



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

Looks like we are getting closer to opening without restrictions. We are starting to get more events scheduled like the blood drives we have scheduled on August 25th from 9am to 2pm and on September 7th from 1 to 6pm.

To change subjects, we are shorthanded so please be respectful to the lodge staff. They are going as fast as they can. Please do not talk about the staff behind their backs as they can often hear you and if the staff report this to me you will be asked to leave the lodge. This includes your guests; everyone is responsible for the guests the bring into the lodge as well as being good Elks. If you have issues, please get me or one of the board members, they will have their lodge shirts on. DO NOT complain to the bartender, server, and kitchen workers as they have work to do.

Finally, it has been brought up about not having your favorite beer or wine available. It is not that we have stopped carrying it, but we are continuing to deal with supplier issues from our various vendors. And frankly, our accounts with our vendors are not big enough to put us on the top of the list to get product limited supplies become available. But we are doing the best we can. Once everything fully reopens and supply chains across the country are back not normal, we should not have these issues.

Darrell Rysavy, Exalted Ruler

From the Lecturing Knight

Hello all

I am saddened by the news of one of our members passing . He will be greatly missed

On a lighter note , I would like to give a BIG thank you to our bartender , server and cook. They are AWESOME at what they do. Lets show them how much they are appreciated. Our End of winter picnic was a huge BLAST !!!! and I would like to give a huge thank you to our volunteers who helped.

Congrats to Dan Loop on his retirement ! Best wishes on your new journey in life. I hope all of you have a great 4th

There will be lots of events coming up so stay tuned :) .

Retha Siegel
Lecturing Knight



Oma's End of Winter Patio Picnic

By Oma

I just want to thank all the volunteers who participated in the 16th annual Oma's End of Winter Patio Picnic. Thanks to all those who cleaned the patio, sold the 50-50 tickets & the basket tickets. The ingredients and the baskets themselves were donated by those same volunteers. Thanks to the guys who went to Newport to pick up the oysters and then cooked them on the BBQ. Thanks to the rest of the men who BBQed the other foods.

Thanks to the ladies who prepared the food and served it. And to Retha who did all the clean-up. She deserves special thanks.

A special thanks goes out to Bill Stuhr for providing the music free of charge, something he's done almost every year since we started this adventure. Love you, Bill.

Thanks to those who did the set-up and tear down. The weather was good and we had a nice turnout. We made a few dollars to donate to the lodge for needed improvements. Ideas accepted.

If I've forgotten someone, I'm very sorry, Blame it on Old Age, My thanks to you all. I hope you had fun, I did.

In closing I'd like to recommend a nice raise for Dee Dee and McKenna. They really deserve one for their good work.

Tough Year Could Bolster Brighter Future

By Mary Williams, Area 8 Grand Lodge Government Relations and Past State President of the Oregon State Elks Association

Do you see it? It's getting bigger! It's the light at the end of the tunnel! Don't give up, don't ever give up. We can do this together. There are so many clichés that apply to our situation today. And they are all true.

We are coming out of this pandemic better, stronger, and more compassionate than ever. We've seen the worst of times; now we're ready for the best of times. I am encouraged when I hear so many Lodges initiating not one or two new Members, but ten, fifteen or twenty members at a time. I ask, where are you finding these new Members?

The answer, when everything was closed—restaurants, churches, schools, and many other businesses—the Elks were delivering food and supplies to those who were afraid or unable to go out. The Elks were checking on friends and neighbors, the elderly and those facilities who take care of the most vulnerable population. The Elks were still working to help every community, doing whatever needed to be done, and didn't ask for anything in return. So now that people are getting vaccinated, and are trying so desperately to get back to some part of normal, our neighbors want to join our organization. They want to help our communities, and the Elks know how to do this. Wow! Doesn't that make you proud to be an Elk?

I sincerely hope our Lodges have been keeping track of all they have been doing in our communities. Recording the countless hours, not only Elks hours, but time spent by family and friends who worked alongside the Elks. The miles driven to buy and deliver food and supplies. The money, the clothes, the everyday necessities, the grants that were used to provide for our veterans and families in need.

We must show our Government what we do with our time and money. This is our way to continue to do the great things we do as a charitable organization. Now is the time to go to your legislators and find out what bills are being presented that may affect the Elks. Ask your Lodge Government Relations person how you can track these bills. You will be amazed how some bills are attached to other bills that have nothing to do with charity. If they get passed, we lose. If we lose our charitable status, our money will be used to pay taxes instead of charity work in our communities. We must be diligent, to protect ourselves and those we serve.

