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THE EUGENE ELKLET

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER:

Hello July!

To all the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, I hope this letter finds you well. I'm sure a lot of you will be travelling on vacation and enjoying the nice weather and time with family and friends. Please travel safe, and we look forward to seeing you back soon!

While it's hard to believe 2024 is half over and Halloween, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, Christmas and New years (just to name a few) are just around the corner and now is the time to start the planning process for the upcoming holidays and events. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for any of these, please let us know.

Just a reminder June 29th to July 3rd, I will be in Austin Texas at our Grand Lodge Convention, and I look forward to reporting how the trip went in our next news letter in August.

Just a reminder the lodge will be closed on July 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. There will be a Board of Director's meeting on Monday, July 8th at 6:00PM, All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

*Fraternally,
Bree Jeter, Exalted Ruler*

POEM FROM SHARON BRUNIG

The July sun burns oh so bright
The air stays warm 'til past midnight.
We wait all year for the 4th to arrive
what a wonderful time to be alive
Swimming, baseball, and bar b cue,
So many very fun things to do.
Then the fireworks begin as dusk falls
Answering the children's excited calls.
Oh's and Awe's stream from every voice
The spectacle really leaves no choice.
Tired; with bug bites and sun burns, but spirits high
we head for home with an echoing sigh
"Let's do it again next year"
That is the promise that we all hear.

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THE EUGENE ELKLET

*Proud Past,
A Challenging Future*

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**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler
RANDY P.
SHOOK**

We celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth on the fourth day of this month. It is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we have enjoyed because of the vision of a small group of men and women committed to a cause. People in this country still enjoy those same freedoms 248 years later. The enthusiasm for the cause of liberty has never been stronger. As Elks our commitment to our nation has never been stronger. Happy birthday, America—the land of the free and the home of the brave. Time flies when you are having fun. A year ago, Wanda and I began this incredible journey. This was an adventure we never envisioned but we are so glad to have experienced. The accomplishments we witnessed throughout our travels were truly remarkable. It was great to see your communities recognize that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.” We are very proud of your dedication to our Order. It was great to meet new friends as well as spend time with old friends. The Elks really are one big happy family. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join our family. Wanda and I will continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year, and for many more, God willing. The past year has been an adventure we will treasure forever. I would like to close by saying thank you for everything. We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. It will be an exciting time.

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

STATE OFFICERS 2024



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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Please call the Lodge at 541.345.8416 to report anyone who is not doing well.

*Fraternally,
Donna Brant
Chairwoman*

DINNERS

for June 2024

Dick Beer, Stuart Bloom, Roger Staver, Tim Loftis

BUBBLE DRAWINGS

(Must be present to win)

George Bradford, Mark Schwieger, Jack Zwiesler, Tom Maks

JULY BIRTHDAYS

William Amlin, Steve Thopson, Ken Cooney, John Camp, Fred Beckley, Michael Smith, Ed Elkins, Brian McDonough, David O'Shea, Philip Prince, Nita Kobe, Ken Norness, Fred Hasse, Ron Lechnyr, Thomas Page, Ann Beers, Carol Silke, Larry Worley, Carl Lusk, Andy Bakr, Eric Cowger, Donimic Ambrosino, Charles Bard, George Currin

Celebrating your birthday this month? Come in for dinner on Wednesday or Friday of your birthday week for a free dinner compliments of the Exalted Ruler!



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Can You Find The Queen of Hearts???



Tickets on sale Wed & Fri evenings.
Weekly drawings at 6:30PM on Friday.



Potluck

*Eugene Elks Dining Room
2024*

**TAILGATE PARTY SCHEDULE
STARTS 1 HOUR BEFORE THE
GAME STARTS**

SAT AUG. 31
IDAHO
(4:30PM) HOME

SAT SEPT 7
BOISE STATE
(7:00PM) HOME

SAT SEPT 14
OREGON STATE
(12:30PM) AWAY

SAT SEPT 28
UCLA (TBD)
AWAY

FRI OCT 4
MICHIGAN STATE
(6:00PM) HOME

SAT OCT 12
OHIO STATE
(TBD) HOME

FRI OCT 18
PURDUE
(5:00PM) AWAY

SAT OCT 26
ILLINOIS
(TBD) HOME

SAT NOV 2
MICHIGAN
(TBD) AWAY



SAT NOV 9
MARYLAND
(TBD) HOME

SAT NOV 16
WISCONSIN
(TBD) AWAY

SAT NOV 30
WASHINGTON
(TBD) HOME

July - 2024

RSVP FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DINNER **RSVP**
Required for Steak Orders. Call the Lodge
office on Friday by 12:00pm. 541-345-8416

