



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

April, 2024

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

Officers:

Exalted Ruler

Terri Vandiver

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Bill Cobb

Loyal Knight

Mary Snellgrove

Lecturing Knight

Jack Sapp

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Theresa Cantrell

Soloist

Wendy Thompson

Treasurer

Pam Cobb

Secretary

Reeda Hall

I am so excited to be elected as your Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025. I will retire July 1 with 29 years as a High School Teacher and Principal in the Catoosa County School system. Barry Vandiver and I have been married almost 30 years and have four grown boys. We are so excited to be a part of Elkdom and have developed so many lasting friendships during our 10 years as members. We have a great group of officers, Past Exalted Rulers, and Committee members that will be there to help guide me in the right direction. I commend David Thompson for a job well done. He laid the foundation for our Lodge to be one of the best in our district and state and we will continue to maintain that status. This year will be about getting our current and new members more involved. Our members are the most important part of our organization and they are the final authority of our Lodge. Everything we do is to benefit you, our members and our community. As our membership continues to grow to almost 800 members, our hope is to get everyone involved in one or more of our committees and projects. Elks do so much for Veterans, Education, Community Outreach and EVERYONE needs to be involved. We will start off the year with a major project of building an outside area to replace the gazebo. This has become a popular place for our members and it needs updating with heat and air conditioning. Watch for a lot of new activities, and events as we plan for a very exciting year of Elkdom. Elks care and Elks share is exactly what we are all about.



Terri Vandiver
Exalted Ruler

Fraternally, Terri

Welcome Our New Members

On March 25 we initiated 12 new members: L to R, Front Row: Frank Logan, Jamaine Crews, Cindy Allen, Faith Goodman, Dan Broom, Randall Marshall; Back Row: James Ivey, Dylan Paris, Brent James, Eric Novelli, Stan Keirse, Kevin Baker. Please welcome our new Elks into our Lodge and encourage them to participate in our many charitable and social activities.



Congratulations New Elks!

VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Congratulations John "Gunny" Manzek

John was a member of the United States Marines for 21 years. His Basic training was at Paris Island. From Basic Training he was stationed in Beaufort, South Carolina. He returned to Paris Island as a Drill Instructor for two years. John was then stationed in Iwakuma, Japan for two year and Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii for three years. From there he was stationed at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania in the Avionics Division. He was sent back to Iwakuma, Japan, then to Memphis, Tennessee as a Senior Marine Phase 4 Avionics School. John finished his career at Whidbey Island.

Thank you for your dedication, loyalty and service to our country and Elks!

New Flooring and Big Thank you!

If you have visited the Lodge recently, you will have noticed that we have new flooring. I want to thank my committee, that put in over 6 months going over flooring options, styles, and colors to arrive at the flooring you see today. We chose carpet planks that can be replaced if they become damaged. With proper care and maintenance, this flooring should look good for years. Please take time to thank the committee members: Terri Vandiver, Mary Snellgrove, Pam Cobb, Jan Harbort, Vicky Fox, and David Wardlaw. Also, thanks to Lee Helton for his repair work in the Atrium which was important for the completion of the job.

Fraternally, Neal Butler





From the Secretary.....

Believe it or not I do run out of things to say! (Keep the heckling to yourselves.) Short and simple we need you to pay your dues. Just a friendly reminder your membership card is the key to the door not your bartender. All of the Keycard locks will be changed on April 1st, including the pool door, pool gate and new back gate entry. You will not be served in the Social Club unless you are current, and you cannot even attend lodge meetings if you are not current on your dues. For those of you going to the annual convention, make sure you are paid, and you have the new card in your possession. Those that continue to lose or misplace your card, when you request a replacement attach that request to a donation to one of our charities. I will be more inclined to spend the lodge funds and my time to make a replacement for you when charity is involved. A special thanks to every member that added a donation to your Dues payment. We received several and every dollar counts. When most of the dues are posted I will share with you the results of those efforts. Anyone can contribute to any of our Charities throughout the year. Pam and I make deposits every week and we are happy to add donations to those. Most popular: Charity Account, Veterans Account, ENF, TEBT, Building Fund & Elks Kids Activities. One last thought, a HUGE THANKS to all the folks that have helped me this past year with membership, dues, charitable reports, meeting preparations and daily tasks that sometimes get behind. I am truly grateful and appreciative of everything that you do.

