

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



David Thompson, Sr

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

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.

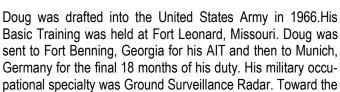
I hope to see all of you at the Exalted Ruler In & Out Party on March 23rd. We will honor our members and officers with awards and certificates for this past years work. I will continue to support our lodge and be very involved in our programs. I am looking forward to my good friend, Terri Vandiver taking 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





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 2 1:00-3:00pm



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From the 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!

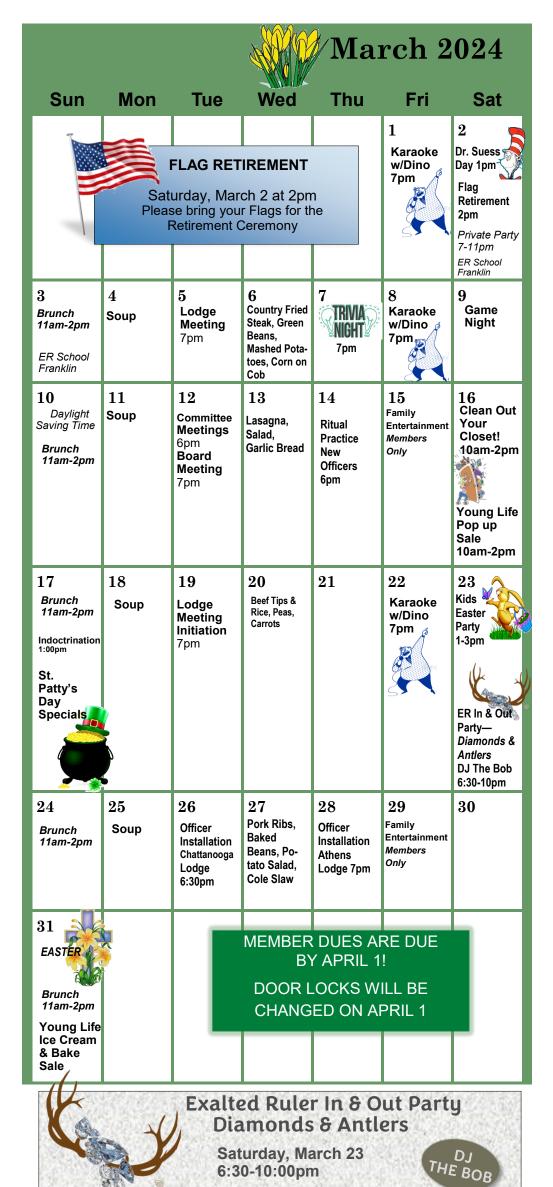
The Board approved that we will discontinue the Bulk mailing our newsletter. Most of our members receive our monthly correspondence via email. Please update your email address and if Vicky Fox doesn't have your current email address, contact her at foxmama@comcast.net or 423-645-6354. We will continue 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!









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