



# ELKHORN TIPS



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## Mount Vernon Lodge #1604

### “All-American Club”

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

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## BPOE #1604 OFFICE HOURS 360-848-8882

The office will be open 9:30 AM to 1 PM Tuesday and Thursday

Lounge is open Tuesday-Saturday, 3 PM - Close

### ER Message

We have finished the first month of the new Lodge year and we are working to make this another great year.

We approved the Annual Budget on the floor at the April 23rd meeting thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer Debbie Davis and the committee chairs that assisted in the preparation. We have been approved for all of our Grants so our charitable projects can continue. Debbie Denton has done a great job as our Grant Committee Chair person.

We exceeded our predicted donations for Children's Therapy and ENF for the year so a huge "thank you" to all Elks who contributed, let's do it again this year.

Sandy Clark, Larry Talbot, Jody Peters and Steve Sutton have been doing the back breaking work of cleaning up the flower beds at the Market Street entrance and it looks great.

The rebuild of the Laundry/Shower building in the RV park is moving right along, the city approved the framing and plumbing on Monday so the next step is insulation and sheetrock on the walls and ceilings. The finish work will move quickly once the sheetrock is finished. It will be great to get that facility back up and running. Thank you to the RV Park residents for your patience, this has been a long process with a lot of red tape to cut through. Our contractor sat and waited most of a day Monday the 22nd for the city to do the inspection.

Let's keep inviting our friends to see what Elks are all about so they can have the opportunity to join us.

Thank you,  
Mark Anderson  
Exalted Ruler

## Secretary Scuttlebutt

Hello Elks members!

Membership Dues are due.

Don't forget to sign your new cards.

The office is back to the hours of 9:30am – 2:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Lodge held the 1<sup>st</sup> membership Drive Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be having more of them throughout the coming year.

We also achieved 126% of donations to the Washington State Therapy Program (Tall Elks).

So we here at Mount Vernon Elks know....

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Karen Danko  
Secretary

## Volunteer Information

**Members! Would you like to volunteer** at the Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604? Here is a list of areas needing volunteers with contacts & their phone numbers. Our organization is built upon the contributions and efforts of our many members. We thank you for your help supporting our many Lodge activities.

- **Saturday Monthly Kitchen Breakfast:**

- Jim Loeff, House Chair 360-708-4638

- **Thursday & Friday Kitchen Dinners:**

- Jim Loeff, House Chair 360-708-4638

- **Thursday Night Bingo:**

- LaVon Henson 360-207-7936

- **Saturday Games:**

- LaVon Henson 360-207-7936

- **Monthly Newsletter Folding:**

- Karen Danko, Secretary 360-622-0686

- **Christmas Fund Raisers:**

- Debbie Davis, Treasurer 360-421-4415

- **Veterans Program Help:**

- Sue Gregg, P.E.R. 360-840-5334

- **Youth Activities:**

- Sue Gregg, P.E.R. 360-840-5334

- **Decorating the Lodge Events:**

- Rebecca Holmstrom 360-220-8693

- **RV Park Jobs:**

- Sandy Clark 360-708-3565

- **Building Maintenance:**

- Mark Anderson, E.R. 360-708-2824

- **Membership Committee:**

- Jody Peters 206-235-5248

- **If You Have Questions?**

- Contact the Office 360-848-8882

*Vendors Wanted!*

**2ND ANNUAL  
SUMMER  
BASH '24**

OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET

MOUNT VERNON ELKS LODGE

**SATURDAY JULY 27, 2024**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

-Crafters                      -Non Profit  
-Churches                      -Groups  
                                     -MLM Businesses  
                                     All Are Welcome!

Contact LaVon for an application at  
lavonhenson57@hotmail.com or call  
the Lodge at 360-848-8882



## BOARD REPORT

Welcome to Spring and a new Elk Year! I hope you are enjoying the tulips and sunshine. By the time you read this, we will have had our Spring Membership Drive, hopefully a successful one. Please plan to attend at least one Lodge meeting per month to acquaint yourself with your officers and reconnect with other members. We would love to see the friendly faces and support!

The Board is getting bids for landscape maintenance, carpet cleaning, and parking lot repair and repainting. We did approve adding two additional disabled stalls (not van accessible) when we restripe. The Budget for 2024-2025 has been finalized and will be presented to you for approval tonight. We took a straw poll on thumbs up/down on the style for the new Social Quarters chairs. They met with approval, so we now have a straw poll on which color the majority likes: Bordeaux (same as the bar stools); Tropical Storm (darkish blue); or Franciscan Grey (medium dark grey). Come in and cast your vote! The kitchen will be deep cleaned as will all of the vents, along with the walk-in cooler. Several Lodge members have spruced up the plantings on the deck and the entry. Compost bark is on order.

Volunteers are needed for several projects around the Lodge, which include landscape maintenance, light painting, and deck cleaning. Please contact Jody Peters, Leading Knight/Board Chair, for more information. Kitchen help is also always appreciated. Please see Jim Looff for details.

