



St. Helens #1999

ELKS CALL



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ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, ST HELENS ELKS LODGE #1999 HEADED OUT TO THE COAST. OUR WEEKLY MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ASTORIA ELKS LODGE.

It was a little ahead of the holidays, but this meeting embodied the spirit of the holidays and much of what the Elks are truly about. Elks from literally hundreds of miles came together to demonstrate brotherhood, help rally some much needed funds for the Astoria Lodge and just have some fun together. We were worried our members wouldn't make the hour plus drive for a weekly meeting. Boy did our membership show up! This is what Elkdom is all about.



The Astoria Lodge & their officers put on a terrific Taco Bar buffet and were incredible hosts. They offered tours of their historic lodge (if you've never been, make the effort!).

Our lodge rallied to bring dozens of items for silent auction - from baked goods to unique collectibles. During the meeting, we auctioned off a beautiful Elk Wall Art. We even ended up passing the hat to give Seaside a jumpstart on their roof fund!



Thank you to everyone who helped make this night happen. ER Sean Williams had the idea and worked with Astoria Lodge to make it happen after getting dispensation to allow our meeting to be held in Astoria. The whole undertaking couldn't have been completed without the help from the entire officer core, many other incredible volunteers, and the Astoria Lodge Officers and members.

BY THE NUMBERS

13 Lodges (OR & WA)

10 PEYs, 21 PERs

130+ Members

Current OSEA State President

Area 8 Grand Trustee

\$750+ Raised for Seaside Lodge

Over \$5000 for Astoria Lodge





Come join us for
CHRISTMAS SHIPS

Our lodge has a spectacular view - both from the patio or from the warmth of the dining room!



Saturday, December 9th
Dinner Served 5:00 - 8:30 PM

MENU

- Prime Rib \$27.95
- Chicken Marsala \$21.95
- Shrimp Salad \$14.50
- Creamy Pesto Pasta (Vegetarian) \$18.95
- Add chicken \$22.95 or Jumbo prawns \$26.95

Dinners are served with choice of starch, vegetable, rolls and soup or salad

APPETIZERS:

- 4-Cheese Roasted Garlic Bread \$9.50
- Roasted Garlic Crostini \$9.50

**No reservation needed,
 first come first serve.**



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR

Exalted Ruler

To my fellow Elks,

Not so long ago, we had our Halloween Party at our lodge. It was a really fun night, and in typical St Helens fashion, it seemed as though everyone was having a great time. The decorations by the Entertainment Committee were absolutely stellar, Meghan and her staff totally rocked the meals and drink service, the costumes were awesome, and the DJ was totally on point. At every moment, there was boundless smiles and laughter. Thank you to everyone for a truly festive evening.

At the beginning of the month, we held our visitation in the historic Astoria Lodge. Wow....just....**WOW**. It was an epic night. There were over 130 members present, from 13 different lodges, across 2 states, the OSEA State President Nick Bettencourt attended, along with Grand Trustee Joe Basil. During the meeting, we passed the hat to support Seaside lodge for their efforts to repair their roof, raising over \$700 for them, and we raised over \$5000 to help Astoria repair their boiler, well beyond their goal. For those that couldn't make it, Astoria lodge is a magnificent building, an icon to be cherished, replete with history, architecture, and brotherly love. Astoria officers and volunteers were superb hosts, never wavering to support all the members present that night. While I can only speak for myself, that night is one that will forever be held in the highest regard, so raptured with love and friendship. With all the lodges coming together, at their own free will, across multiple districts, and states, this exemplifies Elkdom, and makes me genuinely proud to be part of such a wonderful organization. Thank you to everyone who attended and my sincerest thank you to Astoria Lodge #180.

Just recently we conducted our Warm Welcome event. Thanks to Annette Pixley for her efforts in securing grant money from Grand Lodge, we were able to hand out over 50 coats, warm hats, and gloves to the youth in our community. The kids were so cute in their new winter coats and hats. Thank you to all the volunteers during this event.

Fraternally Yours,

Sean Williams

EXALTED RULER





The Secretary's Corner



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Members: 898

Life Members: 89

Delinquent Members: 46

BALLOTING
December 14th

ORIENTATION
December 20th

INITIATION
December 21st

Happy December! Please drive slowly in the lodge parking lot, I suggest not faster than 5 mph, and slower if it is dark! We do not want to have any accidents or injuries, please. And don't go the wrong way to get in and out. If the parking spaces are slanted toward you, that is the correct direction to drive.

Secretary, Anne Cox

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



About volunteering. It is wonderful that so many members are volunteering their time on all the various projects. But the lodge won't get any credit for your time...if a volunteer sheet is not filled out and turned in. The volunteer hours that we record help our lodge to keep our nonprofit status. We NEED your hours! You don't need to turn in a sheet for lodge meetings. I use the weekly meeting sign-in sheets for that data entry.

