



THE SALEM ELKLET

The newsletter for Salem Elks Lodge #336

Honoring Traditions ~ Embracing the Future

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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 Rulers Message

Greetings Members,

That greeting hardly seems adequate anymore. The members of our lodge are more than members. They are friends and part of an extended circle of family. It has been an honor to have served the last two years as the Exalted Ruler of our lodge. I will always be grateful for the opportunities and experiences this role has brought and the memories will last for a lifetime. And while we may have had our low points the last two years they were far outnumbered and outweighed by all of the high points.

Together we have accomplished a lot these two years. We have completed renovations to our facilities with new beer taps, new flooring and a completely remodeled kitchen that is safer and more energy efficient. We have expanded our charitable programs and services to veterans with nearly \$10,000 in ENF grants with additional donations and support from you. And then there was our Elks National Foundation Grant Program's crowning achievement: being one of only 14 lodges nationwide to be awarded a \$10,000 Class of 2020 Impact Grant this year to serve homeless veterans with year-long wrap-around support. Finally, this year we joined the list of lodges that saw a gain in membership with a gain of over 30 members for the year! All of these gains and opportunities exist because of all of you, the members of this lodge, and your continued support of our charitable programs and projects.

This coming lodge year will mark our lodge's 125th year in the Salem community. Together we have given back more than \$12.5 million in charitable support. And looking to the future I am looking forward to continuing to work together to continuing to build our charitable and community programs. Together we can continue to grow our lodge and our capacity to aid those in distress and need in our community.

Finally I would be remiss if I didn't take some space to thank several people who have helped me and been my guides and mentors through this process. My parents Garry and Freddee Whitson for their support and tolerance of the last two years. To Bill Myers, Bob Moody, Rod Coakly, Dana and Linda Loop, and Ron Binger for always being available to listen and offer advice and counsel when it was needed. To Darrel and Carol Rysavy for everything you have done to help and maintain our lodge. And to Mike Carter, you've been a friend through this journey, and your support has meant a lot. I wish you the best in your coming year. And finally, to all those I have had the privilege of serving with as an officer of this lodge for all of your dedication to our lodge and our order we wouldn't be here without all you have done.

"I'm glad I didn't know the way it all would end, the way it all would go, our lives are better left to chance" - Garth Brooks, The Dance

With gratitude,
C. Blake Whitson



Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program

By Bill Myers, PER OSEA Scholarship Chairman

As most of you know, the Elks takes great pride in the number and total dollar value of the scholarships we award each year. For the past several years, Salem Elks Lodge has awarded \$10,000.00 in scholarships each year to 22 high school seniors. I'm hoping that this year's budget will allow that trend to continue.

Here is an amazing number for you: the lodges in the 7 Districts of our State Association awarded \$189,000.00 in scholarships last year!

This year, our number 1 girl, Allison Hmura from South Salem High School, and number 2 girl Abigail Knoll from West Salem High School, were advanced to North Central District for further competition. Unfortunately, neither place in the top three of the seven girls entered. Program Our number 1 boy, Dmitriy Zhukovskiy from McKay High School, and number 2 boy, Mason Obery, both advanced to District. Dmitry finished first, while Mason finished third. They both advanced to State for final competition, where each boy has been awarded \$5,500 \$1,500 from our State Association, and \$4,000 from Grand Lodge.

As OSEA Scholarship Chairman this year, I have reviewed over 199 applications from students. I can tell you this: these young people are absolutely amazing.



Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting in March the Salem Elks Lodge invites both veterans and national guard members to join us for a social night.

Dinner will be available as well as conversation in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Lodge opens at 4pm, Social begins at 5:30

RSVP not required. For more information email volunteer@salemelks.org

Congratulations 2020-2021 Lodge Officers Elect

Exalted Ruler - Mike Carter, PER/PCB

Leading Knight - Darrell Rysavy

Loyal Knight - Duane Haggeman

Lecturing Knight - C. Blake Whitson, PER/PCB

Treasurer - Linda Loop, PCB

Secretary - Jan Sloan

4th Year Trustee - Bill Myers, PER

If you are interested in one of the appointed officer positions or in serving on one of our many lodge committees please see the incoming exalted ruler or one of the lodge officers!

From the Lodge Secretary

By Jan Sloan

Here we are beginning the last month of the Elk year. By now you should have received your dues notices either by snail mail or email. We are already processing a number of notices that have been sent in. Please do not toss your 2019-2020 card until April 1 when the new card will be in effect.

