Newsletter
CHATTANOOGA #91

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Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of Each Month

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SECRETARY
Pam Cobb

Message from
Exalted Ruler Mary Snellgrove



Fall is definitely in the air now. I didn't think it would ever start to cool down. Hopefully you have been coming to the Lodge on the weekends and watching your favorite teams battle it out on the football field. There have been some really great games and quite a few upsets.

Your officers attended the Mid-Year State Convention in Jackson, Tennessee at the beginning of the month. I always enjoy fellowship with officers and members from other Lodges from across the State that I have gotten to know. It's always a great time!

I need to thank Zach Loy for organizing another successful Golf Tournament. He always does a fantastic job. His committee members were Hilary French, Brenda Jefferson, Chris Snellgrove, Betsy Craig and Heather Mercer. Everyone worked hard to secure door prizes and sell hole sponsorships and teams. Many thanks to all of you for the hard work!

We held our Drug Take-Back Campaign on Saturday, October 24th. Thanks to Jim Whitener for heading this and Richard Dean our State Drug Awareness Chair. That same day, we also held an Emergency Preparedness event, donating smoke detectors to those who stopped by. We also had First Responders on site to educate and talk to the participants of the event. Thank you to Cindy Houser for organizing this event.

We are well into our holiday season with many events coming up. There will be multiple opportunities for you to volunteer and contribute to the Lodge during November and December. Please check the calendar for those events and get involved where you can.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Fraternally, Mary

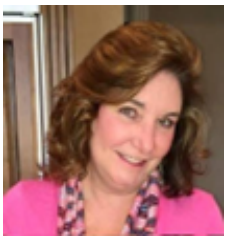
Veteran of the Month - Saluting All Veterans



Across generations, the sounds of courage never fade, they echo through the stories, sacrifices and spirit of America's Veterans. These are the *echoes of valor* that remind us that freedom is never free. Each November, America pauses to honor the men and women who have worn its uniform. Veterans Day is more than a date on the calendar; it is a promise to remember, a salute to courage, and a recognition of sacrifice. These brave individuals have risked everything to safeguard the freedoms we hold dear. From the beaches of Normandy to the deserts of Iraq and, from the silent submarines of the Cold War to today's cyber and special operations, Veterans have stood as the guardians of democracy, their valor resonating through history.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOYALTY, COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND YOUR FELLOW ELKS!

From the Secretary



Pam Cobb, Secretary

Wow, this year has really flown by! Can you believe it's already November? It's definitely the season for ***"Elks Care-Elks Share."*** This month, we're setting up the Standifer Place tree for seniors and the Drug Coalition tree for kids in need. If you can, please grab a tag or two from one of the trees. The gifts will need to be returned to the Lodge by specific date - more information on those dates will be provided.

I've also lined up a "Painting with a Twist" event for November 8th. It's always a blast for everyone who joins in!

Last month, some of our officers and members headed to Jackson, Tennessee for the Mid-Year Convention, and it was a fantastic time for all.

The Golf Tournament was a huge hit, and I want to give a big shoutout to Zach Loy for leading the charge, along with everyone who pitched in. The Tournament raised over $32,500 for scholarships!

Please ensure you fulfill your civic responsibility by voting on November 3rd.

"Gratitude and attitude are not challenges, they are choices."

Fraternally,
Pam

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members who were initiated on October 20th. Please make them feel welcomed and encourage them to participate and get involved in our many Lodge activities and committees.

Pictured (LtoR): Emily Ragan, Julia Cates, Kelly Glover, Margaret Spence, Jennifer Turner, Debbie Gilmore; Back: Ramanda Sneed, Bill Whitaker, Audrey Wheeler, Randy Taylor, Todd Christel, Steve Woods.



Medal of Service



In recognition of bravery in the line of duty, Chattanooga Police Officer Eli Rogers was presented with the National Grand Lodge Medal of Service by Chattanooga Lodge #91. The Medal of Service was presented to Officer Rogers by Past State President and Grand Lodge Activities Committee Chair Mac Kidd, Fayetteville Lodge #1780. Pictured: (LtoR) Mac Kidd, Officer Rogers and Exalted Ruler Mary Snellgrove.



Thanksgiving at the Lodge

The Lodge will host a Thanksgiving Buffet on Friday, November 20th, 5:30-7pm. Price per person $15.00. On Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, the Lodge will open at 2pm for dinner. The Lodge will provide turkeys and ask all who join for dinner to bring a side dish and help with the clean up. All donations will benefit Christmas Charities.



Elks Care - Elks Share

When you participate in Lodge fundraising events, games and activities or make donations to the Lodge, your dollars benefit children, families, veterans and Elks member in our area to enhance the quality of life in our community.



The Month of October our Lodge donated:

- $300.00 Cherokee Area Council for the Eagle Scouts Banquet
- $3,500.00 ENF (Elks National Foundation)
- $1,000.00 TEBT (Tennessee Elks Benevolent Trust)
- $200.00 Delta Epilson Golf Tournament for Scholarships
- $300.00 plus Friday night donations of $509.00 Elks Family in need

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE



On Tuesday, October 13th, the Board of Directors voted to increase Lodge dues for the Fraternal year 2027-2028 from $150.00 to $175.00. This was brought up on the Lodge floor during our Business Meeting on Tuesday, October 20th.

The additional Grand Lodge and State Association dues of $40 per member are not expected to change.
The proposal will be a vote at our Business Meeting on Tuesday, November 17th. This will require a By-Law change.

Painting with a Twist®

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
2:00PM
Only $50
Painting plus 2 drink tickets
Sign up sheets will be placed on the Bulletin Board. Join in on the FUN!

And YES, even YOU can PAINT!





NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Set Your Clock Back!  Brunch 11am-2pm	**2** Soup Night	**3** Laureno's Food Truck **Lodge Meeting 7pm**	**4** Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs	**5**  7pm **Homemade Pizza**	**6** **Family Entertainment **Members Only 7pm**	**7**  6:30pm ***Bring an appetizer to share***
8 Brunch 11am-2pm  2pm **$50 includes 2 drink tickets**	**9** Soup Night	**10** No Food Truck **Activities/ Committee Meetings 6pm** **Board Meeting 7pm**	**11**  Chicken Piccata w/lemon caper sauce, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli Casserole	**12** **Homemade Pizza**	**13** **Karaoke w/Dino 7pm** 	**14**  **Veterans Day Breakfast 9-11am** GAME NIGHT 6:30pm ***Bring an appetizer to share***
15 Brunch 11am-2pm **New Member Orientation 2pm**	**16** Soup Night	**17** Dog Father Food Truck **Lodge Meeting Initiation 7pm**	**18** Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Fried Okra	**19**  7pm **Homemade Pizza**	**20**  **Thanksgiving Buffet 5:30-7pm**  **Rowdy Henson LIVE 7-11pm**	**21**  10am-2pm ***$20 per table*** GAME NIGHT 6:30pm ***Bring an appetizer to share***
22 Brunch 11am-2pm	**23** Soup Night	**24**	**25** Pulled Pork, Turnip Greens, Mac 'N Cheese, Roll	**26**  **Thanksgiving at the Lodge 2pm** **Lodge provides turkeys, b*ring a side dish*** ***Any donations will benefit Elks Christmas Charities***	**27** **Family Entertainment **Members Only 7pm**	**28**  6:30pm ***Bring an appetizer to share***
29 Brunch 11am-2pm	**30** Soup Night					