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Lounge is open Tuesday-Saturday, 3 PM - Close

ER Message

August ER Message

It is hard to believe that July is already passed, and it was a busy month for the Exalted Ruler. I started the month at Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas and flew home on the 4th just in time to enjoy watching people blowing up thousands of dollars worth of fireworks.

The convention was very productive with an attendance of just over 6,400 Elks members and guests. The convention center in Austin was massive, so I got in a lot walking. The weather was beautiful with temperature running just over 100 degrees each day, but humidity was low so the heat was tolerable.

There were 22 resolutions presented for a vote with only 3 failed and 1 withdrawn by the Judicial Committee. The 3 that failed would have allowed lodges to acquire their insurance from outside providers instead of being covered under the Grand Lodge policy. There was much discussion about the concern that insurance costs would increase without having the volume of all lodges on the current policy.

A resolution to remove the lodge treasurer from mandatory attendance at state District Deputy clinics was passed by a significant number of votes. This requirement was passed at convention last year and was not well received by the lodges so it was a good thing to have it reversed.

We are still waiting on the engineering for the building plans for the cabana building. It has been a very slow process with a lot of frustration. We are really hoping to break ground before winter.

We are having a membership drive on Saturday August 17th. We will have food available during the event and will be honoring our First Responders (police, fire and emergency medical personnel). We have invited them to drop by for lunch and meet our members. We will also be having Karaoke from 6-9 in the evening so come on in and enjoy the evening. It would be nice to have members present to visit with potential new members.

We will be accepting nominations at the August meeting for the position of Leading Knight to fill the vacancy left when Jody Peters stepped down. I want to thank Jody for all of her hard work as our Board Chair for the past 3 years.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stop by the lodge when you can, it is always nice to see all of you.

Mark Anderson
Exalted Ruler

BOARD REPORT

This is my final Board report as I have resigned as Esteemed Leading Knight for Mount Vernon Lodge 1604. After much soul-searching and evaluation of where my time spent is most valuable, it was apparent that I need to be at home. I also need to be present when I am at home, not immersed in Lodge business. It has been my honor to serve the Lodge in several capacities; this was not a decision made lightly, but after evaluating my deeply-personal priorities and needs. I will continue to chair the Membership and Children's Therapy committees for the time being, and attend to the deck plants! As a Lodge officer, I was involved in instructing new members in the values of the Elks Organization. This was especially dear to me as my Uncle Clyde went through all of the chairs (10) at Beaverton OR Elks Lodge 1989 and then became District Deputy. Daddy was the Lodge Treasurer for over 15 years and Mom was active in the Emblem Club (Beaverton Belles). Additionally, all of my non-Portland/Beaverton uncles and other relatives were Elks. It runs in my blood and I hate to leave it at this time. The best way to know what is happening in YOUR Lodge is to attend meetings, be it Lodge or various committees. Officers and committee members show up, volunteer, and do their best to run your Lodge. Please respect that and attend the meetings, especially the Lodge meeting. You just might win the \$100 drawing! We are in need of some of you to recruit new members and /or raise funds for our kiddos that need therapy. Please contact me at msjppeters@gmail.com or 206.235.5248 to learn how you can help support the Lodge and community! I look forward to hearing from you! The Summer Bash and Craft Fair is Saturday, July 27. Plan to attend and support LaVon's efforts! Membership drive is August 17th! Wear your red shirt or Hawaiian Elks shirt and bring a prospective member. We need to meet – or beat! – our goal for 2024-25! Music, food, games and karaoke later!

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ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE! Thank you for allowing me to serve you, and I hope to fulfill my goal in the future. Be kind and charitable. Until then,

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Peters, (former) Board Chair and Leading Knight

Secretary Scuttlebutt

Hello Elks members,

Hope your Fourth of July was a sparkling success and not too loud.

Our Exalted Ruler, Mark Anderson, had a grand time at the National Convention in Austin, Texas.

Can you believe the end of summer draws nearer and the rains will start again. #0898

Reminder that there is only one meeting in August on Tuesday 27th 7pm.

We bid farewell to Jody Peters as she focuses on family. For Now She will remain a Strong, behind the scenes, Elk.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Karen Danko Secretary

PER Association

FYI there will be NO PER meetings in July and August

House Committee News for August 2024

We hope you are all having a great summer.

Volunteers: The House is looking for volunteers for the kitchen, come in and check into cooking a meal. Maybe your favorite for you and your family.

The bar has added Crown Royal Blackberry, price is \$5.75.

We will be cooking steaks in August but may not be in September, let us know what you, our members, think.

Music, food and dancing on Friday nights.

