



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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Let's Thrive in 2025

Let's Promote our Lodge this year by Getting your Friends and Family Involved Bring them to an Event— Share the monthly Calendar Follow, Like, and Post comments on the *Eugene Elks 357 Facebook Page* and a

A great way to have someone sign up is carry an application with you or have them go to:

Becoming a Member at : <https://www.elks.org/>

Check out these EVENTS COMING this month!



Annual Lodge Clean-up Work Week (7/7/25 to 7/11/25) Volunteers Needed:

The second week of July will be the Annual Lodge Work Week where the lodge will get deep cleaned, painted, and spruced up. To accomplish these tasks requires everyone to donate at least 4 hours of your time and talents. In addition to labor jobs, we will need lunch donations to feed our hard working volunteers.

Stephen McKinley is organizing both the Punch list and Volunteer list. If you have noticed anything at the lodge that needs to be fixed, cleaned, painted or installed please call the Lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave your name, contact info, volunteer dates and times, and your project ideas. Tasks that have already made the punch list are: 1) Shampoo the dining room, lounge, and entry way carpets; 2) Clean out the ice machine and change the filter; 3) Paint the lounge; 4) Install the two gates in the back of the building; 5) Install two televisions in the dining room; and 6) Clean the lodge floor.

Do you like Music? What about showing your moves on the dance floor?

Come to the Lodge Friday the 11th from 6-9pm!

For music from the band "The Survivors", they play music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and MORE.....



Dinner and Dancing is \$15.00

Or if you just want to swing by and
Dance for \$10.00



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

I was out last month traveling to the east coast, but I'm glad to be back and getting into the swing of things. Make sure to check out the calendar and our Facebook page for all the up coming events!

Together, let's keep Elkdom alive and thriving.

Fraternally yours, Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter



Esteemed Leading Knight - Tricia Brandsness



Hello fellow Elks! More PER History Time: Continuing down the PER wall Lawrence Harris Member #21 Charter member in 1897; Julius Goldsmith Member #101, born 9/24/1868 in Dallas, OR was an attorney, passed away 4/13/1961, 11/8/1899 and became a Honorary member 10/1/1943. CA Wintermeier and Chas S Williams cards are missing. HA Dunbar Member #144 born 12/10/1876 passed away 12/17/1950, Initiated 5/14/1902, Life member 2/1/1939. Dr. George Wall and Dave M Graham cards are missing. I will try to see how to save this records of history into a newer format. If any one has ideas please let me know.

Eugene Elks BPOE #357

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

*****Summer Office Hours:: Tuesday—Thursday 10am—3pm *****

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Officers:

Exalted Ruler: Bree Jeter (Jim)
Leading Knight: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)
Loyal Knight: Barry Robinson
Lecturing Knight: Mary Perry
Secretary: Beverly Stewart (Bob)
Treasurer: Terry Brant
Tiler: Charlie Bard (Carolyn)
Esquire: Open
Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Tricia)
Inner Guard: Sally Stice

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Trustee—3Yr
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1st year Trustee -Rich Cunningham



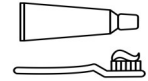
Hello Eugene Elks,

During July, I will be collecting hygiene and other supplies for The Eugene Mission's Family Residential Program. This program serves homeless mothers and their children. Our Lodge is donating \$500.00 and important materials and supplies.

You will find a collection barrel by the front entrance for your donations.

the children need: kids toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent , kid friendly shampoo, conditioner, soap, new children's underwear, gently used or new clothing, shoes and coats, baby diapers, wipes and pullups.

Elks Care, Elks share. Thanks for your generosity, Perci Ariaudo



Esteemed Loyal Knight

Barry Robinson



Members, we are working on bringing the Kamper Klub back . There will be a meeting on July 15th at 6pm. We are in the process of scheduling a trip to the Elkton Lodge, the 2nd weekend in August. If you would like more information about the Kamper Klub and the trip, come to the meeting on Thursday July 17th. Being part of the Kamper Klub is another great way to spend time with friends and family in the great outdoors of Oregon. Keep your eye out for more information.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve the Eugene Elks Lodge in many areas. It has been a blessing and honor to serve. I am looking forward to serving with many more of you I have only been a member since last year and became part of the Board a few months ago.

