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A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

We start the month of July off with the Elks National Convention in Austin from June 30th to July 3rd; watch for more details about the message from our new Grand Exalted Ruler. Since the convention is at the first of the month and the 4th of July holiday lands on Thursday, there will be no Lodge meeting at the first of the month so join us on July 18th for the meeting. We will also have our NE District VP there to give us the message from our State President. The BOD meeting is also moving to July 9th due to the National Convention; all members are welcome to attend, but you have to be on the agenda to speak.

While the month looks like we are slow around our Lodge, that is far from the truth. Check the calendar for all we have happening. The weekdays are getting pretty busy with shuffleboard, dart tournaments, open mic night, and cook nights. Watch for more information on the annual BYOP Fireworks show on July 6th. We have the Paul Holt Band on Saturday, July 13th and don't forget the wine dinner Saturday the 20th. There will be a fun filled Elks Olympics event on Saturday, July 27th. It's never a dull moment at the Broken Arrow Elks Lodge.

Most importantly, enjoy the celebration of our independence! Please be safe when firing or watching the firework shows and enjoy what our freedom truly means.

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” — Peter Marshall

Fraternally,
Joe Anderson
Exalted Ruler 2024-2025

Charity-Justice-Brotherly Love-Fidelity





Elk of the Month: JOE DOMEIER

This man stepped up to help every opportunity he could for our First Responders Appreciation meals; and this isn't the first time he has volunteered in our Lodge. So help me in congratulating Joe Domeier for Elk of the Month. Joe has been a member since March of 2019. He loves to volunteer and help with the community and all other aspects of Elkdom. Joe even did a year of being a lodge officer, but his love of travel and life took him down another path....though possibly only temporarily.

When asked to help out with a task, he will take it to heart and make sure it is done fully before walking away. You can find him in the kitchen helping cook or grilling a great steak. Joe is also always looking to help improve things within our Lodge



Next time you see Joe, congratulate him and visit to see where his latest travel has taken him, he always has a story to tell.

Officer Spotlight: JOSH HENSON

This month we are spotlighting Josh Henson, our Lecturing Knight. Josh was initiated in March of 2013, making him a 12 year member. He has been Chaplain multiple times and has served as part of our ritual team as well. Josh is always willing to lend a hand and you can find him in the kitchen, usually behind the grill at some point. You will also always find Josh supporting our lodge, especially during golf tournaments

While Josh may seem quiet, he is always thinking of what is best for the Lodge and has its members in mind when decisions are to be made during a Board of Directors meeting. Next time you see Josh at the lodge, take a few moments and visit with him; don't forget to congratulate him on being July's officer spotlight recipient.

Thank him as well when visiting for all he does around and for the Lodge.



Elks Care - **Elks** Share

~ Lady Elks ~

Hello Ladies,

The summer months are slow at our Lodge but we have a few things to look forward to. Come out to listen to the Paul Holt Band on July 13th. The Lady Elks will host an Italian themed wine dinner on July 20th. The cost will be \$45 per person. Watch Facebook for ticket information. The menu sounds absolutely delicious. We hope to see you there.

Mark your calendar for our annual Louise Davidson golf tournament. This will be held on September 28th. Funds from this tournament are donated to cancer hospitals for research and treatment. More information will be posted next month.

Wishing everyone a great and safe 4th of July.

Nan Speaks

Lady Elk President 2024-2025

LADY ELK OF THE MONTH ... DEBBIE LUCE

Debbie is this year's Vice President and is a great supporter for the Lady Elks. She is very enthusiastic about anything going on within the Lodge and is a big volunteer. She and her husband Tom also help with selling Queen tickets once a month for our Lodge.

Congratulations Debbie! Thank you for all you and Tom do! Enjoy your parking space.



VETERANS

A lot has happened this past month with the primary change being that Norman Tennison opted to resign as Veterans Committee Chairman and appointed Larry Markaverich to step in as chairman for the rest of our fraternal year until March 31, 2025.

To Norm: Thank you for your leadership the past few years. You WILL be missed.

To all of our veterans and supporters: I look forward to being your chairman and hope that I can fill in where Norm left off. I also need your support and cooperation during this coming year.

