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SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

OSEA President's message



Greetings members,

As this Lodge year ends and a new one begins, I start to reflect on this past year.

I am so proud of our local lodges that have worked so hard this past year to show our communities that "Elks care & Elks share".

It is looking like the great State of Oregon will be fifth in the nation for growth, what a great accomplishment.

During this year as the Oregon State Elks Association President I was privileged to travel our State and visit members that I may never otherwise met. It was truly a humbling experience seeing first hand how hard our members work for our order.

I am leaving this position with a wealth of knowledge I will always treasure. Serving as State President has not only been an Honor but a fantastic learning experience, and I am thankful for the skills I've acquired. I feel as if working with you all has made me a more complete and well-rounded person.

Over the last 40 plus years I have held many titles. My favorite one besides Husband, Dad and Grandpa is the title of "Member" of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I know that I am no better than any other member and when it comes down to it, we are trying to do the same thing, just in different capacities.

During this past year Joedy and I, like our predecessors chose a charity to raise funds for. Mine was Veterans Suicide prevention and Joedy chose Mental Health Awareness, as we traveled, we took the opportunity to share this with the membership. You all responded by helping us to raise

a staggering \$22,373.00. I want to thank each and every member who stood by us for these two charities. These funds will be distributed in the very near future.

As we continue in Elkdom, I hope we meet again and continue our friendship and that it continues to grow.

Thank you for your support this year, and I hope to see you in Seaside.

Fraternally

Ben L Adams Jr
Oregon State Elks Association president
2022-2023

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Grand Exalted Ruler: May holidays salute moms, service members



The winter months are well behind us now. It is time for us to focus on our Elks spring and summer activities.

May has many events that we as Elks are proud to recognize and participate in. Let's start with Mother's Day, which this year falls on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to each Lodge that

has a Mother's Day celebration. You may want to consider assembling a committee and starting an event if your Lodge has never had one. Mother's Day is a very special day to spend not only with your mother but your grandmother, your great-grandmother, sister, or your aunt. Take a moment to call your relatives, and send flowers or candy. Make them feel as special as they are. Happy Mother's Day!

During the month of May, we celebrate Armed Forces Day, which will occur on Saturday, May 20. This is a day for all of us to say thank you to all of the men and women in all branches of service in the military. Each of these individuals are the ones who have taken time to defend this great country of ours and protect the liberties we enjoy today. What a better way for our Lodges to recognize Armed Forces Day and show them Elks Care about their service to our country.

May is also when we remember our departed service members on Memorial Day. This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29. There are so many ways that we as Elks can take the time to reflect on our departed service members. You can place flags at the graves of deceased military veterans. Participate in or host a Memorial Day parade. Please take part in this very important way to honor the deceased veterans in your community. I remember the day when my community opened our first veterans park. It was during a Memorial Day ceremony. There was nothing more heart wrenching to see all the names of the people who served our country with distinction.

Each year, I proudly walk with veterans in our local Memorial Day parade. It makes you proud to be an Elk knowing that you stand behind our pledge, "So long as there are veterans,

the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" and we never will. Take the time to hold some type of ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the veterans who fought so hard to enjoy the freedoms all of us enjoy today. There is no better way we as Elks can continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to remember our veterans.

Helen and I would like to say thank you for all that you do during the month of May, and for the very special events that are so important to us as Elks. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

Pre-register and acquire badges for Minneapolis

Pre-registration for the Minneapolis Grand Lodge Convention will start April 1st at <https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm>, and will remain open through June 28.

The online pre-registration fee is \$50 for all Members, while the on-site registration fee will be \$60. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest.

On-site registration will open on Friday, June 30, from noon to 4 p.m. When you arrive at the Minneapolis convention center, go to the designated pre-registration line in the Registration area. You will need your e-mail confirmation and current membership card to receive credentials (and voting credentials, if qualified) for you and your spouse or guest. A registration badge will be required to enter the exhibit hall and all business sessions.

All non-Elk guests, including widows and widowers of Elks, must register at the Guest Registration Station at the convention center to obtain registration badges. Guests need a badge to enter the exhibit hall, see the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, or attend any other events where they are permitted. Be advised Exhibits/Vendors will not open until 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Grand Lodge registration and its required fee are not included in any State Association's "package" arrangement.

News from the court: State and Regional Hoop Shoot

The Oregon State Elks Association held its State Hoop Shoot Finals on February 18th at Silverton High School. This event saw the winners from all five district shoots compete to see who would represent Oregon at the Regional Hoop Shoot in Pasco, Washington. Congratulations to the following State Hoop Shoot Winners who represented our state at the regional Hoop Shoot

- 8-9 Girl – Lucy Lathen sponsored by Grants Pass Lodge #1584
- 8-9 Boy – Kade Walker, sponsored by Roseburg Lodge #326
- 10-11 Girl – Meredith Limbrunner, sponsored by Newport Lodge #2105
- 10-11 Boy – Maleek Marshall, sponsored by Seaside Lodge #1748
- 12-13 Girl – Berkley Sturgill, sponsored by Seaside Lodge #1748
- 12-13 Boy – Jayden Montague, sponsored by Burns Lodge #1680

At the regional Hoop Shoot, held at Columbia Basin College on March 25th Regional Shoot State Champions from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho met together to compete in their respective age divisions. Winners will advance to the National Shoot in Chicago Illinois where they will compete against other regional champions from across the United States. At the National Shoot, participants will be shooting against 11 other shooters in their respective age group.

Oregon has one student advancing to the national shoot this year. Lucy Lathen from Grants Pass will be going to the National Hoop Shoot contest. Lucy made 19 out of 25 shots to get this honor.

