

Durant Elks Bulletin



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Message from the Exalted Ruler—Steve Williamson

We have had a good time up till now and it can still be good if all help promote and instill our belief; “Elks Care, Elks Share”.

Due to the weather, we have had to change nominations until the third Tuesday in February for our upcoming officers. The first Tuesday in March we will vote on them and I hope you, the members, will come out and participate in this election. We should all be backing the new officers as much or more as you have this past year.

The Elks/Shriner Valentines Dance was a success.

We had good participation, good food and a wonderful fun time eating and dancing to Danny Hydes PearlSnap Entertainment and sipping on our favorite beverages. We had a good year and will be looking forward to an even better year. Remember if YOU have questions or suggestions feel free to leave the Bar area and ask me or call me, The Bar Can't Solve It! I can be reach anytime day or night at (580) 916-1440.

Special Thanks to all helping on the dance and cleaning the formal dining room. There are too many to mention but Thanks to All!



ER Steve Williamson

Special points of interest:

- VOTING FOR OFFICERS IS MARCH 1ST.
- INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS IS MARCH 18TH ALONG WITH PINNING 2011 LIFETIME MEMBERS
- BE SURE TO CHECK FOR THE NEW LODGE HOURS!

Congratulations to

Elk of the Month — Jerry Mowles

Citizen of the Month — Stephenia Harper

Ladies

Auxiliary News—Pam Williamson

Special thanks to Elks Ladies and Shriner Ladies, men and all who help to make the Valentines Dance a success.

The preparation of food and decoration from about 25 people was gratefully appreciated. Thanks to the ones

that came back on Sunday to cleanup. Remember our nominations and elections have been set back because of the ice storms. Nominate February 15th—Elect March 1st.

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Meet the New 2011 Officer Nominees

Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULERSteve Williamson
 LEADING KNIGHT.....Sam Goodwin
 LOYAL KNIGHTDamon Beat
 LECTURING KNIGHT.....Brandon Jones
 SECRETARY.....Bill Boland
 TREASURER.....Rich Bancewicz
 ESQUIRE.....Lynn Skocdople
 TILER.....Mike Everson
 CHAPLAIN.....Danial Marcy
 INNERGUARD.....John Slaten
 5 Y% TRUSTEECurt Hornbeck
 4 YR TRUSTEE.....Eric Jones
 3 YR TRUSTEE.....Todd Nankivil
 2 YR TRUSTEE.....Jay Thomas
 1 YR TRUSTEE.....Dave Nankivil

The following Chair Officers will
 Oversee the following committees:

<u>EXALTED RULER</u>	<u>LEADING KNIGHT</u>
Auditing	Americanism
Lapsation	Govt. Relations
Indoctrination	Flag Day
Membership	Visiting Coord.
Investigation	Accident Prev.



Steve Williamson—ER



Curt Hornbeck—ER



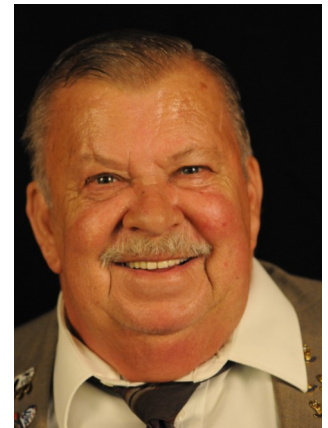
Brandon Jones—Leading Knight



Mike Everson—Loyal Knight



John Wallis—Lecturing Knight



Bill Boland—Secretary

Lodge Committees

Exalted Ruler.....Steve Williamson
 Accident Prevention.....Todd Nankival
 Americanism.....Sherlene Rodgers
 Auditing.....John Gecks
 Community Activities.....John Wallis
 Drug Awareness.....Heather McClland
 Elks National Foundation.....Bob Euing
 Flag Day.....Eric Jones
 Government Relations.....Kenny Ervin
 Hoop Shoot.....Dave Nankivil
 Indoctrination.....Steve Williamson
 Investigation.....Larry Conditt
 Lapsation.....Danny Draper
 Lodge Activities.....John Wallis
 Membership.....Steve Williamson
 Memorial Day.....Norm Farrell
 National Vet Services.....Lynn Skocdopole
 PER Association.....Steve Williamson
 Public Relations.....Mike Chalk
 Relief.....All Officers
 Soccer.....Jerry Mowles
 Visiting Coordinator.....Jay Thomas
 Youth Activities.....Brandon Jones



Rich Bancewicz—Treasurer

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 Open
 position**

Trustee
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PER Association

President.....Steve Williamson
 Sec/Treasurer.....Bill Boland

Ladies Auxiliary

President.....Pam Williamson	Secretary.....Patsy McIntosh
Vice President.....Geraldine Thomas	Chaplain.....Vacant
Treasurer.....Wilma Gecks	Historian.....Geraldine Thomas

From the Secretary — Bill Boland

Hi Everyone,

It has been a very busy month with dues coming in very fast. Remember, if you want an early bird sticker on your card, your dues must be paid by March 1st, 2011.

