



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
9AM - 1:30 PM

Club Hours:

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

**CLOSED
SUNDAY**

**MAY BE OPEN FOR
SPECIAL EVENTS**

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Members,

As we find ourselves in February, I would like to take this opportunity to provide the following "state of the lodge" update to you all. Let me begin by firmly saying the state of our lodge is strong. As we head towards the end of the 2018-2019 fraternal year, we can well be proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together over the last year.

Membership: As we sit right now, we will likely end the year with a loss of around 15 members. This is the lowest loss of membership in over 5 years. If we can continue working hard at recruiting new members and retaining members, we can achieve a membership growth at Salem in the near future.

Elks National Foundation: Our lodge has contributed \$3918.36 to the Elks National Foundation or \$7.435 per member. This makes us the second highest per member contribution in the district and 15th in the state. In turn, our lodge received \$10,000 back in 5 Elks National Foundation Grants.

Charity: Our lodge has long been a leader in the Salem Community contributing over \$12.1 million to the Salem Community over the years. This year we have carried on that proud tradition. We provided food boxes to over 70 families and 300 people. We provided backpacks to 200 students. And Christmas for over 30 children of veterans and the kids at the Oregon School for the Deaf. All said our lodge has done over \$100,000 this year in charitable work when combining money, time, and resources.

Finances: And finally, we have been fortunate enough this year to make some long-needed improvements to our lodge. We have replaced an aging AC unit, updated equipment in kitchen, and replaced our beer tap system with one that is more functional and will reduce operating costs and waste. We have also aligned our banking and financial business practices to ensure our lodge funds are working for us while ensuring the financial stability of our lodge for the future.

As I said above, the state of our lodge is strong. And it is so because of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, our members, and everyone who has helped out with our events, our charitable fund drives, and our charitable projects. If we can keep up this momentum, our lodge has a truly bright future.

Fraternally,
C. Blake Whitson



The Principles of our Order - Part Four by Howard Bauman, PCB

This is the final article in my series about the principles of our order. The last Principle is that of the station of the Exalted Ruler, **Fidelity**. Fidelity in simplest terms is the quality of faithfulness or loyalty. Its origin is from the Latin word **fidelis**, meaning “faithful or loyal”. For our purposes here it can be expressed in the old saying, “My word is my bond”. Some synonyms for Fidelity are allegiance, commitment, constancy, dedication, faithfulness, steadfastness. During the Opening of the Lodge we are told “Fidelity is of supreme importance . . . because only while we remain faithful to our obligation will we act toward one another with Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love.” The motto of the United States Marine Corps is **Semper fidelis**, a Latin phrase that means “always faithful” or “always loyal”. It is also in use as a motto for towns, families, schools, and other military units. It symbolizes loyalty to fellow comrades.

Where does this lead in our interactions to each other? Just like in the statement above we should always act within the other three principles. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity are not “buzzwords” we throw around during meetings and on advertisements. They are principles that we should use to not only guide our feelings and actions in our outreach to the communities we live in but to each of our fellow Elks

From the Ladies of the Elks by Carol Moody

The Ladies of the Elks completed a planning meetings in December and prepared for the Kids Christmas party. The ladies group decided for 2019 we will alternate the leader/coordinator position for our group on a quarterly basis. This will give everyone a chance to help and the opportunity to get to know others in the lodge in a different capacity. We will also alternate the coordinator for kids parties so that everyone has the opportunity to lead as well as help. Carol Rysavy was elected to do the treasury duties for the coming year. She and Carol Moody will make the name changes on the account.

The first meeting in January, January 3rd, was elections for the first quarter coordinator and for the Kids Easter party coordinator. Our group also decided what charities we will be donating to this year and are making arrangements to get that money dispersed. Remember the ladies meetings are the first Thursday of each month and the Thursday night of the month when initiation is held - check the Elklet calendar for that each month. Please plan to join us for a great start for the coming year!