There are three kinds of volunteer sheets to choose from, stashed in folders at the back of the lodge room. If you do chores that are NOT part of a group or event, there is an individual volunteer sheet for JUST YOU to fill out. Please don't use it for committee meetings, work projects, events, etc! It is time consuming to make many data entries for a single meeting!

There is a form to be filled out and turned in for group activities (no money raised) for committee meetings, dinner help, work projects, inventory, food basket prep and delivery, that sort of thing. Please make sure that you sign that form when it is passed around at the activity. Thank you

And finally, there is a form for actual EVENTS, especially those where money or goods were donated or collected. Spaghetti Feed, Car Show, Taco Tuesday. Kids Christmas, etc.

See you next month!



Fraternally,
Anne Cox
Secretary



New Members Voted 11/17
Initiated on 11/28

YTD thru 10/31

- +103 New Members Initiated
- + 4 Affiliate Members
- + 6 Reinstated Members
- 4 Transfers Out
- 11 deaths.

Average Member Age = 61.2 yrs

CRYING CORNER

- \$10.00 Dwight Matney #3306
- \$20.00 Dale Ogan #2193
- \$30.00 Anthony Jordan #4312
- \$40.00 Steve Jenkins # 4115

'TIS THE SEASON

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.

The name & information of each applicant for balloting on December 14th will be posted in the Lodge, along with the name of their sponsor.




LUCKY STIFFS
\$30.00 Eric Cook #4471

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Paul Yundt
Melinda McGarr



“From your Leading Knight”

Well, here we are again, right in the middle of the holiday season. We knew it was coming, but every year we're always surprised by how fast it shows up! Once again, we as Elks, are busy performing even more community service around the county.

This year Annette Pixley used a couple of our grants from Grand Lodge to connect with Head Start and distributed much needed clothes to local teens at the St. Helens Department of Human Services and through the Elks Warm Welcome program distributed coats, hats, & gloves to kids at both the Scappoose and the St. Helens libraries. Kudos to Annette and the volunteers that stepped up to make a difference in those kids' lives!



The Ladies of the Elks just had their Holiday Bazaar and as usual, there was some brisk sales, fun games and lots of happy faces! Proceeds from the bazaar go to the Betty Hise Clinic, Columbia County Food Bank, The Amani House, the Backpack Program, Kid's Christmas and many more. If you're interested in joining the Ladies of the Elks, they meet on the first Tuesday of the month and would be happy to see you.

This year we are combining two events. The Kid's Christmas and Keith's Foster Kids Christmas Party. It will be held at the Scappoose High School on December 13th from 5-7 PM and will help kids from 0-20 years of age with coats, hats, gloves, socks, pajamas and a gift from Santa. There will also be a hot meal of chili and cornbread, with cupcakes and brownies for dessert. It's always a fun time and I'm sure it will be this year. If you would like to help this year, talk to Tina Jennings or Keith Forsythe.

Last but not least, December 17th we will once again be delivering food baskets to those in need. If you haven't delivered food baskets before, this is something you will never forget. We deliver two weeks worth of food to carefully selected families in our area who could really use it. It's a real eye-opening day. So many people are just one or two paychecks away from needing our help but would never ask for it even when they needed it. It's a great reminder of how fortunate we are and a reminder of no matter what problems we have, it could always be worse. I recommend you get involved in this because it will change your life. It did mine.

Happy holidays and have a merry Christmas!

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Summers
Esteemed Leading Knight



“From your Loyal Knight”

Elks National Foundation month is a wrap! THANK YOU to all the donors who participated in the ENF match to double their contribution in October. The documentation & funds have been submitted to ENF and we should see them updated on Elks.org in early December.

St. Helens Lodge #1999's first personal donations to ENF were on February 24, 1961 with \$10 each from Everett M. Freytag and W.A. Kumpula. Since then over 900 members have contributed to ENF, with 308 “active donors” contributing within the past 10 years. In the early 1980's our Lodge conceived and implemented the ENF recognition board in our Lodge room, displaying the names of all members who have contributed to ENF. This board has fallen out-of-date and we are discussing ways to refresh it.

Since then, the Elks National Foundation has implemented a “Donors Bill of Rights” policy which can be found on Elks.org. That framework makes it clear we have an obligation to protect the confidentiality of our donors. I reached out to ENF for guidance on how to balance that policy against donor recognition.

