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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

OSEA President's message



Greetings,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, I know I have a lot to be thankful for.

As we start the month of December we need to be mindful that there are plenty of people who are unable to be home for the holidays, Active duty Military Members, those who

are deployed, our first responders, medical people. Please keep all of them in our prayers.

As I have traveled the State I have met Oregon Elks who take the statement "Elks Care Elks Share" to heart. This is even more evident after reading this month's issue of the Elks Magazine, it shows that Oregon Elks gave \$15,304,613 to our communities this past year. And that is \$6,000,000.00 more than the previous year. From what I can tell this would place Oregon as 6th place in giving for States nationwide. This should make everyone of us proud. Let's keep this trend going.

Joedy and I have been proud of all those who we get to interact with. I enjoy meeting the members and generally "talking shop". This let's me know I made the right choice when I accepted the invitation to join this organization.

Also please remember there are, as of this article less than 4 weeks until Christmas. From Joedy and I we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, stay safe.

Fraternally,

Ben L. Adams Jr.
Oregon State Elks Association
President

Elks Memorial Service

December 4, 2022
*The faults of our members
we write upon the sands;
Their virtues upon the
tablets of love and memory*

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Remember to pay tribute to those members whose virtues have been written on the tablets of love and memory by joining the Elks Memorial Service traditionally held on the 1st Sunday in December.

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As a reminder, if you have suggestions for future issues of the OSEA Newsletter please send them to the OSEA Public Relations and Marketing Committee at Blake.ORNCElks@gmail.com. You can also request to be added to our new email distribution list to receive these newsletters and other updates directly in your inbox.

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Grand Exalted Ruler: Absent Members commemorated in December



It's hard to believe the end of 2022 is here. There are so many ways to reflect upon the month of December. On Sunday, December 4, we Elks pledge Fidelity to our Members who have entered into the realm of eternity. Lodges across our great country will pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all the Members who

no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of eleven rings in honor of our deceased Members. The Members who we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of dedicated service to their Lodges. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this memorial ceremony. Their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory. We thank the Jolly Corks who found the need for a formal memorial service as fellow Members passed. Through their insight, a formal designation took place in 1889 at the Grand Lodge Convention proclaiming the first Sunday in December would be designated as Memorial Sunday. "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." May all our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace and may they all be enjoying that great Elks Lodge above. Let us not forget Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. It is a day to remember and honor all who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have personally toured Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It is an absolutely solemn experience to visit the memorial above the USS Arizona and see the names of over 2,400 Americans who were killed that day. In addition to the lives lost, more than 1,100 troops were wounded during the attack. In a speech to congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. There were no truer words spoken. Please take the time at your Lodge to lower the Flag to half-staff on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor all the military personnel who were killed in this attack. May they all rest in peace. December is also a time when we celebrate the Christmas holiday with family and friends. Christmas is a very busy time of the year as we decorate our homes and Lodges, put up and decorate Christmas trees, and shop for our loved ones. Christmas is when we as Elks must practice

one of the Cardinal Principles of our Order, Charity. What better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to have your Lodge membership work together to collect food items for your local food pantry and host children's Christmas parties with Old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus. I encourage Lodges to participate in your local Adopt-A-Family Program to help a family who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas season. Let's also not forget our veterans who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. When you host your Lodge Christmas party, ask every Member to bring a gift for a veteran at your local VA Hospital. COVID-19 has changed our way of life and our interaction time with the veterans at the VA Hospitals. I encourage you to contact your VAVS Representative to coordinate the delivery of the gifts to our veterans. Helen and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with each of you throughout the year. Have a very safe holiday season.

Elks Night at the Portland Trail Blazers

Do you want to show your Elks pride and help promote the Elks with enthusiasm? Join us for Oregon Elks Night at the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday January 28th at 7pm vs the Toronto Raptors. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 each (plus fees). In addition the Milwaukie-Portland Elks lodge will be have food and beverage specials available before and after the game for those who would like to park there and take the MAX train to the game.

Tickets are available on-line at:

<https://rosequarter.com/groupnights>

Promo code = ELKS

In addition to the block of seats we will also have a table on the concourse during the game to promote the Elks and what we do for communities across Oregon. Please join us for this exciting night of promoting the Elks with enthusiasm!!!!



