



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

January 2025

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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Reeda Hall

Happy New Year 2025 !! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanks to everyone that helped with decorating for the holiday events! December was a great month for charitable giving. We donated 50 bags of gifts to Standifer Place Nursing Home. We bought gifts for 10 Hamilton County Coalition families with 20 children and filled 89 stockings for Chambliss Home for foster children. On Christmas Eve morning, we packed 35 boxes with food and gifts for needy families. This is what Elks are all about, GIVING! Thank you to everyone that donated time and money for these events to support our community. We will kickoff January with 20 of the ENF scholars visiting our lodge January 9! Thank you to El Meson for providing the food and to Bob Williams for providing the music! We are honored to be chosen for this prestigious visit by ENF. We will end January with the Chili Cookoff and Polar Plunge! What a great event, I sure hope everyone will join us for this fundraising event for scholarships. We will kick off February 1 with the PER Casino event! Please see the flyer for details! Happy New Year, and I hope 2025 brings you health and happiness!



Terri Vandiver
Exalted Ruler

Fraternally,
Terri

VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Congratulations Keith Haviland

Keith was a member of the United States Army for 34 years. His Basic training and AIT were at Fort Benning, Georgia. Keith became an officer in June 1995. He served in Desert Storm in 1991, Desert Spring in 2001-2002,, and Iraq in 2004-2006. Keith served as a supervisor of weapons of mass destruction from 2006 -2011. He then served as Operations and Planning for California National Guard 2012-2017. He served as commander of a different team from 2017-2019 and as Joint Planner from 2019-2023 until he retired.

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



49,000 Wreaths Placed at National Cemetery

Of the 49,000 wreaths placed on Military graves at our National Cemetery, 1,027 were donated by our Lodge!

We surpassed our goal this year because of your support! A big shout out to Esteem Loyal Knight Mary Snellgrove for leading this event and to those that were able to support this cause. Additionally many of our Elks members volunteered their time to place the wreaths on the grave sites.



ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

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

Deborah Clark Tanner (Morgan)



From the Secretary.....



Reeda Hall, Secretary

Welcome to 2025! I ask you to take some time to reflect on your year, take inventory of the important things and choose your path for the upcoming year. I ask you to write down 3 things that have shaped or guided you in life. Honestly, I use these 3 things in my life regardless of the aspect of my life. 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. I think this year was prime example for many of us with the loss of life this past year. Even as our lodge continues to prosper, this year will provide many challenges. We continue to plan improvements and upgrades in the building. Please keep our projects and charities in your budget planning for the upcoming year. Consider how you would like to participate within the organization with time and efforts. Also, take a moment to thank those that continue to give of their time unconditionally. We have dozens of members that step up all the time for thankless tasks in the lodge and we would be much less without every one of them. A special thanks for all the support you have given to me. I ask for prayers and guidance as I continue planning to represent our lodge and our state in the coming year.

Cheers!
Reeda

Our Lodge Makes a Difference in Our Community!



Through various committees and our charity program, our Lodge with your support and generosity was able to donate much needed clothing to children participating the Hamilton County Drug Coalition's Families Safe program. PER Richard Dean delivered clothing and gifts for over 20 children to the Coalition (pictured left). In addition, Inner Guard Cindy Houser delivered gift for over 89 stocking to Chambliss Home for Foster children and 50 gift bags to individuals at Standifer Place! ER Terri Vandiver and Barry delivered gift bags (pictured right). Thank you to all!



Elks Care - Elks Share

COMING UP: CASINO ROYALE

Saturday, February 1

CHATTANOOGA ELKS 91

CASINO Royale

Professional Tables & Dealers

- ♠ BLACKJACK
- ♠ POKER
- ♠ ROULETTE
- ♠ CRAPS

Saturday, February 1
6:00-10:00pm

*The Lodge will close at 5pm and open at 6pm for Ticket Holders ONLY

\$75 per person
Limited tickets available
Semi-formal Attire

Tickets include:
\$10,000 in chips to play games
2 Complimentary Drink Tickets
Dinner provided by El Mason

BIG WINNINGS! PRIZES, 50/50, LOTTERY BASKET

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ♦ **Base Table Sponsor** **\$125**
Includes Printed Table sign on gaming table promoting your Business or Individual
- ♦ **Classic Table Sponsor** **\$250**
Includes Printed Table sign on gaming table promoting your Business or Individual and 2 Event Tickets
- ♦ **Premium Table Sponsor** **\$400**
Includes Printed Table sign on gaming table promoting your Business or Individual, 4 Event Tickets and 4 reserved seats at dinner

For sponsorship, contact Kelly at 423.313.2550 or kellyvan127@gmail.com

Past Exalted Rulers Fundraising Event for Multi-media and Entertainment System for members, children and families.

