



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,

First of all I would like to apologize about the late elklet, the officers and I had to figure out how to get nominations done for next years officers. We will be doing meetings over zoom starting feb. 11th until we have a chance to open back up. That first meeting, we will start with nominations The information on how to get logged in is in this elklet. I would like to thank Blake for setting this up for us. We are also starting take out dinners every Friday night until we can get opened back up. It,s hard to believe this elk year is almost over, it certainly has been a very odd year. Be well every one and we hope we can see you at the very soon.

Fraternally,
Mike Carter

Upcoming Lodge Meetings

Members,

We are going to start doing lodge meetings via zoom starting on Feb 11. In order to participate you will need to pre-register so that we can confirm you are a member in good standing before sending the meeting information. You can enter the following:

shorturl.at/dklqC

Into your Internet browser to go to the registration form. You can also email Blake Whitson at editor@salemelks.org to request a link be emailed to you. The registration link will also be sent out via blast email. You only need to register on time, once confirmed you will be able to attend each weekly meeting with the same information that will be sent once your registration is confirmed. To learn more about how to use zoom, visit www.zoom.us.

Remember that even though these meetings will be on zoom, your obligation still applies. You should not have non Elks present in the room with you or share anything that occurs during the meeting. If you have any questions please send them to editor@salemelks.org.



Charity Depends on Communication With Policymakers

By Carl R. Ledig SR.

Committee Member, Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through philanthropic programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Today we will focus on the first of our cardinal principles, Charity. Inside the Elks, the Esteemed Leading Knight represents Charity and serves as its Vice President. He or she is second in command and presides in the absence of the Exalted Ruler, so Charity is given an enhanced priority in the command chain.

Prior to COVID-19, many nonprofits, including the BPOE, were already strained to meet public needs. Now with COVID-19 all nonprofits staff, board members, volunteers and donors are especially strained. What can we do? First, we can use the power of nonprofit networks to accomplish more by working together. We should be using our massive membership bases to let our lawmakers know that collectively we seek help on policy decision consequences. Policymakers need to be educated about the valuable support role that groups like the BPOE play in helping local residents and voters in need. To pursue our mission, we need a reliable and supportive public policy environment. Our mission is vulnerable to policymakers who can take away resources, impose burdens, interfere with decision-making, erect barriers, and change laws in ways that disrupt the work of nonprofits.

Significant threats exist at local, state, and federal levels. Federal law changes can have nationwide consequences, but state law changes can be just as significant for the nonprofits in that state, and the odds of state policy changes are much greater. Would you be prepared if your state limited or eliminated charitable giving incentives or tax exemptions for nonprofits, levied new taxes or fees on nonprofits, imposed heavy regulatory burdens on nonprofits, or proposed other harmful changes? Ongoing challenges include federal tax law changes that suppress charitable giving; states undermining nonprofit sustainability by capping or eliminating charitable giving incentives; taxing the expenses nonprofits pay employees and local governments trying to impose fees or demand voluntary payments on exempt nonprofit property; and attempts to politicize nonprofits.

We must stand together to provide a common defense or we risk having our organizations and communities weakened. We can and must do better to lead the way! We must protect public trust, which is vital for donations and volunteers, and make sure we have developed and are following our best practices programs. We must advocate for our mission by sharing our problems and solutions with policymakers so they can make better decisions. We have a constitutional right, statutory authority, and moral obligation to advocate and lobby on behalf of our organizations and the individuals and communities we serve. We should speak up on public policy that affects our mission.

Nonprofits have been sitting silently on the sidelines, but we don't have to spend a lot of money to be effective advocates for our mission. Nonprofits can join together to lobby. On average, fewer than 3% of nonprofits lobby compared to the 100% with the legal right to do so. Be informed. Make a list of what issues help or hinder your Lodge. Who inside your Lodge or what policy makers in your community can help? Connect with local journalists, civic clubs, the mayor, and/or the governor and let them know the valuable role organizations like the BPOE plays in community charity and community support. Let them know how we aid and complement state and local government programs, which unfortunately are not enough so the private sector is a necessity. Promote your mission by engaging with others!

From the Lodge Secretary

Members, I was hoping to have good news about re-opening but I guess that is not going to happen soon. We don't know when we will be able to re-open. We hope to send out the dues notices for 2021-2022 sometime in February. Since we will probably still be closed we ask that you send in your dues by check or call and leave your name and number and we will get back to you and take your credit card information over the phone. We are only in the office to collect the mail and pay bills so encourage you to pay your dues by check or phone because we can't guarantee that someone will be in the office at any particular time. If you call in and leave a message we will return your call and try to help you. We are trying to keep our costs at a minimum so we can't pay staff to be in the office just in case someone stops by. We can have someone in the office if you leave a message and we return your call and make an appointment for a particular time. We hope you understand. Until we can be back together again.

