

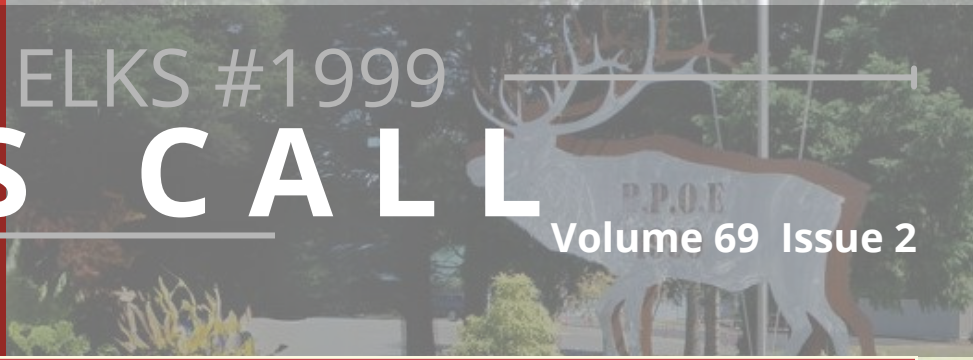
ST. HELENS ELKS #1999

# ELKS CALL

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## *You are invited to the annual* **“Dinner with the Past Exalted Rulers”**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024**

Enjoy a Valentine's themed evening-

*Love is Timeless!*

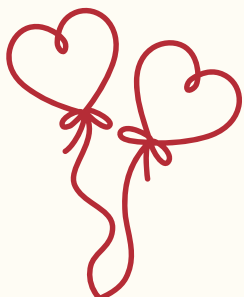
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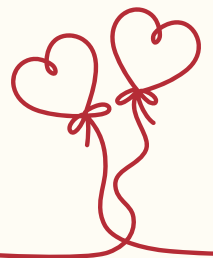
**COCKTAIL HOUR 4:30 - 5:30**  
**DINNER 5:30 - 8:00**  
**MUSIC 8:00 - 11 ish**

Enjoy a Dinner of either  
Beef Medallions w/ Demi-Glace Sauce  
or  
Bacon Wrapped Chicken w/ Hollandaise Sauce  
Sides of Fresh Vegetable Medley and Roasted Herbed Potatoes  
Includes Choice of Soup or Salad  
Dessert is included  
- \$25 per meal -

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY “THE HORN DAWGS”**



**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR DINNER CHOICE  
AND NUMBER OF GUESTS ONLINE AT  
OUR WEBSITE OR AT THE LODGE ON  
THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE BAR BY  
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024.**



IT'S  
BACK!

# TACO TUESDAY

Dinner Served  
5 to 8 PM

+ BINGO  
FEBRUARY 20TH



## Tacos - \$3 each

Ground beef, tomatoes, onions, queso with sour cream and salsa on the side. Choice of hard corn tortillas or flour.

## Loaded Nachos w/ Creamy Queso - \$12

\$10 per Card

EACH CARD PLAYS ~5 GAMES

Card Sales 5 to 5:50 pm

Calling starts at 6 pm

THE MORE *The bigger*  
PLAYERS *the winnings*

Come Support This Event So It Keeps  
Coming Back Every Month!

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# MESSAGE FROM YOUR

# Exalted Ruler

To my fellow Elks,

Now that the holiday season is behind us, and hopefully the inclement weather, we look forward to the remainder of this Elk year. This doesn't mean that we can relax, there is still a lot of work to do. Looking at the lodge calendar, we still have upcoming events to plan and prepare for, not only for the Lodge business but for Club events too.

The most pending order of business is the election of next year's officers. The nominations for each elected position will be held during the first meeting in February. Traditionally, the chaired officers "move-up", with the Lecturing Knight moving to Loyal Knight, Loyal Knight to Leading Knight, and Leading Knight moving up to become next year's Exalted Ruler. This movement is the typical progression for the chaired officers, but it is never a guarantee, only the Members decide.

Any member in good standing may be nominated to a position and if contested, will lead to a vote from the membership to decide who will fill the role. As of this writing, our current Leading Knight, Ron Summers, is on the path to become next year's Exalted Ruler. I personally look forward to seeing him at the ER podium. If interested in becoming an officer for the Lodge year 2024-2025, please feel free to speak with Ron or myself.

February is also the time of the annual Past Exalted Ruler Night. We can expect a fun night where the PERs will take over the meeting for a night, conduct the business of the lodge, but will also hold several auctions as fundraisers for the Scholarship Fund. These nights historically have been very entertaining with lots of cheer and laughs.

In addition to all the Lodge business during this month, our Club Manager has prepared for some events and special dinners for our membership. For those that enjoy football, we can look forward to a Super Bowl party at our Lodge with a special buffet. Shortly after, a Valentine's Day dinner will be available with a special menu for that day. So, keep a close eye on the Lodge calendar and watch for the announcements in the bulletin updates.

One final thought. As mentioned previously, the completion of this Lodge year is just around the corner, which means that the Lodge budget will be reviewed and updated. For those serving as committee chairs, this is the time to bring your updated budgets for review at an upcoming Board meeting.

