

# Elks CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter May 2025  
Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month  
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April has been a very busy first month but we're off and running. Much like the Kentucky Derby, the gate has opened, and we are picking up speed. We have plenty of exciting activities that are planned for our lodge in May.

Chattanooga was awarded a plaque at the Tn Elks Association, state convention for "The highest per Capita donations" to the Elks National Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!!

Cindi Hurtt was awarded the Tennessee Elks Veterans Service Commission Award "Volunteer of the Year". Cindi works extremely hard for our Veterans. Congratulations Cindi!!

Elizabeth McWilliams is our grant writer extraordinaire and has secured the CIP grant (Home Sweet Home) for the 5th year in a row. This allows us to help needy Veterans with home repairs. Thank you, Elizabeth.

We have had several Elks step up to volunteer for our Home Sweet Home projects. If you would like to contribute your time and skills to ANY of our committees, see the volunteer sign-up sheets on the bulletin board or just ask someone and they will direct you to the right person.

I want to say thank you to the people that have provided many hours of their time and skills to upgrade our internet. Reeda Hall, Bryan May, Rich Poorman and Dan Vaughn have done a fantastic job. Thank them if you see them in the lodge!

Angie Duncan is a new member and is going to head up our newsletter with assistance from Vicky Fox. Thank you, Angie!

We have a very busy month of May and will be trying a few new things such as an open-mic night and a food truck and several other events. Mother's Day Ceremony will be held on May 11th at 12:00 with a buffet immediately after the ceremony. See your newsletter.

Last night was our first time for Singo and we had a good-sized crowd, and they had a great time listening and, in some cases, dancing to the music. We will have it again in May. Come out and enjoy.

May 10th is our second Pool Cleanup Day; we must have our pool ready to open on May 24. We need everyone to be there at 8:00 a.m. to help.

Welcome our new members and make them feel at home!

Fraternally yours,

*Bill*



Bill Cobb,  
Exalted Ruler

## ~ Congratulations Ben Miller ~ VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Ben is recognized as our Elks Lodge member veteran of the month for May 2025, having served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974. He completed his basic training at the Infantry Officer Course in Fort Benning, Georgia, followed by counterintelligence training in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He served as an assistant intelligence officer in the 3rd Infantry Division

in Europe and later as a counterintelligence officer in the 5th Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. Ben attended two additional schools for tactical and strategic intelligence and was part of the 205 Detachment in Frankfurt before transitioning to the reserves in Chattanooga, where he was discharged in 1984.

**We All Thank you Ben!**  
**For your Dedication, Loyalty, and Service to our Country,**  
**and to Your Fellow Elks!**



It's almost **Derby time!** Do you have your Derby Hat ready for May 3rd? Ladies, grab your favorite attire and pair it with your favorite hat or fascinator. Gentlemen dig out your favorite seersucker suite and straw trilby hat. Join us for our Elks Lodge 2025 Derby Party May 3rd. The party starts at 5pm.





## From the Secretary.....

I said this last year, but I will say it again. I believe this was the largest turnout for the state convention, at least in my 25 years. We had 51 Chattanooga members and guests in attendance. Thank you to everyone who attended and represented our lodge well; it was a HOT time. Those who were there know exactly what I am talking about. I appreciate all the support as I assume the State President position. Many others from Chattanooga have accepted State Officer positions and committee appointments. Congratulations to all of you!

We have collected over 75% of the membership dues. Thank you to those who have already paid. However, we need the remainder of you to complete your payments.

Our activities committee has been busy already and is planning events that cater to many different preferences. Special thanks to our IT Committee for working countless hours to install updates and ensure the Wi-Fi is functioning properly. Hopefully, it will be complete by the time this newsletter is published. If you see Rich Poorman, Dan Vaughn, or Bryan May, please thank them.

Please continue to keep our property clean and free from debris and trash both inside and outside. The cleanliness of our property is our First impression. We have so many visitors to our lodge, we want them to remember us for the good things.

Lastly, let's keep our bartenders in our continued prayers: Brenda as she continues to recover from her accident, and Chris's son Kade as he recovers from his accident. Fraternally.

Fraternally,

*Reeda*



## Welcome Our New Members



On April 15th, 2025 our Lodge initiated three new members into our Elks family. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them. Please help us encourage them to participate in our many community events along with our charitable and social activities.

## Congratulations New Elks!

Pictured Left to Right:  
John Crawford Jr., Tony Vidalez, Zip Holland







## Elks — 11th Hour Toast

If you have ever been in the Elks Lodge at 11 pm it is likely you have heard the 11th Hour Toast. It is a moment when all who are present at that time are reminded of what being an Elk is all about. We encourage all Elks Lodge Members to get to know the toast and the meaning of its words

*"You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever his lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message – "TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Trivia</u> 7pm 	2 <u>Family Entertainment</u> 7pm	3 <u>TN State Elks President Visit (Reeda) Derby Decorating</u> 12 noon <u>Derby Party</u> 5pm
4 <u>Brunch</u> 11am-2pm	5 <u>Cinco de Mayo</u> 	6 <u>Lodge Meeting</u> 7pm	7 <u>Fried Chicken Msh Potato Pintos Turnip Greens Corn Bread</u>	8	9 <u>Family Entertainment</u> DJ ~ Dino 7pm	10 <u>Pool Clean-Up</u> (8 ~ Noon)
11 <u>Mothers Day Buffet Brunch</u> 11am-2pm	12 <u>HOG meeting</u> 	13 <u>Committee Meets</u> 6pm <u>Board Meet</u> 7pm <u>Food Truck</u> 4-7 (El Taco Boss)	14 <u>Cheese Burger &amp; French Fries</u>  <u>Calcutta</u> 7pm	15 <u>Singo</u> 7pm 	16 <u>Family Entertainment</u> 7pm	17
18 <u>Brunch</u> 11 am-2pm  <u>New Member Orientation</u> 1pm	19	20 <u>Initiation Meeting</u> 7pm	21 <u>Meat Loaf Mash Potato, Gravy Corn Z. Squash Open Mic Night</u> with Jeff Bailey	22	23	24 <u>Community Meeting</u> 8am - 10am  <u>Essentials (Live Music)</u> 7 pm \$15 Cover
25 <u>Brunch</u> 11am-2pm	26  <u>Lodge Cookout</u> 12 noon	27	28 <u>Chicken Pot Pie &amp; Scallop Potato</u>	29	30 <u>Family Entertainment</u> DJ ~ Dino 7pm	31 <u>Bring Your Own Game Night</u> <u>Includes</u> Wii Bowling 6pm

## May 26th – Pool Opens

The Elks Lodge is looking for help getting the pool and pool area ready for the Summer 2025! Meet us at the Lodge on Saturday May 10th at 8 am. Many hands make light work! This is a great opportunity to volunteer and give back. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Join us for the official opening of the Elks Lodge Pool on May 26th as we kick off the summer with a Cookout! The pool is accessible at 11 am daily through either of the pool gates with your access card. Don't forget there is a kiddie pool as well so don't forget to bring the youngins so they too can cool off and have a little fun in the sun!