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A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION
FLORENCE, OREGON
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FLAG DAY CEREMONY
@ Florence Elks Lodge #1858



JUNE 14, 2023 @ 1:00PM

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Flag Day Ceremony

We will be commemorating the history of the American Flag

Honored guests will include: members of VFW, DAV, American Legion, and the Band of Brothers

Ceremony will commence at 1:00pm on Flag Day (June 14th)
Light refreshments to follow

This program is very informative and is recommended for all school-age children

Florence Elks Lodge #1858
1686 12th Street off of Hwy 101

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE
@ Florence Elks Lodge #1858



JUNE 18, 2023 @ 1:00PM

You are invited to attend our annual tribute to all Fathers

Father's Day Service & Luncheon

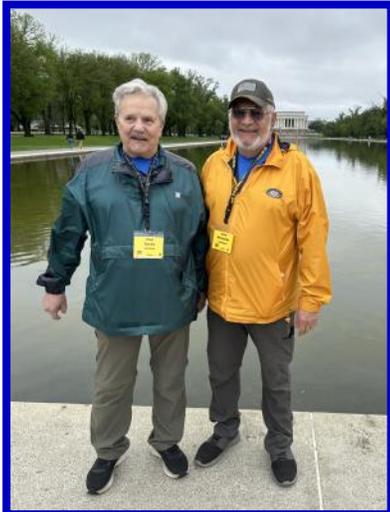
Ceremony will commence at 1:00pm on Father's Day (June 18th)

Light fare of sandwiches, potato salad and cookies

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SOUTH WILLAMETTE VALLEY HONOR FLIGHT April 27 - May 1st, 2023

Army Veteran, Paul Gargis, accompanied by Army Veteran, Jerry Hernandez, participated in the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.



John Gale, Bill Morgan, Don Jordan, Phil Olson, Len Larson, Ed Berentsen, Dan Palos, Gary Covert, Dick Toole and Michal Anne Fletcher were among the many Veterans that were honored. Also on the flight was West District Advisor, David Olheiser, PER of Springfield Lodge #2145. The Honor Flight Network's mission is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials. The Network's vision: A nation where all of America's veterans experience the honor, gratitude, and community of support they deserve. For more information, send an email to: info@honorflight.org.



FROM THE EXALTED RULER *Donna Smith*



This month I thought I would celebrate our Lodge. We do so much in the community but never pat ourselves on the back. So this one is for all of you. Florence Elks Lodge #1858 is proud to have hosted a successful event for the Suicide Prevention for Veterans. Last year's State President of OSEA was in attendance, as was our Mayor, Fire and Police. The event brought together a panel of experts to discuss the challenges faced by the vets and the community in accessing mental health care and the importance of providing support to those who may be struggling with thoughts of suicide. Attendees had the opportunity to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the panelist and learn about the resources available. We hope that our event served as a catalyst for continued discussion and action on this critical issue. We look forward to hosting similar events to aid the community. Now just a gentle push -- come to the meetings, read your Spike and just come down and have some fun. See you at the Lodge!

FROM THE LEADING KNIGHT

Cathy Jorgenson



Rhody Days were great and I hope you all had a great time. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people that volunteered to help me with the Chicken BBQ. You all were fantastic. Mother's Day was a wonderful ceremony and I thank all who attended. Father's Day is June 18th and once again, I hope all the fathers will come to the ceremony and luncheon at 1PM. If you're interested in helping with the luncheon, please let me know. Have a great sunny June.