Fraternally Yours,

*Sean Williams*

EXALTED RULER



## Elks 156 Anniversary of BPOE

THE ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON  
FEBRUARY 16, 1868.

With a rich history spanning 156 years, the Elks have been unwavering in their commitment to community service, making a substantial impact through donations exceeding \$12 Billion. In the past year alone, their generosity reached \$399 million, reflecting their dedication to creating better communities.



# The Secretary's Corner

## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Members: 925

BALLOTING  
February 15th

Life Members: 88

ORIENTATION  
February 28th

Delinquent Members: 39

INITIATION  
February 29th

This month we will elect officers for the coming membership year of 2024/25, including a new secretary. I have resigned as secretary, effective April 1, 2024. The job is actually a lot easier than I have made it, and I will certainly help and provide guidance for the new secretary... who will likely be better at delegating than I have been. The secretary sets the office hours. Maybe she/he will institute evening office hours.

Secretary, Anne Cox

Office Hours  
M-T-W 11 am to 3 pm



Also this month you will be receiving or will have received a dues notice in the mail for the coming membership year. Please pay dues by April 1 so that you will not become a delinquent member. Remember also that your plastic key card is PERMANENT. Do not discard it, replacement keycards are \$25. Key cards of delinquent members will be disabled until dues are paid.

Kudos to Christine Turner, our Fraternal Membership Chair. 1. Our membership has vastly increased this year due to all the candidates being initiated each month. 2. The process from application to initiation has shortened due to her diligence. OK, she had help! But before Christine, some applicants had to wait two months or more after applying before being initiated. And 3. Our current delinquent count is at 40 due to her efforts in personally contacting these people. In all my years as secretary, the delinquent member count was never less than 50 at this time of year.

*New Members Candidates will be posted & read mid-February.*

*Reinstated:*

Chris Sharp  
Philip Sprague  
Jeffrey Crouse  
Michael Coddington

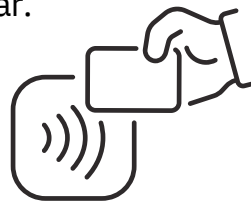
*Transferred in:*

Terry Aust  
Ronnie Knapp

*Affiliated:*

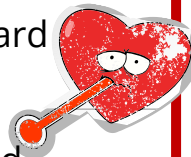
Dennis & Elizabeth Barnes

SAVE your  
RFID card.  
You don't  
get new cards  
issued each year.

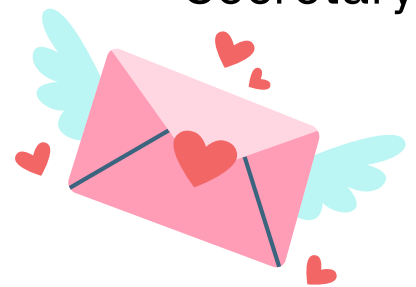


## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Alex Bubar  
Rebecca Bernard  
Jack Carter  
Al Widme  
David Backlund



Fraternally,  
*Anne Cox*  
Secretary



## HIDDEN MEMBER NUMBER

In each bulletin, you will find a hidden member number in [brackets]. If it is your number, please let the bartender know to claim your prize.

WIN!  
MONEY!



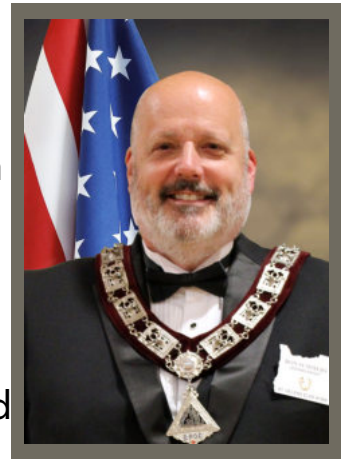
LUCKY STIFFS  
NONE!

## CRYING CORNER

\$80 Rick Austen #3399  
\$90 James Sloan #4168  
\$100 Don Melcher #3060  
\$100 David Sass #3320  
\$10 Ken Aho #4424  
\$100 Wendy Wilson #4434  
\$20 Michael Floeter #1675

## *“From your Leading Knight”*

As I sit down to write this, I think back to the first time I walked into the lodge. It was a Friday night and like every Friday night, things were hopping. I had lived and worked in St. Helens for almost 30 years and I was quite surprised to see how few people I knew. After all that time I was pretty sure I knew almost everyone in town, but there were so many new faces. Dan McMahon was the lecturing night at the time and he came over and introduced himself and asked if we would like a tour. He methodically took us around the lodge pointing out all the advantages of being a Member. The Members we knew welcomed us and even some of the Members we didn't know, but we could tell that this was something we wanted to be a part of. It was a turning point for us. Since then, we've met so many wonderful new people who have enriched our lives.



I have really enjoyed the years I have been a Member at Elks Lodge #1999. If you had asked me when I joined if I would be interested in becoming an officer of the Lodge, [3978] I'm sure I would have said no. Thankfully there were some Members who thought otherwise and much to my surprise I was elected Lecturing Knight. I can't thank those who pushed me out of my "comfort zone" enough. These last few years have been some of the best of my life. I can't imagine what life would have been like without the support of the Lodge. I look forward to sharing many more years to come with all of you.

