Ocean Shores/North Beach Elk's Lodge #2581 P.O. Box 896, 199 Ocean Lake Way, Ocean Shores, WA 98569 360-289-2581



Our Motto:

The faults of our members we write upon the sand; Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory

"Elks Can Make a Difference" January/February Bi-Monthly Newsletter



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MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

1 ST Monday	Veteran's Lunch	Noon
1 st & 3 rd Wed.	Regular Lodge Meeting	7:00 pm
2nd Tuesday	Lodge Board Meeting	10:00 am
2 nd , 4 th & 5 th	Wed Texas Hold'Em	6:00 pm
2 nd Wednesday	Park Board Meeting	1:00 pm
Last Friday	Bunco	1:00 pm
Every Wed.	Answers For All	10-Noon
Every Thurs.	Toastmaster 6:3	0-8:00pm
Every Friday	Music w/Arley & Linda	6:30pm
Every Sunday	Lunch Noon-Bingo	1:30 PM

JOLLY CORKS LOUNGE

SUNDAYS	Bar Closed need Bartender
MONDAY	Bar Closed
TUES-SAT	BAR OPENS 4:00 PM

LODGE KITCHEN

Sundays	Lunch	Noon
Mondays	Kitchen Closed	
Tuesdays	Fish & Chips	5:00pm
Wednesdays	Kitchen Closed	
Fridays	Steak & Chicken	5:30 pm

**Community Meeting Held at our Lodge Open to all Ocean Shores Residents

The Clamdigger is being published every other month. This edition will be for January & February

Seahawks Football game	1:00 PM
Lodge Meeting	7:00 PM
Business Appreciation Dinner	5:30 PM
House Committee Meeting	9:00AM
BOD Meeting	10:00 AM
Winter conference	Thurs-Sat
Hoop Shoot	all day
Lodge Meeting	7:00 PM
Sweet 16 Party	5:30 PM
Lodge Meeting	7:00 PM
Relay 4 Life	all day
Superbowl Party 3:30 Kickoff	
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A Note from the **EXALTED RULER**



Tony Woodbeck

Well I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year due to a grant we received, we were able to hold our first annual Wishing Tree Dinner and Gift Giveaway for the community, It was a huge success. We were able to treat 35 families and 85 children to a wonderful dinner and party. Having expected approximately 140 people, we were pleased to be able to serve nearly 240 meals. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this possible. I hope we have the continued success next year, to better serve our community. Our own Elks Christmas party was a blast and to all who missed it, hope to see you next year. The

food was excellent, and the White Elephant gift exchange was a great time. Congratulations to Dave Hill for winning the First annual UGLY SWEATER CONTEST. Our New Year's Eve party was a huge success with Prime Rib dinner and music by Paul Bouma's band of Renown, a Great time was had by all. A great turn out and hope to see you all next year. This past few months have been hectic, and we have had so many events, dinners, dances, parties, football games, poker nights, you name it we have probably either had it at the lodge or have it planned. I would like to take a moment and personally thank all the people who have volunteered to help this year. I don't have enough time or room here to mention each of you by name, but I would if I could. Thank you all so much, our lodge is so successful for ONE reason and only one reason. Because of the Caliber of our members, I speak often to the E.R.s of other lodges and our own past Exalted Rulers, and they are all astonished at how many members we have who volunteer to help with everything from decorating to cooking to being the Chairperson of an entire event, We are all so fortunate to have so many who take pride in our lodge, and to all those who support our lodge, members and non-members alike, Thank you all so much

January 8th is our Business Appreciation Dinner, this is the time we get to thank and show our appreciation to local businesses who donate and help support us throughout the year. We ask so much from them through the year, it is the least we can do to show them our appreciation, I urge you all to attend, and it is \$12 for dinner and music, and dancing.

We also have our Sweet Sixteen Party coming in January, what is that you ask, well just think back to when you were sixteen, dress the part and come to the party,,,oh you can leave the acne at home.

February brings our Sweetheart dance on the 14th, and our volunteer appreciation dinner also. It is a time to pay tribute to all those who do so much at the lodge all year long.

Oh, don't forget that February is also Nominations, and Elections for next year's officers, so let us know if you would like to become an officer, put your name in the hat so to speak, or if you would like to nominate someone you think would be a worthy candidate.

This is the first time we are doubling up on articles, because we are going to once every two months, so forgive me if I missed something, I am good at telling the past, not so much with the future.

As always,

Your Humble Servant,

Tony Woodbeck. E.R.





