



THE EUGENE ELKLET

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From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

April has arrived, bringing with it a new year and fresh beginnings for the Eugene Elks. During our March 5th Lodge meeting, we passed a motion to allocate funds from our investment account to spruce up our Lodge, invite bands from various genres, and host a range of activities.

We look forward to welcoming back those members/spouses who haven't visited in a while. Please join us, share your suggestions, and let us know if you're interested in volunteering. All ideas are welcome!

If you know of a live band, DJ, karaoke host, or any fun activity, please let us know. Additionally, if you have ideas for enhancing our Lodge, we'd love to hear them.

You'll find two suggestion boxes on the display table under the flat screen in the dining room. Feel free to jot down your ideas and submit them.

Upcoming Events for May

May 2nd – Dance with Preston Wills and Company

May 9th - The Survivors – Classic Rock, Blues, Usher, Everly Brothers to name a few

May 10th - Mother's Day Brunch

Honorable Mentions

May 17th - Armed Forces Day

May 22nd – National Maritime Day

Fraternally yours,
Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter

Who do you know...



That would benefit from belonging to
YOUR Lodge?

Eugene Elks – BPOE #357

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Leading Knight: Trisha Brandsness (Joey)
Loyal Knight: Barry Robinson
Lecturing Knight: Open
Secretary: Beverly Stewart (Bob)
Treasurer: Terry Brant
Tiler: Charlie Bard (Carolyn)
Esquire: Open
Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Trisha)
Inner Guard: Sally Stice
Organist: Donna Brant

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Five Year: Bob Stewart (Beverly)
Four Year: Kerry Oliver
Three Year: Stephen McKinley (Diane)
Two Year: Diane McKinley (Stephen)
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President: Don Lanini (Judy)
Secretary/Treasurer: Terry Brant

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
Terry Brant

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PER and Old Timers Night

Wednesday April 9th, 2025

Members', Please Join Us for a night
Of fun and laughter.

We have invited some of the
Old Timer PERs to step in and conduct
the meeting and hand out 5-year pins.

Join us for Dinner at 5pm, Lodge at 7pm
FREE Dinner for those that have reached
20 years for the 2025 Lodge year and those that
have reached the 5 year milestone above 20 years.
Must have membership card to gain
access to the Lodge room



Mark Schwieger	Marsha Prevics
Ron Babjar	Dick Roberts
Jeffery Bard	Tracey Ann Bates
John Turnbull	Geneva A Tinker
Todd Bennett	Lori Anderson
Richard Collett	Kathleen Louise O'Conner

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Hello Eugene Elks Members, Family and Friends,

Spring has officially arrived along with the flowers and trees starting to bloom and the busy bees (i.e. Officers & volunteers) working hard to create new events, more dances etc. to help each of you enjoy and want to attend your Lodge.

March saw several well attended events happening at the Lodge and people smiling and ready to join in. We hope you are one of them.

Be sure and keep the monthly calendar posted on your refrigerator so you do not miss anything and continue to follow us on Facebook for updates and new events popping up. Thank you to those of you who shared our Facebook posts on your personal page. We never know who might want to join you as an Elk Member.

Our Officers are working hard on having more dances, more events and more participation. We really need your help in having better attendance at the weekly membership meetings.

We are very appreciative of having a great new cook and some awesome bartenders at the Lodge. Stop by, say hi and meet them, you will be so happy you did. If you love their service tipping is always appreciated.

We love our members and our volunteers. It is fun to volunteer and get to know people so talk to an officer or one of our great bartenders and see what you can do to help.

Our motto for the year is “Lets Thrive in 2025”

Cecile Wood



Every Tuesday night is Bingo Night here at the lodge!

Great News Players! Our fear that we were going to have to cut down our Bingo program to only two Tuesdays a month has fallen through. A few Volunteers have stepped up to run Bingo the other two Tuesdays a month. To be clear we will continue running our Bingo program every week.

With that said the doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm. The minimum buy in is \$5.00 for a 6-on packet of 15 regular games. We do accept charge cards at buy-in.

