



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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Last Events of 2025! Come Join us!



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 13th 10:00am to 12:30

Buffet: Eggs, Hashbrowns, Bacon, Sausage and Pancakes

\$14.00 per person over 10 years

\$9.00 for 6 – 10 years

Free for under 6 years

RSVP to the Office at 541-345-8416

Or the Bar at 541-338-7848

No later then Sunday the 7th of December for food

(When you RSVP your attendance also advise how many children under 10 are coming and if boy or girl)



A month of Music

The Survivors play music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and MORE... They will be at the lodge on Friday the 5th from 6-9pm

Cascade Kids on Friday the 12th - Come listen to these AMAZING kids during dinner from 6-8pm

Barn Shakers on Saturday the 13th for some Two Stepping from 6-9pm

Tony Lundervold and The Hired Guns on Saturday 20th for the Lodge Christmas Party 6-9pm

And finishing out the month with Preston and Gwen for Donnie Parks 92nd Birthday on Saturday the 27th 6-9pm



I have been a member of this Lodge for less than two years and the Lodge feels like family to me. I am excited and blessed to serve as the Lecturing Knight.

Continue to drink the Kool Aid and get involved. The more involved you are, the more likely you are to invite your friends to the Lodge. We need to engage members and more volunteers to serve the community.

Our goal is 24 New Members for this Lodge year. We will make our yearly goal by the end of January with help from everyone! Currently we are on our way to 347 Members.

With respect and brotherly love,
Lecturing Knight, Kerry Oliver



Lodge Treasurer - Director of the Board



As some of you may have noticed, I was away from the lodge for awhile on vacation. I had a great time on a cruise and enjoy my time in the woods hunting. Floyd Bard stepped in to help out in my absence. Thank you Floyd for being a great Volunteer!

I am looking at stepping down as the Treasurer. If you are interested please, let me know.



Eugene Elks BPOE #357

www.elks.org - Secretary@elks357.org Elklet_submissions@elks357.org

Lodge Hours: Tuesday—Thursday 10am—3pm

****Starting in January office hours will be Tuesday—Friday 10am to 3pm****

Office Phone: 541-345-8416 Fax: 541-345-1379

2470 West 11th Ave. - PO Box 2475 - Eugene, OR 97402

Officers:

Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)

Leading Knight: Barry Robinson

Loyal Knight: Vacant

Lecturing Knight: Kerry Oliver

Secretary: Beverly Stewart (Bob)

Treasurer: Terry Brant

Tiler: Charlie Bard (Carolyn)

Esquire: Vacant

Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Tricia)

Inner Guard: Sally Stice

Organist: Donna Brant

Board of Trustees:

Five Year: Bob Stewart

Four Year: Bruce McLennon

Three Year: Stephen McKinley (Diane)

Two Year: Diane McKinley (Stephen)

One Year: Rich Cunningham

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Ralph Dinnel



Chaplin
Joey Brandsness



Inner Guard
Sally Stice



Tiler
Charlie Bard



Organist
Donna Brant



Trustee—5Yr
Bob Stewart



Trustee—4Yr
Kerry Oliver



Trustee—3Yr
Stephen McKinley



Trustee—2Yr
Diane McKinley

From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness

How did we get to December so fast? Make sure to check out the calendar, we have lots of music!

If you love to volunteer, we need help with dinner service, taking orders and serving the diners. We also need help at events from set up and take down and to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

During the day we have some groups coming in that require set up, table service, and clean up. If you have a few hours to spare during the week please come down and help out. All volunteers will receive a "Volunteer" t-shirt to wear as well.

For the Breakfast with Santa we will need volunteers for the cooking, servers for the buffet and clean up. This is a very popular event so please RSVP your attendance by December 6th. We especially need a head count of all children under 10, and tell us if they are a boy or girl as they will receive special treats.

Finally there is a Candler Lighters event this month and the Blood Drive on January 15th. If you can attend or volunteer for any of these events please call Bev at the office at 541/345-8416.

