



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

March, 2024

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

Officers:

Exalted Ruler

David Thompson Sr.

Leading Knight

Terri Vandiver

Loyal Knight

Bill Cobb

Lecturing Knight

Mary Snellgrove

Directors:

Roger Burnett

Neal Butler

Dawn Whitener

Chaplain

Zach Loy

Esquire

Deann Roberts

Inner Guard

Cindy Houser

Tiler

Theresa Cantrell

Historian

John Schubert

Soloist

Wendy Thompson

Treasurer

Pam Cobb

Secretary

Reeda Hall

March is the month that our lodge prepares for the transition of new leadership and says goodbye to me as your Exalted Ruler. Let us reflect on the past year, which was a very successful year for our local lodge.

We started the year in great need of a working air conditioning system, additional parking, and updates for the kitchen. We accomplished all these heavy projects that consumed a great deal of time for our members, officers, and me. We received \$23,000 in grants from the Elks National Foundation, which was every grant that ENF offers. All grants were executed with great success helping our communities, veterans, and emergency services. A variety of entertainment was provided for the members including live music, game shows, karaoke, and a variety of other events for the members to enjoy. Hundreds of children enjoyed fantastic holiday parties that were well organized by our Children's committee. Our local schools were supported with monetary gifts, American Flags, dictionaries, and youth programs such as Hoop Shoot and the American Essay contest. We supported our youth locally by going to awards ceremonies giving out 50 Eagle Scout Certificates, Girl Scout Gold Certificates, and 10 JROTC Certificates. The Golf Tournament set a record grossing \$46,000 to support our scholarship programs. We supported first responders by giving monetary and food donations to local EMS, Police, 911 Communications, and Fire departments. Our



David Thompson, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

135-year history was documented with pictures of our original lodge and a photo album being placed in the foyer. A North American Elk statue was placed in front our building to honor the emblem of our Order. Dozens of small repairs and projects were completed on our property. Christmas season was a giving time for our lodge donating over \$15,000 in gifts and food to those in need. We are currently involved in every Elks National Veteran Service Commission program, with \$10,000 in home repairs for veterans and 12 Welcome Home Kits for homeless Veterans going into housing.

These are the highlights of the past year. Chattanooga Lodge #91 is stronger than it has ever been. This is entirely attributed to the members and officers of this great lodge. We will end the year by submitting an entry into the All-American Lodge Contest. There are 60 lodges that were finalist last year, with us being one of them.

I hope to see all of you at the Exalted Ruler In & Out Party on March 23rd. We will honor our members and officers with awards and certificates for this past years work. I will continue to support our lodge and be very involved in our programs. I am looking forward to my good friend, Terri Vandiver taking office as our Exalted Ruler. She has my complete support for the upcoming year. Please ask her how you can help so our lodge can continue to serve our great order and the community.

Fraternally with tears,

David

Future PER

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Doug Murphy



Doug was drafted into the United States Army in 1966. His Basic Training was held at Fort Leonard, Missouri. Doug was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia for his AIT and then to Munich, Germany for the final 18 months of his duty. His military occupational specialty was Ground Surveillance Radar. Toward the end of his career, Doug was the driver for the First Sergeant.

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

FOR OUR KIDS



Cat in the Hat Reading Dr. Suess

**Saturday, March 2
1:00pm**

Kids Easter Party

**Saturday, March 23
1:00-3:00pm**





From the Secretary.....



Reeda Hall, Secretary

Officers have been elected and are well into the plans for the upcoming year. Terri Vandiver, our new incoming Exalted Ruler has a slate of goals and plans for the Lodge year that I am sure she is anxious to share with you. Also, be mindful as David continues to wrap up his projects and goals to complete his year. Please reach out to any officer if you have a committee or project that you are interested in helping with.

Dues notices will be mailed out early next week. The annual dues will be \$187 which includes our assessments from both the Grand Lodge and the State Association. You are welcome to mail them to the Lodge or drop them by. You will receive your new membership card via mail if you mail them or it will be left in the Social Club if you pay in person. If you do choose to use a credit card for payment you will be charged a 3% credit card fee. Remember you will not be able to attend any meetings or social events after March 31st. unless we have received your dues payment.

