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Greetings Lodge family!

It is hot! The day I wrote this article; the forecast was for 102-degree heat with the heat index of 110 to 115. For us old people that means no golf, no tennis, no pickleball, no jogging (that we do that anyway), no camping, no lawn care, no going outside unless it is to get in the air-conditioned car to go to the lodge for a cold beverage. Thank God for A/C!!!

I remember as a kid, we didn't have an air-conditioner until I was about 10. But at that age it didn't seem to be an obstacle. Now us old folks are supposed to be wiser! So much for that old wife's tale.

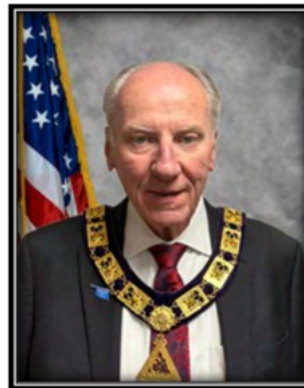
This kind of weather calls for us all to head to the Lodge to cool down and enjoy our Lodge family. Come and support the Lodge with a beverage of your choice! At least it is not snowing.

We have a busy month in August. Saturday the 1st is the Elks Softball Tournament, Saturday the 8th Northeast District Golf Tournament, Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th is the world-famous Great Pretenders show along with the fabulous Car Show on the 16th. Rounding out that very busy week-end will be the NE DD Clinic on Sunday the 18th. This should keep you busy no matter the heat.

God Bless you all! I Love You All.

Fraternally,
Tony Penn
Exalted Ruler 2026-2027

Charity-Justice-Brotherly Love-Fidelity



Elk of the Month: Charlie Merz

Elk of the month for August is Charlie Merz! Charlie took over the Elk Riders and has great success in growing this group and planning for their rides. And can he sing!

Congratulations Charlie!



Officer of the Month: Billy Gates

My officer of the month is Billy Gates. Billy has worked so hard on the officer cook nights and especially the car show for this month. Please give him your appreciation when you see him and I say thank you Billy!



VETERANS

With the heat of the summer in full force, I encourage everyone to check on their family and neighbors to make sure everyone has a cool place to be. This heat can be deadly, especially on the elderly.

The Veteran Wacky Wednesday is still off for the summer, but the BBQ team has been doing an excellent job as our replacement. The Veteran cook team will return on September 16th.

The July Veteran of the Month was the dual team of Norman and Debbie Tennison. Norman was part of the cook team for the Claremore Veteran Fish Fry, and then again for our Fish Fry. Debbie was also at our Fish Fry taking money and helping out where needed. Norman participates in all Veteran Honor Guard activities. We are fortunate to have both Norman and Debbie helping our Veterans and our Lodge.

The next Veteran meetings are Monday August 3rd and September 7th.

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."

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

We have been having a pretty good year so far, with 29 increases to our membership and another 21 waiting to join us. We still have 107 delinquent members that we need to encourage to pay their dues. Also, to every group, committee chairman, cook team, and all the others; Thank You for doing an awesome job with turning in your charitable giving forms so we can record our hours and mileage. Keep up the good work.

We have a busy August coming up so check your calendar. Our only Lodge Meeting for this month will be on August 6th, the meeting on the 20th is cancelled per our by-laws. Don't forget that there will be no steak night and no queen on the 14th due to Great Pretenders. Make sure you get your tickets to come see the show. The District Deputy meeting will be on Sunday, August 16th as well.

It is quickly approaching, but September 11-13 is the Oklahoma State Elks Fall Convention. This is a good time to have conversations with other Lodges and find out how Oklahoma Elks are doing.

Joe Anderson
Lodge Secretary
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Elks Care - *Elks* Share

~ Lady Elks ~

Ladies,

Boy is August going to be a busy month for our Lodge! Our annual Car Show is August 15th, with the Great Pretenders Show August 14th and 15th. Then the next weekend is another Mixology 101 with three fun, yummy Vodka drinks for only \$25. The flyer is on our Ladies' Facebook page.

We had a blast at the pool party! Thank you, Heather Price, for hosting! The July 25th wine dinner was a resounding success with \$2,300 raised for the Louise Davidson Golf Tournament!! The food was delicious and paired with wines to compliment. Thank you to the team who worked hard to make it so awesome! We were privileged to have Dan Hoffman, Senior Director of Development, in attendance from the Stephenson Cancer Center. He spoke about the awesome legacy the Lady Elks have created with their yearly donation, and invited us to visit the Center for a grand tour. We also learned a new Stephenson Cancer Center is being built in Tulsa, and will open in 2028. Stayed tuned for future updates!