For everyone who has purchased White tickets during the lodge meetings this year, the big White Ticket drawing is to be held on the first Wednesday (3rd) of this month! Be sure not to miss this meeting as you must be present to win.

There are many ways of winning money here at the lodge. From ENF (Red Tickets), the Bubble (Blue Tickets), White tickets, Name of the members drawn at the meetings, Queen of Hearts, Bingo and SOON Oregon Lottery! With it being the Holiday take the time to reach out to friends and family, connection is important. For those of you who haven't been to the lodge in awhile, come by and have dinner, we would love to see you and renew our friendships!



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Esteemed Leading Knight - Barry Robinson

It doesn't seem possible that I'm writing this article for the last edition of the Elklet for calendar year 2025. There are four events that come to mind for the month of December in my calendar.

1. Pearl Harbor Day, the beginning of WW II. God Bless all those that gave their all to protect our wonderful country.
2. The First Day of Winter, Brrrrrrr!,
3. Christmas, the time of year to spend time with family and close friends and to connect with old friends
4. New Years Eve, the time to celebrate having lived another year. Hope yours was a good year.

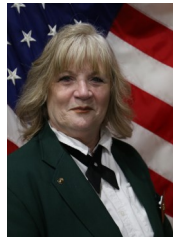
Our newly elected Kamper Klub President, Joey Brandsness has been very busy taking care of his personal business. I am writing this in order to take some weight off his shoulders. The order of business for the November meeting is/was planning for the coming year 2026. Having been the Founder and past President, several times, of the original Kamper Klub I am drawing on past experience to outline an agenda for the December meeting.

The most important goals at this time is to establish the following:

- a. Decide the destinations for the first three campouts (currently looking at March/April/May):
- b. When to go
- c. Where to stay and to make the required reservations



RVing has become a very popular activity so it is necessary to plan these events and make the required reservations in advance of the desired date in order to secure camping spots in close proximity to each another. We will be talking about this at the next meeting.



We currently have 237 members; however, we still have 22 members that need to re-new their membership. Please pay your dues to stay active this year. We will continue to send out notices to those members who have not yet paid their dues this year. We do have 1 application for initiation this month, which will bring our total number of members to 240. Woo Whoo!

Thank you for all your help in keeping our Lodge current with your membership. If you have not done so yet please contact us. They can be paid by sending a check or calling and paying with a credit card. This can also be done through the Elk.org website.

Thank you for your support

Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
11/5/2025
Carol Franklin
Jerry Rosa
11/19/2025
Will be posted in Jan
Newsletter

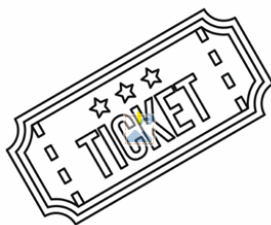


Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 Must be present to win
11/5/2025
Nick Livermore
11/19/2025
Will be posted in Jan
Newsletter

BIG WHITE TICKET DRAWING

At the Lodge meeting, Wednesday the 3rd!!!

Have to be there to WIN!



Membership/Lapsation Report **Eugene, OR Lodge 0357**

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2025: 233

Increases

Initiated	17
Affiliated:	4
Reinstated:	0
Subtotal:	21

Decreases

Dropped:	8
Transferred Out:	2
Absolute Dinit:	0
Deaths:	6
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	16

Calculated Membership Total:	238
CLMS Active Members:	238
Average Age:	75.13
Gain/Loss:	5

Delinquency

Six Months:	0
One Year:	21
Over One Year:	0
Total:	21
Lapsation Rate:	9.01%

Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	1
In the hands of the investigating committee:	0
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	2
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	0
Other:	0
Total:	3

Life Members

Life Members:	16
Honorary Life Members:	12
Total:	28
Life Percentage:	12.02%

Christmas Dinner With Friends and Family

Christmas is a season of sharing and enjoying each other's company. If you find yourself without plans for the holiday please mark your calendar to attend the Christmas Day Potluck.