Lodge Spotlight: What lodges in Oregon are doing

Lodges across Oregon do incredible things to aid those in their communities every day. From projects to support veterans to assisting students with disabilities our lodges contribute millions in charitable giving annually. These works deserve to be highlighted and shared both to celebrate the great works our lodges are doing but to also help inspire other lodges who may be looking for new projects or ideas for ways they can support their communities. If your lodge has a project or program, you would like to share you can submit an article to your district Vice President and Public Relations and Marketing Committee Member who will submit the articles to the OSEA Newsletter for consideration. Articles should be no more 200 words and may include a picture. Pictures should show the activity described in the article, should not show anyone drinking or smoking, contain no offensive clothing or images, and if showing a minor you must submit proof of release from the child's parent or guardian to allow for the photo to be used.

Myrtle Creek Lodge #1943 - Veterans Tribute Program



Forty-two members of Myrtle Creek Lodge #1943 who are also veterans were invited to a complimentary dinner and patriotic salute at a Veteran's Tribute Program held at the Lodge on Veteran's Day, Friday Nov 11. Selections from a "Guardians at the Gate" tribute, written by PER Michael Marcy, were read by Lodge member veterans. The entire program was reverent, solemn and emotional, to the point of tears being shed by many in attendance. One highlight of the program was a presentation by Elk Larry Davis, a Tribal Elder, who gifted the Lodge with a patriotic Pendleton blanket he received in recognition of his service

and subsequent honorable discharge as a Sole Surviving Son. Another highlight of the evening was attendance by Delfino Coco, a Korean War veteran and father of PER Annabel Vos. The program was covered by the Douglas County Mail and photographs were published in the Nov 17, 2022 issue. Photo: Esquire Michael Francis accepts patriotic Pendleton blanket from Elk/Tribal Elder Larry Davis.

Seaside Elks Lodge #1748 - Thanksgiving food box program



The lodge has offered Thanksgiving food boxes for ten years. In 2022 we are providing 150 food boxes to needy families in the community. To support the program, we received an Elks National Foundation Beacon grant for \$4000, we offered two Bingo Nights with dinner, raffles and 50/50 drawings, our members donated cash, canned, and boxed food and local businesses offered both discounts and/or donations. The program was advertised in 3 bulletins, by email blasts and on Facebook as well as posters at the lodge. Each

box contains food for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner, including a Turkey. The box also includes enough food for about an additional four days. (Fresh produce, eggs, noodles, muffin and gravy mixes, candy and more fill the boxes.) We placed two barrels in the hallway and began accepting donations in September. The boxes were packed on Saturday, November 19, 2022, and will be picked up or delivered on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Volunteers included Cub Pack 540, their leaders, parents, and siblings; Elk member volunteers and their spouses; non-elk community members and Seaside Cornhole League players. Our chairperson this year was Sherry Packard who put together an amazing crew.

Salem Elks Lodge #336 - Welcome home box shopping



The Salem Elks Lodge had their team of shoppers out in force on Black Friday searching for deals for their Welcome Home Boxes to assist homeless veterans transitioning into stable housing. The team purchases microwaves, glassware sets, pots and pans, and more. Their efforts resulted in over \$3,000 in savings through discounts and cash back offers. This will help the lodge stretch their funds to put together an additional 30 welcome home boxes for homeless veterans this holiday season. The Salem lodge uses an Elks National Foundation Impact Grant, originally awarded in 2020 and renewed each year since, to put on this project as well as donations from members.

Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge #142 - The Fruit Loop Bus Tour



Approximately 45 members boarded a bus for a day of adventure on the Fruit Loop Tour. Organizers Kris and Scott White put together a fantastic itinerary with stops at a fruit stand and three Elks lodges.

