**ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

**Saturday August 1 - 1pm**

**Elk Meadows RV Park - Trout Lake, WA**

BBQ Beef, Potato Salad, Cucs 'n Onions, Tomatoes, & Corn on Cob

BRING YOUR OWN UTENSILS, PLATES, BEVERAGES AND CHAIRS

There will be games and raffles

*You must have a valid Elks membership card in your possession to attend*

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**TEXAS HOLDEM' TOURNAMENT**

**Friday August 21 - 7pm**

$25 Buy-in

$5 goes directly to charity

Bratwurst $3.50 w/sauerkraut $4

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**Prime Rib Dinner**

**Saturday, August 22**

5:30-7pm  $19

Pre-paid reservations are required

Country Music by

**The Simcoe Boys**

7-10pm

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**District Deputy Meeting**

**South District**

**Sunday, August 23, 10am**

Coffee and pastries available for members attending the meeting.

Ladies of Elks will serve lunch to attendees.......$8

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**BINGO**

**Friday, Aug. 14 & 28, 7pm**

Minors 16 & younger must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or guardian.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Exalted Ruler's Message

August is upon us and that means it is time for the Elks Annual Picnic with raffle prizes! If you can't make the picnic, you can still get in on the raffle prizes - see any PER, Officer or bartender - they all have tickets - just $1 each! I hope to see ya'll at Elk Meadows RV Park in Trout Lake on August 1st. Or better yet join us on Friday night for some social time when we will be slicing and dicing for the onion and cucumber salad, following that will be a bring your own meat and a side-dish to share for an impromptu BBQ.

I had the privilege of representing our lodge at the Elks National Convention in Indianapolis at the beginning of this month. That was fun and exciting. Joe Basil and his wife, Virginia did Washington proud - Joe's presentation of the Flags at the opening ceremony was incredible and Virginia's voice resonated through the convention hall. Our own Duane Beecher was installed as the South District's District Deputy. Our Grand Exalted Ruler's theme this year is Elks Pride - Community Focus. With that in mind, I also attended a few workshops in the afternoons. One being on Grant Writing, another was writing for the Elks Magazine. There are 1000's of dollars available to our community, we just need to know how YOU want to help and get other Elks involved in the event. If we do things in our community we can promote them in the Elks National Magazine... bringing attention to our efforts and accomplishments. Projects can range from a single day event to more elaborate projects that can take a year or more to accomplish. Let's DREAM BIG and set a project in motion this year. Do you have a 'connection' to one of the schools in our area - From North Bonneville to Goldendale and Wisham and north to Trout Lake? Help us get the word out about some of our programs... the Hoop Shoot, the American Essay Contest, Scholarships, and Soccer Shoot. Need more information or want to help with any of those, please contact me 503-314-9952 or the office at 509-493-1868. I have a few names already, but as you know - many hands will make for light work and more fun. Several things happening each month - be sure to check the calendar of events upcoming and ongoing. Our lodge is offering up more opportunities to come down and enjoy the lodge, meet other members and just have a good time.

Cheri Michaelson

LOE President's Message

Hello Friends,
Hope you are all enjoying your summer.
Please join us for some muy delicioso tacos on Monday August 17th. Crunchy tacos $2.00, burrito style $3.00 and taco salad $5.00.
The LOE will be cooking the pre-lodge dinner on Thursday Aug. 20th. Hope to see you there.
The LOE will be providing breakfast and lunch for the District Deputies on Sunday, August 23rd. The LOE will soon be displaying our baskets for raffle. This year's themes are: (drum roll) - Wine, beer, tequila and kitchen. You can see that we know our audience! The proceeds go to purchase Christmas wishes for our Families at the PFPL. Thank you for your continuous support!
Take care

Denise Campbell

Exalted Ruler .............Cheri Michaelson
Leading Knight ................... Julio Flores
Loyal Knight .................... Bill Caldwell
Lecturing Knight ............ Dick Ohnemus
Secretary ......................... Carol DeLay
Treasurer ..................... Janet Barnes
Esquire ....................... Bob Durham
Chaplain ..................... Jack Brady
Inner Guard ............... Gloria Gault
Tiler ............... Dan Henderson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/HOUSE COMMITTEE
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2 yr ............................ Bud Wall
3 yr .......................... Don Morley
4 yr .......................... Jim Fritchey
5 yr .......................... Bill Muncey