Fraternally Yours,

**Ron Summers**

Esteemed Leading Knight



## **Meadowood Springs Fundraising UPDATE**

We are currently raffling three items to raise money for Meadowood.

1. Sundee's Sauce - 5 bottles of "higher end spirits" in unique bottles. Tickets are \$5 each. Drawing is February 29.
2. Free weekend use of a late model 31 ft RV which sleeps up to 8. 500 miles limit. Tickets are \$10 each. Drawing is April 11.
3. A new KAYO 200 Bull ATV. Tickets are \$20 each. (See ATV to the right!) Drawing is April 11.

Please see Sundee Hamrick, Alicia Garnes or Alex Roller for tickets. Tickets are also available from the duty bartender when he/she is not busy with regular duties.

Have a wonderful day!

*Sundee, Alicia and Alex*



## *“From your Loyal Knight”*

### **Our Biggest Responsibility**

For any new members in recent history, you have sat through my Orientation presentation where I encouraged you to get involved at whatever level you felt comfortable. I will often make a joke about some of us who have stepped up to be Officers that the Elks Lodge issued us a cot in the back room for how often we are at the Lodge. Don't get me wrong, it is a lot of work but it is also incredibly rewarding. Serving the Elks is an honor which I am proud to reciprocate.



Other members have found their niche within the lodge. For example, actively volunteering for annual events like Car Show or Beer Garden. Others have taken on recurring roles like Entertainment, Accounting, or Scholarship committees. Some members regularly volunteer to help cover work shifts for the Club. Many other members choose to support the Lodge by dining at a private club on Friday's and enjoying dinner specials on other nights. We have all gotten involved at the level with which we are comfortable, and everyone's participation is appreciated.

As this bulletin is published and we reach the start of February, every member of our Lodge should be involved with our biggest responsibility: Electing our leadership for the next year. The members we choose will lead our Lodge in the coming year, and hopefully beyond. Choosing the right members, and then unequivocally supporting that decision, will determine the success of our Lodge.

Your Chair Officers, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected every year. It is traditional, but not guaranteed, that Chair Officers will advance. Trustees automatically move thru their line. Each year you elect your incoming Trustee as a 5-year position that is not re-elected.

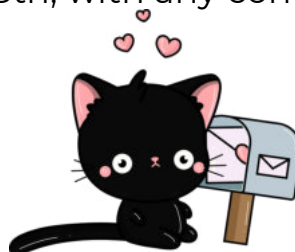
The last three times we elected a Lecturing Knight it was a contested election. This is NOT a divisive process. Having multiple members nominated for open Officer positions is something to be proud of. Many Lodges are not as fortunate and we should be thankful for our active and engaged membership.

True, a “contest” means we pick a winner and a loser, and that can appear to be difficult. However, February 2025 will be here before we know it. That will give a full year for the 2nd place candidate to get involved and demonstrate their leadership, before hopefully running for election again.

Sections 3.080, 3.090, and Appendix I of the Grand Lodge Statutes outlines all the dates and procedures for the annual election of Officers. For our Lodge in 2024, this means nominations on February 1st & 8th, with any contested positions determined by a written ballot on February 15th.

Vote for the Good of the Order.

**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS**



Fraternally,

*Eric Michael*

**LOYAL KNIGHT**



The 2023 Hoop Shoot was held on Saturday December 30th at the Pacific Athletic Club in Columbia City. Thank you to member Bo Kelley for generously letting us use the facility. Also thank you to the twenty volunteers who were present to handle the various duties involved with the event.



We had eight contestants show up for the event. Boys 10-11 age was the largest group and required a shoot-off to

determine 2nd & 3rd place. Our Lodge also advanced both a Boy & Girl in the 12-13 age groups to the District level.

The North District Hoop Shoot was held January 6th at the Seaside High School. It was hosted by the Seaside Lodge and officiated by the Beaverton & Hillsboro Lodges. This team of officials also manages the State & Regional competitions so we got a first-class showing of how a Hoop Shoot should be conducted.

The District competition was tough and our shooters did not advance to the State competition. Brantley West (boys 10-11) finished in 6th place. Linsey Davison and Danny Jeremiah in the 12-13 age groups both placed 2nd.



Danny Jeremiah & Linsey Davison represented St. Helens at the District competition with 2nd place finishes. Not shown is Brantley West who left before the event finished.

I want to start by saying **THANK YOU** to all the amazing people that volunteered their time to help the club through the crazy banquet season! Your help was greatly appreciated. We have another busy month ahead of us. February is full of activities and banquets, so if you are interested in volunteering, there are always sign up sheets at the bar, or you can come talk to me personally!



We have all new Lunch, Dinner, and Bar menus starting in February. It's going to take us a little while to finalize all the details in the POS, supplies, and training the staff. We aren't positive on the exact start date yet as a result, but will announce it via email. You will want to come check them out!

It's going to be a busy 2024!