The ENF staff suggested we align our recognition board with the “Donor Hall of Fame” which is available to all members on Elks.org. This would standardize our level of confidentiality & disclosure with what Grand Lodge considers acceptable. However, the ENF's “Donor Hall of Fame” starts at the “Honorary Founder” level which is a cumulative lifetime contribution of \$1000. Our Lodge has 27 members on this list, substantially less than our total number of contributing members.

I would like to solicit the advice & suggestions of the membership on what YOU think would be appropriate. Should we display the names of all members who have contributed to ENF? Does our smallest donor (35 cents) warrant the same recognition as our largest donor (over \$14,000)? If you are a major donor, do you want public recognition, or are you satisfied to be a quiet supporter? Should we align with, or deviate from, what Grand Lodge does?

Please give me your feedback! You are welcome to speak with me personally, but to keep track of everything a written email would be best: eric@eemllm.com.

Note, no decisions have been made at this time other than to discuss how the ENF Donor Recognition Board can be updated and modernized.

I would like to acknowledge ***PER Alex Roller*** for the two projects he has stepped up to lead. In our entryway we now have our Lodge History & Absent Members Database books. Alex has spent countless hours scouring the archives with the assistance of the Lodge Secretary, and he has kept the Board regularly updated on his progress.

This is a great example of volunteerism & making a difference! I think this is just the first iteration too. Alex has an electronic version of the Absent Members Database in the works, and our Lodge history will be published on Elks.org!

Thank you, Alex, for taking the lead on these projects and getting them done!



Fraternally,

Eric Michael
LOYAL KNIGHT



From your Lecturing Knight

Hello from the Lecturing Knight. It seems like the perfect time to start my *Bulletin Debut* as the Chair of Brotherly Love during the season of brotherly love.

This is not my forte, writing for anything. I am more of a take direction and do what I can to help kind of person. For example, my job for the tech committee is to put the information in the table tents on the tables in the Lodge.

But back to Brotherly Love. There are so many things going on at the Lodge this time of year. The Veterans dinner was great, we just finished the LOE Christmas Bazaar, and it was amazing. The Annual Memorial service is December 3rd, Christmas ships are December 9th, Tom & Jerry night on the 8th, Kids Christmas (Keith's Kids) on the 13th, Christmas food baskets on the 17th [2201] and more to come. It may seem a bit overwhelming but with all the volunteers and staff it is all very doable, and we always make sure it happens, with help from all. Ask any officer or event chair for information on how you can help. Our community is worth making sure we do all we can.

Please remember that we are also part of the community and if you or someone you know are in need we are here for you. You can talk with an Officer or Trustee and let them know what you need and we will work to make sure you are provided for. This information will remain confidential.

I am so privileged and honored to be your Lecturing Knight and look forward to the rest of the year serving this Lodge. Please stay tuned for more information on events and volunteer opportunities. All of your support and volunteering is greatly appreciated. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an exceptional and amazing New Year.



Fraternally,

Sundee Hamrick
Lecturing Knight



Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. 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, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "**to our absent members.**"