Speaking of doors, this is a good segue into key cards and doors. If you are a member, please use your key card to get into the lodge. Some members are buzzing the bar tender which stops him/her from doing the bar tending thing. You can also purchase an Identification card for your spouse for a mere \$5. If you are not a member of this lodge, please think about getting an Associate member card for \$15 for the year so you don't have to buzz in. I know the bar tenders will thank you and just think, they will be able to have your drink ready for you and you won't have to wait while the bar tender stops to buzz others in!

Just a reminder, you can pay your dues by phone, check or you can stop by and pay in person. The office hours are 9:00am until 1:00pm. Tuesday through Friday. The outer doors will be locked but there is a door bell/camera that you can ring and we will answer. I am usually in the lodge in the evenings so if these hours don't work for you, you can catch me there or you can pay your dues at the bar. Let me leave you with this:

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world."
Margaret Mead.

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

C. Blake Whitson, PCB

Leading Knight

Howard Bauman, PCB

Loyal Knight

Joaquin Tudella

Lecturing Knight

Manny Tenorio

Secretary

Jan Sloan

Treasurer

Linda Loop, PCB

Inner Guard

Randy Peckham, PER

Tiler

Esquire

Dustin Yancey

Chaplain

Mike Carter, PER PCB

Trustees

Darrell Rysavy ~

Rudy Guerrero

Past Exalted Rulers/Past Chairman of the Board Association

President Mike Carter, PER PCB
Secretary C. Blake Whitson, PCB

Grand Exalted Ruler

Robert L Duitsman

Culver City, CA Lodge #1917
North Central District Deputy
Grand Exalted Ruler

Mark Johnson

Independence Lodge #1950
North Central District OSEA
Vice President

Dan Buckholz

Silverton Lodge #2210

Honored Elks

Officer of the Year 2018-2019

Linda Loop, PCB

Elk of the Year 2018-2019

Doll Boddy

Honorary Life Members

Gary Felling, PER ~ Bill Myers, PER~
Bob Staples, PDDGER/PER/PCB

PDDGER

Bob Staples, PER/PCB

Esquire to the DDGER

Bob Moody, PER/PCB

OSEA Scholarship - Chairman

Bill Myers, PER

NC District Laws and Public Relations/Marketing Committees

C. Blake Whitson, PER/PCB



Saturday May 30th
1pm to 4pm

Oma's End of Winter
Patio Picnic
More details to be
announced



All that's missing is **U**!

MARCH 2020 EVENTS

Special Events

Lipstick Divas—Mar 7, by popular demand we are having the Lipstick Divas Back at the Salem Elks. Details on pg. 7

St. Patrick's Day—Mar 17, we will don the green and celebrate the blarney with our annual St Patrick's Day party with our house cured corned beef. Details on pg. 8

Member Appreciation—Mar 21, Come help us celebrate our members, our volunteers, and our lodge. Details on pg. 6.

Installation of Officers—Mar 29, Come help welcome our new lodge officers. Details on pg. 4.

Easter Brunch—Apr 12. Join us for our annual Easter Brunch.

Standing Events

Monday Burgers and Brews — Join us on Mondays for burgers, wings, and beer specials. Dinner is served from 5-7:00 pm

Taco Tuesday— Join us on Tuesdays for tacos, taco salads, fajitas, and enchiladas. Dinner is served from 5-7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Dinners— Join us on Wednesdays for dinner from our new Wednesday menu. Dinner is served from 5-7:00 pm

Thrifty Thursday—Join us on lodge night for our \$7.50 lodge night Thrifty Thursday 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.

\$6 Saturday Meals—Join us on Saturday for Mikes \$6 Meal Deals! Dinner is from 5 –7:00

Other Events



Monday - Burgers and Brews night with draft beer specials.



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



Wednesday- 2 for \$15 or 2 for \$20 Dinner Specials. Jefferson parks Band 1st and 3rd Wednesday.



Thursday Lodge Night - Join us on lodge night for our \$7.50 Thrifty Thursday dinner. Dinner served 5-7.



Friday Night Karaoke - Join us Friday Night for Karaoke with Bill or DJ Jeff. We will also draw for the Queen of Hearts at 8 pm.

