



# THE EUGENE ELKLET

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## From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

As the festive season approaches, the BPOE Elks are dedicated to spreading cheer and goodwill. Our commitment to the community shines brightly during this time of giving and togetherness.

On Christmas day we will host a private heart-warming Christmas potluck that brings together families for an evening of joy, laughter, and community spirit.

At the heart of our celebrations, we honor our veterans and their families. Their sacrifices remind us of the importance of unity and gratitude. Our special festivities are a small token of our appreciation for their service.

Let's join hands to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas—caring for one another and building a stronger, more united community. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from BPOE Elks!

**Always Faithful, Always Grateful.**

Fraternally yours,  
Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter

Who do you know...



That would benefit from belonging to  
*YOUR* Lodge?

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Hello Fellow Eugene Elks Members and Family:

Happy Holidays to all our Eugene Elks members and families. WE ARE FAMILY.

The Holidays are the times when to reflect on the year and be thankful for the good and learn from the bad. Hopefully our bad was limited and not serious in any way shape or form. I was very fortunate to have spent time with my family during Thanksgiving. It is so special to see my Grandchildren and spend wonderful and quality time together. I hope you had the same.

Christmas is a time to get into a festive mode and celebrate the meaning of the Holidays in December according to your faith. With that being said, Eugene Elks will be holding our annual "Breakfast with Santa" for our children and their families. This also includes you, as members, attending the festive event and sharing the joy of seeing the children meet Santa. See the advertisement in this Elklet.

Floyd Bard, Leading Knight  
Eugene Elks DAP Chairman  
West District DAP Chairman



December 21st, 2024 - 9:30am to 11:30am

Eugene Elks Lodge #357, 2470 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Kids 10 and under will get a free breakfast and a bag of goodies from Santa.

**MUST RSVP BY: December 16<sup>th</sup> - 541-345-8416**

All other guests will be charged \$9.00 for breakfast

*Sponsored by: The Antlers Club*



# Eugene Elks Veterans Day Event



At the heart of our Elk's principles lies a deep respect for those who have served our nation with unwavering dedication.

On November 8th we gathered to honor the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans.



## Veterans Ceremony and Dinner

November 8th, the date that Eugene Elks held the Veterans Ceremony and Dinner was very successful. This event has been a tradition for years as well as an Elks Ritual and was well attended with 33 attendees. Many of which were Veterans from all branches of service and serving our Nation during many conflicts overseas.

Exalted Ruler, Bre Jeter, addressed the Ceremony with an outstanding message about Veterans Day, the Elks, and the partnership between the two. Michael Kennedy, CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret) gave the invitation. This was special because he was raised locally and is currently the President of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Our guest speaker was State Senator James I. Manning, SGM, USA (Ret) and a member of our Elks Lodge. WOW, he nailed it, talking about the "Sacrifice" of our Veterans and the difficulty of the "Families" when their loved ones were deployed overseas to protect and defend the freedom of the United States of America.

Floyd Bard, CW5, USA (Ret), master of ceremony, recognized all our Country's Branches of Service, to include our newest, The Space Force. After the Ceremony, all retired to the dining room for a GREAT dinner of pot roast and chicken cordon bleu. Thanks to Don Lanini and Perci Ariaudo for all their work making this happen. Others that helped were Jill Bard, Donna Brant, Charlie and Carolyn Bard, Bill and Cecile Wood, and others who just stepped up and helped. Thank you to all of you and those who attended.

Floyd Bard, Veterans Chairman





**Every Tuesday night is Bingo Night here at the lodge!**

The Doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm.  
For your convenience, the kitchen and Bar will open at 5:00pm.  
The Kitchen closes at 7:00pm and Bar will close at 7:30pm.

Early Birds start at 6:15pm and regular games start at 6:30pm.  
On the last Black Out game of the evening, with a minimum of 25  
players in attendance, everyone will have the chance to win \$300.00.

To thank all our loyal BINGO players, we hold weekly and monthly  
attendance drawings.

The last 2024

**PLAYER APPRECIATION NIGHT is on December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please mark your calendars that:

**Bingo will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.**



**JOIN US CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR OUR: 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL POTLUCK!**

All Elk Members and their Families are  
WELCOME!

Eugene Elks Lodge #357, 2470 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Turkey, Ham, Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce  
Will be provided.

**PLEASE RSVP Your Side Dish by:**

December 20<sup>th</sup> - 541-345-8416

**WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**

Please Bring a Wrapped Gift with a value NO MORE  
than \$10.00

**~~~ GAMES ~~~**

There will be "Reindeer Games" as time permits

# Tentative Upcoming Events

Valentines Day Dance – Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>  
 St. Patrick's Day Dance – Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Stay Tuned for More Information

The Queen of Hearts game began here at the lodge when one of our past Exalted Rulers. asked Stephen McKinley to develop and run it here at the lodge.

When you buy your next \$5 batch of tickets, tell Stephen McKinley her name and he will give you an extra ticket for free.

