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The office will be open 9:30 AM to 2 PM Tuesday and Thursday

Lounge is open Tuesday-Saturday, 3 PM - Close

ER Message

The summer convention in Pasco was well attended and provided a lot of valuable information for Elk’s members and officers. Mount Vernon came home with 3 awards, one for increased membership for the 3rd year in a row and one for exceeding our expected contributions for Elk’s National Foundation which provides grants for lodges. Our final award was for exceeding our expected contributions for Washington State Children’s Therapy program. We also came home with checks totaling \$1,000 as result of our members contributions. Keep up the great work. Thank you to all Mount Vernon Elk’s members who contributed to this noble cause.

The City of Mount Vernon signed off on the final inspection for the Laundry room building on Friday June 20th so we now have our shower rooms and laundry back. The building looks great. A huge thank you to Weather Warriors Construction, Dave and Cathy Solie and Daniel Kester who demonstrated great pride in their work.

The new metal gazebo in the RV Park is finished, so there is a shady area for outside functions while we continue to work toward getting our new Cabana going. We are still waiting on city approval for the rebuild.

The Grand Lodge Convention is June 30th to July 4th in Austin Texas, so I get to go bake in the heat for a few days. I am looking forward to the convention but looking more forward to getting back home to a more normal climate.

We only have one meeting in July and August and they will be on the 4th Tuesday each month. Our summer uniform for the meetings will be black slacks and Red Elk’s shirts.

Come and see us at the Lodge over the summer and check your calendar for upcoming events. Have a safe and great summer.!

Thank you,
Mark Anderson
Exalted Ruler



Secretary Scuttlebutt

Hello Elks Members,

Hope your Happy Father's Day was a restful one. The WSEA Summer Convention was held June 13th-16th in Pasco. Lots of information was given out and business was taken care of by the attending members. BE PROUD of Your Mount Vernon Lodge #1604 work as WE received accolades for exceeding Member donations to The Washington Elks Therapy Program with 126% over Goal, Elks National Foundation for exceeding the G.E.R. giving goal per member and for Lodge Membership Gain.# 09292

Last but not least a big Shoot Out * to (yes I say shoot) as our member Michael Bourgeois placed Second, in the state, at the Elks Gun shooting contest at the convention.

Reminder there is only one meeting in July and it is Tuesday July 23rd.

Wish our E.R. Mark Anderson safe travels as he will be in Austin, Texas-- June 30th—July 3rd for the Grand Lodge Convention.

We finally have the new laundry and bath facility at the RV Park open and ready to use.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July and summertime fun.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Karen Danko

Secretary

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



It's here!!! Christmas in July!!! Christmas fund fundraising month. We are hoping to up our game and help 80 people this year. We did a great job last helping 66 people including 22 Veterans.

Mark your calendar for **July 12th** to come in and enjoy Tom Mattingly's delicious fall off the bone **BBQ ribs** for dinner. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle that night. There will be 5 **Christmas raffle baskets** stuffed full of goodies to win as well as the **giving tree** in the lounge area. Tickets and "gifts" to hang on the tree will be available all month long. The gift basket drawing will be held Saturday, **July 27**. The Children's Christmas party will be December 15th so please mark your calendars. Your participation and generosity to these events are what allows us to help so many during the Christmas holidays.

Vendors Wanted!

2ND ANNUAL SUMMER BASH '24

OUTDOOR VENDOR MARKET

MOUNT VERNON ELKS LODGE

SATURDAY JULY 27, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Crafters
- Churches
- Non Profit
- Groups
- MLM Businesses

All Are Welcome!

Contact LaVon for an application at lavonhenson57@hotmail.com or call the Lodge at 360-848-8882

ELKS CARE
ELKS SHARE

Ribbon Cutting Event, featuring ER Mark Anderson and RV park host Sandy Clark, at the newly rebuilt washrooms and laundry room at the Lodge RV park! Come take a look!



PER Association

FYI there will be no PER meetings in July and August

ELK OF THE MONTH

Les Gibson

For All You Do, This Month is For You!!

BOARD REPORT

The parking lot repair and restriping will be done on July 2, so please make arrangements to park outside of this area. Other improvements voted on by the Board and approved on the floor on June 25th were: two red sun shades for the deck, for a purchase price not to exceed \$700, inclusive of tax and shipping; a membership drive and open house banner for \$85, plus tax and shipping; and 1000 Elks race car postcards for \$65 plus tax and shipping. The sun shades will help keep the deck less hot and more usable in the summer. The banner is actually provided by the State Elks Membership Committee; we are paying only to have our Lodge name and number to be added. The postcards are another way of reaching out to potential members and a younger demographic. The Board did not move forward with the purchase of 8 additional lounge chairs to be used in the game room, but the floor did approve spending up to \$4000 including shipping. Part of the funding will come from a chair replacement reserve account started several years ago and part from the Steve Wicks' endowment.