Thank you,

*Meghan Walth*  
CLUB MANAGER

**NEW!** *Menu*  
COMING SOON



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JANUARY 23, 2024



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(NOT IN ORDER) Ed Anderson, Marla Anderson, Renay Bernard, Megan Bubar, Steven Bubar, Chelsea Hamilton, Jeff Hamilton, Bruce Pixley, Kathleen Harcourt, Jessica Irvin, George Kelly, Laurie Mulcahy, Keith Pense, Peter Roberts, Judy Sanseri and ER Sean Williams.

## ELKS OF THE MONTH

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH: ANNA WILLIAMSON

Anna has been quite involved with our Lodge and her efforts have not been unnoticed. She is a key player in the Entertainment Committee where she helps coordinate and execute events such as the recent Craft Day. Additionally, she answered a call for help in the Club, assisting wherever she could, and smiling the entire time. Thank you for all your hard work.

### ELK OF THE MONTH: TONI ANN IRISH

Toni Ann is our current Ritual Competition Coach. She has been working with the Officers to get us whipped into shape for the upcoming Ritual Competition. She's tough, and she has to be with this group, 😊, but she does it with love and has done a remarkable job. My favorite quote from a recent practice, "What are YOU doing?!". Thank you, Toni Ann, for taking the time to coach our team.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: ALICIA GARNES

Alicia is a relatively new member but she has been growing increasingly more visible in our Lodge. She assists with banquets, dinners, and finds ways to help wherever she can, and she does all this with her infectious smile. She is a great example of a new member finding a way to help out, jumps in, and never looks back. Thank you for all that you do.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



# FEBRUARY



SUN

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Open for Lunch Monday thru Friday 11:30 am

	<p><b>BULLETIN</b>   Submit info for <a href="#">March Bulletin</a> articles by <a href="#">Sunday</a>.  <b>February 18th ONLINE</b>  <a href="http://StHelensElks.org/Bulletin-Article-Submission">StHelensElks.org/Bulletin-Article-Submission</a></p>			<p><b>1</b> 5-7 PM Top Sirloin <i>Officer Nominations</i>  <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30</b>  <b>**LOE Dessert** Auction</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>  Dance Lessons  Cha Cha  7 to 7:45 PM  <small>Click for details.</small>  Dinner Special:  5-8:30 PM  <b>Pork Tacos</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Inventory 10 am</b>  <b>Craft Night: Paint Night -\$30</b>  Register <b>ONLINE</b>  <b>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Interviews</b>    Dinner Special:  5-7 PM  <b>Chicken Fried Steak</b>  <b>Ritual Practice 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>   <b>LOE Mtg 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>PER Mtg 6:30</b>  <b>BOD Mtg 7:00</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 5-7 PM Top Sirloin  <b>PER Annual Mtg</b>  <i>Nominations &amp; Elections</i>  <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>  Dance Lessons  Waltz  7 to 7:45 PM  <small>Click for details.</small>  Dinner Special:  5-8:30 PM  <b>Bacon Wrapped Filet</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>Dinner w/ the PERs RSVP by 2/5</b>  <b>See Cover</b></p>
<p><b>11</b>  <b>SUPERBOWL SUNDAY - Special Menu</b>    <b>Poker- 1 pm</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>Ritual Practice 6:00 pm</b>  <b>French Canadian Dinner Theme 5-7 PM</b>    Steak Poutine French Fries topped with steak, cheese curds and smothered in gravy</p>	<p><b>13</b>    Tech. Comm. Meeting 7 PM    <b>Entertainment Committee Mtg 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Valentine's Day - Special Menu</b>  </p>	<p><b>15</b> 5-7 PM Top Sirloin  <b>PEY Mtg 6:30</b>  <b>Veterans Committee 7:00</b>  <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>  Dance Lessons  Schottische  7 to 7:45 PM  <small>Click for details.</small>  <b>ELKS ANNIVERSARY</b>  Dinner Special:  5-8:30 PM  <b>Indian Buttered Chicken</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>Newlyweds Game 7 PM</b>    <b>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>18</b>   <b>CPR CLASSES</b>  Click for Details  </p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Ritual Practice 6:00 pm</b>  Dinner Special  <b>Swedish Meatballs 5-7 PM</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  5-8 PM  <b>TACOS</b>    <b>BINGO!</b>  Click for Details</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>BOD Mtg 7:00</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 5-7 PM Top Sirloin  <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>  Dance Lessons  Line Dancing  7 to 7:45 PM  <small>Click for details.</small>  Dinner Special:  5-8:30 PM  <b>Seafood Pasta</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>PEY Crab Feed 5 to 7 PM</b>  <b>RSVP by 2/19</b>    <b>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>SPECIAL MENU</b>  <b>Officer Take-Over &amp; CLUB Staff HOLIDAY PARTY</b>    <b>Poker- 1 pm</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Ritual Practice 6:30 pm</b>  Dinner Special:  5-7 PM  <b>Meatloaf</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Welcome! 7 PM Orientation</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 5-7 PM Top Sirloin  <b>Lodge Mtg + Initiation 7:30</b></p>	<p><b>Lodge Officer Elections</b>  Nominations are the first &amp; second meeting of February (February 1st and 8th). For any positions that have multiple candidates, the formal election &amp; balloting will be the 3rd meeting of the month (15th).  If you are interested in a position, speak to incoming ER Ron Summers or another officer for additional details.</p>	

## TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Sunday at 1 PM\*

BUY IN \$32

ONE REBUY BEFORE BREAK FOR \$27  
OPTIONAL \$10 ADD-ON AT BREAK

Game occur 2nd and 4th Sundays, unless conflicting holiday or event. Check Lodge Calendar.





