



# 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

Good morning or afternoon when you get this Elklet I just want to say thank you from the lodge.

We are open Tuesday at 1:00 pm /Wednesday,Thursday,Friday,Saturday at 4:00 pm to last call by the bar tender. We will be over \$5,000 in the QUEEN OF HEARTS if nobody takes the queen home in april.

Just remember masks are required,membership cards also required.We are also selling 50/50 tickets. We are having a end of winter picnic on May 22nd at 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

We are having BBQ CHICKEN,HOT DOGS,BURGERS,OYSTERS,AND DESSERTS.

BUY DONATION ONLY THIS IS TO THANK EVERYBODY. Not much more going on please come in and spread your wealth.THANKS FROM YOUR NEW EXALTED RULER HAVE A GREAT DAY

Darrell Rysavy  
Exalted Ruler

## From the Leading Knight

As most of you know April 1st brings about the start of a new lodge year and we need to make sure that those coming into the lodge have paid their dues for the new year. As such myself and the other officers have been checking cards at the lodge, especially for people we have not seen before or who we may not be familiar with (such as visiting Elks). We are doing this to help make sure we are following the rules and that those enjoying are facilities have paid their dues and complying with the statutes. We have had problems in the past with people who have not paid their dues being in the lodge when they should not have been. We also have several new officers this year who may not know you as well as other officers do. If they ask for your card, please show it to them. We are not asking to harass or inconvenience you so please do not be rude to the officers or volunteers who are just doing their job. If you have an issue with being asked to show your membership card, please see either the Exalted Ruler or myself and we will be happy to discuss your concerns with you in a respectful way.

Duane Hagemann  
Leading Knight



## City of Salem Proclamation

### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, was founded in New York City 153 years ago, and today has nearly 2,000 lodges nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, the fraternal organization was established in Salem 125 years ago, on April 21, 1896 as Lodge #336, and is dedicated to community service by instilling the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity; and

**WHEREAS**, Salem Elks have given back more than \$17 million in volunteer hours and donations to the Salem community, including \$10,000 in student scholarships, an annual donation of \$10,000 to support unhoused veterans transitioning to stable housing, as well as \$15,000 for children of veterans and Oregon National Guard members, which included 24 families with 63 children in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Salem Elks have also supported children by purchasing holiday gifts for those at the Oregon School for the Deaf, donating backpacks filled with school supplies, and general charitable support to numerous local nonprofit agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, as a longstanding community partner, Salem Elks Lodge #336 and its members deserve recognition for making Salem a better place for all residents the past 125 years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2021, as

#### ORDER OF THE ELKS DAY IN SALEM

and encourage residents to recognize and appreciate the many years of service the Elks have contributed to the community.

DATED this twelfth day of April 2021.



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Chuck Bennett  
Mayor

## From the Lodge Secretary

Hello all, I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather we had in mid-April. Just seeing the daffodils and other spring flowers in bloom gave my outlook a little lift. We are really picking up with members coming to the lodge. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday dinners have been at near capacity but as people leave we can admit more members. Everyone is wearing masks and keeping their distance. It is so good to see everyone again. We are also seeing more members attending lodge meetings. Nearly two-thirds of our members have paid their dues and we have had a number of reinstatements and transfers from other lodges. In April we initiated eight new members so if you see new faces please introduce yourself and welcome them. That is the only way we are going to keep our lodge growing. I have heard that some of you have been having trouble getting through to the office particularly when you dial my 321 extension. This seems to be an intermittent problem because we continually test the number and get through. We are working with the phone company to figure out what we can do about it. We do apologize for the inconvenience. As a reminder, if you do get through to my extension and I don't answer, please, please leave a message to return your call and I will return your call as soon as possible. I may be on the other line, helping a member in the office, checking in supplies or showing a prospective member around the lodge and informing them what we are all about and what we do for the community. You are all important which is why I ask you to leave a message so I can help you. Our the transitioning Homeless Veterans Welcome Home Kits project is in need of supplies which were listed in the April Elklet. Easter Seals finds a home for the Vets and the Elks fills the boxes with most of the necessities needed to start up their home. I went to Walmart Tuesday and purchased some of the needed supplies. We are asking members to donate these supplies if they are able. Easter Seals have given us a list of what is needed and we ask that you follow the list of needed supplies and not to add to this list. We fill the boxes with identical supplies so everything is equal. I want to thank the members and groups who have generously donated money to fill a number of the boxes. This is truly a great cause and a way to thank our Vets for their service and sacrifice. It costs around \$200 to fill a box. If you want to donate, make checks out to Salem Elks #336. If you have questions, please contact Blake Whitson at cbwhitson83@gmail.com or call the office at 503-364-6839. Thank you all for supporting the lodge this past year, I know it has been rough but we will survive!

