



THE SALEM ELKLET

The newsletter for Salem Elks Lodge #336

Making a Difference ~ Building Awareness

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LODGE MEETING:
THURSDAYS 7:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday —Friday
2 pm — 5 pm

CLUB HOURS:

Tuesday 1-9 pm
Monday, Wednesday, and
Thursday 4—9 pm
Friday 4—11 pm
Saturday 4—9 pm

CLOSED
SUNDAY
MAY BE OPEN
FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Members,

Let me first say it was an incredible experience attending the 154th session of Grand Lodge in San Antonio as the representative of our lodge. While there was a lot of information covered across a range of topics I wanted to share with you some takeaways from the session on membership. The main theme of the sessions could be condensed down to one word "perception" as much of the discussion had to do with how we, as an organization, are viewed. The first perception discussed is that many perceive our lodges to be bars or bingo halls with a lodge attached rather than as a lodge that gives back millions of dollars to the communities we serve. It is critical that we work on rebranding this image back to one that is of a charitable lodge with a bar or other amenities for our members. At the Salem Lodge we have already started doing this with our presence at the Salem Saturday Market and you will soon notice some changes in our message board outside that will highlight the charitable works of our lodge.

The second area of perception is how our lodges are perceived by guests that our members bring in or who come to events held at our facilities. We want to ensure that our lodges are inviting and welcoming to those who come as guests or who attend functions. Now this DOES NOT mean that we are opening our doors and inviting anyone off the streets to come into our lodges and clubs. But for those who do come in as guests, we need to make sure that we are creating an atmosphere that would encourage them to want to become a member, not walk away with a negative view. This means that if we have a member who bring their family in to celebrate a promotion, or a graduation and their guests want to play pool or shuffle board we invite them to do so as long as the tables are not already in use. It may mean that we have music playing in our lounge or different TV programming on than what is normally showing. The bottom line is that if we only cater to those members who have been around for 20-30 years and reject any form of change we will cease to exist. It really is that simple. We cannot afford to drive away families because children playing in the lodge annoy us. We cannot afford to drive away members because we were rude to the guests that they brought to see our organization. The challenge from Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations was clear, be willing to make the changes and adapt to things that will help grow our membership. And that is my challenge now to all of you. Help us be a place that people WANT to come to, that people WANT to join.

"every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision, and change"

— Sir Richard Branson

Fraternally,
C. Blake Whitson

Grand Lodge Report



The 154th session of Grand Lodge was held the first week of July in the scorching heat of San Antonio Texas. The opening ceremonies included a performance by the Recreation group as well as the Lt. Dan Band to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Over the next several days I had the opportunity to attend sessions on Membership and Public Relations, Drug Awareness, and Lodge Budgeting and Finance as well as the general sessions and committee reports. In addition, members of the Oregon and Idaho Elks were asked to participate in the celebratory activities following the election of Michael T. Luhr as the new Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks. The new GER hails from the Petersburg Alaska lodge and has set his theme for the coming year as "Working Together to Make a Difference". Following business sessions there were several opportunities to interact with Elks from across the country in various hospitality rooms and receptions. Casey the Elk even managed to get his picture taken with the new Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife Barbara. Below is a full list of the resolutions considered at grand lodge as well as my vote on each resolution and the outcome of the vote.

