



ELKS BUGLE

Elks Care - Elks Share

Brothers and Sisters -

Where did the summer go? It seems like last week when it was June and time to get the RV ready. Now all the colors have popped and I had to rush to get the RV winterized before the first freeze at the house. Hopefully Old Man Winter can leave us alone for another month or so but we all know the snow is coming.

I had a wonderful time out in the forest and tundra chasing Bullwinkle around last month. Saw grizzlies, lots of moose, a wolf and about 100 spruce hens. It was awesome to get to watch the northern lights at night and enjoy some camaraderie around the campfire. I didn't bag a bull and I hope that most of you who hunted too had better luck than I. Oh well, I will get one next year.

Lots of things happening at the Lodge this month with plenty of volunteer opportunities. Sheetrock work will need some hands in the arctic entryways, meal preparation on Fridays and Sundays, upcoming PER dinner, etc. See me or any Board member to volunteer. We will be happy to point you to the right person to put your expertise and talents to work!

We have now returned to our regular Lodge schedule of two general membership meetings per month. Take a look at the calendar at the end of this newsletter, add the meetings to your phone and come join us. This is how you can hear of all the things happening with YOUR Lodge and also get YOUR voice heard. Hope to see more members coming to the meetings. I am looking forward to this month's fellowship and seeing everyone at the Lodge. Always remember, "Elks Care, Elks Share!"

Dan Watts, Exalted Ruler



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Annual Dues \$112.00 Meeting Nights: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00pm (3rd Tues only June, July and August)

2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler :

Dan Watts

Leading Knight: Tim
Schneider

Loyal Knight: Jon Blum

Lecturing Knight: Zack
Poschin

Secretary: Jody Huffines

Treasurer: Margie Poschin

Esquire: Gary Washburn

Inner Guard: Carolyn
Washburn

Chaplain: Rosie Schmidt

Trustees:

Steve Grohol 1 year

Marty Steinriede 2 year

Mel Stannard 3 year

House Committee

Ryan Johnston

Denise Hembach

Marty Steinriede

Zack Poschin

Dan Watts

Past Exalted Rulers

1983-84	Phillip Barnette
1984-85	Phillip Barnette
1985-86	Joe Carter
1987-88	Dan O'Connell
1988-89	Don Olson
1989-90	Mark Dodd
1990-91	John McKay
1991-92	Weichel Maloney
1992-93	Steve Grohol
1993-94	Dale Stites
1994-95	John Zarr
1995-96	Phillip C. Petrie
1996-97	Theodore Graham
1997-98	Joel Hembach,
1998-99	C. Robert Dooley
1999-00	Richard "Tiny" Fagg,
2000-01	Al Nagel
2001-02	Dave Treadway
2002-03	Martin Steinreide
2003-04	Richard "Tiny" Fagg,
2004-05	Gerard McIntyre
2005-06	Art Bowen
2006-07	Bruce Morinitti
2007-08	Denise Hembach
2008-09	Suzette Dooley
2009-10	John Smith
2010-11	Brian Sturdevant
2011-12	Debbie Sturdevant
2012-13	Jerry Stewart
2013-14	Kurt Mueller
2014-15	Kim Sexton
2015-16	Kaye Carleton
2016-17	Gary Washburn
2017-18	Don Tallman
2018-19	Raven Palmer
2019-20	Phillip R. Petrie
2020-21	Rob Simendich
2021-22	Dena Sessler
2022-23	Dennis Sessler

Attention!!!

If you see your membership number posted in parenthesis (#), stop in and see your friendly bartender. First one in gets a \$50 gift certificate to use in the club and second gets \$25. Certificates are good for food and drink only, no gaming, and are good only for the month they appear in the bulletin!

Upcoming Events/Dates of Importance/ Interest:

October 1 to October 31 - ENF Month!

Tuesday, October 3 - Regular Membership Meeting, 7 pm

Monday, October 9 - Lodge Improvement Committee, 6:30 / Hot Roast Beef sandwich dinner, 5:30

Tuesday, October 10 - House Committee, 7 pm

Wednesday, October 11 - Board of Directors, 7 pm

Saturday, October 14 - Internal Audit by Audit and Accounting Committee, 10 am

Tuesday, October 17 - Regular Membership Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, October 18 - Initiation, 7 pm

Saturday, October 28 - Annual District Deputy Visitation with Special Meeting 4:30 pm . Purpose of meeting: District Deputy Visit.