MICHAEL NEUTZ

Member #3817
January 21, 1942
to
October 20, 2023

*To Our
Absent Members*

RODNEY HARDING

Member #3185
December 6, 1949
to
June 7, 2023



December



SUN

MON

TUES

WED

THUR

FRI

SAT

Open for Lunch Monday thru Friday 11:30 am

<p>BULLETIN</p> <p>Submit info for January Bulletin articles by Monday.</p> <p>December 18th ONLINE</p> <p>StHelensElks.org/Bulletin-Article-Submission</p>	<p>BOOZE BASKETS!</p> <p>PERs are selling raffle tickets for two baskets (wagons!) full of liquid fun. The Holiday winners (2) will be picked on December 23rd and the Hangover Basket winner will be picked on 30th. \$1 per ticket, need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit the PER Scholarship Program.</p>	 <p>Don't forget the Giving Tree & Necessity Boxes in the Foyer. All donations help LOCAL families in need. Click here.</p>	<p>1 </p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-8:30 PM Surf-n-Turf Rib Eye or Top Sirloin w/ Sauteed Prawns</p>	<p>2 INVENTORY 10:00 AM</p> <p>Craft Night: Ornament -\$5</p> <p>Register ONLINE</p> <p>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</p>		
<p>3</p> <p>ELKS Annual Memorial 1 PM</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Dinner Special: 5-7 PM Chicken Fried Steak</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>LOE Mtg 6:30 pm</p> <p>By-Laws Mtg 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PER Mtg 6:30</p>	<p>7 5-7 PM Top Sirloin</p> <p>Lodge Mtg 7:30</p> <p>**LOE Dessert** Auction</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>TOM & JERRY NIGHT 5 to 7 pm</p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-8:30 PM Beef Stew in a Bread Bowl</p>	<p>9 Christmas SHIPS 5-8 PM Special Menu</p> 
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Dinner Special Lasagna 5-7 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Tech. Comm. Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>Entertainment Committee Mtg 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>Kids Christmas See Details Below!</p> <p>\$12 Per Person Spaghetti FEED!</p>	<p>14 5-7 PM Top Sirloin</p> <p>Lodge Mtg 7:30</p>	<p>15 </p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-8:30 PM House Made Chicken Dumplings</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</p>
<p>17 </p> <p>Food Baskets 7:30 AM</p>	<p>18 BOD Mtg 7:00</p> <p>Bulletin Submissions Due</p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-7 PM Swedish Meatballs</p>	<p>19 5-7 PM TACOS</p>  <p>BINGO! 6 PM Start Card sales start at 5</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Welcome! 7 PM Orientation</p>	<p>21 5-7 PM Top Sirloin</p> <p>PEY Mtg 6:30</p> <p>Lodge Mtg + Initiation 7:30</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-8:30 PM Apricot Pineapple Glazed Salmon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</p>
<p>24</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 5-7 PM Top Sirloin</p> <p>Lodge Mtg 7:30</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>Dinner Special: 5-7 PM Meatloaf</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Dinner 5-8:30 PM</p>
<p>31 </p> <p>NYE Party Starts at 5 pm RSVP by 12/31</p>	<p>1 2024</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	 <p>Kids Christmas</p> <p>We work all year to earn money for this event. Our Christmas Party for the local foster kids will be hosted at the Scappoose High School on <u>Wednesday, December 13th</u>. Set up will be from 2 to 5 pm. Party Starts at 5 and goes till 7 pm. We will need help with both! Want to get involved? See Keith Forsythe or any officer!</p>				

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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WELCOME
TO ALL

ST HELENS
ELKS LODGE #1999



(NOT IN ORDER) Marion Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Andy Schroder, Justin Brainerd, Tina Bliss, Franklin Bellinger & ER Sean Williams

ELKS OF THE MONTH

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: AMY DAVISON

Amy has only recently stepped into the role as Esquire. In a very short order, Amy has learned this part and excelled at it. So much so that during our Astoria visit, she received multiple recognitions on her performance as Esquire. Congratulations Amy!

ELK OF THE MONTH: DAWN GARDNER

Dawn is a relatively new member but she is already making an impact. She has been a tremendous help in the Entertainment Committee and brings a wealth of creativity and fun to our lodge. She has even stepped up and filled the role for an absent officer during a lodge meeting and excelled at it. Perhaps a future as an officer? Thank you, Dawn, for all your help and continued support.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: KARRIE GOSHORN

Karrie continues to help out wherever she can, filling in during those periods where an assist is needed. She helped out a bunch with the Warm Welcome event. She assisted with purchasing the coats, hats, and gloves. During the event, she was there helping with the kids and handing out coats. Thank you Karrie for your hard work.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

SUNDAY
31ST
DECEMBER

2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE *Party*

BAND STARTS AT 8 PM

MUSIC BY:

T O M B S T O N E S H A D O W

DINNER 5 TO 8 PM

HOR D'OEUVRES FOR PURCHASE AFTER 8 PM

**PARTY FAVORS & A
MIDNIGHT CHAMPAGNE TOAST PROVIDED!**

Dinner Options:

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon

\$34.95

Jumbo Prawn Scampi

\$29.95

Chicken Rotini in a Vodka Red

Sauce \$24.95

Vegetarian Rotini \$20.95

ADD a Jumbo Shrimp Skewer to Any Dinner - \$8.95

All Dinners are served with Roasted Garlic Yukon Gold Potato Wedges, Roasted Asparagus, housemade rolls with a garlic, dill compote butter, Pear & Feta green salad tossed in a light vinaigrette, and an individual fruit trifle for dessert!

RSVP Required ONLINE or at Bar by 12/24.

CRAFT NIGHT AT THE LODGE

\$5
4 PM

****MUST REGISTER ONLINE****

SO SUPPLIES CAN BE PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME, PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGISTER ONLINE AHEAD OF THE EVENT!

WWW.STHELENSELKS.ORG/EVENT-DETAILS/SWIRL-GLASS-ORNAMENT-CRAFT MEMBERS & GUESTS ONLY

November's Craft Day

Thanks for joining us for Craft Night. We had a great time hydro dipping coffee mugs and are looking forward to making ornaments in December!

TACO TUESDAY DECEMBER 19TH

\$10.95

BINGO NIGHT

Card Sales 5 to 5:50 pm
Calling starts at 6 pm

\$10 PER CARD
PLAYS ABOUT 5 GAMES.

