



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

Howdy Members,

This is your new Exalter Ruler in April. Good morning to all. We are hoping a for a good start to the lodge year, but I understand with the covid-19 we are still a bit uncertain of the future. If we follow the guidelines set down, we should eventually be back to "normal". The lodge is still helping all of our charities. So, it would be nice to see more of you come on in and have some fun and support the Lodge when you can. We are open with limited to 50 people. We had our St. Patrick's Day on March 17th and Installation on march 28th thank you to all who came to those. I also want you to know that we have been recognized for our work as a charitable organization. there is too much to list that SALEM ELKS 336 HAS DONE. Just to list a few they are Veterans, Christmas gifts, Scholarships for kids, the backpack program for kids. That's some of what we do. Just remember we are committed to the mission of the BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTICE ORDER OF ELKS WE WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE IN NEED. we have a lot to be thankful for. Thanks to everybody that has been involved with the lodge. Hope everybody has a great day. So I should say from your Exalted Ruler, thank you so much for your support.

Darrell Rysavy
Exalted Ruler

Have you paid your dues?

Greetings members,

It is that time of year again to make sure your dues are paid. You can either pay for the full or half year dues. You should have received a dues notice in the mail. If you didn't you can always come into the lodge or contact the lodge office and they can get that taken care of for you. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know. We have options available and may be able to offer assistance or other options than dropping your membership. We would hate to lose you as a member! Also keep in mind, the card locks change at the lodge on April 1, you will need your new card to get into the lodge. You will also need your new card or receipt that you have paid your dues in order to play the Queen of Hearts.

Finally, keep in mind all of the things we are able to do in our community with your support. Assistance for homeless and in need veterans, scholarships for students, charitable donations, food boxes, and more. You are an important part of our work. We hope you will pay your dues today and help us continue giving back and supporting those in need.



Salem Elks Lodge Birthday

April 21st marks a special day for our lodge. It is our 125th Birthday, and honestly we look pretty good for 125. Our building is updated and clean, we have a healthy number of members, we are OK financially, and our community charity programs are stronger than ever!

And what is best, people are taking notice of the great works the Salem Elks are doing and recognizing us for our efforts. Later this month there will be a proclamation put before the Salem City Council honoring our lodge, its contributions to the community, and in recognition of our birthday declaring April 21st, Elks Day in the City of Salem. And that is not all, Representative Moore-Green who represents the part of Salem where the lodge is has introduced House Concurrent Resolution 29 in the Oregon State Legislature which also honors the Salem Elks Lodge for its 125 years of giving back to the Salem community through our various charitable works.

We had planned a big birthday party, but due to COVID have has to postpone that for now. We are looking at rescheduling something for later in the year, so keep an eye out in the Elklet and on our social media accounts for more information. We will also post copies of both the proclamation and the resolution on-line at salemelks.org once they are available.

Note of thanks

The following is reprinted from a letter received from one of the veterans who transitioned from homelessness to stable housing and received one of the 85 Welcome Home Move In Boxes that we put together last year.

Members of the lodge,

I would like to thank each and every member of the Elks Lodge #336 for the wonderful start up gifts that your members and lodge put together. The pots and pans along with the dishes were by far the greatest house warming gifts we could have received.

When we first moved into the new home we had little to nothing to start with. We were eating fast food because nothing to cook with or to eat off of. After being in the home for our second day the lodge send us the basic things needed to make the move a better transition.

Removing the burden of wondering what we were going to have to start looking for made it feel like the weight of the world was lifted from upon us. We are happy with what we received from you and pray to God that the lodge will be able to keep up the helping hand that your lodge put out for us.

We want to thank each and every member of your lodge for the hand-up and not the hand-out. We hope that we can pay it forward and help others as you and your lodge helped us.

Again, thank you for the assistance.

Thank you,

Robert

From the Grand Exalted Ruler

Stacey and I can't believe that it has been nine months since this journey began for us. We feel that it has been an experience that has fulfilled us as Elks! Although our travels have been very limited, meeting all the wonderful Elks throughout this country during the trips that we have been able to make has been an absolute joy of our life.

So as we enter into the Elks New Year, this is a time to reflect on making sure you get your Lodge in order. Being able to be proactive rather than reactive will only help you and your Lodge in the long run. How is this possible? Start with making sure to have some of the following things in effect:

1. Review your bylaws and ensure that they are up to date and pertain to your Lodge's rules and regulations.
2. Check your house rules and make sure they are up to date and approved by your Judiciary member of your area.
3. Do a physical inventory of all your personal property and make sure that you have enough insurance to cover it.

These are just a few items that need to be done in the beginning of the Lodge year. That being said, it is not just your responsibility. Involve your officers and your Board of Directors, too.

Lean on your best friend (Secretary) to make sure that you plan and cover everything. A good thing to also do now is to create a list for monthly "activities" — not just your charitable ones, but also your social ones. You should have a monthly event at your Lodge to keep Members involved, to raise funds to pay bills, and to help in the community.