Finally, housekeeping topics: Please STOP Littering!!! If you have a can or cup from your vehicle, use the dumpster or trash can. (I am not opposed to pulling camera footage and packaging your garbage up for you to take home.) If you are a smoker.... We have ashtrays and sandboxes placed in multiple locations outside; do not put your cigarettes out on the ground, in the flower beds or parking lot. We are all adults and should clean up after ourselves.

Fraternally,
Reeda

Welcome Our New Members

On February 20 we initiated 15 new members: L to R, Front Row: Cheryl Carroll, Sherry Rightmire, Michelle Marshall, Paige Batten, James Phillips, Kathy Vaughn, Randall Simmons; Back Row: Ray McDowell, Joel King, Jerry Carr, George Parrish, Chase Poorman, Glenn Shepard, Christopher "Brad" Williams, Casey Tigner. Please welcome our new Elks into our Lodge and encourage them to participate in our many charitable and social activities.




Congratulations New Elks!

LAST BULK MAILING OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

The Board approved that we will discontinue the Bulk mailing our newsletter. Most of our members receive our monthly correspondence via email. Please update your email address and if Vicky Fox doesn't have your current email address, contact her at foxmama@comcast.net or 423-645-6354. We will continue to print a monthly newsletter which you can pick up at the Lodge. You can also find our newsletter on Elks.org, tnelks.org and chattanoogaelks91.com. If you do not have email or easy access to those sites, we will be happy to mail you a printed copy of our newsletter. **Help us keep you informed in a more timely and productive manner!**

In the Trash Can NOT the Toilet!

We have had a problem with paper towels being put down the toilet in women's bathroom. This has cost the lodge 100's of dollars in repairs. Please speak with your children about this in case it was a child and not an adult. Adults, You Know Better!



TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday,
March 7
7:00pm

Sign up
Thursday night to play!
Homemade Pizzas

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET!

Saturday, March 16
10am-2pm

See Dawn Whitener or
Terri Vandiver for more
details.





March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



FLAG RETIREMENT

Saturday, March 2 at 2pm
Please bring your Flags for the Retirement Ceremony

1

Karaoke
w/Dino
7pm



2

Dr. Suess
Day 1pm



Flag
Retirement
2pm

Private Party
7-11pm
ER School
Franklin

3

Brunch
11am-2pm

ER School
Franklin

4

Soup

5

Lodge
Meeting
7pm

6

Country Fried
Steak, Green
Beans,
Mashed Potatoes,
Corn on
Cob

7



7pm

8

Karaoke
w/Dino
7pm



9

Game
Night

10

Daylight
Saving Time

Brunch
11am-2pm

11

Soup

12

Committee
Meetings
6pm
Board
Meeting
7pm

13

Lasagna,
Salad,
Garlic Bread

14

Ritual
Practice
New
Officers
6pm

15

Family
Entertainment
Members
Only

16

Clean Out
Your
Closet!
10am-2pm



Young Life
Pop up
Sale
10am-2pm

17

Brunch
11am-2pm

Indoctrination
1:00pm

St.
Patty's
Day
Specials



18

Soup

19

Lodge
Meeting
Initiation
7pm

20

Beef Tips &
Rice, Peas,
Carrots

21

22

Karaoke
w/Dino
7pm



23

Kids
Easter
Party
1-3pm



ER In & Out
Party—
Diamonds &
Antlers
DJ The Bob
6:30-10pm



24

Brunch
11am-2pm

25

Soup

26

Officer
Installation
Chattanooga
Lodge
6:30pm

27

Pork Ribs,
Baked
Beans, Po-
tato Salad,
Cole Slaw

28

Officer
Installation
Athens
Lodge 7pm

29

Family
Entertainment
Members
Only

30

31

EASTER



Brunch
11am-2pm

Young Life
Ice Cream
& Bake
Sale

MEMBER DUES ARE DUE
BY APRIL 1!

DOOR LOCKS WILL BE
CHANGED ON APRIL 1



Exalted Ruler In & Out Party Diamonds & Antlers

Saturday, March 23
6:30-10:00pm

DJ
THE BOB

Honoring ER David Thompson, ER Elect Terri Vandiver & Lodge Award Winners

