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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Doug McLaughlin



We are the Elks, we care,
we share.

We are ever so thankful for the blessings bestowed upon us. It is November, and we need to reach out to those less fortunate. Thanksgiving is a great time to spend with family, friends, and loved ones. It is a time of sharing food & drink and being thankful. But it is the benevolent activities that our Elks do that make us proud to say, We Are the Elks.

November 11th is Veterans Day. A day we give tribute to our military veterans. Our Veterans Committee is tops in the state. Their admiration for our veterans can be summarized by the following statement:

Thank you, veterans, for your service to this country. Your bravery, sacrifice, and strength have not gone unnoticed. We will always be indebted to you and your family for all that you have given and sacrificed for this country. We thank you so much!

Let us celebrate November by being kind, generous, and thankful. And let us not forget our active military. Remember to wear red on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed until they all come home." Have a Blessed November.

Elktoberfest Event Report

From the beginning of planning months ago through to the last-minute changes that occurred, it was quite a festival at Elktoberfest – 2023!

With the aid of the hard workers who toiled into the late-night hours and early morning sun, including the strike crew who helped take it all down and set up for our Halloween dance later that night, we were excited to welcome our Members and families and see so many bright, new faces from our community.

Our Lodge was proud to welcome PGER/Area 6 Sponsor Millard and Suzan Pickering.

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Introducing this month's Tulsa Lodge No.946 Elk of the Month: Rick Green.

Rick has been a Member of our Lodge for 18 years and is one of our cherished veterans, having proudly served with the US Army from 1974 to 1978. Upon his honorable discharge, he



was of the rank of Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain shortly before completing his requisite time in the Reserves. During his service, Rick spent a year in Korea as Command-

er of the 82nd Signal Detachment and the last two years as XO and Communications Platoon Leader at HQ Battery 3rd Battalion 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Knox, KY.

Rick and his charming wife, Kaye, are staples of our weekend events. When he's not making us the stars by hosting our Friday night karaoke, he can be found taking the main stage himself, crooning away for our dancing enjoyment. Rick and Kaye can also often be found hoofing it across the dance floor on Saturday nights and always come out to be part of and support our special events throughout the year, including our Veterans and Youth Programs.

Beyond just being involved in the entertainment aspect of our Lodge, Rick is always willing to lend a helping hand elsewhere. It has been on many occasions that those hands have pitched in with preparations and staging of events and working triage to clean up when the night is over. When general maintenance and tasks need to be done around the building, Rick shows up, hammer in hand and ready to work. For example, he and Kaye played pivotal roles in the volunteer crews that frequently met before, during, and after the Hart Lounge renovation last year to get the jobs done.

We are proud to recognize Rick Green, though he is most humble in receiving this recognition, as our Tulsa Lodge No.946, Elk of the Month!

LODGE OFFICERS

2023 - 2024

EXALTED RULER	DOUG McLAUGHLIN	918 629-4064
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LECTURING KNIGHT	JEFF FULLER	918 688-5388
SECRETARY	SHERRY STALLINGS	918 698-9290
TREASURER	ELLEN HELDT	901 494-3663

APPOINTED

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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

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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

Oklahoma State President, Doyle Roller, Jr. and First Lady, Rita Roller, and State NE District Deputy, Sherry Barnes and Terry Barnes were so gracious to honor us with their presence.

Great job to all our competitors in the 1st Annual Oklahoma State Elks Kids Cook-Off that brought out young grillers from all over the state. Many applauses for State Elks Youth Chairman, PER Chad Speaks of Broken Arrow No. 2673, and his crew of juggernauts who put on the event.

Closing out the day, it was with the greatest of honor that our Lodge, through virtue of the Gratitude Grant and generous contributions of our Members, presented JROTC Cadets from East Central, Nathan Hale, Thomas Edison, and Will Rogers high schools with a total of \$4000 to aid the much needed funding for the furthered development of our youth and future success of our beloved nation.

It is with the sincerest appreciation to our volunteers, sponsors, donors, contributors, and participants that made such a triumphant success. PROST!

Benjamin R. Stovall

Tulsa Elks Youth Activities Program & Tulsa Elks JROTC Awards Program Chairman

Welcome New Members

New Member

Paul Bucholtz
Bernie Espinosa
Jack Freeman
Mike George
Nora Kees
Mike Michael
Ron Oestmann
Jerald Rider
Cale Turpen
Dorman Walton
Kensey Wright

Proposer

Janie Tinsley
Tony Heineman
Beatrice Price
Teece Chambers
John Kees
Jeanne Brixley
Ben Stovall
Jimmey Kenney
Michael Margolis
John Kees
Nicholas Perrault

Membership Candidates

Candidate

Janice Murray
Dayna Spurgeon
Ryan Strode
Evan Tipton
Daniel Wilson

Proposer

Vickie Autry
Sherry Stallings
Diane McLaughlin
Vance Hall
Ben Stovall

To be voted on at next Lodge meeting

Monthly Membership Report

April 1, 2023 506

November 1, 2023 535

Initiated	38	Deaths	5
Reinstated	7	Dropped	12
Affiliated	<u>1</u>	Transfer	<u>0</u>
Added this year	46	Removed this year	17
Net gain 29			
Applications on Hand 27			

LODGE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

November 5, 12, 19 & 26

Kids on Broadway 1:30pm

Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall (bar open) 4pm

November 26

Christmas decorating party...help deck our halls at noon!