On Saturday we have Texas-Holdem Poker starting at 3:30 buy in is \$20.00, Find the Elk at 6:30 and Horse Races at 6:45. Come in and join in the fun.

We have a band fund jar for money in the bar. It goes to the lodge to offset the cost of the bands. We are raising what we pay for our bands, so what is in the jar is NOT there for their tips.

House Chair

Jim Loeff

EDITOR'S NOTE

Just wanted to pass on that the tips this month was mostly done by Steve Sutton. He will be taking over full time in the next couple of months. I will still be sending out the blasts and posting on the internet but Steve is the man. Thanks Steve

Corky

ELK OF THE MONTH

Wayne McFee

For All You Do, This Month is For You!!

"11th hour"

"You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind us that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, Whatever his lot in life may be, when the hour falls upon the dial of night the great heart of Elksdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the home coming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message—
"TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

Special thanks to Vonnie McIntosh for setting up the new progressive Game board for the lodge meetings "Joker Poker" from which Dave Maeville had his ticket drawn and won a \$2.00 consolation prize. Only 52 cards left so get in on the fun by coming to a lodge meeting

Lounge news

Just so you know there are some changes in the bands in August. August 2nd, Ann and Dean, August 9th, Greg Bohanan, August 16th, Randy Hamilton, August 23rd, Rick Cooper, August 30th Marsha Kester.

Ok everyone save the date September 20, with Randy Hamilton. It's Cowboy Country Night with famous 3 Guy Ribs. Save the date and come in your best cowboy, or cowgirl outfits.

Don't forget to come check out Saturday at the lodge.

Your friendly neighborhood bartender...

LaVon Henson

ENF sponsors a great program to help Veterans who are unhoused get the necessities they need when they can be housed. The program will reimburse the lodge up to \$400 for necessities and up to \$600 when a bed is needed. Mount Vernon Elks is working with Skagit Vet Connect social workers who help unhoused veterans find housing. This past month we received our first formal request to help a newly housed veteran get those necessities. Those items were everyday things that most of us take for granted. Items like dishes, silverware, cups, glasses, kitchen and bath towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, pots and pans, cooking utensils, etc. Sandy and Wayne McFee shopped for most of the requested items with some on-line shopping by Debbie Davis. The items were delivered to Anthony Ensey, the social worker at Skagit Vets Connect 3 days later and off to the Veteran who was moving in that day. ENF Welcome Home program approved all the purchases and reimbursed the lodge \$400. The additional \$137 spent was approved for reimbursement from the lodge veterans fund at the Lodge meeting on June 11. We hope to help more veterans in the future as they become housed. Thank you members!! This is a great example of your ENF dollars at work!!



Social Worker Anthony Ensey with the van full of necessities supplied by Mount Vernon Elks Welcome Home Kit program

RED COAT SCHEDULE FOR AUG

2nd—Karen Danko

9th---Debbie Davis

16th---Lulu Maples

23rd---Mike Sarich

30th---Brad Raspet

IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ON THE ASSIGNED DAY CONTACT A MEMBER TO FILL IN FOR YOU

MEMBERSHIP

Vote:

Voted - Linda Peterson

Reinstatements: Luther Foley

Initiation - Danny Gilfillan & Robert Johnson

LODGE MEETING

TINA GORDON

was not in attendance and lost the \$100.00 award.

CONGRATULATIONS. Queen of Diamonds: June 11th Karen Danko picked The Queen of Diamonds and received the prize over \$2,300.00.

LOUGE NEWS

Volunteer Rewards/Incentive Program

WINNERS:

August-Sandy Clark - \$50 Fred Meyer

September- Todd Reding \$50 Amazon

October- Coby Beath \$50 Mexico Cafe

November- Corky Bluhm \$50 Target

December- Margaret Miller \$50 Fred Meyer

January- Shelia Tuff \$50 La Conner Prime Rib Seafood

February – Sue Gregg \$50 Amazon

March – Coby Beath \$50 gift card

April – Lavon Henson \$50 Sakura Steakhouse

May--Sandy Clark. She received a \$50.00 gift card

June-Pete Peters

July-Larry Talbot

GRAND PRIZE

Sue Gregg way to go Sue!!!! \$100.00

Each month a winner is drawn from those who volunteered during the month. See board in foyer of lodge for more details. If you volunteered and didn't get a ticket, write your name on the volunteer sheet hanging on the board in the foyer and a ticket will be added in your name before the drawing for the month. All tickets will be entered into a yearly drawing for a grand prize which will be drawn at the lodge meeting in July. Remember to put your phone number on the ticket so we can contact you!! **VOLUNTEER** – it feels good and you just may get a bonus reward!

