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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

OSEA President's message



Greetings,

As I sit here reflecting on the past month I remember the long weekend and what it means. Thank you to all veterans but especially to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms, we cannot thank them enough for their sacrifice.

The same weekend was the annual cleanup and work weekend at Meadowood Speech Camp, to be honest I had only been to Meadowood once. What a weekend, I met a man who has been coming to the camp for 49 years. The entire crew that was there are so dedicated to what the camp stands for and to helping the kids who attend the camp.

I was able to stay busy while there and look forward to doing it again in the future.



We also look back at the State Ritual contest. I was honored to be a Judge for the state contest and I must say that all the teams are in my opinion winners. Ashland, Keizer and John Day Lodges were vying for

top honors and as with all contests it comes down to who had the highest score. One team won all but one of the All State officer awards. Robbie Copenhaver, the Inner Guard, from John Day Lodge kept it from being a "sweep". But in the end the Keizer Lodge won the right to represent us and compete in the competition at Grand Lodge in Atlanta. We wish them the best of luck as the continue in the competition.

I want to thank all the judges who took time to travel to the Springfield Lodge to participate in this contest. Special thanks to Springfield Lodge for hosting the competition, and providing a wonderful meal after the event.

The next few months we will start getting busier as we have more events scheduled. We are looking forward to traveling and representing the great State of Oregon at the Grand Lodge convention in Atlanta.

The First Lady and I are also looking forward to the District visitations and other events that are coming in the next several months.

Fraternally,

Ben L. Adams Jr.
Oregon State Elks Association
President

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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: Flag Day events can involve veterans, youth groups



We are two months into our Lodge year and time is moving fast. June 14 is Flag Day—a mandatory service the Elks are asked to perform.

Try to get one of your local service youth groups to participate in your ceremony. This will not only serve as your observance of Flag Day, but it

will also help educate our youth about our history associated with “Old Glory.” Reach out to your local veterans facilities or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and invite them to the ceremony. Offer them a chance to participate, or just perform our ceremony for them.

Later in the month is Father’s Day. My father was the one who sponsored me into this great Order. I can honestly say there were times we did not see eye to eye. Now that I am older, I understand what he was teaching me and how those conversations helped shape me into who I am today. Since my father’s passing over 14 years ago, I still stop and reflect on what his advice and wisdom would be now as I continue on my daily path. Whether your father is still with you or not, use this day to honor fathers everywhere. Our Order does not have a ceremony for this day, but I would suggest you hold an event to honor them.

Let this serve as your last reminder that if any Members have sponsored or reinstated three Members, send in the request for them to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award pin. The deadline for this is June 15.

I hope to see you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from July 3–6. If this is your first convention, congratulations. The information and the experience you will receive will be second to none.

Use your time wisely. Take time to visit the Exhibit Hall and examine the Grand Lodge Committee and State Association booths. Attend the Grand Lodge Sessions. Attend the seminars that are offered every afternoon.

Spend some time with your own state delegates. Use this opportunity to visit other state gatherings and meet Elks from across the nation. Some of the best ideas have come from the interaction between Elks from different states. Let them know what is working for you and let them tell you what is working for them. By exchanging ideas and taking them back to your Lodge, you will be successful in “Meeting the Challenge.”

For returning attendees, I can assure you the Grand Lodge Convention Commission will put a fantastic convention together for all of us to enjoy.

OSEA online donations link



The Oregon State Elks Association is now set up to allow members to donate to our State Major Project and other charitable activities securely on-line via PayPal. Members

wishing to contribute can do so by visiting the OSEA website, Facebook page, or [clicking here](#). The donation page will give donors the opportunity to give to our state Major Project EYES, our Scholarship Fund, our Veterans Fund, or to help support Camp Meadowood Springs. Donors can also choose to just make a one-time donation or to have their donation being a recurring monthly donation to the project of their choice. In addition, donors who wish can increase the amount of their donation to cover the credit card processing fee for their donation. That way 100% of their donation goes to support our charitable programs.

Another way people can donate is when they see the QR code pictured below. All they have to do is open the camera on their mobile device, scan the code, and then click the link that opens to go to our secure on-line donation page. Watch for this code at future OSEA functions and events. Lodge Bulletin Editors can request a copy of the code to also include in their lodge bulletins.



2021-2022 OSEA contest winners

The following is a list of award and contest winners from the 2021-2022 OSEA Summer Convention.