THE MORE PLAYERS *The bigger the winnings* **CASH PRIZES**

SPEAKERS ARE IN!

Speakers & Jukebox in the Game Room are officially up and running. Give it a try! Thank you Scott Jimenez and ER Sean Williams for spending a day getting the project wrapped up! We hope to see some good use out of the new addition.

Meadowood Springs Fundraising

UPDATE: We thank you and the children who benefit from Meadowood Springs Speech Camp for Children also thank you for participating in the un-Civil War Meadowood Fundraiser. \$3,000 total has been raised for Meadowood so far. Our goal is \$7,000 to be the top fundraiser in the state.

Have a wonderful day!
SUNDEE AND ALEX

Learn more at: CAMP MEADOWOOD SPRINGS

Lodge History

HISTORY

About 25 years ago, I researched and wrote a History of the first 41 years of our Lodge. The History is located in a book on the table by the Vacant Chair and is also on our [Lodge website](#). I am currently working on our Lodge History from 1997 to date.

I plan to submit a brief history of our Lodge to Grand Lodge for their Lodges History Project in the near future.

Have a wonderful day!
Alex Roller

*in
loving
memory*

Sunday, December 3rd at 1 pm



*Join us for our
Annual Elks Memorial Service*

*The officers will be performing the service and
light refreshments will be available to follow.*

- David Esterline
- Robert Simons
- Richard Kirtland
- James Martin Jr
- Allen Pierce
- Ronald Grant
- Diane Dillard
- Raymond Alden
- Michael Neutz
- Loren Maier
- Mark Riseling
- Rodney Harding
- Lloyd Billings
- Richard Murray
- Alvin Hendrickson

The faults of our members we write upon the sands; Their virtues upon the tablets of love & memory.

DECEMBER AT THE LODGE

Happy Holidays,

I'd like to start by thanking all the wonderful members that have volunteered their time to help me and the club in the past couple months. Whether it was picking up plates, door hosting, doing dishes or helping in the office and computer work, it has all been greatly appreciated! That being said Banquet season is upon us and we need volunteers. If you are interested in helping, there are sign up sheets at the bar. If picking up plates isn't your cup of tea, give me a call, there is always behind the scenes stuff that needs to be done!

I also want to apologize for last month's Chicken Fried Steak night. Between being short staffed and running out of food, the night did not go as planned. We are preparing extra Chicken Fried Steak this month so please come back December 4th and let us make it up to you! If you have never had our Chicken Fried Steak come give it a try!

Just a reminder if you have a group/party of 8 or more for lunch or dinner please call and make reservations so we can be ready for you.

Here's to an amazing 2024!

Meghan Walth
CLUB MANAGER

**LODGE
UPDATE** 
**FROM YOUR
CLUB MANAGER**

SPAGHETTI FEED

All you can eat Spaghetti,
garlic bread & salad bar.
4 different sauces!



Adults \$12
Children \$9



2nd Wednesday of the month

December 13th

5 to 7 PM

***We are in need of additional
volunteers to help.*

23-24 Committee Chairs

Fraternal Committees
Accident Prevention
Americanism
Auditing & Accounting
Drug Awareness
Flag Day
Hoop Shoot
Membership
Lodge Activities
Memorial Day
Elks National Foundation
Veteran Services
Public Relations
Youth Activities
Community Project
PER Association
Standing Relief
Ritualistic
Scholarships
Tech Committee
Entertainment
Grant Writer
Activities
Maintenance
Camp Meadowwood
Lodge Photographer
Bulletin Editor
Ladies of the Elks

Christine Turner
Rob Goshorn
Dean Lemire
Nancy Stout
Eric Michael
Dean Lemire
Eric Michael
Christine Turner
Sean Williams
Sean Williams
Eric Michael
Alta Lynch
Annette Pixley
Keith Forsythe
Annette Pixley
Jim Jennings
Sean Williams
Toni Ann Irish
Don Kielblock
Becca Bernard
Nikki Kaleta
Annette Pixley
Eric Michael
Doel Quinones
Sundee Hamrick
Mark Pacheco
Becca Bernard
Tina Jennings

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 10th, plan for an early Valentine's dinner at the Elks. There will be a special dinner, 4-5-6, and a live band in a collaborative evening with the PERs. More details to come!

ELKS CALL BOOSTER

Becoming an **Elks Call Bulletin Booster** costs \$20 per year. If you would like more information on the program, please email bulletin@sthelenselks.org or see the Secretary.