FROM THE LECTURING KNIGHT

Quinton Parker



My fellow Elks,
As your new Lecturing Knight, my first duty was to host the May 5, Friday night Fine Dining Event. Our wonderful kitchen volunteers, under the experienced guidance of our Chef, Danny Wright, put out 110 meals. All the meals were efficiently served by the great volunteer wait staff organized by our head waitress Chris Curran. Kelly, the kitchen liaison, said we set a revenue record of \$2200.00. I think this record is a direct result of Kelly and Fred Hilden's influence, Danny's kitchen management and the great kitchen volunteers. A hearty thanks to one and all. Brigitte and I had a lot of fun receiving and seating our guests. I look forward to June. It brings the Summer Solstice which is the longest day of the year and I know we all welcome summer. June 6th is in remembrance of D-Day and all of those that put themselves in harms way, especially those that gave their all. June 14th is Flag Day. Please remember to display your American Flag proudly. Then, on June 18, we can all celebrate Father's Day. After what seems like a long, cool, wet winter, I'm looking forward to dryer, warmer days ahead. I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Also, always remember Vets Cafe every Tuesday 4-6PM. I look forward to working for you, and with you. I will support our Lodge in any way I can to continue to be an exemplary example for other Lodges. I will endeavor to exemplify the motto of my station, Brotherly Love.

FROM THE LOYAL KNIGHT

Mike Guggenmos



Hello, fellow Elks. We made it through a busy May with all of the gracious volunteer hours put in by so many of you dedicated Elk members. Because of all of your dedication, it makes me want to work even harder for you all. Thank you! June brings across my desk Flag Day, and as always, we will celebrate and honor our country's flag and the anniversary of its birth. Mark the date: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 1PM. Don't forget our ever-growing Vets Café on Tuesdays, now open from 4-6PM. Come support our Veterans by trying one of our weekly specials, eating a good meal and as always, enjoying the Lodge and all of our fantastic members! Have a blessed June, and thank you for your support.

ENF FIDELITY

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!!! Starting a recurring gift to the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION is safe, reliable, and allows ENF to spend more time on our charitable mission.

Contact Karen Woodbury for forms & details. 541-999-7906

ELK OF THE MONTH

This lady has been volunteering in this Lodge for many, many years. She is a familiar face to us all. You'll see her in the kitchen or the dining room even outside watering or picking up trash. She always has a smile for everyone.

June Elk of the Month is
MARY BAUMEISTER



The all new OSEA website:
www.oregonelks.org

FROM THE SECRETARY
Denise Champagne



Members, please do me a favor. If you know any other member that has moved recently, please check in with them, ask if they have updated their address and contact information with the Lodge. We need up-to-date mailing addresses, phone numbers, and emails or they won't get their Spike newsletters, Elks Magazines or statements. Also, if you are sponsoring a new member, it is your responsibility to make sure the application is filled out completely and correctly. Make sure it is a MAILING ADDRESS on the application for the new member, that the phone number is correct, and that the entire application is LEGIBLE. This would be greatly appreciated by the Membership committee and myself.

BEGINNING MEMBERSHIP TOTAL 4-1-2023: 881

INCREASES

Initiated:	14
Affiliated:	2
Reinstated:	1
Subtotal:	17

DECREASES

Dropped:	0
Transferred Out:	1
Absolute Demit:	0
Deaths:	4
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	5

Calculated Membership Total:	893
CLMS Active Members:	893
Average Age:	71.40
Gain/Loss:	12

DELINQUENCY

Six Months:	143
One Year:	0
Over One Year:	0
Total:	143
Lapsation Rate:	16.23%

APPLICATIONS ON HAND

Waiting to be read at next Lodge meeting:	5
In the hands of the investigating committee:	0
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	2
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	0
Other:	0
Total:	7

LIFE MEMBERS

Life Members:	37
Honorary Life Members:	0
Total:	37
Life Percentage:	4.20%

THE SHARE SHOP

Florence Elks #1858 Thrift Store
Jeremy and April Cluster, Managers



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LIFE MEMBERS

Life memberships are now available to those who qualify. You must be an Elk for 30 years and a member of our Lodge for 10 of those years. See our secretary!



EYES -

ELKS YOUTH EYE SERVICE

is our major state project, offering pediatric eye care services for babies, children, and young adults.

