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From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

September is here and fall is just around the corner. But first, a few notable dates to think about...

September 1st, 1989:

My Son was born, he is a former US Marine, and served in Afghanistan. He is an amazing husband and father and I love him to the moon and back— Happy Birthday Son!

September 9th, 1776:

The U.S.A. came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the United States.

Q: How fortunate are we to live in one of most amazing countries in the world?

September 11th, 2001:

The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

Q: Where were you? We need to remember tomorrow isn't promised, so live your life to the fullest, love those around you and forgive what you cannot change.

September 23rd:

Autumn begins in Northern Hemisphere and Spring in the Southern

Final Thought: Let's be thankful for all we have, where we live, and how we can continue to help and serve others!

Fraternally yours,
Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter

Who do you know...



That would benefit from belonging to
YOUR Lodge?

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Proud Past,
A Challenging Future

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Originally, the Jolly Corks wanted to choose the African Buffalo, which was the name of an English Fraternity called the Buffalos. Others wanted an American animal, hence the Elk was selected for its peaceful and protective nature. The animal from which the Order took its name was chosen because a number of its attributes were deemed typical of those to be cultivated by members of the fraternity. The Elk is distinct fully an American animal. It habitually lives in herds.

The largest of our native quadrupeds, it is yet fleet of foot and graceful in movement. It is quick and keen of perception, and while it is usual gentle and even timorous, it is strong and valiant in defense of its own. A representation of the majestic head of the male, with its spreading antlers, was adopted as the first badge of the Order, and is still the most conspicuous element of its copyrighted, fraternal emblem.

When Elks give the hailing sign, by bringing the hands in one circular movement to a position over the head, palms to the front, it denotes the spreading antlers of an Elk. We also greet our new members at the end of their initiation, by giving the hailing sign and saying “with the spreading antlers of Protection”.

The hailing sign is given only in front of the Alter in the Lodge Room, while the Lodge is in session or when ordered by the Exalted Ruler. Additionally, when asking to retire when the Lodge is in session, proceed to the Alter, face the Exalted Ruler or the Leading Knight and give the hailing sign. When returning while the Lodge is in session, the same is done. At all times, when the hailing sign is given, it is to be held until the Exalted Ruler or Leading Knight gives the wave of the arm.

This is a tradition of all Elks and is emphasized in the Initiation Ritual and should be revered by all Elks.

As Paul Harvey said, “Now You Know the Rest of the Story”.

Fraternally,

Floyd Bard, Esteemed Leading Knight.



Dear Members,

I am thinking of creating a musical night on a Friday night.
The format could be one of two different formats:

1. Tune the TV to a **You Tube** Video of a Music group. Two orchestras I enjoy are: Ray Conniff who has several programs and Andre Rieu who has his own European orchestra and plays a lot of different types of music (with some comedy thrown in).
2. A sing along. This would require the use of a karaoke system. The lyrics monitor would be facing the audience rather than the singer thereby allowing everyone to sing the song. Several years ago, there was a member from another lodge brought a system to our lodge and played it. It was a blast, a lot of fun.

Please jot down your thoughts about this, and any suggestions, and email them to me at:
barry.robinson@elks357.org

Sincerely,

Barry Robinson, Esteemed Loyal Knight

The Purpose

The purpose of a Stand Down is to reach out to local veterans and their families. The term Stand Down is a military one that is used when combat troops are pulled out of action and sent to an area of relative safety to get medical attention, clothing, and other supplies.



LANE COUNTY STAND DOWN

Friday, September 27, 2024 ★ 8:00 a.m.

Lane County Events Center
Wheeler Pavilion and Auditorium
796 West 13th Avenue, Eugene

**All veterans welcome as well as reservists,
active duty personnel and their families!**

SERVICES OFFERED

- ★ Limited Medical Services
- ★ Eye Exams & Screenings
- ★ Dental & Denture Services
- ★ Massage
- ★ Two Hot Meals
- ★ Haircuts
- ★ Toiletries & Civilian Clothing
- ★ Women's Area
- ★ Bike Repair
- ★ Pet Food & Pet Grooming
- ★ Legal Advice/Aid
- ★ Family Services
- ★ Veteran Benefits
- ★ Job Fair & Housing Programs
- ★ DOD Gear and more!

