



# CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

May, 2024

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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Terri Vandiver

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**Loyal Knight**

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Dawn Whitener

David Thompson

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**Esquire**

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**Tiler**

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**Historian**

Theresa Cantrell

**Soloist**

Wendy Thompson

**Treasurer**

Pam Cobb

**Secretary**

Reeda Hall

Wow, it seems like just yesterday we were writing the April newsletter. May is an eventful month that will begin with a fabulous Derby Party on May 4, 2024. May is the month the pool opens and Memorial Day celebrations begin. State convention was a huge success and we brought home some very impressive awards; Elks National Foundation East District top contributor and State wide winner for most donations per capita. We raised more than \$24,000 from the lodge. Thank you to Matt Brownfield for his leadership in reaching this extraordinary goal. Also, thank you to Vicky Fox and Matt Brownfield for being recognized as a major contributor to ENF. Because of the amount we donated to ENF, we received every bit of the money back in grants and veterans programs. We have a couple of very big Veterans projects that are in the planning stages. We received the \$10,000 Impact Grant so we will be starting our "Home Sweet Home" project again this year to help Veterans of low income families. Also, this year we will hold the Veterans Expo again on June 22, 2024. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to help with these two projects. I appreciate all the members that have volunteered to be on a committee. I am so excited to have Cappi Chambers as our Chairperson for the Volunteer Committee. She will be reaching out to our members, current and new, to recruit people to help with different



Terri Vandiver  
Exalted Ruler

committees, projects, and events. If you would like to reach out to her you can contact her, you can email her at [cappic3@aol.com](mailto:cappic3@aol.com) or myself at [tv7260@epbfi.com](mailto:tv7260@epbfi.com) Everyone please be sure to read your newsletter and listen to announcements on Friday nights for very important information.



2024 Lodge Officers not pictured: Dawn Whitener, Neal Butler

Fraternally, Terri

## Welcome Our New Members

On April 16 we initiated 12 new members: L to R, Front Row: Tondra Morrison, Brooke Hummel, Lisa Bencaz, Belvely Davis, Nan Tarver, Bill Venable; Back Row: Chase Pendergraft, Josh Parker, Nathan Bryant, Shawn Shipley, Charles Claypoo, Robert Stence. 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 Wayne Osborne**



Wayne served in the United States Army from 1982-1986. His Basic Training and AIT training were held at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was sent to Fort Orr, California to serve in the Infantry Division after which he returned to Fort Benning as an Instructor. He was stationed in Korea from 1985-1986. Wayne was sent back to Fort Benning where he retired.

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

To Our Absent Member  
Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken...

**David Satterfield**



## 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 were 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. Most popular: Charity Account, Veterans Account, ENF, TEBT, Building Fund and 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.



Reeda Hall, Secretary

Fraternally, **Reeda**

## Chattanooga Lodge Brings Home Awards and Members Installed as State Officers



Our Lodge received three awards during the recent State Convention: Certificate from TEBT for meeting our Lodge quota in financial support and from ENF 1st Place in the Eastern District and 1st Place in the State for Highest Per Capita donations!

Thank you to you our members! In addition several of our members were installed as State Officers: Reeda Hall, President Elect;

Matt Brown, Vice President-East; Bob Williams, Vice-President Elect-East; Neal Butler, Board Member; and Richard Dean, Board Member. **New State President: Bill Roper, Pulaski #1827.**



## IN THE NEWS!

Our own Cindi Hurtt was recognized as "Chattanooga VA volunteer spends thousands of hours helping homeless veterans begin again" by News Channel 9's Kim Whitfield. Cindi was recognized during Pay It Forward.



**Congratulations Cindi!**



## ROTC AWARD

Member Phil Tucker presented an Elks ROTC Award to Cadet SSG Allison Levi of Sale Creek High School.

**CONGRATULATIONS Cadet SSG Levi!**

**Elks National Veterans Service Commission**  
Mar 25

Thank you veterans! At the Chattanooga VA Clinic in Tennessee, Elks distributed candy and supplies during Patient Appreciation week. Elk members Susan Hardin (left), Joe Prevo (middle), and Roger Burnett (right) show off their banner of thanks to veterans.

**Celebrate Moms**  
Sunday, May 12  
Ceremony at 12noon  
Buffet following  
Moms eat free!

*Happy Mothers Day*

**Kentucky Derby Party**

**Saturday, May 4**  
4:00pm  
\$55 per couple/\$30 single

**Live Band: Wishing Well**  
Food, games and more!

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE LODGE  
NO. 91 OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**

The following are proposed amendments to be added to the Bylaws of Chattanooga Lodge No. 91, to both update those Bylaws and bring them into accord with the Grand Lodge Statutes. **Deletions are in red, with additions in yellow.**

**No. 1: ARTICLE III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

In accord with the recent amendment to Grand Lodge Statute Section 14.20, it is proposed that the age limitation in Section 1 of the Bylaws be removed:

The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment in advance of 25 times the annual regular Lodge dues as set forth in Article X. The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application. **and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.**

**No. 2: ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES, Section 1.**

The following provision is to be added as the last sentence, in accord with Grand Lodge Statute 16.020 to add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board:

The elective Officers of this Lodge shall be an Exalted Ruler, an Esteemed Leading Knight, an Esteemed Loyal Knight, an Esteemed Lecturing Knight, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three Trustees; and no member can simultaneously hold more than one office in the Lodge, elective or appointive. No Lodge Officer shall simultaneously occupy another position in the Lodge, whether as a paid employee or otherwise, when the relationship between the Lodge Office held and the other position occupied is such as to give rise to an apparent, potential or actual conflict of interest.