Fraternally, **Reeda**



Reeda Hall, Secretary

Caroline Holmes Named as Teen of The Year

Chattanooga Elks Lodge recently named and recognized Caroline Holmes as Teen of the Year. Caroline, 16, is the daughter of Elks member Michael and Kristin Holmes, She is a sophomore at East Hamilton High School. She currently holds the titles of Cheerleader USA, Jr. Teen; Miss Hamilton County Teen USA ; Top 12 at Miss Tennessee Teen USA; and America's Ideal Miss Middle Tennessee Teen. She is the founder of Modeling Kindness Camp which she has held at the Lodge for two years. Caroline has recorded over 450 community service hours and is a cheerleader on the East Hamilton Varsity team.



Dr. Suess Reading Day




Dr. Suess with Thing 1 and Thing 2 read stories to the children at the Lodge in celebration of Dr. Suess Day.



A big crowd attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony to retire over 100 American Flags.

Flag Retirement Ceremony





Thursday,
April 4
7:00pm

Sign up
Thursday night to play!
Homemade Pizzas

Past Exalted Rulers Donate to Drug Awareness

Thank you to our members and guests, the PERs donated \$1,230 from the last fundraising event toward the purchase of our own Drug Awareness and Emergency Trailer.



April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOLS	2 Lodge Meeting 7pm Budget Presented	3 Smoked Korean BBQ Pork Loin, Fried Rice, Fried Cabbage, Egg Roll	4 TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm	5 Karaoke w/John 7pm 	6 PER Meeting 1pm
7 Brunch 11am-2pm	8 Soup NCAA Championship	9 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	10 Wing Night! 1 dz. Dry Rub or Buffalo	11 TENNESSEE ELKS STATE CONVENTION Gatlinburg, Tennessee	12 	13
14 Brunch 11am-2pm Indoctrination 3:00pm	15 Soup	16 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7pm Budget Approval	17 Cheese Burger, French Fries, Onion Rings	18	19 Family Entertainment <i>Members Only</i>	20 Pool Clean Up 8am-12pm <i>Bill Capehart Open Party</i> 7pm
21 Brunch 11am-2pm <i>DD Clinic Knoxville</i>	22 Soup	23	24 Salmon Pattys, Fried Okra, Squash Casserole, Cole Slaw	25	26 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm 	27 Drug Take Back 10am-2pm <i>Private Party</i>
28 Brunch 11am-2pm	29 Soup	30				

2024-2025 Committee Chairs

Auditing & Accounting

Gary Harwell

Activities

Mary Snellgrove

Fraternal

David Thompson

Accident Prevention

Phil Tucker

PER Association

Richard Dean

Public Relations

Kelly Williams

Golf Tournament

Lee Ann Bachus/Shelia Malicoat

Pool & Landscaping

David Thompson

Club Board

Terri Vandiver

Lodge Bulletin

Kelly Williams

Elks Charities

Terri Vandiver

Scholarships

Pat Horton/
Charlie Kessler

Website

Reeda Hall

Arbitrator

Earl Howell

Grants

Elizabeth McWilliams

EVENTS:

Polar Plunge

Regina Burks

Angel Tree

Cindy Houser

Wreaths Across America

Mary Snellgrove

Black Dress

Cheryl Howell/Kim Thompson

Chinese Auction

Lisa Paty

Derby Event

Gina Bryan

Orientation/Indoctrination

Mary Snellgrove/Cindy Houser

Outreach Coordinator

Cappi Chambers

There are many "Sub" Committees under the committees above. If you are interested in being involved, please see the Committee Chair or ER Terri Vandiver. The more help, the better we serve our community and members!