

# Signal

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Greetings Lodge, From your new ER!

I would like to thank all for your confidence in me. I would like you all to know, I love you!

My vision for this year is to try to regain the unity in the lodge that was here when I joined this lodge nine years ago.

I promise to each and every one of you, as ER, like it is stated in the opening of the lodge meeting, “fidelity, as the virtue of the station of the ER, and the lodge members is of supreme importance, for only while we remain faithful to our obligation to protect and help one another, will we act toward one another with Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love. If we forget the words of our obligation, we will not have a chance to see this lodge make a difference for the way we treat each other with the virtues of what we stand for”.

So, if you do not remember the words of the obligation we all took, please come to a lodge meeting when we have initiation.

I would like to thank all the people who held an office for the last 9 years. Through your commitment to this lodge, I have learned what an Elk is! Especially those who I had the pleasure to work with and that they all showed great tolerance because of my stubbornness.

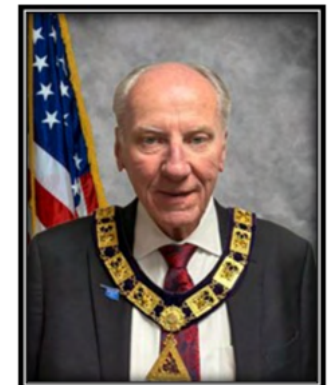
I want to thank my wife Kathy for putting up with me through this learning process. She is truly the most amazing wife any man could have.

Love and blessings to all!

Fraternally,

Tony Penn  
Exalted Ruler 2026-2027

Charity-Justice-Brotherly Love-Fidelity



### Elk of the Year: Sandy Overholt

Being the Exalted Ruler, you get to see a lot more of the inner workings of the Lodge, more than most.

I would like to take a quick moment to say thank you to our wives, Lady Elks, and in general, the ladies and supporters who do so much behind the scene. We do not ever want to take them for granted.

These ladies include Nan, Jane, Nadine, Cheryl, Shannon, Sarah, Samantha, Snoda, Tamara, and Kayla for always supporting the Lodge during cook nights, building maintenance issues, entertainment committee and Antlers events. The list goes on.

Anyways, Thank You all.

To add one more for the evening, Entertainment committee, Antlers, Veterans, Soccer Shoot, Book Club, Whiskey club ...and most importantly, Duke Wrangler... Your Elk of the year Sandra Overholt!

### Officer of the Year: Duke Overholt

This cat is involved in about anything and everything that happens around your Lodge...Veterans Committee: Serves as Veterans Chaplain; Men's Golf Tournament Committee; Implemented Wear Red on Fridays Shirt sales; Antlers creator and chairman; BA Veterans Parade; Veterans fund raisers; outreach programs for Veterans; building ramps; installing water heaters; winter care packages; toy runs; State Youth Chairman; BBQ club; Whiskey Club; Building Maintenance; has held the titles of Tiler, Inner Guard, Esquire, Chaplain, and now Lecturing Knight; VJ for Karaoke; cook nights... I bet I missed something!??

Your Officer of the year... Duke Overholt

### Honorary Officer of the Month

Just a few words about our outgoing Exalted Ruler David Morlang. David led our Lodge with kindness and an ever-present smile.

Every ER has that one event that marks his year. David's year gets to be remembered by the year of ABLE. He helped as we navigated the challenges presented by the ABLE visit without breaking a sweat. I'm sure there were times when he simply wanted to scream.

Let us all give a huge thank you to both David and Monika for their service to our Lodge. You did it! Now please report to the kitchen – there are dishes to wash.

### A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

First, Thank You for trusting me to be your lodge secretary. We are off to a good start with membership renewal, over half our members have renewed. If you have not renewed yet please try to make that happen as soon as possible, our lodge depends on your dues renewal to help keep our operations running. Per Grand Lodge if dues are not paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> a member becomes delinquent but your current card will continue to work till the end of May at which time you will have to pay your dues to have access into the Lodge.

If you are not aware, we have begun sending emails out for most Lodge events, the monthly newsletter and calendar, etc. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to receive them, please email me at [baelkssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:baelkssecretary@gmail.com) so we can update your email or add you to the email list.