Please add these dates to your calendars! Membership drives on August 27, October 12, and February 15. Further details will be distributed at a later date, but it would be great if you could plan to volunteer at these events for even one hour. Just showing up lets potentially new members know that Elks help each other and support the Lodge and community.

Bowling is happening! We are hosting the WSEA Children's Therapy Program Fundraiser Bowling Tournament on September 29 at Riverside Lanes. We will have trophies, raffles and fun! After bowling, all will retire to our Lodge for pizza, refreshments, raffle baskets, and more fun. Last year we raised over \$4000 in one afternoon! Let's top that this year! Please bring any raffle items to the Lodge, tagged for the bowling tournament. And get your teams together!

Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering, have membership ideas, wish to be on the membership and/or Children's Therapy committees, or would like to discuss being an officer next year. It's never too early to consider giving your time and effort back to the Lodge. Thank you!

Elks Care, Elks Share.

Respectfully and Fraternally,
Jody Peters, Board Chair
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

House Committee News

We hope that everyone is enjoying the change to the Bingo games. If you have not been into the lodge recently, we went from slide cards to paper. It looks like it is making it more efficient time wise. We apologize to anyone who felt slighted by the changes. We are all here to have fun and enjoy our time together. So come on in and enjoy Bingo Night every Thursday Night.

We will be getting some new groups to play music on Friday Nights at the lodge. This means it will cost us more money to bring these groups in. The House Committee is looking into having a small cover charge to offset the cost, perhaps \$3.00 per person.

The Lodge will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and will be open on Friday July 5th and Saturday July 6th. There is a lot of fun to have on Saturdays, Texas-Holdem with a buy in of \$20.00 at 3:30, Find the Elk at 6:30, Corky's Horse Racing at 6:45.

We hope you all enjoy your Summer and stay safe.

**July Elk of the Month is Les Gibson,
thank you for all you do.**

House Chair
Jim Looff

LOUNGE NEWS

Hey everyone:

If you are a vendor or know someone who loves to craft, I am still looking for vendors. It's going to be a fun event. Come join us and see all the cool things people do. July 27th Craft Fair!!

Love you all

LaVon



Thank you to everyone who participated in the ENF Fundraising Dinner last month and especially to those who made donations even though they couldn't attend. Because of your generosity and faithful giving, we have already qualified to receive the Gratitude Grant in 2025-2026 and have earned three of the four \$500 bonus awards offered. Most impressive is that almost 20% of our members have donated to ENF this year with four members going the extra mile and pledging a monthly automatic donation of \$5 or more by joining the Fidelity Club. Thank you so much. We will continue to work toward earning the fourth bonus which is to increase our lodge's giving by 10% over last year.

ENF sponsors a great program to help Veterans who are unhoused get the necessities they need when they can be housed. The program will reimburse the lodge up to \$400 for necessities and up to \$600 when a bed is needed. Mount Vernon Elks is working with Skagit Vet Connect social workers who help unhoused veterans find housing. This past month we received our first formal request to help a newly housed veteran get those necessities. Those items were everyday things that most of us take for granted. Items like dishes, silverware, cups, glasses, kitchen and bath towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, pots and pans, cooking utensils, etc. Sandy and Wayne McFee shopped for most of the requested items with some on-line shopping by Debbie Davis. The items were delivered to Anthony Ensey, the social worker at Skagit Vets connect 3 days later and off to the Veteran who was moving in that day. ENF Welcome Home program approved all the purchases and reimbursed the lodge \$400. The additional \$137 spent was approved for reimbursement from the lodge veterans fund at the Lodge meeting on June 11. We hope to help more veterans in the future as they become housed. Thank you members!! This is a great example of your ENF dollars at work!!



Social Worker Anthony Ensey with the van full of necessities supplied by Mount Vernon Elks Welcome Home Kit program.

RED COAT SCHEDULE FOR JULY:

- 5th—Mark Anderson
- 12th---Jody Peters
- 19th—Steve Sutton
- 26th---Jennifer Anderson

IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ON THE ASSIGNED DAY CONTACT A MEMBER TO FILL IN FOR YOU MEMBERSHIP

Vote: Voted - Danny Gilfillan, Donna Johnson, Robert Johnson

Reinstatements: Luthor Foley

Initiation -

LODGE MEETING

\$100 meeting attendance: – Herbert Milbourne, he was not in attendance and lost the \$100.00 award.

Donations went to:

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS: Karen Danko picked The Queen of Diamonds and received the prize over \$2,300.00.