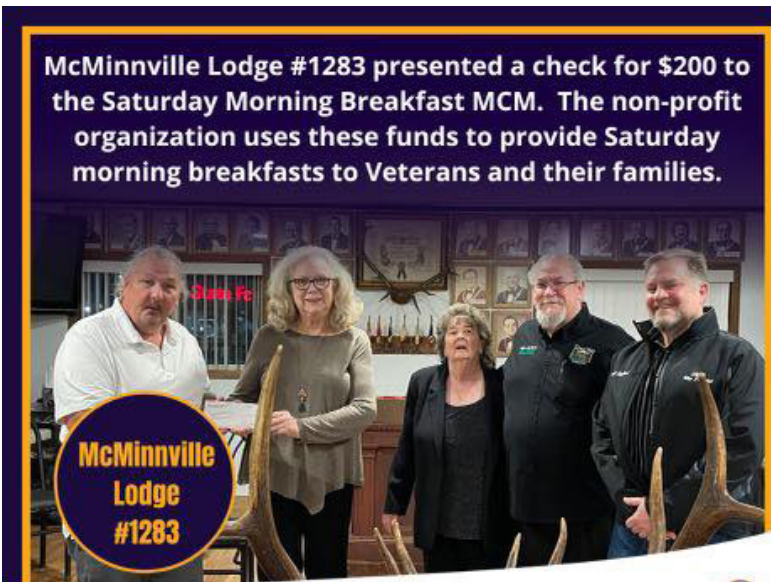
First stop was the Draper Girls fruit stand in Hood River. We had an hour at the stand looking over the myriad offerings ranging from locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, jams, jellies, ciders and fruit juices and even candles and other household items. Next was the Elks/Eagles lodge in The Dalles. We were greeted by the current ER, Bill Seymore. The lodge had put on a nice lunch

for us of sandwiches, salads and chips with donations gladly accepted and the monies going to their local Meals on Wheels program.

Back on the bus and a short drive later we were at the historic Hood River lodge. This beautiful three-story building in downtown Hood River offered scenic views, a very welcoming group of members including current ER Alicia Nightingale, and an amazing very old school lodge room.

Next up was the Gateway Gresham lodge. Current ER Leanne Brewster was on hand to greet us as we exited the bus. There we were presented with an Italian inspired feast beyond words. Many tempting dishes were on offer followed by dancing. We exited the bus back at the local lodge in time for Mary Francis to lead us in the 11th hour toast. It was the icing on the cake!

McMinnville Elks Lodge #1283 - Donation to the Saturday Morning Breakfast MCM



McMinnville Lodge #1283 presented a check for \$200 to the Saturday Morning Breakfast MCM. The non-profit organization uses these funds to provide Saturday morning breakfasts to Veterans and their families.

The McMinnville Elks Lodge presented a check for \$200 to the Saturday Morning Brekfasr MCM. The check was presented by Past Exalted Ruler Curtis Bunch, Exalted Ruler Virginia Privatski-Williams, OSEA President Ben Adams, and OSEA Vice President for the North District David Backlund.

In addition to their donation, the lodge submitted their picutre and write up to elks.org/MakingADifference. Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing then sent the lodge back this feauted image that can be used on social media in the lodge bulletin, and even submitted to local media. If you would like to have a feature image like this created to highlight how you are makign a difference in your community submit an image and write up to

elks.org/MakingADifference

Making A Difference Everyday
elks.org/MakingADifference



The Heart of the Hoop Shoot

The Hoop Shoot may be known for its free throw contest, but the program is much more than a competition. When the pandemic made it difficult to participate in the Hoop Shoot—and all in-person activities—the Hoop Shoot team designed the Service Scorecard, a virtual opportunity for kids across the country to serve in their communities and connect with others doing the same.

Even now, as the world and the Hoop Shoot return to in-person events, the Service Scorecard represents the heart of the program: the spirit of volunteerism, grit, and fun.

The Service Scorecard is an opportunity for Hoop Shoot participants and fans alike to give back to their communities and earn a chance to win prizes. From October to March, a new Service Scorecard is released each month with different service projects kids can complete. Although the Hoop Shoot tournament only runs for half the year, the Hoop Shoot is year-round, and the Service Scorecard is one way the program teaches kids the importance of what it means to give back.

“The Service Scorecard is a service opportunity for everyone,” says Youth Programs Manager Makenna Cannon. “All for a chance to win a \$100 donation to the charity of your choice and some great Hoop Shoot swag!”