Lastly, don't forget if you have a meeting, cook night, or event please fill out the charity form (found by the mailboxes in the game room). Once filled out, put the form in the secretary's mailbox, so our lodge and our organization can get credit for the amount of volunteer miles and hours we do.

Thank you again, if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. Finally, let's have a great year!

Joe Anderson

Broken Arrow Elks Secretary

[baelkssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:baelkssecretary@gmail.com) 918.271.1473

# VETERANS

Spring is officially here. Please congratulate our new Lodge officers. Our lodge continues to grow each month with new members. Several of the new members are veterans. Please reach out to these members and invite them to our meetings and activities.

Remember our veteran committee meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7pm. The next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup>. Wacky Wednesday is April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Come get your favorite hamburgers, chicken, hot dogs, and more from your veterans cook team. Great Food!!

Check out our current Veteran fundraiser featuring a Guided Fishing trip on Lake Texoma or a Bass Pro gift certificate. More info posted in the Lodge.

Mark your calendars for the Smoke-a-thon on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Sunrise service on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and our Fish Fry and Flag Day on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please congratulate Rick Morgan as our March Veteran of the Month.

Lastly but most important PLEASE remember and pray for our troops currently fighting for our freedom around the globe. Thank you!

Johnny Stamper  
Veteran Chairman

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

## BA ELKS RIDERS

The Broken Arrow Elks Riders 2673 is a social riding group of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts that enjoy the comradery of other people with similar interests in riding our open roads.

- Our group has monthly dinner rides.
- We assist in providing funding for certain lodge improvements from benefit rides and monthly breakfasts.
- We support and honor Veterans with our Christmas in July benefit ride.
- We assist and support other Elks Lodge Riding groups through participation in their events.
- We do annual toy runs around Christmas.
- We ride in Christmas Parades as a group.
- We have periodic weekend destination rides.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to be part of the Elks Riders 2673 riding group, we would love to have you.

Charlie Merz  
918 728-4142

### An note from the most recent PER:

There is one other item I want to add on as Out-Going ER.

There are many many people that keep our lodge on track. This is why I want to send a special Thank-You to Sarah Anderson. Sarah takes care of the monthly Signal and Calendar and truly helps to keep the ER on track.

Say Thanks the next time you see her!!

# ~ Lady Elks ~

Ladies,

It is a pleasure to be serving as your 2026-27 Lady Elk President. I am so excited about the team chosen to lead the amazing group of women we call Lady Elks. Our outgoing president, Debbie Luce, and her team did a wonderful job of guiding us to another successful year of fun and fundraising for the causes we hold dear to our hearts. Thank you!

Please put the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month on your calendar to come and join us for our meeting. Bring your husband to his meeting and come hang out with us for ours. Meetings start @ 7:30 pm. We can never have enough laughter and new ideas from you!

April is a busy month. Our PLPs cook on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00; Book Club meets April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00; Wine Tasting is on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30; Trivia Night is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45; our monthly meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30; Book Club Movie Night is April 21<sup>st</sup> (time and location TBD). Each of these activities is led by an amazing Lady Elk. Come and participate if you can.

Follow us on Facebook, Broken Arrow Lady Elks, and check your email for additional information and updates.

Brenda Holt  
Lady Elks President  
2026-2027

## **LADY ELK OF THE YEAR DAWN TULL**

Dawn and her husband, Gary, have been active members in our Lodge for over a decade. Dawn has served in many positions for the Lady Elks. Her most recent posts include Past Lady Elks President and as Membership Chair for the past 2 years. You will often find Dawn leading and/or assisting with numerous Elks and Lady Elks events. The most important part of her volunteer work is her happy heart that leads all of her efforts!

Dawn, you are so deserving of this award, and we thank you so much for all that you accomplish for our Lodge.



Clockwise from top left: Mixology 101 hosts St. Patrick's Day party goes; our very own Leprechaun, Mike Puckett; New Members: Kevin Crass, Kevin Es-sary, Steven Downum, ER David Morlan, RJ Jackson & Kevin Riggs; Officer, Elk & Lady Elk of the Year Duke Overholt, Sandy Overholt and Dawn Tull; your 2026-2027 Officer Team; Matt Fisher, Tom Luce and ER Tony Penn during the 11 o'clock toast; First Lady and State President Anita & David Babcock on FIRE!