Elks Care — Elks Share

On Sunday, August 4th, our lodge will be partnering with Heart to Heart Charity to host our third annual Back to School/Family Freebie Event for local children and their families. At this event, children will be receiving backpacks filled with their school's requested supplies. The children and their families will be fed a hotdog lunch hosted by the Elks and be able to choose clothing, household goods and toys that have been donated for this event.

The backpacks and school supplies gifted at this event come from Community and Elks member donations. This year, our lodge will be using the \$2000 ENF Gratitude Grant to purchase backpacks and school supplies for approx. 15 children. School Supply lists can cost up to \$150 per student which is a real struggle if you are a single mom with multiple children. Last year, with community support we were able to provide about 54 children with backpacks and school supplies and about 200 people total attended this event.

Families who need help can apply for this program by emailing hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. If members wish to sponsor a student by purchasing the items on their school supply list, you can contact ENF Chair, Debbie Denton at Debbie.denton1@gmail.com or join the Heart to Heart Facebook page "Sponsor a Student H2HC". If you choose to sponsor a child directly through the Facebook page, please let Debbie know so that we can be sure to include your giving in our grant report.



Donate School Supplies or Sponsor a Student – Commonly needed school supplies are paper,

pencils, crayons, glue sticks and highlighters. Schools are also asking for Clorox wipes, paper towels, gallon baggies, and Kleenex. Donated school supplies can be left in the donation box in the lodge hallway.

Donate Hotdogs – 4th of July is a good time to purchase these as they are usually on sale. We can store them in the lodge freezer until the event. Please bring them to the lodge by August 1 so we know how many we still need to purchase. We will use approx. 200 hotdogs.

Donate Potato Chips – In the past, we have given the small bags but the price has increased so much we will just use larger Party size bags this year and portion them out. You can bring them to the lodge at any time but please do so no later than August 1 so we know how many we need to purchase.

Donate Gently used clothing or kitchen items – These can be brought to the lodge between 9 and 11 on October 4th. If you know people with children, encourage them to go through their clothes and donate them to us. One of our charities desperately needs men's clothes.

Volunteer

We will need people to help do the following:

Shop for school supplies (this needs to be done before July 28th)

Setup for the Event – August 4th from 8-11

Serve food at the Event – August 4th from 11-3

Barbeque hotdogs at the Event – August 4th from 11-3

Clean up at the End of the Event – August 4th from 3-5

If you can help please contact Debbie Denton – Debbie.denton1@gmail.com or sign up at the lodge. Thank you.

Daily RV Lots Available

Contact Sandy Clark
360-708-3565

RV Park Host, Mount Vernon Elks



Buy in for \$1.00 Per game to win the players pot

Thursday at 5:30 PM

BINGO FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY



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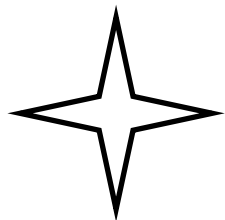
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CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

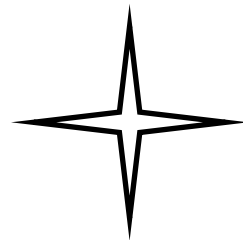
**Come join us for a great meal
or call for curbside pick up**



**August 20 2024
5:00 PM**



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Lounge Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - Closing. CLOSED
on Sunday and Monday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bar Food or Pizza 3 PM Texas Hold'em 6:30 PM Find The Elk 6:45 PM Horse Races (if twelve or more play)	<u>SATURDAY GAMES:</u>			1 Bingo 5:30 w/ Sandwiches	2 Fish and Chips - Meals on Wheels Ann and Dean	3 Saturday Games
4 Back to school picnic	5 Closed House 5pm	6	7 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	8 Bingo 5:30 w/ Pizza	9 Jims Steaks!!! - Lodge Greg Bohanan	10 Swedish Pancakes Saturday Games
11 Closed	12 Closed	13	14 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	15 Bingo 5:30 w/ chicken	16 Elks Charity Dinner Randy Hamilton	17 Membership drive 3PM-6PM Saturday Games
18 Closed	19 Closed House 5pm	20 Chicken fried steak	21 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	22 Bingo 5:30 w/ Baked potatoes?	23 Fries and Bur- gers - Lodge Rick cooper	24 Saturday Games
25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Board 5pm Lodge 7pm	28 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim	29 Bingo 5:30 w/tacos	30 Burger Dips - Lodge Marcia Kester	31 Saturday Games

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HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Jim Lippert, Sheila Tuff, Coby Beath, Sue Gregg, Jim
Looff - Chairman

TRUSTEES:

3-Year: Brad Raspet
2-Year: Mike Sarich
1-Year: Lulu Maples

