



THE SALEM ELKLET

The newsletter for Salem Elks Lodge #336

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Lodge Meeting:
Thursdays 7:00 PM

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday
9AM - 1:30 PM

Club Hours:

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

CLOSED

**Sunday & Monday
MAY BE OPEN FOR
SPECIAL EVENTS**

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Exalted Rulers Message

by Darrell Rysavy

Hi from your Exalted Ruler,

It's hard to believe it's almost the end of the year. We had a live band on October 30th that brought in over 30 people who all had a great time. We are looking into have the live band again in the future. We would like to hear from you. We are also looking into have a fence put on the lodge property to keep the homeless out. The Church in the Park next door to us has cut the trees down on their land on to put small homes in for the homeless.

We are going to be very busy over the next two months with Thanksgiving and Christmas so please come on down and support the lodge. We will be looking for volunteers to help around the lodge for the holidays so please come on down. I want to thank all of the people for helping. Everybody did a great job so thank you very much. Queen of Hearts is in Fridays and continues to go great. We are up to over \$2,000 for the winner so come and buy tickets and find that queen. We are also having Horse Race Bingo on Wednesdays so come on down and take some money home for the holidays. There will be a New Year's Eve Party and lots to do. Everybody have a safe and great holidays and have fun.

Thanks from your Exalted Ruler.

From the Station of the Loyal Knight

by Howard Bauman

The motto of this station is Justice. It is represented on the Alter by the open Bible. Justice can take two forms: justice of revenge and justice to avenge wrongs. Elkdom chooses the later. When we think of meting out Justice we tend towards avenging those wrongs done to individuals or under-represented members of society. Learning to use wisdom, fairness, and being just in all our decisions make us better people. We all affirm we believe in God as part of our oath. The belief in a creator is not exclusive to Christianity. Here is a quote from a Sufi teaching: Past the seeker as he prayed came the crippled and the beggar and the beaten. And seeing them...he cried, "Great God, how is it that a loving creator can see such things and yet do nothing about them?"...God said, "I did do something. I made you."

Let us remember that we as individuals and ELKS have a duty to bring justice to those who cannot defend themselves. I will leave you with this thought: "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.~



From the Station of the Lecturing Knight

Hello all!!!! We had a great time at the Halloween party and the Trunk Or Treat. We had more candy than we did kids, but it was still a lot of fun. Mother Nature won 3rd; A Pirate won 2nd. And Father time won first. Pictures will be coming soon of all of those that I took. I want to send a GREAT BIG HUG AND

THANK YOU to all who took part in helping with our cake walk donation, and our spirit donation AND with the Trunk and Treat and party. Next year will be better! Okay now for some future happenings, we will be having our annual News Years Party and Breakfast. Starting in January our Elklet will have some changes, I will announce what it is later on. Trust me you will enjoy it. I made a mistake in the last Elklet. Jim York is not our chairman with our membership committee. He is the co-chairman. I'm sorry for this mistake. He has some very good ideas to get our new members back. Our Ladies of The Elks are doing good, but we need more ladies to help with some projects I have in mind for us to do. So please come join us for some fun times. Next year our very own Dan and Linda Loop will be going "North To Alaska" (this is a song) So we will need some volunteers to help with Queen of Hearts and Horse Race Bingo. I for one will miss them greatly. Elections will soon upon us! So think about who you would like to be elected.

Let's all stay healthy and well and I will see you all at the lodge and hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving

Your Lecturing Knight
Retha Siegel

THANK YOU SALEM LODGE!

I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to the entire Salem Lodge for hosting the recent Oregon State Elks Association Presidents Visitation to our district. We started off the visitation Friday night when OSEA President Rick Shipley joined Representative Raquel Moore-Green in presenting the lodge with the ceremonial copy of the resolution from the Oregon Legislature honoring our lodges anniversary. What a great way to start off the visit! Then on Saturday we had the official visitation dinner. In addition the President Shipley we had 4 of our OSEA Vice Presidents, 3 of our OSEA Trustees, and 5 appointed OSEA officers. So quite the group of dignitaries and special guests. And in the Presidents Auction our district raised nearly \$3,000 for charity.

