



The Eugene ELKLET 357

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Check out these EVENTS COMING this month!

Saturday, October 4th



Attention all Elk members, friends, families and neighbors. We are still looking for Vendors 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. Please leave your name, tel number and

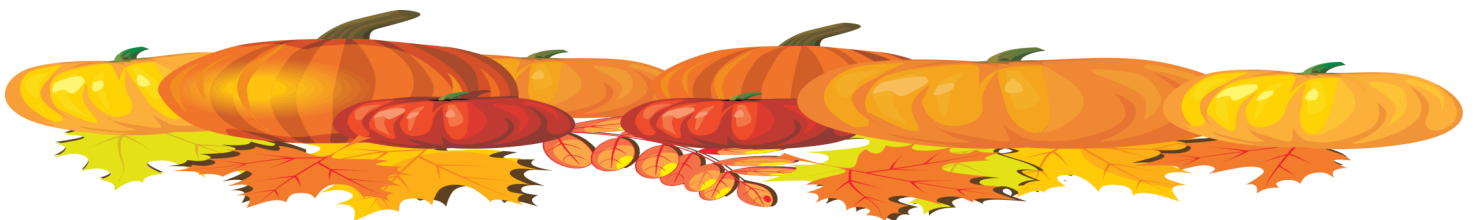
advise what crafts you want to sell.

In addition to selling crafts and food items, we are offering a pumpkin patch/photo op where you can purchase your pumpkins and snap a festive picture of you and your loved ones.

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 for vendors to set up their tables 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”. Lunch will consist of a chicken salad or deli sandwich, chips, cookies and soda. You can pay for your lunch along with your 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.

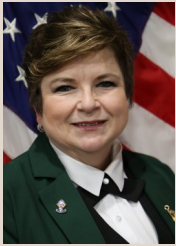


From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

With a heavy heart I must step down at this time. My job is at this time taking a lot of my time up. We have taken on new projects and are short staff. I plan on being around the lodge as much as I can. Thank you to all of you for your support.

But as always: Together, let's keep Elksdom alive and thriving.

Fraternally yours,
Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter



Officers:

Exalted Ruler: Vacant

Leading Knight: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)

Loyal Knight: Barry Robinson

Lecturing Knight: Vacant

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Esquire: Vacant

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Esteemed Leading Knight (Acting Exalted Ruler) -

Tricia

Its October, halfway through the Elk year!

I want to Thank the members that come to regular meetings, dinner, events and volunteer. Without you we would be lost!

We are trying new things to bring members in from Queen of Heart, trivia, shuffle board and Karaoke. We did a night at the EMS and a car show like we have done in the past.

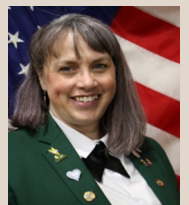
We would like to bring back a poker night and maybe even a pool table tournament, but we need volunteers to run these events as many of our current volunteer have been help with Bingo, Craft fair, setting up tailgating, parking for the Lane County Fair, parking for the football games, Lane County Stand Down, Vet Café, Dances, Lodge clean up, and private events.

We are working on bring back the lottery and hoping to have it back before the end of the month.

This month I am asking for you our members to help. In our lodge there are over 200 members and less then 20 that show up to events.

If you have ideas bring them to the lodge. You email the idea to secretary. Stopping by and having dinner at the lodge helps. We even have a NEW cook that went to culinary school.

Remember why you join and come see us again.



PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR EVENTS FOR THE MONTH. There are two formats to help see all the events.

Leading Knight, Tricia

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Lodge Hours/Office Hours:

Tuesday—Thursday 10am—3pm

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Lodge Treasurer

I have currently been traveling and will be in and out of the office the next couple of months. Floyd will be helping while I am out.



Fraternally, Terry

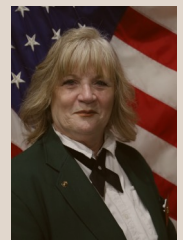
We currently have 239 members; however, we still have 23 members that need to renew their membership. Please pay your dues to stay active this year. We will continue to send out notices to those members who have not yet paid their dues this year. We do have 5 applicants for initiation this month, which will bring our total number of members to 244. Woo Whoo!

