

# Elks CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of Each Month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

**Officers:**  
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**Loyal Knight**  
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*Wendy Thompson*  
**Treasurer**  
*Pam Cobb*  
**Secretary**  
*Reeda Hall*

As we gear up for December, let's not forget Thanksgiving next week! Bring a side dish and join us for a feast! December is a busy month, and many in the lodge are working hard to bring joy to those less fortunate. Please be generous and help with these projects as much as you can.

Cindy Houser is leading the following great initiatives:

Chambliss Foster Home: 79 Stockings have been taken. If you picked a stocking and have not returned it yet to Cindy please do so as soon as possible. The stockings were due November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Standifer Place Health Care Sharing Tree: 49 resident cards have been pulled. Please have the items for each of these returned to the Lodge no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Eve Baskets: Sign-up forms are available at the bar. If you would like to support a needy family, grab a form so we know how much food to order. We will also be providing gifts for children 14 and under. Please return the forms no later than December 10. If you are helping fill food boxes on Christmas Eve, be at the Lodge by 8 am.

Pam Cobb is leading the following events/missions:

Drug Coalition Tree: This supports children with parents affected by drug issues. Pick a tag and sponsor a child. Any items purchased for this are due back by December 14.

Bags of Blessings: These are for the homeless, and our kids will fill them during the children's Christmas party on December 14, at the Elks Lodge. These bags will be distributed at the Apison Food Bank.

We also have a veteran, George Landers, who was homeless and is now housed. Mr. Landers would love to receive Christmas cards. Send your warm wishes to:

Mr. George Landers  
15017 Back Valley Rd.  
Sale Creek, TN 37373

Don't miss the New Years Eve party featuring the Rock City Rockers! Tickets are \$35. Lets make this holiday season special for everyone!

Remember, elections for Lodge Officers will be held in February 2026. If you are interested in becoming an officer, that is the time to get nominated and voted on. All officers serve from April to April, which requires a minimum of attendance at both Lodge meetings and the Board of Directors meetings.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a blessed holiday season and Merry Christmas

Fraternally,

**Bill**



Bill Cobb  
Exalted Ruler



## Elks Lodge - December *Memorial Service*

Our Order has decreed that the first Sunday in December be set apart as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed. The social club will be closed during this event as we remember the following deceased members during this ceremony on Sunday, December 7th @ 1:00pm.



David Bolyard  
 Tom Bowen  
 John Ledridge  
 William Mueller  
 James Royer  
 Coy Tinsley  
 David Wardlaw  
 Edward Windsor

As we welcome the month of December, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the year that has passed and hope for the one ahead. The holiday season is a time to reflect on the core values that define us as Elks—charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Now, more than ever, our commitment to these principles shines as a beacon of kindness and community spirit.

This December, let us remember that charity begins at home but extends to all corners of our community. Through our holiday food drives, toy donations, and support for local veterans, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us. Your dedication to serving others truly embodies the spirit of the Elks and the promise to never forget those in need.

As the snow falls and the lights twinkle, may we find joy in fellowship, warmth in tradition, and purpose in service. Let us gather, not only to celebrate, but to recommit ourselves to our Order’s pledge: “So long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them.” Together, we can ensure that nobody is left behind during this special season.

On behalf of the Lodge officers, may you and your loved ones have a safe, joyful, and blessed holiday. May the New Year bring you good health, happiness, and countless opportunities to practice the virtues that make our Order strong.

Fraternally Yours,  
 Reeda Hall  
 Secretary

**November 2025**

**Join us as we welcome our NEW MEMBERS!**

**Pictured Row 1 (L to R)**

- Shane Pflanz
- Erica Blumenthal
- Meg Williams Quinlan
- Shelly Bolich
- Sherrie Field

**Pictured Row 2 (L to R)**

- Charles McKeel
- Ben Beasley
- Tony Cates
- Jim Hayden
- Glen Horne



**Congratulations New Members!**

**VETERAN OF THE MONTH — Kevin Baker — Congratulations**

We are proud to honor Kevin Baker as our Veteran of the Month for December 2025. Kevin served in the United States Air Force from 1992 to 1996, dedicating four years to our nation. Kevin began his journey with basic training in San Antonio, Texas, before advancing to technical school in Denver, Colorado, where he trained as an Aircraft Armament System Specialist—known in the Air Force community as a "load toad." His service took him to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he spent a year and a half before transferring to Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, Louisiana, for the remainder of his enlistment. Kevin’s Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was 462. We thank Kevin for his commitment, service, and the sacrifices he made as a proud member of the Air Force. Please join us in congratulating Kevin Baker and expressing our gratitude for his contributions to our country.



***We all thank you for your dedication, loyalty, and service to our country, and to your fellow Elks!***



# DECEMBER 2025



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	<b>1</b>	 Laureno's Hot Dog Food Truck Meeting	<b>3</b> Meatloaf Mashed Tater, Pinto Bean, Cob Corn	 Pizza	<b>5</b> Brett Wilcox - Entertainer	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Memorial Service 1p Social Club Closed  Brunch 11-1	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> El Meson Food Truck  Activity & Board Meetings	<b>10</b> Fried Pork Chop, Roast- ed Rosemary Potato, Grn Bean, SpiceApples	<b>11</b>  Pizza	<b>12</b>  Family Entertainer	<b>13</b>  HOG Party 6-9
<b>14</b>  Brunch 11-2	<b>15</b>	  No Meeting	<b>17</b>  Lasagna Garlic Brd & Salad	<b>18</b>  Pizza	<b>19</b>  Buffet & Karaoke w/Dino	<b>20</b> Winter Adult Party 7p Wishing Well Band  Children's Christmas Party 1-3
<b>21</b>  Brunch 11-2	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pack Baskets 8am  Christmas Eve Kitchen Closed	<b>25</b>  Christmas Kitchen Closed	<b>26</b>  Family Enter-  Family Enter- tainment	<b>27</b> Game Night-LRC or Bring Your Own  
<b>28</b>  Brunch 11-2	<b>29</b>	  Melissa's Meals on Wheels 5-7p	<b>31</b> Kitchen Closed  NYE Party \$35 Rock City Rockers			

## **\*\*IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER\*\***

- Standifer Place Health Care - Sharing Tree Items due back to Lodge 12/14/2025.
- Christmas Eve Baskets - Families in Need Applications due back to Lodge 12/10/2025
- Drug Coalition Tree - Items due back to Lodge 12/14/2025.
- Blessing Bags to be filled by the children 12/20/2025 during their Christmas Party 1-3pm.

The Elks Lodge can always use extra volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with various projects or missions around or with the Elks Lodge we would love to have you. You can find sign up sheets on the bulletin boards as you enter into the bar area.

# 2026 New Year CELEBRATION

Join us at the Elks Lodge on December 31st, 2025 as we ring in the New Year 2026.

Musical Guest, Rock City Rockers will be cranking out some music through the night as we all dance and celebrate! Don't wait to get your tickets as they will sell out fast!

**Ticket cost is \$35.**



**\*December 20, 2025 — 1 to 3pm — Elks Lodge\***

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Chattanooga Elks Lodge #91  
**ROARING 20S  
CASINO  
NIGHT**  
HOSTED BY PAST EXALTED RULERS  
Saturday, January 31, 2026  
6:00-10:00 pm  
**\$75 per person**  
**Sponsorships: \$500 & \$250**  
For Information: See Jan Harbort or Kelly Williams

Save the Date  
Coming Soon  
March 2026  
The Elks Lodge  
Presents

