



ELKS TALE

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Ben Stovall

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Teece Chambers

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SECRETARY

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TREASURER

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Doug McLaughlin



Quoting Edwin Osgood Grover: "Santa Claus is any one who loves another and seeks to make them happy, who gives himself by thought, word or deed in every gift that he bestows."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our lodge members bestowed a Christmas present on a child? I am speaking about Toys for Tots, a 76-year-old tradition. Yes, it started in 1947 as the brainchild of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks; well, actually, it was his wife Diane's idea.

Diane asked Bill to deliver a few handcrafted dolls to an agency supporting needy children. When Bill told his wife he couldn't find any such organization, she instructed him to start one. Major Hendricks and his fellow Marines in his L.A. Reserve Unit collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children in 1947. His commandant directed all Marine Reserve Sites to implement a Toys for Tots National Community Action Program in 1948. Since 1947, the program has distributed 652 million toys, books, and games to over 291 million needy children.

As an Elk, because "Everyone Loves Kindness," We Care & We Share! What a great way for our lodge to keep a 76-year-old tradition alive! There are four boxes in our lobby awaiting an unwrapped gift. We have until December 13th to fill those boxes.

We Are THE Elks! Let's show our Christmas Spirit and Generosity and leave no child without a toy on Christmas morning!

Merry Christmas

**ELK OF THE MONTH
TRUDIE STOVALL**

As a recently new resident to Tulsa, Trudie wasted no time in joining our cause. Originally from New Mexico, she and her husband moved themselves with their two sons to Big Spring, Texas where she spent the last 42



years before retiring from her long-standing position at the local teachers' credit union last year and moving to Tulsa earlier this year.

Shortly after her Initiation as a new Member, Trudie took on the task of managing our Facility Rentals. She has made great strides in the efforts to balance the schedule of our various management departments and many Lodge activities with the incoming needs of our local community, ensuring that we are able to accommodate our guests' events with the best of service possible of our limited capabilities.

Trudie has also been a real asset as an active Member with our Youth Committee. Her contributions to planning, preparing, and volunteer labor have been paramount in executing past events; even going so far as to recruit extra volunteers and perspective Members from her senior living community.

Beyond her service to our Lodge, Trudie brings a larger-than-life presence when she joins in our revelries. After maneuvering through the trenches of our daily lives, she offers the type of pleasant exchange that has become synonymous with the B.P.O.E. worldwide. It is with no doubt that you will be met with a bright smile, enthusiastic laugh, and lively exchange when congratulating our December Elk of the Month: Trudie Stovall.



LODGE OFFICERS

2023 - 2024

EXALTED RULER	DOUG McLAUGHLIN	918 629-4064
LEADING KNIGHT	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
LOYAL KNIGHT	TEECE CHAMBERS	918 520-0906
LECTURING KNIGHT	JEFF FULLER	918 688-5388
SECRETARY	SHERRY STALLINGS	918 698-9290
TREASURER	ELLEN HELDT	901 494-3663

APPOINTED

TILER	BRUCE FOSTER	918 576-4027
ESQUIRE	JUDY WARLICK	918 446-5083
CHAPLAIN	COLEMAN WHITE	918 760-1317
INNER GUARD	TONY HEINEMAN	918 271-8880
PRESIDING JUSTICE	RON MAIN	918 494-8088

TRUSTEES

ONE-YEAR	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
TWO-YEAR	RICHARD TERRAL	918 527-1230
THREE-YEAR	SHELLY QUATTROCCHI	918 230-5300
FOUR-YEAR	DON GRISSOM	918 269-3416
FIVE-YEAR	DAVID WOOD	918 863-6259

COMMITTEES

ACTIVITY CMT CHAIR	NORA KEES	918 497-0108
ENTERTAINMENT	JANIE TINSLEY	918 557-1699
FACILITY COORDINATOR	TRUDIE STOVALL	432 816-7867
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
ENF & MAJOR PROJECTS	DAVID WOOD	918 863-6259
SCHOLARSHIPS	CATHY NEWSOME	918 747-3120
DRUG AWARENESS	DOUG McLAUGHLIN	918 629-4064
ACCIDENT PREVENTION	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
AMBASSADOR	TONY HEINEMAN	918 271-8880