MONDAY NIGHT

November 6, 13, 20 & 27

Sherry Williams Line Dance Lesson 4pm

Dance Lesson with Bob & Sharon 7-9pm

November 20 - PER Meeting 6:30pm

TUESDAY NIGHT

November 7

Entertainment Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm

Lodge meeting 7pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Ballroom Dance lessons with Kathy 4pm

Burger Night 6pm

Cornhole Tournament 7pm

November 15 - Deadline to make and prepay Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance reservations

THURSDAY NIGHT

November 2 & 16 - Trivia 7pm

November 30 - BOD Meeting

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

November 3, 10, 17 & 24

Karaoke at 7:30pm

November 17 - New Member Initiation

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

November 11 Ballroom Dancers of Tulsa 7pm

November 18 Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance 6:30pm \$30

November 25 Saturday Night Dance Party with DJ Ben Stovall 7pm \$5

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Merrill Brown	13 Bernard Espinosa
2 Justin Spencer	13 Natalie Gibbs
3 Jim Isley	14 Ronnie Freeman
5 Natasha Abbage	15 Jacqueline Dye
5 Tonnya Cress	15 Terri Lewis
5 Jim Kennedy	15 Lisa Van Huss
5 Devin Venable	20 Ken Mayer
6 Janice Fay	20 Robert Yelle
6 Christina Fravel	21 Amy Jones
6 Linda McNamara	22 Renee Colson
8 George Darker	22 Mary Ann Dodson
10 Philip Sanger	24 Robert Ellis
10 Steve Sparks	24 Neva Perrault
11 Priscilla Johnnie	26 Art Alltizer
12 Jo Anne Buckley	26 Treva Baker
12 Tony Heineman	26 Anne Jones
12 Catherine Johnson	28 Steven Erwin
12 Brian King	28 Beverly Ramsey
	29 Patrick Roberts

Tulsa Elks Lodge 946 had a great day on Saturday! We collected almost four boxes (around 200 lbs.) of unused drugs for National Drug Take-Back Day!

Pictured are E.R. Doug McLaughlin, Diane McLaughlin, NE Oklahoma DDGER Sherry Barnes & Kaye Nafteh-Lahey. Not shown were two DEA agents and two members, Patsy Dorrough and PER Marion Payton.



Tulsa Elks Lodge

Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance

Saturday, November 18

6:30 Dinner
Turkey and all the trimmings

7:30 Dance
Sweeney/Campbell

\$30/per person

Please pre-pay for your reservation via website, in Hart Lounge, or via QR code.

Reservation Deadline: 11/15

Questions? Contact Janie @ 918-557-1699

NOVEMBER 2023

Tulsa Elks Lodge No. 946

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm Cornhole 7pm Burger Night 6pm	2 Trivia Night 7pm	3 Karaoke 7:30pm	4
5 Kids on Broadway 1:30pm Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	6 Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lesson 7-9pm	7 Entertainment Cmt. Meeting 6:30pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm Cornhole 7pm Burger Night 6pm	9	10 Karaoke 7:30pm	11 Ballroom Dancers
12 Kids on Broadway 1:30pm Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	13 Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm	14	15 Deadline for Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance Reservations Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm Cornhole 7pm Burger Night 6pm	16 Trivia Night 7pm	17 Member Initiation 7pm Karaoke 7:30pm	18 Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance Sweney & Campbell to entertain 6:30pm \$30
19 Kids on Broadway 1:30pm Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm	20 PER Meeting 6:30pm Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm	21	22 Ballroom Dance Lesson 4pm Cornhole 7pm Burger Night 6pm	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24 Karaoke 7:30pm	25 Saturday Night Dance Party with DJ Ben Stovall 7pm \$5
26 Kids on Broadway 1:30pm Dance Lesson with Ben Stovall 4pm Help Decorate the Lodge for the Holidays	27 Line Dance Lesson 4pm Dance Lessons 7-9pm	28	29	30 BOD Meeting 6:30pm		

Wear Red on Fridays To Remember Everyone Deployed

Lodge Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 to 2:00 pm 918 742-2401



As November brings in brisker air and earlier sunsets, we approach a holiday season rooted in the traditions of our founders in giving thanks for the graces bestowed upon us in our great nation. As Elks, we spend the majority of the year giving among our Members, into our communities, and upon to our fellow citizens. However, during the Thanksgiving Season, our members are encouraged to be most thankful for a specific lot that gives so much: our VOLUNTEERS!