Please help us to keep our Lodge current with your membership, which can be done 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

Fraternally,

Beverly Stewart



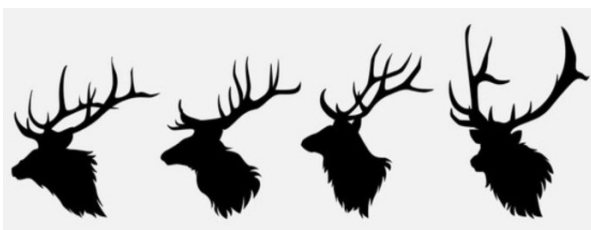
We recently had a Car Show at the lodge, with many antique vehicles from American and European Cars. Next Spring we will have another one. These types of events are an outreach to give exposure to the lodge. If you have other ideas let us know.

We have more New members join this month and we are very excited! This puts us at having a Net Gain of members for this lodge year. Our goal is 24 for this elk year and we are almost at that goal with six months left in the year.

Thank you to all for being sponsors to new members.
As always I look forward to seeing you at the lodge very soon.



Kerry Oliver, Fourth Year Trustee, Membership and Audit chair



Come join the Herd!

H = "Hands on" community service

E = Education supporters

R = Recreation w/new friends

Let's Thrive in 2025

Let's Promote our Lodge this year by Get 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*

Pictures of New Members for 2024—2025
(if you are not pictured here you will be in next month)



Elks Care - Elks Share

Donations to The Eugene Mission's Residential Program was delivered on August 29th. As chairperson for the Children's Committee I would like to thank everyone that donated to The Mission program. We did good. The \$500.00 donation from the lodge was appreciated and all the many hygiene products, diapers and new and gently used clothes will go to children in need.

Elks Care Elk Share, Perci Ariaudo

The Red Ribbon History

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, Calif. in 1966. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Marines where he served for two years. Following his military service, Kiki joined the Calexico Police Department and later moved to the El Centro Police Department. On June 28, 1974 he became part of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Seven years later he was assigned to the resident office in Guadalajara. He worked out of this office for four and a half years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation. On February 7, 1985 Kiki was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years of age.

Shortly after Kiki's death, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter and Calexico High School classmate Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's home town of Calexico, Calif. Club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug free lives.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later the United States. The Elks have been supporters of Red Ribbon Week since the beginning. The campaign was formalized by President and Mrs. Reagan who served as honorary chairpersons. Congress officially established Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Nationwide, it is celebrated annually in the last week in October.

For the complete Red Ribbon Week history, visit
www.elks.org/dap.



Celebrating
Red Ribbon Week



**ELKS RED RIBBON WEEK—
OCTOBER 22-31, 2025**

Eugene Elks Drug Awareness will be holding Red Ribbon Week from Lodge Meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd through October 31st. Red Ribbons will be available for our members to wear during this period.

In 1986, Henry Lozano, as a member of the Board of Directors of Californians for Drug-Free Youth, Inc., created a statewide coalition comprised of the Elks, Lions, Rotary, California Narcotics Officers Association, California Drug Enforcement Administration and drug prevention parent groups who worked together to establish the first statewide Red Ribbon Week celebration in October.

In 1988, the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth championed the first national Red Ribbon Week campaign with Honorary Chairman President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan. That same year, congress officially established Red Ribbon Week.

Now, at the end of every October, millions of Americans dawn red ribbons in memory of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena.

The Elks are proud to be a part of such an important tradition.

**Floyd Bard, Drug Awareness Chairman
West District & Eugene Elks #357**





Join us every Tuesday to play Bingo! 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 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 also hold monthly Player Appreciation nights. Those dates will be on 10/21, 11/18, & 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 the \$300.00 payout. Here are pictures of our latest \$300.00 Bingo winners! Congratulations players!



Please note that Bingo will be closed on 11/25/25, 12/23/25 and 12/30/25. Come join us at Bingo and YOU could be the next winner!



Kerry Oliver
State Farm Insurance Agent
541-654-0737



To Our Absent Members

Members We Have Lost in 2025

Janet Stimpson a member for 28 years passed Sunday August 24th

Kenneth Conney a member for 66 years passed Thursday September 18th

Greg Brunig a member for 45 years passed Thursday September 18th

Bob Hagan a member for 23 years passed Saturday September 20th

Richard Hulse a member for 62 years passed Saturday September 23rd



Sickness & Distress

Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!

