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

"Elks Can Make a Difference" November 2015 Monthly Newsletter



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MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

1ST Monday	Veteran's Lunch	Noon
1st & 3rd Wed.	Regular Lodge Meeting	7:00 pm
2nd Tuesday	Lodge Board Meeting	10:00 am
2nd, 4th & 5th Wed	Texas Hold'Em	6:00 pm
2nd Wednesday	Park Board Meeting	1:00 pm
Last Friday	Bunco	1:00 pm
Every Wed.	Answers For All	10-Noon
Every Thurs.	Toastmaster	6:30-8:00pm
Every Thurs.	Jokers Wild Drawing	7:00pm
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	Dinner Served	5:30 pm
Wednesdays	Kitchen Closed	
Thursdays	Potluck & Game Night	5:30 pm
Fridays	Steak & Chicken	5:30 pm

NOVEMBER

11/1/15	Seahawks Football game	1:00 PM
11/2/15	Free Vet Lunch	Noon
11/4/15	Answers for All	10:00AM
11/4/15	Lodge Meeting	7:00 PM
11/5/15	Toastmasters	6:30PM
11/7/15	Calendar Dinner	5:30PM
11/9/15	Vet Stand down Aberdeen Mall	all day
11/10/15	House Committee Meeting	9:00AM
11/10/15	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM
11/11/15	Answers for All	10:00AM
11/11/15	Parks Meeting	1:00 PM
11/11/15	Coastal Interpretive Center Meeting	6:00 PM
11/11/15	Vet Appreciation Dinner	5:30PM
11/12/15	Toastmasters	6:30PM
11/15/15	Seahawks Football game	5:30 PM
11/18/15	Answers for All	10:00AM
11/18/15	Lodge Meeting	7:00 PM
11/19/15	Toastmasters	6:30PM
11/22/15	Seahawks Football game	4:00 PM
11/25/15	Answers for All	10:00AM
11/26/15	Thanksgiving	
11/27/15	Bunco	1:00 PM
11/29/15	Seahawks Football game	1:00 PM

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

A Note from the **EXALTED RULER**

Tony Woodbeck



Well it has been a really busy month, and the next two months look to be just as busy.

This last month we ended September with the Tall Elks Coin Box Dinner.

October Fest, which was a huge success, and then we finished up with our Halloween Scholarship Fundraiser Party.

You may have noticed a lot of work going on at the Lodge. We had to have some work done on the roof, and we are getting ready to re-stain the outside of the building. Repair the floor behind the bar, and

remove the carpet in the lodge and replace the flooring.

The lodge floor has been leveled, and the house committee is looking into some new round tables to replace the old tables.

You will notice a lot of changes over the next month or two and if you have not been in for a while I hope you will. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Our menu has changed up some too. Tuesdays we now do Tacos on some Tuesdays and Fish and Chips on other Tuesdays.

Thursdays we now are having a potluck dinner, please come down and enjoy many really tasty dishes made by our members.

We still have our Steak or Chicken Dinners of Friday, and usually have Live Music and open mike night with Arley and Linda.

I hope to see all of you in the lodge soon.

As always,

Your Humble Servant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Dan Fajardo, our Chairman of the Board is also the State District Deputy Auditor. During the last 2 months he has traveled to each Lodge in our District for the Dreaded DD Visit. The team has been instrumental in helping Lodges in the District meet Grand Lodge Standards, Rules and Regulations. Therefore, Dan will not be submitting an article this month.



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FROM THE LEADING KNIGHTS LANCE

By Ron Devore

As Tall Elks committee chairman I want to thank the following volunteers who made the dinner service a success:

Connie Blaze at the entry desk for late ticket purchases

Angela Brandt in the kitchen with me

Lynda Devore, dining room

Joan Hill, dining room (unscheduled but jumped in to help when things began to fall apart and really pulled us out the weeds.

Lee & Lois Shuster, dining room

And, of course, Dianna Rains at the bar and Arlie & Linda on the stage

With their help and those of you who attended we raised over \$3200 for the cause. Since the event was on September 25th the income was not reported in time for the October Washington state standings. So more on that when November figures are released. I will email the information to all members and also report it in the December Clam Digger.

On Saturday, October 3rd, I attended 8 hours of training at the Burien Lodge for all things ER. It was valuable experience that was not available several years ago for my first run at ER. One thing they stressed was to start getting ducks in a row. That means committees and volunteers. So, heads up, some of you may be hearing from me before you expect to.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim Beauvais

Vickie Espinoza

Thomas Greisamer

Curtis Roman

Coming in December

12/5 Elks Memorial

12/19 Holiday Party

12/31 New Year's Eve Party



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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

It is time for me to announce this month's Elk of the Month. This is really an easy Choice. I have been wanting to name her for a while, but I waited until an appropriate time.

