



CHATTANOOGA 91

Monthly Newsletter

March 2026

Meeting First & Third Tuesdays of Each Month

1067 Graysville Road Chattanooga, TN 37421

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Reeda Hall

We're wrapping up one Lodge year and getting ready to begin another, and I want to take a moment to say a sincere thank you. So many of you have given your time, energy, and heart to our Lodge this year. I'm especially grateful to our officers and our PERs — your guidance, support, and leadership have meant more to me than you know. As I join the ranks of PER myself, I'm confident our Lodge is in great hands with Mary Snellgrove. She's going to be a true rock star. Our committees and volunteers have also been incredible, and everything we've accomplished over the last 12 months is because of your hard work and dedication. A special thank you goes to our State President, Reeda Hall, for her patience and for showing me the ropes — it has been very much appreciated. And of course, to my wife, who keeps me pointed in the right direction and isn't afraid to remind me when I'm not... lol. Mary is already putting together her team of officers and committee leaders, working on her budget, and preparing to lead us into another great year. I'm excited to support her, and I hope each of you will step up and help however you can. If you haven't volunteered recently, this is the perfect time to jump in and show what it means to be a true and loyal Elk. It has truly been an honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler this past year. I'm not going anywhere — if you need me, just ask, and I'll do everything I can to help. We also have two big events coming up in March. First, our members will be performing the play "Southern Fried Funeral," which promises to be hilarious.



Bill Cobb
Exalted Ruler

Be sure to get your tickets for the Dinner and a Play on March 21st — it's only \$25. Then we'll celebrate with our ER's "In and Out" Party on March 28th. Mary has chosen an 80's theme, so dig deep in your closet, find your best retro outfit, and come out and enjoy a night of music and dancing. I wish all our members a happy, healthy year ahead. And remember our motto: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Together, we can continue making a real difference in our community by helping those who need it most.

Fraternally, **Bill**



VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations

~ Edward Bailey ~

We are proud to honor Edward Bailey as this month's Veteran of the Month. Edward's dedication to our country is truly remarkable, and we are grateful for his years of service and sacrifice. He began his military journey in the United States Marines, serving from 1982 to 1984. After his time with the Marines, he continued his commitment to our nation by joining the United States Army, where he served from 1984 to 2002. Edward's basic training took place at Parris Island, South Carolina, followed by further training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. His assignments led him to several posts, including Fort Knox, Kentucky (1984-1985), and then to Germany (1985-1987). He later returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina (1987-1988), serving as a Military Police Officer with 1995 Bravo from 1988 to 1990. Edward's commitment to justice continued as he joined the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), where he investigated serious crimes until his honorable discharge in 2002. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Edward Bailey for his unwavering service and dedication. His contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are honored to recognize him as an outstanding member of our veteran community.

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

Welcome February 2026 New Members



On February 17, Chattanooga Lodge initiated three new members. Scott Roach, Susan Hethcox and Justin Avinger. Please welcome our new members and encourage them to participate in our many events and committee activities.

Welcome New Members!



From the Secretary.....

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final Secretary message. I have been an officer of this Lodge for the majority of my 27 years of membership. I have been the Chaplain, Esquire, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler, I served on the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and finally as Secretary. I have seen this Lodge go through a ton of change and massive increases in Membership. To say that I am a proud Elk would be an understatement, even more so I am a Proud Member of our Lodge, Chattanooga Elks Lodge #91. I want to say Thank You to my countless mentors, friends and family. I would never be able to name them all, but I want to throw out a few special thanks. Hank Mallicoat you taught me how to represent our Lodge at meetings, what not to wear and what not to say. Eldon Hyde you taught me ritual and the importance of having fun no matter what was going on. The many nights we would sit around an empty Lodge on Saturday night and sing Hymns to the top of our lungs will always be favorite memories. Countless events and parties that Sheila Mallicoat and I were the last ones to leave after clean up. Chris and Doug Harden always ready to do anything that I asked or needed, especially last minute runs to the store. The late Sherman Fox who challenged my thinking, not because he didn't trust me, but because he wanted me to see the bigger picture. Vicky Fox has helped me beyond measure with all things membership. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the late Charlie Taggart and Jack Carney who taught me how to be the Secretary and were open to my ideas and opinions. So many more to thank for leading or pushing me down this path. I am not gone by any means. I will always be a member of this Lodge and support the future of Chattanooga Elkdom. I will continue to serve as advisory and a few other committees that Mary Snellgrove has asked me to help with. The time to step aside and let newer members take on leadership and the Secretary is now. Please support Pam Cobb and Doug Harden as they continue to learn and insure our Lodge is properly maintained and cared for with our finances and Grand Lodge programs. And you never know when I will pop up in the kitchen to lend a hand. Remember that each and every one of "You Are Valuable!" to this Lodge and the future of Elkdom. Take care of our property, take care of each other, and remember to pay your dues on time. God Bless and I can't wait to see you in the Social Club!