This drawing is held every Friday @6:30pm



Dinner Winners	Blue ticket membership \$25.00
<b>11/6/2024</b>	
Robert Spaulding	Gregory Brunig
James Manning	Lendon Shepherd
<b>11/13/2024</b>	
Terry Brant PER	Preston Wills
David W Hill	Gerald Gregersen
<b>11/20/2024</b>	
Heill Wilson	Carl Lusk
Gary Richichi PDDGER	Wanye Cordero



## Sickness and Distress



### *Sickness & Distress*

**11/06/2024**

Donny Parks is still having issues with wrist surgery

Janet Stimson had Cancer Surgery and is doing well

Sally Stice is recovery well from her hip surgery

Jim Jones has heart issue and was released from Hospital Sunday 11/3/24

Dick Beers was having breathing issue but now doing fine.

**11/13/2024**

Sally Stice called and let us know that her recovery is taking twice as long as intended due to the second surgery. Her neighbors are taking good care of her. Charlie Bard saw her yesterday and she had Physical Therapy and is doing much better.

**11/20/2024**

Donny Parks is doing better with his wrist, however on December 6th, 2024, he will have a valve in his heart repaired.

Jim Jones is doing better and made it to lodge tonight.

Terry Brant will be having surgery for a knee replacement on the 4th of December 2024 and will be out for 3 weeks.



Akim Kaiser	Dale Bridges	Dale Nielsen	Delores Neal
Derek Isaksen	Dick Beers	Donald DeZam	Donnie Parks
Frank Krebs	Fredrick Dellinger	Gary Richichi	Greg Brunig
Jess Drury	Kenneth Sheffler	Jim Jones	Larry Tardie
M Lee Seaton	Michael Kehoe	Pamela Stoisig	Richard Sabath
Robert Cox	Robin Kracht	Sally Stice	Tom Maks
William Dechent			





**American  
Red Cross**

**GIVE SOMETHING THAT**  
*Means Something*  
**GIVE BLOOD**

## **Blood Drive Eugene Elks**

**2470 W. 11th  
Eugene, OR 97402**

**Monday, December 16, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: EugeneElks to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



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Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

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# December - 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Elks Memorial And Tom & Jerry's Party	<b>2</b> Closed BOD 6:00pm	<b>3</b> Bingo: 6:00pm Kitchen Opens: 5:00pm	<b>4</b> EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00pm to 2:00pm  Lodge Mtg: 7:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm VP Visit: Dave Whitlock	<b>5</b> EWEB Union Meeting 5:00pm to 7:30pm  Game Night: 6:00pm to 9:00pm	<b>6</b> Dinner off the Menu DO: Steve McKinley	<b>7</b> Tailgate Potluck Ducks vs. Penn State
<b>8</b> Private Event Candlelighters	<b>9</b> Closed	<b>10</b> Soroptimists 11:45am – 1:30pm  Bingo: 6:00pm Kitchen Opens: 5:00pm	 <b>11</b> EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00pm to 2:00pm  Lodge Mtg: 7:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Meat Loaf WHITE Bubble Drawing	<b>12</b> Game Night: 6:00pm to 9:00pm	<b>13</b> Dinner off the Menu DO: Dick Beers	<b>14</b> Closed
<b>15</b> Closed	<b>16</b> Closed BOD 6:00pm	<b>17</b> Bingo: 6:00pm Kitchen Opens: 5:00pm	<b>18</b> EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00pm to 2:00pm  Lodge Mtg: 7:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Ham	<b>19</b> Game Night: 6:00pm to 9:00pm	<b>20</b> Dinner off the Menu DO: Bree Jeter	<b>21</b> Breakfast with Santa 9:30am to 11:30am  Sponsored by the Antlers
<b>22</b> Closed	<b>23</b> Closed	<b>24</b> Closed Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Potluck 1:00pm to 4:00pm	<b>26</b> Closed	<b>27</b> BIRTHDAY PARTY Details Below	<b>28</b> Closed
<b>29</b> Closed	<b>30</b> Closed	<b>31</b> Closed New Year's Eve	<p><b>COME CELEBRATE – Donnie Parks's Birthday Bash!</b>  <b>No Admission!</b>  <b>Friday December 27th – 6:00pm to 9:00pm</b>  <b>Dance to – Preston and Gwen</b></p>			





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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2024-2025

Please return this statement with your payment to:  
Eugene Elks, PO BOS 2475, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Remember, annual dues are to be remitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to avoid delinquent Status.  
Reach out to our secretary for assistance with annual dues at: 541-345-8416

Name: _____		<b>Optional Donations</b>	
Membership #: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> E.N.F. (Elks National Foundation)	\$5.00 _____
Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services)	\$5.00 _____
Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Scholarship Fund	\$5.00 _____
City: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowood Speech and Hearing	\$5.00 _____
State: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans	\$5.00 _____
ZIP: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Property	\$5.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Members	\$135.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 1	\$1.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Members	\$ 78.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 2	\$1.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Widows	\$ 10.00	Total Enclosed: \$ _____	