LADIES OF ELKS
President ..................... Denise Campbell
Vice President ............. Jaci Dietsch
Secretary .................... Hope Baker
Treasurer .................. Jaci Dietsch
Sergeant at Arms ....... Gloria Gault
Historian ................. Rebecca Ramsey

LOUNGE
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Club Manager: Jeremy Strobehn
509-493-1868

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MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

APRIL 1, 2015 - MARCH 31, 2016

April 1st, 2015 membership 422
Initiated 5
Transferred In 1
Reinstated 6
Deceased 3
Dropped/Non-Payment 0
Absolute Dims 1

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP YTD 430
Delinquent Members 45

LOUNGE UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING

This committee will be meeting in the dining room on Wednesday, August 5th at 6pm, to discuss the next phase of the Lounge update. The committee will go over ideas for the next phase and will hear input from the membership at this time.

AMERICANISM & YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

We have multiple opportunities for you to show your benevolent ELK spirit. Many of these involve the youth in our communities. With your help we can spread our American Spirit throughout the communities we serve.

We will be putting together a Soccer Shoot immediately - has to be done in August. Our Hoop shoot is an event that requires multiple volunteers - but just a few hours on one Saturday - November/December timeframe. Our Visit from Santa has become a hit with many of our members and their children and grandchildren. Please help us put together another exciting visit from this Jolly ELK Elf. If you have an idea of other project/programs we can help in please call the office at 509-493-1868 or contact our Youth Committee Chairman Cheri Michaelson at 503-314-9952.

We are working intently on our Americanism Program this year. Many of you are involved with the schools in your area, and this is where you can help. We need your help in getting the message to the schools about The AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST - a National ELK event and getting them interested in this. If you missed the Flag Day Presentation at the Lodge in June, you missed a powerful message and display of 8 historic flags. The Lodge purchased the 8 flags and we would like to use them throughout our communities - in displays and presentations. This presentation is about 15 minutes long and is very powerful and emotional. It can be given to schools, organizations, churches... we are willing to bring it to the communities - we just need your help to get the word out. More information can be gotten by calling/stopping by the Lodge in White Salmon 509-493-1868 or calling Americanism Chair, Cheri Michaelson at 503-314-9952.
‘Community Focus’ will put a face on our Lodges

By: Ron Hicks
Grand Exalted Ruler

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the faith and trust you have placed in me to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler. It is indeed my honor and privilege to accept this role and my desire to show that your confidence has not been misplaced. As Nancy and I travel our great country, visit your Lodges, and attend your State Association meetings, we know we will be inspired to hear about your many acts of kindness, charity and brotherly love. It is our hope that we can return the favor by inspiring you to build on those endeavors in order to accomplish even more in the name of Elkedom.

“Elks Pride – Community Focus” is my theme for the year. It speaks to our responsibility to each other and to our obligation to the communities we serve.

“Elks Pride” is the expression of our dignity, joy and self-respect. It begins with each of us and is driven by a positive attitude and a “can-do” spirit, and heightened by the Members around us who share our thoughts, vision and values. Elks Pride helps us to realize our potential, develop healthy relationships within our Lodges, and increases the desire to do more and better for our Members and for the people we serve.

“Community Focus” is the expression of our good works, share the Pride that comes with being an Elk, and prove ourselves to be a reliable partner for the community. A strong “Community Focus” will draw the community to you, put a “face” on your Lodge, and create awareness and interest in your Lodge and Elkedom. Can everyone say “Membership”? There are so many ways to develop and promote “Elks Pride and Community Focus.” As Nancy and I visit with you during the year, we look forward to discussing them with you and sharing your ideas.

Thanks again for the trust you have placed in us and may God bless you all.

Follow our travels on Facebook and at www.virginiaelks.org/GER_Ron_Hicks_Blog.htm.

