



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

May, 2023

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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Loyal Knight

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Lecturing Knight

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Esquire

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Tiler

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Soloist

Wendy Thompson

Treasurer

Pam Cobb

Secretary

Reeda Hall

Well, on day one in office as your ER I opened my email in the morning to read resignations from the Loyal and Lecturing Knight. Fortunately, it was an April fools' joke. We have some jokesters in the officer core! April was a very successful month for the lodge with many live entertainment events. The children's party was a huge success with 20 happy smiling faces carrying candy and 1,000 Easter eggs.

Great job Children's committee. In the community, we hosted a Drug Take Back station in partnership with the Hamilton County Drug Coalition and collected over 300 pounds of drugs.. We presented Outstanding Cadet Awards to local JROTC students, part of the youth recognition program of the Grand Lodge and recognized National Telecommunicator Week by delivering donuts to the Hamilton County and Look-out Mountain 911 centers. The Tennessee Elks Association convention in Gatlinburg was a success with fellowship and information sharing between lodges and members. Our lodge had 33 members and 5 non-members attending the conference, the largest showing of the 29 Elks lodges in Tennessee. We won the ENF Awards and TEBT Awards for both the East and the State with the highest per capita donations. This is a tribute to our members' generosity for the year 2022-2023! The motto of this year's State President Joe Allen is "TEAM", and Lodge 91 is a glowing example for all lodges to follow. Keep up the great work! *Continued Page 2*



David Thompson, Sr.
Exalted Ruler

Welcome Our New Members

On April 18th we initiated eight new members: Janet Sharpe, Ann "Mam" Hill, Anthony Moore, Gene Jones, Thomas Buttry, Josh Hunter, Lynn Chastain, Charles Durham. Please welcome our new Elks into our Lodge and encourage them to participate in our many charitable and social activities.



Congratulations New Elks!

VETERAN OF THE MONTH



Congratulations Gilbert Swartout

Gilbert was a member of the United States Army. He enlisted in 1958. His Basic training was at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. From there he went to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He was shipped to Korea for 13 months and returned to Ft. Bragg for the duration of his time in the service.

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



From the Secretary.....

I am addressing a few important topics this month...On May 1st you will see some minor price increases on our beer products. Please don't blame your bartenders, it is called cost of goods. Beer costs have been out of line for some time, and we have absorbed the extra costs. Most of the bottles will only increase by a quarter. The Specialties we will align accordingly. To my knowledge we have not increased bottled beer in over 10 years. Some additional liquor increases will be in the specialty bottles and top shelf items. Again, please understand decisions like these are difficult; and we will still be the best drink in town! Please consider a few things when proposing someone for membership in our lodge: What do you really know about their character? What kind of reputation do they have? Would you invite them over to your home for dinner? How long have you actually been FRIENDS? I guess what I am asking you to consider; are they a citizen worthy of being a member "with" the Best People On Earth? The Exalter Ruler and I have asked the Membership Committee to ask some difficult and different questions of the candidates. What can you bring to the lodge in the form of expertise? Involvement in our charitable programs? Tithes and Support? And finally, if you do indeed propose a candidate – fill out the form completely and legibly. If you have not paid your dues do so as quickly as possible! *Reeda*



Reeda Hall, Secretary



Exalted Ruler Message....Continued

The air conditioning has been in poor repair for a few years. We have hired a new contractor (Van Air Systems) and both AC units have been fully repaired and are working properly. A big thanks to Cliff Crownover for volunteering his time to see that we will have a nice operating system. We added two new digital thermostats & furnaces that will make the systems more energy efficient, saving the lodge money in the future. The number one problem at the lodge is parking. We are resolving this issue with the following plan:

1. Moving the storage building behind the lodge and adding around 15 spaces behind the Tiki Hut.
2. Installing a pedestrian gate with membership card entry to the fence behind the dentist office. This provides easier access to the parking spaces to the north side of our property.
3. The City has approved a crosswalk on Graysville Road.

