



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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Look at what's going on this month!

More Music and Dancing!!!!



Preston and Gwen are back starting,
Friday 6th, 6-9pm
Dinner of the Menu



Sweetheart Dance with Survivor on Friday ,the 13th, 6-9pm
Dinner off the menu
(You can win a Band T-Shirt)



Then we end the month with "Tony and the Hired Guns"
on Saturday, the 28th, 6-9pm



For this event, dinner will be your choice of Prime Rib or Chicken.

Must RSVP for Prime Rib (Market price) by February 20th
Office# 541-345-8416 or Bar # 541-338-7848 for Reservations
(If you know someone that comes to dances but are not members, let them know they need to RSVP)



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness

We are close to wrapping up the 2025-2026 Elk year, and I cannot Thank everyone enough who have helped out throughout the year.

A great way to learn about the lodge and make new friends is to get more involved in the lodge. We have Open volunteer spots among our Committee Chairs. We also need help with lunch and dinner services, Bingo and other events.

Floyd, Chris, Diane, Stephen and Donni have been amazing asset with helping out at our lunch services over the last year! Without them we would not be able to provide this service to our lunch groups.

You may have also noticed that the Lodge Officers are helping with working dinner service by taking orders, helping with the bar and even in the kitchen. Working together is what Elkdom is all about! Having active volunteers IS the way Our lodge is able to make things happen and grow.



PS. Speaking of Growth, you may have noticed there are some changes around the lodge. Some of the changes are to help us get ready for the Lottery. Others are to work on sharing OUR Lodge's history. And then there is getting things more organized.

Eugene Elks BPOE #357

www.elks.org - Secretary@elks357.org

Lodge Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10am to 3pm

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Officers:

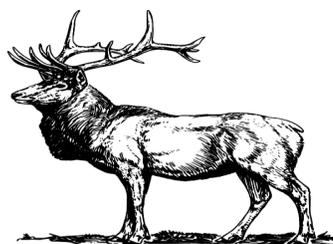
Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)
Leading Knight: Barry Robinson
Loyal Knight: Bill Wood (Cecil)
Lecturing Knight: Kerry Oliver
Secretary: Beverly Stewart (Bob)
Treasurer: Terry Brant
Tiler: Charlie Bard (Carolyn)
Esquire: Bill McMahon
Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Tricia)
Inner Guard: Sally Stice
Organist: Donna Brant

Board of Trustees:

Five Year: Bob Stewart
Four Year: Bruce McLennan
Three Year: Stephen McKinley (Diane)
Two Year: Diana McKinley (Stephen)
One Year: Vacant

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Ralph Dinnel (541) 510-8690



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

Lodge Treasurer - Director of the Board—Terry Brant

We are looking for someone who would like to take over the Treasurer for the 2026-2027 Elk year. At this time I need to step down to focus on my business due to staffing issues.



Please let the ER, the lodge Secretary, or myself know if you are interested in discovering this job's responsibilities.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Esteemed Leading Knight and Kamper Club Chairman - Barry Robinson

Initially I was led to believe there was some interest in resurrecting the Kamper Klub. Having been the founder Of the original Kamper Klub, and having been the first and last president, and a few times in between, I was excited to see the club was going to be alive again. I and up to 30 couples in the old club had 10 wonderful weekends a year for approximately 30 years, and many of them are still my friends today. I put in a considerable amount of my time in gathering items, information, and making reservations for the future Kamper Klub. I talked to a few of the new Kamper Klub members and came up with a plan based on their comments.

The plan is for the first three campouts to take place as follows.

March (13, 14, and 15th): The Florence Elks campground.

April (10, 11, and 12th): The Blue Ox RV facility in Albany.

May (8, 9, and 10th): The Hiway Heaven facility in Sutherland.

Each site has 8 reservations for our Kamper Klub.



The reservation procedures will be established when I receive the information from the campgrounds. Tentatively each person (couple) will call and make their own reservations by calling the campground and request a reservation for one of the Eugene Elks 357 Kamper Klub reserved sites.

Anyone planning on attending any of these campouts should plan on attending the previous months Kamper Klub meeting to help with planning the activities that will happen at the campout.

NOTE: Due to trying to get the Eugene Elks 357 Kamper Klub off the ground last fall, it turns out it was the wrong time of the year for several reasons. So I will try again this year. There have been scheduled RV Kamper Klub meetings the last three months. One couple came to the first meeting, two couples came to the second meeting, and nobody came to the January meeting. This tells me there is very little interest in reforming the Eugene Elks 357 Kamper Klub and that makes me sad. I hope I will see more potential members at the February meeting. Happy trails in your future.

Lodge Secretary - Fraternally, Beverly Stewart

We currently have 238 members; however, we still have 21 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 3 applications for initiation for the month of January, which will bring our total number of members to 241. Woo Who!