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

On the last Black Out game of the evening, with a minimum of 25 players in attendance, everyone will have a chance to win \$300.00. And as a thank you to all of our loyal Bingo players, we hold weekly and monthly attendance drawings. We also offer Player Appreciation nights on 4/22, 5/20, 6/17, 7/8, 8/19, 8/16, 10/28, 11/18, and 12/1.

Even though we are fortunate to have two Volunteers step up to help run the Bingo program, we are still are looking for volunteers to help run Bingo. We need Callers, Cashiers, Cashier Assistants, Call Back/Payout, Food Runners, and Bartenders. You don't have to be an Elk member to volunteer so please call the Lodge office (541/345-8416) to add your name to the Bingo Volunteer List and also indicate what positions you are willing to work.

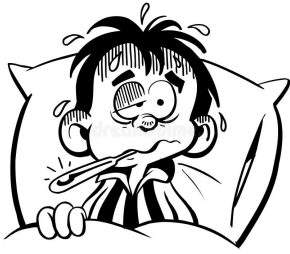
Dinner Winners	Blue ticket membership \$25.00
2/19/2025	
Kathleen Louise	Tracey Ann Bates
Lawrence Dunlap MD	Barbara Miller
2/26/2025	
Charles Bard	Floyd Bard
Edward P Nachtwey	George M Currin
3/5/2025	
David Langan	Nick Livermore
Geneva Tinker	Thomas Page
3/12/2025	
Michael J Hartwig	M Lee Seaton
Donald Lanini	Glen Rear
3/26/2025	
Richard Cunningham	Ted Cain
Marvin M Loy	Darlene Woodke
	Dennis R Archambault
	Brandie Dee Caster
	William McMahon

Did you know that for just \$1.00 you could win the Queen of Hearts pot? And, for \$5.00 you get 6 tickets to enter.

On each ticket you will need to provide your first and last name and indicate what card you choose (ie #1 through #54). Tickets are sold every Wednesday and Friday evenings. After the sales close on Friday, all of the tickets sold are put into a drum and at 6:30 pm the lucky ticket is drawn.

All cards have a monetary value assigned to it. The number cards (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) wins you \$10.00. Face cards are worth \$25.00 while Jokers are worth \$40.00. When the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the pot is split 50/50, and as of 3/11/25, it is up to \$668.00. You don't have to be present to win. This game is a fun way for the lodge to raise funds for various charities. It is the winner's choice to choose the charity that will be awarded the donation. Come in and buy your tickets to enter your chance to win the big pot! Questions??? Call the Lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave a message for Stephen McKinley.





Sickness and Distress



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Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!

2/26/2025

Darlene Woodke, is in good spirits and they moved her to the window. She now has a nice view. Janet Stimson is doing better and sent us a thank you card for the flowers she received from the Lodge.

3/5/2025

Ann Beers thanked the lodge for the beautiful flowers and Card she received. She is feeling better. Sharon Brunig is looking for a home for Gregory Brunig.

Darlene Woodke is in good spirits, however they moved her again. This time to a different room. She is still having trouble with her leg. She is enjoying playing bingo but they pay in candy.

3/12/2025

Darlene is still having issues with her leg, may be released from rehab on Thursday.

Janet out and looking good and will be coming to dance.

Conrad Magnuson is not doing well, he now has Crystal Colitis.

Sally Stice is hoping to be released today by Doctor and will be here for Installation of Officers.

3/26/2025

Ann and Dick Beers are both Sick, Dick went to Hospital Tuesday and was released Wednesday. Joe and Nita are having medical issues.

Donna Brant is better now that she has a new furnace.

Joey and Tricia feeling distressed now that son has moved back home.

Jim Alameda is not feeling well.

Work Week Volunteers needed

Summer is right around the corner and we will be planning our work week dates and projects. We ask that each and every one of you donate at least 4 hours of your time and talents to complete the projects. Stephen McKinley is putting the project list together. If there is anything at the lodge that you feel needs to be fixed, cleaned, painted or installed please call the Lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave your name, contact info, and your project ideas. Stephen will organize the projects and publish a schedule in a future Elklet.

From Esteemed Loyal Knight Barry Robinson:

Greetings to my fellow Elks, and Happy New Year (lodge year that is).

