# **CLAM DIGGER**

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"

March\ April Newsletter





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#### MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

1 <sup>ST</sup> Monday	Veteran's Lunch	Noon
1st & 3rd Wed.	Regular Lodge Meeti	ng 7:00 pm
2nd Monday	Lodge Board Meeting	3:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Wee	d Texas Hold'Em	6:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	<b>Park Board Meeting</b>	1:00 pm
Last Friday	Bunco	1:00 pm
Every Wed.	<b>Answers For All</b>	10-Noon
Every Thurs.	Toastmaster	6:30-8:00pm
Every Friday	Music	6:30pm
<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>Lunch Noon-Bingo</b>	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 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm
v	Monster Burgers 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	•
Wednesdays	Kitchen Closed	
Thursday	<b>Guest Chefs</b>	5:30pm
•	Menu Varies	•
Fridays	Steak & Chicken	5:30 pm
•	Or	-

Steak & Fish



THE CLAM DIGGER IS WILL BE RETURNING TO MONTHLY EDITIONS BEGINNING MAY.



YOU CAN ACCESS THE CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE.

ON THE WEBSITE YOU ARE ABLE TO PAY YOUR DUES, PURCHASE TICKETS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND MUCH MORE.

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## A Note from the **EXALTED RULER**

Tony Woodbeck

#### IT IS THE HOUR OF RECOLLECTION

Well the time has come, for me to write my last monthly Newsletter.

It is bitter sweet. I have looked forward to this moment for a year, and now that the time has come, I am a bit sad.

Three years ago, Mark Swanson asked me if I would be interested in filling the Loyal Knight's chair. I thought about it briefly, and agreed to do it. I will never forget the next words out of his mouth for as long as I live. He said, "Good that means you will be E.R. after me."

It's funny how things like this happen. Three years later, I am finishing what I can honestly say is one of the hardest, happiest, most satisfying times of my life. Thank you Mark, for your confidence in me, and thank you Dan for giving me the opportunity to follow you and learn from you, and helping me along this past three years.

Over the past 5 Terms of Exalted Rulers, Ocean Shores North Beach lodge #2581 has gone from closing our doors, to last year being the #2 lodge in the state. Not only do we have all of our Chairs filled with officers, this year, we have people lined up to be officers for the next three or four years. And all our Board of Directors and House Committees chairs are full. What an improvement.

I first want to thank all of you, who have helped support Karen and myself, throughout this past year.

I knew as Exalted Ruler that I had some pretty big shoes to fill, when I look around the lodge and see all the Past Exalted Rulers, knowing most of them, their character, their work ethics, and their dedication to this lodge, continuing their legacies would be no easy task.

I was very fortunate to have so many Past Exalted Rulers to rely on for help and insight this year. So to all of you, thank you so much for all you have done to help me through this past term.

To all the officers, who worked so hard to make this another successful year, I thank you. To all the volunteers who work tirelessly, day after day, night after night, with so little recognition, Thank you all so very much.

To the members, with their support both moral and financially, it is for you, and through you that we exist. If not for the continual support of our members, this lodge of Elks, could not, and would not be able to perform the charitable work of our organization.

Financially we had an awesome year, our Charitable Contributions were again well above and beyond the expected.

Our Contributions to Elks National Foundation, Washington State Elks Therapy (Tall Elks), Scholarship, and to support our Veterans, have greatly exceeded our expectations again this year.

Financially our lodge has done very well this year, we have been able to bank a good deal of money and set ourselves on the path to financial security for yet another year.

In closing, I would like to say to all the members of our lodge, please continue to support your lodge, and the good and charitable work of the Elks. Continue to support your elected officers, it is a difficult job, and you have put your faith in them, now help them do the right thing.

To the newly elected officers, you have had the members of your lodge put their faith and trust in you, please don't let them down. Good luck to all of you, in the jobs you have undertaken for the next few years. This lodge of Elks has a great responsibility, please don't take it lightly.

And finally, to my wife, Karen, you have been, and always will be the love of my life. You help me make it through every day, and this past year has been no exception. Without you by my side, I don't know that I would have made it this year. Your insight and knowledge of the Elks organization is unsurpassed. Your wisdom and compassion always amaze me, and how I was ever lucky enough to have you as my wife, partner and friend, will always be a mystery to me. I love you!

Thank you all, for your friendship, support, and kindness throughout the year.

I love you all, and am honored to call you friends.