Saturday, October 28 - "Scary-okie", 8ish pm

New Members!

On Wednesday, September 20 we initiated four great new members! Pictured L to R are Marvin Norman, James "JJ" Anderson, ER Dan, Tony Whipple and Carlos Pegiort.

If you see them around the Lodge, be sure to say "Hi" and wELKome!

This brings us to 16 new members initiated this year - nice job and Thank You! We want to recognize our top recruiters of new members: Mel Stannard (3), Patrick Shue (2) and Ryan Johnston (2). Every year we lose about 10% of our membership due to death, transfers and those who simply decide the Elks aren't for them. As we have grown for 9 straight years now, that 10% continues to be a larger number (31 in 2014 vs 50 in 2023) - we ask our members to invite friends and family to visit our Lodge, "kick the tires" and decide if they would like to join us! (2033)



October Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

01 Gary Brown	08 Ken Kutney	22 Tony Penaz
01 Madelena Peterson	09 Benjamin Smith	23 Amy Barefoot
01 Rebecca Vickery	10 Jill Kerich	23 Owen Bouslaugh
02 Gina Treesh	11 Frank Hacecky	23 Gerry McIntyre
03 Dan Watts	12 Glena McKee	23 Dan Sturkie
04 Brittany Dukowitz	12 Hollis Scofield	23 Phil Zempel
04 Kirk Sherwood	13 Joe Dees	24 Kim Collins
05 John Booher	13 William Poplarchik	24 Don Edwards
05 Brent Byrne	14 Warren Bailey	24 Richard Ramert
05 Lynn Lythgoe	14 Ken Ginalski	27 Arlene Rasic
05 Zack Poschin	14 Ray Mott	27 Tim Schneider
05 Skyler Workman	15 Terri Rae Coletta	28 Eric Holmberg
06 Ryan Fore	15 Zachary Roland	28 Chris Johnston
06 Steve Major	15 Dale Walther	28 Paul Kodiak
06 Kari Newberry	16 Lynn Kocher	28 Eric Parcels
06 Douglas Palm	17 Larry Carrell	29 Shawn Johnson
07 Wade Charles	18 Julien Harris	30 Scotty Auton
07 Donovan Millwood	20 Robert Edison	31 John Dean
08 Johnny Green	21 Matt Hickey	31 Bruce Morinitti
08 Colin Irish	21 Chuck Thomas	31 Carla Woods



Our New Shed Is Here!

Thanks to the efforts of Elk David Mallars, who removed the old topsoil and prepared the pad, and a grant from the Municipality which Dena worked on getting for two years, we have a new shed to store furnishings for veterans who need them! It is 40' long and has two loft sections in it - and no more storage unit fees!

With the grant came money to purchase a large quantity of new furnishings that has to be spent in a timely manner; until we get that money spent and some of the furnishings delivered to vets, we won't be looking for donations of used furniture as space will still be an issue. We will advise when we can accept donations again.

Special Olympics Alaska

The Alaska State Elks Association (ASEA) has been a huge supporter of Special Olympics Alaska for the past 4 years, and this year we donated \$10,000 to the program.

On Wednesday, September 20 they held their annual "Breakfast with Champions" at their training facility in Mt. View and invited ASEA to attend. The breakfast is to recognize outstanding athletes, parents, coaches, teachers and Unified Sports partners. ASEA Secretary Gary Washburn and wife Carolyn attended and are pictured at right with the Alaska Athletes of the Year: Amy from Kodiak and Drew from Delta Junction. (1648)



All the athletes, coaches, sponsors and parents are incredibly nice and supportive – the athletes themselves get a lot more than just sports participation – they get to socialize, are healthier and learn life skills that really improve their lives with many learning to live independently...it is a huge happy statewide family. Thank you ASEA, and all our Lodges and members – it is your support of our Charitable Trust Fund that enables us to help these deserving, and truly grateful folks!