Let me leave you with this: **“A smile to start your day, A prayer to bless your way, A song to lighten your burden, and a hug to wish you a good day.”**

From the Leading Knight

This is your Leading Knight. Greetings to all. This has been a bad start to 2021 as we have lost several people. We would like to see more of our members at the lodge, but I understand with the COVID-19 we are uncertain of the future. If we follow the guidelines set down we can slow the spread of this virus. The RV Park is doing very well as we have been full. The lodge is still helping all of our charities as well, which is great. So it would be nice to see more of you come and support the lodge during our drive thru dinners. Remember, we are closed to dining in and other in person activities for the time being. We are going to start to have meals available for pickup every Friday until we can open back up. Thanks to everybody that has been involved with the lodge. I hope everybody had a great Christmas and happy New Year. We will see you soon.

Fraternally,
Leading Knight Darrell Rysavy.

ENF Grant Update

Last year our lodge was awarded a \$10,000 Class of 2020 ENF Impact Grant. After filing our final report with the program office, we have been informed that our grant has been renewed for another year of providing Welcome Home Kits to our veterans. We are still waiting to find out how much we have been awarded for year 2 of this project. To learn more about the impact of Welcome Home Kits check out the article of Page 7 from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

Mike Carter, PER/PCB

Leading Knight

Darrell Rysavy

Loyal Knight

Duane Haggeman

Lecturing Knight

Blake Whitson, PER/PCB

Secretary

Jan Sloan

Treasurer

Linda Loop, PCB

Inner Guard

Randy Peckham, PER

Tiler

Tim Maerz

Esquire

Dustin Yancey

Chaplain

Dan Loop, PER

Trustees

Rod Bowman ~ Ken Eschliman
Bob Moody, PER ~ Bill Myers, PER

Past Exalted Rulers/Past Chairman of the Board Association

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Secretary Linda Loop, PCB

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Paul R. Ryan

Willmar, MN Lodge #952

North Central District Deputy

Grand Exalted Ruler

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Independence Lodge #1950

North Central District OSEA

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Dan Buckholz

Silverton Lodge #2210

Honored Elks

Officer of the Year 2019-2020

Darrell Rysavy

Elk of the Year 2019-2020

Bill Myers, PER

Honorary Life Members

Gary Felling, PER ~ Bill Myers, PER~
Bob Staples, PDDGER/PER/PCB

PDDGER

Bob Staples, PER/PCB

Esquire to the DDGER

Bob Moody, PER/PCB

NC District Laws and Public Relations/Marketing Committees

C. Blake Whitson, PER/PCB

FEBRUARY 2021 EVENTS

Special Events

Due to state restrictions, the lodge is closed until further notice. Please sign up for email updates at volunteer@salemelks.org to know the latest on when we will be able to re-open and when we will be offering take out dinners.

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

February Important Date

To be Determined

Lodge Dress code

This is a reminder that members should be properly dressed when in the lodge. We have had several complains lately about how people are dressed. And while we are not the fashion police proper decorum should be maintained. We ask that undershirts not be worn in the lodge. Shirts should also have sleeves. We also ask that athletic-wear not be work in the lodge. If there are issues with how someone is dressed please direct those concerns to a lodge officer. The officer on duty will make the judgment as to how to handle the situation.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday Closed	Monday Closed	Tuesday 4pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm-9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
	1 Lodge Closed	2 TBD	3 TBD	4 TBD	5 Drive Thru Chicken Dinner	6 TBD
7 Lodge Closed	8 Lodge Closed	9 TBD	10 TBD	11 Zoom Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Drive Thru BBQ Brisket Dinner	13 TBD
14 Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Closed	16 TBD	17 TBD	18 Zoom Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Drive Thru BBQ Ribs Dinner	20 TBD
21 Lodge Closed	22 Lodge Closed	23 TBD	24 TBD	25 Zoom lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	26 Drive Thru Pime Rib Dinner	27 TBD
28 Lodge Closed						

The Call of the Open Road, The Salem 336ers RV Club

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

During the past few month There have been no club meetings, camping trips, dinners, or other social gatherings to write about. That leaves me with the task of submitting something interesting for you to read so here goes. Our club currently has 43 members and coincidentally Marilyn Northcutt and Ralph Petersen have been in the club almost from the beginning with 43 years as members. Our two newest members have been in the club for about two months. Of the 43 members 21 are women and 22 are men. Ten of the men in our club are military veterans and four of them served more than twenty years in the service. The three oldest persons in the club are men over 90 years of age. There are 19 rigs in our club and our camp outs usually have 10 to 12 rigs or so in attendance.

