



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

January 2024

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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I would like to start my message by wishing all of our members and employees a Happy New Year. The year 2024 will be another great year for our lodge that continues to grow and serve the community.

December was a great month for charitable giving for the lodge. We gave 56 residents at Health Care of Standifer Place gifts through our Angel Tree. We gave 83 stockings to children at the Chambliss Childrens Home. Members donated coats, winter garments, and funds to assist local veterans at the VA clinic of Chattanooga. Thirty-five families received food and presents from our annual Christmas Eve Morning program. Fifty Eagle Scouts of the Cherokee Area Council received a Grand Lodge Certificate and an American Flag from our lodge and \$500 was donated to the Chattanooga Food Bank. Thirteen children were gifted presents from our Lodge members through the Hamilton County Drug Coalition. Thank You lodge members and project leaders for helping our community. Elks Care and Elks Share! In January we will continue to help the community. On January 27th we will have our annual polar plunge raising money for our charities. That same day we will have a Chili cook off and Flag retirement ceremony. Please come out and enjoy the fun. Read the Newsletter and make sure you do not miss out on any of the activities for the upcoming winter!!!



David Thompson, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Fraternally, **David Thompson, ER**



VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Charles Terrell

Charlie served in the United States Coast Guard for four years from August 1965 to August 1969. His Basic Training was held at Cape May, New Jersey. He was then stationed in New Orleans as Storekeeper 2nd Class. E-5 for the duration of his service.

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

Giving to our Veterans

Our VA representatives collected coats and winter apparel for local veterans and homeless veterans. Members donated more than 200 garments and a \$2,000 donation bought additional garments for the winter. Pictured is Josh Green of the VA, Roger Burnett, Theo Young of the VA, and Cindy Hurtt.



Flags Presented to East Brainerd Elementary School



Chattanooga Elks Lodge #91 recently placed 20 flags in classrooms at East Brainerd Elementary School. The American Flags were donated by Tennessee State Representative and Chattanooga Elks Lodge member Esther Helton. The flag poles and flag pole holders were donated by the Chattanooga Elks Lodge. In addition, the school was presented with a "Certificate of Honor" from the Elks for properly flying the American Flag.

Pictured: Commissioner Lee Helton, State Representative and Elks member Esther Helton, Dean of Students Lee Grady and Exalted Ruler of Chattanooga Elks Lodge David Thompson



From the Secretary.....

January is an important month at our lodge, it is the time of year when we start planning for our next fiscal year. In Elkdom our year begins in April; however, February is the month when officers are nominated and elected and start preparations for the next year.

Some of you will consider running for an office of our lodge or volunteering to chair a committee. Many of you want to participate but are unsure how to get involved and contribute. Committee chairpersons and committee members are as important or maybe even more important than the officers. Thank goodness not everyone is cut out to be a leader, or wars would never be won. Take pride in knowing that you may be best served at another capacity. If you choose to run for an elected office, please commit to knowing your duties and your part. You may not be able to memorize your entire part, but you should be very familiar with it. The ritual is online, or I have books in my office for anyone wishing to study and practice.

The following is from my January 2023 letter...

...First, I am never too good to pick up trash. People are more apt to follow someone that cares about the little things. Second, we are all first-class citizens. Imbedded in our obligation is, "To do unto others as we would they should do unto us." And the third, you can take the job, the lodge, the life but you can never ever take the relationships and the memories...

For those of you that know me, you know I truly believe those things. So many of the members that we lost this past year were dear to my heart, important in my Elk journey, and important in my life. Don't take a single day for granted. Make each one count, say your prayers, and tell those most important to you exactly how important they are.

Fraternally, Reeda



Reeda Hall.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Stockings and Toys for Children



Through the generous donations of our members and the tireless efforts of Cindy Houser and Richard Dean, the Lodge gifted over 88 toy stuffed stockings to the children at Chambliss Center and individual children from 18 families in the local Family Care and Nustart program. In addition Cindy Houser collected over 50 gift bags from members to give to residents of Standifer Place.



Pictured in right photo: Diana Hales, Cindy Houser, Brenda Woody. Pictured to the left: Coalition Team Cindy Wood, Coalition Director Camilla Bibbs, PER Richard Dean, Coalition Team Dr. Vanessa Montgomery.

Wreaths Across Chattanooga

The Lodge donated \$8,170 to Wreaths Across Chattanooga, beating last year's donation of \$8,000. Our Esteem Lecturing Knight Mary Snellgrove led this project.



Eagle Scouts Recognized by Our Lodge



Chattanooga Elks lodge 91 attended the Cherokee Area Council Gathering of Eagles Banquet. 227 local dignitaries, scouters, and families attended the event. This years Eagle Scout class awarded 50 new Eagle Scouts. Exalted Ruler/Eagle Scout David Thompson and Elks member/Troop 137 Committee Chairman Jan Wheeler attended the ceremony to present the Eagles with A Grand Lodge Certificate and an American Flag.

A "Whoville" Christmas and Santa Comes to the Lodge







For the second year, the Lodge held a "Whoville Christmas Dinner."

Over 50 Children and their families met Santa and the Grinch at the Lodge's Annual Christmas Party for the Kids. Children played games, decorated tree ornaments, painted, enjoyed cupcakes and each received special presents from Santa and an appearance by the Grinch.





January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Open at 11am Bowl Games Traditional New Year's Day food	2 Lodge Meeting 7pm <i>No Food</i>	3 Shrimp Scampi, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread	4	5 Family Entertainment <i>Members Only</i>	6  All hands to break down decorations 11am Rook Tournament 2pm
7 Brunch 11am-2pm	8 Soup National Championship 7:30pm	9 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	10 Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry, Fried Rice, Egg Roll	11	12 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm 	13 DD Clinic in Morristown 13th & 14th NFL 4:30pm 8:15pm
14 Brunch 11am-2pm Indoctrination 1:00pm NFL 1:00pm 4:30pm 8:15pm	15 Soup NFL 8:15pm	16 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7pm	17 Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn	18	19 Family Entertainment <i>Members Only</i>	20 NFL 2 games <i>Private Party</i>
21 Brunch 11am-2pm NFL 2 games <i>Crownover HOA 2pm</i>	22 Soup	23	24 Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw	25	26 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm 	27 Chili Cook-off & Flag Retirement 2pm POLAR PLUNGE 4pm  Band: <i>Wishing Well</i> 7pm
28 Brunch 11am-2pm Want to Be An Officer? 2pm NFL 2 games	29 Soup	30	31 Beer Battered Fish & Chips			

A Full Day of Events!

Saturday, January 27
Beginning at 2:00pm



Flag Retirement Ceremony

2:00pm

Flags to be retired can be placed in the Retirement Box in the outside lobby of the Lodge.

POLAR PLUNGE!

4:00pm

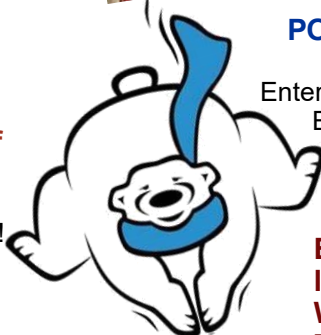
Enter to raise money for ENF and TEBT, grants and Nursing Scholarships.



Chili Cook Off

2:00pm

\$10 per entry
 Prizes awarded!



End the Day with live music by Wishing Well!
 7:00pm