Scholarships Reminder:

Every graduating high school student you know, whether in Alaska or outside, that intends to pursue an undergraduate degree next year should apply for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship. There are 500 awards up to \$50,000 each.

An added benefit to applying if they live in Alaska: all applicants will be considered for Alaska State Elks Association and local Lodge scholarships as well! They must apply online at elks.org/scholars no later than November 13, 2023 - don't let them put it off and miss out!



Most Valuable Student

ENF Month is HERE!

Elks: October is Elks National Foundation (ENF) month. What does your donation to ENF go to you might ask. Here is a short list of programs that ENF helps our Lodge with every year. Community Investment Grants, State Grants, Scholarships, Youth Activities, and Veterans Service and Remembrance to name a few.

Our Lodge has a few avenues to help our membership become active members of the ENF Fidelity Club. The Fidelity Club is the reoccurring avenue for all of you to make a simple monthly donation for as little as \$5 per month. It is set up to be an automatic withdrawal out of your checking account or better yet a credit card. It is a self-enrolling program and comes with its perks. As of today, we have 23 of our 516 members currently enrolled in the ENF Fidelity Club. I would like to see if we can double that number this month. I ask the membership to sign up for the Fidelity Club by going to this link enf.elks.org/recurring. If you are against doing an automatic donation to ENF please consider donating at the club. Just tell the bartender that you would like to make an ENF donation, and it can be added to your tab. The Bartender will submit the receipt and I will add your kind donation to the quarterly reporting that I do for the Lodge as your ENF Fundraising Chair. Another way to donate at the donation box next to the front door. Just drop the cash in the box and we will add it to the Lodges anonymous donation. Your Board of Directors has also allocated one of the Pull Tab boxes profits for the month of October to ENF. So, play some pull tabs and support ENF all month long.

Lastly I want to plug the upcoming ENF Fidelity Club Steak dinner on October 7th. You need not be a Fidelity Club member to enjoy the dinner but if you donate to ENF through the Fidelity Club you will receive a reduced-price steak and shrimp dinner. For those members who sign up for the Fidelity Club that night the amount of donation you do monthly we will reduce the price of the dinner by the same amount.

Should you have any questions about ENF or need some help to set up your Fidelity club account please reach out to me via email at stoutak@gmail.com and I will help you on the path to continued giving. *Dennis Sessler, ENF Fundraising Chair*



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ENF Fidelity Club Dinner

Mike's Meat New York Steak and Shrimp

Saturday, October 7th, 5 - 8 pm (1194)

MENU

- New York Steak
- Pan Seared Shrimp
- Twice Baked Potato
- Roasted Veggies
- Salad
- Roll

\$30 for Steak or Shrimp, \$35 for both

Price reduced by the amount of your monthly Fidelity Club Donation



All Proceeds to ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Another Vet!

On Tuesday, September 12 we moved a couch, end table and lamp into the apartment of "Tuck", an Air Force veteran of Vietnam. Tuck was an aircraft mechanic on the B57 Cabrera, and he and his father (91) went on an honor flight to Washington DC last year.

His apartment was mostly furnished but he walks with a walker now and wanted a couch he could lay on and watch football all weekend - now he has one! Thanks Elks.



Eagle Scouts Honored

Eagle River Elks represented by PER Dennis presented flags and certificates to 6 new Eagle Scouts in Eagle River's Troop 230. Some of these Scouts completed the requirements to reach this level years ago but were delayed due to COVID.



A good bunch of young men and we wish them success!

Alaska State Elks Association Charitable Trust Fund

Many of our members are very familiar with the Elks National Foundation but are unaware that our State Association has its own Trust Fund; the ASEA Charitable Trust.

Since 2005, this Trust Fund has provided over \$1.4 million to the charitable activities of the State association and its member Lodges. For example, this year the Association is providing \$8,000 to each of the 15 Lodges in this state to use for an activity in their communities, \$120,000 total. Our Lodge is planning to again make the Christmas season of 15 families in need much brighter, loading them down with food and basics like laundry soap and toilet paper. Once again we will be asking our members to shop for the children in these families. As always our amazing members will come through with piles of beautiful gifts.