That time has come.

Joan Hill, has done so much for our lodge that I will only touch on the surface, she works tirelessly as bar manager, volunteers to chair all the auctions getting donations as well as setting up and running them. And so much more. And still has time to work a full time job. November is a special month, which is why I waited until now, November is when we hold the Harbor Point Fundraiser at the lodge to benefit the residence at Harbor Point.

She and her husband Dave, again will be hosting and making arrangements for this event as well. This is very Dear to their hearts as Dave also works there and knows how in need many of these residents truly are.

Speaking of Dave, he worked in our lodge for years, and for 2 years he cooked his Famous Monster Burgers every Tuesday. He helps with the bar, helps around the lodge with whatever has to be done, just ask him and he is there. And he works two Jobs and still makes time to come to the lodge and hang out with Joan while she is working behind the bar. He gets Kegs of Beer out of the Cooler and Ice for her.

They are two really great people, and we should all be grateful we have two fine people like this as members.

Joan, Dave, thank you for all you do, We all appreciate you so much.

REMINDER Next Lodge meeting is November 4th



By Bob Manko

If you have missed the last few episodes of "The Old and the restful" soap opera, the answer to what connection Joe & Ben have, well here it is.

The connection started in the 1800's. Joe's great, great, great uncle, Joe Youhan, met Ben's great, great, great aunt, Benice Zumk and they married and had a son they named Gunder Halfwit Youhan because they didn't like him. They soon migrated to the U.S. where they registered as Mr. and MRS. Meehan with son Halfwit Gunder Meehan. Benice changed her maiden name to Zumkeller. They altered their names because they felt it sounded more American. When Halfwit became 18 years old and because he didn't like his parents, he changed his last name to Gunder thereby becoming Halfwit Gunder. As the years went by, that name, Halfwit Gunder became Hal Gunn. Now you know the connection between Joe and Ben. What a wonderful story. Other gripping tales are to be told in the future so don't stray too far.

A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY



The Holidays are upon us. How quickly the year has flown by. We have received the loan to repair the lodge. Repairs to the floor and roof have been completed. We have picked the new color for the lodge building. We soon will have a whole new looking lodge. Hope everyone comes to see the results. We will be making the final payment on the LIDS for Ocean Shores. How nice to have that burden off our shoulders. We had some great events in October. Oktoberfest and Halloween/Scholarship were a huge success. We are going to have the Calendar Dinner on November 7th, Brookdale Fund Raiser on November 14th and Vet Appreciation Dinner on November 11th. Hope everyone tries to make these events. The lodge will be closed for Thanksgiving. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in this country.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn	McGrew
James	Barton
Ronald	Fenton
Richard	Lashance
Paul	Utschinski
Sheila	McDuffee
Kenneth	Cadwallader
Ronald	Ritchie
Geneva	Thiel
Judy	Wilson
Jean	Cournoyer
Larry	Walden
Warren	Ivers
Mark	Ames
Cheryl	Eastwood
Jerome	Norris
Richard	Westgard
Marlin	McCaughan
Jimmy	Davis
Rene	Gonzalez
Eugene	Hicks
Kevin	Jacobson
Alexander	Swaab
Ron	Devore
Ronald	Ginn
Douglas	Raines
Curt	Zander

2015-2016 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Tony Woodbeck
Leading Knight	Ron Devore
Loyal Knight	Karen Woodbeck
Lecturing Knight	Nonni VanDalen
Secretary	Linda Sterling
Treasurer	Vicki Storment
Esquire	Forrest Adams
Chaplin	Linda Devore
Tiler	Dianna Raines
Inner Guard	Jimmy Davis

DIRECTORS

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 Committee	Mary Kozlowski

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“Our Kids”

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children,
Inc.

Our State Major Project



Kellan was two years old when he began receiving weekly occupational therapy through our Program. His parents initially requested help due to his extremely limited diet, but they were soon describing tantrums whenever the vacuum was run, whenever the family hosted parties to watch football games, whenever he was taken to the mall on a Saturday afternoon, or when taken to swimming lessons at an indoor pool. The common denominator among these experiences was an over-stimulating environment full of loud sounds that Kellan could not escape. He perceived many sounds as threatening, and he over-reacted to them. Kellan's negative behavior had a large impact on his family, as it severely limited their activities. Nearly 18 months passed before his family and preschool teacher were fully equipped to address his rapid deterioration in behavior when over-reacting to loud, unexpected sounds in his environment - sounds that other children could easily tune out, or become accustomed to.