Elk Eye Injury Prevention Poster Contest:

1st Place – Sofia Ramsden – Milwaukie Portland #142
2nd Place – Angelica Reyna – Sherwood #2342
3rd Place – Iya Vito – Sherwood #2342

Americanism Essay Contest:

Div 1 – 1st – Derica Theobald – Beaverton #1989
Div 1 – 2nd – Ayden Marin – eizer#2472
Div 1 – 3rd – Wyatt Zipser – Burns #1680
Div 2 – 1st – Anita Peila – Burns #1680
Div 2 – 2nd – Hadley Haynes – Sherwood #2342
Div 2 – 3rd – Colleen Abrio – Roseburg #326

Elks National Foundation Per Capita:

Metro 1st – Forest Grove #2440 - \$13.19
Metro 2nd – Milwaukie Portland #142 – \$12.62
North Central 1st – Tualatin Valley 2780 – \$20.24
North Central 2nd – Salem #336 - \$8.34
Northeast 1st – The Dalles #303
Northeast 2nd – Enterprise #1829
Northwest 1st – St Helens #1999 - \$18.49
Northwest 2nd – Florence #1858 - \$12.73
South Central 1st – Springfield #2145 – 28.42
South Central 2nd – Albany #359 - \$14.34
Southeast 1st – Klamath Falls #1536 - \$29.59
Southeast 2nd – John Day #1824
Southwest 1st – Roseburg #326 - \$19.11
Southwest 2nd – Coos Bay #1160 - \$9.53

ENF Highest Per Capita:

1st – Klamath Falls #1536 - \$29.59
2nd – Springfield #2145 - \$28.42

Most Donated to ENF:

1st – Keizer #2472 - \$14,779.95
2nd – Springfield #2145 - \$13,669.00

Bulletin:

Category A (over 700 members)
State winner - Keizer Lodge #2472
Category B (401-700 members)
State Winner - Salem Lodge #335

Metro - Oregon City Lodge #1189
South Central - Corvallis Lodge #1413
Southeast - Bend Lodge #1371
Southwest - Brookings Lodge #1934
Category C (up to 400 members)
State Winner - Toledo Lodge #1664
Metro - Beaverton Lodge #1989
North Central - Independence Lodge #1950
South Central - Cottage Grove Lodge #1904
Southwest - Roseburg Lodge #326

Public Relations Coordinator of the Year:

Michael Lee – Independence #1950

Ritual - 11th Hour toast:

ER Sarah Coelho – Keizer #2472
PER Jack Madison – Keizer #2472

Ritual - Flag presentation:

ER Sarah Coelho – Keizer #2472
PER – Becky Carlson – Keizer #2472

Oregon Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award:

Shirley Stapleton – Florence #1858
Tom Britto – Myrtle Creek #1943

Membership:

Top Lodge – Milwaukie Portland #142
Top Proposer – Carly Moser – Milwaukie Portland #142

Officer of the Year:

Dennis Flippence – John Day #1824

Elk of the Year:

Edwin Jones – Ontario #1690

Hall of Fame:

Robert Wickstrom
Tualatin Valley #2780

Dennis Schmidt
Tualatin Valley #2780



Congratulations to all of our 2021-2022 contest winners!

Camp Meadowood 2022 Memorial Day work weekend



This year marked the return of the Memorial Day Work Weekend at Camp Meadowood Springs where volunteers come to Camp Meadowood Springs to help get the camp ready for campers to arrive over the summer. Volunteers work on a variety of both indoor and outdoor projects such as cleaning cabins, worked

on the grounds, and did various maintenance projects at the camp.

In addition to hard work was time spent socializing around the dinner table and of course the annual auction to raise money for the camp. Campers will start to arrive in July for the camps two summer sessions for children aged 7-14 with speech, hearing, and other communication related disorders. The camp exists to provide an environment that supports communication throughout the camp day and provides a safe place for campers to practice their communication skills.



Campers have a variety of communication disorders, including articulation disorders, apraxia, receptive/expressive language disorders, auditory process disorders, and stuttering. The camp also accepts children with other diagnosis that have communication needs that are secondary to another diagnosis such as autism

spectrum disorder or ADHD. Camp Meadowood springs takes inclusion seriously.



They believe in the dignity and intrinsic worth of every child. The camp and its staff welcome, affirm, and support children (and adults) of all abilities and disabilities, experiences, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, region, or citizenship/immigration status. Their goal is to create a safe environment for all in order to empower kids

through communication.



Pre-registration for the Elks National Convention in Atlanta

Online pre-registration for this year's Convention opens April 1 and will be available at <https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm> through June 28.

The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Georgia World Congress Center and the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau to plan for a safe and healthy Convention. Follow <https://discoveratlanta.com/coronavirus/> to see the latest requirements for the area.