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
CLOSED	CLOSED	Soroptimists Lunch: 10:30am – 1:30pm Kitchen Open: 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bingo: 6:00pm 	EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Chicken Alfredo Lodge: 7:00pm Vacant Chair - (if applicable)	CLOSED 4 th of July 	CLOSED In Observance of the 4 th of July 	CLOSED
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CLOSED Dustbusters Modular	CLOSED Board of Director's Meeting: 6:00pm All members in good standing are invited to attend.	Lodge Clean-Up Kitchen Open: 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bingo: 6:00pm 	EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Darlene's Enchilada's Lodge: 7:00pm	EWEB Union Meeting 5:00pm – 9:00pm:  Game Night 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Dinner: Off the Menu 5:00pm – 7:30pm: OOD: Darlene Woodke	CLOSED
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
CLOSED	CLOSED	Kitchen Open: 5:00pm - 7:00pm: Bingo: 6:00pm 	EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Parmesan Crusted Chicken Lodge: 7:00pm Balloting - (if Applicable)	PER Pizza 5:00pm: Lead by: Floyd Bard   Game Night 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Dinner: Off the Menu 5:00pm – 7:30pm: OOD: Charlie Bard	CLOSED
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CLOSED	CLOSED Board of Director's Meeting: 6:00pm All members in good standing are invited to attend.	Kitchen Open: 5:00pm - 7:00pm: Bingo: 6:00pm 	EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm Dinner: 5:00pm Roast Beef Lodge: 7:00pm Initiation - (if Applicable)	Game Night 6:00pm to 9:00pm 	Dinner: Off the Menu 5:00pm – 7:30pm: OOD: Sally Stice	CLOSED
28	29	30	31	August - 1	August - 2	August - 3
CLOSED	CLOSED	Kitchen Open: 5:00pm - 7:00pm: Bingo: 6:00pm 	EWEB Retiree Lunch 11:00am – 2:00pm No Meeting Social Gathering Dinner: 5:00pm Pork Chops	Game Night 6:00pm to 9:00pm 	Dinner: Off the Menu 5:00pm – 7:30pm: OOD: Diane McKinley	CLOSED

ELK AND OFFICER OF THE MONTH

My Elk of the month for July is **Perci Ariaudo** for her dedication, she is always willing to lend a hand to help in the kitchen, clean, decorate, or offer advice. Thank you Perci for all you are, and all you do for our Lodge!

My officer of the month is **Steve McKinley**. Steve runs our Queen of Hearts game, steps up to stand in for Chair officers that are out, also willing to help decorate, works on small repairs of our lodge or will oversee the maintenance if a vendor needs to be called in. Thank you for your dedication and hard work!

*Fraternally,
Bree Jeter, Exalted Ruler*

LOYAL KNIGHT ARTICLE

Witch came first? The Chicken (Good Food), or the Egg (More Members).

I have asked members “why don’t you come to lodge to eat?” Many times the reply is the “food is not good”.

I have been eating at the lodge most Wednesdays (lodge night), some Thursdays (Taco night and Pizza night), and many Friday nights for dinner. The food has been very good now for quite some time. How about giving your lodge another try.

Groceries are not cheap (the chicken). In order to provide a good selection of good food we need more diners (the egg).

I find an additional benefit is to arrive a little before dinner to have a beverage and visit with fellow Elks and friends.

A couple of reasons for not coming to lodge are: “I don’t like driving in the rain” or “I can’t drive in the dark”. It’s neither dark or rainy this time of year. If you need a ride to and from lodge call the lodge. If necessary I will come and get you and take you home (for you members living in the Eugene area). NO MORE EXCUSES PLEASE!

I look forward to seeing you.

*Sincerely,
Barry Robinson, Esteemed Loyal Knight*

LEADING KNIGHT ARTICLE

Greeting fellow Elks,

Summer is upon us, and we had a GREAT Spring with Mother’s Day, Easter for the Children, a Great Meet and Greet, and of course, our BETTER than TRADITIONAL Flag Day Ceremony and Father’s Day Bar-B-Que.

Now with July, August, and September coming up, we have our Exalted Ruler going to Austin Texas for the Elks National Convention. We will have a “Welcome Home” event for Bree upon her return.

There is also an Elks Day at the Eugene Em’s baseball game on Saturday, July 13th at 5pm. Eugene and Springfield Lodge will be attending (40 from Springfield and 20 from Eugene). The Drug Awareness Trailer will be located adjacent to the entrance and parking lot.

Wow, what an event to showcase the GREATNESS of ELKDOM. August 25th, Sunday, will be the annual Eugene Elks Picnic at the Bard Ranch. There is always great food, especially with the potluck items provided by the attendees.

September starts the University of Oregon football games. Check the schedule in this Elklet for the Tailgate parties at the Lodge. GO DUCKS and win the BIG 10.

See you at Lodge this summer because we are having Lodge Meetings every Wednesday for weeks 1 through 4.

*Fraternally,
Floyd Bard, Leading Knight*



SECRETARIES REPORT

Greetings, well the new Lodge year has started and the days seem to blend together. I'm getting used to the office routine, I believe I may have a handle on it soon or not! I have been calling and emailing delinquent members and have helped 11 to pay their dues for this year.

If you know any of the members who are delinquent, please call them and encourage them to pay their dues and come to Lodge meetings, Bingo or maybe an event or dinner.