We do not know when the crosswalk will be installed. The lodge does not recommend parking across the street for obvious safety reasons. When these areas are open for parking, we will let you know. The project is in progress now. There are a lot of opportunities to volunteer to assist your lodge and the community. Check out our new sign-up bulletin board in the social club or speak to a committee chairman so you can be a shining example of "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Fraternally Yours, **David Thompson, Sr.**



Our History

We have started researching the history of our lodge. Our original charter was July 29, 1888, just 20 years after the Elks started. Our first building was located at 7th and Walnut Street and was built in 1906, and we occupied in 1907. I recently toured the building with Exalted Ruler David Thompson. Theresa Cantrell is currently preparing a photo album of the old lodge for our members to enjoy. This album will be placed in the foyer of the lodge on the table below the recently added picture of the lodge building. In 1973, we moved into our current location on Graysville Road. We will be providing more information throughout the year as our research continues.

John Schubert, Lodge #91 Historian

Elks Care - Elks Share

National Telecommunicator Week

Our Lodge recognized National Telecommunicator Week by supplying the Hamilton County 911 center with donuts. The Hamilton County 911 Center employs more than 130 telecommunicators who answer an average of 2,000 to 2,500 calls for service each day in Hamilton County. Pictured: Exalted Ruler David Thompson, and 911 Dispatcher Cynthia Rowe. Lookout Mountain TN police and fire dispatcher were also gifted donuts to recognize the week. Thank you for your service!



Veterans' Expo

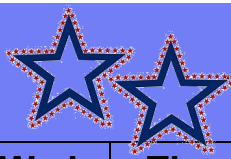
Our Lodge recently participated in an Expo for veterans services at the Chattanooga VA clinic. Services offered included signing up for home repairs through the Home Sweet Home project (Impact Grant) and signing up for free leather products. Over 300 veterans attended the event. Pictured LtoR: Elks members Roger Burnett, Cindy Hurtt, and Mike Reinshagen.

Eagles at the Elks

Did you know we have eight (8) Eagles Scouts in our membership? The "Eagles at the Elks" is an informal group at our lodge that provided Camperships of \$800 to five Cub Scouts and two Scouts that were in need. The Eagles of our Lodge are: Lem Duckett, Glenn King, Tom Weber, Jimmy Parish, Tom Sarchet, Rich Ryland, Earl Howell, and David Thompson. Well Done Eagles!!! Please contact David Thompson if you are an Eagle Scout and want to join our group. Pictured LtoR: Justin, Jennifer and Evan Strand, Troop 137, David Thompson, Lem Duckett.



The Memorial Day Pool Party will be held on May 29th at 12 noon. This is the first official opening day of our Lodge pool. Please come out and enjoy some sun, food, and great fellowship. Burgers and Hotdogs \$6.



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Soup <i>National Youth Week</i>	2 Meeting & Annual Corporation Meeting 7pm	3 Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Corn	4 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> Shag	5 Family Entertainment <i>Members Only</i>	6 Cinco de Seis partner with El Mason for Lodge Charities Ice Cream Social 2-3pm Kentucky Derby  Prestony Band 7-10pm \$10 Cover
7  Hand & Foot Cards 3pm	8 Soup	9 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	10 BBQ Chicken, Mac 'n Cheese, Baked Beans, Fried Okra	11 Shag	12 TRIVIOKE! w/Dino 7pm 	13 Wii Bowling Tourney 7pm
14  Lodge opens 11:30am Mother's Day Ceremony 12noon Buffet following Mom's eat Indoctrination 4:00pm	15 Soup <i>National Police Week</i>	16 Meeting Initiation	17 Beer Battered Catfish, Fries, Hush puppies, Cole Slaw	18 Shag	19 Family Entertainment <i>Members Only</i>	20 Pool Clean Up #2 8am-12noon Liquor Auction! 6:30pm "Fun"draising for Lodge Charities
21 	22 Soup <i>National EMS Week</i>	23	24 Beef Tips, Rice, Broccoli, Roll	25 Shag	26 Love & Marriage GAME 7:30pm 	27 <i>Rental DEAN 40th Anniversary 7-11pm</i>
28 	29 Memorial Day Pool Party 12noon  Burgers & Dog \$6	30	31 Pork Skewers, Fried Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Baked Apples			



ICE CREAM SOCIAL, CINCO DE SEIS & DERBY!

Saturday, May 6

Beginning at 2pm

El Mason has partnered with our Lodge celebrating Cinco de Seis and the Kentucky Derby to help raise funds for our charities! **Special Music 7-10pm by PRESTONY!** (\$10 Cover) Dink specials all day!

Love & Marriage
GAME



How well do you know each other?

Friday, May 26
7:30pm

Fun and Prizes!

Hosts: Wendy Thompson & Bob Williams

Adult Only Event