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Robert	Cleary
Lester	Fairley
William	Gibbons
Paul	Nelson
Charles	Ingle
John	Buff
Thomas	Bacon
Constance	Blaze
Jon	Jaeger
James	Sanders Sr
Daniel	Allen
Harry	Minogue
Joshua	Collins
David	Williams
Jon	Beilstein
Nick	Jenn
Vicki	Luck



2015-2016 LODGE OFFICERS		
Exalted Ruler	Tony Woodbeck	
Leading Knight	Ron Devore	
Loyal Knight	Karen Woodbeck	
Lecturing Knight		
Secretary	Linda Sterling	
Treasurer	Vicki Storment	
Esquire	Forrest Adams	
Chaplin	Linda Devore	
Tiler	Dianna Raines	
Inner Guard	Jimmy Davis	
DIRE	ECTORS	
John Link	1 year	
Reed Simpson 2 years		
Robert "Bob" Howe 3 years		
Daniel Fajardo	4 years	
David Brandt	5 years	
PER ASSOCIATION		
President	Bob Howe	
Secretary	Hal Gunn	
Treasurer	Bob Manko	
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		
Activities Committee		
Scholarship Commi	ttee Mary	
	Kozlowski	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Howard	Simpson
Thomas	Carr
Charles	Schillings
Richard	Daniels
Carol	Simpson
Mary	Haase
Bille	Hodge
Shirley	Rasmussen
James	Wynne
David	Peretti
Terry	McGrew
Jim	Beauvais
Timothy	Wells
Joe	Doyle
Linda	Nipp- PER
Arthur	Turgeon
Don	Johnson
Ardis	Kahrs
John	Windle
Howard	Belden
Clarence	Poppe
Michael	Preston
Elizabeth	Simpson
Lindsy	
John	Hirschbeck

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT



Happy New Year, I can't believe it is 2016, we had a great year at our Lodge. Financially we are on very solid ground and our membership keeps growing every month. Our major project to do some repairs to the Lodge are over 50% done, the new floor was ordered last week and unfortunately we have to wait until spring to paint the building. On December 18th we had our annual

Christmas Program for the local disadvantaged families, this year we added a full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, we helped over 85 children had over 200 people for dinner and Santa was there for over 2 hours handing out gifts; we gave 19 bicycles to the kids, many were donated by the Tacoma Lodge and a few purchased from members donations. This was one of the best community event I have ever seen in our Lodge, we have many people to thank for their help with so many volunteer hours as well as financial help that I am afraid to name them all in case I forget someone but a big thanks to Kathy Miller for coordinating the families and the presents; it was so wonderful to see our members asking to be included and those that were not able to they donated money to help with the presents. We were able to get a Grant from the ENF to help with this event, and with the donations we received we had the necessary funds to make these children very happy and give their families a very nice Christmas. For those that were not able to attend I can assure you that at times there was not a dry eye in the Lodge; I am very proud to call The Ocean Shores Lodge 2581 my Lodge, thanks to all the volunteers without you this event would not had happen. On another note, remember our yearly elections will be at the last meeting in February and nominations must be in by the first meeting in February. This coming year the office of the Secretary will be up for election, if you know of a member in good standing with office experience that would be interested to run for the office but would like to know more about its duties please ask them to call the office and leave a message for me or call me directly and we can talk about the Duties of the Secretary. There are other programs we are working on such as the Antlers and Youth Activities, our ER will let you know once we have definite dates. Our next BOD meetings will be on Tuesday January12th at 10;00am and Tuesday February 9th at 10:00am and is open to the Lodge Members, this is your Lodge and we are your representatives; if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Board please come to the meetings and let us know, we want to hear from you. Again thanks to all our members for their continued support and big thanks to all the Volunteers for a Fantastic Job.

Do not forget "ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"

Fraternally yours, Dan Fajardo, Chairman, PER.

A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

We are starting a New Year, hope everyone made some New Year resolutions. Top of the list could be to help be a volunteer at the lodge. We are always in need of new volunteers. Don't want to wear out the few but



mighty ones that we have. In January we have our hoop shoot on January 16th. Anyone that wants to help please let us know. On January 23rd we are having a Sweet 16 Party. I know it seems like that was just yesterday (ha ha). On February 6th we have the Relay 4 Life, February 13th is the Sweetheart Supper and February 27th we have our volunteer appreciation dinner. I hope to see everyone for Valentines with their sweethearts. Great time to show off our loved ones. Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. This coming year should be a great one for the lodge. Always fun and exciting times at our

Lodge.

Come say THANK YOU

to our visiting Business Guests at the Business Appreciation Dinner

Friday, January 8th

Join us for dinner Steak OR Crab Stuffed Sole With all those Friday night Favorites Dinner at 5:30 PM

\$12.00

Enjoy entertainment by Arley & Linda

Come let these business people know how much you appreciate their support through out the year ! You are invited. . .

Sweet 16 Party Saturday, Jan 23rd 5:30 to ?