Please see list of unpaid members.

*Fraternally,
Terry Brant, Secretary*

DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Paul Appling, Tracey Bates, Stuart Bloom, Jeffry Thomas, Joel Brooks, Jack Carnahan, William Clark, James Collett, Richard Collett, Eric Cowger, George Currin, Vernon Delk, Harold Ediger, Fred Edwards, Robert Elkins Jr., Cheryl Grover, Donald Hankey, Frederick Hasse, Ron Lamie, Gary Lane, Cork Larsen, Michael Love, Uriel Manion, Ron Merrow, David Myer, Terry Moore, Brian Morris, Brad Nance, Beverly Nelson, Robert Park, Rodger Person, Luis Polanco, David Price, John Rintalan, Janet Roberts, Jack Santerre, Mark Schwieger, Larry Worley.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

It is the start of a new year and we must start thinking about our Charities for the upcoming year. As we all know the the Elks National Foundation is a major part in our ability to finance these projects that the Lodge supports. To qualify for most of these grants the lodge is required to meet our \$4.80 per capita. In addition another \$500 is available on some grants if 10% of our members make a donation of \$10 or more.

I urge everyone to help us reach our goal so we can continue to support things like the Veterans Stand Down and the Candle Lighters (kids with cancer) and other projects we undertake.

Thank you for your continuing support

Don Lanini, Elks National Foundation Chairman

EUGENE ELKS #357 PROPOSES BY-LAW CHANGE

The following changes to the Eugene Elks #357 By-Laws dated 01/04/24, will be voted on at the July 17, 2024 Lodge meeting. Proposed changes approved by the Board of Directors on June 17, 2024 and presented to the Lodge Members on June 19, 2024.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

Remove: Sec 3. OF THE ESTEEMED LEADING, LOYAL, AND LECTURING KNIGHTS:

For the faithful performance of duties, the Secretary shall receive compensation computed in compliance with applicable minimum wage laws and as approved in the Lodge budget adopted under Statutes 12.070 and/or 16.020.

Add: Sec 4. OF THE SECRETARY:

For the faithful performance of duties, the Secretary shall receive compensation computed in compliance with applicable minimum wage laws and as approved in the Lodge budget adopted under Statutes 12.070 and/or 16.020.

Remove: Sec. 4. OF THE SECRETARY:

For the faithful performance of duties, the Treasurer shall receive compensation computed in compliance with applicable minimum wage laws and as approved in the Lodge budget adopted under Statutes 12.070 and/or 16.020.

Add: Sec. 5. OF THE TREASURER: OF THE SECRETARY:

For the faithful performance of duties, the Treasurer shall receive compensation computed in compliance with applicable minimum wage laws and as approved in

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Bingo Night – Every Tuesday night unless otherwise announced.

- a. Cashier
- b. (Volunteer) Bartender - Must have an OLCC License
- c. Food runners
- d. Bingo callers.
- e. Bingo verifiers.

2. Clean up – Weekly as well as during our “Clean up Week” in July

- a. Painting (touch up / full walls) – July clean up July 8th to July 11th
- b. Bathrooms - Weekly
- c. Power wash outside – July clean up
- d. Steam clean carpet – July clean up
- e. hardwood/linoleum/slate floor cleaning - Weekly
- f. Kitchen – Weekly
- g. Kitchen Deep Clean – July Clean up

3. Lodge Nights - Meeting

- a. Wednesday Nights – Lodge meeting
 - i. Dinner is served from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
 - ii. (Volunteer) Bartender - Must have an OLCC License
 - iii. Dining room clean up and resetting of tables
 - 1. This can be done by a non-member while the lodge is in session.
 - 2. Lodge Meetings are from 7PM to 8:00/8:30PM

4. FRIDAY Night Dinners – Unless otherwise announced.

- a. (Volunteer) Bartender - Must have an OLCC License
- b. Food Runners

5. Upcoming traditional Events – Dates and Times are subject to change – Celebrations may not always occur on the actual date of the holiday/event. If you are interested in help plan or attend any of the traditional holiday parties (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, NYE), please let us know.

- a. Labor Day – Monday September 2nd
- b. Halloween - Thursday October 31st
- c. Veterans Day – Monday November 11th
- d. Thanksgiving Celebration – November
- e. Christmas Celebration – December
- f. New Years Eve – Tuesday December 31st



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Please remember, annual dues are to be remitted by March 31, 2023 to avoid a delinquent membership status. Please reach out to the secretary for assistance with annual dues at 541.345.8416.

Optional Donations (check applicable boxes):

☐ Elks National Foundation.....\$5.00

☐ E.Y.E.S.....\$5.00

☐ Lodge Scholarship Fund.....\$5.00

☐ Meadowood Speech and Hearing.....\$5.00

☐ Veterans.....\$5.00

☐ Coast Property.....\$5.00

☐ Key Card 1.....\$1.00

☐ Key Cards 2.....\$1.00

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