So, where are we headed and what is going to happen? We will continue most of the scheduled events we already had. We will be looking for lots of volunteers, both veterans and supporters. An acronym that I invented many years ago is: VE-VO. That is: Volunteer Early – Volunteer Often. I use it to stress the need for EARLY volunteers and activity leaders. I have found over the years that early volunteering makes for much smoother events. Please consider EARLY and OFTEN.

Two events this past month had to do with U.S. Flag retirements. We participated in the Lodge ceremony on June 12th and then again at Canoe Brook Retirement facility on June 14th. Both events were well attended by members of the lodge veterans honor guard group which rendered the appropriate dignity and honor expected for meaningful flag retirement recognition. Thank you honor guard for your participation.

I regret that we had to cancel the upcoming July 20th Annual Fish Fry due to organizational issues and simply just not being ready to conduct the event. We will try at a future time with more planning and time and VE-VO.

Look for our Annual Gun Raffle and drawing on the day of our Veterans Day parade on November 2nd with tickets to go on sale in August. It is not to be confused with the current State Veterans Raffle and drawing which will be drawn during the State Veterans Banquet in November.

Our veterans cooked for Wacky Wednesday on June 19th to great success. A few organizational changes were made that we think will help it to run smoothly in the future. Thanks to all who worked that night.

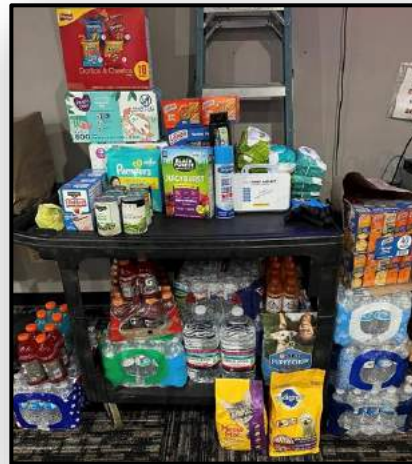
Once again, thanks to all for your support thus far in our transition and for your continued support in the future.

Larry Markaverich, Broken Arrow Veterans Committee Chairman

"As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



Top Left: Bingo Team; **Top Right:** Long time supporter Chris Tharp and ER Joe Anderson speaking to cadets; **Center Right:** Cadets from Cadet Lawman showing cadence skills; **Lower Right:** Cadets enjoying chicken fried steak; **Lower Left:** Flag Day Ceremony; **Center Left:** Honoring our flag during Flag Day Ceremony; **Center:** Items collected for Claremore tornado victims.



BROKEN ARROW ELKS LODGE 2673

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY
July 6th

Fun

Water Slide
Bring your own pool!

Cornhole & Horse Shoe Tournament

Food
Hot Dogs will be served around 6:00.
Please bring a side dish.

Frieworks
at Dusk

This is an all day event

CHECK FOR FLASH SALES AND PROMOS

SHARK WEEK

AN ABOVE WATER CELEBRATION

JULY 7-13

DRINK SPECIALS FUN & GAMES

PROGRESSIVE 50/50

6 TICKETS FOR \$5
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED DAILY
JUNE 19 TO JULY 13

DRAWING WILL BE HELD 7:13
PRIOR TO THE PAUL HOLT BAND PERFORMANCE

SEE BARTENDER FOR TICKETS

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Lodge 2073

PHB
PAUL HOLT BAND

SATURDAY JULY 13
7:00pm

LADY ELKS SUMMER WINE DINNER

SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 20
6:30 PM
\$45/PERSON

ENF FUNDRAISER!!!!

BINGO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

PACKS ON SALE @ 6:30PM
\$15 CARD PACKS - 5 GAMES, 1 SPEED ROUND
GET TWO PACKS FOR \$20

GAMES | FUN | PRIZES | BAKED POTATO BAR



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

We need YOU!

Talk to a Lodge Officer to learn how you can help!!

ELK OFFICERS		
Exalted Ruler:	Joe Anderson	918 271-1473
Leading Knight:	David Morlang	918 260-1702
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Chaplain:	Tim Holt	918 671-6797
Esquire:	Billy Gates	918 269-7873
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