Every time we congregate, whether it be a meeting, golf tournament, steak dinner, casual Wednesday, Friday night karaoke, Saturday dance, fundraiser or event, we must remind ourselves that these things and more can only occur with the aid of our Volunteers. Every time we read a newsletter, see a social media post, sip a drink, sit at a clean table, walk on a swept floor, or open a once-broken door, it is of the aid of our Volunteers. Whether it be the countless, tireless hours of toiling away past the twilight hours or just jumping in for a few minutes to lend a helping hand, every second adds up like drops in a bucket. The bucket eventually fills up and overflows, flooding our Lodge with the joy and wonderment that keeps us coming back.

Yes, it is quite easy to look upon our surroundings with a critical eye, pointing out the things that may be unsatisfactory, however, as Elks we must demonstrate the cardinal virtue of Justice; looking at the big picture and being appreciative of the situation altogether. It is by virtue of Fidelity that we choose the role of hero or villain on the stage of life, and one writes his own script of how he accepts the cornucopia of alms. Our participation alone is the Charity we give, but one must not fail to recognize that which is received and never compare them together.

Most of all, during this Thanksgiving Season, every Elk should take a brief moment in the spirit of the virtue of Brotherly Love and thank our Volunteers. A simple, ten-second exchange can be more voluminous than one might assume.

This Thanksgiving, let us have gratitude in that "The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Happy Thanksgiving!

--The Jolliest Cork

Veterans Report

Outreach Opportunities

The Tulsa Elks Lodge 946 Veterans' have been invited to Allen Bowden School to be recognized and honored at their Veterans' Day Assembly on November 10th at 9 o'clock. Last year was such a wonderful experience for the veterans that went. If you want to go, please meet Penny Haynes in the Elks parking lot on November 10th at 8:30 a.m. We will be leaving promptly at 8:30 Hope to see you!

Also, the Veterans committee is planning the events to participate in the Broken Arrow Veterans Parade November 4, 2023, and the Tulsa Veterans Parade November 10, 2023. Tulsa is celebrating the 105th. year for Tulsa's Veterans parade! If you would like to participate in the parades, please Contact Yvonne Woodfin at 918-720-4225 or ywoodfin12@gmail.com.

Veterans Day Celebration

It is our pleasure to celebrate our Lodge Veterans & Friends on Friday November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in Kearney Hall.

A designated panel of several veterans will share their military experience in a question-and-answer format and DJ Chris Garcia will provide music for our dancing and enjoyment following the program.

TULSA ELKS LODGE



★ ★ ★ A SALUTE TO OUR ★ ★ ★

VETERANS

A special Veterans Day dinner and program to honor those of us who have served and continue to serve.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 // 6:00PM

PROGRAM: A designated panel of several Veterans will share their military experience in a question-and-answer format.	DANCE: DJ Chris Garcia will provide music for our dancing and enjoyment, following the program.
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VETERANS, FRIENDS & GUESTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS CELEBRATION

VETERANS & WIDOWS OF VETERANS EAT FREE // \$10 GUESTS

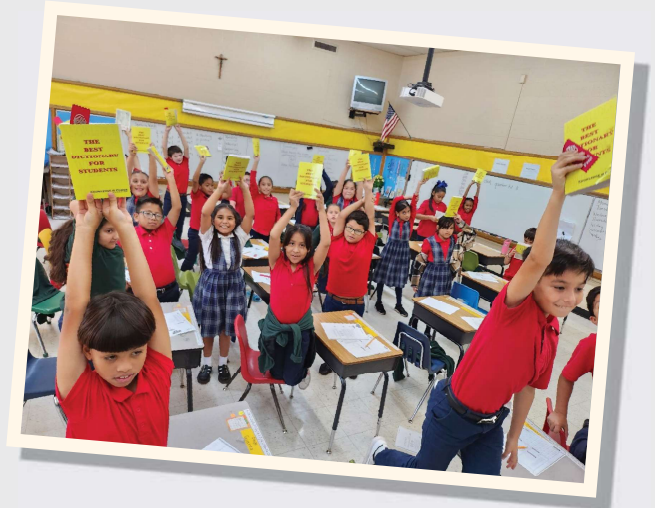
CONTACT YVONNE WOODFIN FOR RESERVATIONS:
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In October, our lodge donated 384 Children's Dictionaries as part of The Dictionary Project.

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. The sole mission of this non-profit organization is to promote literacy to children in third grade by distributing dictionaries. The Elks joined this movement in 2004, and over 600 lodges actively participated in this program. This is the third year the Tulsa Elks Lodge has participated in the dictionary distribution.

PER Penny Haynes and Exalted Ruler Doug McLaughlin delivered dictionaries and assorted Drug Awareness materials to 3rd graders at 10 Elementary Schools: McClure, St. Catherine's, St. Mary's, Marshall, Robinson, Patrick Henry, Eliot, Salk, St. Peter & Paul, and Allen/Bowden.



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