But this weekend would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers. I would like to thank Freeman Motors for the donated use of a Mercedes SUV to transport the presidents party on Saturday. I would also like to thank Carol Moody, Irene Brostrum, Freddee Whitson, and Beverly Bunch for making the desserts for Saturday. And how about that dinner? Special thanks to Doll Boddy, Joaquin Tudela, Percy Torres, Charley Torres, Tonie Doromal, Cil Calvo, Terry Ramirez, Rufino Ramirez, Andrea Taimanao, Josephine Fejeran, Dorothy Reed, Larry Reed, Ray Villagomez, and Connie Guerrero for cooking that amazing island feast we had for dinner as well as decorating and coordinating the evening. Mike Carter was also a huge help in planning and coordinating as well as setting everything up for Saturday night. And finally, the students of Cascade High School for serving and the students of McKay high school for sharing their dancing with us. Without this volunteers the visitation would not have been possible. These volunteers donated their time, they donated ingredients, decorations, and more. These donations amounted to thousands in donated time and materials. So make sure to thank these folks the next time you see them at the lodge. Thanks to them our lodge shined like a star above the islands of the pacific on Saturday night.

~ Blake Whitson, OSEA Vice Presidnet, North Central District

From the Lodge Secretary

by Jan Sloan

Members and friends, it just doesn't seem like this year can possibly be nearing the end but as long as it takes Covid with it, I'm okay. November was a really busy month. We had our free Veterans Day luncheon and our State President's visitation. We then moved on to the Turkey Shoot which brought in money to fund our Christmas food boxes. Then on to our free Thanksgiving lunch. A big thank you to all those volunteers who made our events successful. Other events scheduled are the Christmas shopping for our Veterans families and the distribution of food boxes. We also have a number of private parties scheduled for the month of December as well as a couple of blood drives. If you would like to volunteer at any of these events, please call the office and let us know. Our calendar doesn't have enough room to list our private events so if you call the office we can let you know what we have going. Our mandatory Elks Memorial service has been moved from Sunday, December 5 to Sunday, December 12 at 10:00am. This service is to recognize those members who have passed this year.

This is also the time of year where we all can count our blessings and give what we can to the less fortunate. We are down to 16 delinquent members and notices and letters have been sent out. We hope these members will continue to be a part of our organization. Some of the lodges are using a new dues mailing system that will save them time and money. We are looking into moving to this system and will let you know what we have decided. Instead of printing and mailing out the notices ourselves, Grand Lodge will take care of this and a return envelope will be included. You can still mail your check to the lodge, pay over the phone or stop by to pay your dues. There will be a slight increase in dues this next year, \$100.00 #336 dues plus \$24.00 for Grand Lodge and \$4.15 for the state association dues for a total of \$128.15. A spouse card will still be \$5.00. That comes to \$10.68 per month, not a bad deal for a nice safe place to eat, drink and socialize.

For those of you from other lodges who frequent our lodge, please consider applying for an associate membership for Salem. This means you can use your card to get into the lodge instead of having to buzz in. This also helps the bartender who has to stop what she's doing to buzz you in or send someone to the door to let you in. An associate membership is only \$20.00 for the year, please think about it. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and will join us to bring in the new year. More on this later. Let me leave you with this:

"Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress about the future, it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make it beautiful."

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

Darrell Rysavy, PCB

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Howard Bauman, PCB

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Retha Siegel

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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

NC District Credentials & Nominating and Golf Chair

Mike Carter, PER/PCB

NC District ENF Chair

Bill Myers, PER

DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS

Special Events

Elks Memorial— Dec 12th, Join us for our annual service in remembrance of our departed members.. Details on Pg 8

Lodge Christmas— Dec 19th, Join us for a little get together for Christmas at the lodge. Details below.

New Years Eve— Dec 31st, Join us for our annual New Years Eve bash with dinner, games, and music to ring in the new year. Details on Pg 7

New Years Breakfast— Jan 1st, Join us after New Years eve for breakfast at the lodge with the traditional Elks Milk. 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

December Important Dates

Dec 2 - PER/PCB Meeting 6pm
Dec 7 - RV Club Meeting 7pm
Dec 12 - Elks Memorial Service
Dec 19 - Lodge Christmas Party
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve (LODGE CLOSED)
Dec 25 - Christmas (LODGE CLOSED)
Dec 31 - New Years Eve Party
Jan 1 - New Years Breakfast



Sunday December 19th
Join us for a lodge Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange.