Thank you for all your help in keeping our Lodge current with your membership. If you have not done so please contact us. Your dues 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

Lodge Stats:

Active Members: 238

Candidates: 3

Pending Transfers: 0

Delinquents: 21



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Membership Chairman - Kerry Oliver

The Elks underlying principles are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. I will expand on Charity is helping the less fortunate and those in distress. What are we going to do as Eugene Elks # 357 to serve the community? What are you going to do to help the less fortunate? Last year in 2025 Eugene Elks partnered with the Eugene Mission, Lane County Diaper Bank, Food for Lane County, The Candlelighters, Toys for Tots and many other organizations.

Our goal is 24 New Members this Lodge year. We will exceed our yearly goal by the end of February. We are on our way to 357 Members. Thank you for the referrals and sponsors of new members





Oregon State Elks Association
6950 SW Hampton St Ste 232
Portland, OR 97223

01/23/2026

To Oregon Elks Lodges:

As we approach the end of this Lodge year, we would like to commend our Lodges for their hard work and dedication to increasing their membership and cutting delinquency. The benefit of more members paying their dues and being active in our Lodges is self-evident in our programs, community outreach, and the financial stability of our Lodges. Simply bringing in more new members than we are dropping is no longer good enough; we need them all. No matter how successful your Lodge has been to this point in the year, there is always more work to do.

In order to reinforce our commitment to growing our membership, the State Association and State Sponsor Keith Mills have teamed up to offer financial incentives to all of the Lodges of our state. On top of the monetary gain realized by increased membership and decreased delinquency, Lodges will now be rewarded for achieving specific benchmarks.

Any Lodge who can report a plus one membership for the 2025-2026 lodge year will receive \$250. Additionally, any Lodge that drops less than 5% of their starting membership total because of non-payment in 2025-26 will receive \$250. Starting numbers will be taken from CLMS as of April 1, 2025 while final numbers will be as of March 31, 2026.

With the deadline fast approaching, everyone is encouraged to achieve more for their Lodge, our State, and our Order. In the words of Grand Exalted Ruler Brian Klatt, let's "Be the Difference."

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Blake Whitson", written over a light-colored rectangular background.

C. Blake Whitson
President
Oregon State Elks Association

Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
1/7/2026
Marvin Loy \$100
Mark Belmer \$100
Mary Lusk \$25
1/14/2026
Bonnie Kingery \$100
Todd Bennett \$100
Michael Danielson \$25



Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
1/7/2026
Thomas Hoyt
Robert Ingram
1/14/2026
Donald Mitchell
Julie Mansell



Whether you Call it FREE Game Night, Family, or Fun Night.

Come join the fun every Thursday night at the Elks Lodge!

Bring your family and friends to enjoy Board games, card games, puzzles, shuffleboard, pool, or Trivia !

This is a great way to make new friends, socialize with your Elk family, or just relax.

And, if you work up an appetite while playing games and socializing, the kitchen will be open from 5-7pm and the bar is open 5-8:30PM.



We hope you come join the fun, as the lodge is the place to be on Thursday nights!



Kerry Oliver
State Farm Insurance Agent
541-654-0737



Believing in Elkdom

Being an Elk member is a wonderful thing. We all join for different reasons and this is what brings us together.

Many of you have been an Elk for over 20 years or longer and through the years have witnessed many changes in Elkdom. But one thing that hasn't changed is the belief in helping the community!

Without you, we are not able to continue the valuable services we provide. Paying your dues on time is one way to support the lodge. Also, coming to the lodge for lunch or dinner and attending our events are other ways you can support the lodge. Lastly, if you, your family and friends have the ability to help with an event, you would be welcomed .

REGULAR EVENTS that need Volunteers to keep them going!

Bingo: Callers, Pay outs, Sales, Food Runners, Set up and Clean up (Bingo is played weekly so volunteering just once month would be appreciated). Hours would be from 430-930pm.

Lunch Services: Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Serving/Run food . Hours would be from 1130am-230pm.

Dinner Services: Wednesdays and Fridays: Serving/Run food (all of the servers are Volunteers). Hours would be from 5-730pm.

Events this month that need Volunteers!

Preston and Gwen (Friday, February 6th): Help with clean up.

Survivor (Friday, February 13th): Help with event and clean up. Valentine's Dance!

Crab Feed (Friday, February 20th): Help with event and clean up.

Tony and the Hired Guns (Saturday, February 28th): Help with event and Clean up.

Happy February Birthday's

Santerre, Jack

Wenneson, James

Patricia "Tricia" Brandsness

Baldwin, Jerry

Loftis, Tim

Manning, Jazzmen

Hardesty, Jeffery

Appling, Paul

McCully, Ruth

Davis, James A

Davis, Richard

Davenport, Don

Hill, Michael

Dow, Rodney

Staver, Roger

Bloom, Stuart

White, Kim

Long, Carl

Bard, Floyd

Forestelle, John

Phipps, Kendal

Griesel, Ronald



What Events do you want to see at the Lodge?