David Belden #4030

"VFW - Helping Veterans Help Themselves"
Join the VFW: Veterans serving Veterans

Jeff Ingebrigtsen #3734

"Elks Care ... Elks Share"

Rebecca Blifernich #3948

"To Our Absent Members"

Gilbert MacKenzie #1205

"Kindness: Spread it Around"

David Criswell #3372

"Elks Care ... Elks Share"

Ron Grant #0822

"In Memory of Loren Klepper"

Lew Mason #2005

2023 to 2024

YOUR OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Sean Williams
Leading Knight	Ron Summers
Loyal Knight	Eric Michael
Lecturing Knight	Sundee Hamrick
Chaplain	Lisa Michael
Tiler	Doel Quinones
Esquire	Amy Davison
Inner Guard	Anna Williamson
Secretary	Anne Cox
Treasurer	Tami Williams
Organist	Dean Lemire
Trustee 1st Year	Gary Tanner
Trustee 2nd Year	Hal Hamilton
Trustee 3rd Year	Brian Bernard
Trustee 4th Year	Rob Goshorn
Trustee 5th Year	Eric Cook



GRANT UPDATE



Warm Welcome to the Library



I think it's safe to say this is a successful grant and community outreach activity! Over 50 children in Scappoose and St. Helens Headstart and their siblings received **free warm winter coats as part of the Warm Welcome to the library program**. Coats were purchased using ENF Gratitude grant funds and by donation from Elks members. In addition to coats, gloves and hats, the children were introduced to the free services of their local public library in an effort to promote literacy. Thank you to Brian Pixley, Becca Bernard, Karrie Goshorn, Ron & Cindy Summers, Gary Tanner, Sean Williams, Steve Irvin, & Jan Andrews. for donating their time to make these events successful. You are so appreciated!



On the far left, Trustee Gary Tanner is helping to fit a little man with his new duds. To the left, this little girl explained that "she dreams of unicorns". The adorable boys (twins?) to the right happily show off their new mittens, hats and coats!



Teens in Care



Thank you to all who donated clothing and supplies for Teens in Foster care. Between a full barrel of donations and ENF Beacon Grant funds, we were able to donate 12 containers filled with clothing, undergarments, toiletries and more which will be distributed to teenagers who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Big thanks to Brian Pixley, Karrie Goshorn and Cindy Summers for helping to sort, fold and package up all the donations and to Sean and Tami Williams, Ron Summers and Karrie Goshorn who helped drop off the donations. DHS Child Welfare workers were so thankful for the generosity of the Elks. Thanks to everyone for the hard work!

Annette Pixley
Grant Writer & Community Projects Chair

Halloween Party - October 28th

I was working in the lab late one night...
When we headed to the lodge with a pickup full
of toxic sludge and hoped we didn't get stopped
along the way!



This years Halloween Party has
come and gone, but hopefully
you were able to join us for a
night of glow, games and great
times! The DJ filled the entire
night with music you couldn't
help but dance to...even the
French Aristocrats couldn't
help but shake it to Eminem of
all things. But we didn't just

have fun and laughs, we thank you for helping us
raise money to help give local kids a great Christmas!

None of this could have happened without the help of
all the incredible volunteers that stepped up to help
decorate, set up, tear down and even work during the
event - led by Leading Knight Ron Summers with the
help of the entertainment committee. THANK YOU!





Ladies of the Elks Holiday Bazaar



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

Another bazaar is in the books. Our community showed up both from the vendor side as well as the shopper side! There was everything from unique artwork, canned goods, homemade goodies and jewelry. Something for everyone could be found at the Annual LOE Holiday Bazaar. Thank you to all that helped plan, prepare and host the event.



❄️ MERRY ❄️
CHRISTMAS ❄️

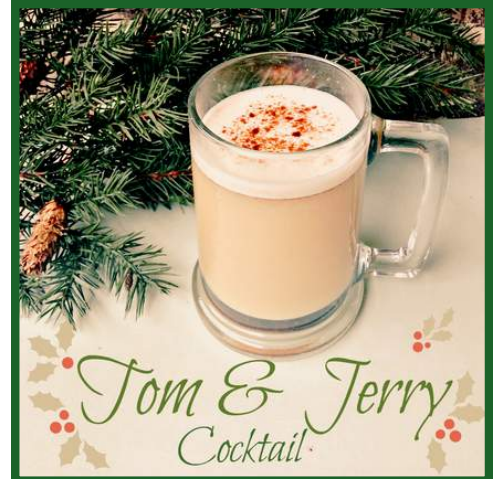


Tom & Jerry Night

Friday, December 8th

5 pm to 7 pm

Presented by the PERs.



There will be Tom & Jerry drinks as well as other special drinks for a penny each. You don't want to miss this!

Bring your luck... we'll be raffling off turkeys. Lots and lots of turkeys!

