



OKLAHOMAN *of the* YEAR

FOR THEIR SINGULAR VISION, THEIR UNPARALLELED SKILL, THEIR tenacious leadership, and their determination to get the job done, *Oklahoma Today* recognizes the creators of the Oklahoma State Capitol dome as the 2002 Oklahoman of the Year. Led by two-term governor Frank Keating, these forty diverse individuals—donors, administrators, construction workers, architects, designers, and fundraisers—proudly represent the tens of thousands of Oklahomans crisscrossing the state and the nation who gave a part of themselves in order to see the grand crown come to life. The structure, built with 90 percent private funds, is truly “of the people, by the people, for the people.” Conceived more than eighty years ago, the Oklahoma State Capitol dome is an unequivocal triumph. Congratulations.

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On November 16, 2002, at 11 a.m., the 'Creators of the Capitol Dome' were photographed on the south steps of the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Later that evening, Oklahoma celebrated its new Capitol Dome in style with star-studded performances and the largest fireworks display the state has ever seen.



IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH A historic project," says George Nemecek, a contractor on the Capitol Dome project. His words echo the sentiments of each person photographed—all expressed a special pride in their association with the historic endeavor. From construction workers to the governor, these 2002 Oklahomans of the Year represent the heart and soul of the Oklahoma State Capitol dome.

1. **Ron Jones** of Edmond, 39, electrical foreman, Shawver & Son
2. **Edward H. Cook** of Oklahoma City, 67, director of development, Oklahoma Centennial Commission
3. **Enoch Kelly Haney** of Seminole, sculptor of *The Guardian*
4. **Jesus Perez** of Del City, carpenter foreman, Flintco
5. **Tom Cummings** of Tecumseh, 58, project manager, Streets
6. **Tyree Minner** of Edmond, plant manager, representing General Motors, \$1 million donor
7. **George Nemecek** of Edmond, 55, president, Nemecek Interior Construction Company
8. **Annabelle E. Cones** of The Village, 81, granddaughter of original State Capitol architect Solomon Layton
9. **Frank Keating** of Oklahoma City, 58, governor of Oklahoma
10. **Archie Dunham** of Houston, 64, chairman of the board, representing ConocoPhillips, \$4.5 million donor
11. **John Jamison** of Tulsa, 58, project executive, Manhattan Construction Company
12. **George Bluejacket** of Blanchard, 60, project foreman, Nemecek Interior Construction Company
13. **Herman and LaDonna Meinders** of Oklahoma City, \$1 million donors
14. **John Snyder** of Tulsa, 45, Oklahoma division president, Manhattan Construction Company
15. **Mark A. Grimes** of Edmond, 52, senior vice president, Flintco
16. **Larry D. Hale** of Goldsby, president, Jay Griffin Painting
17. **Dan Newman** of Edmond, 46, vice president, representing Halliburton, \$1 million donor
18. **Cathy Keating** of Oklahoma City, 52, first lady of Oklahoma
19. **Marsha Lindsey** of Oklahoma City, 51, president, representing Oklahoma SBC, \$1 million donor
20. **Howard G. Barnett Jr.** of Tulsa, 52, governor's chief of staff
21. **Ronnie Peace** of Wellston, 47, director of management operations, Flintco
22. **Bill Andrews** of Fort Gibson, 66, superintendent, Manhattan Construction Company
23. **J. Blake Wade** of Oklahoma City, executive director, Oklahoma Centennial Commission
24. **Tim Dolf** of Oklahoma City, 46, lead structural engineer, Frankfurt-Short-Bruza (FSB)
25. **Bianca Castillo** of Luther, 13, Capitol Dome essay contest grand prize winner
26. **Jim W. Bruza** of Oklahoma City, 65, project principal, FSB
27. **William Frankfurt** of Oklahoma City, 61, president, FSB
28. **Steven L. Anderson** of Las Vegas, Nevada, 50, president, representing Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, \$2.5 million donor
29. **Bob Funk**, 62, and Nedra Funk, 60, of Yukon, Express Personnel, \$1 million donors
30. **Mark Rose** of Oklahoma City, 49, president, Advanced Masonry
31. **Mike Doughty** of Newcastle, 52, construction manager, Allied Steel Construction Company
32. **Brandon Moore** of Stillwater, 32, project engineer, Manhattan Construction Company
33. **Scott South** of Tuttle, 37, superintendent, Flintco
34. **Stan Sims** of Edmond, 42, senior vice president, representing Bank of America, \$1 million donor
35. **Fred Schmidt** of Norman, 54, lead architect, FSB
36. **Liane Frank Ozmun** of Norman, 44, lead mechanical and fire protection engineer, FSB
37. **Jennifer James** of Edmond, Capitol Dome essay contest grand prize winner
38. **Kendra Jones** of Oklahoma City, 38, interior designer, FSB