Resolutions

Resolution	ER Vote	Final Outcome
2018-1 Requires the Officers to perform the initiation ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy	Yes	Failed
2018-2 Allow lodges to amend their By-laws to provide a different rate of dues for married couples	No	Failed
2018-3 Allow incorporated lodges with a Board of Directors to assign the duty to manage the club to the Board of Directors as the governing body	Yes	Pass
2018-4 Ensure the return of all records and other materials by lodge officers and employees upon completion of service to the lodge	Yes	Pass
2018-5 Clarify that lodge related entities under the statute are required to	Yes	Pass
2018-6 Allows lodges to react to sudden emergencies without getting prior Grand Trustee permission	Yes	Pass
2018-7 give lodges the option to select Local Forum members with CLMS	Yes	Pass
2018-8 To protect the assets of the Members and the Order from	Yes	Pass
2018-9 Allow initiations to be held as a special service where non-members can attend as guests	Yes	Failed
2018-10 Allow for separate corporations to have the lodge as a stakeholder when required by state law	Yes	Pass
2018-11 Charter a virtual lodge for members whose lodge lost its charter	Yes	Pass
2018-12 All assets of all lodges are held in constructive trust	Yes	Pass
2018-13 Provide that State Sponsors and DD's are entitled to copies of	No	Pass
2018-14 Provides that a member dropped for non-payment of dues can	No	Pass
2018-15 Clarify the obligation to include the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal shall be voted on in the notice mailed to the members.	Yes	Pass

News from the Secretary

by Jan Sloan

Members, I can't believe it is August already. I hope you are able to keep cool. We have had some great events here at the Lodge this summer and more to come. It has come to my attention that we have some members who feel entitled to special privileges. We must treat each and every member equally. Someone with 20, 30, 40 years as an Elk is no more important than the member who has just been initiated. We all "own" an equal piece of this lodge, no one more important than another. We have members who feel entitled to sit in a particular spot because they are long time members or feel they should get "their" Oregon Lottery machine when they want to play. Some members feel that the pool tables are for their use only. These tables are open to all members and guests. As long as guests are not abusing the pool tables or shuffle board they are welcome to play. We had a large group of members and guests this past Saturday who attended a yearly picnic. There were many children here, some playing pool. One little guy was trying to hoist himself to the table so he could see better. One of our Officers let him know this was unacceptable and as long as the children did not abuse the tables they were welcome to play. Sure, there were children running around but that's what they do. If you don't like the outside events which may include families and noise perhaps you should stay at home where you can be in complete control of your environment. We are trying to reestablish the Lodge as a family-friendly place to come. If we don't seek families to come and feel welcome we may as well shut our doors because if we continue losing members through disinterest, death, feeling unwelcome, whatever, we won't survive as a Lodge. We still have 80 delinquent members and will be sending out dues notices again and making phone calls to try to bring them back to the Lodge.

Let me leave you with this:

"We are all here on earth to help each other"



Our July 2018 Volunteers of the Month are:
Geoff and Kathy Shipley

And special recognition for:
John and Hilde Trammel

August volunteers are needed for the Family Picnic August 4th, Assembling backpacks August date TBD, the Backpack Giveaway August 18th at the Salem Saturday Market.

To volunteer or get more information you can email volunteer@salemelks.org or speak to any officer!!!!

Welcome to the **volunteer** corner

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

C. Blake Whitson PCB

Leading Knight

Mike Carter, PER

Loyal Knight

Linda Loop, PCB

Lecturing Knight

VACANT

Secretary

Jan Sloan

Treasurer

Carol Gibson

Inner Guard

Larry Waldner, PER

Esquire

Dustin Yancey

Chaplain

Joaquin Tudella

Trustees

Darrell Rysavy ~ Elden Reese

Holly Bennet ~ Rudy Guerrero

Past Exalted Rulers/Past Chairman of the Board Association

President Bob Moody PER

Secretary C. Blake Whitson, PCB

Grand Exalted Ruler 2018- 2019

Michael T. Luhr

(Petersburg, AK Lodge #1615)

North Central District

Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Steve Armbruster (Silverton Lodge #2210)

Honored Elks

OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2017-2018

C. Blake Whitson, PCB

ELK OF THE YEAR 2017-2018

Mike Carter, PER

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Gary Felling, PER ~ Bill Myers, PER

Bob Staples, PDDGER/PER/PCB

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Bob Staples, PER/PCB

August 2018 Events

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Picnic—Aug 4th
Come on down to the lodge for our annual family picnic from 11-3 . Fun and food for the whole family. Details on pg. 7

Elks Backpack Project—Aug 18th
Join us at the Salem Saturday Market to promote the Elks and hand out backpacks from 9—3 pm Details on insert

Tiki Night—Aug 25th
Come on down to the lodge for our second annual Tiki Night starting at 4 pm. Details on insert

NOTICE

Member **ARE NOT** to be in the club room, or playing lottery machines during non business hours. This can lead to loss of club privileges.