We are building momentum for membership at our Lodge. And this is very exciting and brings new energy. New members are getting involved and serving too.

Membership growth takes three principles. These are: We need to bring back our current members, we need to get new members involved and plugged in and we need to grow membership from current members by inviting friends, coworkers and family members. Engaged members lead to a vibrant and positive energy for the Lodge. Growing membership will give us more opportunities to serve the community.

Also, getting the word out is also an important way to grow membership. We have a Facebook page – *Eugene Elks Lodge #357*. Please follow this page, like the posts and make comments on them. This will help boost our exposure on Facebook and to the local community. And my help get more people to get involved in the Eugene Elks Lodge Events and Community projects.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.—Kerry Oliver - Lodge Trustee and Membership Chair



Saturday July 19th - Eugene Elks #357

**Car Show will be from 10am to 3pm
July 19th**

**Food will be Hot Dogs, chips and soda
for \$9.00**

Bar will be open for Beer only.



As the summer solstice stretches into longer evenings, let us reflect on our community's incredible growth! It's truly inspiring to witness the collective power we've built together. This feeling of shared strength and purpose reminds me of the profound courage demonstrated by the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They risked everything – their lives, their fortunes, their property, and their sacred honor – for the ideals of liberty and self-governance.

This Fourth of July, as we celebrate the United States' ongoing pursuit of a more perfect union, let's acknowledge both the remarkable progress made and the persistent challenges that remain in achieving true equality for all. The holiday isn't just about fireworks and barbecues; it's a solemn commemoration of the sacrifices made by generations of patriots who fought for – and continue to fight for – the freedoms we cherish. Their dedication serves as a powerful reminder of our ongoing responsibility to uphold these principles and strive for a society where the promise of liberty and justice is a reality for everyone.

Let's raise a glass (or a sparkler!) to those who came before us and dedicate ourselves to building a brighter future, together. Wishing you and yours a happy and reflective Independence Day.

With respect and brotherly love, **Lecturing Knight, Mary Perry**

Lodge Treasurer Director of the Board - Terry Brant

Welcome to the new lodge. We need your ideas for new events, old events that use to be, and special events that we can promote the Lodge in a big way. Any ideas are welcome.

No more complaining about no events, be the solution not the problem. We have extended the bar hours, bands and karaoke. Come out and try something new, volunteer for an event, offer your help. Non of the changes we have made will work without your involvement.



Don't miss out on a chance to WIN BIG on the membership drive. There is a \$500.00 prize to the member that brings in the most new Candidates by October 31st. See you soon at the lodge.

Fraternally, Terry

Lodge Secretary - Beverly Stewart

Hello to all our fellow Elks. This month we have several events planned, that we think you might enjoy. See the Calendar in this issue for all the fun things we have to offer.



Come on down. See you there.

Chili Cook-Off Eugene Elks 357

September 2025
Official Date/Time to be
Announced

Entry: \$50.00 Per Team

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place
Best Tasting Chili
Most Creative Chili Recipe
Coolest Decorated Booth



Silent Auction
Proceeds will go to ENF
(Elks National Foundation)

50/50 Raffle
Proceeds will go to Lodge Flooring Fund

Our Officer of the Month
Waiting for the Exalted Ruler to
get back



Our Elk of the Month
Waiting for the Exalted Ruler to get
back



Upcoming Events for August and September:

August:

Friday 1st Preston music
Friday 22nd The Survivors Band
Saturday 23rd EMS Baseball
Friday 29th Oregon Ducks Football
Saturday 30th Oregon Ducks Football

September:

Friday 1st Preston music
Saturday 6th Oregon Ducks Football
Friday 12th Fall Dance (Band TBD)
Saturday 13th Oregon Ducks Football
Saturday 20th Oregon Ducks Football
Friday 26th Oregon Ducks Football
Saturday 27th Oregon Ducks Football



The Queen of Hearts game #4 had 19 cards left to play and on 6/19/25 the pot was at \$2,216.00. For a 3rd time Cecile Wood's winning ticket was drawn and she won \$1,108.00.