The day will begin at 1:00 pm. The lodge will provide the ham/turkey while all families should plan to provide the sides. As usual we will play the White Elephant game so each attendee should plan to bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$10.00. It can be new or gently used and the more creative the better. There will be a sign up sheet for your attendance and sides that you will bring next month. In the meantime talk to your family, friends and neighbors and invite them to attend an afternoon of celebration.



The Queen of Hearts game #4 has only 19 cards left to play and on 6/12/25 the pot was at \$2,043.00 after payout. Just think, for \$1.00 a ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets you can add ticket(s) to the pot and possibly win!

On each ticket you need to provide your first and last name and indicate what card you choose (ie #1 through #54). The numbers already drawn and the last winner are listed on the white board located in the dining room.

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 (J,Q,K,A) are worth \$25.00 while the Jokers are worth \$40.00. If you are lucky enough to select the Queen of Hearts you will win 50% of the pot. You don't have to be present to win.

The previous Queen of Heart winners include Perci Ariaudo won \$301.50 for Game #1, Cecile Wood won game #2 at \$442.00 and game #3 at \$167.00.

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.



Happy December Birthday's



Jones, James A

Sabath, Richard

DeZarn, Donald M

Nielsen, Dale L

Cox, Robert H

Kracht, Robin B

Maks, Tom R

Moore, James Everett

Tardie, Larry

Richichi, Gary

Kehoe, Michael J

Stice, Sally C

Isaksen, Derek

Stolsig, Pamela L

Dechent, William

Beers, Richard F

Sheffler, Kenneth

Drury, Jess A

Bridges, Dale

Karter, Richard Steven

Dellinger, Frederick D



Events coming up that need Volunteers!

Breakfast with Santa (Saturday 13th): Cooking, Set up, Serving, Clean up

Candler Lighters (Sunday the 14th): Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

Elks Memorial and Tom and Jerry's (Sunday 7th): Help with the bar, Serving , Set up and Clean up

Dances: Friday the 5th, Saturday 13th, Saturday 20th and Saturday 27th: Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

Holiday/Birthday Parties: There are a few of these, Thursday the 25th and Saturday the 27th: Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

Regular Events that need Volunteers!

Bingo: Callers, Pay outs, Sales, Food Runners, Set up and Clean up

Dinner Services: Serving/Run food (all of the servers are Volunteers)

Volunteering is a great way to support the lodge and make new friends !!!!



**American
Red Cross**

Give Blood

**Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood.
Come Join Us for this Event!**

Blood Drive Eugene Elks

Dining Room 2470 W. 11th Eugene, OR 97402

Monday, December 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit 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.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Come out to help us celebrate

Donnie Parks 92nd birthday!

Dancing and Music by Preston,
Gwen and Brian

Saturday, December 27th

6-9 pm at the Eugene Elks Lodge



Enjoy free birthday cake as well!

Game Night Thursdays!

Trivia 6-8pm

Test out your knowledge and see if you can beat
Team McKinley and Team Big "B's"
**You could Win a Free dinner

If Trivia isn't your thing, you can play Cards,
Shuffle Board, Pool or even Domino's.

Food from 5-7pm

Bar 5-8pm



Sickness & Distress

Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!



- ◆ Sally Stice had a medical procedure done and is now convalescing at a rehab facility.
- ◆ Stephen McKinely's sister Linda passed away on November 1st, please keep his family in your prayers.
- ◆ Dixie Lilly's daughter had surgery.
- ◆ Joey Brandsness' step mother passed away on November 18th, deepest condolences go out to the Brandsness family.



**Elks Memorial
To Our Absent Members
December 7th at 10:00am**

**We will be Honoring and Remembering
our members that have passed.**

The Memorial will be followed by Tom and Jerry Event.

(Officers to Wear Green Jackets)

NOTICE!

The Lodge will be Closed from December 21st to January 2nd.

**Except for the Christmas Pot Luck dinner on the 25th and
Donnie Parks Birthday Party on the 27th!**

We hope everyone has a Safe and Fun Christmas and New Years!