"Dress as you díd when you were 16"

Dínner at 5:30, Pízza and Salad Build your own Banana Split For dessert Dancing following. Music from the 50's, 60's, 70's § 80's By Paul Bouma as DJ

Tickets available at Lounge or Office Purchase by January 19 for \$ 12.50 After January 19 \$15.00

REMINDER Upcoming Lodge Meetings

January 6th & 20th February 3rd & 17th





By Bob Manko

Holidays are over, PERS are back from their annual trip to the North Pole where we assisted Santa just like we assist the merry elves and the ER.

So now it is back to reality. I'm sure your ER Tony, is counting down the days til April 1st, 2016as well as Ron, our leading knight.

Hey Ron, chomping at the bit? Always remember the PER'S are right behind you. What we are doing back there is sometimes guestionable.

None the less, we will be there. January has been designated as Buy A PER A DRINK MONTH.

Elk of the Month - January

This month I am proud to say that my friend, and yours, Arnold Samuels, is our honored ELK OF THE MONTH. You all know Arnold, he has been a member of the Elks for well, ever. Member of the Eagles, Lions, Senior Center volunteer, VFW, Armature Radio Operators Club, and I'm sure I'm missing a few. . He has just been awarded one of the highest honors in Washington State Elks, as a Diamond Member, for his continued and generous donations to our Washington State Elks Tall Elks program.

He is the official photographer of not only the ELKS but of Ocean Shores.

He recently visited Washington DC, to the Veterans Memorial, as an Honored Guest.

Not many know this, but I am so proud to say, and sad at the same time, to have to say, that Arnold Samuels was the one and only person to sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the local IGA this year. In the entire city of Ocean Shores.

And congratulations, on just celebrating your 92nd birthday. Happy Birthday.

Arnold It is an honor and a privilege to call you my friend, Thank you for all you do.

Tony Woodbeck E.R.

Elk of the Month - February

For February, I would like to announce our latest Elks of the month, This month it will be, drum roll please......Dave and Meredith Hayes, these few months since they joined our lodge, they have been very consistent in attending meetings, dinners, events, and volunteering to help with just about everything.

They especially were helpful with the Elks Community Christmas Party, and Meredith made all the new center pieces for the tables, for our New Year's Eve Party.

They are a huge help, to our lodge and very fine people besides, a real complement to our lodge.

Meredith, Dave, I would like to say thank you for everything you have done, to help make our lodge a better place, your smiles and laughter are very refreshing, and I hope you have as great of a time at the lodge as we do when you are both there.

Tony Woodbeck E.R.

You are invited. . .

Sweetheart Supper - Saturday, February 13th - 5:30 PM

Dinner at 5:30 - Chicken Breast in tarragon wine sauce, pasta Veggies, dessert

Entertainment by Arley & Linda immediately following

Tickets available in Lounge or Office-\$ 12.50 on or before February 9th, \$15 after February 9th

Look for more information about the

Superbowl Party

Sunday, February 7th Kickoff at 3:30 PM

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner February 27, 2016 – 5:30 PM

We invite volunteers to join us for this dinner. Without you our Lodge would not exist!!!!



Thanks to your efforts and all of your volunteerism, we celebrate another successful year. Please rsvp to the office 360-289-2581 by 2/23/16.

"Our Kids"

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children Our State Major Project

Thank you for your support WA State Elks!





Benedict "Ben" was delivered full-term by C-section in September 2012. By age 4 months he had undergone three open-heart surgeries common with Down Syndrome: Correction of the aorta repair at five days old, complete atrial-ventricular septal defect repair in December 2012, and mitral valve repair in January 2013. At one month, Ben began to have a series of respiratory infections, which required a long-term hospitalization and reinforced his need for a placement of a G-tube.

After spending the first years of his life on oxygen and struggling to live Ben has slowly made progress physically and developmentally. The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children started giving Ben occupational therapy when he was two months old. In the beginning his OT worked on teaching the family positioning and handling techniques. Then, it went on to movement and play. Since Ben had to be in a hospital bed the first few months of his life, he developed a flat head. The therapist helped get him a cranial molding helmet to reshape his head. Ben is now crawling and pulling himself up to furniture. Ben will sidestep around furniture, and just recently got orthotics for his feet and a walker. Ben is able to complete puzzles and play with a variety of toys. He has six brothers and sisters which love being involved in therapy and teaching him new skills. The family truly appreciates their Elks therapist. In their words "Her understanding, kindness, knowledge, and patience have helped to make learning new skills fun for Ben and his family. They are truly grateful to have the sunshine she brings in their lives! Thank you





Ever Wonder who to contact ???

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SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

February is the month we nominate and elect our new officers for the upcoming year.

One of the officers, and probably the most important officer in the lodge, our Secretary, has decided to resign at the end of this year, March 31st. This is a blow to our lodge, and we have a difficult task in replacing her.

The Secretary has many duties, and great responsibility, she is responsible for almost everything that occurs in the lodge.