The ladies voted to purchase vinyl food carts for the lodge. Carol Rysavy ordered them and they have been received and put together thanks to Bob Moody! They were very handy during the food basket preparation. We hauled a lot of food on them! Great job ladies!

All the children and adults had a great time at the Children’s Christmas party! We had a low turn-out but they made up for it in fun! Howard had them all up on stage participating in magic tricks and even brought Santa out of the hat!! Every child took many goodies home with them along with a picture of them with Santa thanks to Dan and Linda Loop coordinating that for the Ladies of the Elks! Santa Duane and his elves Tim and Darrell were newbie’s at these duties but said they had a ball! Thanks to Howard, Duane, Tim, Dan, Linda and all the ladies who volunteered to make this a successful day! You all made part of these children’s happy holiday!

Happy New Year to all from the Ladies of the Elks!

From the Secretarys Desk by Jan Sloan, Lodge Secretary

Hope everyone had wonderful holidays and are ready for the new year. It's hard to believe February is already here. By now you should have received your dues notices for 2019-2020. It is a light blue tri-folded sheet of paper. You are safe in paying by credit card over the phone, a check or cash if you stop by. When we have received your payment we will mail your card as soon as we finish the paperwork. We have done a good job retaining members this year and hope to continue next year. If you don't want to continue your membership due to ill health or finances, please let us know and we will try to work with you. If you know of a member who has passed, please let us know that also. We need to know the name and date of passing. We need to remove these names from our rolls by the end of February so we don't pay per capita to Grand Lodge for these members. The dues are the same as last year \$121.15 for the member, \$5.00 for a spouse card for a total of \$126.15 and \$71.15 for a Life Member. Our office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am until 1:30pm. If you call after hours please leave your name and number and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you stop by after the office is closed you may pay your dues at the bar. I will be available most afternoons and evenings so please feel free to contact me. Our office phone is 503-364-6839, Ext. 321. Thank you.



The 124th Installation of Officers *Sunday March 31*

Installation Ceremony at 3PM
Cocktails and appetizers at 4PM
Dinner at 5PM
Shatterproof Band starting at 7PM

Dinner:
Choice of Prime Rib or Salmon
Served with Baked Potato, Vegetables, Roll, and a Salad
\$18.00 per Person
Please RSVP to the Lodge Office

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

C. Blake Whitson, PCB

Leading Knight

Mike Carter, PER

Loyal Knight

Linda Loop, PCB

Lecturing Knight

Secretary

Jan Sloan

Treasurer

Carol Gibson

Inner Guard

Don Knepp

Tiler

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

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

PDDGER

Bob Staples, PER/PCB

February 2019 Events

Special Events

Sweethearts Ball—Our annual Salem Elks Lodge Sweethearts Ball will be Feb 16th. Details on pg 8

Volunteer Appreciation—Help us say thank you to our volunteers and celebrate St. Patricks Day on March 16th. Details on pg 7

Installation of Officers—The 124th Annual Installation of Officers on March 31st starting at 3pm. Details on pg 3

Standing Events

Monday Burgers — Join us on Mondays for hot dogs, burgers and Italian 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 5-7:00 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 5-7:00pm 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

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



Wednesday- Horse Race Bingo will be called starting at 6:30 pm. \$50 minimum pot for blackout.

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

Friday Night Karaoke - Join us Friday Night for Karaoke with Bill or DJ Jay on the 4th friday. We will also draw for the Queen of Hearts at 8 pm.

Happy Birthday to You!!!
If your birthday is in February
you can get a free dinner on a
Thursday Night in February

Name

Present coupon to the bartender when ordering

February Important Dates

Feb 4 - Board Meeting 6pm
Feb 5 - RV Club Meeting
Feb 7 - PER/PCB Night and 1st Nominations
Feb 14 - Second Nominations/Balloting
Feb 16 - Sweethearts Ball
Feb 18 - Board Meeting 6pm
Feb 21 - Election of Officers
Feb 26 - Orientation
Feb 28 - Initiation



The First and Third Wednesday of Every Month is Prime Rib Night at the Salem Elks

We serve 2 for \$20 8oz Cuts
or for \$5 more upgrade to a 12oz cut
Served with Salad, Veggy, Baked Potato, and Roll.