Did you know, you have a choice for Garbage service??

Royal Refuse is a family owned business since 1977

Call the Office at 541-688-5622 or email
Office@royalrefuse.com to find out service!



Join us every Tuesday to play Bingo because you never know who is horsing around. The lodge doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm. The minimum buy-in is \$5.00 for one 6-on packet of 15 regular games and we do accept cash and 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 to provide delicious edibles and tasty libations. Please remember that outside food and drink is prohibited in the lodge. The kitchen closes at 7:00pm and the bar at 7:30pm.

Every week we hold a drawing where one lucky player gets to spin a wheel to see if they will win \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20. The end-of-the-month drawing is worth a cool \$20.00. We will hold Player Appreciation Night on 12/16.

On the last Black Out game of the evening, with a minimum of 25 players in attendance, and bingo within a specific number of balls, everyone has a chance to win \$300.00.

Please note that Bingo will be closed on 12/23/25 and 12/30/25. Come join us at Bingo and YOU could be the next winner!

Update, "Announcement of the Oregon Lottery may be coming to the lodge":



In case you haven't already heard, the lodge has applied to have video lottery and Keno installed for the enjoyment of all our members and guests. We have received the initial approval and the Lottery Committee came to the lodge to inspect the facilities. We were advised that we need to repaint the handicap parking spaces and a few other minor housekeeping items. Once the improvements are made, the final paperwork will be reviewed and then hopefully the lodge will receive the final approval.



Kerry Oliver
State Farm Insurance Agent
541-654-0737

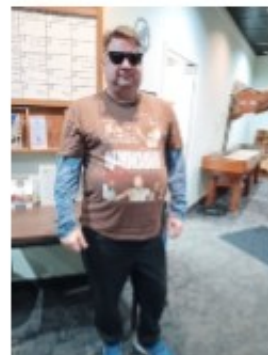
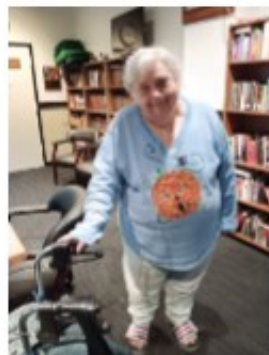


Since the Craft Fair on October 4th, we have had a plethora of pumpkins at the lodge for sale. At the end of October it was time to find a new home for the left over pumpkins. A call was made to the Wildlife Safari in Winston and they happily accepted the pumpkin donations. On November 2nd, the McKinley family delivered some 20+ pumpkins to the park. One of the animal handlers advised that the elephants, hippopotamus and chickens will enjoy snacking on and playing with them. Thanks again to Tricia and Joey Brandsness for making the initial pumpkin donation possible.



If you missed the October social meeting, you really missed out on a great time. Members dressed up in costumes and the judging of the pumpkin carving contest was held. Bill and Cecile Wood were vampires, Don Lanini came and monkied around, Donna Brant came all dolled up, Tricia Brandsness came in her jammies, Bobbi Miller was devilishly playful, Stephen McKinley came as a dark clown, Sharon Brunig was cute as a pumpkin while Kerry Oliver was just plain cool!

A pumpkin carving contest was held and it ended in a four way tie for first place. Congrats to the McKinley family! Don't miss next year's revelry.



Have an idea for event? Something New you want to see on the menu? Have an idea for a committee?
There are suggestion boxes at the bar

The below Events are idea's from member's

Gift Wrap at the Lodge

For our members only, starting December 1st to the 19th, there will be free gift wrap supplies available at the lodge. There will be holiday paper, tissue paper, boxes, tape and scissors at your disposal. We ask that if you use any of the supplies that you leave a small donation to replenish the supplies. If you have any questions regarding this program contact Diane McKinley at 541/345-8416.



Holiday Cookie Exchange!