All Officers shall be elected annually for a one-year term, except that Trustees will hold three-year terms with one Trustee to be elected annually. All Officers and Trustees shall serve until duly removed, or otherwise until their successor is elected and installed. **The Board of Directors shall consist of those officers named above.**

**No. 3: ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES, Section 5. OF THE TREASURER**

The following provision is to be added in accord with Grand Lodge Statute 12.060:

**Section 5.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the Lodge moneys from the Secretary, giving him a receipt therefor; and, except as otherwise provided by By-Laws, he shall be the Treasurer of all Committees of the Lodge, and shall handle all funds of all Committees and of every activity of the Lodge; pay all bills against the Lodge as ordered thereby on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary, except as provided in Section 12.060(f); keeping a correct account, under their proper dates, of the amounts and sources of receipts and the amounts and purposes of disbursements, taking proper vouchers for the various items thereof. He shall, at such times as the Lodge may direct or the Exalted Ruler require, present for examination all books, papers, vouchers, etc., that may be necessary to a proper auditing of his accounts. He shall also perform such other duties as are required by the Lodge, and are compatible with his office. Whenever the amount of unappropriated cash in his possession shall exceed \$10,000.00, he shall notify the Chairman of the Board. He shall present a report at each regular meeting showing the condition of the funds of the Lodge. He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$6,000.00 per annum, payable every two weeks. **The Lodge Treasurer shall attend all District Deputy meetings.**

**No. 4: ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES, Section 1:**

The proposed amendment deletes Section 1 in its entirety and substitutes the following:

Section 1. The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his **twenty-first** birthday shall be **\$150.00, \$50.00** to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

**The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$50.00, \$0.00 to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.**

**The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$50.00, \$0.00 to accompany the proposition, and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.**

The Lodge has not adopted a \$1 reduced initiation fee.

**No. 5: ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES, Section 3 and 4:**

The following amendment is to increase the fees charged for reinstatements and transfers.

**Section 3.** The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be **\$150.00**. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be **\$150.00**. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be **\$150.00** dollars. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be **\$150.00** dollars. The application for an unaffiliated Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge or a Certificate of Release from another Lodge, who has been a bona fide resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge preceding his application for membership herein, and the application of one holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge or who applies for membership on a



Transfer Dimit, will be received and acted upon by this Lodge in the same manner as original applications for membership. An applicant seeking affiliation by Absolute Dimit or Certificate of Release shall pay to this Lodge the fee above specified and a proportionate share of the current dues of this Lodge prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member. An applicant seeking affiliation by Transfer Dimit shall pay to this Lodge the affiliation fee above specified and dues for the period commencing with the period after which he has paid dues to the Lodge which granted the Transfer Dimit.

Section 4. Upon application for reinstatement, a Member whose name has been stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues or debt may have his name restored to the rolls of the membership of the Lodge upon a secret ballot at a regular meeting of the Lodge taken upon such application. If the applicant receives a number of white balls at least equal to two-thirds of the votes cast, he shall be declared reinstated; but if he receives a number of white balls less than an amount equal to two-thirds of the votes cast, he shall be declared to be rejected, without prejudice to a future application after a lapse of six months thereafter. Before such reinstatement, the applicant shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of **\$150.00** and in addition thereto, a proportionate share of the current dues, prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member, together with any indebtedness owing to the Lodge or Club.

**NOTE:**

**These proposed Bylaw deletions and additions will be read to be voted on by members present at the regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

**The Annual meeting of the Corporation will be held at the regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**



# May 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat



*The parking lot behind the Tiki Hut has been relined! Please pay attention to the parking lines/spaces so we can maximize our parking areas! A huge thank you to Lee Helton for relining the lot!*

			1 Hamburger Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn	2 <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 7pm Homemade Pizza	3 <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b> Parade 10am Meet at Lodge at 9am Family Entertainment Members Only Young Life Bake Sale	4 Derby Party 4pm 
5 <b>Conec to the Maze</b> Specials	6 Soup	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 Fried Catfish, Hush puppies, Slaw, Potato salad	9 Homemade Pizza	10	11 Pool Clean Up 8am-12pm
12 <b>Happy Mothers Day</b> Mother's Day Celebration & Buffet 12noon Moms eat free	13 Soup	14 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	15 Cheese-burgers, Fries, Onion Rings  PGA Golf Event	16 Homemade Pizza  Homemade Pizza	17 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm 	18 <b>COMEDY NIGHT</b> ADULT ONLY Comedy Night w/ Tennessee Tramp! \$10 Cover 8:30-9:30pm
19 Brunch 11am-2pm  Indoctrination 1:00pm	20 Soup	21 Lodge Meeting Initiation Annual Corporation Meeting 7pm	22 Fried Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Broccoli	23 Homemade Pizza	24 Family Entertainment Members Only	25 Memorial Day Kick-Off with Band: <b>Soul Survivor</b> 6:30pm
26 Brunch 11am-2pm	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> Poolside Party w/ Ceremony Honoring Veterans 12noon Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs \$6	28	29 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread	30	31 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm 	



**Comedy Night Saturday, May 18 8:30pm**

Featuring: **TENNESSEE TRAMP**

*We don't know what she'll say but you'll have a good time!!*

**ADULTS ONLY \$10 Cover**

## Memorial Day Weekend Kick Off Party and Monday Poolside Party

**Saturday, May 25 Kick Off Party 6:30pm**  
Featuring: **SOUL SURVIVOR** (No Cover)



**Monday, May 27 All Day Celebration**

**Memorial Day Poolside Party Honoring our Veterans**

Ceremony at 12noon      Hot Dogs and Hamburgers \$6 per person

Supporting our Community Volunteers and Veterans!

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

We will be donating the use of our Lodge dining room on Wednesday, May 1 from 11am-2pm to honor local Volunteers and Veterans. This is a Private Event.