FRATERNAL CHAIR	YVONNE WOODFIN	918 720-4225
MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION	SHELLY QUATTROCCHI	918 230-5300
ORIENTATION/INVESTIGATION	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268
VETERANS COMMITTEE	YVONNE WOODFIN	918 720-4225
FLAG DAY	TOM SHOTWELL	918 355-0742
ELKS MEMORIAL DAY	YVONNE WOODFIN	918 720-4225

PUBLICITY CHAIR	NATALIE HYNES	918 607-4836
ELKS TALE EDITOR	NATALIE HYNES	918 607-4836

AUDITING &	STEPHEN KERN	918 629-3571
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ACCOUNTING CHAIR	TOM SHOTWELL	918 355-0742
	JUDY WARLICK	918 446-5083

LODGE ASSIGNMENTS

LOUNGE MANAGER	RICHARD TERRAL	918 527-1230
KITCHEN MANAGER	OPEN	
POOL MANAGER	TEECE CHAMBERS	918 520-0906
INTERIOR BLD MAINTENANCE	DAVID WOOD	918 527-1230
EXTERIOR BLD MAINTENANCE	JIM TAYLOR	620 515-5151
LIGHTING/SOUND EQUIPMENT	BRUCE FOSTER	918 576-4027
GRANT COORDINATOR	YVONNE WOODFIN	918 720-4225
LODGE SECURITY	JEFF FULLER	918 688-5388
PER PRESIDENT	PENNY HAYNES	918 481-0918
PARLIAMENTARIAN	BEN STOVALL	901 240-0268



Membership Candidates

David Budd	Paul Gallahar
Troy Bundy	Roland Griffith
Whitney Burns	Iva McIntosh
Jussara Costa	Rick Metz
Dorian Dolph	Lisa Moss
Mathew Douthey	Matthew Moss
Karen Fisher	Marilyn White

To be voted on at next Lodge meeting

Monthly Membership Report

April 1, 2023 506

December 1, 2023 495

Initiated	43	Deaths	6
Reinstated	10	Dropped	60
Affiliated	<u>2</u>	Transfer	<u>0</u>
Added this year	55	Removed this year	66

Net gain - 11

Applications on Hand 25

LODGE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

December 3, 10, & 17,

Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall (bar open) 4pm

MONDAY NIGHT

December 4, 11, & 18

Sherry Williams Line Dance Lesson 4pm

Dance Lesson with Bob & Sharon 7-9pm

December 20 - PER Meeting 6:30pm

TUESDAY NIGHT

December 5

Entertainment Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm

Lodge Meeting 7pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

December 6, 13, 20, 27

Burger Night 6pm

Cornhole Tournament 7pm

THURSDAY NIGHT

December 2 & 16 - Trivia 7pm

December 28 - BOD Meeting 7pm

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

December 1 Christmas Confection Auction 7-8:30pm

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Karaoke at 7:30pm

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

December 9 Ballroom Dancers of Tulsa 7pm

December 16 Kids Christmas Party 11am

December 16 Christmas Dinner/Dance 6:30pm \$30

December 23 DJ Dance 7:30pm

December 31 New Year's Eve Party 9pm \$30

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Beatrice Price	14 William Thompson
2 David Kennedy	14 James Zachariae
4 Ray Bennett	15 Robert Branson
4 Nancy Robertson	15 Joseph Whitsett
5 Trevor Henson	16 Margie Todd
5 Jerry Tinsley	17 Pete Jones
6 David Anderson	17 Carol Rush
6 Barbara McBride	18 Mary Ann Harris
8 Barbara Dunlap	18 Jeff Norman
8 Julia Sanford	18 Jack Reeves
8 Yvonne Woodfin	19 Elbert Shackelford
9 George Drake	19 Fred Stowell
9 Mark Johnston	20 Brenda Robbins
9 Raleigh Redard	21 Richard Armstrong
9 Joseph Shaddox	22 Christine Coleman
9 Ricky Warden	24 Helen Monahan
10 Jarrod Breuer	24 Kathy Pappalardo
10 Phyllis Felber	26 J D Morris
10 Ruben Hurtado	28 Mona Fitzpatrick
10 Herbert Wright	28 Fred Hannah
11 Earlene Branson	29 John Wolfe
11 Eric Clark	30 John Kees
11 Susan Neubauer	31 Anita Mace
13 Jean Anderson	31 Lon Rumble
13 Sherry Birchem	31 Randy Scott
13 Dale Cuckler	31 William Shotwell
13 Brian Smith	31 Richard Terral
14 Ronald Barr	31 Janet Whitehead
14 Alan Morrow	