**Broken Arrow Elks Lodge #2673**

# Easter egg hunt

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026  
11AM-2PM**

Come, rain or shine!

**FREE TO THE COMMUNITY: FOOD, GAMES, FACE PAINTING & PETTING ZOO!**

**AGE BASED EGG HUNT! BRING YOUR OWN BASKET TO COLLECT EGGS!**

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10266 S 241st E Ave  
Broken Arrow, OK 74014  
(Just off of Hwy 51 on the SW corner of Oneta Rd & 101st St)

COME ON DOWN...

# the price is right

game night

**YOU COULD BE NEXT!**

**SAT, APRIL 4 @ 7PM**

**BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!**

**\$5 TO PLAY**

**WIN COOL PRIZES!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

The Lady Elks Present

# WINE

TASTING & PAIRING

STARTS AT 6:00 PM

\$55 PER TICKET

16 WINES WITH PROFESSIONALLY PAIRED HORS D'OEUVRES

NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT ANITA BABCOCK AT (918) 381-4513

## 15th Annual Roaming Elks Camping Club Backyard Smoke-a-Thon

**April 25, 2026**

CATEGORIES: CHICKEN - RIBS - PORK - ANYTHING BUT & GRAND CHAMPION

\*\*If pork butt will be provided to each team cooking in the Pork category!

CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES (100% CASH PAYOUT)

**Entry Fees:**  
\$70 if paid by April 11th  
\$80 if paid after April 11th  
\$10 Optional Anything But Category

**Vendor Spots available**  
\$30 registration for vendors (contact us if interested)

**Taster Kits go on sale at**  
4:00pm - \$10.00 (while supplies/food lasts)

Check in / Start Time:  
Fri. 6:30 - 7:30pm / start time 8:00pm  
Sat. 7:00am / start - after check-in  
\*\*Mandatory cook mtg Friday at 7:30p

For more information about the Event, Rules and Registration email us at:  
ROAMINGELKSCAMPINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM  
or contact Lori Speaks at 918-770-6682

LOCATION: **BROKEN ARROW ELKS LODGE #2673**  
10266 S. 241st East Ave  
Broken Arrow, Ok. 74014

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Tuesday April 14th 6:45pm**

COME FOR APPETIZERS STAY FOR THE FUN!!

**NEW TRIVIA PROGRAM THANKS TO BODU!**



*See ya at the Elks*

# WHISKEY Club

Thursday  
**APR 23rd @ 7:00 PM**

**BA ELKS**

3 Different Tastes

ELK OFFICERS		
Exalted Ruler:	Tony Penn	918 406-8176
Leading Knight:	Josh Henson	918 284-1431
Loyal Knight:	Billy Gates	918 269-7873
Lecturing Knight:	Duke Overholt	918 934-8834
Secretary:	Joe Anderson	918 271-1473
Treasurer:	Tray Riggs	918 607-8170
Chaplain:	Eric Strelow	402 504-8406
Esquire:	Tom Luce	918 407-0431
Inner Guard:	Tim Holt	918 671-6797
Tiler:	Tracy Saint-John	918 798-6087

TRUSTEES		
5-Year Trustee:	David Morlang	918 260-1702
4-Year Trustee:	Matt Fisher	918 884-9133
3-Year Trustee:	Bobby Walker	918 261-7889
2-Year Trustee:	Gary Tull	918 693-2548
1-Year Trustee:	Rich Eltzroth	918 693-0259
OTHER HELPFUL CONTACTS		
BA Elk Riders:	Charlie Merz	918 728-4142
Rental Coordinator:	Maureen Ortiz	918 695-8704
Roaming Elks President:	Leslie Gross	918 855-7901
Veteran Chairman:	Johnny Stamper	918 521-7060

LADY ELK OFFICERS		
President:	Brenda Holt	918 671-2377
Vice President:	Michele Gates	918 810-4585
Secretary:	Michelle Abrams	918 645-0428
Parliamentarian:	Heather Price	918 430-8976
Treasurer:	Jennifer Burton	918 695-4418
Chaplain:	Debbie Glasco	918 607-2757
Hospitality:	Jane Padgett	918 695-4021
Ladies Membership:	Cheryl Hammons	918 693-2290