



THE SALEM ELKLET

The newsletter for Salem Elks Lodge #336

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Lodge Meeting:
Thursdays 7:30 PM

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday
9AM - 1:30 PM

Club Hours:

Tuesday 1-9pm
Monday, Wednesday,
and Thursday 4-9pm
Friday 4-11pm
Saturday 4-9pm

**CLOSED
SUNDAY**

**MAY BE OPEN FOR
SPECIAL EVENTS**

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Exalted Rulers Message

Members,

Hi everyone, I hope you are all well and safe! It's hard to believe half of the year is over, it's been a trying year for us as citizens of this great country. We will get through the problems we have. We are a proud people, we are tough! Going forward, we at the lodge will try to keep things here as normal as possible, there are things beyond our control but we are trying our best. Things are kind of up in the air but we will be doing some things this fall, keep an eye out, read your elket! I would like to thank everyone involved, while I was gone, that helped with the wildfire relief. Special thanks go out to the Ladies of the Elks for their contribution, I am sure the donations were greatly appreciated. Onward to the last half of the year, let's make it something we can all be proud of!

Fraternally,
Mike Carter

2020 OSEA Fall Seminar Plans

This year has certainly been full of unexpected events and a lot of first as we adapt to those events. As many of you know, Salem Lodge was selected at the last Summer Convention to host this years Fall Seminar. This would have been a chance to show off our lodge and what we do to Elks from across the state. We had hotels lined up, agendas and plans ready, and then COVID. In response the difficult decision was made to cancel the in person Fall Seminar that had been planned for our lodge.

However, in partnership with the Convention Advisory Committee and with OSEA First Vice President Rick Shipley we have come up with an alternative plan. We will be hosting a virtual fall seminar October 17th and 18th. Several presenters and state officers will be present in Salem and we will be broadcasting their presentations to all corners of Oregon. We ask the members coming into the lodge on Friday October 16th and Saturday October 17th please avoid the lodge room as that is where we will have the equipment set up for the seminar. The nest will also be reserved for various meetings associated with the seminar.

Fraternally,
C. Blake Whitson
Fall Seminar Chairman



Lodge Charity Projects

Wild Fire Relief Efforts

Over the last couple of weeks our area has been impacted by devastating wild fires which have burned almost 1 million acres and forced the evacuations of thousands from their homes. The Elks have a long history of helping communities impacted by disaster and over the last two weeks the lodges of our district have lived up to that legacy of support for those in need when disaster strikes. Our lodge provided nearly \$1,000 worth of supplies to the United Way Resource Hub to be distributed to impacted families. These supplies included camp chairs, tents, flashlights, air mattresses, pillows, and more. Further, our lodge opened its RV park and storage to Elks who may have been displaced by the evacuation zones.

But our lodge charity fund was not the only source of support for those impacted. The ladies of the Elks also helped relief efforts. From the ladies:

It has been an ongoing conversation with the Ladies of the Elks on what to do with the remaining funds from our past functions at the lodge. We determined that United Way is distributing locally to the families impacted by fires. United Way had a list of items needed and the ladies decided to do pet food.

Sheryl Binger collected \$1000.00 from our account; called Petco and things were rolling! Petco put numerous brands and sizes of dog, cat food and pet waste bags together for us. They found coupons and gave discounts that gave us \$70.00 extra dollars to spend! When we arrived they loaded it in the car and were so wonderful!

United Way was very busy with donations coming in and going out! They had many volunteers, mainly youngsters from our local high schools to help unload our donation! With light hearts we left knowing the ladies had helped some folks that were able to save their pets!

Thanks so much to our ladies group for the hard work and wonderful functions in the past years! The whole group has worked hard to gather the funds to distribute these donations! You are too many to name but thanks to each of you for your input and hard work

In addition to these two great projects, members helped take up a collection to support the efforts of the Silverton Elks Lodge. The Silverton Lodge has their food cart parked at the Gates Community Church of Christ and is partnering with the Lions to provide 3 meals a day 7 days a week for those who need it. Breakfast is available from 8am to 11am followed by lunch until 4pm, and then dinner until 7pm. Efforts by other lodges include food boxes delivered from the Keizer Elks Lodge and sack lunches for families and first responders from the McMinville Lodge. These activities, pulled together on short notice, truly exemplify that Elks Care and Elks Share.

We encourage our members to continue to explore ways to help those impacted. Monetary donations can be made to the Red Cross, and the United Way is taking donation of items. For the donation of items, we encourage you to check the latest list of needs posted by the United Way.

