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From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

2025 is indeed flying by! February is just around the corner, bringing with it the warmth of hearts, chocolate, hugs, and kisses. It's a month filled with love and affection. ♥

On the other hand, for us ELKS, February is also a significant time as we gear up to select, nominate, and elect our officer corps for the 2025-2026 term. This process is crucial for ensuring that our organization continues to thrive and serve our community effectively. It's a time of reflection, decision-making, and looking forward to the future with optimism and dedication.

This year has not been an easy one, and I strongly encourage every member to step up and volunteer for at least one event. As I stated at the beginning, if you can't stand, we will find you a job sitting down. If you can't drive, we will find another member to pick you up and drop you back off at your home.

I urge you to call the Secretary at 541-345-8416, and let her know your name, what you can assist with, and when you are available. When we plan an event and need your capabilities, we will give you a call. Let's make this a successful year together!

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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Lodge Hours: 10:00am to 3:00pm Tuesday thru Friday

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Officers:

Exalted Ruler	Bree Jeter (Jim)
Leading Knight	Floyd Bard (Jill)
Loyal Knight	Barry Robinson
Lecturing Knight	Bill McMahon (Karen)
Secretary	Beverly Stewart (Bob)
Treasurer	Darlene Woodke
Tiler	Charlie Bard (Carolyn)
Esquire	Terry Brant
Chaplin	Greg Brunig (Sharon)
Inner Guard	Sally Stice
Organist	Donna Brant

Board of Trustees:

1 st Year Trustee	Diane McKinley (Stephen)
2 nd Year Trustee	Richard Cunningham
3 rd Year Trustee	Don Lanini (Judy)
4 th Year Trustee	Stephen McKinley (Diane)
5 th Year Trustee	Dick Beers (Ann)

Past Exalted Association:

President	Don Lanini (Judy)
Secretary/Treasurer	Floyd Bard (Jill)

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Terry Brant

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Hello Fellow Eugene Elks Members and Family:

It is time to think about being an officer, trustee, and a committee volunteer for next year. February will start the nomination process for all of the elected positions for our Lodge. The third Lodge meeting in February will be elections for our newly elected officers, Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5th Year Trustee. The Esquire, Chaplin, Tiler, and Inner Guard are appointed positions. Each year, an Alternant Officer is selected to represent the Lodge at the National Convention if the Exalted Ruler is unable to attend.

This is critical for the operation of our Lodge. Additionally, there are many committee positions to fill, which allows the Lodge to meet Grand Lodge requirements for the many programs that support local charities, scholarships, membership and retention, veterans, drug awareness, and other activities that bring awareness to our Lodge and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Some of the recent successes include Donnie Parks birthday party and dance, which Donnie hosted, the Candlelighters Christmas party and Ice Cream Freeze, and the very successful bingo's on Tuesday evening. As special thanks to Diane and Stephen McKinley for hosting the Christmas Day dinner for those who had no dinner plans with family. This is what ELKS is all about, going the extra mile to open our doors to our members and their families.

It is going to be an eventful February and March with plans to hold holiday events and dances. Hope to see you at our Lodge meetings, Friday dinners, and at these special events.

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

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance
Come for Dinner and Stay for Dancing

Where: Eugene Elks 2470 West 11 th Ave – 541-345-8416	Music: THE BARN SHAKERS
When: Friday February 14 th	Cost: Come for regular Friday night Dinner... Dance for free
Time: Dinner - 5:00pm to 6:30pm Dance – 6:00 to 9:00pm	Just want to DANCE? \$10.00 at the door

Candlelighters Christmas Party and Ice Cream Social!

Candlelighters Ice Cream
Freeze
Sunday, January 11.



Candlelighters kids recovering from cancer writing thank you notes to Eugene Elks in appreciation of the Ice Cream Freeze.



Candlelighters making their own chocolate milk shake. Looks delicious!





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 a chance to win \$300.00.

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

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Player Appreciation Dates:

2/11, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20, 6/17, 7/8, 8/19, 8/16, 10/28, 11/18, and 12/16

From Lodge Secretary Beverly Stewart:

This Month we give our Love and Joy to all the members of the Eugene Elks lodge.

We are reaching out to see how we may Challenge you to get motivated in the program again. There are so many ways that you can get involved. Volunteering, coming to Monthly meetings and just stopping in to see us for dinner. I think the best part of being a part of our community is to get engaged and just have some fun, either with people you already know or getting to know new members. We hope to see you soon.

Dinner Winners	Blue ticket membership \$25.00	
1/8/2025		
Mark A Belmer	David Meyer	
Wayne H Rupp	Jerry E Baldwin	
1/15/2025		
Wayne H Rupp	Cork Larsen	
David W Cox	Beverly Nelson	
1/22/2025		
Denise James	Michael Hill	Jeffrey Bard
John A Hentze	David Lynn O'Shea	Boyd Morgan
	Stephen McKinley	

Seating is Limited to 50 People



WHERE:

Eugene Elks Lodge - 2470 West 11th Ave

WHEN:

Sunday February 23rd

TIME:

2:00pm to 5:00pm

RSVP DEADLINE:

Friday February 7th 3:00pm

PRE – SALE:

541-345-8416

COST:

\$30.00/ea - Crabfeed

\$20.00/ea - ½ Roasted Chicken

SIDES:

Corn, Macaroni Salad, Garlic Bread

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.



