

**TENNESSEE**



**ASSOCIATION**

*Eighty Fourth*

**ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**& CORPORATE MEETING**

*April 3 - April 5 2025*

**EDGEWATER HOTEL AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE**

**HOSTED BY**

**GATLINBURG LODGE NO. 1925**



**MID-YEAR MEETING**

**DoubleTree Hotel—Jackson**

**October 9-11, 2025**

**WELCOME ELKS AND GUESTS**

**“JUST ASK”**

**TENNESSEE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
2024-2025**

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

President BILL ROPER Pulaski Lodge #1827	VICE PRESIDENTS  Vice President East MATT BROWNFIELD Chattanooga #91
President Elect REEDA HALL Chattanooga Lodge #91	Vice President Middle
Secretary JOE EVANS Lawrenceburg #2206	Vice President West MATT CARROLL Dresden #2373
Parliamentarian LOUIS W. RINGGER Decatur Co Lodge #2641	DIRECTORS
Treasurer W.L. CULBERSON Columbia Lodge #686	ALAN MARTIN Huntingdon #2152
Assistant Treasurer JANE ATTKISSON Columbia Lodge #686	GEORGE DUFFY Elizabethton #1847
Sergeant-at-Arms TONY RISNER Pulaski Lodge #1827	NEAL BUTLER Chattanooga #91
Chaplain JOHN WADE Pulaski Lodge #1827	DON FOY Gallatin #2547
Tiler ARTHUR MARSH Pulaski Lodge #1827	STEVE PARSONS Nashville Franklin #72
	ROBERT BARKER Camden #2156

<b>SPONSOR TO THE GRAND LODGE</b> RANDY P SHOOK, PGER Lawrenceburg #2206	<b>CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD</b> LOUIS W. RINGGER, PSP Decatur County Lodge 2641
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**SATURDAY (continued)**

Judiciary	Mathew Brownfield
Leadership Training	Herschel B. Wilkes, PSP
Lodge Activities	Randy Carl
Planning	Louis W. Ringger, PSP
Membership	Janet Hofer
New Lodge	John Hofer
Public Relations	Lori Nally
Raffle	Mac Kidd
Ritualistic	Steve Parsons
Scholarship	Carol Henderson
Technology	Joe Evans, PSP
Trade Scholarships	Billy Clabough
Youth Activities	Reeda Hall

Address of Incoming President  
Unfinished Business  
New Business

Report of Credentials Committee: Jim Yonan  
Good of the Order

Benediction: John Wade

Adjournment: Bill Roper President

The Tennessee Elks Association Officers and Members thank local Convention Chairman Jimbo Yonan for his efforts and commitment toward ensuring an outstanding convention. To all those who worked so hard to make this a memorable occasion, “Thank you and well done.”

**CONVENTION MANAGERS**

Convention Chairman Joe Evans, PSP,  
Kenneth Woodward, Nick McBride, PSP,  
Lori Nally, Carol Henderson, John Giardina,  
Wayne Woods  
Jim Yonan, Host Chairman  
William J. Burns, PSP, Advisor

**REMINDER**

Hospitality Room is closed during the Memorial Service and during the Grand Exalted Ruler’s Banquet.

**NAME BADGES ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES,  
INCLUDING HOSPITALITY ROOM AND  
ALL MEETINGS.**

**DON'T FORGET THE GRAND LODGE  
CONVENTION**  
June 29 —July 2, 2025  
Kansas City MO



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, April 3 2025

1:00-5:00	Registration	Lobby
9:00-9:30	Pre-Convention Meeting	Rhododendron
11:00	TEA Annual Golf Tournament	Bent Creek
6:00-Till	Visit Gatlinburg Lodge (Dinner and Entertainment)	Shuttle provided

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4 2025

8:30-9:30	Audit Committee	Rhododendron
8:30-9:45	Planning	Rose Room
10:00-10:30	Convention Committee	Rose Room
8:00-4:00	Registration	Lobby
11:00-12:00	Incoming President Hall and Leadership Committee Meets with Vice Presidents and all Committee Chairs	Rose Room
12:00	Past State Presidents Lunch	Restaurant
1:00-2:00	TEA/TECT/TEBT Advisory	Rose Room
2:00-3:00	TEA Board of Directors	Rose Room
3:00-4:00	TEBT Board of Directors	Rose Room
7:00-	<b>Awards Banquet and Special Recognition's Benevolent Night</b> (Doors open 6:45) Dress—Men: Coat and Tie Welcome ER Gatlinburg Exalted Rulers will be introduced Awards: ENF, TEBT and Benevolent Awards, President's, Veterans Service, Elk of the Year and Elks Hall of Fame	Ball Room

### SATURDAY APRIL 5 2025

8:00- 10:00	Breakfast—Current DD's and Esq. to DD	Restaurant
9:00-10:30	Registration	Lobby
10:00-10:30	Memorial Service	Rose Room
10:30-12:00	Eleven O'clock Toast & Tribute to the Flag Contest	Rose Room
12:00-1:00	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>	
1:00-3:30	TEA/TECT/TEBT General Business-Corp. Meeting	Rose Room
4:00 - 5:30	Incoming President Reeda Hall Reception	Restaurant
6:30 -	<b>GER's Banquet</b> (Doors open 6:15) Dress—Men: Coat and Tie GER Douglas Schiefer message	Ball Room

### **Installation of New Officers**

### **TEA RAFFLE DRAWING, DID YOU WIN?**

## TEA/TECT & TEBT BUSINESS SESSION SATURDAY APRIL 5 2025

Call to Order	Bill Roper President
Invocation	John Wade Chaplain
Tribute to our Flag	Matt Carroll Chm. Americanism Commit-
Patriotic Song	Dawn Kidd
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Bill Roper President
Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers	PGER Randy P Shook
Roll Call of State Officers	Joe Evans, PSP
Roll Call of Local Lodges	Joe Evans, PSP
Reading of the Minutes of Previous Session	Joe Evans, Secretary
Sponsor's Remarks	PGER Randy P Shook
Report of the President	Bill Roper President
Reports: Vice Presidents (E)	Matt Brownfield
(M)	Vacant
(W)	Matt Carroll
Advisory	PGER Randy P Shook
Chairman of the Board	Louis W. Ringger, PSP
Election of Officers for 2024-2025	PGER Randy P Shook
Secretary	Joe Evans, PSP
Treasurer	W. L. Culberson
<b>TECT Business Meeting</b>	Bill Roper President
Auditing & Accounting	Hershel Wilkes PSP
Budget	Bill Roper
Treasurer	W. L. Culberson
Community Outreach Grants	Mac Kidd PSP
<b>TEBT Business Meeting and Election</b>	Alton Grubb
<b>TEA Committee Reports</b>	
Accident Prevention	Bob Page, PSP
Americanism	Matt Carroll
Auditing & Accounting	Hershel Wilkes PSP
Benevolent	Alton Grubb
Budget	Bill Roper
Business Practices	Richard Dean
Convention	Joe Evans, PSP
Disaster Relief	Mac Kidd
Drug Awareness	Michael Jackson
Elk of the Year	Lionel E. Bliss, PSP
Elks Hall of Fame	Hershel Wilkes, PSP
Elks National Foundation	Nick McBride, PSP (Report Fri. Night)
Elks National Veterans Service	Rodney Gobbell
Government Relations	
Historian	Herschel B. Wilkes, PSP
Hoop Shoot	James Summers