This behavior also negatively impacted Kellan's social development. He had spent the first 2 years of life trying to shut out irritating sounds in his environment. The result was a child who did not listen well and avoided the unknown: no new activities, no new foods; speech development suffered, as well. Kellan was in *protective mode* and he could not calm himself. His only coping mechanisms were to run, hide, cover his ears and raise his own voice to drown out the sources of sound that agitated him. Therapy focused on parent education, teaching Kellan to anticipate alarming sounds, playfully



increasing his tolerance for noise, use of calming activities like swinging, and creating an environment in which he could feel safe enough to focus, learn, and try new things!



Kellan's ability to anticipate environmental triggers improved and his family developed strategies to calm him. He became increasingly willing to try new foods. He gradually tolerated icky fingers and unfamiliar textures in his mouth. His speech has improved and he is finally making friends at school! Partnerships between Elks Therapists and the families they serve produce great results. Thank you Washington State Elks!

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House Committee Report



By: Reed Simpson

MEETING MINUTES

OPENING

The regular meeting of the House Committee was called to order at 09:00 A.M. on 10/6/2015 at Elks Lodge 2581 by Reed Simpson.

PRESENT

Dan Fajardo, Tony Woodbeck (ER), David Brandt, John Link, Bob Howe and Reed Simpson.

Purpose of the Lodge House Committee:

The House Committee is the governing body with responsibility for (from the Bylaws):

"THE HOUSE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE FULL CHARGE OF THE OPERATION OF ALL CLUB FACILITIES (BAR, KITCHEN, AND JANITORIAL) AND ARE CUSTODIANS OF ALL PROPERTIES CONTAINED THEREIN. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF HOUSE RULES AS ADOPTED BY THAT COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LODGE".

Liaison Responsibilities:

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| 1. Committee Chair: | Reed Simpson |
| 2. Committee Secretary: | Reed Simpson |
| 3. Building and facilities liaison: | John Link |
| 4. Lodge Behavior: | Bob Howe |
| 5. Kitchen: | David Brandt/Dan Fajardo |
| 6. Bar: | Reed Simpson/Dan Fajardo |
| 7. Bingo | Bob Howe |
| 8. Website/Calendar/Gallery | Reed Simpson |

COMMITTEE ACTIONS –OPEN ITEMS/DECISIONS:

1. Investigate and procure (pending Board funding approval) round "bistro" style tables (to seat 5+) for the Lounge – to replace the existing rectangular tables (Dan Fajardo).
2. Investigate the feasibility of replacing the main room tables with 8+ person round (60+" tables (Dan Fajardo).
3. Approval to implement a Lodge Store/Calendar/Gallery following successful feasibility study. The store will be utilized to sell tickets for events, automating dues payments and facilitating direct donations, etc. Approved for submittal to Board requesting funding of \$50/month (average as several fees are annual).
4. Kitchen and Bar inventory will be changed from monthly **manual count** to **perpetual**.
5. Event Ticket prices: Event tickets purchased before the Tuesday preceding the event will be receive a \$2.50 discount each in order to encourage advance purchases to allow for the purchasing of food.
6. Drink pricing: Review drink pricing with Bar personnel.
7. Bar Job duties will be prepared (meet with Bar personnel) to determine how Lodge Management can best manage/support the volunteers.
8. Evaluate the feasibility of installing an ATM machine.
9. Review food/bar income/expense allocation for/to events.
10. Investigate the feasibility of re-introducing Pull Tabs.

PROJECTS:

1. Lounge area redesign: The lounge area redesign project was approved – subject to approval of details by the House Committee and of the Board if any funds are needed. (see Committee Actions - #4).
2. Lodge carpet replacement: Floating Luxury Vinyl Tile style flooring will replace existing carpeting using Home Depot Allure Ultra or equivalent commercial grade materials. The pool table will be re-located as part of the project. **Project on HOLD pending receipt of funding**
3. Capital improvement projects – **Funding received from Elks State (loan). – priority to be established.**
 - a. Paint lodge outside – colors selected
 - b. Carpet replacement
 - c. Level Floor – completed
 - d. Gutters – pending painting completion
 - e. Dining hall tables/seating

- f. Roof repairs – in work
- g. Bar floor repair/replacement
- h. Bar dishwasher replacement

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

TBD – members to submit.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. by Reed Simpson. The next regular meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. on November 10, 2015, at Elks Lodge 2581. Special meetings will be called as required.