We are so excited that the National Hoop Shoot competition will be happening. It may be a little different as it will be held virtually. It is also for the 2019-2020 competition winners for regional competitors and national winners that advanced. That being said, keep an eye out for the future: The 50 year anniversary celebration will be held in Chicago next year for the 2021-2022 season of Hoop Shoot. We all hope that we will have a normal Hoop Shoot for that season.

As you know my theme for this year is Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. Younger Members need to take this into consideration: You are the ones that are going to continue the tradition that this organization has to offer.

Stacey and I are looking forward to continuing seeing the great Elks throughout the country.

Please make a donation to our charities and we will be happy to share a pin with you.

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APRIL 2021 EVENTS

Special Events

Veterans House Warming— May 15th, Help us change the lives of hereos by supporting our welcome home boxes for homeless veterans. Details on pg. 7.

End of Winter Picnic— May 22nd, annual End of Winter Picnic. 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

April Important Dates

Menus and Events

As we re-open will be offering limited menus. We may also have limited product availability at the bar as well. Please know we are working with our vendors to get fully stocked, as are many other establishments in our area. Please be patient with us as we get opened back up and back up to full operations. We also will be monitoring state guidlines and any current guidlines in place at the lodge are subjec to change at any time based on state requirements and guidlines. We know this can be frustrating and we are doing our best to keep the disrutions and changes to a minimum. If you have a question or concern please address it with a lodge officer. The employees are doing as they are instructed and are not able to change requirements or make exceptions. Finally, please not that all menus and schedueled events are subject to change.

APRIL 2021

Sunday Closed	Monday Closed	Tuesday 4pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm-9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
				1 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm PER/PCB Meeting 6pm	2 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	3 Saturday Night Meal Deal
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The Call of the Open Road, The Salem 336ers RV Club

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

After several months of not being able to gather as a group for our RV Club meetings we finally met on March 2nd to conduct club business. Twenty three members were present including our newest member Cindy Faulkner, more about her later in this report. During the meeting Wagon Master Bill Maddux asked for a show of hands from people who had received at least one COVID vaccination shot, almost everyone raised their hands so it seems the club is well into getting vaccinated. By the next scheduled meeting April 6th at 7 PM in the lodge room it may well be that almost everyone will have been fully vaccinated. As mentioned earlier we have a new club member and she has shared some information about herself which I have provided below.

Our newest RV Club member is Cindy Faulkner who recently joined us. Cindy is a member of the Salem Lodge and is retired from the Marion County Health and Human Services Department. While employed there she worked with disabled and disadvantaged children. She and her husband (deceased) were able to take in several needy children over the years and never took any payment for the care they provided them. She says it was reward enough to see the positive changes that were made in the children's lives. Cindy moved to Oregon at the age of two when her father loaded up the family in his logging truck and moved to Oregon from North Dakota..The family settled on a ranch where she grew up tending animals including horses. Cindy has a small motor home which she enjoys driving and taking on camping trips. Her hobbies include gardening (vegetables, herbs, and fruit), bird watching, and of course camping. Welcome to our group Cindy, we are pleased to have you join us.



All that's missing is U !

A single wooden Scrabble tile with the letter "U" and the number "1" in the bottom right corner.

Tuesday Evening Poker Players

The Tuesday evening social poker players will be starting up again on Tuesday evenings. All rules and guidelines as required by state guidance will be followed.

6 people per table

masks must be worn unless actively eating or drinking.

These rules must be followed in order to avoid potential penalties up to including future shut downs.





A Housewarming Party for Veterans

To Support the Salem Elks Lodge Homeless Veterans Welcome Home Project

Saturday May 15th from 5 to 7pm

Dinner of:

Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, and salad with homemade dessert.

Dinner free for those bringing donated items from the list below

Specials Guests

Representatives from Easterseals Oregon, our community party and Veterans who are past recipients of our Welcome Home Boxes

Items must be new and unused in order to be accepted. The following items are needed for our welcome home kits:

- **Queen Size Bed In a Bag**
- **Kitchen towel set (two dish towels, two washcloths, oven mitts)**
- **Bathroom towel set (2 bath towels and 2 washcloths)**
- **Silverware sets (we usually get the 49 piece sets at walmart)**
- **8 piece glassware sets**
- **4 place setting dish sets**
- **Reusable containers for leftovers**
- **Stick Vacuums (Bissel 3 in 1 is what we have been buying)**

With our Elks National Foundation Impact Grant we are budgeted to provide another 45 Welcome Home Boxes to veterans transitioning from homelessness to housing this year. With your support in helping donate the above items we can increase that number.

For every 3 Bed In a Bags donated we can put together 1 more box.

15 of the kitchen or bathroom towel sets equals 1 additional box.

10 of the silverware, glassware, or dishware sets equals 1 more box we can provide.

5 of the stick vacuums equals 1 more box

The more we can stretch our funds, the more support we can get from you to help with this project, the further our funds will go and the more of our veterans we can help. Don't want to go shopping? We are happy to take donations and do the shopping for you as well!

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SAVE THE DATE May 22nd Annual End of Winter Picnic



More details to come!!!

Saturday May 22nd

End Of Winter Picnic

Will include BBQ chicken, hot dogs, burgers,
oysters, salads, and desserts.

DONATION ONLY