Volunteer Winner: Sandy Clark

Find The Elk: No Winner

Volunteer Rewards/Incentive Program

WINNERS:

- August-Sandy Clark - \$50 Fred Meyer*
- September- Todd Reding \$50 Amazon*
- October- Coby Beath \$50 Mexico Cafe*
- November- Corky Bluhm \$50 Target*
- December- Margaret Miller \$50 Fred Meyer*
- January- Shelia Tuff \$50 La Conner Prime Rib Seafood*
- February – Sue Gregg \$50 Amazon*
- March – Coby Beath \$50 gift card*
- April – Lavon Henson \$50 Sakura Steakhouse*
- May--Sandy Clark. She received a \$50.00 gift card*
- June-*
- July*

GRAND PRIZE

Each month a winner is drawn from those who volunteered during the month. See board in foyer of lodge for more details. If you volunteered and didn't get a ticket, write your name on the volunteer sheet hanging on the board in the foyer and a ticket will be added in your name before the drawing for the month. All tickets will be entered into a yearly drawing for a grand prize which will be drawn at the lodge meeting in July. Remember to put your phone number on the ticket so we can contact you!! **VOLUNTEER** – it feels good and you just may get a bonus reward!

Elks Care – Elks Share

On Sunday, August 4th, our lodge will be partnering with Heart to Heart Charity to host our third annual Back to School/Family Freebie Event for local children and their families. At this event, children will be receiving backpacks filled with their school's requested supplies. The children and their families will be fed a hotdog lunch hosted by the Elks and be able to choose clothing, household goods and toys that have been donated for this event.

The backpacks and school supplies gifted at this event come from Community and Elks member donations. This year, our lodge will be using the \$2000 ENF Gratitude Grant to purchase backpacks and school supplies for approx. 15 children. School Supply lists can cost up to \$150 per student which is a real struggle if you are a single mom with multiple children. Last year, with community support we were able to provide about 54 children with backpacks and school supplies and about 200 people total attended this event.

Families who need help can apply for this program by emailing hearttoheartcharity@gmail.com. If members wish to sponsor a student by purchasing the items on their school supply list, you can contact ENF Chair, Debbie Denton at Debbie.denton1@gmail.com or join the Heart to Heart Facebook page "Sponsor a Student H2HC". If you choose to sponsor a child directly through the Facebook page, please let Debbie know so that we can be sure to include your giving in our grant report.



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Donate School Supplies or Sponsor a Student – Commonly needed school supplies are paper,

pencils, crayons, glue sticks and highlighters. Schools are also asking for Clorox wipes, paper towels, gallon baggies, and Kleenex. Donated school supplies can be left in the donation box in the lodge hallway.

Donate Hotdogs – 4th of July is a good time to purchase these as they are usually on sale. We can store them in the lodge freezer until the event. Please bring them to the lodge by August 1 so we know how many we still need to purchase. We will use approx. 200 hotdogs.

Donate Potato Chips – In the past, we have given the small bags but the price has increased so much we will just use larger Party size bags this year and portion them out. You can bring them to the lodge at any time but please do so no later than August 1 so we know how many we need to purchase.

Donate Gently used clothing or kitchen items – These can be brought to the lodge between 9 and 11 on October 4th. If you know people with children, encourage them to go through their clothes and donate them to us. One of our charities desperately needs men's clothes.

Volunteer

We will need people to help do the following:

Shop for school supplies (this needs to be done before July 28th)

Setup for the Event – August 4th from 8-11

Serve food at the Event – August 4th from 11-3

Barbeque hotdogs at the Event – August 4th from 11-3

Clean up at the End of the Event – August 4th from 3-5

If you can help please contact Debbie Denton – Debbie.denton1@gmail.com or sign up at the lodge. Thank you.

Daily RV Lots Available

Contact Sandy Clark
360-708-3565

RV Park Host, Mount Vernon Elks



Buy in for \$1.00 Per game to win the players pot

Thursday at 5:30 PM

BINGO FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY



Jody Peters

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5:00 PM



July 2024

Lounge Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - Closing. CLOSED on Sunday and Monday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 CLOSED House 5 PM	2	3 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim 6:30 PM	4 CLOSED Happy Fourth	5 Burger and Fries - Senior Center Ann and Dean	6 Saturday Games
7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 No Board No Lodge	10 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim 6:30 PM No PER Meeting	11 Bingo 5:30 Sandwiches	12 BBQ Dinner - Christmas in July Marcia Kester	13 Swedish Pancakes - Open to the Public Saturday Games
14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 Chicken Fried Steak 5 PM	17 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim 6:30 PM	18 Bingo 5:30 Pizza	19 Jim's Steaks - Lodge Randy Hamilton	20 Saturday Games
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED House 5 PM	23 Board 5 PM Lodge 7 PL	24 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim 6:30 PM	25 Bingo 5:30 Chicken	26 Spaghetti - Children's Therapy Program Rick Cooper	27 Summer Bash Saturday Games
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30	31 Advanced Line Dance w/Kim 6:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SATURDAY GAMES:</u> Bar Food or Pizza 3 PM Texas Hold'em 6:30 PM Find The Elk 6:45 PM Horse Races (if twelve or more play) 		

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