Minutes submitted by: Reed Simpson.



PER CORNER

By
Bob Howe

The PER meeting was held 10/13/15 at the lodge as it was supposed to. Attending were Dan, Mark, Bob Manko, Bob Howe and later Joe Meehan. Dan and Mark had a very interesting report on their attendance of the Oregon/Washington PER association meeting. If we (2581) can get the logistics to work we would be interested in hosting a meeting of the group.

Bob Manko reported that he had completed the task of updating the PER pictures. Thank you BOB. Dan talked about the Antlers program and how we have to monitor the whole program. We must have the parents involved or it will not be successful. We ended our meeting and went back to the bar at 7:18 PM.

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Ever Wonder who to contact ???

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| <p>Board Of Directors board@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Exalted Ruler er@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>House Committee house@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Lodge Office office@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Lodge Secretary secretary@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Lodge Treasurer treasurer@bpoe2581.org</p> | <p>Clamdigger Articles- email to Karen kwood94509@gmail.com,
June bobswifejune@juno.com</p> <p>Antlers Program- Tony Woodbeck, ER, er@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Advertising in the Clamdigger contact: Looking for a volunteer</p> <p>Decorating Committee- Nonni 360-591-4924, hannahsia@gmail.com (temp)</p> <p>Dues- Linda Sterling, secretary@bpoe2581.org</p> <p>Rental of Lodge Hall contact: Ron DeVore, devore43@gmail.com</p> <p>Volunteers- Dee Manko, Chairperson, bobanddee@coastaccess.com</p> |
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November 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAHAWKS 1PM	2 Veteran's Lunch Noon	3 Fish & Chips 5:30PM	4 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Lodge Meeting	5 Tequila Thursday Toastmasters 6:30PM – 8 PM Jokers Wild 7PM POTLUCK 5:30 & GAME NITE	6 Chicken or Steak Dinner 5:30PM	7 CALENDAR DINNER 5:30 PM
8 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch	9 Bar & Lodge Closed	10 HOUSE COMMITTEE 9AM BOD Mtg 10AM Taco Tuesday 5:30PM	11 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Parks Meeting 1 PM Coastal Interpretive Mtg 6:00 pm VETERAN'S DAY DINNER/DANCE 5:30 PM	12 Tequila Thursday Toastmasters 6:30PM – 8 PM Jokers Wild 7PM POTLUCK 5:30 & GAME NITE	13 Salmon or Steak Dinner 5:30PM	14 BROOKDALE FUNDRAISER 5:30
15 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAWAWKS 5:30	16 Bar & Lodge Closed	17 Fish & Chips 5:30PM	18 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Lodge Meeting	19 Tequila Thursday Toastmasters 6:30PM – 8 PM Jokers Wild 7PM POTLUCK 5:30 & GAME NITE	20 Chicken or Steak Dinner 5:30PM Entertainment 6:30	21
22 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAWAWKS 4 PM	23 Bar & Lodge Closed	24 Fish & Chips 5:30PM	25 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Lodge Meeting 7 PM	26 THANKSGIVING Bar & Lodge Closed	27 Bunco 1 PM Salmon or Steak Dinner 5:30PM	28
29 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAWAWKS 1 PM	30 Bar & Lodge Closed					

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December 2015

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		1 Fish & Chips 5:30PM	2 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Lodge Meeting	3 Tequila Thursday Toastmasters 6:30PM – 8 PM Jokers Wild 7PM POTLUCK 5:30 & GAME NITE	4 Chicken or Steak Dinner 5:30PM	5 ELKS MEMORIAL 11AM FIRST RESPONDERS PRIVATE PARTY
6 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAWAWKS 10AM	7 Bar & Lodge Closed FREE VET LUNCH NOON	8 HOUSE COMMITTEE 9AM BOD Mtg 10AM Taco Tuesday 5:30PM PER MEETING 6:30 PM	9 Answers for All 10AM to Noon Parks Meeting 1 PM Coastal Interpretive Mtg 6:00 pm	10 Tequila Thursday Toastmasters 6:30PM – 8 PM Jokers Wild 7PM POTLUCK 5:30 & GAME NITE	11 Salmon or Steak Dinner 5:30PM	12 NOREEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY 5 PM ENTERTAINMENT BY ARLEY & LINDA
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27 BINGO 1:30 Doors open at Noon for Lunch SEAWAWKS 1 PM	28 Bar & Lodge Closed	29 Fish & Chips 5:30PM	30	31 ELKS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6 PM	NEW YEAR'S DAY Bar & Lodge Closed	

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