Anthony Woodbeck,

**Exalted Ruler** 



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

Dan Fajardo

Well we have reached the end of the 2015-2016 Elk year, again we can say that we did very well financially; this is the third year in a row that we had a positive cash flow and we will be able, after the new Board is seated on April 1<sup>st</sup>, to determine an amount to put away on a savings CD and present to the members for approval; also our membership keeps growing every month, we can predict that in the coming year we will surpass the 400 members threshold however it is

very important to maintain a good attitude towards each other and make our Lodge a great place to bring your friends and family. Our major project to do some repairs to the Lodge is over 75% done, please come by and see all the work that has been done remodeling the main Lounge, the new floor is almost completed, we need to finish the area around the dance floor and last but not least we have to wait until spring to paint the building. Recapping some of the Major events of the past year we had our annual Christmas Program for the local disadvantaged families, we helped over 85 children had over 200 people for a Christmas 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; the Fishing Derby was again a great success with 198 children participating and over 50 volunteers helping; for the third year we were one of the main Sponsors of the Grays Harbor Stand Down, providing the Dental Mobile Unit from Portland and lunch for over 250 Veterans; we had our first Summer Sports Program for the local children to keep them off the streets and teach them Citizenship and Americanism with three Golf Camps (3 days each) paid from an ENF Grant; again we hosted the Annual Senior Prom for our local High School and this year we gave three \$2,000.00 Scholarships to our local children. 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, our yearly elections were held at the February 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, and for the first time in our Lodge history we have all the Chairs filled by Ladies and they have great ideas for the coming year, all I can tell you is "Hold on to your chair", great job Ocean Shores Lodge. There are other programs we are working on such as the Antlers and Youth Activities. Our next BOD meetings will be on Tuesday March 8th at 10:00am and remember is open to all 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.

"We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers" -Seneca

Do not forget "ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"

Fraternally yours, Dan Fajardo, Chairman, PER.

March
Paddlewheel Game
raised
\$754.08
for the
Scholarship Fund
April is designated for
the Lodge Fund – Water
Bill.

## FROM THE LEADING KNIGHT'S LANCE

By Ron Devore

As Leading Knight and nominated Exalted Ruler, I thought I would devote this month's article to let you know a little bit about me. Some of you already do. However, many of you who don't know think I am an accountant who owns Liberty Tax Service in Aberdeen. I think that had I lived my life as an accountant I would have succumbed to boredom long ago. If you are interested, please read on.

Like many members of our Lodge I joined the military in the mid 1960's. I was in

my first year of college and would have been drafted anyway, so my best friend and I joined the Marine Corps on what they used to call the "buddy system". This proved to be a wise decision because being a southern California surfer boy did not exactly prepare me for Marine boot camp. With the help of my friend though, and our friendly drill instructors, I made it through. Next stop was Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. We were working up for what was known as a NATO Cruise. We would be going on boats to several European countries and play war with other NATO forces. Liberty call would be finding us enjoying great food and drink with French or Italian girls. It sounded like a really good time for a lad of nineteen. It just wasn't meant to be. One morning about three thirty at Lejeune we were rudely awakened and told to saddle up. Instead of the European gig we were ordered to move to San Diego, get on a transport ship and join "U.S. Forces, Western Pacific". Translation: Viet Nam. So much for that wonderful dream about the bistros and the young girls.

A few years later I was back at Camp Pendleton in California. One day, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department was on base administering hiring exams. The Marine Corps had offered to send me to Officer Candidate School but that meant going back to Viet Nam as a second lieutenant and another very good chance of getting killed. One time was enough, so I opted for the Sheriff's Department and was sworn in on February 1, 1968.

The next 20 plus years were pretty rewarding and somewhat more exciting that the life of an accountant. I worked patrol and detective assignments at East Los Angeles, West Hollywood, and Lennox Stations. Most of the time, about eight years, was at Lennox in the ghetto of South Central Los Angeles. I am proud to say that in the thousands of arrests and citizen contacts I made, there were few serious citizen complaints and only one shooting. During this time, aided by the GI Bill, I learned to fly fixed and rotor wing aircraft. Finally, in 1980, I was rewarded with a prized assignment to the department's Aero Bureau and flew patrol support and rescue helicopters until retirement in 1989. One of our busiest times was planning and working the 1984 Olympic games. Even in that year they worried about security. Lynda thought some of the women in the Lodge might want to hear about my brush with actress Natalie Wood, so here goes. It occurred early in the morning of November 29, 1981. She was missing somewhere off Catalina Island. Our rescue helicopter crew was tasked with a first light search and we found her around 7:30 AM. Our dive team hoisted her into the aircraft and transported her to Long Beach where the coroner's office picked her up. You might ask Lynda for further details.