September:

- ♦ Bob Hagan was put on Hospice (sadly passed away).
- ♦ Jill Bard is having bad and good days with balance and cognitive issues.
- ♦ Darlene Woodke is doing better but still not able to attend meetings.
- ♦ Kerry Oliver had a good friend passway.
- ♦ Donni Lanini had surgery on the 2nd and recovering well.
- ♦ Present and Gwen had Covid but are doing much better.
- ♦ Greg Burning had eye surgery on the 3rd. Then had other health issues and went into a coma. (sadly passed away).
- ♦ Ken Cooney was in a auto accident and suffered some bumps and bruises with cognitive issues (sadly passed away).
- ♦ Rich Cunningham was in the hospital for his leg and is doing well.
- ♦ Chris the Exalted Ruler from Newport passed away.
- ♦ Terry Brant is distressed due to his mother being in a car accident, she is ok. Celebrated her 99th birthday at the lodge on 27th.
- ♦ Joey is distressed due to being short staff and having to run two routes.
- ♦ Dave Sustello is distress due to his homeowners association won't let him play music in his garage with the door open.



Remember Member Sickness and Distress is ALWAYS in ORDER.

Keep each other in your thoughts and prayers.



Happy October Birthdays

Carter, Tommy Keith	Wooley, Richard L	Bradford, George R	Livermore, Nick O
Stewart, Beverly	Haag, David M	Thomas-Ward, Joshua	Anderson, Jim
Johnson, Jerry L	Salyard, Keith	Swanger, Thomas	Worsham, Larry S
Woodke, Darlene	Cordeiro, Wayne	Bowden, John D	Langan, David P
Lundgren, Bruce L	McKinley, Diane R		

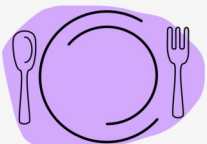


Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
Wednesday Aug 28th
Langan, David
D'Antoni, Satyavati
Wednesday Sept 3rd
Athey, Shirley
Trezona, Max
Wednesday Sept 10th
Sustello, David (was going to tell you that you would have won the money if you were at lodge, hahaha)
Miller, Barbara
Wednesday Sept 17th
Oliver, Kerry (Thanks for all you do at the lodge)
Lusk, Carl

Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
Wednesday Aug 28th
Stolsig, Pamela
Montgomery, Francis
Wood, Bill—Congrats!
Wednesday Sept 3rd
Turnbull, John
Green, Pete
Elfring, Dollie
Spees, Dorothy
Wednesday Sept 10th
Cumiford, Dennis
McGee, Lois
Wallace, Jean
Moorehead, Twilla (\$25)
Wednesday Sept 17th
Isaksen, Derel
Madden, Marty
Wenneson, James (\$25)

The Blue Ticket Drawing new amount is \$100.00 that you could win if you are present at the meeting!

Who couldn't use \$100.00?



Queen of Hearts, Write Up:



Is a card game that we play at the lodge but have you ever wondered what the card components represent? Recently I read an article that said a deck of cards is like holding time in your hand. For instance, there are 52 cards in a deck which represent the 52 weeks in a year. If you count up the numerical value of a whole pack of cards, reckoning on 11 for a jack, 12 for a queen and 13 for a king, you reach 364.

Then with the addition of a joker it makes 365, the number of days in a year. The four suits can also be read as symbols: the twelve royals represent the twelve months of the year. The four suits read as symbols of society and human energy. Clubs represent both peasantry and achievement through work; Diamonds represent the merchant class; Spades, represent the warrior class and Hearts represent the clergy. Specifically, the Queen of Hearts card represents compassion, warmth, self-love, grace, counselor, healer, supportive, divine feminine, unconditional love, intuition, embodying the essence of empathy and understanding. So if at first you don't win the game, the Queen implores you to try, try, try again, because everyone can be a winner!

How to play:

1. Buy unlimited number of tickets at, \$1.00 per ticket/6 tickets for \$5.00.
2. On each ticket purchased, provide your first and last name, chosen card number (ie #1 through #54). 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.
3. Stephen McKinley will usually be at the lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings to sell tickets.
4. After the sales close on Friday, all tickets sold are put into a drum and at 6:30 pm the lucky ticket is drawn.
5. The latest winner and card won on is displayed on the white board located in the dining room.

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October Events (just another way to seeing what is Happing:

Wednesday 1st : Lodge Meeting 7pm

Thursday 2nd: Bar 5-9 with Trivia 6-8 (Dinning room) and Union meeting
630:9pm Private event (Lodge room)

Friday 3rd: Bar and dinner 5-7pm (set up for Craft Fair)

Saturday 4th: Craft Fair (set up 8-10am EVENT starts at 10am to 4pm)

Tuesday 7th: Bingo 5-9pm (Early Bird 6:15pm)

Wednesday 8th: Lodge Meeting 7pm

Thursday 9th: Bar 5-9 with Trivia 6-8pm

Friday 10th: Dinner 5-7pm **Music with Preston 6-9pm**

Saturday 11th **Oregon Ducks** vs Indiana Football (TBD)