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 \$1.00 each and 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.

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 July Birthday's



William K Amlin
John L Camp
Brian K McDonough
Nita Kobe
Thomas J Page
Carl Lusk
Dominic Ambrosino

Steven J Thomson
Fred C Beckley
Philip Prince
Ken Nomess
Ann A Beers
Andy Baker
Charles Bard
Eugene Elks Lodge

Kenneth L Cooney
Michael Smith
George Heilignan
Ronald J Lechnyr
Larry Worley
Eric Cowger
George M Cumín



Our Lodge was Chartered on July 8, 1897. Since we are closed that week for maintenance, the celebration of our 128th birthday will be on Wednesday, July 16th with a special dinner and a birthday cake. Come to our Lodge meeting and dinner and celebrate Eugene Elks Lodge #357 existence for over 128 years.

Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
Wednesday June 4th
Betty Kohler
Michael Smith
Wednesday June 11th
Terry Moore
Joshua Thomas-Ward



Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
Wednesday June 4th
Jerry Johnson
John Fye
Brenda Jeter
Wednesday June 11th
Richard Gerber
Tommy K Carter
Robert Park



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Office@royalrefuse.com to find out service!



Annual Fall Craft Fair

Saturday, October 4th - 10am to 4pm

All Elk members, friends, families and neighbors are invited to participate in the Craft Fair. All interested participants should call the Lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave a message for Diane McKinley. Leave your name, contact number and identify the crafts you want to sell.

The rental fee for an 8' banquet table is \$25.00 for the day. The lodge will be open Friday the 3rd after 7:00 PM so vendors can set up early. We will be open Saturday the 4th at 8:00 AM for set-up as well.

The Lodge has a "no outside food policy" so we are offering a \$10.00 "sack lunch" to all. Lunch will consist of a chicken salad sandwich or meat and cheeses sandwich, chips, cookies and soda. You can pay for your lunch when you pay the table rental fee.



We will advertise this event in the Eugene Weekly and Face book. Please help us get the word out by advertising this event on your personal social media. Once you register and pay the table/lunch fees there will be no refunds. If you can't attend, you will need to find a replacement to take your place.



Saturday, October 4th, Hours 10:00 AM to 4:00PM; Craft Fair Registration Form

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Contact Cell Telephone Number: _____

Number of Tables to Rent: _____ **x\$25.00 per Tables,** _____ **+ Sack lunch(es)**

X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total amount due \$ _____.

Mail your complete registration form, with check made out to: "Elks Lodge 357" with "Craft Fair" written in the memo portion of your check to: Eugene Elks Lodge 357, PO Box 2475, Eugene, OR 97402.

Sickness & Distress

Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!

June:

- ♦ Jill was taken to the hospital this past Monday by ambulance, because she passed out due to low Blood pressure and fell. She is still in the hospital and the family is researching Rehab centers for her recovery.
- ♦ Bob Hagan is not doing well.



Drug Trailer with Floy Bard and Perci Ariaudo



Come Dance with Us for FREE!

**At the
Eugene Elks Lodge #357**

6pm to 9:00pm

Join us with Preston and Gwen Wills

The First Friday of Each Month

Except July due to the holiday

May 2nd

June 6th

August 1st

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

Dinner is served in the dining room from
5:00pm to 6:30pm

Eugene Elks #357

2470 West 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97402

The band and bartender are volunteering their time – Please be sure to thank them for their service.



