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BPOE #1604 OFFICE HOURS 360-848-8882

The office **will be open 9:30 AM to 2 PM Tuesday and Thursday**

Lounge is open Tuesday-Saturday, 3 PM - Close

March ER Message

As our lodge year comes to an end and new officers take their positions in April, I can honestly say that my two years as Exalted Ruler have been an adventure.

I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Grand Lodge Conventions in Minneapolis Minnesota in 2023 and Austin Texas in 2024. There is so much to learn about Elk's and so many great people that you meet on the journey that make the time commitment worthwhile. Working with our State Elk's officers and building lasting relationships with them has been extremely rewarding.

Our officers and volunteers are the life blood of our lodge. If you have the time to get involved as an officer or in any other activities in the lodge, you won't be disappointed with personal satisfaction that it

brings. We will have several ER appointed positions open after elections so here is an opportunity to help your lodge continue to grow and progress.

The installation of officers will be on Saturday April 5th followed by a member appreciation event. Come and support our new officers and stay for some food and fellowship.

Please join us to keep our lodge strong, healthy and fun.

Mark Anderson
Exalted Rule



Board Report

March 2025

February was another busy month. The pendants lighting above the bar was approved for a cost not to exceed \$500.00. It should make the bar look a lot nicer.

The board also made a motion to purchase new security lights for the back side of the building and in the R.V. park for a cost not to exceed \$3421.98. That motion also passed.

The new T.V. is up in the bar. Thank you everyone who helped get that installed. I know it wasn't easy.

We had the hood in the kitchen inspected by Pye Barker and everything is all good there.

We are still waiting for bids to come back on replacing some of the plumbing fixtures in the restrooms.

The motion was made and approved for up to \$73,084.35 on the new R.V. park cabana.

Submitted by, Steven Sutton, Board Chairman.

“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 Elkdom 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 are 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 peeling forth the friendly message—
“TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS”

Texas Hold'em Tournament

We will be having a Texas Hold'em Rebuy Tournament on May 6th at 5:00pm. Buy in will be \$45.00. \$5.00 of that goes towards bounty for who ever takes out the previous tournament winner.

Blinds will start at \$1.00 & \$2.00 and go up every 10 minutes. Prize money paid to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place



Veterans news

The next Stand Down is at the Skagit County Fairgrounds on April 18th and 19th.

Set up the day before.

Volunteers are needed for set up and take down as well as help manning the tables.

Items needed: blankets, coats, sweatshirts and pants, Diabetic Socks, boots, hand and foot warmers.

We don't need shoes of any kind. What we have already has not been easy to find homes for.

Signup sheets will be out after March 6th.

In service for Veterans,

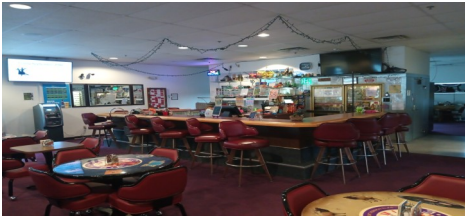
Sue Gregg PER,
Chairman.

Wow, it's March already. Time is flying by. I want to thank everyone who goes above and beyond to help me clean off tables on Friday it helps a lot. Thank you.

I also want to thank the candy man for always knowing when I'm out of candy and bringing a bag. Thank you.

Also, I would like you to save the date July 19th is our annual summer Bash Craft fair. If you are a vendor and would love to have a booth let me know. My phone number is 360-207-7936. Leave me a message. We are also going to have a membership drive that day, so if you know someone who wants to be an Elk or just want to know more about us, this is the day to come check the Elks and the Craft fair out.

Lavon Henson



Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 5th for officer installation and membership appreciation party.

It will include food, games, karaoke, raffles. All past members welcome bring your friends, family, neighbors. Initiation starts at 1pm we will get the party started at 2:30ish We also need to fill the Tiler and Intergard positions.