From the Lodge Secretary

Dear Members,

2020 has definitely been a year! Covid-19, forest fires, horrible smoky air and ash, protests and rioters. We send out prayers to all those in Oregon who lost family members and their homes and property. I was sitting in my living room the other day looking at all my “stuff” thinking of all the years it took me to accumulate this “stuff”. Some items were family heirlooms, at least to me they were precious. Then I thought of all those who lost everything in the fires and thought all this “stuff” of mine was just stuff. In the scheme of things, my stuff was not that important. My family and friends are the precious heirlooms in my life. If I lost all my stuff, I would still have my family and friends. If all these bad things that have been happening in our world have taught me one thing, it is that all our possessions are not important, it is the relationships we have with family and friends. I hope this finds you all in good health and looking forward to a much better year in 2021. I can't believe the year is almost over but I'm glad it is. We have been working on our delinquent member list making phone calls and sending out letters. We have heard from a few of you but hope to hear from the rest of you so we can get down to zero delinquents. If you know of a delinquent member who is ill or in a financial situation please let us know so we can help. Also, if you know of a member who has passed please let us know. If we don't hear from a member, especially a long time member, we sometimes find out they have passed and here we have been asking they pay their dues and they have been gone for months. One of my duties is to check the obituaries but if there is no obituary I have to rely on other members to notify me. Thank you, I appreciate your help. If you have been calling the office and get no answer, we are not always in the office but have voice mail, please leave a message. Sometimes the phone system refuses to play nice so, if you call and get voice mail please leave a message. Also, as you know, we don't open until 4:00pm, so if you call the bar (325) during the day and leave a message, it might not get answered until the next day if the bartenders are busy. Leave the messages on extension 321 or 324. Thank you for your help. I want to thank you also for signing in and having your temperature taken each time you visit the lodge, we appreciate your patience.

Let me leave you with this:

“If you don't leave your past in the past it will destroy your future. Live for what today has to offer, not for what yesterday has taken away”.

I could not leave you without a little humor. Tips on how to fall asleep in a living room chair: '1. Be old, 2. Sit in a chair.' Take care and be safe.

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Honored Elks

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Darrell Rysavy

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Esquire to the DDGER

Bob Moody, PER/PCB

NC District Laws and Public Relations/Marketing Committees

C. Blake Whitson, PER/PCB

OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS

Special Events

Oct 30 - If our regular Karaoke isn't scary enough for you, join us for Scaryoke. We will also have prizes for those with the best costumes. More details on pg 8.

Standing Events

Tuesday— Join us on Tuesdays for the return of Taco Tuesday!!! Dinner is served from 5-7:00 pm

Wednesday Night Dinners— Join us on Wednesdays for dinner from our new Wednesday menu. Dinner is served from 5:30-7:30 pm

Thursday Lodge—Join us on lodge night. Bar Bites served from 5-7 pm

Friday Night—Join us on Friday night for the Queen of Hearts. menu service is available from 5:30-7:30pm with bar bites until close. We also have Karaoke back!!

\$6 Saturday Meals—Join us on Saturday for Mikes \$6 Meal Deals! Dinner is from 5 –7:00

Other Events



Tuesday -Taco Tuesday is back!!!!



Wednesday- Grill Night with dinner specials. Also Horse Race Bingo is back



Thursday Lodge Night - Join us on lodge night. Bar Bites served 5-7.



Friday Night - Join us Friday Night for the Queen of Hearts at 8 pm.

Happy Birthday to You!!!
Present this coupon during your birthday week for 1/2 off any single menu item

Name & Member #

Present coupon to the server when ordering
excludes special events

October Important Date

Oct 1 - PER/PCB Meeting 6pm
Oct 6 - RV Club Meeting 7pm
Oct 17-18 - OSEA Fall Seminar
Oct 22 - Ballotting
Oct 29 - Initiation
Oct 30 - Scaryoke

Cards!!!!

Starting in September the card players are going to start looking to organize some card games again at the lodge. Reminder these are social games. Check the September Elklet for additional information regarding card games.

Lodge Hours

Sunday - Closed
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Tuesday 4pm - 10pm
Wednesday 4pm - 10pm
Thursday 4pm - 10pm
Friday 4pm - 10pm
Saturday 4pm - 10pm

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Sunday Closed	Monday Closed	Tuesday 4pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm-9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
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The Call of the Open Road, The Salem 336ers RV Club

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

The RV Club continues to conduct business meetings and camp outs while observing the restrictions and complications required by the Covid 19 Virus precautions. The latest gathering was at the September first club meeting where 20 members were present. Wagon Master Darrell Wing opened the meeting by leading us in a salute to the flag of our country. Officers gave customary reports on club business and Assistant Wagon Master Bill Maddux asked for volunteers to arrange camp outs and events for next year. Past and future camp outs were discussed and the information is reported below.