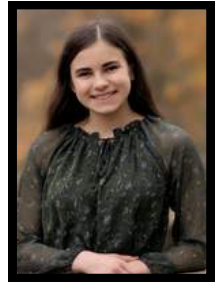


TEENS OF THE MONTH



Sara Myton

As choir president Sarah helps Ms. Moorman lead the choir and plan different events such as Spook-a-Grams and Val-o-Grams that fundraise for the school and raise school spirit. Sarah also plans different trips that the choir goes on like the Seattle trip last year and the prospective trip to London next year, even though she will not be able to attend, she still helps with the fundraising and planning aspect so that the following years may enjoy the trip. As part of a district singing competition she came in first place in her division for solo and ensemble. In addition to choir, Sarah is the goalie for the girl's soccer team at Scappoose High School, dedicating many hours to practice and games, this year has also been the first year that Sarah has played soccer since middle school. Sarah is involved in Club 3:16, where the members fellowship together, talk about the different pillars of faith, and about scriptures. Sarah is also a part of the National Honor Society. As a part of NHS she volunteers in the annual NHS trick or treat event, the birdies at breakfast tournament, and the Run With Neil every year that it has been put on.



Outside of school Sarah enjoys volunteering in the children's wing at Four Square Church and assists them with many events like their Harvest Party where kids can participate in fun Halloween games. She helps serve lunch at senior luncheons and helps clean up after events. She runs the live stream for the main service or helps the younger children during Sunday school.

In her spare time she enjoys crocheting, sewing, hiking, baking, reading, writing, and spending time with her family. She loves to play "The River Flows in You" on her piano which she has memorized. After high school she plans to go to a nearby college and study something where she feels she can be creative.

"Sarah is a hard worker and a fast learner. She took on the challenge of being the goalkeeper for the Scappoose girls soccer team despite having no experience playing the position" - Bruno Zanotta (Coach)

"Sarah is an excellent student and a fantastic goalie for the girl's soccer team" - Peter Chadwick (Teacher)



Mason Erickson

Mason has been an outstanding student, athlete, and member of the community. When he first found out that he was chosen, his response was, "I was very thankful for the award as I know it's very difficult to receive since you are selected and don't apply for it. It felt great to know my work wasn't going unnoticed."

Mason is very involved as an athlete, participating in football in the fall, wrestling in the winter, and track in the spring. Not only is he involved as an excellent athlete, but he has also been a part of Lion Crew for the past two years, where he trained and guided freshmen on their first day of school. He also had the honor of being crowned Homecoming King this year.



Mason is not only involved in the school but is also involved in his church's community. He says that recently, he has been helping by splitting wood to donate for people to use in their fireplaces since it's getting closer to winter time.

After high school, Mason plans to study forestry at a college and says, "I am open to all possibilities as plans have a way of being more complicated than you think, and who knows what the future holds." Mason feels that his best attribute is that he is a hard worker. "I often work without complaint, as there are many times when my classmates complain about our workload, but I understand that life isn't always fair and it needs to get done."



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 great turnout we had for our annual Veterans Day Dinner. I can't thank all the volunteers (to many to list here individually) enough for all the work they did to make it happen!



We are coming to the end of another year and Christmas is just around the corner. We are working with the VFW Auxiliary and the assisted living/ and nursing homes to be able to provide a little Christmas Cheer to our Veterans and/or surviving spouses here in Columbia County. Groups working together can accomplish so much more and more folks reap the rewards.

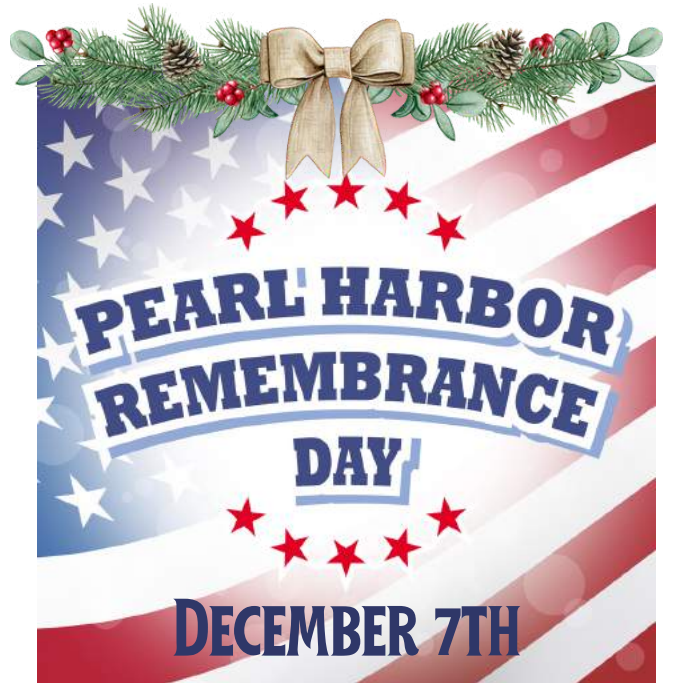
If you know of a Veteran and/or Veterans family in need please reach out and we will do our best to assist them.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!!