Our 24th annual Louise Davidson Golf Tournament is just two months away. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for our goody bags, please let me know. Also, the deadline to purchase a sign to put on the golf course is September 15th, \$25. The forms for the signs and golf team registration are on the book shelf going into the dining room.

Brenda Holt
Lady Elks President
2026-2027

LADY ELK OF THE MONTH: JENNIFER BURTON

This month our Lady Elk to be recognized is Jennifer Burton. She is our Treasurer and a wealth of information for our ladies' group. She displays such a generous heart both inside AND outside of our lodge. That is what Elkdom is all about, recognizing a need and jumping in to help! Thank you, Jennifer, and enjoy your parking space.





Top Left: July 4th fireworks before Mother Nature took over;
 Top Center: Congratulations to our own Roger Lord, NE District Deputy;
 Top Right: Tracy & Debbie showing off an Elk Rider omelet;
 Right Center: Silent Auction items for Riders Christmas in July;
 Bottom Right: Fried Fish Dinner for Christmas in July;
 Left: Summer Wine Dinner Crew.

EXIT

JAMES N
FROSTIE WHEELS

BELOW BROADWAY

LIVE AT
ELKS LODGE
BROKEN ARROW, OK
AUGUST 8TH | 7PM

OKLAHOMA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

INDIAN TACO

SAT 8/8 Fundraiser **\$10**

LIVE MUSIC & FIREBALL PROMO

BROKEN ARROW ELKS LODGE 2673
PRESENTS

THE GREAT PRETENDERS

AUGUST 13 & 14
6:30 PM

TABLES \$90
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$15

35TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WHEELS
CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW
BROKEN ARROW ELKS

SAT AUG 15

FOOD & DRINK
DOOR PRIZES
FAMILY FUN

8AM - 2PM
\$20 ENTRY

PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP VEHICLE CATEGORIES

www.facebook.com/Baelksfestivalofwheels

Back by Popular Demand!!

MIXOLOGY 101

Cocktail building, tasting, learning.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE
SATURDAY AUGUST 22nd, 7PM

- Enjoy 2 handcrafted vodka cocktails prepared by us and you!
- Learn proper shaking & stirring techniques.
- Discover flavor balance & garnish tips. Garnish your own cocktail!

BLOODY MARY
Customize it exactly the way you like it!

BLUEBERRY BASIL SMASH
Fruity, bright, garden inspired. Featuring fresh basil from Debbie Luce's garden!

PINEAPPLE JALAPENO COOLER
Sweet, tangy, a little spicy (Optional).

DOOR PRIZES

LIMITED SEATING

\$25 INCLUDES ALL COCKTAILS, INSTRUCTION, TASTING AND GARNISHES.

BRING TO YOU BY THE BROTHER ARROW LADY ELKS
8277 TO BROTHER ARROW LADY ELKS 1000-40-0000 OR BROTHER ARROW LADY ELKS 1000-704-0000

PROMO NIGHT **SATURDAY**
8/8
7-8:30

SHOOT your SHOT

LIVE MUSIC/INDIAN TACOS

Tuesday, August 11th
7:00pm

TRIVIA NIGHT

Come out for
Appetizers
Stay for the fun!

BROKEN ARROW ELKS LODGE #2673
Join us

FRIDAY NIGHTS for 8 BALL Tournament

PAYS 3 PLACES

SIGN UP STARTS AT 7:30

\$6.00 ENTRY FEE

PAYS 3 PLACES

PART OF THE ENTRY FEE WILL GO TOWARDS OEMP

*** So join us on Friday nights... ***

HAVE A GREAT STEAK DINNER & LET'S SHOOT SOME POOL!

STATE OF OKLAHOMA and HOOGHPOD CHILI COOKOFF

AUGUST 29, 30 2026

TURN IN 1PM SATURDAY
1PM SUNDAY
\$25 ENTRY EACH DAY

COOKING INSIDE IS AVAILABLE

TWO DAY AUTO QUALIFIER
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DONELL DICKERSON 405-227-8689

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Chaplain:	Eric Strelow	402 504-8406
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