Tuesday 14th: Bingo 5-9pm (Early Bird at 6:15pm)

Wednesday 15th: Lodge meeting 7pm

Thursday 16th: Camper Club meeting 6pm (Lodge Room) & Trivia 6-8pm (Dinning Room)

Friday 17th: Dinner 5-7pm **Karaoke—Sock Hop 6-9pm**

Saturday 18th: Rutgers vs **Oregon Ducks** Football (TBD)

Monday 20th: BOD meeting 6pm

Tuesday 21st: Bingo 5-9 pm (Early Bird 6:15pm) & (Lane PERs private dinner)

Wednesday 22nd: Lodge Meeting 7pm (**Elks Red Ribbon Week 22nd-31st**)

Thursday 23rd: Bar 5-9 with Trivia 6-8pm

Friday 24th: Dinner 5-7pm

Saturday 25th: **Oregon Ducks** vs Winsconsin (TBD) & **The Barn Shakers 6-9pm**





Tuesday 28th: Bingo 5-9pm (Early Bird 6:15pm)

Wednesday 29th: Fun Meeting—**Halloween Theme Trivia 6-8pm**

Thursday 30th: Bar 5-9 with Trivia 6-8pm

Friday 31st: Dinner 5-7pm



			October		2025			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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**Check Face-book for Updates on events!	*Some of the events are private groups, will be adding a P after those events.		<i>EWEB . 11am—P</i> Chicken & Fried Rice Vacany Chair Lodge Meeting 7pm Bar: Ali before meeting DO: Berry after meeting	<i>BNi 930-12 —P</i> Bar 5-9pm—Trivia 6-8pm Union 6-8pm—P Burger & Brew \$10.00 DO: Tricia Bar: Ali	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm DO: Perci Bar: Ali Craft Fair Set up	Craft Fair 10am to 4pm October Fest at the Eye Clinic (in Portland) at 11am		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Food: Tricia Bar: Ali	<i>EWEB 11am-P</i> <i>Bill Wood Lunch</i> <i>Lasagna</i> -Lodge 7pm Bar: Ali before meeting DO: Terry after meeting	<i>BNi 930-12 —P</i> Bar 5-9pm—Trivia 6-8pm Burger & Brew \$10.00 Camper Club 6pm DO: Tricia Bar: Ali	Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Special Fried Oysters Queen of Hearts 630pm Music w/Preston 6-9pm DO: Bree Bar: Ali	Indiana vs Oregon TBA DO: Kerry		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed BOD	 Soroptimist 11:45am-P 5-9pm Food: Tricia Bar: Ali	<i>EWEB Retirees 11am-P</i> <i>Meat Loft</i> —Balloting Lodge Meeting 7pm Bar: Ali before meeting DO: Bob after meeting	<i>BNi 930-12 —P</i> Bar 5-9pm—Trivia 6-8pm Burger & Brew \$10.00 Bar: Ali DO: Charlie	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Karaoke—Sock Hop 6-9pm DO: Joey & Kerry Bar: Ali Tricia in Baker City	Oregon vs Rutgers TBA DO: Kerry Tricia in Baker City		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed BOD 6pm	 5-9pm DO: Charlie Bar: Ali <i>Lane County PERs—P</i>	<i>EWEB Retirees 11am</i> Lodge Meeting 7pm Initiation Bar: Ali before meeting DO: Tricia after meeting	<i>BNi 930-12 —P</i> Bar 5-9pm—Trivia 6-8pm Burger & Brew \$10.00 Audit Meeting 6pm Bar: Ali DO: Barry	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Special Gumbo Queen of Hearts 6:30pm DO: Steve Bar: Bree	Wisconsin vs Oregon TBA DO: Kerry The Barnshakers 6-9pm Bar & DO: Bree and Jim		
26	27	28	29	30	31	November 1		
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 Soroptimist 11:45am—P 5-9pm Food: Tricia Bar: Ali Modular 6-8pm—P	Fun Meeting Halloween Dress up 630pm Halloween Trivia 6-8pm Bar: Ali DO: The officers	<i>BNi 930-12 —P</i> Bar 5-9pm—Trivia 6-8pm Burger & Brew \$10.00 Bar: Ali DO: Tricia	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm DO: Diana Bar: Tricia	Lodge Closed		



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

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☐ Life Members \$78.00

☐ Widows \$10.00

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

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☐ Lodge Scholarship Fund \$5.00 _____

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