Anyone who completes at least one service project and submits a brief scorecard survey before the end of the month will be entered for the \$100 donation. Share your progress on social media, and use #HoopShootServes for the opportunity to be featured on our social media and win Hoop Shoot swag. Service helps community members stay engaged with one another, no matter their age. Encourage local kids and participants to give the Service Scorecard a try!

The Elks have been developing gritty kids through the Hoop Shoot program for 50 years. For 2022-23, the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hoop Shoot as a national program, the Elks National Foundation allocated more than \$1.4 million to fund the program. For videos, news from the court, and more information about the Hoop Shoot, visit elks.org/hoopshoot.

Congratulations!

The **61,000+** new Members we added in Six Months could fill a football stadium. Let's go fill another one!



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Per capita and fees set for 2023-2024

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, on April 1, 2023, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita—\$6.50; Insurance assessment—\$17.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment—\$5.50, for a total of \$29.00.

*This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year.

Attention must continue to be given to retaining our delinquent Members as well as attracting new or reinstated Members. Involvement in Lodge activities should be encouraged to help keep Members interested.

If you, or someone you know, plan to visit Chicago over the winter, call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a time, and staff can give you your own personal tour of the National Headquarters.

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from your Grand Lodge staff.

Giving back helps the community—and energizes Elks

It is the holiday season, but it's not festive for everyone. Many families are unable to afford essentials like food, clothing, water, and gas. Everything has gone up in price so much, so fast, that many people can't keep up. Mother Nature isn't helping, with fires, floods, hurricanes, and

Covid. It's very scary. But, there is a bright spot, as Vickie Way, PER Sun City, AZ Lodge No. 2559 explains.

"Elks are a nationwide community service organization of nearly a million American citizens. We love our country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, and values. We respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well-being. We love and enjoy life and believe this enjoyment is increased by sharing it with family and friends, and all with whom we encounter.

Elks Members guide their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity."

This is a good reminder of who we are and what we do. It should encourage you to renew your enthusiasm for elksdom! Reach out to your community and see where you might be able to make a difference. Hold blood drives, clothing and nonperishable food drives, and fundraisers for first responders and medical personnel. Give gift cards to families for food, clothing, and other basics. Distribute gas cards to parents who need to get to work. All these things are easy to do and help those who are less fortunate.

Keep track of all you do: Planning, purchasing, setting up and taking down, hours, mileage, and donations—not just yours, but also family and friends who help you do those things. Ask elected officials to come down and help.

Advertise what you do and why you do it. Toot your own horn! Be loud, be proud and don't ever give up being the Best People On Earth!

Betty Hise for Cancer Research

Betty Hise for Cancer Research fundraising at the Idaho Elks Winter Convention featured among other items, a stove made by a disabled veteran. See photo stove donated by Mt. Home Lodge bringing \$1200 in the live auction. Fundraising brought in total of \$12,011. Good job Idaho!!



Betty Hise for Cancer Research funds of \$20,000 previously designated for St Luke' Cancer Institute were presented by Judy Gefford, Advisor from Idaho. See photo of check appropriated to project named Breast Cancer Research – ADEPT.

Patients are currently being treated with 1) chemotherapy which can cause long lasting side effects that significantly impact patient's quality of life, and 2) immunotherapy drugs use the patient's immune system to fight the cancer.

The Breast Cancer ADEPT study has four goals. 1) Replace chemotherapy with immunotherapy. 2) Give immunotherapy drugs with a shot rather than an IV so patients do not have to spend so much time in the clinic. 3) Track how often patients miss their medications. 4) Ask patients how the treatment impacts their quality of life. The study is important because not only do they want to save patients' lives, but also want to make sure they have a life worth living. We look forward to following the study.



To all supporters, we appreciate your interest and loyalty! Betty Hise Directors and Advisors

Sheri Bowers, Deb McFerron, Barb Smith, Lillian Estep, Pam Shipley, Laurie Flatt Roberge, Virginia Privatsky-Williams and Cassandra Flatt.



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December 2022 OSEA Calendar



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