Many of our members are taking advantage of the Bulletin Boosters which means their names will be listed as a Bulletin Booster and receive their bulletin by first

class mail. The lock will be changed on the front door on April 10th and you will not be able to gain entry to the lodge without your 2011-2012 Elks card.

I want to personally thank all Elk members for their thoughts, words, prayers, cards, flowers, food and general support after my wife (Linda's) death on January 31st. Everyone at the lodge

made the pain easier to endure.

Thanks to All Elks!



Secretary — Bill Boland

Durant Elks Lodge Web Page Updated

The Durant Elks Lodge web page has been updated with current content. The web page will give you up to date information about activities and events. You will have access to viewing the Bulletin, current calendar full of up to date events.

Mike Everson has volunteered to be our cyber-

assistant and keep the webpage full of current information that is not possible to get in your monthly newsletter. We will have pictures and articles as well as links to other interesting websites.

You can access the web page by going to the national Elks website and use the lodge

locator to find it or use link:
[http://www.elks.org/lodges/contactus.cfm?](http://www.elks.org/lodges/contactus.cfm?lodgenumber=1963)
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Certain information requires logging into the national Elks log site.

Go to [Elks.org](http://www.elks.org) and click on 'please register now' to get your own login and set your personal password! Have your membership card handy.

Welcome our Newest Members!

Reinstatements:

Tommy Grider
Clay Wright
Lonny Aldridge

Initiations:

Diane Wallis Perrin
Alan Whittington
John Cody Paden

Applicants Awaiting Investigation!

Greg Guymon

Wes Pearson

Jeff Jackson

Samantha Lee Perry

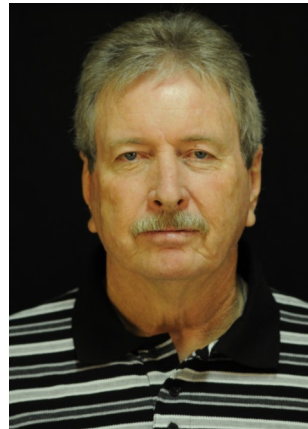
Your Nominees for 2011 Trustees are.....



Randy Foster—2 YR



Danial Marcy—5 YR



Kenny Ervin —5 YR

Laughter IS the Best Medicine!

Too Many Ailments

An elderly man went to the doctor for a visit. "Doc," he says, "I am so stricken. I have chest pains, headaches, back pains, nausea, arthritis, constipation, stomach cramps, earaches, burning in the eyes, congested lungs..."

"Sir," said the doctor, "you complain you have so many things. What don't you have?"

The man answered, "Teeth."

Physical Fitness Priorities

At one Army base, the annual trip to the rifle range had been canceled for the second year in a row, but the semi-annual physical fitness test was still on as planned.

One soldier mused, "Does it bother anyone else that the Army doesn't seem to care how well we can shoot, but they are extremely interested in how fast we can run?"

Quiet Plane Ride

Every year, a man named George and his wife Martha went to the state fair.

Every year, he would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane."

And every year, Martha would reply, "I know, but that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

One year, he and Martha went to the fair again and he said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance".

Martha replied, "Now, you know that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard their discussion and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars."

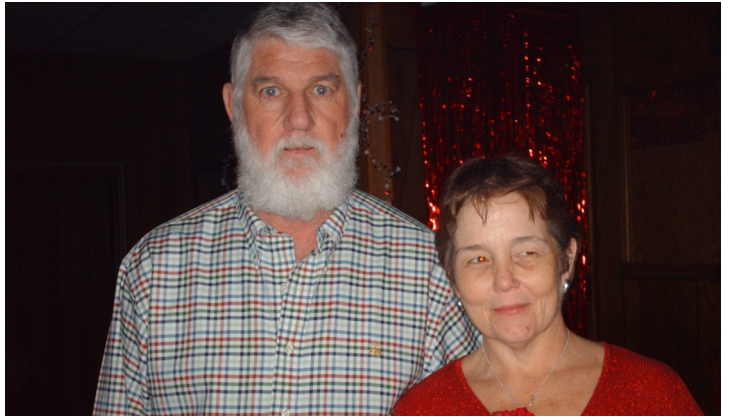
George and Martha agreed and up they went.

The pilot performed all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but didn't hear a sound from the back. He even did a nose dive, pulling up 15 feet above the ground, but still not a peep.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to the George and said, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

He replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out... ..but ten dollars is ten dollars!"

2011 Elk/Shriner Valentines Dance



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Our Mission

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share

Who We Are

We are... A fraternal order with nearly a million members and a 141-year history, a network of more than 2000 lodges in communities all over the country, a generous charitable foundation that each year gives millions in scholarships, an inspiration to youth, a friend to veterans and more.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.elks.org/lodges/contactus.cfm?lodgenumber=1963>

Mark Your Calendar

March 1st Election of Officers

March 17th St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck

March 18th Installation of New Officers and Pinning
Lifetime members

