

Elk Tracks



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FROM THE EXALTED RULER



The goal for membership from our GER James Nicholson is a “Plus 1.” This means that each Lodge should strive to have one more member at the end of the Elk year than the number of members that you started the Elk year. Can you imagine the growth that our Lodge would have if each member adopted the “Plus 1” attitude for themselves? If each member brought in just one new member this year we would almost double our size, not actually double it because there are still those members that decide to “quit” and lapse by not paying their dues and there are those that unfortunately are called to the Eleventh Hour.

When was the last time that you brought in a new member? I look at the new membership sponsor roster and you know what, there aren't very many names of any sponsoring members on that list. We have less than half a year in which we can bring in new members for this Elk year. We have to have the proposed members names printed in the newsletter, before we can vote on them and have an initiation ceremony.

Some Lodges have Lapsation lists that have over 100 members, so we are lucky there, but each member that does not renew means we need to expend a lot of time and energy to get a replacement. Right now we have about 25 members that will lapse on March 31st and reduce our member count. The Lapsation Committee has been working our Lapsation list very hard to get members to pay up and stay as Elk members, using both phone calls and letters. We have seen some success with these efforts but if a member on the Lapsation list was one that you sponsored, then how about you calling them and re-energizing them to be an active Elk members? We all know that our membership is aging and without replacements there will come a time that the Lodge may not continue to exist. In addition, we need new members to step up and be on committees, hold office, and volunteer.

The review that we received from DDGER Rex King after his visitation lists several small items that we need to work on and several are already complete. He was pleasantly surprised at our overall progress and being much better off this year than last, but his concern is our Officer succession. Several Officers will not moving forward, we need members to fill these seats or the (tongue in cheek) “Gary/Bill/Joe/Jim/Jan Bar and Lack of Grill” may not be open in the future.

I place this in your hands; will you ask those that you know are qualified to be an Elk to join? Will you speak to a lapsed member that you originally sponsored? Do you have suggestions for what we can do to get and retain members? Thank you to those that have already sponsored new members and thanks to those of you that will be sponsoring them. We are a great organization, let's share what we have with others!

Our membership new stands at 279, even with the 3 we brought in back in September.

Yours in Elkdom,

Wm. Bim Lindsey

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Seahawks @ Cowboys 10:00 am Lodge Open</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 McGowan Party Twisted Tuesday</p>	<p>4 5 pm 31 Cards <u>Potluck 6pm</u></p>	<p>5 House Committee 6:30 pm Trustee MTG PER Associa- tion MTG 6PM</p>	<p>6 Ronnie Hampton Host Gene & Lynne Pope Special German Runza Dinner Moved from 25th</p>	<p>7 Tejano Night Host Marshall Miller</p>
<p>8 Seahawks @ Lions 1:05 pm Lodge Open</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Twisted Tuesday</p>	<p>11 5 pm 31 Cards <u>Taco Night</u> <u>5:30pm</u></p>	<p>12 Lodge 7pm</p>	<p>13 31 Card Game Night</p>	<p>14 The Shades Hosts Roy Bland</p>
<p>15 Seahawks @ Cards 1:15pm Lodge Open</p>	<p>16 Lady's Cards 12:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Twisted Tuesday</p>	<p>18 5 pm 31 Cards <u>Burger</u> <u>Night</u> <u>5:30 pm</u></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 31 Card Game Night Newsletter sub- missions due to- day</p>	<p>21 Tejano Night Host George Sangster</p>
<p>22 Seahawks @ Vikings 10:00 am Lodge Open</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Twisted Tuesday</p>	<p>25 See Friday Nov. 6th</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiv- ing Lodge Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Seahawks @ Rams 10:00 am Lodge Open</p>	<p>30 Lady's Cards 12:30 pm</p>					

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler:
Bim Lindsey

Leading Knight:
Jay Szabo

Loyal Knight:
Genny Hastings

Lecturing Knight:
George Sangster

Secretary:
Jan Lindsey

Treasurer:
Gene Pope

Tiler:
Judy Lindsay

Esquire:
Marshall Miller

Chaplain:
Jim Robinson

Inner Guard:
Gordon Bradshaw

Board Of Trustees
Bill Bernhardt
Roy Bland
Bill West
Doug Stroud

Support Staff
Office Assistant:
Amanda Kim

Bar Manager
Joe Ottmar

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Is the new name for the

Columbia Basin Elks Lodge #1930 Newsletter




From the Secretary's Desk

The end of October marks the date of which the lodge must drop delinquent members from the rolls of membership according to the Statute Section 14.160. I will therefore be dropping the following members for non-payment of dues.

- Paul Hernandez #3310
- Allen D. Neal #3734
- Len K. Osborn #3653
- Scott Stroud #3721

This is in accordance with Grand Lodge rules of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Other delinquent members are listed below. Please, look over the list and if you happened to be the proposer, take the time to contact the member and encourage them to pay their dues, so they come in and enjoy the many fun events that we will be having the rest of the year. Remember, "Elks Care and Elks Share":

- Kenneth F Arlt #3715
- Lyle Burck #3570
- Ralph E. Griffth #3743
- Wayne R. Hovde #3614
- Peter Klausberger #3654
- Keith A. Marsden #3602
- William E. Milton #3685
- Ralph O Stalsberg #1498
- Richard E. Toevs #3530
- Dennis Whitney #3156
- Harold E. Brown #3445
- Martin Goepfert #3380
- Dan C. Hart #2843
- Al Jensen #3053
- William L. Kruger #3699
- Edgar W. McKay #1292
- Kelly Ottmar #3745
- Rod Swanson #3545
- Dee V. Whitaker #3031
- Dan Wisniewski #3728

If for some reason you have paid your dues, and it has not been recorded properly, I apologize. Please contact me and I will get it corrected if this has happened and put a notification in the Next months newsletter. I can only go by the records that I have in the office.

