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*Reeda Hall*



Wow, can you believe 2026 is almost here? Time sure flies! 2025 has been an amazing year, thanks to the hard work of our officers, members, and volunteers. A big "Thank You" to everyone who pitched in!



Bill Cobb  
Exalted Ruler

By the time you get this newsletter, we'll have delivered another 2 barrels to the Apison Food Bank, making it 6 in total, plus the items for the homeless that our kids packed at their Christmas party. We've also sent gifts to Standifer Place and the Hamilton County Drug Coalition for the children.

Get ready for some college football action all month long, with the championship game on January 19th. We'll have food specials, so come on out and cheer for your team!

Mark your calendars for our Chinese auction on January 10th, and don't miss the PER's "Casino Night" on January 31st. Last year was a blast, and this year all the money raised will go straight into the building fund.

Thinking about becoming an officer in our lodge? Join us for the "So you want to be an Officer" event on January 25th at 2:00 PM. Officers and PERs will be there to answer all your questions.

Interested in leading or joining one of our committees? Reach out to Mary Snellgrove, and she'll get you signed up!

Don't forget, the Polar Plunge is happening on February 7th. If you're planning to take the plunge, grab a sponsor sheet from Regina Burks and start collecting donations.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,

**Bill**



**JANUARY 2026**  
**VETERAN OF THE MONTH**  
**Congratulations**  
**~John Thompson Jr.~**

Our January 2026 Veteran of the Month is John Thompson Jr. John dedicated eight years to the U. S. Marine Reserves from 1958 to 1966, including six years of active service and two years inactive. He completed his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and advanced combat training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During his service, John's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was working with 105mm Howitzers. He spent the remainder of his service term stationed in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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

**Attention Spouses Who Are Veterans**

The Elks Lodge's *Veteran of the Month* program now proudly includes spouses who are veterans. We invite all member veterans and spouses who are veterans to add their names to the veteran list posted on the lodge bulletin board. For more information or to participate, please reach out to Roger Burnett at 423-580-7932.



Welcome to 2026! As we begin this new year, I encourage you to pause and reflect on the past twelve months. Take stock of what truly matters and consider the direction you want to take in the year ahead. I invite you to jot down three guiding principles or experiences that have shaped your journey. Personally, I rely on three simple truths, no matter the situation:

1. No task is too small. I believe in leading by example—even if it means picking up trash. When we care about the little things, others notice and are inspired to follow.
2. Treat everyone with respect. We are all first-class citizens, and it's our duty to treat others as we wish to be treated.
3. Cherish relationships and memories. Jobs and titles may change, but the connections we build and the memories we create are lasting. This past year, many of us felt the impact of loss, reminding us of the importance of these bonds.

As our lodge continues to thrive, we'll face new challenges and opportunities. We're planning improvements and upgrades to our building, so please keep our projects and charitable efforts in mind as you budget for the coming year. Think about how you'd like to contribute—whether through your time, talents, or resources. And don't forget to thank those who consistently give their time and energy, often behind the scenes. Our lodge is stronger because of every member's dedication.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Cheers to a wonderful 2026!

“You Are Valuable!”  
Fraternally Yours,  
**Reeda Hall**  
Secretary



### *Gathering of Eagles Banquet & Our Elks Lodge*



Chattanooga Elks Lodge 91 participated in the Gathering of Eagles banquet hosted by the Cherokee Area Council. Representing our lodge, Elks members David Thompson and Earl Howell—both proud Eagle Scouts—were present at the celebration. This year, 50 new Eagle Scouts were honored. To commemorate their achievement, our lodge presented each new Eagle Scout with an American Flag, a certificate from the Grand Lodge, a personal letter from the Grand Exalted Ruler, and an “Elks in Scouting” pin.

We are proud to support the next generation of leaders and look forward to seeing these Eagle Scouts continue to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

*Save the Date*

*Coming Soon*

*March 2026*

*The Elks Lodge Presents*  
*Dinner and Theatre*



Chattanooga Elks Lodge #91

ROARING 20S

CASINO

NIGHT

Adults Only

HOSTED BY PAST EXALTED RULERS

Saturday, January 31, 2026

6:00-10:00 pm

Doors open at 5:30pm. The Lodge will be closed at 5pm to non-ticket holders.

POKER // BLACK JACK // ROULETTE // CRAPS  
PROFESSIONAL TABLES & DEALERS

**\$75 PER PERSON**

Includes: \$5,000 in chips to play games  
2 Complimentary drink tickets  
Italian Dinner provided by El Meson

PRIZES, 50/50,  
LOTTERY BASKET  
SILENT AUCTION

**SPONSOR TABLES**

**Corporate Sponsor \$1,250**

• ONLY 3 AVAILABLE -- SEE KELLY OR REEDA FOR BENEFITS

**Premium Sponsor \$500**

4 EVENT TICKETS WITH 2 DRINK TICKETS PER PERSON • RESERVED TABLE FOR 4 • BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE • RECOGNITION ON BIG SCREEN

**Classic Sponsor \$250**

2 EVENT TICKETS WITH 2 DRINK TICKETS PER PERSON • RESERVED SEATS FOR 2 • RECOGNITION ON BIG SCREEN

For Sponsorships contact Kelly: [kellyvan127@gmail.com](mailto:kellyvan127@gmail.com)

All proceeds to benefit Chattanooga Elks Lodge Building Fund

**Regift.....Declutter!**

PER  
**chinese**  
**AUCTION**

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**  
**5:00-8:00pm**

Regift and declutter after the holidays! Donate your items to the Past Exalted Rulers' Chinese Auction.

Bring your items to the Lodge beginning at 2pm on Saturday, January 10.

**\*\*Any items that are not "regifted" must be cleared out by the owner at the end of the event!**

Proceeds will benefit the Chattanooga Lodge permanent media screen and the building fund.

Questions: see Kelly Williams or Dawn Whitener.

# JANUARY 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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			Brett Wilcox 7-10 pm			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Brunch 11-2		Lorenzo's Food Truck  Meeting	Pull Pork Potato Salad Slaw Baked Beans	Trivia 	Karaoke	Chinese Auction 5-8 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Brunch 11-2		El Meson Food 	Charlie's Cheese Burgers	Singo 7pm 	Karaoke	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Brunch 11-2  Orientation 1pm		Food Truck TBD  Meeting/ Initiation	Fried Chickn Mashed Potato w/Gravy Green Beans Corn		Family Entertain- ment	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Brunch 11-2  "Want to be an Officer" 2pm		El Meson Food 	Roast Beef Mashed Potato w/Gravy Grn Bean Okra & Roll		Family Entertain- ment	Casino Night 6-10 pm Casino Night 

## SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 7th



It s that time of year again! Get your favorite recipe out and start practicing now! The chilli cook off will be here before you know it!



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