Note: Not all services may be available on event day.

PROVIDING OUR VETERANS A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT

- 0600 Gates Open
- 0630 Check-In/Registration (Auditorium)
- 0700 Breakfast is served (Wheeler Pavilion)
- 0800 Auditorium & Wheeler Pavilion Open
- 1000 Auditorium Opens (Candy Store)
- 1100 Lunch is Served (Wheeler Pavilion)
- 1230 Ceremony (Wheeler Pavilion)
- 1500 Stand Down Closes



VETERANS JOB FAIR

Local businesses will be onsite accepting applications for current and future employment opportunities.

Citizens of our community can help support the Stand Down with a tax deductible donation.

Please visit:
LaneCountyStandDown.org



Eugene Elks Picnic combined with the Lane County Past Exalted Ruler Picnic was GREAT!

A total of 36 attended and had a great time under the shade trees with the Willamette River running past to keep things cooler. The salads and desserts from the attendees were so delicious! As you can see from the pictures a lot of visiting was going on. Not sure who told the best stories, LOL! MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!

I want to thank those who volunteered to help on the day of the picnic. First, Jill did so much for the picnic, which it would not have been so successful without her. Thank you so much. Jim Simmons came early and started shucking corn and putting out the drinks on ice. Andy and Nancy Bakr placed all the tablecloths on the tables and helped set up the serving table. Janet Stimson and Gordon Leonard placed the tables and chairs for the picnic. Then there was Donny. What can I say, Donny was the hamburger and hotdog CHEF... Then throughout the picnic, Perci made sure everything was going okay and helped pick up after the picnic.

**I CALL THIS A TEAM EFFORT.
WAY TO GO TEAM.**

Floyd Bard, Picnic Chairman





Well, fall is approaching. It seems that Summer did not last long this year. Believe it or not it's raining in August. I hope everyone has been enjoying their summertime vacations and are now ready for Football and Tailgate parties beginning August 31st.

If you have some time during the week, please help, call the office and offer your help.

Our membership is growing at a small rate, yea! Sponsor a new member and help the Lodge grow. Bring a friend or neighbor in for lunch or dinner.

Fraternally, God Bless
Terry Brant, Secretary

WANTED

All wayward Elks, your Lodge misses you. Please call the Lodge Secretary at: 541-345-8416 to let us know how you are doing.

Paul Appling	Tracey Bates	Jeffry Thomas	Joel Brooks	Jack Carnahan
William Clark	James Collett	Richard Collett	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	Beverly Nelson
Robert Park	Rodger Person	Luis Polanco	David Price	John Rintalan
Janet Roberts	Jack Santerre	Mark Schwieger	Larry Worley	

Cartoon Submitted by: Tyler Synan



White Ticket Bubble Drawing:
Ruth McCully / Dave Sustello



Dinner Winners:
Robert Dunlap / Bill Lamar

Reports of Committees

Committee: Audit and Accounting

Chairman: Dave Langan

Navigating Our Lodge Finances:

Insights from the Budget and Audit Committee

As we sail through the financial waters of our lodge, the Budget and Audit Committee has been hard at work. Let's dive into the key updates:

1. **Profit and Loss Reports:** The April and May reports have been shared, providing a snapshot of our financial health. These reports help us steer the ship and make informed decisions.
2. **June Report Incoming:** Mark your calendars! The June report is on its way and will reach the committee by August 20th. Stay tuned for insights into our revenue streams and expenses.
3. **Budget Adjustments:** Our compass is recalibrating. We're making changes to the budget, including sales projections for the club, bingo sales, and cost of goods sold. Keep an eye out for these adjustments—they'll help us chart a steady course.
4. **Unexpected Expenses:** Just like a sudden storm, unexpected expenses can hit. Case in point: the recent kitchen drain repair. But fear not! Our committee is vigilant, ensuring we navigate these waters smoothly.
5. **Counting Cash:** The Audit Committee is still tallying the treasure chest—our lodge's cash. Their diligence ensures transparency and accountability.
6. **Daily Income and Expenses:** Our treasurer, like a skilled navigator, tracks daily cash, checks, credit card sales, and expenses. It's the wind in our sails, guiding us toward financial stability. Smooth sailing, Elk family! Together, we'll keep our lodge shipshape.