My Elks The all new mobile app

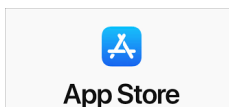
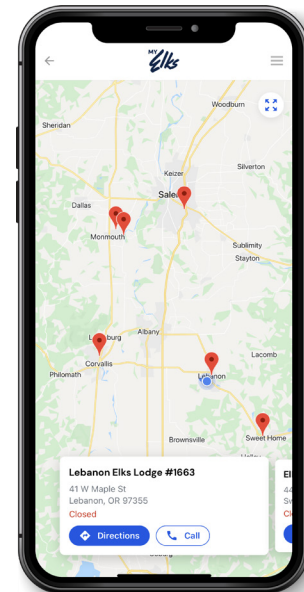
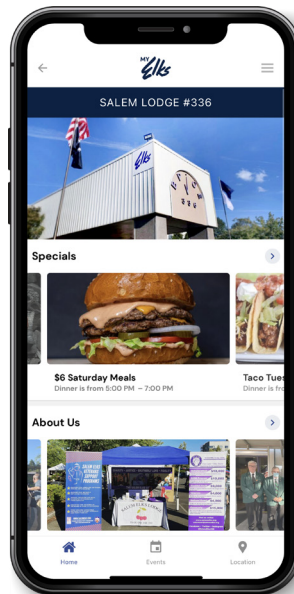
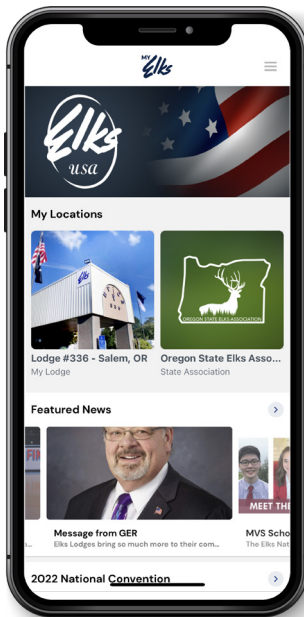
The My Elks mobile app offers lodges a new tool to engage members and share information about events, charitable projects and more. Currently lodges in the app are Salem, Keizer, Lebanon, and Hood River. However all Elks are welcome to download and install the app.

For Lodges:

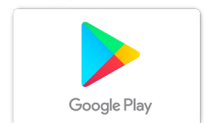
- Engage with members
- Boost events
- Send push notifications
- Sign up volunteers
- Invite people to join from the app

For Members:

- Lodge Locator based on users location
- Information on dinners and events
- Calendar of events
- Grand Lodge information & news
- State Association information & news



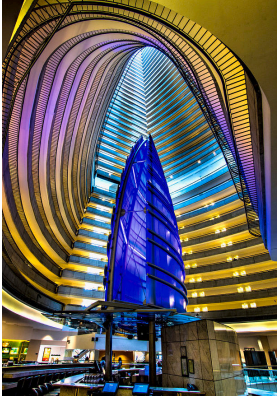
DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY FROM THE APPLE APP STORE OR THE GOOGLE PLAY STORE!!!!!!



Grand Lodge Convention: Atlanta



It is hard to believe we are only a month away from heading to the National Convention in Atlanta! We have a great delegation attending this year to represent Oregon and the great work our lodges are doing. The Oregon delegation will be staying at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis along with all other Area 8 states. And for any of you who have googled our hotel you will know it is known for its architecturally striking atrium, which has been used as a filming location to depict futuristic and otherworldly spaces.



On Saturday evening, the Oregon Hospitality Room will be open to Oregon members who wish to have some refreshments and light snack after their day of travel. The OSEA officers going to the convention will be on hand to take care of your refreshment needs. The convention itself will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center. If you are attending, make sure you have registered on elks.org in order to get your credentials. Also, be sure to check out the workshops and training events available that you might want to attend.

There will be an Area 8 gathering at a local Elks Lodge where all the Area 8 states will come together to meet and become acquainted following the opening session. This is the first time such a gathering has been organized and we hope you all take advantage of the opportunity to meet fellow Elks from the other states in our area.

We look forward to a great time in Atlanta meeting other Elks, learning lots of information, and our social activities. We also want to wish Keizer Lodge, our state Ritual champions, the best of luck competing against other state winners.

Betty Hise for Cancer Research

Thank you to the Advisors of Betty Hise for Cancer Research who have completed their commitment as Directors and continue in their support and interest in a variety of ways. The current Directors appreciate your history and experiences, and your willingness and expertise in helping us continue to do what we do! Most importantly to Advisor's Julie Evey, Sherry May, and Susan Myers for our essential Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Advisor roles we thank you for your continued dedication!! In addition to these 3 are the following Advisors with varied involvement in Betty Hise for Cancer Research:

Sharon Agard, Mary Anderson, Sheryl Binger, Dr Cheryl Buckholz, Mary Church, Jan Cooper, Dorene Estep, Jean Friend, Dianne Gaub, Judy Gessford, Aurora Hargin, Doris Kelly, Carole Lunceford, Carol Moody, Alicia Neely, Kellie Shearer, Rasjan Walker, Nancy Westover and Barb Young. Inactive listed are Diane Bachmeier, Peggy Barber, Kathy Dietz, Dotty Fossler, Jean George, Joyce Herbst, Nancy Johnson, Becki Linn, Loretta Marovich, Penny Thornburg, Jenny Vickers, Lola Zielinski.



Dorene Estep and Susan Myers at our sales table at the Oregon State Elks Association Summer Convention in Seaside.

Again, a big thank you to all Advisors.

Idaho State Elks Convention is very soon! Idaho Advisors Alicia Neely and Judy Gessford will be busy with Betty Hise for Cancer Research activities... stay tuned! Thank you for your interest and support!



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June 2022 OSEA Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Central District Meeting @ MP#142 10 am
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 WA Convention - Pasco	17 WA Convention - Pasco	18 WA Convention - Pasco
19	20	21	22	23	24 West District Meeting @ Corvallis	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 Oregon Elks Radio Ads start	2 Travel to Grand Lodge Atlanta