1pm to 4pm

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday Closed	Monday Closed	Tuesday 4pm - 9pm	Wednesday 4pm - 9pm	Thursday 4pm-9pm	Friday 4pm - 9pm	Saturday 4pm - 9pm
			1 Wednesday Night Dinner Horse Race Bingo	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm PER/PCB Meeting 6pm	3 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	4 Saturday Night Meal Deal
5 Lodge Closed	6 Lodge Closed	7 Taco Tuesday RV Club 7pm	8 Wednesday Night Dinner Horse Race Bingo	9 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	11 Saturday Night Meal Deal
12 Elks Memorial Service 10am	13 Lodge Closed	14 Taco Tuesday	15 Wednesday Night Dinner Horse Race Bingo	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Friday Night Dinner Queen of Hearts Karaoke	18 Saturday Night Meal Deal
19 Lodge Christmas Party Cookie Exchange 1-4	20 Lodge Closed	21 Taco Tuesday	22 Wednesday Night Dinner Horse Race Bingo	23 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	24 Closed for Christmas Eve	25 Closed for Christmas
26 Lodge Closed	27 Lodge Closed	28 Taco Tuesday	29 Wednesday Night Dinner Horse Race Bingo	30 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	31 New Years Eve Party Queen of Hearts	1 Open for breakfast and Elks Milk

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

By John Trammell, RV Club Reporter

During October the RV Club was pretty much inactive other than a few social gatherings for cards and other board games, getting together socially with other 336ers is always a pleasure. In November 22 members met for dinner at the MacClay Country Inn, an outing arranged by Bill and JoAnna Maddux and Jim and Karen Klopp. Other activities planned are a holiday dinner December 18 at the lodge and, as usual many 336ers will participate New Year festivities conducted by the Salem Elks Lodge. There will be no RV Club business meeting in January. Darel and Pat Jones are arranging a club brunch for February but so far nothing has been planned for March. The Wings have arranged the first camp out for 2022 at Wapiti RV Park for April 18 to 22, if you have suggestions for camp outs contact Wagon Master Bill Maddux.

At the November club business meeting there were 21 members and 1 guest present. The guest was Ralond Troncin (Ralond is the correct spelling) who expressed an interest in joining our group but will do so later. We also gained a new member, Darlene Bryant who is Ray Cunningham's partner. Darlene was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and moved to Oregon at a very young age in 1941. She grew up working on the family farm west of Salem and later worked for Salem Hospital in the Physical Therapy Department. Darlene plays the fiddle and she Ray are members of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' Association. Maybe they will perform for us in the future. That's all for this month folks.

The Season of CHARITY

This is our season of charity, we ask that you remember those less fortunate especially this time of year. We will again be offering our holiday food boxes, shopping for the kids at the Oregon School for the Deaf, and providing Christmas gifts for the children of our veterans and service members in need. Your generosity in the form of donations and volunteering is invaluable. So please help us make the holidays just a little brighter for those around us and help support our Christmas charity projects. To learn how you can help contact Blake Whitson, Freddee Whitson, Mike Carter, or the lodge office.

"If you want to arrange it this world, you can change it if we could somehow make this Christmas thing last by helping a neighbor or even a stranger to know who needs help You need only just ask" - Trans Siberian Orchestra "Old City Bar"

NEW YEAR'S EVE

CASINO ROYALE

Party



*Join us once again for a New Years Eve at the Casino
Royale!!!!
Friday December 31st*

Lodge will open at 4pm

\$30 per person includes:

**Dinner of steak and shrimp or chicken cordon bleu with vegetable,
potato, salad, roll, and dessert**

Champagne toast at 9pm for New York New Years and at Midnight

Breakfast on New Years Day starting at 9am with Elks Milk

Casino games with prizes

And music all night by the One Night Only Band and Brian St. Peter

Please make reservations by calling the lodge.

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*It is the golden hour of recollection,
the homecoming of those who wander,
the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.
Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never
forsaken.*

The Elks Memorial Service

Sunday December 12

Service starts at 10am

Please join us in paying tribute to our
departed members.