One holiday tradition that few people can resist is a cookie exchange. So this year everyone is invited to make two dozen homemade cookies /bar treats. On a specified date everyone will bring their goodies to the lodge. All submissions will be admired, sampled, voted on and swapped. To avoid cookie duplication all participants should email the names of the cookies they are bringing to Diane McKinley at drm@smckinley.com by Friday, December 12th. The earliest submissions will get first dibbs. Our cookie exchange will be held on Friday, December 19th at 6:30 PM





**Lodge Christmas Party on
December 20th at 5-9pm !**

**You will need to RSVP for Dinner by
Monday the 15th
(please call the office between 10am and 3pm 541-345-8416)**

**Choices are
Baked Chicken \$17.00 per person
or
Roast \$19.00 per person
with
Salad and Potato**

There will be music from Tony and the Hire Guns

**If you love Country from Chris LeDoux to
Alan Jackson
you'll be two step your way around the
dance floor!**



****A little bit about Tony Lundervold is a western singer songwriter from Silverton, Oregon! He was part of the rodeo for 13 years and won saddle bronc rider in the NPRA. He has two albums with at least two songs on the radio "From the Ranch to the Rodeo" and "Doin' Just Fine" . Tony sings covers from Chris LeDoux and Alan Jackson.**

			December		2025			
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Bingo Menu Gift Wrapping	EWEB Retirees 11am BIG Ticket Drawing Lodge Meeting 7pm Ribs Bar: 5-7pm Ali Gift Wrapping	BNI 9am Union Meeting & Game Night 6-8 Bar Open 5-8:00pm Bar: Ali DO: McKinley's Gift Wrapping	Dinner off the Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm The Survivors 6-9pm Bar: Ali DO: Tricia Gift Wrapping	Private Party 10pm—2am DO: Tricia	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Elks Memorial 10am and Tom and Jerry's Officers Green Jackets Bar/DO: Officers Gift Wrapping	Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Bingo Menu Gift Wrapping	EWEB Retirees 11am Bill Woods Lodge Meeting 7pm Meatloaf Bar: 5-7pm Ali Gift Wrapping	BNI 9am Game Night 6-8 Camper Club 6pm Bar Open 5-8:30pm Bar: Ali DO: Tricia Gift Wrapping	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music by Cascade Kids Bar: Ali DO: Charlie Gift Wrapping	Kids with Santa 10am Barn Shakers in Lodge room Limited Menu 5-9pm Bar: Ali DO: Barry Private Party in Dinning 5-9pm (DO: Tricia for Private Party)		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Candler Lighters Kids with Santa Blood Drive 9am—2pm DO: Floyd BOD 6pm Gift Wrapping	 5-9pm Bingo Menu Player Appreciation Gift Wrapping	EWEB Retirees 11am Christmas Menu Lodge Meeting 7pm Burritos Bar: 5-7pm Ali Gift Wrapping	BNI 9am Bar Open 5-8:30pm Game Night 6-8 Bar: Ali DO: Tricia Gift Wrapping	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts and Cookie Exchange 6:30pm DO: Barry Bar: Ali Gift Wrapping	Lodge Christmas Party 5-9pm w/Tony & the Hired Guns 6-9pm Lane PERs in Dining room 5-9pm Bar: Ali & Bev DO: Bob & Kerry (DO: Tricia PER Dinner)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed Christmas White Elephant & Pot Luck 1-4pm DO: The McKinley's	Lodge Closed	Donny Parks 92nd Birthday Dance Music: Preston & Gwen 6-9pm Bar: Tricia DO: Joey		
28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 2026	Jan 2, 2026	Jan 3, 2026		
Lodge Closed *Bar Inventory	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed Red Thunder Jan 16th		



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Membership Renewal 2024-2025

Please return this statement with your payment to:

Eugene Elks, PO Box 2475, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Reach out to our secretary for assistance with annual dues at: 541-345-8416

Name: _____

Membership #: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Optional Donations

☐ Regular Members \$135.00

☐ Life Members \$78.00

☐ Widows \$10.00

☐ 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: \$ _____