The next move was to Spokane, Washington where I flew for Northwest MedStar. We did medical transport missions for Deaconess and Sacred Heart Medical Centers. I became reacquainted with your Chaplin Lynda, whom I had known in high school, and we got married in 2006. By that time, at age 60 and almost 10,000 flight hours, my night vision had deteriorated to the point that flying around in the dark in the mountains surrounding Spokane was not the smartest thing to do. So it was off to Ocean Shores and here we are. I bought the tax franchise in Aberdeen to have something to do and earn an extra vacation and beer money each year. Looking forward to my year as E.R., my key employees will be running the office so I can devote the needed time to the Lodge. If I'm lucky, I will sell it and retire for the third and final time. What a concept.



## A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

This is my last article for the Clam Digger. It has been a joy being the Secretary for the lodge this past year. I have gotten to know a lot more people and procedures. Terry Smith was nominated as our new secretary. She has already started training. She has many great qualities and I am sure will work out great. Please come by and say hi and welcome her aboard. I am looking forward to a new year with a new ER Ron Devore. As usual I am sure we will have wonderful times together. Again thanks for the opportunity to be the lodge's secretary.



# PER CORNER

By Bob Howe

Because I was given the position of Behavior person for this Lodge I feel obligated to speak out about some of the things that have happened in the past few weeks.

On more than one occasion we have had confrontations that should NOT be part of an ELKs Lodge.

We, as ELKs should NEVER resort to rude behavior, hateful speech or conduct unbecoming a true and loyal ELK!

If you see something happening or about to happen that is not allowed or by its very nature could bring disgrace upon the Lodge, then it needs to be addressed.

Never should it be handled in a rude or derogatory manner.

If an offender tries to continue or becomes combative (verbally) then the ER or another officer of the lodge must become involved in order to resolve the issue.

Do not allow hard feelings to fester for days or weeks until members decide to leave the Lodge membership. A true apology can work wonders!

I do not want to have this Lodge that has become the shining example to other lodges, turn into what it was when the nickname was Open Sores!

I believe the efforts of all of us who have put our hearts and souls into this Lodge must not go into oblivion because a few decide that rudeness is acceptable.

"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all ." my Mom



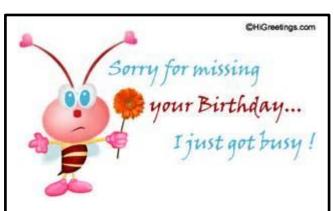
# REMINDER

# Next Lodge meeting is April 20th, 2016

#### Laws and Rules of the Order Admendment Sec.5

Wherein: He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$3,600.00 annum, payable every two weeks.

**To be changed to**: He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$6,000.00 annum, payable every two weeks.



#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lynda Davore	Kristine Tecco		
Darrin Buck	<b>Gene Davis</b>		
Bruce Keaweehu	Richard Hermsen		
Robert Anderson	Lee Kloeppel		
Fred Smith	Joe Martin		
Donald Pickett	Rea Avery		
Harley Gilthvedt	Michael Huff		
Bruce Frazier	Robert Ross		
Olav Osterhus	<b>Howard Fenton</b>		
Alan Sutherland	James Roberts		
John Sheetz	Paul Elliott		
Raymond McCorkle	Kenneth Edwards		
Richard Hoyt	Robert Wallace		
Rodger Hudson	Shirley Zieldorff		
Kathleen Erickson	Dennis Hollinger		
Janet Russell	Gary Johnston		
	•		

**Timothy Clifford** 

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS





# ELK OF THE MONTH

Well it's that time of the month again to announce the ELK OF THE MONTH. Sadly enough this will also be my last, as my term as Exalted Ruler is ending.

When I became Exalted Ruler I started up the ELK OF THE MONTH again. I thought this would be a great idea and opportunity to pick a person out each month and show them a little gratitude for the service at the lodge.

Wow, I had no idea how hard this was going to be, not because of not enough people but because of the amount of people in this lodge who help, volunteer, support, and work. How do you pick one person out of a hundred each month? And for every one nominated, another 50 were just as deserving.

I should have thought this through a little more before starting it. Lol.