January is the time of year that we all start looking forward, making goals and desires for the year so it was the perfect time to make Journals during craft day. We had a great group of crafters, some made recipe journals, some created travel journals and everyone had a great time. We actually had such a good time

that many requested we repeat this craft later on in the year, so if you missed out this time be sure and keep an eye out for future dates.



Speaking of the future, we have a lot of events in the works for the next several months and could really use some extra helpers. Events take a lot of planning, creating and with some big events, like the *inaugural ball*

coming up, hands/ ideas are always appreciated and help make things much easier and more fun for everyone.

We'll have more information soon on these upcoming events, but without giving too much away.....you'll want to get your funny bone in shape, test those vocal warm ups, start looking for some snazzy outfits, maybe an over the top hat, and be ready to bet the farm on a long shot.

See ya at the lodge soon!

*Nikki Kaleta*

Entertainment Committee Chair

## LODGE CRAFT SCRAP

WHY SCRAP WITH US?

- Do you like to craft but haven't had a chance lately...or can't find your desk in the clutter....This is the perfect chance to bring your latest project, from Diamond Painting to Knitting and head on down to the lodge. Get out of the house while you meet others who share your craft passions!
- Fee will cover some light snacks, but the lodge menu will also be available.

COME AND JOIN US!  
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024

4PM-7PM

350 BELTON RD.

ST. HELENS, OR 97053

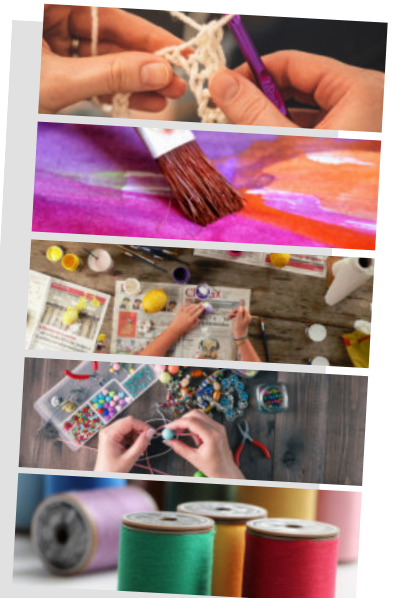
\$7 PER PERSON

MEMBERS AND GUESTS

FEE COVERS LIGHT

SNACKS AND TABLE SPACE

REGISTER ONLINE  
BY FEB. 27TH





**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH**  
Game Starts at 3:30 PM

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**  
**BUFFET**

GAME ON  
BIG SCREEN

DRESS TO  
SUPPORT YOUR  
TEAM

BUFFET  
AVAILABLE  
3 TO ~7 PM

CREATE YOUR OWN  
LOADED NACHOS -  
GROUND BEEF  
GROUND CHICKEN  
NACHO CHEESE  
CHILI

PIGS IN THE BLANKET  
MEATBALLS  
VEGGIE TRAYS  
FRUIT SALAD  
LOADED JOJO'S  
AND ALL THE TOPPINGS!

COST:  
\$15 PER  
PERSON.

DESSERT NACHOS TOO!

DEEP FRIED TORTILLA SQUARES TOSSED IN CINNAMON  
SUGAR WITH STRAWBERRY OR CHOCOLATE SYRUP  
DRIZZLE AND WHIPPED CREAM

BAR MENU AVAILABLE ALL DAY



ELKS & THEIR GUESTS ONLY

# Valentine's Dinner at the Lodge



**WEDNESDAY 2/14**      **5 TO 8 PM**  
**MAKE THIS YEAR SPECIAL**



## Appetizers

## Special Menu

## Dessert

SEAFOOD & ARTICHOKE  
DIP W/ BREADSTICKS \$9.50  
VEGGIE CRUDITE W/ PESTO  
CREAM CHEESE DIP \$9.50

SURF-N-TURF  
(WITH PRAWNS)  
TOP SIRLOIN \$27.95  
NEW YORK \$31.95

CHOCOLATE DIPPED  
STRAWBERRIES &  
PRETZELS W/ FRUIT  
FLUFF \$8.50

FRUIT GLAZED SALMON \$20.95  
CHICKEN BACON RANCH PASTA \$18.95  
CAPRESE SPINACH SALAD \$15.95



# PEY CRAB FEED



Choice of Crab Dinner (\$30)

or

Chicken Dinner (\$15)



SATURDAY 5 TO 7 PM

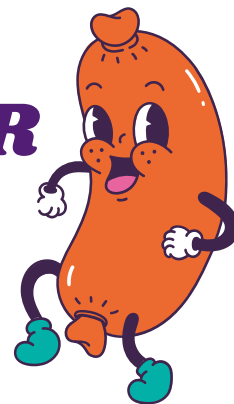
FEBRUARY 24TH

Please sign up online at [StHelens.org](http://StHelens.org) or at the bar by Monday 2/19.