**PLEASE DONATE
IF YOU CAN!**



QUINTON PARKER, Lecturing Knight sworn in by PER Bruce Smith



Sally Studders receives her MAY 2023 ELK OF THE MONTH pin from Donna Smith, Exalted Ruler



Congratulations Drew Gauderman, our new Lodge Tiler



A BIG THANK YOU TO: PER Bruce Smith, PER George Bandy, Mike Guggenmos, Quinton Parker, and Drew Gauderman for repairing the GIANT potholes. Now we can drive through the Lodge parking lot without being "bobble heads"!



There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Lodge, outside maintenance, kitchen and dining room service and special events. Please do your part and VOLUNTEER today!



Lisa Brenner dared PER & Chaplain Joyce Middleton to wear these crazy glasses during "Good of the Order", saying she would donate \$50 to the Veterans if Joyce did! Thank you to both of you from our Veterans Fund!



LADIES OF ELKS

Greetings Ladies,

Our Rhody Days Pie and Bake Sale was a success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help on Saturday morning and to all the members who furnished the delicious items to sell. All proceeds will go back into the community through our charitable donations. Thank you to our 2 new members, Jean Watanabe and Karon Williams, for stepping up and chairing the committee this year and to Kay Valois for all her work on this committee in the past. Job well done!!

Holiday Bazaar – we have purchased six wagons for this year's raffle at Tom & Jerry in December. We will be posting a sign-up sheet at the general meeting in June with a list of items needed. We can't do it without your generous donations!

Bingo is every Tuesday at 3:15-7:00 pm. Please come out and play and bring your friends. This is one of our biggest fundraisers! If you are interested in joining one of our Bingo teams, please contact Elsie or Marianne.

Scholarship recipients have been notified and will receive their scholarship certificates on May 24th at the Scholarship Awards at FEC. Thank you again Diane Buleza for stepping up and chairing the Scholarship Committee this year.

We encourage you to attend our General Meetings on the Second Monday of the Month at 2:00. Your input is important, as is your participation in all of the LOE activities.

Pam Stimmell, Secretary
pstimmell@yahoo.com

LADY ELK OF THE MONTH

Every organization needs a good secretary, and our Ladies of Elks have a great one. Our secretary, Pam Stimmell, does so much for us! She certainly makes my job a whole lot easier. Pam is my choice for Lady Elk of the month for June.

Please congratulate her
when you see her!

Joyce Middleton, President

LADIES OF ELKS CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING Tuesday, June 6th 1PM
GENERAL MEETING Monday, June 12th 2PM

LOE OFFICERS 2023-2024

Joyce Middleton, President
Karen Smales Woodbury, Vice-President
Pam Stimmell, Secretary
Laura Matheny, Treasurer
Pat Smith, Financial Secretary
Bonnie MacDuffee, Sergeant-at-Arms

LADIES OF ELKS



TUESDAY 3:15-7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 2:30
SALES ARE OPEN UNTIL 3:15
ELKS MEMBERS WELCOME GUESTS, SO BRING A FRIEND!
PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL CHARITIES.

 THE VETS' CAFE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR PLEASURE FROM 4:00-6PM.
Proceeds benefit our local Veterans.



Ladies of Elks Officers and Board Members

Front Row (L-R): Karen Woodbury, PER, Vice President;
Joyce Middleton, PER, President.

Back Row (L-R): Pat Smith, Financial Secretary; Laura Matheny, Treasurer; Bonnie MacDuffee, Sgt-at-Arms; Elsie Simon, BINGO Organizer; Pam Stimmell, Secretary; Shirley Hornback, Past President of Ladies of Elks.

FLORENCE ELKS LODGE #1858 wELKomes OUR NEW MEMBERS



Front Row (L-R): Janelle Morgan, Mary Grigsby, Robyn Burgard, Marchel Demersseman, Alison Balter, Gary Ebeling, Sally Perkins-Sulett. Back Row (L-R): Robert Williams, David Christopher, Edward Kopilec, Donna Smith, ER, Tyler Smith, Thomas Morgan, Robert Hekema, Jimmy Wohl.



