



Claremore Elks Community

September 2016

Elks Lodge #1230

A Fraternal Organization

1820 Summit Drive
Claremore, OK 74017

(918) 341-0850

Reminders

- **Grill Night**
Every Tuesday
6:00 – 7:30
- **Thursday Night Lodge Meetings**
All Elk Members are Encouraged to attend
2nd Thursday Initiation
4th Thursday Business Meeting
- **Friday Night Dining**
Sign up required
Dinner served
6:00 – 8:00
- **Claremore Elks Lodge**
Webpage at Claremoreelks.org

Submit stories and pictures to the newsletter via email or text.

claremoreelksnews@yahoo.com

Text: 918-706-7577

Please provide your name and return phone # or email.

Send requests for a mailed copy of the newsletter to the above email or phone number. Please leave full name and address if contacting by voicemail.



From the desk of the Exalted Ruler

Well, the summer months came and went. The month of August was busy but successful in many ways.

We finished July with our Christmas in July, which supports our local chapter of The Blue Star Moms. The A.C.T.S. Committee took it, ran with it this year, and pulled off an amazing feat. The event raised over \$18,000, an astounding amount. Thanks to all who came and made a generous donation. From our dignitaries to our local lodge members, other lodges that participated and our visitors that made this possible.

I was glad to see so many of our members participate in the Northeast District golf tournament this past weekend. Everywhere I looked I noticed members either playing golf or helping raise money. It was my first time at golf and I was quite surprised how much fun I had. A personal thanks to my team, Jack Hepler, Mike Zodrow and Matt Payne for putting up with me, and yes, I will play again.

Our grants Chairman Larry East has been very successful this year also. We have received 4 out of the 5 grants available for a total of \$9,000. Our latest grant was received for Volunteers for Youth. We will be working with them on a yet still unnamed event on Oct 29th. We will be partnering with them to highlight our Drug Awareness Program and working with other organizations throughout our community to highlight the dangers facing our youth and what help is out there for them.

Remember your lodge is only as good as its members and that is what makes us awesome.

Sincerely
Johnie Dudley
Exalted Ruler

**2015-2016
Claremore Elks BPOE # 1230
LODGE OFFICERS**

- Exalted Ruler – Johnie Dudley
 - Frances Dudley
- Leading Knight – Danielle East
 - Matt Donato
- Loyal Knight – Bill Wass
- Lecturing Knight – Jimmy Gaghins
 - Denise Gaghins
- Esquire –
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- Chaplain – Mark Paquette
 - Mary
- Innerguard – Susette Collins
- Tiler – John Yoesting
 - Jennifer Yoesting
- Secretary – Jack Hepler
 - Sharon Hepler
- Treasurer – Mike Zodrow
- 5 year Trustee – Larry East
 - Christy East
- 4 year Trustee – Billy Williams
- 3 year Trustee – Mike Davis
 - Celina Davis
- 2 year Trustee – Bill Hanks
 - Sherry Hanks
- 1 year Trustee – Sammy Charloe
 - Gina Charloe

ACTS COMMITTEE

(Advancing Communication Through Support)

- President – Terry Thompson
- Vice President – Denise Gaghins
- Secretary – Gina Charloe
- Treasurer – Nancy Welch

PER OFFICERS

- President – Jimmy Gaghins
- Secretary/Treasurer –
 - **Elks National Foundation**
 - TBA
 - **Public Relations**
 - Jimmy Gaghins
 - **Veterans Committee**
 - Chuck Overgard
 - **Americanism**
 - TBA
 - **Drug Awareness**
 - Jimmy Gaghins
 - **Auditing**
 - TBA
 - **Membership**
 - TBA
 - **Investigating**
 - TBA
 - **Indoctrination**
 - TBA
 - **Lodge Activities**
 - TBA
 - **Hoop Shoot**
 - Danny Smart
 - **Soccer Shoot**
 - TBA
 - **Accident Prevention**
 - TBA
 - **OK Major Projects**
 - TBA
 - **Grants Chairman**
 - Larry East

From the Desk of the Lodge Secretary Jack Hepler



New members Initiated in August

Georganna Casey
Jason Crandall
Kristen Beck
William Stockinger

Members awaiting Initiation for September 8th

Andrew Caldwell
Dana Worth
David Black
Fuson Colby
Jena Caldwell
Kristi Bording
Paul Nuckolls
Penni Leach
Rodney Zickefoose

Sickness & Distress

Ray Duran is still taking treatments.

Check and see if your membership card has a red backing on it if not you need to pay your 2016-2017 dues.

**Thanks
Jack Hepler**

Newsletter News

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Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, by undertaking projects that address unmet need, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Elk's members come from every walk of life & join together for common goals including supporting our Veterans, our youth and our local communities. With over 9,000 members in 37 cities throughout Oklahoma, the odds are good that you know or have met an Elk.

All Committees, Members and Spouses:

Please send in your letter, story and pictures to have your events added to the newsletter each month. We will be happy to assist or to write something up for you committee so feel free to send us an email with some quick details and pictures if applicable and request a write up.

Please send in all Flyers, along with stories and pictures of past events and upcoming ones. This is a great way to reach out to the lodge and provide details on what you are getting ready to do and what you have already accomplished. We will add your meeting dates to the calendar when provided.

Please note that anyone may write and add a story about an event that they attended. Please share your stories with the rest of the lodge.

Please send to: claremoreelksnews@yahoo.com

Thank you!

The Claremore Elks Newsletter Committee

Elks District and State Events Upcoming

September 9 – 11

State Fall Convention

Western Hills Ranch @ Sequoyah State Park

Check the state website okelks.org for details on all of these events!

