



## A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Another successful August is behind us. While our softball team didn't win at the State Softball Tournament, they represented us well. Many of our members made a good showing at the NE Golf Tournament as well. Our annual Great Pretenders show was a huge success as well as our Car Show. Mother Nature tried her best to put a damper on the Car Show but as Elks do, we kept our heads up and pushed through.

September starts us off with the Elks State Fall Convention, which is open to any Elk to attend, just remember to register. Our lodge will not have a steak night or queen the weekend of convention. Along with all our regular activities throughout the week, we will have Singo on September 14<sup>th</sup> and don't forget our Louise Davidson Golf Tournament on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Get those golf team registrations in so you have your spot and can help us raise money to donate for cancer research!

The District Deputy of the Grand Exalted Ruler will be attending our lodge meeting on the September 19<sup>th</sup>, so come to the meeting and hear what the message is from our Grand Exalted Ruler for this year. The District Deputy will also host a clinic for the NE District on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Remember, check the calendar for all the events we have at our Lodge.

Finally, see the letter in this edition concerning the proposal for smoking/non-smoking at our lodge. Remember if you have questions, please visit with a BOD officer. And as always, please be respectful and kind to each other, it takes no effort at all.

*"One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."* Bryant H. McGill

Fraternally,  
Joe Anderson  
Exalted Ruler 2024-2025

Charity-Justice-Brotherly Love-Fidelity



Dear Membership,

The proposal below was brought to the Board of Directors (BOD) on April 30, 2024. BOD did not feel this was something they should make a decision on and it should be brought to membership. A member read this proposal on the floor in the August 1, 2024 Lodge meeting and made the motion to take this to membership for a vote. The motion was seconded and then voted on by those in attendance. The vote by members in attendance was approved to move forward with the vote to determine if our lodge will go non-smoking or if it will remain smoking. This vote will occur on October 3, 2024 during our regular lodge meeting.

Please be aware that if you plan to attend the meeting to cast a vote, you must be a member in good standing. You will need to present your card to be allowed in the meeting to be able to cast your vote.

If anyone has questions please reach out and visit with a member of the BOD. Thank you for your understanding.

Fraternally,

Joe Anderson

2024/2025 Exalted Ruler

4/30/24

To: Board of Directors

Broken Arrow Elks Lodge #2673

As per the Board of Directors meeting on 4/30/24

My proposal regarding smoking or non-smoking inside our lodge, the following was proposed.

1. The board shall notify the general membership in the time period between 4/30/24 and 11/1/24 that a vote will be taken to determine with a yes or no only vote. The voting will be done on the lodge premises, and only members in good standing shall be allowed to cast a ballot. The results of the vote will be announced prior to adjournment.
2. It is understood that the vote will require two thirds of the members present to be validated. A vote of yes will signify a vote for non- smoking and a vote of no will signify a vote for continued smoking where designated in the lodge.
3. The question regarding a specific place outside the interior of the lodge shall not be a factor. If and when the finances are available, my proposal would be to enclose the patio, similar to the Elks lodge in Shawnee, Oklahoma.



## Elk of the Month: CHRIS ROBERTS

Let's congratulate our Elk of the Month, Chris Roberts.

Chris is only a 3-year member but has stepped in to help out in many ways around our lodge. Chris is part of the karaoke group on Friday nights, helps out with many different events within our lodge, and is great as our announcer for our outside events. Chris is always willing to help out when asked and loves to sit and visit with people. He is also a big supporter of our lodge.



So next time you see Chris, sit down with him, visit, and thank him for doing his part to help our lodge succeed.

## Officer Spotlight: TOM LUCE

Allow me to introduce your officer this year, Tom Luce.

Tom is a 7-year member, being initiated in 2019 by Roger Lord. Tom stepped in to fill the Lodge Tiler position this year and since doing so he has stepped up in helping do many other things around the lodge. Tom is on the Wednesday officer cook team, has helped out with many little projects around the lodge that the maintenance committee has on their list, and just about any other item or task that you ask Tom to help.

Tom loves a round or two of golf and is always willing to sit and visit. When you get a chance, sit down and get to know Tom and let him get to know you too. Thank you for everything you do Tom!