Through this past year I have nominated some very OUTSTANDING people for ELK OF THE MONTH. You see them in the lodge, behind the bar, in the kitchen, at BINGO.

Then there are the ones who work behind the scenes, like Katie Mitchell.

Katie came in to the lodge and talked with Karen, and told her she would be glad to help with whatever we needed, ANYTIME. Karen and I asked her to work one Friday night serving dinner, and that was as they say the "beginning of a beautiful friendship,".

Katie now works almost every Friday, some Tuesdays, Saturday Events, and also every Sunday at Bingo.

She is one of the hardest working people in the lodge, and probably the least recognized. By recognized I certainly don't mean, unappreciated, I mean recognized, how many of you would know her by sight or by name.

YOU SHOULD, she is in the lodge nearly 3 days a week working. Perhaps the next time you're in the lodge you could ask someone to point her out to you and you could personally thank her and tell her how much we appreciate her for all her hard work this past year.

Well Katie, Karen and I would like to say thank you for all the help you have given to us and to everyone in the lodge this year. We not only consider you an OUTSTANDING ELK OF THE MONTH, but a very good and dear friend, we love you.

Congratulations, and please keep up the good work!

Tony Woodbeck,

Exalted Ruler.

# **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY 12:00-3:00
TUESDAY 12:00-3:00
WEDNESDAY 10:00-1:00
THURSDAY 10:00-1:00
FRIDAY 10:00-1:00

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - CLOSED



# 2016-2017 LODGE OFFICERS

**Exalted Ruler Ron Devore Leading Knight** Karen Woodbeck **Loyal Knight Kathy Miller Lecturing Knight Nancy Oakes Terry Smith** Secretary Treasurer Vicki Storment Esquire **Vicky Roberts** Chaplin Linda Devore Tiler **Don Ross Inner Guard Rich Smith** 

#### **DIRECTORS**

Dave Hill 1 year Lee Schuster 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** 

**Kathy Miller** 

**Scholarship Committee** 

Mary Kozlowski

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# COME INTO THE LODGE FOR FOOD AND FUN APRIL

*SUNDAY*	*MONDAY*	*TUESDAY*	*WEDNESDAY*	*THRUSDAY*	*FRIDAY*	SATURDAY*
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<ul> <li>12:00 pm - 1:29 pm Lunch</li> <li>1:30 pm Bingo</li> <li>8:30 pm Elks 2581 Notice Lodge Events For Next Week</li> </ul>	●12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Lodge Office Hours	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Lodge Office Hours     4:00 pm Lounge Open     5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner Menu: Dave's Burgers     6:30 pm Paddlewheel Game Night	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Answers For All 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lodge Office Hours 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Parks Meeting 4:00 pm Lounge Open 5:00 pm Poker - bring a snack	10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lodge Office Hours     4:00 pm Lounge Open     5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner Menu: Chasen's Chili     6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Toastmasters     7:00 pm Wild Joker	10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lodge Office Hours     4:00 pm Lounge Open     5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Dinner Menu: Steak or Salmon	• 4:00 pm Lounge Open
BUNGO			• 6:30 pm Interpretive Center Lecture Series - "Management by FireCoastal Prairies" @ Elks Lodge	### ### ##############################		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Legend:	Lounge Status     Special	Meetings	•	Office Status	Regular Events	>

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean Shores Youth Fishing Derby May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016



GONE FISHING

The Ninth Annual Ocean Shores Youth Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Ocean Shores Elks Lodge, will be held on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at North Bay Park (across the street from the Ocean Shores alipropt), from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The Derby is open to kids 17 and under. Registration will begin at 7:00 A.M. the day of the event. Free T-shirts will be handed out to each registered participant (while supplies last). There are no entry fees.

Participants (who so choose) will be assigned a boat and guide, if available. Children must be 5 years or older to fish from the boats. Due to limited space, only one parent will be allowed on each boat. A trout fishing pond will be provided on shore for our younger participants. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the longest lake fish caught in age groups of 5 thru 7, 8 thru 10, 11 thru 13 and 14 thru 17.



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Be vigilant, there is a good chance that the Ocean Shores Pirates will make an appearance.

Ocean Shores IGA, will be serving lunch to children, guardians and volunteers, starting at noon, followed by awards presentations.

Come out to enjoy the fun and watch the kids catch fish!!





For this event can be forwarded to BPOE 2581, Youth Fishing Derby P.O. Box 896 Ocean Shores Wa. 98569