STANDING EVENTS

Monday Burgers — Join us on Mondays for burgers and Drink Specials. Dinner is served from 5-7:00 pm

Taco Tuesday— Join us on Tuesdays for taco's, taco salads, and enchiladas. Dinner is served from 5-7:30 pm

Wednesday 2 for \$15 Dinners—
Join us on Wednesdays for 2 for \$15 Dinner Specials and Horse Race Bingo. Dinner is served from 5-7:30 pm

Thursday Lodge Night—Join us on lodge night for our \$8.00 lodge night dinner. Dinner is served from 5-7 pm

Friday Night Karaoke—Join us on Friday night for Karaoke with Bill! Full menu service is available from 5-7:30pm with bar bites until close.

\$5 Saturday Meals—Join us on Saturday for Mikes \$5 Meal Deals! Dinner is from 5 –7:00

OTHER EVENTS



Every Tuesday— Lodge opens at 1 pm for member socializing. Bar Bites Menu is available starting at 1.



Every Wednesday—Horse Race Bingo will be called starting at 6:30



Thursday Lodge Night—Join us on lodge night for our \$8.00 lodge night dinner. Dinner is served from 5-7 pm



Friday Night Karaoke—Join us on Friday night for Karaoke with Bill!!!! We will also draw for the Queen of Hearts at 8 PM

Happy Birthday to YOU!!

If your birthday is in August you can get a free dinner on a Thursday Night in August!!

Name

Present this coupon to the bartender when ordering

August Important Dates

Aug 2—PER/PCB Night
Aug 4—Elks Family Picnic
Aug 7—RV Club Meeting
Aug 16 Balloting
Aug 18—Backpack Project Salem Saturday Market
Aug 21—Orientation
Aug 23—Initiation
Aug 25—Tiki Night

The Salem Elks
Summer
TIKI PARTY
AUGUST 25TH
FOOD-FUN-AND MORE
STARTING AT 4 PM

SUNDAY (Closed)	MONDAY (4pm—9pm)	TUESDAY (1pm—9pm)	WEDNESDAY (4pm—9pm)	THURSDAY (4pm—9pm)	FRIDAY (4pm—11pm)	SATURDAY (4pm—9pm)
			1 New 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7:30 Horse Race Bingo	2 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5 - 7 pm PER/PCB Meeting 6pm Meat Loaf	3 Dinner Service 5 - 7:30 pm KARAOKE 7 pm Queen of Hearts	4 Elks Family Picnic
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 Burgers Monday Served 5-7:00 pm	7 TACO TUESDAY Served 5-7:30	8 New 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7:30 Horse Race Bingo	9 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5 - 7 pm Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice	10 Dinner Service 5 - 7:30 pm KARAOKE 7 pm Queen of Hearts	11 \$5 Dinner
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 Burgers Monday Served 5-7:00 pm Board Meeting 6 PM	14 TACO TUESDAY Served 5-7:30	15 New 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7:30 Horse Race Bingo	16 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5 - 7 pm Balloting Chef Salad	17 Dinner Service 5 - 7:30 pm KARAOKE 7 pm Queen of Hearts	18 \$5 Meals 5-7 Backpack giveaway Saturday Market 9-3
19 LODGE CLOSED	20 Burgers Monday Served 5-7:00 pm	21 TACO TUESDAY Served 5-7:30 Orientation	22 New 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7:30 Horse Race Bingo	23 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5 - 7 pm Initiation Fish and Chips	24 Dinner Service 5 - 7:30 pm DJ Jay Rock Dancing and more 7 pm Queen of Hearts	25 Tiki Night Starts at 4 PM
26 LODGE CLOSED	27 Burgers Monday Served 5-7:00 pm	28 TACO TUESDAY Served 5-7:30	29 New 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7:30 Horse Race Bingo	30 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5 - 7 pm Chefs Surprise	31 Dinner Service 5 - 7:30 pm KARAOKE 7 pm Queen of Hearts	