## OFFICERS CLUB TAKEOVER

# Delicious HOT DOG & SAUSAGE BAR



*Menu including chili, sauerkraut, and other popular toppings for your sausage dog or hot dog and side items. Deep fried bar food will also be available*

**Sunday, February 25th, 1 pm - 8 pm**



*All proceeds will go to Officers Fund*

# The NOT so Newlywed Game

# 17 FEB

@ 7pm



Join us for a night of laughs and fun  
as we recreate our version of the hit  
TV Show

Come early for dinner, stay for the fun!



## Come Learn How to Save A Life February 18th

Click Here  
for Full  
Details &  
Handout

### 2 Different Classes Available

#### Friends and Family CPR      Class Times: 9 AM & Noon      COST: \$10

This course is intended for anyone who wants to learn CPR in a group environment and does not need a course completion card for a job or other requirements, following American Heart Association Guidelines.

**Please Sign up & Pay at the Bar**

#### Heartsaver CPR      Class Times: 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM      COST: \$30

This class is taught in a blended learning format. Students must complete the online portion Heartsaver CPR AED | AHA \$16 prior to class and bring in completion certificate.

This class is the hands-on skills session. Students who successfully complete the online course and skills session, will receive a Heartsaver CPR AED Course Completion card, valid for two years.

This course is designed for anyone with little or no medical training who needs CPR AED training and a course completion card for job, regulatory (e.g., OSHA), or other requirements.

**Sign up at Bar, Pay fee at class.**

Contact Judy with any questions.      Judy Keller RN, BSN 971-363-9957      [JGKBLSInstructor@gmail.com](mailto:JGKBLSInstructor@gmail.com)

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## Pictures from the Past



Elks #1999 Charter Class - April 1956

Don't forget **Alex Roller** is still working on digitizing the history of our lodge. He is asking for your help! He is simply hoping to borrow any relevant photos you have so he can add it to the collection for all to enjoy. Of course, all

pictures will be returned after being scanned! If you have any photos you are willing to loan, please connect.



# TEENS OF THE MONTH



## Rian Hambin

Rian is involved in leadership as a Senior Class officer, more recently focusing on planning graduation and fundraising events for graduation such as the Barn Dance and Pura Vida bracelet sales. As a Senior class officer, she also helps support other teams in leadership with their events when they need help or on large events like field days or community nights. Last year she worked with the Prom Planning Committee and was a recess mentor at Grant Watts. She has also helped with morning surprises which encourage students to get excited to go to school. As part of theater she is planning the spring event which helps fundraise for the theater department. She is directing the "Our Place" production at the high school and acting in "Drop Dead Juliet" as part of theater. Her favorite show that she has performed in is "Radium Girls" because it was her first larger role in a play and her co-stars made it an incredible experience. Rian is a member of the National Honor Society. Her Senior Individual Service Project is raising funds for the Portland Metro Foundation in order to help support and recognize young artists, one of the fundraisers she has helped organize for this foundation was the Night of the Arts held at Cathedral. She enjoys reading books and sharing her thoughts in the book club. As a member of the birding club they go on field trips to identify local birds. Her favorite volunteer work she does is writing to her Grant Watts Pen Pal because she gets to connect with kids.



In her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends which includes shopping, going on drives, listening to music, and doing her nails. Additionally she enjoys playing with her dogs Finn and Sansa and exploring her newfound love for writing. She enjoys watching horror films; her favorites are the Conjuring movies. She also enjoys wake surfing, and boat days with her family. After high school she plans on attending Central Washington University and pursuing a professional commercial pilot degree.

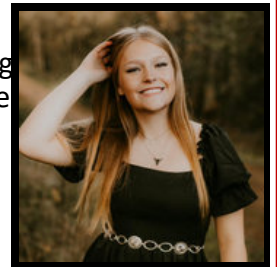
"Rian is a genuine learner and wonderful communicator - I feel safe putting the future in her hands" - Autumn Gonzales (teacher).



## DAKOTA HARRIS

Dakota is a well known and loved student athlete, participating in three sports during the school year and volunteering when help is needed. When she first heard that she was chosen, she was extremely surprised and flattered.

Dakota is involved in volleyball in the spring, a team manager for boy's basketball in the winter, and golf in the spring. Coach Kali Moore for girls varsity volleyball says "Dakota shows determination to strive for success in all she encounters." The high school's athletic director, Ted Hirling says "Dakota displays a strong work ethic, integrity, and commitment in everything she does."



Volunteering for the Disney Grad Trip at HalloweenTown and the Safe and Sober booth at the fairgrounds for the coast run, Harris says that they were amazing experiences, that she learned a lot and met a lot of people from around the world.