Our website, florenceelks.com received a 5 Star Award from the Grand Lodge. The 5 Star Award was only given to 5 Lodges in the whole United States! Be sure to

log on & check out the HOME PAGE as it is updated daily with upcoming events and news.

BAND OF BROTHERS
 Meets every Monday at Florence Elks Lodge - 1686 12th Street, Florence.
 Join us at 10:30 AM for donuts & coffee. Meeting follows at 11:30AM.
 All Veterans are invited to attend: Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.



Elks member Roger Cink caught a nice, small mouth bass at Siltcoos Lake while fishing with Elks member Brian Cole!

JUNE CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>CANDIDATE</u>		<u>PROPOSER</u>
Susanna Carroll	Membership	Carla Dollinger
Mark Sampson	Membership	Brett McKnight
Virginia Fleming	Membership	Cathy Jorgenson
Michael Jones	Membership	Mark Palmer
James Lindemann	Membership	Marlo Rivas
Kathryn Socea	Membership	Shirley Hornback
Dawn Ryan	Reinstate	Corinna McColely
Gregory Fallon	Membership	Connie Robinson
Stephen Zanella	Transfer	Carol Lunceford

IT'S GOOD TO BE AN ELK!

CRYING CORNER

- #5495 Robert Filiatreau
- #6652 Michelle Rutherford
- #7016 Dennis Pollock



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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:
FOLD THE SPIKE
TUESDAY, JUNE
27TH @ 9AM.
Donuts & coffee
provided!**



Donna Smith, ER, presents George Bandy, PER , the OREGON STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION TOP TEN MEMBERSHIP GAIN 2022-2023 for FLORENCE LODGE #1858 WEST DISTRICT - Plus 95 Members 15% Growth



The Family of Jerry Barnes invites you to attend
A Celebration of Life
Bring stories and memories of Jerry and join us in honoring a life well lived.
June 25, 2023 | 11 AM
The Elk's Lodge
Florence Oregon
1686 12th St.
rsvp or inquiries 310-729-3296

FROM THE ROLLING ELKS

We were small but mighty at our May meeting and we gained 6 new members. Welcome Pete & Lori Dunbar, Cori Hagan, Bob & Anne Maxwell and Mindy Maxwell. Sue Bennett, Beth Graf and Skeeter Weatherly celebrated birthdays in May. Sharron de Montigny asked that anyone not getting emails contact her. Ron Borges asked that camp hosts have flyers well ahead of the event.

Campouts are scheduled for:
JUNE 5-8th at Osprey Point in Lakeside hosted by Sue Bennett and Joann Leggio.

AUGUST 14-17th at Bandon by the Sea RV Park hosted by the Otmans.

SEPTEMBER 13-16th at Remote Outpost near Coquille hosted by the de Montignys.

JULY and OCTOBER ARE STILL OPEN!

Remember to let the camp hosts know when you make your reservations with the facility. There was no "Name draw" winner and Bob Maxwell won the 50/50.

Please note:
THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH AT 3:30 at the Lodge.

Sharron de Montigny
Recording Secretary
541-740-3517

THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY.

Rudy O'Toole	April 23rd
Bill Smales	April 21st
Florence Williams	April 2nd

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains.
As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits.
As long as we have love, today is beautiful.
As long as we have Faith, anything is possible.
Submitted by Jeffrey Vanier

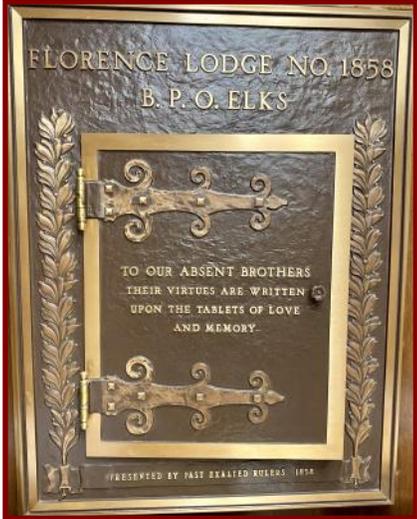


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Our Lodge's Memorial Tablet pages are nearly full. This tablet holds the names of our beloved departed members since the founding of our Lodge. We, the Past Exalted Rulers, are fundraising for an additional tablet at a cost of \$36,000. Please help us to accomplish this goal with any donation that you wish to contribute. Thank you, #1858 PERS