In my previous article, in the March Elklet, I said "It would be my last article as Esteemed Loyal Knight". Wrong. I volunteered to remain in that position because there are some new officers in some new positions with some new ideas.

I'm looking for this new year to be an exciting one. One new (old) idea is the resurrection of the Eugene Elks 357 Kamper Klub. The reason for disbanding the Klub last year was that we were all getting too old and there were no new members joining the Elks. Well, we're going to rectify that this year.

HISTORY: The Kamper Klub was formed in the fall of 1982 with eleven couples. Over the next twenty years the klub grew to over thirty couples that got together one weekend a month and remained that way until Covid. Each month a different couple would volunteer to find an interesting place for the Klub to go to and make the necessary reservations. A typical weekend would consist of gathering on Friday and fixing their own dinner and then do some socializing. Saturday we'd get together and go somewhere for breakfast, after which we'd go to an attraction of some kind that was arranged by the host for that weekend. Supper was a potluck. That evening was game time. Sunday was started off with a potluck breakfast followed by the monthly meeting. Then say your good byes and head for home.

Barry Robinson, Esteemed Loyal Knight

From Lodge Secretary Beverly Stewart:



Hello, everyone, are you ready for this month? We have so many things coming your way. We have the Dance on the first Friday of April. We have the Officers Ball and Easter, the dates can be found on the Calendar in this issue. Come help us celebrate. We would love to have you.

Secretary Beverly Stewart

Upcoming Craft Fairs Inquiry

We are exploring if any of our members, friends, families and neighbors would like to participate in some upcoming Craft Fairs. Please call the Lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave a message with Bev, the Lodge Secretary. Your message should include your name, contact number and identify the crafts you want to sell. We will need to hear from you this month.

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bingo – 6pm	2 EWEB Retiree Lunch – 11am Lodge Meeting – 7pm Fried Chicken	3 EWEB Union Mtg: 5pm	4 Off the Menu – 5pm Music and Dancing with Preston and Company DO: Steve McKinley	5 CLOSED
6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 Soroptimists – 11:45am Bingo – 6pm	9 EWEB Retiree Lunch – 11am Bill Wood Lunch/Games (Old Timer)Lodge Meeting – 7pm Swedish Meatballs	10 CLOSED	11 New Officer's Dance Come for Dinner – 4:30pm \$15.00 Stay for Dancing with Barn Shakers DO: Donna Brant	12 CLOSED
13 DD Clinic 10am to 3pm Lunch \$9.00	14 CLOSED	15 Bingo – 6pm	16 EWEB Retiree Lunch – 11am Lodge Meeting – 7pm Meatloaf	17 CLOSED	18 Off the Menu – 5pm DO: Barry Robinson	19 Easter Brunch 9:30am to Noon
20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED BOD – 6pm	22 Bingo – 6pm	23 EWEB Retiree Lunch – 11am Lodge Meeting – 7pm Pot Roast	24 CLOSED	25 Off the Menu – 5pm Summer Convention DO: Floyd Bard	26 CLOSED Summer Convention
27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 Bingo – 6pm	30 EWEB Retiree Lunch – 11am Social Meeting – 7pm Chef's Choice: TBD			

UP COMING EVENTS

Friday May 2nd
Off the Menu Dinner
Music and Dancing
With Preston, Gwynn, and Brian

Friday May 9th
Come for Dinner Dance
Free or \$10.00 at the Door
Survivors – Classic Rock

Saturday May 10th
Mother's Day Brunch
9:30am to noon

Saturday May 24th
Memorial Day Ceremony
10:30am – 1pm



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Eugene Elks, PO BOX 2475, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Remember, annual dues are to be remitted by March 31st, 2025, to avoid delinquent status.
Reach out to our secretary for assistance with annual dues at: 541-345-8416

Name: _____

Membership #: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

☐ Regular Members \$135.00

☐ Life Members \$78.00

☐ Widows \$10.00

Optional Donations

☐ E.N.F. (Elks National Foundation) \$5.00 _____

☐ E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services) \$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 Card 2 \$1.00 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____