

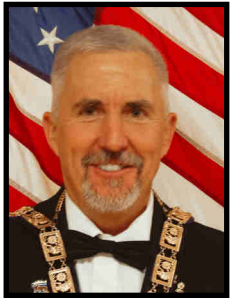


Mission Valley

Elks

Lodge #1695

October 2020



Message from the
Exalted Ruler

Jeff J.

Andrews

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Greetings All,

Here it is October already! Where did summer go? I think it was masked... bad joke? Summer is gone and fall is upon us. The changing leaves, shorter days, and cooler temps tell us change is in the air. Things are changing at your Elk's Lodge too. Wednesday burger nights are back in full swing! The bar is slowly getting back to normal and yes, football is on. I am sure you can find your team on at least one of the many TV's in the lounge. Come on in, grab a beer, hot dog and a bowl of Jeff's almost famous chili and cheer on your favorite team!

October is not just the change of the season, it is also time for October fest and one heck of a good German dinner prepared by Gail and his crew. Get your tickets now! They are on sale at the bar!! October 23rd is the date. Hope to see you there!!

Thank you everyone that has made opening back up a possibility. Now that we are open, jump in, volunteer!! Support your Elk's Lodge and help us do great things.

Fraternally,

Jeff Andrews



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Columbus Day

Monday, October 12th



Christopher Columbus is often portrayed as the first European to sail to the Americas. He is sometimes portrayed as the discoverer of the New World. However, this is controversial on many counts. There is evidence that the first Europeans to sail across the Atlantic were Viking explorers from Scandinavia. In addition, the land was already populated by indigenous peoples, who had 'discovered' the Americas thousands of years before.

Thomas Lance Lapke, 72, of Polson passed away due to a torn aorta Thursday Sept. 24, 2020. His funeral took place Sept. 29 in Ft. Shaw at St. Anne's, and followed by an honorary military burial in Sun River at the cemetery.

Tommy, as so many people called him, was born to Lance Delano Hack and Pearl Marie Beauchman in Glasgow, Mont., on May 19, 1948. He graduated from Augusta High School, entered college at MSU Bozeman, then decided to join the Army. He was a door gunner on a baby huey during Vietnam and was awarded several commendations and medals, including the bronze star for valor after his helicopter was shot down and he saved many of his men.



Tom was a war hero but never wanted to be known for that. He had many demons from that war and battled with them for the past 50 years.

Tom was a manager at Zales, a salesman and a designer for Lindal Cedar Homes, a salesman for McCollum Modern RVs, and he even opened up and ran a small drive-up called Tommy's Dogs in Polson.

A man of many talents and trades, he retired and moved to the Flathead area, where he lived for 15 years and continued to make so many wonderful friends who considered him family.

Tom enjoyed traveling, collecting art, painting, sailing, woodworking and barbecuing; he was an excellent cook. He loved his place in Polson with its view of the water and mountains. He would sit in his setting area and just watch the birds, deer and clouds go by. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and the VFW. ~Courtesy of Lake County Leader