The Trust Fund started the 2023-2024 Lodge year April 1 with \$5.1 Million in assets, and finished the first quarter with a balance of \$5,487,847.01, a nice 7% gain in the first quarter! Through its funding formula, the Trust Fund Trustees have made over \$220,000 available to the Association for this fiscal year.

The goal for member donations every year is \$5 per member. Last year, Eagle River lead the state with \$16.60 per member and we are well on our way to doing that again. As ENF is to the National Elks, the Association trust fund is at the heart of many things our Lodges do in the state. Thank you Eagle River members for supporting this!





Chaplain's Corner



Please keep the following members and family in your prayers:

Member Alisa Ortenzo passed away in May. Thoughts and prayers to her friends and family.

Elk Wendy Sandifer of Kenai Lodge died unexpectedly in September - Wendy was a well known Elk around the state for her work with Hoop Shoot.

Past Eagle River Elk and current Palmer Elk Mel Kilgore has been diagnosed with cancer.

Member Wayne McLaren has been diagnosed with cancer and believes they caught it early enough for successful treatment.

If you know of anyone who is going through a rough time please let the Lodge know. Also, we would love to hear if you have happier news. Call the Lodge at 694-3357, *Chaplain Rosie Schmidt* at 240-4555, e-mail to elks2682@gmail.com, or join us at a meeting Remember - "Elks Care-Elks Share"

Annual District Deputy Visitation

Every autumn the Alaska Central District DDGER (District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler) is required by our statutes to visit all 5 Central District Lodges. The requirements to be DDGER are to be a Past Exalted Ruler, and be in goodstanding in a Lodge within the district. This year Eagle River PER Dena Sessler has been chosen for that duty and will be completing her Eagle River Lodge visit Saturday, October 28. DDGERs are required to attend a regular or special meeting, so a special meeting will be held at the end of her visit at 4:30 pm that day with the only business being the Visitation.



Among other things, the visit includes an inspection of all the books and records of the Lodge and Club, insurance coverage, licenses and permits, and examination and report on the physical and safety conditions of the Lodge. Reports are made on checklists provided by Grand Lodge and include a great deal of minutiae about the Lodge's finances, charitable activities, meeting attendance, etc. A report is produced and items requiring attention identified. This is the primary means of oversight by PGER Mike Luhr, state sponsor. Any members who would like their voices heard are invited to stop by the day of the visit and speak with the District Deputy.



Hi Members! Well, it is October and fall/winter is in the air! Membership is strong but I know we can do better. As of today, we have 54 delinquent members. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do; there is still time, you can call the lodge 907-694-3557, email elks2682@gmail.com or send a check to Elks Lodge 2682, 17111 N Eagle River Rd, Eagle River, AK 99577. Better yet stop by the lodge during business hours have a drink or even a meal, we serve meals mostly on Fridays and some Saturdays if we have special events, look for the weekly newsletter to see what's going on! If your mailing address has changed, please let me know this as well, so that when the dues notices go out you are receiving them in a timely manner. We are currently at 516 members and still growing!

By our Lodge bylaws, during the month of October any member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues can apply for reinstatement for just \$1; the rest of the year it is \$25. The application is investigated, proposed at a meeting and balloted again, but no orientation or initiation is required. Many dropped members are also under the mistaken impression they have to pay all back dues...NOT TRUE! After passing the ballot, they need only pay prorated dues through the end of the current year, and they are once again in good standing. If you know a member who dropped out, let them know this opportunity is available! We thank you!!

Jody Huffines, Secretary

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October, 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Breakfast 10 - Noon	2	3 Membership Meeting, 7pm	4	5	6 Burger Night	7 ENF Steak Dinner, 5-8
8 Breakfast 10 - Noon	9 Lodge Improvement Comm, 7pm	10 House Committee 6:30pm	11 Board of Directors 6:30 pm	12	13 Burger Night	14
15 Breakfast 10-Noon	16	17 Member-ship Meeting, 7pm	18 New Member Initiation 7pm	19	20 Burger Night	21
22 Breakfast 10-Noon	23	24	25	26 PER Assoc 7:00 pm	27 Burger Night	28 DD Visit Special Meeting, 4:30 pm
29 Breakfast 10 - Noon	30	31 Halloween				