Elks CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter **April 2025**
Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of each month
1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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Bill Cobb, Exalted Ruler

I am thrilled and honored to be able to serve as the next Exalted Ruler of the BEST Elks Lodge in Tennessee! It is truly a privilege to lead such a dedicated group of individuals. I am aware that the responsibilities ahead of me are significant, but with the support of our past leaders and current officers, I am confident that we will achieve great things together.

This year, our focus will be on promoting volunteerism in a big way. As members of "The Elks," we are committed to serving our community and making a positive impact. Even the smallest gesture of kindness can make a world of difference to someone in need. If you are not already involved in a committee or lodge project, I encourage you to reach out to an officer or committee member and express your interest in participating. There is a place for everyone in our organization, and your contribution is invaluable. With a membership of 800 strong, we are proud to be the largest lodge in Tennessee. This gives us a unique advantage in being able to take on more volunteer work and tackle larger projects. We have a number of exciting events and initiatives on the horizon, including cleaning our pool area, our annual convention in Gatlinburg, kids Easter activities, a drug take-back program, and a District Deputy meeting in Knoxville. I want to express my gratitude to all of our members and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our lodge running smoothly. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we are truly thankful for your commitment. By working together, I am confident that we will have a successful year ahead.

I am eagerly looking forward to the coming year and the opportunity to work alongside each and every one of you. Let's make this year one to remember!

Fraternally yours,

Bill

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Scott Jagoda

Scott served as a member of the United States Air Force from 1990 until 1998. During that time Scott did his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas. He continued his military service at AIT Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls Texas and Travis Air Force Base in California. Scott proudly served his United States Air Force as he was deployed to the Persian Gulf for Desert Storm. After Desert Storm, he continued to serve our country stationed at the Lajes Air Force Base in Portugal. Scott continued his Air Force journey by accepting a Special Duty assignment in Ramstein Germany as a Medical Extraction Tech. Rounding out his time serving in and for the United States Air Force, Scott also spent time on assignments in Bosnia and Africa before his discharge in 1998. Scott is supported in all he does by his wonderful wife Sara Jagoda.

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

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From the Secretary…..

Cheers to another Year in Elkdom! I am looking forward to serving as the Secretary of the Chattanooga Lodge for the upcoming year. Lots of great things happening at our Lodge this year. Please as a reminder, pay your dues as soon as possible. We are required to pay a portion of your dues to both Grand Lodge as well as the State Association in the first few weeks of the new year. Our dues also pay property taxes and help fund our Lodge Improvements and Special Projects. Members going to State meeting in Gatlinburg will be required to have new membership cards. Also our lodge locks will be changed April 1st and members that haven't paid will not be permitted in either the Social Club nor admitted to meetings.

It is important for us as a lodge to document our Charity and Community Service. I encourage you to do so. You may pick up a Charity report from the bulletin board outside the Secretary/Treasurer office or simply send me a text or email with the event information, hours logged, mileage and any monetary or non-monetary donations. This helps us keep our Non-Profit status with the state and the government.

Please show support to all of the elected and appointed officers as well as our committee chairs. They have committed to support and represent our lodge over the next 12 months. As you are talking to potential members about our organization, keep in mind that we are dedicated to Charity and not only hope to get people looking for a place to hang out but people looking to support those causes with donations of time, money or both. Please express your ideas to the officers; understanding that every idea or event will not make the calendar. Keep in mind what is best for Our lodge and Members as well as the Community that we serve.

If you are interested in booking a party at the lodge or in the tiki hut, please reach out sooner than later as the calendar is already getting booked.

As part of the team for 2025-2026, I look forward to another great year in Chattanooga supporting the values of our Organization: Charity, Justus, Brother Love & Fidelity

Fraternally yours,

Reeda

Welcome Our New Members

On March 18th we initiated #9 new members. Please welcome our new Elks into our Lodge and encourage them to participate in our many charitable and social activities.

Congratulations New Elks!

Front L to R: Christian Anderson, Jennifer Lambert, Alison Scarborough, Angie Duncan; Back L to R: Jim Shepherd, Darryl Emery, John Wall, Jerald "Jay" Hudson II, Sam Hood.

Monthly Trivia

March Winners: (L-R)

Clay Kennedy, Robin Kennedy, Selina Denham, Wayne Denham, & Richard Long (Trivia Host)

Join us at the Lodge on the first Thursday night of each month for TRIVIA! Each month the winners will receive a TRIVIA TROPHY that will be passed from winner to winner! This month a Grand Winner will be drawn from all monthly winners! Next Grand Winner drawing will be held in March 2026.

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Regular Lodge Meeting 7pm	2 Baby Back Ribs Baked Beans Cole Slaw Potato	3 No Trivia	4 No Family or Game Night	5 Mock Pageant 10am to 1pm
6 Brunch 11am-2pm 11	7	8 Committee Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	9 Cheese Burgers, French Fry or Onion Rings *Calcutta*	10 Trivia	11 Family Entertainment	12 Youth (Kids) Easter 1-3pm
13 Brunch 11am-2pm New Member Orientation 1pm	14 HOH Meeting	15 Initiation Meeting 7pm	16 Country Style Steak & Green Bean Mash Potato & Fried Okra	17	18	19
20 Easter Buffet 11am-2pm	21	22	23 Chicken & Dressing, Squash Casserole & Green Bean Casserole	24	25 Karaoke	26 Drug Take Back 10am-2pm Pool Clean-Up 8am-12
27 Brunch 11am-2pm	28	29	30 Teriyaki Pork Loin, Broccoli, Fried Rice, Honey Glaze Carrots			

TEA Convention—Gatlinburg

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY & EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12
1-3pm

Fun, snacks, Easter egg hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

EASTER BUFFET

Sunday, April 20 11am-2pm