So bring a friend and come check out Prime Rib Night at the 336!!!!

Sunday Closed	Monday 4pm - 9pm	Tuesday 1pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm - 9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
					1 Dinner Served 5-7pm Karaoke 7pm Queen of Hearts 8pm	2 \$5 Meal
3 Super Bowl Potluck	4 Burgers & Wings Served 5-7pm Italian Specials Board Meeting 6pm	5 Taco Tuesday Served 5-7pm RV Club Meeting 7pm	6 2 for \$20 Prime Rib Dinner Served 5-7pm Horse Race Bingo 6PM	7 PER/PCB Lodge Night Dinner Served 5-7pm 1st nominations	8 Dinner Served 5-7pm Karaoke 7pm Queen of Hearts 8pm	9 \$5 Meal
10 Lodge Closed	11 Burgers & Wings Served 5-7pm Italian Specials	12 Taco Tuesday Served 5-7pm	13 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7pm Horse Race Bingo 6PM	14 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5-7pm 2nd Nominations Ballotting	15 Dinner Served 5-7pm Karaoke 7pm Queen of Hearts 8pm	16 Sweethearts Ball \$20 per person No \$5 Dinner
17 Lodge Closed	18 Burgers & Wings Served 5-7pm Italian Specials Board Meeting 6pm	19 Taco Tuesday Served 5-7pm	20 2 for \$20 Prime Rib Dinner Served 5-7pm Horse Race Bingo 6PM	21 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5-7pm Election of Officers	22 Dinner Served 5-7pm DJ Jay Mundo 7pm Queen of Hearts 8pm	23 \$5 Meal
24 Lodge Closed	25 Burgers & Wings Served 5-7pm Italian Specials	26 Taco Tuesday Served 5-7pm Orientation 6pm	27 2 for \$15 Dinners Served 5-7pm Horse Race Bingo 6PM	28 Lodge Night Dinner Served 5-7pm Initiation Fish and Chips		\$5 Meal

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

by John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

January, the first month of the new year has zoomed past and most of us reflect on just how time seems to fly by. An interesting theory is that awareness of time is relative to a person's age. When we are ten years old the passing of one year is a whopping ten percent of our lifetime up to that point, when we are 80 the passing of one year is only one eightieth of our lifetime up to that point. In our minds the passing of a year in our eighties seems much shorter than it did when we were ten. Enough of that now. This article is being written from southern Arizona where we have encountered a few days of sub freezing nightly temperatures and daily highs in the high forties and low fifties. Things are looking better with warmer weather predicted.

The RV Club does not have a business meeting during January but several members did attend the lodge New Year's celebrations. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday the 5th of February at 7pm in the lodge "nest room". At this time I have no further information about the club camping trips and other outings for the coming year but I will announce them when I get more information. This is one of my shortest articles since I started writing them about 20 years ago but I am running out of words for now.



Monday Night Bingo will be
starting in March
Games start at 6pm
More info to come!!!!



**Be sure to try our new Friday
Night Menu**

The Salem Elks Social Poker Players



The Salem Elks Social Poker Players would like to remind all members about the regular social poker games:

Tuesday afternoon at 1pm
Tuesday night at 6pm

Wednesday nights at 6:30pm

Friday nights at 6:30pm

New players are welcome to join!



Saturday March 16th

The Salem Elks St Patricks Day and
member/volunteer appreciation party

Join us in saying thank you to all of the members
and volunteers in our lodge.

Party starts at 5pm

Serving Rueben Sandwiches with our house cured
corned beef and fries.

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The Sweethearts Ball

~ 2019 ~

Saturday February 16th

Menu:

hand cut beef tenderloin
or
Asparagus stuffed chicken breast
Served with Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, and
Dessert

\$20 per Person
Seatings start at 5:30 PM

Leanne McClellan Band to follow

Call the lodge office at 503-364-6839
to make reservations.