The August camp out was at Florence in the Elks RV Park. Ten rigs were at the event including Joyce and Gary Keene and Sharon and Ed Schultz, Elks members from Keizer. On arrival day the Washburns and Wings served a great dinner of pulled pork followed up by generous portions of ice cream. At the potluck dinner the next evening a variety of very tasty offerings were served up by some talented cooks and there was no excuse for anyone to leave the dinner still hungry. Campers engaged in many activities including shopping along Bay Street, hiking some trails, dune buggy rides, kayaking, walking along the beach, and of course washoe games. The winners of the games were Joyce Keene and John Trammell with first place and Sharon Schultz and Don Washburn coming in second. Every one had a good time and before heading home on Sunday campers enjoyed coffee and sweets at the Wings camp site. That's all I have for now until next month.

A Note on Brotherly Love

Greetings members,

We all have bad days. It happens as a regular course of life. We also all don't always get our way. Brotherly love teaches us that we shouldn't take those things out on others. Something unfortunately we all do too often, myself included. So this month I am encouraging us all to be mindful of how we interact with others. Take a moment before reacting to situations to consider how to best address an issue. And not making those around you miserable or uncomfortable because of your bad day.

And this also applies not just to how you interact with your fellow members, but also our lodges employees. It is not their fault if you are having a bad day. It is not their fault if you don't get to sit at your favorite table because some already reserved it or is sitting there. If you have an issue with operations see an officer, we are the ones charged with addressing those. If it is an issue with another members, walk away and take a breath. Acting in anger always leads to other issues.

So I am charging each of us, myself included, this month to be mindful of brotherly love and to do better at practicing it in our hearts and in our lives.

C. Blake Whitson
Lecturing Knight.

54 Delinquent Members Remain

The following members are still delinquent as of 8/21/2020. If you know anyone on the list please encourage them to pay their dues today. And if a member of the list is experience health or financial hardship encourage them to discuss options with us.

- Alan Heinis
- Gene Irish
- Ted Johnson
- Cory Jones
- Timothy Kosmoski
- Arthur Mack
- Link Miller
- George Moeller
- Beverly Moreland
- James Morgan
- Michael Muna
- Blaine Nix
- Pamela Padilla
- Kenneth Page
- Don Phillips
- Terry Quiring
- Maria Ramirez
- Dorothy Read
- Art Reinke
- John Robison
- Donald Rochefort
- Donald Rollofson
- Richard Ropp
- Veronica Russell
- Delmer Sabrowski
- James Schulte
- Twila Shirley
- Edward Smith
- Grace Tangalin
- Manuel Tenorio
- Evan Thompson
- Mark Tikunoff
- Melissa Tippey
- John Volbeda
- Ed Wagoner
- Rodey Wagoner
- Christioher Watts
- Brandon Weatherson
- Robert Weis
- April Estrada
- George Young

Elks National Foundation

Congratulations Members!!!!

Salem Lodge has met and exceeded our Elks National Foundation Per-Capita contribution. We are currently at \$5.57 per member. What's more, this is the highest per capita in our district with the next closest lodge to us being McMinville at \$3.51 per member. This ranks us in the top 10 lodges in Oregon for ENF Per Capita as of September 15th!!!! Thank you to all of the members who have contributed. Your support means we will be able to continue brining thousands of dollars worth of ENF Community Investment grants back to our community.

Betty Hise for Cancer Research

On Friday September 18th the Salem Lodge Presented \$2,000 to Betty Hise for Cancer Research. Betty Hise for Cancer Research is a project of the ladies of the Oregon and Idaho Elks in honor of the wife of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Hise and is dedicated to promoting and generating ongoing funds for the research and treatment of all cancer. This donation was made possible with funds from the Madison Committee. The lodge has also held fundraising events in the past to raise funds.

Salem Elks Veterans Support Services

This past month our lodge put together an additional 20 "Welcome Home" boxes for veterans who have expereined homelessness and who have been recently housed through the programs at Easterseals. Since started this program with an Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant and continued it with an Elks National Foundation Class of 2020 \$10,000 Impact grant we have assembled 60 boxes, provided 5 beds, and multiple other small household items like vacuum cleaners, microwaves, and toaster ovens.

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Is our regular Karaoke not scary enough for you?

Then join us Friday October 30 for Scaryoke!!!!
Scaryoke starts at 7pm with the Queen Of Hearts at 8pm

Prizes will be available for best costume as well.