Happy Birthday to You!!!
Present this coupon during your birthday week for 1/2 off any single menu item

Name & Member #

Present coupon to the server when ordering
excludes special events

March Important Dates

- March 2 - Board Meeting 6pm
- March 3 - PER meeting 6pm
- March 7 - Divas for Betty! Betty Hise Fund-raiser
- March 10 - Veterans Social Night
- March 16 - Board Meeting 6pm
- March 17 - St Patrick's Day Party
- March 21 - Member Appreciation Night
- March 24 - Veterans Social Night
- March 26 - Installation of Officers
- March 29 - Installation of Officers

The 125th Installation of Officers Salem Elks Lodge No. 336

Sunday March 29th, 2020

Installation Ceremony at 2pm

Please RSVP by calling the lodge office at
503-364-6839 ext 321

Annual Easter Brunch

Sunday April 12th, 2020

Served 10 to 1

\$12.50 per person
Kids 10 and under \$8
More details in next Elklet

Please RSVP by calling the lodge officer at
503-364-6839 ext 321

MARCH 2020

Sunday Closed	Monday 4pm - 9pm	Tuesday 1pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm-9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
1 Lodge Closed	2 Burgers & Brews 5-7 Board Meeting 6pm	3 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm RV Club 7pm	4 Wednesday Night Dinners 5 -7 Prime Rib Night w/ Jefferson Parks Band	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30 PER meeting 6pm Chicken Fried Steak	6 Dinner 5-7 DJ Queen of Hearts 8pm	7 Divas For Betty!! With the Lipstick Divas Dinner 5pm Show 7:30
8 Lodge Closed	9 Burgers & Brews 5-7	10 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm Veterans Social Night	11 Wednesday Night Dinners 5 -7 Horse Race Bingo	12 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Roasted Chicken	13 Dinner 5-7 Karaoke Queen of Hearts 8pm	14 \$6 Meal
15 Lodge Closed	16 Burgers & Brews 5-7 Board Meeting 6pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Starting at 5pm No Taco Tuesday Menu	18 Wednesday Night Dinners 5 -7 Prime Rib Night w/ Jefferson Parks	19 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Roast Pork Loin	20 Dinner 5-7 DJ Queen of Hearts 8pm	21 Member Appreciation Night Dinner at 5 Awards at 6
22 Lodge Closed	23 Burgers & Brews 5-7	24 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm Veterans Social Night	25 Wednesday Night Dinners 5 -7 Horse Race Bingo	26 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Southern Style Catfish Initiation	27 Dinner 5-7 Karaoke Queen of Hearts 8pm	28 \$6 Meal

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

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

The first business meeting of this year was ably conducted by the newly elected officers with 19 persons in attendance. Wagon Master Darrell Wing started the meeting by leading the group in the traditional pledge of allegiance to our nation's flag. It was a short meeting with very little club activity to report as is usual during the winter months but Bob Moody gave a report on future lodge activities. Several events are planned and you can check your Elklet News Letter for more information. The club event for February was a brunch at Elmer's Pancake House arranged by Pat and Deral Jones, about a dozen or so members were there and had a good time visiting with each other. The next club event will be March 18th at the lodge where the Trammells have arranged a private room (the nest) for our use. That night is the third Wednesday of the month when prime rib is on the menu along with other tasty choices. There will also be a band playing that night so some of you may hit the dance floor after the meal.

Before the meeting ended the usual drawings were held with four winners going home a little richer; Bill Myers, Deral Jones, Carol Moody, and Karen Busby had a bit of luck that evening. A few jokes were told and that ended the evening of fellowship with everyone getting a chuckle or two. Most of you are old enough to remember what Walt Disney's Porky Pig said at the end of the Saturday movie cartoons "That's all folks".



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT

March 21, 2020
Dinner 5pm
Awards 6pm
Entertainment to Follow

We have a lot to be proud of and to celebrate this year. Join us as we celebrate the last year of our lodge and all the we have accomplished for our community and our lodge.

We will also be giving out Officer of the Year, Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Grand Lodge Commendations, and other awards and recognitions.

Special Island Style Dinner from Joaquin, Rudy, and Crew!!!!!!!!!!

Divas For Betty



**Saturday March 7th at the Salem Elks
Featuring The:**



\$25 per person for dinner and show or \$15 for show only.

Dinner choice of roast beef or BBQ Chicken

Lodge Opens 4pm. Dinner 5pm. Show 7:30

**\$5 OF EVERY TICKET WILL BE DONATED TO
BETTY HISE FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

Tickets available at:

<https://salem-elks-lodge-336.ticketleap.com/divas/>

or by calling the lodge at 503-364-6839 ext 322

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Join us for good food, good friends, and lots
of blarney
Tuesday March 17th

House cured corned beef, colcanon, cabbage,
and dessert.
\$15 per person