I feel it is my duty and responsibility as the outgoing Exalted Ruler to announce ahead of time that the position of Lodge Secretary is becoming available, and that anyone interested in learning more about this position, and the daily workings and goings on in the office, please contact either myself, Tony Woodbeck, E.R., the current Secretary Linda Sterling, or Dan Fajardo, Chairman of the Board of Directors, or Ron DeVore, the new incoming Exalted Ruler, for more information.

This is not a position to be taken lightly and is not a position we can afford to wait until April 1st to fill.

It may take Weeks or Months to train the right person for this position. So we want to get a head start, so that the New Secretary will take over and hit the floor running so to speak April 1, 2016.

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested and you feel they may have the right qualifications, and experience, please contact our office at your earliest convenience.

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As many of you know, we have been serving dinners on Tuesday, Friday, Saturdays for an event, and Sunday for BINGO. Recently by popular demand, we have been serving dinner on Thursdays also ,which is a great source of revenue for the Kitchen and the Bar. The Kitchen and the Bar are our main sources of income to operate the lodge, without them the lodge could not keep its doors open.

As the lodge grows in numbers so does the need to have more meals on more evenings to better serve our members. We have had guest chefs for our meals on Thursdays, which is a great help, and we would love to continue with this.

However for more than 3 years, the lions share of the cooking has been left up to the Exalted Rulers, their wives, and a select few volunteers.

So, we are actively looking for volunteers, to cook, serve dinner, operate the cash register, do dishes, and bus tables. Also to work with the New Exalted Ruler to schedule menu's and order Food, and some light shopping on occasion.

. This will relieve a lot of work off the shoulders of the New Incoming Exalted Ruler, and allow him to be more attentive to the day to day operations of the lodge and Duties and Responsibilities that come with the Exalted Rulers position.

So, I would guess it will take at least 4 people per shift, and up to 13 or more volunteers a week, to continue food service in our lodge, considering Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday Bingo, and the occasional, Saturday Event. Now, I will be happy to continue cooking Tuesday, Friday, Sunday for BINGO, and of course Saturday Events that we have scheduled.

However, my term as Exalted Ruler, will come to an end on March 31st, and Due to some personal issues The following day I will be leaving for California, and may not return for up to 2 months. , So I will not be able to continue <u>Weekly</u> almost <u>Daily</u> cooking in the lodge, it will be left up to the membership, to continue this.

So, our hope and goal is to have enough members volunteer, in the kitchen so that no two or three people have to cook every day, we would love to have enough to go around, so that everyone only has to do it once a month or six weeks or so.

We are looking for Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Saturdays occasionally.

I will be Training kitchen volunteers, so that when the new Exalted Ruler Takes over, and I am not able to help, we will have a smooth, seamless, transition in the kitchen. It is not mandatory to have a food handlers certificate if you are only helping once in a while in the kitchen, however it is recommended.

Thank you,

Tony Woodbeck , Exalted Ruler.

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Statement of Dues for Elks Year April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017:

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE OF APRIL FIRST.

*** Be an Early Bird and pay your dues prior to April First. Thanks. ***

\$104.50

Membership Number: _____

Total Years as an Elk: _____

Name_

Regular Annual Dues: Membership

Dues provide necessary baseline funds for the Operating Budget, which is prepared by the Board and posted for review in March. *PLEASE NOTE:* Lodge must pay Grand Lodge and WSEA per capita fees in April, based on ALL members shown on our membership roster as of April 1st. <u>Therefore, if you do not intend to renew your membership for</u> the coming year, please notify the Lodge Office by March 1st. Also, we can issue you an Absolute Dimit. It will not only save us from having to pay unnecessary per capita fees for the coming year, but also facilitates your membership reactivation should you decide to return to Elkdom at a later date or if you wish to transfer to another lodge. Thank you for your consideration.

ADDITIONAL (Suggested Optional) CHARITABLE DONATIONS (Voluntary):

Elks National Foundation <u>\$10.00</u> (optional)	Ι]	\$
WA State Children's Therapy (Tall Elks) <u>\$15.00</u> (optional)	Ε]	\$
Lodge Scholarship Fund: <u>\$10.00</u> (optional)	Ε]	\$
Lodge Building Fund: <u>\$10.00</u> (optional)	Ι]	\$

ENF and Tall Elks are <u>separate</u> donations necessary to help this Lodge meet Grand Lodge and WSEA per capita charity assessments

The Lodge Scholarship fund helps a very worthwhile local educational cause.

The Lodge Building Fund helps defray much-needed maintenance costs.

Annual Dues Enclosed (\$104.50):	\$
(National Fees \$15.50, State Fees \$8.00, Lodge Dues \$81.00)	
Optional Contributions Enclosed (Voluntary):	\$
Total Enclosed:	\$

Fraternally Yours,

Linda Sterling Lodge Secretary

Please let the office know if you will need payment arrangements