Fraternally,
Janice Lindsey, Secretary

PER Association Meeting
6PM Thursday, November 5th
Please come!

Membership Birthdays November

- 2 Thad Taylor
- 7 Barry Duncan
Don Garrison
Eugene Penix
- 8 Joel Tallerico
- 10 David Arbuckle
Kenneth Arlt
Ralph Rider
Nick Shoman
- 11 William Dress
- 13 Alexander Mclean
- 15 Ralph Enzler
- 16 Elwood Dart
- 17 Lee Montoya
- 18 William Freeze
- 20 Ralph Griffith
Richard Kennedy
Fred Whitener
- 22 Martin Goepfert
- 23 Billy Conley
- 25 Andrew Lienbah
- 27 Marvin Bertram
Byron Deshaw
Donald Hill
James Twaley
- 30 Benjamin Carrow
Clinton Olson
Vernon Pederson

"Elks Care & Elks Share"

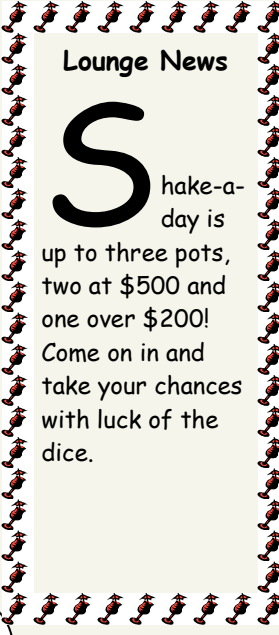
Proposed for membership:

- Thomas P. Johnson
Proposed by
Julius Szabo
- Frank Strong
Proposed by
Wm Bim Lindsey
- Wendell "Jay" White
Proposed by
James Robinson
- Lupe Flowers
Proposed by
James Robinson

Lounge News

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hake-a-day is up to three pots, two at \$500 and one over \$200! Come on in and take your chances with luck of the dice.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the Lodge Roof Repair Donations!

After asking for help in fixing our leaking roof last month and in our Newsletter, we've had several members step up and donate. Each time it rains we run to the Lodge to see how bad or where the leaks are. Thank you to several members donating some much needed funds. With those donations we were able to get started on a temporary repair. With the last two rainy days that we have had, we've been able to slow the leaks. We are not seeing quite as many leaks, but there are still a few. They aren't near as bad as the leaks in the past and the damage is much less. We have now been able to put on some events in the main Lodge area and have had a couple of dances. We will need to pay more attention to the roof next spring/summer for a fuller repair job. Thank you again to the members that helped!

ENF LEGACY AWARDS

A Legacy Award is a scholarship for any child or grandchild (including –step children, grandchildren) of a living Elk member that joined prior to April 1, 2007. The applicant must be a high school senior and attend an accredited US American school, not for vo-tech schools, and have taken the SAT or ACT tests by December 31, 2009

The funding from the Elks National Foundation for Legacy Awards has been doubled and the scholarships have been changed from one-year awards of \$1,000, to four-year awards at \$4,000. Applicants will compete with other applicants from within their own State.

The applications will be judged by professionals that are not associated with either the BPO Elks of the USA, or the Elks National Foundation. The judging will be based upon the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge; Charity; Community; and Integrity. The application deadline to be done on-line is January 8, 2010 and winners announced in April.

For more information contact the Elks National Foundation or visit them on-line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

WHAT AN ENF EVENT

Those that were able to attend the Elks National Foundation benefit "Roy Orbison Tribute" night were in for a fantastic treat. Many compliments were heard regarding the dinner, and it seemed that everyone was in favor of getting our entertainer Mike Greenwood from Spokane, back again for another dance. We had almost 100 dancers in attendance and around 60 at the pre-dance dinner. We have met our GER ENF goal with about \$200 coming in from the event. A heartfelt thank you goes to the cooking crew of Carol & Doug Stroud, Jim Robinson, and Bill Flodin; and a special thank you to the anonymous group that donated the cost of the food. Bill Bernhardt is thanked for the donated apples from his orchard that drew some extra donations. It was nice to see many officers in their Lodge uniforms attending as hosts, bussers, and participants.

ELK OF THE MONTH

There have been a few "Elk of the Month" members selected so far this year and we realized that they have not been recognized in our newsletter. Back in July our EOM was Mario Vasquez for helping around the Lodge and getting the AC in the social quarters working. September saw Jim Robinson as the EOM for his help with the food events and getting us some free French fries. Our charter and life member Peder Hempstead is the October Elk of the month with ongoing support of events and his generous donation to our roof repair fund.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

From our District Deputy visitation, we have been directed by Grand Lodge to change our By-Laws regarding the Treasurer's duties. This By-Law change will be voted on at our December 10, 2009 meeting.

Current By-Law:

Sec. 5 It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to receive all the Lodge moneys from the Secretary, giving him a receipt therefore; and, except as otherwise provided by By-Laws, he shall be the Treasurer of all Committees of the Lodge, and shall handle all funds of all Committees and of every activity of the Lodge; pay all bills against the Lodge as ordered thereby on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary; keeping a correct account, under their proper dates, of the amounts and sources of receipts and the amounts and purposes of disbursements, taking proper vouchers for the various items thereof. He shall, at such times as the Lodge may direct or the Exalted Ruler require, present for examination all books, papers, vouchers, etc., that may be necessary to a proper auditing of his accounts. He shall also perform such other duties as are required by the Lodge, and are compatible with his office.

Proposed by-law changes (additions in bold):

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