



ELK NEWS

MADISON LODGE NO. 2473
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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

September 2025

A WORD FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Dear Fellow Elks,

I want to thank our Lodge's Activities Committee for representing our Lodge at the Back to School Bash and Night Out Against Crime held in August at Madison Park. A special thank you to P.E.R. Linda Brown for organizing our table to hand out the pencil pouches for the backpacks! We have another great event scheduled on **September 13th** for the Good Neighbors festival at Amqui Station. On **October 18th** we have a "No Bullying" event. Both of these would be a great way for you to get involved and volunteer at our Elks' Table.

A big thank you to Debby Scudder and our Lodge's Fraternal Committee's Veteran's committee for taking care of our veterans! She was able to drop off much needed clothing and other goodies because of your continued generous donations.

I also want to thank everyone at the Lodge for all of the hard work you put in for the two memorial services held at our Lodge. On the 9th the Lodge held a service for John Bodily. On the 24th the Lodge had a service for P.E.R. and Lifetime Member Gary Wayne Brown. Both events were well attended and were so successful because everyone pitched in and brought so much food. To our Absent Members!

To say the least, our Lodge was very busy in August working in the community and taking care of our members. We continue to have thriving pool tournaments on the weekends and I would like to say thank you to those that have worked so hard getting the word out about the pool tournaments and getting new members to our Lodge.

I really hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend and to celebrate please come to the Lodge on Monday **September 1st** for hotdogs and hamburgers. We will eat at 2 p.m. Please bring sides. We will also have an Initiation Ceremony for new Members on Saturday **September 20th**. Come out and meet your new Members and 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 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- Sunday Noon - 10 p.m.

A Note From The Lodge Secretary

Goodbye August, Hello September,
 I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. September is the time to get back into the Lodge. It has been a month since I took over as your secretary. I have made progress, but there is still a lot to do.
 We currently have 81 delinquent members. Remember you cannot come into the Lodge and take part in activities without paying your dues. Out of that 81, we have about 15 that are over a year late. I will post those people on the board by the bathroom. If you know them, reach out to them. They should've been dropped before April first of this year. If they have not paid by October 31, they will be dropped then. Dues are due on April 1st every year. Even if you pay your dues late, they are still due by the first. Dues help keep the lodge operating, so please pay them.
 We will be having initiation on **September 20**. If you have proposed someone and they are coming in to be a member, you as the proposer should be there to support them. If you are a proposer of a member coming in, please make plans to attend the initiation as well.
 I hope to see everyone in the Lodge. More than likely, I am in the office doing work. Come back and say hello to me.
 Fraternally,
 Adam Lowe P.E.R.
 Secretary



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 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

Please come into the Lodge to take care of your balance. Please help to keep our Lodge strong!



Lodge Opens at Noon on Labor Day - Monday September 1st. Dinner is at 2 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Come in to the Lodge for fellowship with your Elk brothers and sisters!



- Labor Day Bash : 9/1 - 2 p.m.
- Titans Game #1 party : 9/7 - 3 p.m.
- Good Neighbors Festival : 9/13 - 11 a.m.
- Initiation : 9/20
- Turkey Shoot Opens : 10/4
- Breast Cancer Awareness dinner : tba
- No Bullying Festival : 10/18
- Kids Christmas Party : 12/6
- Wreaths Across America : 12/13



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SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 13

FESTIVAL 11AM - 5PM
 MADISON STATION BOULEVARD
 CONCERT 7PM
 HARKEN HALL

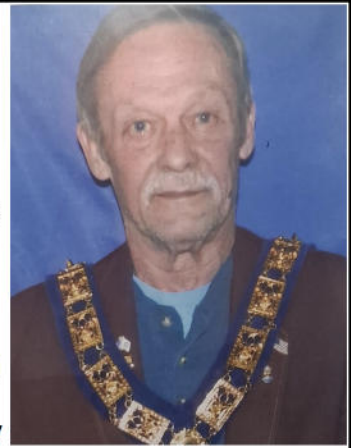
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Good Neighbor Festival - Supporting the community we love!
 Volunteer to work our Elk table at the festival. Please reach out to Linda Brown if you are interested.

Your Lodge is back to having two meetings a month in September. Please come in and learn about what is going on at your Lodge.
September 4th 7 p.m.
September 18th 7 p.m.

- 3 Leslie Wright
- 4 Bob Stuerke
- 5 Janey Morris
- 7 Britt Smith
- 9 Carolyn Oliver
- 10 Carolyn Primrose
- 10 Jody Turpin
- 11 Cecil Craig
- 11 Sara Goff
- 11 Steve Riddell
- 12 Thomas Phillips
- 13 Randall Anderson
- 13 John Redding
- 16 Christy Autry
- 17 Bailey Long
- 20 Jana Elkins
- 21 Grady McNeal
- 21 Patricia Shenk
- 23 Glenn Stotts
- 23 Jay Wilson
- 24 John Hutchison
- 25 Glenn Bailey
- 25 Lanny Mooneyham
- 25 Judy Swift
- 26 Lacie Pope

It is our Noble Duty to announce the passing of our Madison, Tennessee - Lodge #2473 P.E.R. Lifetime Member Mr. Gary Wayne Brown on August 14th. Mr. Brown's legacy will continue to inspire us. He was a born-true Madison, Tennessee man, that is what he always said. May God bless his family and many friends.



Our Lodge held a service for Mr. Brown on Sunday August 24th. Pictured is his daughter Rachael and his sister P.E.R. Linda Brown.





Be The Difference!

This is our Grand Exalted Ruler's "theme" for the 2025-26 Lodge year. The Lodge needs you to **Be The Difference** for our Order.

Below Left:
3rd Year Trustee Debby Scudder at the Elks' Table for the Back to School Bash.

Below Right:
P.E.R. Linda Brown with Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell with member Samantha Blackburn at Night Out Against Crime.

Be The Difference...in a veterans's life. **Be The Difference...**in a student's life. **Be The Difference...**in your Lodge. Your Lodge has so many ways to get involved for you to **Be The Difference** to further our commitment to charity!

The Lodge will continue to make a major difference in our committee with your help. Please continue to reach out to your Lodge leaders and asking for ways to get involved. Whether it is working our table handing out supplies at a Back To School Bash, meeting and greeting first responders at the Night Out Against Crime or handing out goodies for the children at the No Bullying Event, the Lodge needs you to **Be The Difference**.



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Sickness and Distress



Please keep in your prayers:

- Kimberly Lewis,
- Sandy Girton,
- Jeanne Leitch's brother,
- Eva Jenkins,
- Pam Nolen,
- Mike Caperton,
- Dale Ivey,
- Glenn & Anna Stotts,
- Howard & Queenie Kirby
- Andrew Craig,
- Cassie Birdwell passing of her sister

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

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God Bless Our Flag And God Bless America!