labor Day cookout. We had a great turnout at our September Initiation! We have 8 new members. Congratulations!!

October is going to be a really busy month for our Lodge. The Fall hours begins and we will open earlier at **11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday**. Our biggest fundraiser, the **Turkey Shoot**, opens the weekend of Saturday **October 4th**. We are also having A **Smoke Off** on October 4th to raise money for **Wreaths Across America** that will be held at our Lodge on December 13th. A big thank you for the donations for the Silent Auction that will be held that day. October is also breast cancer awareness month and our Lodge will be hosting a **brunch on October 18th** with all the proceeds going to the Elks National Foundation. You can purchase your ticket at the Lodge the day of, please RSVP on the sign up sheet at the Lodge. On Halloween, Friday **October 31st**, The Lodge Youth Activities Committee will be at the Madison Community Center handing out candy at 4:00 p.m. That evening there will be a Lodge party with a band. As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer and help raise money for our charities. Please just ask how you can get involved.

Your officers will be attending the Tennessee Elks Association Mid year conference in Jackson, Tennessee on the second weekend in October. We continue to represent our Lodge and highlight all the good work we are doing in our community. Please come to our 2 Lodge meetings in **October on the 2nd and 16th at 7:00 p.m.** to learn of ways that you can help. At our Lodge meeting on October 2nd we will have a visit from our District Deputy, Dwayne Skeen, with a dinner. Sign up to bring a side item with the Club Manager. See you at the Lodge!

Steve Murff / Member / ER

Lodge Officers:

Steve Murff
Exalted Ruler

Audrey Anderson
Leading Knight

Stuart Walden
Loyal Knight

Kenny Parker
Lecturing Knight

Adam Lowe
Secretary

Ashley Davidson
Treasurer

Alvin Murff
Tiler

Vacant
Esquire
Vacant
Chaplain
Vacant
Inner Guard

Trustees:

Debby Scudder
John Hutchinson
Bobby Smith

LODGE HOURS:

Monday - Closed
 Tuesday 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
 Wednesday 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
 Thursday 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
 Friday 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.
 Saturday 11a.m. - 1 a.m.
 Sunday 11 a.m.- 10p.m.

A Note From The Lodge Secretary

Happy October to everyone. We should now be in full swing of the new lodge year. The summer is over; it is time to get back to the grind. We still have 69 members who have not paid their dues this year. Out of those 69 members, 14 of them have not paid 2024 and 2025 dues. Those 14 will be dropped on the last day of September if not paid by then. The Bartenders have a list of members who have not paid, and I will hang a list by the bathrooms. If you know these people, please contact them and let them know they need to pay their dues. We invited 16 candidates to our September 20th initiation, only 8 showed up. We still have those other 8 and 3 more for a total of 11 that are waiting for initiation. If you have proposed someone, please make sure you help that candidate through the whole process including making sure they get to initiation. The next time we have initiation, I will send out letter to the proposer as well as the candidate. Let's be the difference and get these candidates into the lodge, to join the greatest fraternity in the world.

Fraternally,
 Adam Lowe PER/ Secretary



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 1. Go to **elks.org** and click "Register" in the upper right hand corner
 2. Read and Accept the terms of Service at the bottom of the page
 3. Fill out the Form with your information and provide your Lodge Number, Member Number, email address and create a password. You will be provided with member-only features and benefits by having set up your account



Fall Hours are here!
 We open at **11 a.m.**
 Saturday & Sunday!!!



Please come into the Lodge to take care of your balance.

Please help to keep our Lodge strong!