Let me leave you with this:

**“Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, dump it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish them.”**

Jan Sloan, Lodge Secretary

## Lodge Officers

### Exalted Ruler

Darrell Rysavy, PCB

### Leading Knight

Duane Haggeman

### Loyal Knight

Guy Smith, PER

### Lecturing Knight

Retha Siegel

### Secretary

Jan Sloan

### Treasurer

Linda Loop, PCB

### Inner Guard

Randy Peckham, PER

### Tiler

Dustin Yancey

### Esquire

Dan Loop, PER

### Chaplain

Carol Meyer

### Trustees

Ken Eschliman Bob Moody, PER/  
PCB ~ Bill Myers, PER

### Past Exalted Rulers/Past Chairman of the Board Association

President Blake Whitson, PER PCB  
Secretary Darrell Rysavy, PCB

### Grand Exalted Ruler

Paul R. Ryan

Willmar, MN Lodge #952

### North Central District Deputy

### Grand Exalted Ruler

Mark Johnson

Independence Lodge #1950

### North Central District OSEA

### 4th Year Vice President

C. Blake Whitson

Salem Lodge #336

## Honored Elks

### Officer of the Year 2020-2021

Dan Loop, PER

### Elk of the Year 2020-2021

Freddee Whitson

### 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 Credentials & Nominating and Golf Chair

Mike Carter, PER/PCB

### NC District ENF Chair

Bill Myers, PER

# MAY 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

## 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 disrupcions 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.

## May Important Dates

May 1 - PER/PCB Night  
May 13 - Special Presentation on Cemetary Plots  
May 15 - Veterans House Warming Party  
May 22 - End of Winter Picnic

# MAY 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	1  Saturday Night Meal Deal
2  Lodge Closed	3  Lodge Closed	4  Taco Tuesday  RV Club Meeting	5  Wednesday Night Dinner Prime Rib	6  Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Friday Night Dinner  Queen of Hearts  Karaoke	8  Saturday Night Meal Deal
9  Lodge Closed	10  Lodge Closed	11  Taco Tuesday	12  Wednesday Night Dinner	13 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm Special presentation on Elks Cemetary Plots	14 Friday Night Dinner  Queen of Hearts  Karaoke	15  Salem Elks Veterans House warming party
16  Lodge Closed	17  Lodge Closed	18  Taco Tuesday	19  Wednesday Night Dinner Prime Rib	20  lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Friday Night Dinner  Queen of Hearts  Karaoke	2  End of Winter Picnic
23  Lodge Closed	24  Lodge Closed	25  Taco Tuesday	26  Wednesday Night Dinner	27  lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Friday Night Dinner  Queen of Hearts  Karaoke	29  Saturday Night Meal Deal
30  Lodge Closed	31  Lodge Closed					

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

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By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

The RV Club is meeting regularly as Covid Virus restrictions are being gradually eased by the state authorities. The April business meeting had 21 members present and two guests, friends of the Wings. The two guests, Dave and Sharom McMurray officially joined our club after the meeting ended. More about them later. The usual business reports were made and the club is in good financial shape. Bill Myers asked for the club to donate \$400 to purchase “move in” boxes for veterans transitioning from a homeless situation. These veterans, with assistance from the VA and other charitable organizations are helped to improve their lives in many ways including getting jobs. They move into homes that are usually unfurnished and the lodge has been providing basic household items in the move in boxes. Each box costs about \$200. After the club approved the \$400 three generous club members: Jim Klopp, Pat Baker, and Henry Blackwell added to the club donation bringing the total amount to \$1,200. Now to some information about our two newest members.

Dave and Sharon McCurry met their senior year of high school in Sacramento. They spent the second semester falling in love, but as many high school sweet hearts do, they went their separate ways after graduation. Dave joined the Navy working in electronics. Since the Viet Nam war was nearing a close, he went on working in electronics in the public sector in both software and hardware and teaching in a community college. Sharon went to college in San Francisco where she studied music, accounting and paralegal courses. It was 35 years after graduation while she was working for Intel in Folsom, California, that Dave found her through Classmates.com. They married a year & 1/2 later in Salem in 2002. Together they have 5 children and 16 grandchildren with 2 more on the way later this year.

That’s all for this month folks.

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## Note of Thanks

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Salem Elks Lodge for all of their friendship and support over the years. Without I would not be where I am today or embarking on this new chapter in the Elks. I will always be grateful to the membrs of Salem lodge for all you have taught me and the experiences of the last several years.

I look forward to the future as we continue working together for our lodge and beyond.

C. Blake Whitson

Oregon State Elks Association 4th Year Vice President - North Central District

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## DID YOU KNOW????

Salem Elks Lodge 336 has casket and cremation plots for sale for lodge members. We will be having a presentation at the lodge meeting on May 13th if you have an interest in a burial plot at come to the lodge meeting to learn more about the Elks Circle at City View Cemetary.

If you cannot make it to the meeting but would still like information your may contact Past Exalted Rulery Gary Felling at 503-559-9161 who is chair of the cemetary plots and can answer any questions you might have.



## 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:

- **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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# 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