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

Respectfully,
Alta Lynch
Veterans Chair
503-369-7635 (cell)



Significant Dates in History-

- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec. 7th
- Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941
- War declared on Japan Dec. 8, 1941
- Germany and Italy declare war on the U.S. Dec. 11, 1941
- National Guard established Dec. 13, 1636
- Official End of WWII Dec.31, 1946



BUNKER HOURS

- M: Closed
- T: 10am - 2pm
- W: 10am - 2pm
- h: 10am - 4pm
- F: By Appt.
- Sat-Sun: Closed

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Our Mission: To provide education and assistance to veterans, families & survivors to obtain the benefits they have earned by utilizing our highly trained advocates and network of resources.

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 Shad Atnip
 Stephen Atchison
 Stanley Avis
 Larry Baird
 Joseph Baldwin
 William Barnum
 Dan Barrett
 Gary Baseel
 Greg Bassine
 Lowell Bauer
 Kip Beebe
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 Paul Bennett
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 Jerry Beickel
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 Philip Bisner
 Gary Bliefernich
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 Steve Weber
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 Dennis Widme
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 Michael Wilson
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 John Royal Yarbor
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Merry Christmas to All Who Have Served & Continue to Serve

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!



PAST ELKS OF THE YEAR

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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
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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
1965-66: Harold Olsen	1985-86: Rollie Martin (D)	2000-01: Leon Anderson (1)	2016-17: Jeff Tyree
1966-67: Buell Lamberson (D)	1986-87: Bob Ellis (D)	2001-02: Jim Myers	2017-18: Brian Rosenthal
1967-68: Neil Willhoft (D)	1987-88: Bruce Oester (2)	2002-03: Tony Crawford (1,2,5,D)	2018-19: Lowell Bauer
1968-69: Bert Burr (1,4,D)	1987-88: John Rasmussen (D)	2003-04: Darrel McFarland	2018-19: Mark Kreutzer
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
1974-75: Jack Carter	1992-93: George Ricker (D)	2009-10: Rich Crandall (1,4,6,)	2021-22: Naomi Mikesell (1)
1975-76: Don Cherry	1993-94: Bob Simpson (1)	2010-11: Richard Sherlock	

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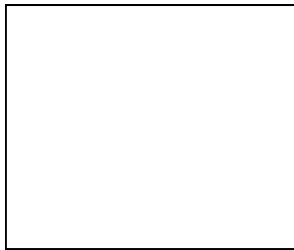
BIRTHDAYS!

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1	Rocky Pope
2	David Pfaff
3	Thomas McMahon
4	Rachel Armitage
4	Julie Martin
4	Toni White
5	Stephen Spinden
5	Weston Tanner
5	Joel Yarbor
6	Kevin Diegel
6	Michael Halverson
6	Timothy Williamson
7	Chris Kulp
7	Don Melcher
7	William Vaughan
8	DeeAnn Herschbach
8	Nora Ortiz
9	Brian Gardner
9	Susan Hart
9	Kevin Murray
10	Dave Brenden
10	Dennis Cooper
10	Anthony Stockwell
11	Lane Al-Attrash
11	Kim Loop
11	Donald Sandstrom
12	Jack Cate
12	Greg Hanson
13	William Eagle
13	Cheri Felton
13	Larry Karnoski
14	Sean Williams
15	Ellen Bernert
16	James Ferrenburg
16	Stephen Hanson
16	Steve Jenkins
16	Ben Snyder
17	Robert Jolin
17	Ronald Maruska

18	David Criswell
18	Robert Duffy
18	Deborah Stano
19	Karl Pearson
20	Robert Nichols
20	Richard Oliver
21	Dale Clark
21	Michael Smith
22	Brian Diehl
22	Kay Heino
22	Matthew Holmes
22	Topher Mood
23	Samantha Mathews
23	Dennis Patterson
23	Thomas Schwab
23	Don Smith
23	Kim Yarbor
24	John Gedlich
24	Mike Siem
24	Gordon Thistle
24	Jim Thompson
25	Amy Davison
25	Cara George
25	Mark Pacheco
25	Michael Warren
26	Veston Anderson
27	Michael Hoag
27	Forrest Klum
27	Terence Trana
28	Jason Beck
28	David Belden
28	Hillary Cobb
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