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

**Join us for the annual Memorial Service
on December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. to remem-
ber our recently departed members.**

PAULA GUADAGNO

THOMAS KRUSE

KRISTI BRIGGS

ROSE MARIE CORRAL

DONALD LEE

LARRY BAUER

JEARL MEEKS

JOHN COX

JANICE NAVARRO

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Christmas Confection Auction 7pm Karaoke 7:30pm	2 <i>Outside Event</i>
3 Memorial Service 2pm Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	4 Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lesson 7-9pm	5 Entertainment Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	6 Youth Cmt. Meeting 7pm Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm	7 Trivia Night 7pm	8 Karaoke 7:30pm <i>Outside Event</i>	9 <i>Ballroom Dancers</i>
10 Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	11 Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm	12 <i>Outside Event</i>	13 Veterans Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm <i>Outside Event</i>	14	15 Karaoke 7:30pm	16 Annual Kids Christmas Party 11am Christmas Dinner/Dance Sweney & Campbell to entertain 6:30pm \$30
17 Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	18 PER Meeting 6:30pm Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm	19	20 Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm	21 Trivia Night 7pm	22 Karaoke 7:30pm	23 DJ Dance 7:30pm
24 LODGE CLOSED New Year's Eve Party \$30 9pm 31	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27 Burger Night 6pm Cornhole 7pm	28 BOD Meeting 7pm	29 Karaoke 7:30pm	30

Wear Red on Fridays To Remember Everyone Deployed

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Veterans Report

What an honor to celebrate Veterans Month on November 4, 2023! The Tulsa Elks Lodge Veterans Committee represented our Lodge in the Broken Arrow Parade on Friday, November 10th, and our Veterans were a part of the 105th Tulsa's Veteran Parade.

The Veterans Committee honored Lodge Veterans and friends at a dinner/dance. Four of our Lodge Veterans, Hank Prideaux, Air Force; Ed Knighten, Army; David Wood, Marines and Roger Anderson, Navy, shared their experiences.

Several of our Veterans, including Roger Anderson, Hank Prideaux, and Eddie Whitsett, participated in the School Veterans Assembly at Allen Bowden School on November 10th.

Veteran Coleman White and his wife Joetta participated in a lunch November 10th honoring Veterans who reside at the Arbor Nursing Home in Sapulpa.

The Veterans Committee donated a one-time gift of \$300 to each of The Frank Gladd Post #20 and VFW District 5 Honor Guard. Once again, the committee supported Wreaths Across America with a \$300 donation.

Thanks to our dedicated Veterans Committee for their endless desire to honor our Veterans at the Lodge and in the community!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays!

Yvonne Woodfin
Veterans Committee Chair



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE
CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

December 1 - Powdered Milk
December 2 - Manual Can Opener
December 3 - Oil
December 4 - Spices or Salt & Pepper
December 5 - Tea Bags
December 6 - Coffee
December 7 - Sugar
December 8 - Flour
December 9 - Crackers
December 10 - Canned Tomatoes
December 11 - Cake & Frosting or Dessert
December 12 - Dishwashing Soap
December 13 - Feminine Hygiene Products
December 14 - Stuffing Mix
December 15 - Canned Vegetable
December 16 - Canned Fruit, Applesauce
December 17 - Canned Tuna or Chicken
December 18 - Canned Beans
December 19 - Oatmeal
December 20 - Rice
December 21 - Soup
December 22 - Cereal
December 23 - Peanut Butter
December 24 - Bread



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