PER Fundraising Event for Multi-media system to benefit Lodge members, children and families! Game Table Sponsorships Available!

Limited number of sponsorships and tickets! Tickets can be purchased from the bartenders or see any PER, Jan Harbort or Kelly Williams.

Polar Plunge Bake Sale Fundraising



The annual Polar Plunge to benefit our local, state and national scholarship programs, will be held on *Saturday, January 25, at 4:00pm*. Plungers will raise money through sponsorships, so support the Plungers! In addition, the Lodge will hold three (3)

Bake Sales on Friday nights in January to support the scholarship programs!

Fridays, JANUARY 3, 10, & 17th

Please donate baked items for the sale and support the Plungers!!



Children's Christmas Party Focused on Helping Our Community



The Annual Children's Christmas Party was full of fun, games and Santa Clause but the focus was to help our homeless community! Over 100 children and adults packed bags of socks, gloves, person hygiene supplies and other items to be delivered to our homeless community. ***Elks grow up sharing and caring!***

Monthly Trivia

December Winners:

Bob & Beth Culkeen & Jeff & Kathy

Join us at the Lodge on the first Thursday night of each month for TRIVIA! Each month the winners will receive a TRIVIA TROPHY that will be passed from winner to winner!



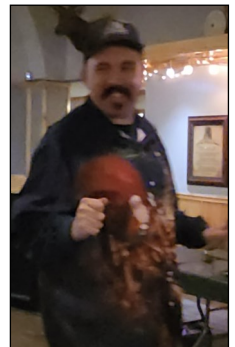
Tacky Sweater Contest Winners

During the Annual Christmas Dinner, the Lodge held a "Tacky Sweater" Contest.

Female Winner: Wendy Thompson (Left)

Male Winner: Eric Houser (Right)

Couple Winner: Cathy & Reggie Parks (Below)



Please keep our sick and grieving members and their families in your thoughts and prayers and the members and families still struggling in East Tennessee and North Carolina..



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Game Day Lodge opens 11am <i>Bring an Appetizer to share</i> Traditional New Year's Dinner 5:30pm Blackeyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Ham, Hashbrown Casserole	2 <i>Modeling Kindness Workshop 8am-12pm</i> TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm Homemade Pizza	3 Family Entertainment Members Only** Bake Sale for Scholarship programs	4
5 Brunch 11am-2pm	6	7 Meeting 7pm	8 Teriyaki Pork Loin, Broccoli Casserole, Honey Glazed Carrots, Buttered Corn	9 ENF Scholars 6pm Homemade Pizza	10 Bake Sale for Scholarship programs	11
12 Brunch 11am-2pm	13	14 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	15 Salmon Patties, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Fried Okra	16 Homemade Pizza	17 Karaoke w/Dino 7pm Bake Sale for Scholarships	18
19 Brunch 11am-2pm Orientation 1:00pm DD Clinic Elizabethton	20	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	22 Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Squash Casserole	23 Homemade Pizza	24	25 Community Meeting w/ Lee Helton 8-10am Chili Cook Off 2pm Chili in by 1pm Polar Plunge 4pm
26 Brunch 11am-2pm	27	28 Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser for State President Elect Reeda Hall 5:30pm	29 Lasagna, Ceasar Salad, Garlic Bread	30 Homemade Pizza	31	



Chili Cookoff Saturday, January 25 2:00pm

All cooks who want to participate, please have your chili ready and at the Lodge by 1:00pm on Saturday, January 25. \$10 entry fee.

Polar Plunge

**Saturday, January 25
4:00pm**

Get your suits on and dive in! All who participate raises funds that will support our local, state and national scholarship programs!



ROAST BEEF Fundraising DINNER

For TEA President Elect Reeda Hall

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025
5:30pm**

**DINNER & GAMES
50/50, LOTTERY BASKET**

All proceeds to benefit expenses incurred by Reeda Hall as TEA President 2025-2026