The District Deputy Clinic is Sunday April 28th at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. I encourage everyone to attend: you will learn a lot about how Grand Lodge makes sausage; you will meet very nice and helpful Elks from other Lodges; and you'll have a lot of fun, as well. There will be a light breakfast at 9 and the meeting lasts from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. There is no charge to attend.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Lodge meeting.

### Elks Care, Elks Share.

Respectfully and fraternally,  
Jody Peters, Board Chair  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

## House Committee News

### Elk of the Month –Debbie Denton

The House Committee is still looking for volunteers for our kitchen, decorating committee and more, if you would like to cook a dinner, we will welcome you to do just that. You would need a food handlers license. Just ask how to go about it if you do not already know.

So, we will be doing Christmas in July again—Debbie Denton announced that there will be a BBQ Rib Dinner.

The House is looking into new music for this years Purple Bubble Ball and New Years Eve parties, we know they are a long way away from now but keep them in mind.

Looking forward to the Snowbirds continuing to be coming back and the travelers that visit our lodge throughout the Summer.

We still have games on Saturdays, Poker-Texas-Hold'em, Find the Elk and Corky's Horse Races. Looking forward to seeing you in the lodge soon.

P.S. Don't forget Swedish Pancakes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 8-10:30AM.

House Chair  
Jim Looff

## PER Association

PER meeting at 4pm on the second Wednesday of each month!!

## ELK OF THE MONTH

Debbie Denton

**For All You Do, This Month is For You!!**

## VETERANS

We haven't received the final count of Veterans served, but the Tuff Shed is empty, all donations that we provided that you saw collected at the lodge were all handed out. #9237

Thank you to all of our members that donated their time and selflessness to assist with our Veterans. From the bottom of my heart !

We couldn't have done it without YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Two Veterans with different maladies were assisted by all our organizations and the outcome was very positive.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Sue Gregg PER

Veterans Chairman

## ENF NEWS

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) helps us bless our community. Last year, we received three grants from ENF which we used to help those in need. We gave Veterans \$1,000 in Fred Meyer gift cards to help with gas and clothing. \$6,000 was spent helping low income and homeless children obtain needed school supplies and \$2,000 was used to purchase food for the Open Door Community Kitchen. We helped them prepare and deliver 1,350 meals to homeless families through Family Promise and an additional 2,090 meals to the elderly in our community this past year.

Donations to ENF are tax deductible and help keep this awesome program going. Member donations also help our lodge qualify for more grants. Consider a donation today. Donations can be made when you pay this year's dues, you can write a check and leave it in the office or go online to make your donation.

Their web address is: <https://www.elks.org/enf/GivingMethods.cfm>

If you wish to make a monthly donation, sign up for the Fidelity Club and monthly withdrawals will be automatically deducted from your account.

## LOUNGE NEWS

Hey everyone:

Save the date: July 27th is our second annual Summer Bash. We are looking for vendors, a coffee cart and even a food vendor. Hoping to see everyone out and about that day.

A reminder I'm still looking for vendors for our Craft fair July 27th at the Mount Vernon Lodge. If you have a craft or just love going to craft fairs remember this date July 27th from 9-4. If you would like to be a vendor, you can call LaVon at the Mount Vernon Elks and ask for a application. The phone number is 360-848-8882

I would like to thank everyone that helps me clean off tables and bring their glasses back up to the bar. Thank you for all your help. Thank you! Thank you!

LaVon

## RED COAT SCHEDULE FOR MAY:

3<sup>rd</sup>--- Karen Danko  
10<sup>th</sup>--Debbie Davis  
17<sup>th</sup>--Lulu Maples  
24<sup>th</sup>--Mike Sarich  
31<sup>st</sup>--Mark Anderson

IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ON THE ASSIGNED DAY CONTACT A MEMBER TO FILL IN FOR YOU

## MEMBERSHIP

**Vote:**

**Voted -**

**Reinstatements:**

**Initiation -** Ann-Marie Colson and Lee Patza

## LODGE MEETING

**\$100 meeting attendance:** : April 9<sup>th</sup> name announced - Don Allen. April 23<sup>rd</sup> name announced - Nanny Rawlings - They were not in attendance and each lost the \$100.00 award.

**Donations went to:**

**QUEEN OF DIAMONDS:** April 9<sup>th</sup> Frank Enniss picked 9 of Spades and received \$1.00 consolation prize. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Jeff Anderson picked King of Spades and received \$2.00 consolation prize.

**Volunteer Winner:** Coby Beath. He Received a \$50 gift card

## RV Park

The building committee met on March 21st and we talked about how things are progressing on the laundry/bathrooms. There is a hold up on the shower stalls, but they should be here by this time.

The electrician came on March 22nd and is moving right along, hoping the plumber will not be far behind. We are working very hard on plans for the Cabana rebuild. We hope to have the plans drawn up soon and once that happens we can hopefully send them off to the city for permits. No starting date has been determined as of this letter.

We are getting a few things cleaned up in the RV park, I was able to get the lawns mowed during the sunny weather and we have had a few travelers come through already. Come join us at the lodge for our great events. Larry's Back - Yay!!!