Secretary Scuttlebutt

Hello Elks members,

Important information:

The dues for 25/26 will rise to \$110.00 for Regular Members and to \$75.00 for Life Members. This is due to W.S.E.A. raising their fees. If you split your regular members' dues at 6 months; 1st payment due by 4/1/25 \$77.50: 2nd payment due by 10/1/25 \$32.50. For life members' 1st payment due by 4/1/25 \$60.00: 2nd payment due by 10/1/25 \$15.00.

The prepaid dues schedule will start on February 1st 2025 instead of January 1st

Mailed renew membership notices, to arrive at your address after mid-February. Make sure your address is up to date, if it has changed in past year!

Extended Office hours---- **For Renewing Membership Cards**

2pm-5pm

MONDAY Thursday FRIDAY SATURDAY
Beginning on 2/1/25 Ending on 5/31/25

The above times may totally change after 3/29/25.

The change will be due to your secretary having surgery 3/31/25.

Elk Members Debbie Davis and Corky Bluhm will be filling in for secretary duties.

If you are delinquent on 24/25 dues and not paid up by 3/25/2025 you will be dropped from the membership list and then must pay for reinstatement and your dues. The full delinquent listing will be posted on our bulletin board.

BECAUSE ELKS
CARE, ELKS SHARE
Karen Danko
Secretary



House Committee News for March 2025

I would like to thank all our members that spent their evening on Valentine's Day at our lodge, so many beautiful people, for such a special night.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your house chair for the past two years. It has been interesting to say the least.

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The house has made some changes over time like going to paper bingo cards instead of the slide cards. I like the change. Last year a new dishwasher was installed in the bar, had the bar sink fixed and soon we will have new bar lighting, and kitchen emergency lights in case of a power outage.

I think the house has worked hard to make our lodge a better and more fun place to come to.

After March I will be just a member. I am looking forward to that. There are way too many people to thank for all they do for the lodge. All the volunteers that step up, but it seems to be the same people all the time. The house is looking for a volunteer coordinator Jo Garcia is looking into doing it. If she does, she need a lot of cooperation. Hopefully, the house stays intact with so many good people on the committee.

The house has voted that Kathy Kunferman to be Elk of the Month for March for all her volunteering. Thank-you, Kathy.

Carolyn Batastini has been doing the decorating for our special events at the lodge. She will only continue to do this if she also has help. It is a lot of work. Please step up to volunteer with her.

They will be looking into someone else cooking the steaks on the BBQ and cooking meals in the kitchen. I would be happy to show someone how I do mine if interested.

My last newsletter message as your house chair.

Jim Looff

RED COAT SCHEDULE FOR

March 2025

7th....Frank Enise

14th...Sue Greg

21st...Maria Anderson

28th...Jim Looff

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed:

Transfer: Linda Sweeney

New member: Dominick Philips

LODGE MEETING:

Luther Foley missed out on \$100.00

Donations went to: Children's Hospital and Therapy program

joker Poker: .Susie Borgeois

Bottle Winner:

Lawrence Vail

FIND THE ELK WINNER

No Winner Yet...

\$\$\$\$ Could Be You!! \$\$\$\$

Drawing's Saturdays 6:30pm

DECEMBER ELKS OF THE MONTH

Kathy Kunferman

Thank You

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



VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM IS BACK!

Starting **January 2025**, tickets will be given to anyone who volunteers (individuals who don't receive monetary compensation for that activity) in specific activities and positions. Once a month all tickets for the month will be entered into a drawing where the winner receives a gift card prize. We will draw the winner at the first lodge meeting of the month, for the previous month, under good of the order and the winner will be notified if not present and the name announced in the monthly Tips. All tickets will be entered into a yearly drawing for a grand prize to be drawn at the first meeting in January 2026. If a person volunteers at more than one event, they will receive a ticket for all events they work at. Tickets will be held at the bar and volunteers should pick them up there unless the lounge isn't open. In those cases, the person in charge of the activity will hand out tickets and have them put into the container. 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 with your name before the drawing for the month.