We are like The Little Engine That Could: slow and steady, we just keep chugging along. Stay safe, and take care of each other. See you in Tampa!

From the Lodge Secretary

By Jan Sloan, Lodge Secretary

Well, here we are into summer. We have mailed out dues notices and letters to our delinquent members and have been getting a good response. I know the last year has been weird. It's hard to remember to pay dues when you can't come to the lodge. We are down to 78 delinquent members which is great. Last month I said my goal was to get this number down to zero without having to drop anyone and get to a plus 1 for the year. I know now I won't get that down to zero but hopefully get really close. We sent out 96 dues notices with letters and so far 18 have responded for which I thank you. By the first week of this month I hope to have called the remainder of the delinquents. I have a rather strange request of the membership. If you know of a member who has passed, please let us know. Unless someone lets us know of a member's passing, we keep sending notices and making phone calls. I check the obits daily and sometimes find that a member has passed but this information isn't always published. Hopefully we will be up and running full speed by the time you get this Elklet. We have been busy setting up both lodge events and outside events. June was pretty busy with a blood drive, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's Appreciation dinner, a retirement party, the Flag Day ceremony, a National Guard retirement party and the Ducks Unlimited meeting and auction. July is also filling up with events. It is so great seeing everyone coming back and supporting the lodge. I feel the need to share something that has been happening on our two busiest nights of the week, Wednesday and Friday nights. We are trying to keep our costs down because we get "dinged" by the powers that be for dining costs. We have the bartender, a cook or two, a server and a couple of volunteers to work those two nights. They are doing the best they can to keep up with the orders and delivering your meals. Some members have been treating our staff and volunteers in a totally unacceptable manner. Apparently these members feel entitled to be served first and right away as if they are the only customer. We will not tolerate our staff being treated this way. If this continues, we will ask that you take your business elsewhere. When you see a server with his/her hands full, don't stop them and ask for condiments. All the condiments can be found on the high top table by the server's station. Due to Covid we can't put silverware or condiments on the table before you order. Another option to quickly get your meal ordered and delivered is to hire more staff on those nights which we then would have to increase our prices accordingly. Right now where could you get a prime rib dinner meal for \$12? If anyone has been to the grocery store recently you have noticed that the prices on everything have gone up, sometime by a considerable amount. Recently, we had to increase our prices but they still are very reasonable. I want to leave this message on a positive note. Thank goodness these folks who complain are a small minority and the majority of you folks are great and treat our staff with respect and we appreciate and thank you.

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".

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

Darrell Rysavy, PCB

Leading Knight

Duane Haggeman

Loyal Knight

Howard Bauman, PCB

Lecturing Knight

Retha Siegel

Secretary

Jan Sloan

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Tiler

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Dan Loop, PER

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Carol Meyer

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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

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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

JULY 2021 EVENTS

Special Events

GL National Convention— July 4th - 7th, The Grand Lodge National Convention will be held in Tampa Florida. Check page 6 for details on how you can follow the proceedings.

Salem Saturday Market— July 17th, Come see us at the Salem Saturday Market and get your Salem Elks Lodge Re-useable Shopping Bag!!! You can also volunteer to help out at our table!

Family Picnic— August 7th, Join us for the annual Family Picnic! Details on pg. 8

Evening Under the Stars 12th Anniversary Celebration— August 28th, Join us as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Salem Elks Lodge! Details on pg. 7

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

Face Masks Policy

In compliance with OHA and CDC guidance, those wishing to not wear a face mask must show proof of vaccination (this can either be the paper vaccination card or photo of it on your mobile device). Those who have not been vaccinated or who do not wish to show proof of vaccination will still be required to wear face masks while in the lodge and not seated at a table eating or drinking. We know many disagree with this, but it is what we are required to do by guidance issued by state authorities. Some of you may also believe this to be a violation of HIPAA laws, however as legal experts have pointed out in numerous articles as the lodge is not a HIPAA covered entity asking for voluntary disclosure does not constitute a violation. And as stated above you do have the right to not show proof of vaccination, but you will be required to wear a face mask if you do not in accordance with state guidance. Hopefully as the vaccination rate increases and the case count continues to fall we can move away from these measures. We thank you for your understanding that we are doing our best to comply with public health directives as they pertain to the health and safety of our members and employees. If you have any questions regarding this policy please direct them to a member of the Board of Directors.