**Elks** Care - **Elks** Share

# ~ Lady Elks ~

Hello Ladies

September is a busy month for our Lady Elks. We need everyone on board for our annual Louise Davidson Golf Tournament set for Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Battle Creek Golf Course. Get your team together come out have some fun and help support us to fight CANCER. After an afternoon of golf come back for a meal and support our silent and live auctions. Remember 100% of proceeds from this tournament are donated to Toby Keith's Kid Korral and Stephenson Cancer Center.

I encourage everyone to come to our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30 as we have several important things to discuss.

Nan Speaks

Lady Elk President 2024-2025

## **LADY ELK OF THE MONTH ... ANITA BABCOCK**



Anita has many rolls within our Lodge. She has served as Lady Elk President multiple times; she orders supplies for our kitchen plus she has handled the Car Show registration for many many years. The list goes on and on.

Anita's most recent role is the state elect President's First Lady. Let's all kept Anita and David in our thoughts as they travel representing our state as well as our lodge.

Thank you for all the things you do Anita.

# VETERANS

I would like to personally extend an open invitation to all veterans within our Lodge to attend our Veterans meetings. We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 at the lodge in the dining room. I hope to see some new faces.

Our annual gun raffle has already begun with a “soft” opening over the car show weekend and is going quite well today. See Duke Overholt for tickets. He will gladly sign you out with tickets for you to sell. All we ask is that you turn in any ticket sales money once you sell that allotment before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds go towards toys for deployed members of the 138<sup>th</sup> Air Wing.

The Annual Toy Run will be in late October with toys and money from this event used to give toys to children of deployed soldiers at Christmas.

Our annual Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. Watch the Lodge Facebook page for details. We will be handing out food baskets to needy veterans and needy families during November.

Please help me as we acknowledge everything that Duke Overholt and Lori Speaks do for our Veterans group.

Duke can be seen supporting Veterans and anything Elk related. When an event is announced his is like magic – showing up to lead or help out. He is easy to work with, energetic and resourceful. Lori is just about the same! She has served in many roles during the past 12 years but her greatest passion has always been helping those in need, especially our Veterans and their families. You can always count on her to step up when needed.

With all of that said, these upcoming events will need volunteers, which would be an excellent opportunity to exercise my little ditty:  
VE-VO (Volunteer Early-Volunteer Often).

Larry Markaverich, Veteran Chairman

## Veteran of the Month: **BRUCE MCDANIEL**

I am proud to announce U.S. Air Force veteran Bruce McDaniel as our veteran of the month for September. Bruce enrolled in the ROTC program in 1971 during his junior year at the University of Kansas and was an Airman Basic (AB) in the reserves until receiving his commission 1973. He was on active duty 1973 – 1975 and in the reserves until 1983. He was stationed at Plattsburgh, NY AFM, a SAC installation, as a Munitions Accountable Supply Officer which also included duties as weapons and armaments for the M16 and FB111's and was also accountable for the nuclear weapons stored on the base.

Bruce is a very active member of the Lodge and our Veterans group for several years. He can be found helping out with all the events the Veterans hold. He is on the veterans Wacky Wednesday cook team. Bruce is very deserving of this award. So as always when you see him around the Lodge, shake his hand, tell him job well done.



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



**Top Left:** Anita Babcock, Matt Reyburn & Duke Overholt during Lounge Olympics for the school lunch program; **Top Right:** Dart Tournament fun; **Center:** Bingo Hokey Pokey dancers; **Right:** Nan Speaks presenting Lady Elks Trophy to Julie Eskridge; **Bottom Center:** State President and First Lady Ron & Dianna Hancock enjoying the Car Show; **Left:** Our very own Beetlejuice—Aaron Clark.



**BROKEN ARROW ELKS LODGE**

MUSIC  
FUN, FOOD  
& FRIENDS

**SINGO NIGHT**

SEPT 14

1 PACK = \$15  
2 PACKS = \$20  
50/50 = 6 TICKETS FOR \$5

PACKS ON SALE AT  
6:30

SINGO STARTS AT 7:00

THE BROKEN ARROW LADY ELKS PRESENT

*the Louise Davidson*  
Charity

Saturday  
September  
28th

**GOLF** 

Tournament

NEED MORE INFORMATION?  
CONTACT ANITA BAIBCOCK  
(918) 381-4513

SIGN UPS  
ARE  
LOCATED UNDER  
THE TV BY THE  
DINING ROOM  
ENTRANCE

- \$75 Per Person / 4 Person Team
- Must have two females to qualify for prizes
- Belle Creek Golf Club
- Tee Off at 1:30 pm