For the next camp out organizers the location of our supplies are as follows: The coffee pot, paper products and other camp out supplies are at the Trammell home, the loud speaker is in the club locker at the lodge storage room and the supply of red club jackets and tee shirts is being held by Scott and Angela Dye. I have the supply of jacket patches, club flags and club decals at our home. Now I have run out of words for this month's report and have to think about what to put in the next report, hopefully it will include some good news about easing of the Covid restrictions and all of us getting together again.

Elks PR Thrives in difficult Year

By Rick Gathen
Grant Lodge PR and Membership Marketing Director

Safer-Smarter-Stronger is the battle cry for 2021. The wrath of COVID-19 has forever changed us. The vaccine, if successful, will be a tremendous help towards resuming more activity in 2021. Lodges need to be nimble and stay on top of the latest research recommendations.

Yes, the membership numbers are down and yes, Lodges are struggling. These are facts from COVID-19. But they do not tell you everything. Great work is being done and Lodges are supporting their communities.

Moreover, the Elks Public Relations Committee is setting new records! Television, radio, newspapers, websites, and social media drive these robust and record-setting numbers. We continue to grow, connect, educate, and engage people nationwide. We are driving positive messages, expanding the brand, and engaging new audiences every day.

I marvel at Elks' strength and unyielding spirit, and admire in amazement how we do it. How you react in difficult times shows your strength.



Welcome Home Kits Offer A New Beginning

By Nadezy Mulholland
Program Associate

You have probably heard the saying, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Here at the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, we believe it takes a village to keep our veterans safe, housed, and cared for. One tangible way the Elks village cares for veterans in need is through the Welcome Home Kit program.

Welcome Home Kits are designed to help veterans transition to permanent homes after exiting homelessness. We reimburse Elks Lodges for purchasing kits of household supplies for local veterans. Kits contain a range of essential household supplies, including kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, and cleaning items.

It is a joyous occasion when a veteran finds housing, but it is not the end of the story. Rather, it signifies a new beginning. Many veterans need help getting off to a strong start, and that is where the Elks come in. Veterans frequently enter permanent housing directly from shelters and may have no belongings other than the clothes on their backs. As we all know, a home is more than just four walls and a roof. Through the Welcome Home Kit program, Elks help veterans around the country feel at home in their new residences.

Many volunteers find fulfillment in continuing to support veterans even after they are settled. Veterans often benefit from help with tasks like budgeting, planning meals, searching for jobs, and communicating with landlords. While these kinds of in-person connections are wonderful, you don’t have to wait until after the pandemic to put together your first kit. In fact, kits are of special importance right now. Because many veterans are isolated in their homes, making their living space comfortable is crucial.

Lodges have found creative ways to serve veterans from a distance, including scheduling online order deliveries or arranging for veterans’ case managers to pick up orders from the store to take to veterans.

Every veteran has their own story as to how they became homeless. Similarly, every veteran has unique hopes and dreams. A stable home provides security and can be the first step for veterans to achieve bright futures. Thanks to the dedication of Elks far and wide, the Welcome Home Kit program recently surpassed 5,000 total veterans served! With your help, the upcoming year can be our biggest yet. Together we can do great things.

46 Delinquent Members Remain

The following members are still delinquent as of 01/26/2020. If you know anyone on the list please encourage them to pay their dues today. And if a member of the list is experience financial hardship encourage them to discuss options.

- Gina Allenby
- Kenneth Armstrong
- Carl Atalig
- James Ault
- Aaron Bales
- Dennis Belfils
- George Buckner II
- Paul Cochran
- Sheila Cunningham
- Steven Falkenstein
- Robert Hayden
- Gene Irish
- Ted Johnson
- Cory Jones
- Donald Knepp
- Arthur Mack
- Dan Miller
- Link Miller
- George Moeller
- Michael Muna
- Blain Nix
- Kenneth page
- Damon patton
- Maria Ramirez
- Art Reinke
- John Robinson
- Donald Rochefort
- Donald Rollofson
- Richard Ropp
- Veronicsa Russell
- Delmer Sabrowski
- Don Schuetz
- Twila Shirley
- Grace Tangalin
- Manuel Tenorio
- Evan Thompson
- Mark Tikunoff
- Melissa Tippey
- Joaquin Tudela
- John Volbeda
- Ed Wagoner
- Rodney Wagoner
- Christopher Watts
- Brandon Weatherson
- Robert Weis
- April Estrada

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