Committee: Bingo | Chairman: Diane McKinley

1. Attendance numbers continue to rise
2. There were 48 players attending Player Appreciation Night on 8/12/24.
3. We are scheduled to introduce a new POS system for Bingo in September
4. Looking for bingo volunteers

Committee: Bottle Drop | Chairman: Don Lanini

Blue Bag Bottle Collection—A big thanks to all those who have been bringing in Cans and Bottles. Blue bags are available at the Lodge for those who would like to take one home to fill. Blue bag or not bring your recyclable cans and bottles in and we will take care of them. Every can or bottle helps support the things that the Lodge does.

Committee: Kitchen | Chairman: Don Lanini

After spending a week doing our annual cleaning in the kitchen, we had a drainpipe break which meant that we could no longer use our sink or dishwasher. This repair required cutting of the cement floor in the kitchen.

The use of jack hammers and chisels created a dust storm in the kitchen which meant that the whole kitchen had to be cleaned again and all the dishes had to be washed to eliminate the dust.

We are now open for business and looking to see everyone back.

I am also open to suggestions for Wednesday night dinners. Even I am getting tired of the same thing all the time. Give me some suggestions on what you would like to see. Who knows maybe I can put in our rotation of meals.

Thank you for your patience Last month!

Committee: ENF | Chairman: Don Lanini

The Elk's calendar year is about half over and we have not yet met our required PER-capita to be available for some of the Grants offered by Grand Lodge. We have projects that we have supported every year for quite some time, and it would be a shame if we could not use Grant money available to us by not making our required PER-capita. There is also additional money available if fifteen percent of our members donate ten dollars or more. I know with your help we can meet our goal once again.

Committee: Scholarship | Chairman: Floyd Bard

The Elks Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship is now open for High School Seniors to apply for on the Elks Website. I will be sending the High Schools in our area an invitation for their Senior Student to apply, along with the instructions to access the Elks Website. They will also receive information on our Lodge's Marilyn Keck Scholarship.

Eligibility:

1. Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
3. High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
4. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

**The 2025 MVS application closes on
November 12, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.**

For More Information Visit:

elks.org/schoars/

What's Happening in Your Lodge?

1st:

The Eugene Elks was invited by the Lane County Mounted Posse to sell parking tickets at the Lane County Fair from July 24th to July 28th.

Although the volunteers we had graciously worked several shifts and often back-to-back days in the heat and standing on our feet up to 13 hours, we worked as a team we even have a few funny stories to tell.

THANK YOU to all the following volunteers:

Terry Brant, Donna Brant, Steve McKinley, Diane McKinley, Patty Johnson, Don Lanini, Charlie Bard, Carolyn Bard, Jim Simmons, Barry Robinson, Jim Alameda from Springfield, Ben Adams from Corvallis, and Tom Welch (Steve and Diane's Son-in-Law).

Without all of you, we would have not been successful, nor would we have additional opportunities to continue building those relationships, and our Lodge would not be receiving roughly \$3,000.00; from the Posse this week.

The Posse was so pleased with us they now are asking us to join forces with them and assist on a wide variety of other events that will continue to provide profits to us and possibly stash some away for a new building!

YES! You read correctly.

2nd:

As some of you may be aware, Our Lodge was shut down from July 25th to August 5th due to unforeseen plumbing issues in the kitchen. I'm pleased to announce we are fully operational and open for business!

However, the issue that caused this was old, cracked cast iron pipes. While we were able to make the repairs in the kitchen it was also discovered we had a ticking time bomb of another cast iron pipeline that runs from the bar through the dining room and would have cost an additional \$12,000.00 and we could have been closed for a minimum of another 3 weeks to a month. In addition to being closed, and the cost for the repairs, we would also have the cost of the repairs to make our Lodge whole again once the plumbing work was completed.