Elks National Foundation News!

Thank you for giving.

This Lodge year we once again met our per capita. By meeting our goal we continue to receive Grants from the National Foundation to support our Local Chairities, such as the Stand Down to help veterans in need and the Candle Lighters programs to support children with cancer and many other worthy causes. This year we have raised over \$3,200 in donations. That equates to an average donation of a little over \$13 dollars per member. If you not given yet this year, I encourage you to consider contributing to this worthy program.

Thank you

Don Lanini—Chairman Elks National Foundation



Sickness and Distress



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Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!

1/8/2025

Dick Beers is having serious breathing and stability issues

Ann Beers is having a lot of leg pain that is requiring x-rays and injections. She is also having some heart issues.

Terry Brant is here and walking and is doing well.

Sally Stice is doing better and still in therapy but frustrated it is not going quicker.

1/15/2025

Stephen and Diane McKinley are sick and not feeling well.

Dick Beers is not doing well, he is still having issue with breathing and stability.

Darlene Woodke had back surgery on 1/15/25, and we are waiting to hear an update on her progress.

Bottle Drop!

Thanks to all of you that have been turning in your cans and bottles. Thanks to you we now have over \$2,100 in our Blue Bag account. You can pick up your Blue Bags at Lodge, fill them up and drop them off at any Bottle Drop location or bring your recyclables to the Lodge and we will take care of them for you.

Thank you.



Jack Santerre PDDGR	Tim Loftis
Paul Appling	Don Davenport
Stuart Bloom	John Forestelle
James Wenneson	Michael Hill
Ruth McCully	Kendal Phipps
James Davis	Jeffery Hardesty
Carl Long	Rodney Dow
Jerry Baldwin	Ronald Griesel
Richard Davis	Roger Staver
Floyd Bard	

From Esteemed Loyal Knight Barry Robinson:

February is the month of the year we select our next lodge year officers to govern your lodge for 2025/2026.

If one of the reasons you don't come to your lodge to eat is the uncomfortable chairs, scratch that one off your list. Last year we replaced the dining chairs with much more comfortable padded chairs. Hey! Also no more lifting the chair to move it, WHEELS!! Come in and try them out.

COOK UPDATE: Sorry, no success yet. But our resident cook is Donnie with an excellent helper Percy.

Come in any Wednesday evening for dinner and try them out. Check the calendar in your Elklet letter, or on Facebook, for the menu special for that night. You don't have to stay for the meeting, we won't lock the doors to keep you in, but we would sure be glad if you would stay.

Another benefit of your lodge happens on Thursday night. Thursday night is game night. You bring your own board game. Just think, how nice would it be to come in with your friends and play a game and get a beverage of your choice (with, or without additives) and a hamburger or hotdog and fries, and not have to cook or clean the kitchen. A game I have played with friends is CLR. This is a game with a 50 cent buy in (suggested) and winner take all. Only a few simple rules, and a lot of laughs.

Is there a game you'd like to play but can't find others to play with? Maybe you could find others that are in the same boat you're in.

If any of this gets you to thinking and causes you to have questions or suggestions send me a text addressed to the lodge.

Barry

Barry Robinson, Esteemed Loyal Knight



St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance
Come for Dinner and Stay for Dancing

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February - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CLOSED
2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 Bingo: 6pm Kitchen Opens: 5pm	5 EWEB Retiree Lunch: 11:00am Dinner: 5pm / Lodge: 7pm Chicken Cordon Bleu	6 EWEB Union Mtg 5pm to 7:30pm Game Night 6pm	7 Dinner off the Menu 5pm DQ: Diane McKinley	8 CLOSED
9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 Sarcophagists: 11:45pm Bingo: 6pm Kitchen Opens: 5pm	12 EWEB Retiree Lunch: 11:00am Bill Wood Lunch/Games Dinner: 5pm / Lodge: 7pm Ham	13 Game Night 6pm	14 Valentine's Day Dinner off the Menu 5pm DANCE: Barn Shakers 6pm to 9:pm	15 CLOSED
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23 Crab Feed 2pm to 5pm RSVP by 2/7	24 CLOSED	25 Sarcophagists: 11:45pm Bingo: 6pm Kitchen Opens: 5pm	26 EWEB Retiree Lunch: 11:00am Dinner: 5pm / Lodge: 7pm Roast Beef	27 Game Night 6pm	28 Dinner off the Menu 5pm DQ: Don Larini	



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Please return this statement with your payment to:
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: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/>	E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services)	\$5.00	_____
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