Volunteer Opportunity
 Friday-10/31
 Halloween 4:00 p.m.
 Trick / Treat
 Madison Community Center



Turkey Shoot Opens: **10/4 & 10/5**
 Smoke Off: **10/4**
 Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: **10/18**
 No Bullying Festival: **10/25**
 Halloween Party at the Lodge: **10/31**
 Hoop Shoot - TBA
 Kids Christmas Party: **12/6**
 Wreaths Across America: **12/13**

FIRST ANNUAL **SMOKE OFF**
 All proceeds will go to Wreaths Across America
 OCTOBER 4 2025

BBQ \$25 PER CATEGORY
 Chicken
 Ribs
 Butts

ALL items must be cooked on site at Lodge
 Will be judged at 5 pm

80/90 Silent auction SIDES
 \$15 pork plate Beans
 cash bar Slaw
 Potato Salad

\$25 ENTRY

Madison Elks Lodge 2473
 308 Williams Ave.
 Madison TN 37115

Jim Gustin Band 8-12

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TURKEY SHOOT

Turkey Shoot starts **Saturday Oct 4**
 -October thru February-
 every weekend 12pm - til?

We are excited to kick off our annual Turkey Shoot! Everyone is invited to participate. Thank you to our Trustee, Bobby Smith, for taking on this Lodge fundraiser. Please come out to support your Lodge!

Your Lodge will be having two meetings in October. Please come in and learn about what is going on at your Lodge.



October 2nd 7 p.m.
October 16th 7 p.m.

Last Month your Lodge
wELKcomed 8 New Members!



- 1st Valerie Smiley
- 2nd Michael Cutshaw
- 4th Michael Breeden
- 5th Stuart Walden
- 7th Mony Parker
- 13th Judith Miller
- 13th Anna Stotts
- 16th Lawrence Ericksen
- 18th Steven Anderson
- 21st Clinton Sosna
- 23rd Molli Sullivan
- 24th Judy Polston
- 26th James Autry
- 26th Gloria Light
- 27th Thomas Lupp
- 28th Charles Moore
- 29th Sandy McKnight



Come in and meet our new members:

- Don Hernandez
- David Rogers
- Molli Sullivan
- Chivonne Peeler
- Clayton Sandlin
- Cynthia Shelton
- Charles Shelton
- Jackie Myers

I LINE UP LIKE A PRO...

Elks Humor 😊



AND MISS LIKE A LEGEND.

Every Saturday at 7 p.m. & Sunday at 2 p.m.

We would love to see YOU at The Lodge for the pool tournament!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All are invited to the Lodge to help raise awareness and money for ENF - The Elks National Foundation.

Please RSVP at the Lodge or text 615-496-8370

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch

Saturday October 18th 11:00 a.m.
All are invited. \$25 per person.
All proceeds donated to ENF
Wear pink to support the fight against breast cancer.

Let's come together in honor of those in our life who have been affected by breast cancer.

Sickness and Distress



Please keep in your prayers:
Sue & Tom Miliken;
Geraldine Wade;
Kimberly Lewis;
Sandy Girton;
Jeanne Leitch's brother;
Eva Jenkins;
Pam Nolen;
Mike Caperton;
Dale Ivey;
Glenn & Anna Stotts;
Howard & Queenie Kirby;
Tom Sirten - grandmother passed;
Jean Lietch - nephew passed.

In The Coming Weeks Be on the Lookout for Information on how you can Donate to a Veteran at Christmas. Thank you to Trustee Debby Scudder for organizing.



December 13, 2025

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS across AMERICA

Welcome District 3 Elks



The Lodge Youth Activities Committee will once again be out in our community engaging with the youth. Please reach out to Linda Brown if you are interested in helping to represent our Lodge.

May God Bless All, our Military, Veterans, First Responders and The United States of America!

Elks Care - Elks Share

Metro Parks STANDS UP AGAINST BULLYING
Madison Elks 2473

UNITY DAY Celebration!

LET'S JOIN HAND IN HAND TO STOP BULLYING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH 10AM - 1PM

Southeast Regional Center Greenspace
5260 Hickory Hollow Parkway
Nashville, TN 37013

Food Trucks, Games, Inflatables, Prizes, Vendors, & More

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We post many updates to our calendar of events and it is a wonderful way to stay involved.



God Bless Our Flag And God Bless America!