- More Music?
- More Karaoke?
- Paint Night?
- Wine Tasting?
- Bake Off?

Let us know!



Crab Feed !

Friday, February 20th

4:30 - 8pm

Price: \$30.00 per person for Crab

Or \$25.00 per person Chicken.

These meals come with coleslaw, pasta, baked beans and bread.

Reservation's are Required for this event (by Wednesday the 11th) !

Office# 541-345-8416 or Bar # 541-338-7848 for Reservations

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email Office@royalrefuse.com to find out service!



Sickness & Distress

- ◆ Donna had surgery on her foot and is doing well.
- ◆ JJ's daughter's surgery site incision is slowly healing and has been getting better over the past few weeks
- ◆ Darlene is doing well and staying with family for several months.
- ◆ Sally is doing better and has attended lodge a few times.
- ◆ Jill is doing physical therapy to help strengthen her arm.

Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!



SUPER BOWL XL

Tailgate

Party and Potluck

Sunday, February 8th at 230pm

Patriots vs Seahawks



Bring something from appetizers to dessert to share!

A "no host" bar will open as well!

Oregon Lottery will be coming to the lodge:



The update in the application process is this. The lodge has been approved as far as the initial paperwork, the physical inspection of the lodge, the repainting of the handicap parking, and the machine placement location dedicated in the lodge. We are now waiting for the FBI background results. We are hoping to have the video lottery machines and Keno board installed in February.

Elk of the Month

For February - Jazz Manning



Officer of the Month

For February - Beverly Stewart

Let's Continue to Grow in 2026

Let's Promote our Lodge this year by Getting your Friends and Family Involved! Below are some tips on how you can help!

Bring them to an Event

Share the monthly Elklet Calendar with Everyone

Follow, Like, and Post comments on the Eugene Elks 357 Facebook Page

Carry an application with you or have them go to:

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





Join us every Tuesday night 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 one 6-on packet of 15 regular games. 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 2/17.

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. Come join us at Bingo and YOU could be the next winner!



Is a guessing game played weekly here at the lodge where there is always a guaranteed Winner! Here is how to play: 1. Buy unlimited number of tickets at, \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. 2. On each ticket, provide your first and last name and your 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 your number card wins the Queen of Hearts, you will win 50% of the pot which is currently at \$1,816.00.

You can purchase tickets at the lodge office Tuesday – Friday, from 10-3:00 pm and Stephen McKinley will be at the lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings to sell tickets. Sales close every Friday at 6:30 pm. All sold tickets are then put into a drum and the winning ticket is drawn. Enter today and you could be the next winner.

		February		2026		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Bingo 5-9pm Volunteers for Bingo 4-930 Dinner: 5-7pm Bar: 5-730	EWEB Retirees 11-1 Volunteer: 1030-230 Baked Ravioli Lodge Meeting 7pm Dinner and Bar 5-7	BNI 9-12 Union Meeting 6-8pm Game Night/ Trivia 6pm Dinner:5-7 Bar: 5-8:30pm	Special: Chili, Corn Bread & Bake Potato Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music w/Preston 6-9pm DO: Charlie	Private Event 5-9pm Volunteers Needed DO: Joey Bar: Ali
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Lodge Closed Super Bowl Tailgate 2:30pm DO: Kerry	Lodge Closed	Soroptimist 11:45-1 DO: Floyd 11-230pm Bingo 5-9pm Volunteers for Bingo:4-930 Dinner: 5-7pm Bar: 5-730	EWEB Retirees 11-1 Bill Woods 11-2 DO: Bruce 1030-230 Nacho Bar PER's Running the Lodge Meeting 7pm Dinner and Bar 5-7	BNI 9-12 Game Night/ Trivia 6pm Kamper Klub 6pm Dinner:5-7 Bar: 5-8:30pm	Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Sweetheart Dance With Music Survivor 6-9pm Dinner: 5-7 Bar: 5-845 DO: Tricia	Lodge Closed
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Officer Training 10am Springfield (?)	Lodge Closed BOD 6pm	Bingo 5-9pm Volunteers for Bingo 4-930 Dinner: 5-7pm Bar: 5-730	EWEB Retirees 11-1 Volunteer 1030-230 French Toast Lodge Meeting 7pm Dinner and Bar 5-7	BNI 9-12 Game Night/ Trivia 6pm Dinner:5-7 Bar: 5-8:30pm	Crab Feed Must make Reservation for Dinner Queen of Hearts 630pm Dinner:5-7 Bar: 5-9 DO: Barry	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 4-7 pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Membership Renewal 2025-2026

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Name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> E.N.F. (Elks National Foundation) \$5.00 _____
Membership # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services) \$5.00 _____
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Scholarship Fund \$5.00 _____
City: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowood Speech and Hearing \$5.00 _____
State: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans \$5.00 _____
Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Property \$5.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Members \$134.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 1 \$1.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Members \$77.43	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 2 \$1.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Widows \$10.00	Total Enclosed \$ _____