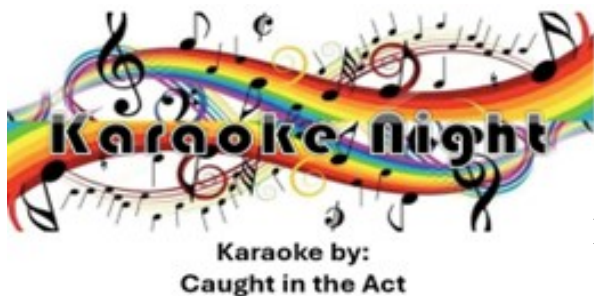


Every Tuesday the lodge doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm. The minimum buy-in is \$5.00 for a 6-on packet of 15 regular games. And **YES** we do accept charge cards at buy-in.

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 to provide delicious edibles and tasty libations. **Outside food and drink is prohibited in the lodge.** The kitchen closes at 7:00pm and the 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 the \$300.00 payout. 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 7/8, 8/19, 8/16, 10/28, 11/18, and 12/1.

We are looking for Volunteers to be Callers, Cashiers, Sales & Callbacks, Cashier Assistant and Food Runners. You don't have to be an Elk member to volunteer. Please call the Lodge office (541/345-8416) to add your name to the Bingo Volunteer List and indicate what positions you would like to try. It's a great way to make new friends!







Friday July 18th 6-9pm (Limited menu)

Thursday July 31st 6-9pm (Limited)



Kerry Oliver
State Farm Insurance Agent
541-654-0737



July 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed	Closed	1 5-9pm 	2 EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Chicken & Bake Potato Dress in Red/White/ Blue Closer: Tricia	3 EWEB Union 5pm Bar Open 5-9pm Night At Cottage Grove Speedway	4 Dinner off Menu 5pm DO: Barry	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Closed	Closed Due to Lodge Clean up	Closed Due to Lodge Clean up	Closed Due to Lodge Clean up	Closed Due to Lodge Clean up	Closed Due to Lodge Clean up	
		Lodge's Birthday!	No meeting		The Survivors 6-9pm DO: Bree	
13	14	15 	16 EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Eggs and French Sticks Closer: Berry	17 Bar Open 5-9pm Kamper Klub Meeting 6pm DO: Joey	18 Dinner off Menu Karaoke 6-9pm DO: Bob	19 Car Show 10am—3pm DO: Kerry
Closed	Closed BOD 6pm					
20	21	22 	23 EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Balloting Chicken Alfredo Closer: Mary	24 Bar Open 5-9pm Lane Fair Parking 8am—8pm DO:	25 Dinner off Menu 5pm Lane Fair Parking 8am—8pm DO: Charlie	26
Closed	Closed					
27	28	29 	30 EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Initiation Pot Roast Closer : Bree	31 Bar Open 5-9pm Karaoke 6-9pm DO: Kerry	Dinner off Menu 5pm DO: Steve	
Closed	Closed					
Lane Fair Parking *8am—8pm						



Over 50 people attended the Flag Day Ceremony, 250th Army Birthday, and Father's Day BBQ on Saturday, June 14th. The entire ceremony was held outdoors and the weather was GREAT. Boy Scout Troop 60 did an outstanding job parading in the American Flags and retiring 5 soiled and unserviceable American Flags by burning them in a fire pit. Social Insecurity (Barbershop Quartet) and the Cascade Kids (5 piece band with string instruments and a keyboard) did a wonderful job playing military and patriotic music, the National Anthem, God Bless America, and God Bless the USA (by Lee Greenwood). A special thanks to all of the volunteers that set up the entire event, prepared the BBQ food, and served it to all of the attendees. This was a GREAT Elks Ceremony.

Floyd Bard, Flag Day Ceremony Chairman



Other Events this month and through out the year~

And some committee reports:

On July 2nd : Wear Red/White and Blue for 4th of July

We have The Cottage Grove Elks Day on the 3rd—Sign up the office

EMS baseball in August tickets 12.00 sign up sheet in the office

Committees:

Hoop Shoot will be coming up after the summer, please keep an outlook

Veterans Committee: There will be the Lane County Standdown in September or October; when it get closer Floyd will report.

Scholarship: We be report later in the year

ENF: We have met per capita



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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: \$ _____