**WANTED:  
VOLUNTEERS**

We need  
**YOU!**

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

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

ELKS LODGE  
Broken Arrow, OK  
# 2673

**Veterans Toy Run**  
For The Families of Our Deployed Military

October 19 2024

8<sup>th</sup> Annual   8<sup>th</sup> Annual

2 Wheel or 4 Wheel - All are Welcome!

**Registration**  
Breakfast 10am  
Kickstands Up Noon

**SCOOTERS SOUTH 40** 24100 E Hwy 51, BA

**CAROUSEL LOUNGE** 4646 S Mingo Rd, Tulsa

**JAMESVILLE Y** 17218 Off Taft Rd, Haskell

**Last Bike in**  
5 pm

**ELKS LODGE, #2673** 10266 S 241 E Ave, BA

**OUTLAW 51 BAND** SPONSORED BY: ELKS LODGE #2673 VETERANS & BA ELK PRIZES

**LIVE AUCTION** Toys should be Unwrapped  
\$20 Driver (\$10 with a Toy)  
\$10 Passenger, add'l Hands

**FOOD & DRINK**  
For more information call  
Nikki 918 404-4082  
Wendy 402 660-1986

**BROKEN ARROW ELKS #2673**

**let's eat!**

WACKY WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY STEAKNIGHT
1st WEDNESDAY Past Lady Elk Presidents	1st FRIDAY Lecturing Knight Josh Henson
2nd WEDNESDAY PER	2nd FRIDAY Loyal Knight Tony Penn
3rd WEDNESDAY Veterans	3rd FRIDAY Leading Knight David Morlang
4th WEDNESDAY 2024-25 Officer Team	4th FRIDAY Antlers

Wacky Teams may change during summer months

**PER BREAKFAST**  
2nd Sunday Monthly



**SEPTEMBER**

**COCKTAILS** ALL SEPTEMBER COCKTAILS \$6

**Gin Lemmy**  
Gin, Lemonade & Ginger Ale

**Metropolitan Martini**  
Light Rum, Creme de Banana & Cranberry

**Black & Orange Old Fashion**  
Jameson Black, Orange Bitters & Simple Syrup

**Draft Beers**  
10oz/23oz/32oz

- Mich Ultra--\$3, \$4.25, \$5.50
- Leinenkugel--\$3, \$4.25, \$5.50
- Blue Moon--\$3.50, \$5, \$7
- Flight--\$3, \$4.25, \$5.50
- Modelo--\$3.50, \$5, \$7
- Sapporo--\$3.50, \$5, \$7
- Quirk--\$3.50, \$5, \$7
- Yuengling Lager--\$3, \$4.25, \$5.50

**Rattlesnakes \$3.00**

**Jell-O Shots \$1.00**

ELK OFFICERS		
Exalted Ruler:	Joe Anderson	918 271-1473
Leading Knight:	David Morlang	918 260-1702
Loyal Knight:	Tony Penn	918 406-8176
Lecturing Knight:	Josh Henson	918 284-1431
Secretary:	Rick Helm	918 855-8371
Treasurer:	Brett Burton	918 810-4863
Chaplain:	Tim Holt	918 671-6797
Esquire:	Billy Gates	918 269-7873
Inner Guard:	Duke Overholt	918 934-8834
Tiler:	Tom Luce	918 407-0431

TRUSTEES		
5-Year Trustee:	Mike Inman	918 346-3369
4-Year Trustee:	Gary Tull	918 693-2548
3-Year Trustee:	Martin Arguelles	918 219-7271
2-Year Trustee:	Chad Speaks	918 519-1808
1-Year Trustee:	Matt Fisher	918 884-9133

OTHER HELPFUL CONTACTS		
BA Elk Riders:	Wendy Johnson	402 660-1986
Rental Coordinator:	Maureen Ortiz	918 695-8704
Roaming Elks President:	Leslie Gross	918 855-7901
Veterans Chairman:	Larry Markaverich	918 237-5406

LADY ELK OFFICERS		
President:	Nan Speaks	918 850-4151
Vice President:	Debbie Luce	918 724-3847
Secretary:	Bailey Wilson	918 277-2730
Parliamentarian:	Diana Findley	206 947-1719
Treasurer:	Marni Arguelles	918 361-6038
Chaplain:	Joni Ring	918 894-3850
Hospitality:	Jane Padgett	918 695-4021
Ladies Membership:	Dawn Tull	918 833-2393