Coach Mo from the boy's varsity basketball team says "She's very unselfish and really puts others above herself. She leads through actions not by words. She is my right hand person and it's very difficult just to imagine the program without her." Harris loves to meet new people and experience new things, and she says that she would consider herself as outgoing and friendly which her peers, teachers and coaches would agree with.

Dakota enjoys being outdoors in her free time, such as back road drives, hunting, having bonfires and hanging out with her friends. For futuristic plans she is considering real estate, and is very interested in forestry. Mr. Reed from the St. Helens High School states "Dakota is a great student, very bright and friendly. She is respected by her classmates and will be a great success in her future years after high school."

*Beginning this year, our local Elks Students of the month not only get honored and put up for the larger student of the year awards, but get a \$100 award in recognition of their incredible efforts above and beyond... Another way we make a difference.*

What a month January was with the storms! I do hope everyone emerged with little damage and no injuries!

I would like to remind our Veterans of the Armed Forces Breakfast each month.

There are 2 locations (One in North County at the American Legion in Clatskanie on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. and One in South County on the first Friday of every month at the Moose Lodge at 9:00 a.m.) Come join us and you can get caught up on information, have some camaraderie and the opportunity to meet with the County VSO (Erin Nolan) and have a little one on one time with her.

There will be a VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING on Thursday February 15th at 7:00 pm at the Lodge. Please consider joining the committee and help us with our Veterans.

Ashley Taylor is sharing some exciting news for an upcoming event, so mark your calendars for March 30, 2024 for a special dinner and evening with a "WELCOME HOME CEREMONY" FOR THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY END OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

This dinner will be an evening where we come together as a community to pay tribute to the valor and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans and also to extend the warmest welcome home that many of them never received when they returned from their service. This year, we aim to rectify that omission, to heal the wounds of the past, and to ensure that these heroes know they are cherished and appreciated. The dinner is free to attend for Veterans or supporters with one guest. Funding and support for this dinner is provided by the Elks Veterans Bunker, Together with Veterans Northwest Oregon, Columbia County VFW's and American Legion, and the St. Helens Elks Lodge. Questions can be directed to Ashley Taylor 714-600-0297 or [ashleytayloradvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:ashleytayloradvocacy@gmail.com)

The dinner is free but you will need to SIGN UP / REGISTER in advance. I've attached a flyer for pre registration, but if you need help either contact Ashley at 714-600-0297 or Alta at 503-369-7635.

### Important Dates in History

**February 3 2023** - Four Chaplains Day - this is a day set aside to honor the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank during World War II

**February 04, 1941** the USO is incorporated

**Week of February 12th**, National Salute to Veterans Patients

**February 19, 1945** Battle of Iwo Jima begins

**February 23, 1991** Desert Storm: Ground War begins

**February 27, 1991** Desert Storm: Ground War ends after 100 hours

Respectfully,

*Alta Lynch*  
Veterans Chair  
503-369-7635 (cell)

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Valentines  
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Don't forget **RED** Friday. **R**emember **E**veryone **D**eported



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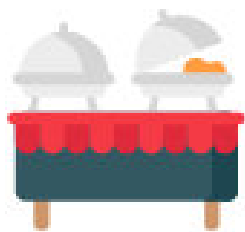
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## PAST EXALTED RULERS

**(1) Past Elk of the Year (2) Past District Elk of the Year (3) Past OSEA State Elk of the Year (4) Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (5) Past State President OSEA (6) OSEA Hall of Fame (7) Vice President OSEA (D) Deceased**

1956-57: Everett Freytag (D)	1973-74: Bert Burr (1,4,D)	1990-91: Bob Medley (D)	2007-08: Harry Jennings
1957-58: Bill Kampala (D)	1974-75: Ray Granger (D)	1991-92: Jerry Erkenbeck	2008-09: Rich Crandall (4,6)
1958-59: Harold Scharback (D)	1975-76: Gene Arntt (1,D)	1992-93: Buzz Shoemaker (4)	2009-10: Buck Yarbor
1959-60: Don Bemis (D)	1976-77: Steve Tupper (D)	1993-94: Tony Dewey	2010-11: Daryl Braught (D)
1960-61: Ab Hearing (1,D)	1977-78: Larry Cade (D)	1994-95: Pat Irish	2011-12: David Backlund (7)
1961-62: Bill Rawlings (D)	1978-79: Chuck Opperman (D)	1995-96: Joel Yarbor	2012-13: Marcus Gagnier
1962-63: Lee Pennell (D)	1979-80: George LeMont (4,D)	1996-97: Alex Roller (1)	2013-14: Jeff Kemp (1)
1963-64: Andy Knudsen (4,D)	1980-81: Tony Crawford (1,4,5,D)	1997-98: Bud Sook	2014-15: Gary Bliefernich
1964-65: Doc Mason (D)	1981-82: Don Jensen (5,6)	1997-98: Bud Sook	2015-16: Tina Jennings (1)
1965-66: Doc Mason (D)	1982-83: Jerry Congrove	1999-00: Curt Moilan	2016-17: Gary Bliefernich
1966-67: Jack Riesterer, Jr. (D)	1983-84: Rosie Baquera (1,D)	2000-01: Curt Gagnier	2017-18: Gary Bliefernich
1967-68: Arlen Olson (D)	1984-85: Phil Dewey (D)	2001-02: Dwight Schwappe	2018-19: Jim Barber
1968-69: Archie Wyland (D)	1985-86: Bill Parrish (D)	2002-03: Jim Jennings (1)	2019-20: Matt Holmes
1969-70: Don Barnett	1986-87: OJ Meyer (D)	2003-04: Scott Waterman (1)	2020-21: Naomi Mikesell (1)
1970-71: Mack Ballard (D)	1987-88: Bud Evans (D)	2004-05: Leon Anderson (1)	2021-22: Dan Biden
1971-72: Dan Linhares (1,2,3,4,D)	1988-89: Bob McMillan	2005-06: Toni Irish (1)	2022-23: Dan McMahon
1972-73: Dan Linhares (1,2,3,4,D)	1989-90: Joe Errante (D)	2005-07: Dave Criswell	

*Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!*

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1956-57: No Elk of the Year	1976-77: Rosie Baquera (1,D)	1994-95: Jack Tice	2011-12: Keith Forsythe
1957-58: No Elk of the Year	1977-78: Dave Heuring (D)	1995-96: Don Nunn (D)	2012-13: Toni Irish (1)
1958-59: No Elk of the Year	1978-79: George Schmitz (D)	1996-97: Curt Moilan	2013-14: Jud Yarbor
1959-60: No Elk of the Year	1979-80: Neil Willhoft (D)	1997-98: No Elk of the Year	2014-15: Jeff Ingebrigtsen
1960-61: No Elk of the Year	1980-81: Don Addington (D)	1998-99: Gerry Chopping (D)	2015-16: Hal Hamilton
1961-62: No Elk of the Year	1981-82: Harry Denison (D)	1998-99: Alex Roller (1)	2015-16: Jeff Kemp (1)
1962-63: Frank Sopp (D)	1982-83: Ted Henningsen (D)	1998-99: Doug Stewart (D)	2015-16: Alta Lynch
1963-64: Ray Claseman (D)	1983-84: Dick Backlund	1998-99: Al Widme (2)	2015-16: Karla Reinholdt
1964-65: No Elk of the Year	1984-85: Buford Hayes (2,D)	1999-00: Ab Hearing (1)	2015-16: Chip Stewart
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1969-70: No Elk of the Year	1988-89: Curly Burgess (D)	2004-05: Nancy Stewart	2019-20: Ron Grant (D)
1970-71: Everett Stermer (D)	1988-89: Ken Eimer (2,D)	2005-06: John Odenthal (2)	2019-20: Cliff Multanen
1971-72: Gene Arntt (1,D)	1989-90: Jim Gentzler (D)	2006-07: Jim Jennings (1)	2019-20: Richard Sherlock
1972-73: Pete Peters (2)	1990-91: Dan Linhares (1,2,3,4,D)	2007-08: Scott Waterman (1)	2021-22: April Burbank
1973-74: Jim Livingston	1991-92: Roy Eastwood	2008-09: Tina Jennings (1)	2021-22: Jenni Gilbert
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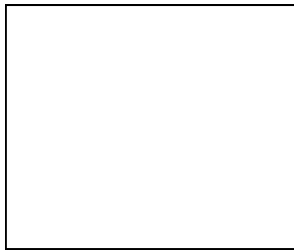
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JANETTE SCHWARTZ	2
ALAN WIDME	2
ERIC COOK	3
DWIGHT MATNEY	3
ALEXANDER ROLLER	3
STEVE BARTLE	4
JOSEPH CORSIGLIA	4
DANA MARKS	4
CHARLES CLIFTON	5
LANCE HOWARD	5
MARSHA LEE	5
KENNETH AHO	6
ADEN CLARKE	7
THOMAS OWENS	7
DAVID SASS	8
JOHN STRAW	8
LORI THOMPSON	8
ANTHONY JORDAN	10
DAVID KIRBY	10
JEANNIE KRIEGER	10
DAVID CLARK	11
MARCUS GAGNIER	11
KATHY McMULLEN	11
WILLIAM MORRILL	12
CAMERON NOLAN	12
RICHARD McVAE	13
ELEANOR MORFIN	13
STEVE DUBOIS	14

JOSEPH GROSS	14
MARK KREUTZER	14
JOANNA WAGNER	14
KEVIN IVERSON	16
BRUCE SHOEMAKER	16
EDDIE SPEARS	16
BOBBI WASCH	16
GARY CHRISTIANSON	17
DONNA HENDERSON	18
ALLEN STOKES	18
CLINTON KERNS	19
DREW LAYDA	19
ANDREW BRADLEY	20
FRED HORA	20
CHARLES MCCARTNEY	20
ROXANNE NAYLOR	20
RONALD MARES	21
DOLORES ORR	21
STANLEY SHERER	21
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TRICIA STOCKWELL	24
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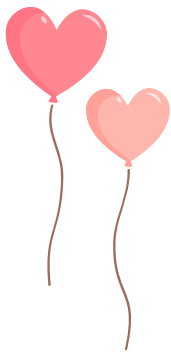
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