Claremore Veterans News

Veterans Chairman: Chuck Overgard

Veterans Monthly Activities

Events held @ the Claremore Veterans Center:

1st Monday @ 6:00am – Donuts for the Veterans – Please meet in the Dining Room of the Veterans Center

4th Friday 1:30pm – Bingo – Please come to the Veterans Center Auditorium

Events held @ the Claremore Elks Lodge:

3rd Thursday – VA Center will bring 10 – 12 Vets to the Lodge to eat dinner with us.

If you would like to participate in these Lodge Sponsored Events, please join us.

Fraternally Yours, Chuck Overgard, Veteran's Chairman



Big News for our VA Center and our Lodge!

The Claremore Elks Lodge applied for the Freedom grant from Grand Lodge. This is a competitive grant; they only give out 180 of these \$2000 grants nationwide and received 483 applications. There are specific requirements and needs that we must write up and portray to this committee in order to be chosen for this grant.

WE DID IT!

Now, we will need your help to ensure we fulfill these requirements. We will be holding multiple dinners/parties at the Claremore Veterans Center. Please watch for invites to meetings and the events to support our Veterans and build relationships with them.



It's Back



College Football kick off!!

What a lineup do we have.

Saturday 9-3-2016

OU vs. Houston @ 11:00 am.

LSU VS. WISCONSIN @2:30 PM.

OSU VS. SOUTHEASTERN LA. @ 2:30 PM.

USC VS. ALABAMA @ 7:00 PM.

This is just a few.

Lodge opens at 10:30 am.

The day starts with BLT sandwiches, chips, and dip.

Beans cornbread and fried taters out about half time food will be out through the day bring a snack to share.

Good food, great friends and cold drinks!

Boomer Sooner!!!!



LODGE OPENS @ 12:00
HORSESHOE, CORN HOLE &
VOLLEYBALL @ 1:00
FOOD SERVED @ 4:00
OUTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Labor Day Party!

**Claremore Lodge Annual Closing of
the Pool Celebration**

Monday September 5

Shrimp & Crawfish Boil
\$10 per person – Must
Sign up by August 31

**Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be
provided by the lodge.**

**Everyone is still encouraged to
please bring a dish to share.**

Sign-up at the Lodge, call 918-341-0850 or email Jack @ oeasec@cox.net

Please call to cancel if you sign-up and cannot attend!



ACTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Your ACTS committee has been very busy the last several months. We started by taking over the Christmas in July event benefiting Blue Star Mothers. This was definitely a learning experience but we were extremely happy and astonished at the outcome. Our sincere thanks to everyone that donated, attended and purchased items from the auction – you made the 12th Annual our best year yet!

In August, several of us grilled burgers and hotdogs with all the fixings for an Oncology clinic at Bit-by-Bit Therapeutic Riding which is located just south of Oologah. It has been our privilege to cook for them several times and it is a humbling and heartwarming experience each time. We plan to help them with their Pumpkin Patch this year if the timing works out. If you are planning on purchasing pumpkins this year, please consider the short trip to Bit by Bit to support their program.

Blue Star Mothers asked if we would like to be part of welcoming a local soldier home this month. We overwhelmingly said yes and the Claremore Elks Riders will be participating as well. We plan to have flags, make signs and meet her at the airport and escort her home. Her American Airlines flight #391 arrives at Tulsa Airport at 11:45 on Sunday September 18th. We would love and welcome all other members to join us.

We will again be providing and working a couple of games at the VA center on October 31st for their Halloween Trick or Treat. We enjoy helping our veterans put on a fun, safe place for our local children to come.

We are in the planning stages of putting together a Garage / Craft / Bake sale in the Lodge room. Plans include booth space and / or tables available to rent so do not be surprised if we ask you to show off your handiwork. Tentative date is November 12th. Proceeds from this will go towards new decorations for our lodge events (fall, Luau, Holidays, etc.).

More details will be communicated on all these events as available. If you are interested in joining the ACTS committee or would like more information, contact any of the members or attend our next meeting on September 14th at 6:30pm. All members or spouses are welcome to join our committee.

Neesy Gaghins
ACTS Committee VP



SEPTEMBER

			<i>31 August</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	<i>Lodge Open 2-7</i>		<i>ACTS Meeting</i>	<i>Board of Directors</i>	<i>Find The Lady Potato, Soup & Salad Bar Jukebox</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Lodge Open 2-6</i>	<i>Lodge Open 12:00 Labor Day & Crawfish Boil Party</i>	<i>Grill Night w/Officer's</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9 6:30 Meeting w/Volunteers for Youth (Everyone welcome)</i>	<i>Lodge Meeting Initiation</i>	<i>Find the Lady Ribeye Steaks The Full Monty Fall Convention @ Sequoyah State Park</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9 Fall Convention</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Lodge Open 2-6</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-7</i>	<i>Grill Night w/PER's</i>	<i>ACTS Meeting</i>	<i>Board of Directors VA Center comes to the lodge - Dinner @ 6:00</i>	<i>Find the Lady Blue Dawgs</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Lodge Open 2-6</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-7</i>	<i>Grill Night w/Johnie's Crew</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9</i>	<i>Lodge Business Meeting</i>	<i>NO Find the Lady Claremore Alumni Night No Meal</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lodge Open 2-6</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-7</i>	<i>Grill Night w/Jimmy's Crew</i>	<i>Lodge Open 2-9</i>	<i>NO Meeting</i>	<i>Find the Lady Fillet James Muns Duo</i>	<i>October LUAU: 50's Sock Hop</i>

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