October Calendar

5th - 7:00 p.m. - House and Board of Directors Meeting

8th - 7:00 p.m. - Lodge Business Meeting

17th - Noon - Cribbage Tournament

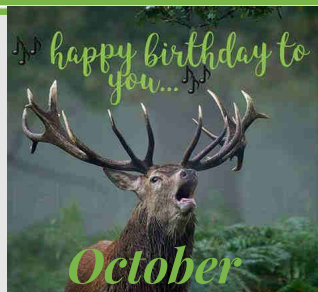
22nd - 7:00 p.m. - Lodge Initiation

23rd - 6:00 p.m. - Authentic German Dinner

~See Ya at the ELKS~



- Calendar is subject to change



1st - Hu Beaver

Shawn Corrigan

Douglas Stam

3rd - Brandi Clark

Cyril Moreland

Neal Oden

4th - Jamie Veis

5th - Douglas Harvey

Lamar Means

6th - Kandi Riebe

7th - William McKethen

Gene Porter

8th - Elizabeth Brasher

Dan DeWitt

John King

9th - James Day

Svend Larsen

Wade Nash

10th - Angel Palmer

13th - Steven Eschenbacher

Monte Fautin

Gordon Henricksen

14th - Robert Johnson

Elwin Manicke

Herbert Swan

15th - Sandra Dibernardo

16th - Dale Drost

Jeffrey Jackson

Gayle Siemers

17th - Michael Broyles

Sharon Sampson

18th - Jamie DeBates

Ronald Fricker

19th - Joseph Gallagher

21st - John Gibson

22nd - Justin Kalmbach

23rd - Dean Berens

Jeffrey Stinger

24th - David Clairmont

26th - Thomas Gingerich

Jim Summers

28th - Michael Brooks

29th - Larry Alter

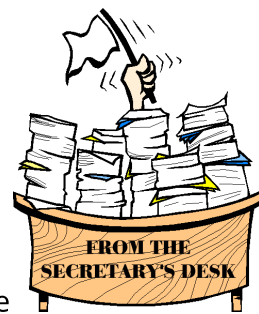
30th - Jay Ballhagen

Dues and Grants

By BEV BARRETT, Secretary

GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Let me begin by saying how wonderful it is to see the members back in the Lodge.



The last Reminder Letters have gone out and if these members have not paid their current dues I must remind them that they will be dropped October 1st. I would ask any of you reading this newsletter IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, PLEASE PAY THEM THIS WEEK!!!

Our loan application with Grand Lodge has been approved and I am so grateful to Joe Basil, Grand Trustee for his assistance in helping me get the final information to them so that the loan was approved expeditiously.

I have gotten a \$1000 MSEA Grant for the Volunteer Program to assist with the meals that are being offered to the students who are not back in the class rooms at this time.

Enjoy the wonderful Fall weather!!!!

Warmest regards,
Beverly Barrett

Veterans Corner

ALL ELK'S VETERANS NEEDING DENTAL WORK

Please reach out to the local Veteran Non-Profit , **Welcome Home Inc.**, to get details of qualifications and to schedule a dental appointment. Call Burt Price 714.809.4584 or email: bprice@welcomehomevet.net

Burt Price
Fraternal and Veterans Committee Chairperson





The Elks National Foundation is proud to announce the start of the 2021 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest on August 5, 2020. The Most Valuable Student scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need. The application is completed online and must be submitted by the **November 15, 2020**, deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2021. Learn more about the **MVS scholarship here**.



There will be a Cribbage Tournament on Saturday, October 17th at the Lodge. Registration starts at noon, singles begins at 1:00 and doubles begins at 5:00. The cost is \$20 per person for singles and \$20 per person for doubles. Participants are encouraged to bring a food item to share.



On Friday, October 23rd, there will be a German dinner at the Lodge. Serving begins at 6:00. Cost is \$15 per ticket and they can be purchased at the bar.

Lodge Hours & NFL Sunday Ticket

By Jeff Megahan, Bar Manager

As many of our members know, we were closed down and then opened with reduced hours in place. BUT that is changing!



Our Lodge hours are almost back to normal. We are open all week and currently have reduced hours on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We have the NFL Sunday Ticket! If you like watching football please join your fellow members at the Lodge! Doors open at 11 am.



(Or a little before so you don't miss the kick off!) Most Sundays I've been making Chili and brats/dogs for your enjoyment. I mean, what's a fall football game without chili and your favorite beverage? We do offer specials that include buckets of beer, currently Bud, Miller, or Coors Lite 5 - 16oz cans, for \$13.00



If anyone has a favorite dish they would like to bring and share please let me know!

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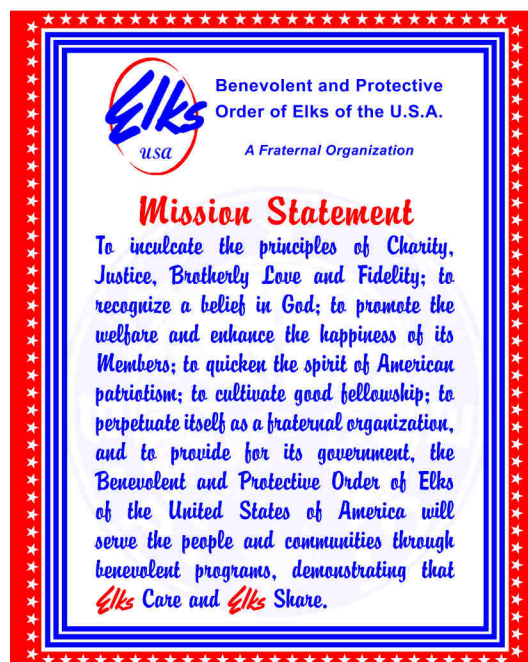
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Julyn DeWitt - Inner Guard
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