Therefore, given the Eugene Lodge was never meant to stay at the current location and we have nearly \$200,000.00 in needed repairs the Board held an emergency meeting, and the decision was clear, we need to find a new home. We understand this process may take up to 2 years, but as your Exalted Ruler, I will be looking for individuals to form a Building Committee as quickly as possible.



What's Happening in Your Lodge?

**3rd:
Oregon Elks Children's Eye Clinic Visit**
The Oregon Elks Children's Eye Clinic located in Portland OR is a very special place. In addition to protecting, restoring, and maintaining children and adults' eyesight, the institute gifts every child who has surgery at the facility, a quilt before they are discharged. The received approximately 1,900 quilts last year alone and the majority of the donations come from various Oregon lodges.

One of our members, Donna Gregersen heard of their generosity and wanted to make some quilts to donated to their cause. She had much of the material already but needed more to finish the project. At one of the lodge meetings Donna took up a donation, and weeks later, she brought 10 finished quilts to the lodge to be delivered to the Portland facility.

At the end of May, Stephen and Diane McKinley, who currently serve as Trustees at the Lodge, drove to Portland to do just that. Once there, they met with Bethany Lang, Sr. Community Research Liaison to Deliver 10 beautiful quilts, 9 child size and 1 teenage size quilts. Bethany graciously accepted the donations and gave the McKinley's a Quilt Pin for everyone who participated in the project. Donna sets a prime example of Elks Care ~ Elks Share.



Happy Birthday!

**Wishing you all the best on your special day,
and hope your day is full of all your favorite
things!**



**Richard Allely
Francis H. Anderson
Miles D. Bounds
A Donna Brant
Terry D. Brant
Randall Brown
John M. Bryant**

**Mark T. Dennett
Raymond Q. Evans
George A. Hunt
Robert Ingram
Bill R. Lamar
Cork Larsen
Gordon Leonard
Heill Wilson**

**Justin May
Stephen C. McKinley
Bruce R. McLennan
Robert B. Neilsen
John Pender
Janet Roberts
Hank Snell**





Come to the Lodge and Play Bingo Every Tuesday Night!

The Doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm. For your convenience, the kitchen and Bar also open at 5:00pm.

Early Birds start at 6:15pm and regular games start at 6:30pm.

The Kitchen closes at 7:00pm and Bar will close at 7:30pm.

In addition, to the regular BINGO games, all players have the chance to win \$300.00, with a minimum of 25 players. We Will continue to hold weekly and monthly drawings as well!

ALSO, to celebrate all our loyal BINGO player's, we will be holding **BINGO APPRECIATION NIGHTS** on the following
2024 Dates:

September 17th, October 29th, November 19th, December 19th



What do....

Perci Ariaudo and Cecile Wood have in common? They are both members of the "Queen of Hearts Club". Could you be the next person to join the club?

You won't know until you come to the lodge on Wednesday and Friday nights to buy your tickets.

Then every Friday night at 6:30 PM a new winner gets drawn and it could be you!



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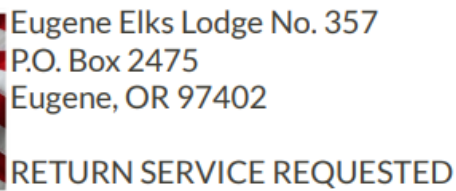


**American
Red Cross
Blood
Drive**

Save a Life, Give Blood

Friday Night Steak Dinner | Call the Lodge Office on Friday by 12:00pm – 541-345-8416





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		Address: _____
		City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Please return this statement with your payment to: Eugene Elks, PO Box 2475, Eugene, OR 97402		
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.		

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Members.....\$135.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Members.....\$78.43 <input type="checkbox"/> Widows.....\$10.00	Total Enclosed\$_____
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Optional Donations (check applicable boxes):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Elks National Foundation.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> E.Y.E.S.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Scholarship Fund.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Meadowood Speech and Hearing.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Property.....\$5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 1.....\$1.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Key Cards 2.....\$1.00	



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