Eligible Opportunities:

Chicken Fried Steak night: Prep/cooking, Serving, Cashier, Dishwasher/cleanup

Thursday night Bingo: Caller, Gambling paperwork person, Cashier/floor game winner checker

Friday night Dinner: Prep/cooking, Serving, Cashier, Dishwasher/cleanup

Friday night: Red coat

Swedish Pancake Breakfast: Prep/cooking, Serving, Cashier, Dishwasher/cleanup

Monthly inventory (Kitchen and Liquor): 2 kitchen/food inventory takers, 4 liquor inventory takers

Seasonal Decoration of Lodge: Decorating for seasonal changes such as St. Patrick, Easter, Independence Day, Halloween, Christmas, etc.

Special Events and or Special Projects: Event set-up, decorating, selling raffle tickets, paddle wheel, serving, cleaning, lodge clean-up events (inside and out).

Folding monthly TIPS: Folding the newsletter, labeling and mailing

Shopping: Shopping for meal items, supplies and other needed items in the lodge.

Volunteer and get a chance at a reward of appreciation!!

Members! Would you like to volunteer at the Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604? Here is a list of areas needing volunteers with contacts & their phone numbers. Our organization is built upon the contributions and efforts of our many members. We thank you for your help supporting our many lodge activities.

Saturday once monthly Swedish pancakes

Jim Loof House chair (360) 708-4638

Thursday & Friday dinners

Jim Loof House chair (360) 708-4638

Thursday night bingo

LaVon Henson (360)207-7936

Saturday games

LaVon Henson (360)207-7936

Monthly newsletter folding

Karen Danko secretary (360)622-0686

Christmas fund raisers

Debbie Davis Treasurer (360)421-4415

Veterans Program help

Sue Gregg P.E.R (360)840-5334

Youth Activities

Sue Gregg P.E.R (360)840-5334

Decorating the lodge event

Rebecca Holmstrom (360)220-8693

R.V. Park Jobs

Sandy Clark (360)708-3565

Building Maintenance

Steven Sutton board chairman (360)506-4347

Membership Committee

Jody Peters (206)235-5248

Any Questions?

Contact the office (360)848-8882

Mary Lee Bluhm was drawn for January and picked Mexico Café 450.00 gift card.





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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>• <u>SATURDAY GAMES:</u> 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)</p>						1 <i>Sat Games</i>
2 <i>Closed</i>	3 <i>Closed</i> House meeting 5pm	4	5 P.E.R. meeting Advanced line dancing w Kim 6:30	6 Bingo 5:30 Potato Bar	7 Coby's Meat-loaf Steele country/lodge	8 <i>Swedish Pancakes</i> <i>Sat Games</i>
9 <i>Closed</i>	10 <i>Closed</i>	11 Board 5pm Lodge 7pm	12 Advanced line dancing w Kim 6:30	13 Bingo 5:30 Santa's pizza	14 Corned beef Rick Cooper /Lodge	15 <i>Sat Games</i>
16 <i>Closed</i>	17 <i>Closed</i> House meeting 5pm	18 Chicken fried steak	19 Advanced line dancing w Kim 6:30	20 Bingo 5:30 Santa's Chicken	21 Burger dips Marcia Kester / Heart to Heart	22 <i>Sat Games</i>
23 <i>Closed</i>	24 <i>Closed</i>	25 Board 5pm Lodge 7pm	26 Advanced line dancing w Kim 6:30	27 Bingo 5:30 Sue & Santa's Ham & cheese	28 Stacy's Pork Roast Joe & Kelly/ Lodge	29 <i>Sat Games</i>
30 <i>Closed</i>	31 <i>Closed</i>					

Daily RV Lots Available

Contact Sandy Clark
360-708-3565

RV Park Host, Mount Vernon Elks



\$13.00 per packet of BINGO cards!!!

Thursday at 5:30 PM

BINGO FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY



Jody Peters

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Est. Leading Knight: Jeff Anderson PER
Est. Loyal Knight: Steve Sutton, Board Chair
Est. Lecturing Knight: Jennifer Anderson
Lodge Secretary: Karen Danko
Treasurer:: Debbie Davis
Esquire: Sue Gregg PER
Chaplain: Marija Anderson PER
Tiler: Frank Enniss
Inner Guard: Jim Loeff

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

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

TRUSTEES:

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