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 OFFICER'S Meeting 6:15PM Americanism Plaque Presentation 5:30PM LODGE MEETING 7PM	2 DINNER 5-6:30PM Reservations only Host: Karen S.Woodbury Music: Ron Wohleking	3
4  FIRST SUNDAY of the MONTH BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM LINE DANCING 3:30-5PM	5	6 LOE BOD 1PM  3:15-7PM VETS' CAFÉ 4:00-6PM Shuffleboard Tournament 3PM	7 Rolling Elks 3:30pm DINNER 5:00 -6PM Fried Chicken Queen Of Hearts 6PM	8 PER Meeting 6:15PM LODGE MEETING 7PM	9 DINNER 5-6:30PM Reservations only Host: Shirley Hornback Music: The Endeavors	10 DISTRICT TRAINING 10-2PM
11 Florence Williams Celebration of Life 12-3PM INTERVIEWS 2PM LINE DANCING 3:30-5PM	12 LOE MEETING 2PM SPIKE DEADLINE	13 BOD - 10AM  3:15-7PM VETS' CAFÉ 4:00-6PM Shuffleboard Tournament 3PM	14  Flag Day Ceremony 1PM DINNER 5-6PM St. Louis Ribs Queen Of Hearts 6PM	15 LODGE MEETING 7PM BALLOTING	16 DINNER 5-6:30PM Reservations only Host: Bruce Smith Music: DJ Dan	17  DJ DAN 4-7PM
18 Father's Day Ceremony 1PM LINE DANCING 3:30-5PM	19	20 Disaster Preparedness Florence Events Center 9AM-4PM  3:15-7PM VETS' CAFÉ 4:00-6PM	21 DINNER 5-6PM Shrimp Basket Queen Of Hearts 6PM	22 Scholarship Awards & Pizza 5:30PM LODGE MEETING 7PM	23 DINNER 5-6:30PM Reservations only Host: Gary Hensen Music: In Session	24 ORIENTATION TOUR 1PM ORIENTATION 2PM
25 Jerry Barnes Celebration of Life 11AM LINE DANCING 3:30-5PM	26	27 BOD - 10AM FOLD SPIKE 9AM  3:15-7PM VETS' CAFÉ 4:00-6PM	28 DINNER 5-6PM Spaghetti Slice of Pie \$3 Queen Of Hearts 6PM	29 INITIATION DINNER 5:30 PM LODGE MEETING 7PM INITIATION 7PM	30 DINNER 5-6:30PM Reservations only Host: Harry Gualco Music: DJ DAN	Save the date! July 1ST:  DJ DAN 4-7PM

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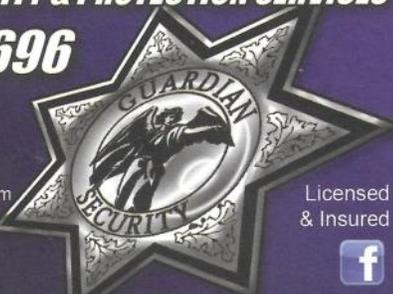
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SHUFFLEBOARD

Tuesdays 3:00PM

FLORENCE ELKS LODGE #1858 voted BEST IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY for the 2ND YEAR by the Siuslaw Newspaper Readers! Congratulations to ALL of our VOLUNTEERS that make this happen!

Every Tuesday @ the Lodge

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Vets Cafe

- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
- Chicken Fingers
- Clam Strips
- Hot Dogs
- Chili Cheese Dogs
- Hamburgers
- Chili, Soup and more...

NEW SPECIALS WEEKLY!

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