Community Projects are worth the effort Lodges put into them

By MANUEL C. RODRIGUEZ, Committee Member

A very common remark people make about the Elks is: “I didn’t know the Elks did this.” We all should be aware that we need to spread the word and let our communities know of the works we do for the youth, the needy, the veterans, disaster relief, via the Elks National Foundation Community Investment Program. The Elks have invested millions of dollars throughout the United States in Lodge grants that help meet local needs. The Elks spirit of charity continues year-round. ENF grants serve those in need all year. The Beacon Grant and the Gratitude Grant each have $2,000 available to all Lodges to assist in reaching out to youth, families and veterans.

Beacon Grants must be used for on-going, charitable, Elks-driven community projects such as drug-free events for teens, support for veterans in need, a sports program for kids with disabilities, a Halloween open house or Christmas Party for children of the community.

Gratitude Grants allow Lodges to expand their charitable activities. These $2,000-$2,500 grants are available to Lodges that meet the National President’s per-member goal for giving to the ENF. It must be used for local, charitable activities such as a student fundraiser, hosting an event for homeless Veterans, a food drive to help the Christmas holiday food basket programs for needy families, or other local needs. Promise Grants encourage local Lodges to devote time to local youth. These grants are available to the first 500 Lodges that pledge to host an eligible Elks-led youth event. These grants provide Elks an opportunity to be positive role models for youth. The event could be an after-prom party, a youth reading program or an activity for at-risk children.

Impact Grants offer Lodges a chance to serve their community in a significant way. These are competitive grants of up to $10,000 for large scale-service projects. Lodge Assistance Grants assist Lodges with local charitable partnership with businesses, foundations or corporations that can only support charitable 501(c)(3) organizations to donate to a specific Lodge charitable project through a restricted monetary gift to the ENF. It is designed to help Lodges expand their good works and address community needs. By their very nature, the ENF Community Investment Programs address the core of our current issues in Elkedom – our community image. We need to reach out to the populace and spread the word about our programs. They need to know that we are not one dimensional anymore and that anyone is invited to join. The membership growth is out there so let’s reach out to them.

I ask you again, is the ENF Community Investment Program worth it? Yes.
THANK YOU!!

Thank you to **Rick Ensminger** for donating the bottle of Crown Royal that was raffled for the ENF!!

Thank you to **Wendy Viehmann, Cheri Michaelson, Carol DeLay, Jackie Tiffany, and Dan & Judy Henderson** for running our Bingo nights. It’s easy, anyone interested in lending a hand on the second or fourth Friday of the month, call or email Carol in the office.

Thank you to **Don Morley** for heading up the Clam Chowder also on the second & fourth Fridays, as well as his many helpers…. **Chris London, Steve London, John Dance, Jim Fritchey, Chris Eaton and Carol DeLay.**

Both these events have been VERY successful!!

KRYING CORNER

These members all missed an opportunity to win the $100 Jackpot

**Eddie Pankey, William Shambo,** and **Tommy Smith**

Attend Lodge…it pays-if you’re there!!

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**FREE BIRTHDAY MONTH PRE-LODGE DINNER**

Members bring this coupon to one of our Thursday pre-lodge dinners **DURING your birthday month and eat for FREE**

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**NAME**

**BIRTHDAY**

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BIRTHDAYS

| 05 | Doug Comstock |
| 05 | Larry Windom |
| 06 | Brian Blanshine |
| 06 | Robert Durham |
| 06 | Ronald Oliver |
| 06 | Wilbur Pickel |
| 08 | William Leslie |
| 10 | David Hoagland |
| 11 | Cam Thomas |
| 12 | Jack Johnson |
| 13 | Bill Gross |
| 13 | Robert Theroux |
| 16 | Gary Morningstar |
| 16 | Russell Odle Sr |
| 16 | Dixon Ohnemus |
| 16 | Dennis Wagner |
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**MT. ADAMS RESERVE CHARITY FUND**

Serving our local community

Mac Fund YTD: **$1,690.00**

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**SEATTLE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL**

Birthday Buck Fund

**YTD = $1,411.00**

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**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**ENF YTD = $1,190.00**

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**WSEA THERAPY PROGRAM**

**STATE MAJOR PROJECT**

**TALL ELKS**

**YTD = $2,000.00**

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