RV Host/manager,  
Sandy Clark





## Volunteer Rewards/Incentive Program

### GRAND PRIZE - WINNERS:

**August-Sandy Clark - \$50 Fred Meyer**  
**September- Todd Reding \$50 Amazon**  
**October- Coby Beath \$50 Mexico Cafe**  
**November- Corky Bluhm \$50 Target**  
**December- Margaret Miller \$50 Fred Meyer**  
**January- Shelia Tuff \$50 La Conner Prime Rib Seafood**  
**February – Sue Gregg \$50 Amazon Card**  
**March –Coby Beath. He Received a \$50 gift card**  
**April –**  
**May-**  
**June-**  
**July-**

The Volunteer Rewards/Incentive Program is in its second year and going strong. While every volunteer is a gift to the lodge and helps to keep us a busy fun place to be, a bonus is you may get a gift card if your name is drawn at the second lodge meeting of the month. Each month a winner is drawn from those who volunteered during the month. See board in foyer of lodge for more details. If you volunteered and didn't get a ticket, write your name on the volunteer sheet hanging on the board in the foyer and a ticket will be added in your name before the drawing for the month. All tickets will be entered into a yearly drawing for a grand prize which will be drawn at the lodge meeting in July. Remember to put your phone number on the ticket so we can contact you!! **VOLUNTEER** – it feels good and you just may get a bonus reward!



## ELKS CHRISTMAS FUND NEWS



Probably no one is thinking about Christmas in May except the Christmas fund committee!

We started meeting in April to organize how to make this another phenomenal Christmas for Veteran's and families in our community who need a helping hand during the holiday season. Last year we helped 21 Veterans and 10 families for a total of 66 people!

We will be starting early this year with some 50/50 or paddle wheel events each month. Christmas in July is back again this year! We will be decorating the lodge for the season. Mark your calendar for July 12<sup>th</sup> to come in and enjoy Tom Mattingly's delicious fall off the bone BBQ ribs for dinner that night to raise money for the Christmas fund. We will also be doing either a 50/50 or paddle wheels that night. There will be Christmas raffle baskets stuffed full of goodies to win as well as the giving tree in the lounge area. Tickets and "gifts" to hang on the tree will be available all month long. Stay tuned for more information as we finalize our plans.

Your participation and generosity to these events are what allows us to help so many during the Christmas holidays. Elks definitely **Care** and Elks **Share!!**



## Daily RV Lots Available

Contact Sandy Clark  
360-708-3565

RV Park Host, Mount Vernon Elks



Buy in for \$1.00 Per game to win the players pot

**Thursday at 5:30 PM**

**BINGO FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY**



**Jody Peters**  
NOTARY

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## CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

**Come join us for a great meal  
or call for curbside pick up**



**May 21, 2024  
5:00 PM**



# May 2024



**Lounge Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - Closing. CLOSED on Sunday and Monday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>SATURDAY GAMES:</u></b></li> </ul> Bar Food or Pizza 3 PM Texas Hold'em 6:30 PM Find The Elk 6:45 PM Horse Races (if twelve or more play)			1 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	2 Bingo 5:30 PM Santa's Pizza	3 Jim's Baked Enchilada Casserole - Senior Center  Sentimental Journey	4 Saturday Games
5  CLOSED	6  CLOSED  House 5 PM	7	8  Advanced Line Dance w/Kim  PER meeting 4 PM	9  Bingo 5:30 PM  Santa's Sandwiches	10  Sue's Ham Dinner - Veterans  Rick Cooper	11  Swedish Pancakes - Open to the Public  Saturday Games
12  CLOSED	13  CLOSED  Board 5 PM	14  Lodge 7 PM	15  Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	16  Bingo 5:30 PM  Santa's Pizza	17  Jim's steaks - Lodge  Randy Hamilton	18  Saturday Games
19  CLOSED	20  CLOSED  House 5 PM	21  Chicken Fried Steak	22  Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	23  Bingo 5:30 PM  Santa's Chili or Chili Dogs	24  Sue's fish and Chips - ENF  Greg Bohanan	25  Saturday Games
26  CLOSED	27  CLOSED	28  Lodge 7 PM	29  Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	30  Bingo 5:30 PM  Santa's Costco Chicken Bakes	31  Sue's Burger Dips - Lodge  Anne and Dean	

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### **MOUNT VERNON LODGE #1604**

Exalted Ruler: Mark Anderson  
Est. Leading Knight: Jody Peters  
Est. Loyal Knight: Steve Sutton  
Est. Lecturing Knight: Jennifer Anderson  
Lodge Secretary: Karen Danko  
Treasurer: Debbie Davis  
Esquire: Sue Gregg PER  
Chaplain: Marija Anderson PER  
Tiler: Frank Ennis  
Inner Guard: Jim Looff

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE:**

Jim Lippert, Sheila Tuff, Coby Beath, Sue Gregg, Jim  
Looff - Chairman

### **TRUSTEES:**

3-Year: Brad Raspet  
2-Year: Mike Sarich  
1-Year: Lulu Maples

