



A WORD FROM THE EXALTED RULER

HAPPY NEW YEAR Broken Arrow Elks!!! December provided us an opportunity to honor our absent members; hold our annual Elk family Christmas dinner; and then ring in the new year. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Now on to 2025!

January is looking good for our Lodge and the calendar is full. Check your calendar for all the events happening this month. We start out with the District Hoop Shoot on the 4th. Go cheer our sponsored kids on or if you would like to help reach out to Rich Eltzroth. On the 11th there will be Lodge "winter games" to raise money for PAL. The 18th brings us BINGO for ENF and finally on the 25th is the Lady Elks Casino night to raise money for youth scholarships.

Please be aware, we are moving our BOD meeting to January 7th due to New Year's Eve and our first meeting of the month on January 2nd has been cancelled. Please plan to attend our second meeting of the month, January 16th to find out what is going on within our Lodge and what is coming up in the month of February.

Don't forget we have new merchandise and our new Lodge bourbon for sale. Check it out in the merchandise cabinet and ask a bartender for the item(s). I'd like to add a quick thank you to Shannon Lee for the merchandise items!

"I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. I think if you want to change something, change it today and don't wait until the New Year." - Georgina Bloomberg

Fraternally,

Joe Anderson
Exalted Ruler 2024-2025

Charity-Justice-Brotherly Love-Fidelity





Elk of the Month: STEVEN SHORE

Congratulations to Steve Shore as our January Elk of the Month.

Steve was initiated in January 2023 and is getting more and more involved as the years pass. He helps out with Friday night queen, setting up and breaking down for events, and even in the kitchen when it is needed. Recently, Steve cleaned the restroom floors for our Lodge. Steve is always willing to help out. His work sometimes pulls him away, but when he is there, Steve is fully invested in helping. He is very interested in the best interest of our Lodge, its members, and officers.

The next time you see Steve, shake his hand and thank him for his help and dedication.



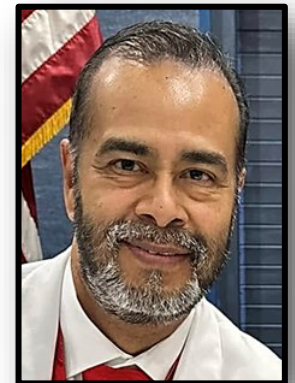
Officer Spotlight: MARTIN ARGUELLES

I would like to introduce you to your 3-year trustee, Martin Arguelles.

Martin was initiated into our order in October 2013 by Rich Eltzroth. Since that time Martin has been very involved in our Lodge and Elks, especially in an officer type role. He has been our Lodge Esquire, Tiler, Inner Guard, Lecturing, Loyal, and Leading Knight, and Exalted Ruler. He then started making his way through the trustee chairs. He was also part of the ritual team that went to Tampa to compete at a national level.

Since that time Martin has now stepped up to become the Oklahoma State Elks Chaplain. Martin has also been part of ENF as a coordinator, the Lodge Soccer Shootout chairman as well as the NE State Committee Soccer Shoot chairman. Martin is always willing to lend a hand to help.

When you see Martin, go and visit, as you and every Elk is Family to him.



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~ Lady Elks ~

Hello Ladies!!!

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Our Annual Scholarship Casino Night will be on January 25th. If you have any new or gently used items around the house that you would like to donate as prizes, there will be a bin in the lobby for collection. We also will be asking for volunteers to be dealers and to run games. Training will be provided before games begin. We will post on Facebook, or you can contact Cheryl Hammons or coordinator at 918 693-2290 to volunteer.

It's also time to form our nominating committee for the upcoming year's officers. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please attend our meeting on January 16th. If you would like to be considered for nomination, please contact our Vice President, Debbie Luce to let her know.

Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

Nan Speaks

Lady Elk President 2024-2025

LADY ELK OF THE MONTH ... JENNIFER BURTON



Our January Lady Elk of the Month is Jennifer Burton. Jennifer is a past Lady President and is involved in numerous activities around the Lodge. You can find her helping with wine dinners, the Lady Elk Golf Tournament, and serves as chairman of the audit committee. Plus, she gets her mother to make the fantastic lasagna the Past Lady President service on their cook night.

Thank you for all you do.

VETERANS

Since this is our New Year's editions, I will keep this very short. I hope that every one of you had a happy, holy and merry Christmas and wish you a safe and prosperous New Year. Thank you all for all of your efforts this past year and in the year to come.

Our Wacky Wednesday crew did their expected best as our Wacky cook night on December 18th and we look forward to our January 15th cook night. Please come out to support our team.

I hear that we picked up several new veterans members during recent new member initiations. All veterans within our Lodge are encouraged and invited to attend our monthly committee meeting. This meeting takes place the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 6th at 7:00pm in the dining room. We hope to see new veterans and supporters in our upcoming meetings.

Once again, thank you to all of our veterans and supporters for helping to make our committee the success that it has come to be.

And remember:

VE-VO (Volunteer Early-Volunteer Often).

Larry Markaverich
Veteran Chairman



December Honoree: **NORMAN TENNISON**

Congratulations to our Veteran of the Month, Norman Tennison. Norm always takes on the annual Christmas gift distribution to the children of our deployed members in the 138th Transportation Wing. Thank you, Norm, and please enjoy your reserved Veteran of the Month parking space.

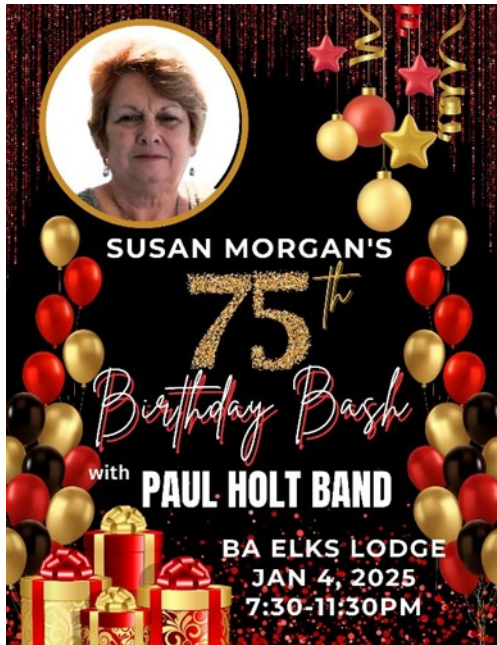
"As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



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Top Left: Gary Tull sounds the chimes during the Memorial Service; **Top Center:** Family Christmas Dinner; **Top Right:** Lady Elks Party helpers; **Right Middle:** Gifts for 49 Wagoner Co DHS Angels; **Bottom Right:** Antlers laying wreaths at Fort Gibson National Cemetery; **Left Center photos:** BA Riders distributing nearly \$8000 in gifts to children of deployed service personnel.



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:	Phillip Price	918 752-9682
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:	Brenda Holt	918 671-2377
Hospitality:	Jane Padgett	918 695-4021
Ladies Membership:	Dawn Tull	918 833-2393