Forever Fraternal!

Reeda Hall, Secretary



Polar Plunge & Chili Cookoff Raises \$9,600

Thirteen Elks members plunged into the 38 degree swimming pool and 28 Elks entered the Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 7th raising over \$9,600 to benefit local charities. The winners of the Chili Cookoff included: Judges pick **First Place—Earl Howell** and **Crowd Favorite—Alfred Jones**. Thank you to Regina Burks for organizing the Plunge and Pam Cobb for organizing the Chili



Pam Cobb & Earl Howell

Cookoff! Thank you to all who participated and donated to our Charity Fund!

Don't Miss These EVENTS!

Come join us for a

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

MARCH 20TH
LIVE MUSIC BY
BOOGEYMAN-7pm

Chattanooga Elks Lodge 91
Presents:
Dinner and a Play by Osborne & Epler

Saturday, March 21, 2026

\$25 per person

Doors open at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:00pm and Play begin at 7:00pm

All proceeds to benefit Veterans and to feed children in our community!

EXALTED RULER IN & OUT PARTY MARCH 28TH @ 6 PM

HONORING EXALTED RULER
BILL COBB
AND ER ELECT MARY SNELLGROVE
80'S THEME PARTY WITH DJ DINO



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Brunch 11-2	2	3  Lorenzo's Food Truck Lodge Meeting 7pm	4 Chicken Cordon Blue w/ Rice, Mixed Vegetables	5  TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm	6 Karaoke 7pm  Wedding Party	7  Dr. Seuss Reading for Children 2pm ER Gonna Be Clinic— Nashville/ Franklin Lodge
8  Brunch 11-2 ER Gonna Be Clinic— Nashville/ Franklin Lodge	9 HOG Meeting	10 El Meson Food Truck Entertainment Meetings 6pm Board Meeting 7pm	11 TPC Golf Event Cheese- burgers	12	13 Family Entertainment *Members Only 7pm	14 GAME Night 6:30pm <i>Bring your own appetizer</i>
15 Brunch 11-2 New Member Orientation 1pm	16	17  Power Up Pizza Food Truck Meeting, Initiation, 7pm	18 Honey Baked Corn Beef, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes	19  7pm	20 St. Patty's Day Party w/ BOOGEYMAN 7PM	21 "Southern Fried Funeral" Dinner & Play 7pm Tickets \$25
22 Brunch 11-2	23	24  El Meson Food Truck Athens Lodge Officer Initiation 6:30pm	25 Pot Roast, Red Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables	26 Open Mic Night 6-9pm 	27 Family Entertainment *Members Only 7pm	28 ERIN & OUT PARTY 7pm 80s Theme 
29 Brunch 11-2 Children's Easter Party 2pm 	30	31  Cheese My Everything Food Truck				

FEBRUARY TRIVIA WINNERS

Front Row (L-R) Amanda, Bubba and Kay Back Row: Mike, Patrick, Andy and Bonnie



Support Our Lodge by Advertising



Please support our Lodge by advertising on our three Marketing Screens! Ads are \$350 per year starting on April 1, 2026. Non-member rate is \$450 per year. The Lodge can create you advertisement or you can provide your own ad in a format of 1920x1080 in a JPEG format. For more information call David Thompson at 423.314.2793 or email vtail138@yahoo.com.

Membership Dues!

The 2026-2027 Membership dues have been mailed or hand-delivered to all members. **If you mail in your dues, please indicate on the statement if you can pick your membership card up at the Lodge! It does save on postage! Please remember, April 1, 2026 is the deadline to pay your dues. The door locks will be changed on April 1, 2026. You will not be able to use this year's card to enter the Lodge or Social Club after that date!**