Other Regional Champions from our region going to Chicago and the National Hoop Shoot competition are:

Girls

- 10-11 - Aria Shelley, Wasilla, AK shot 18 for 25
- 12-13 - BriLynn Jones, Coeur d'Alene, ID shot 22 for 26

Boys

- 8-9 - Jakobe Glenn, Greater Spokane, WA shot 21 for 25
- 10-11 - Tennyson Smith, Boise, ID shot 23 for 25
- 12-13 - Samuel Bower, Nampa, ID shot 25 for 25

Gateway-Gresham awards seven area students scholarships

It takes one scholarship to change a student's life.

Gateway Gresham Elks Lodge #1805 has been awarding scholarships to local high schools for more than 45 years. This year seven students have been awarded scholarships through Gateway Gresham Elks Lodge #1805. The winners are all outstanding students, active in their school and community and recognized as leaders by their peers. The Gateway Gresham Lodge is pleased to announce the 2023 students, from the left to the right, are Duy Nguyen, Kayla Ramsey, Grace Dahl, Matthew Vu, Joanna Guilleux, Caiden Madzellan, and Adrienne McNeil. The awards range from \$9,900 to \$500 for an amount of \$20,700 from Gateway Gresham Lodge and the Oregon State Elks Association.



Milwaukie-Portland creates fun memories for students with disabilities

Milwaukie-Portland Lodge 142 hosted several non-verbal Clackamas ESD students, teachers, and their aids to four consecutive weekly bowling sessions. Each student required an Aid/Staff member for guidance and care. These Aids and their teachers are true heroes in our community. The bowling sessions provide an opportunity for the students to get out of the classrooms and learn a new skill. It was heartwarming and exciting to watch the joy beaming from their faces.

Pictures sitting from left to right: Elks Volunteers Jay, Carla, behind Jay is Cindy, standing on left ESD Teacher Karen and the Students, Student Aids, and Bus Drivers.



Seaside Agenda Summary

The full agenda can be found in the members only section of www.oregonelks.org.

Wednesday, April 26

- 4pm- 8pm - Registration @Seaside Lodge

Thursday, April 27

- 8am-8pm - Registration @Seaside Lodge
- 12pm-2:15pm - EYES Board Meeting @ Conv Ctr
- 1pm - 2pm - State Committee Chair Meeting @Lodge
- 1pm - 4pm - Betty Hise Board Meeting @Worldmark
- 2pm - 4pm - State Officers Meeting @ Conv Ctr
- 6:30pm - 7pm - Banquet Cocktails no host, @Conv Ctr
- 7pm - 9pm - Convention Banquet @Conv Ctr

Friday, April 28

- 7am-8pm - Registration @Seaside Lodge
- 6:30am - 7:30am - ER Breakfast @Seaside Lodge
- 10am - 11am - Spouse Meet and Greet @ Lodge
- 10am - 12 - 11th Hour Toast and Flag Ceremony Competition @ Conv Center
- 11:30am - 12:30pm - PSP Lunch @ Lodge
- 11:30am - 2pm - Betty Hise Luncheon @ Conv Ctr
- 5pm - 6:30pm, PSP, PDDGER, PSTC Cocktail party - Invitation Only @ Lodge
- 8am - 12pm various workshops (see full schedule)
- 1:30pm Opening Session @ Convention Center

Saturday, April 29

- 7am - 9am - Registration @ Seaside Lodge
- 8:30am - Session reconvenes @Convention Center
- Memorial Service
- Installation of Officers
- 2pm - 4pm - Presidents Reception @ Seaside Lodge

This is a brief summary of the convention schedule. To see the full schedule, including attire for various events, please access the full schedule on www.oregonelks.org. In addition, the lodge social agenda with meals and entertainment opportunities will be included in the on-line version of the schedule. We look forward to seeing you all in Seaside for another great Oregon State Elks Association Summer Convention.

Betty Hise for Cancer Research

A shout out to the Oregon State Elks Association for your continued support! Our fundraising luncheon at the Summer Convention is in a space provided by the OSEA along with our silent auction room and sales table. Betty Hise for Cancer Research dates back 35 years this year and was originally named 'Betty Hise Trust' in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Frank Hises's wife. Betty passed in the late 80's of Breast Cancer and the 'Trust' was started by her lady Elks friends. The Honorable Frank Hise was active until his passing in 2004 and would be pleased with the continued support by the Elks, and proud of the fundraising and donations that have been made in Betty's name. Donations to Cancer Research are totaling \$718,000 of record... Investments totaling \$370,000. Fundraising continues!

Please see, included with the Summer Convention registration, the invite to the Betty Hise for Cancer Research luncheon in Seaside being held Friday at 1130 a at the Convention Center. We will be celebrating 35 years of fundraising with a birthday party! Our Idaho speaker Tammie Eslinger will speak of their Colon Cancer program. We also will have door prizes!

A reminder to the Lodges we are welcoming Silent Auction donations of baskets and/or individual items. Our silent auction room is easy to find at the Convention Center. We cordially invite everyone to come visit and place your bids!

To all supporters of Betty Hise for Cancer Research, Inc., we appreciate you!

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

Reminder to submit lodge website and social media informaton.

Our newly redesigned website includes a directory page for each lodge in Oregon. To have this page activated lodges to fill out the survey to submit their preferred website links, social media links, and email address. To submit your lodges information please [submit this survey](#) as soon as possible.

Once received the website team will work on your lodge profile page.



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April 2023 OSEA Calendar



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