July Important Dates

July 1 - PER/PCB Night
July 4-7th - Grand Lodge Convention - Tampa
July 6 - RV Club Meeting
July 15 - Unofficial VP Visitation
July 17 - Salem Saturday Market
July 29 - Initiation

JULY 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
4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Closed	6 Taco Tuesday RV Club Meeting 7pm	7 Wednesday Night Dinner Prime Rib	8 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	10 Saturday Night Meal Deal
11 Lodge Closed	12 Lodge Closed	13 Taco Tuesday	14 Wednesday Night Dinner	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm Unofficial Vice President Visitation	16 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	17 Saturday Night Meal Deal Salem Saturday Market
18 Lodge Closed	19 Lodge Closed	20 Taco Tuesday	21 Wednesday Night Dinner Prime Rib	22 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	24 Saturday Meal Deal
25 Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed	27 Taco Tuesday	28 Wednesday Night Dinner	29 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Initiation	30 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	31 Saturday Meal Deal

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

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

This article begins with some really good news. Our last several business meetings have been conducted without a sound system and hearing the discussions is almost impossible for many members who have hearing loss. The lodge has provided a very nice sound system for use in the Nest meeting room. The system was obtained and installed by Dan Loop the lodge Electrician who gave generously of his time and expertise on the project. When you see him let him know how much his efforts are appreciated. The last camp out was arranged by the Wings and Washburns at Wapiti RV Park with 11 club rigs attending. The arrival meal was prepared by the hosts and consisted of generous helpings of a hearty taco soup followed by decadent deserts to top off the meal. The group participated in several activities including a visit to the Believe it or Not Ripley Museum in Newport and a dinner at the Pig N Pancakes restaurant. A washoe tournament was held but it seems no one remembers who the winners were, just another bit of evidence that getting older does have an effect on our memories.

As I promised last month I will introduce Tom and Carol Mauer our newest members. Tom is a US Army Vietnam veteran who was born and raised in Oregon. He is retired from retail services. He enjoys woodworking and makes a wide variety of items including bowls, tables, "cat condos", toy boxes, book shelves, display cases, a computer desk and recently completed a fun dream project - a personal boat! It is just a model but who knows it may become a full sized project some day. Carol was an RN for 47 years before retiring. She worked in many areas of the hospital, office nursing & home health. The last 23 years of her career was in school health specializing in medical fragile/multiple handicapped kids. Carol and Tom love ocean cruising and have seen much of the world together over the past 8 years. Their most recent sailing was to South America, Antarctica and the Amazon. We are happy to welcome them into our RV Club.

Elks Social Media Sites to Follow

Want the latest news on what is going on in the Lodge, the District, and the State association? Make sure you are following the following Facebook pages for the Elks

Salem Elks Lodge: <https://www.facebook.com/salemelks336>

Oregon North Central District: <https://www.facebook.com/ORNCBPOElks>

Oregon State Elks Association: <https://www.facebook.com/OregonStateElksAssociation>

How to Follow the Grand Lodge National Convention in Tampa



"TAMPA TIME"
with PGER Mike Smith Hosted by Rick Gathen

Featuring Daily Highlights
of the Grand Lodge Convention
in Tampa FL
Starting Sunday, July 4th

BPOE TV 
Elks

Sunday - Guest Appearance by GER Paul Ryan
Monday - Where to "Eat, Drink and Play" in Tampa
Tuesday - Guest Appearance by Endorsed Candidate for GER Keith Mills

Get daily highlights of the Grand Lodge Convention by following BPOE TV on Facebook! Appearance by GER Paul Ryan and Endorsed Candidate for GER Keith Mills.

You can also follow the Oregon State Elks Association Facebook Page and the North Central District Facebook page for updates from the Oregon Delegation as well as from the District.



An Evening Under The Stars

*In Celebration of the 125th Anniversary
of the Salem Lodge No. 336*

No Host Cocktails 4:30

Dinner at 6pm

Remarks and Entertainment to follow

Dinner \$25 per person

10oz Ribeye steak with sautéed shrimp, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll, salad, and dessert

Or

Vegetarian Lasagna, roll, salad, and dessert

price includes 1 drink ticket.

Please RSVP no later than August 20th.

RSVP's can be called into the lodge office at 503-364-6839

or to Blake Whitson at 541-570-9262 or blake.orncelks@gmail.com

Dress is business.

Oregon Green for those entitled



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The Annual Salem ELks Family
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Save the Date!!!!!!
Saturday August 7th

More information in the August Eklet and by the
email blast.

Make sure to sign up for email updates by emailed
volunteer@salemelks.org for the lates!!!