The Call of the Open Road, the Salem 336ers RV Club

by John Trammell RV Club Reporter

July was busy for 336ers beginning with the club meeting where 28 members were in attendance. Club sheriff JoAnna Maddux(AKA Bounty Hunter) was on the prowl for missing name badges. She has been very diligent performing her duty of collecting the 25 cent fine for not wearing a badge. She gave more than \$21 collected previously to club treasure BJ Leach.

Hurrah! We pulled it off, managing a 72 rig RV rally near Hood River during the middle of July. The weather hit over 100 degrees one day but the main building had good air conditioning. The event was a success because of superb efforts by 23 members of the Salem RV club and capable assistance from Keizer and Florence Elks. Special mention must be made in praise of Henry Blackwell and Randy Leach. They parked all 72 arrivals, provided golf cart "on call" transportation, and even conducted a 20 team washoe tournament where Carol Moody and her partner from Brookings seized first place. BJ Leach and Doris Wing got up early to provide a breakfast for everyone and Pat Jones and Faith Newell cooked and served Pat's famous spaghetti to about 160 people. Janet Maddux worked many hours to provide attractive table decorations.

I am pleased to report that my very good friend Deral Jones has reached the age of 90 years. Deral has been a club member for 24 years. He was born in Denton, Texas in 1928, the year the Model A Ford was first manufactured. The Model A sold for \$500, equivalent to \$7,125 today. He moved to Oregon at the age of 11 and soon after graduating from high school was drafted into the army where served for 2 years and 1 day. He was trained at Fort Bliss, Texas as an anti-aircraft gunner. After training his unit was alerted and prepared for shipment to the Korean War front but their destination was changed to Germany where the Cold War was heating up. Deral served in Germany enduring field maneuvers and war games in the bitter cold winters where your breath can freeze right in front of your mouth. There were no solid buildings during maneuvers and Deral was cold and miserable along with the other soldiers in his unit where he served for 18 months. He says the summers were very nice though and he wondered why the army had to choose winter months to conduct field training. At the end of army service Deral returned to Oregon and was employed in the beverage industry until his retirement. For many years he and his wife Pat have wintered in Arizona but recently have chosen to stay closer to home where they manage their 39 acre farm. Deral loves spicy foods and even makes nut brittle flavored with Jalapeno peppers, Wow. Deral has a hobby with model trains and is an accomplished wood worker. I could write much more about this remarkable man but I am over my word limit for this article.

Lodge Events

From the Board of Governors

It is no secret that our lodge ls host to several outside events each year. It should also be no secret that these events help us to keep our doors open and our prices as low as possible for our members. Without them, it is likely we would have already gone under as a lodge.

Typically, we have about 1 larger event a week during certain parts of the year and we recognize that on those days our members might be inconvenienced or find more people than usual in all areas of our facilities. But is one day out of the six we are open really an inconvenience when that one day helps us stay open the other five?

Let's also not forgot that several of the groups that have held events in our lodge have graciously invited our members to participate in their events. We have had reunions with live bands or DJ's that have opened up the curtains, so our members could enjoy the entertainment as well. We have had event such as the CMNI Picnic, graduation parties, and birthdays where members have thrown events at their expense and invited their fellow Elks to join in free of charge.

So before complaining about events, remember those guests are helping keep our lodge open. And if you've enjoyed the gracious hospitality of one of these events that has been opened to our members you certainly shouldn't repay that hospitality with complaints or criticism.

The Annual 336 Family Picnic



**Featuring kids games, prizes,
hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and
more.**

Donation only!!!

**Saturday August 4th
11-3**

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The Annual 336 Family Picnic



August 4th with food, prizes, and fun for the
whole family.