THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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Rolling in 2026!

Orange Bowl Time!!!

The Oregon Ducks play against Texas Tech

On

Thursday January 1st at 9am!

Tailgate starts at 8am, bring your favorite Breakfast item

And come cheer with family and friends!!!

Gooooo Ducks!

*****Next Game could be the Semifinals: Peach Bowl Friday Jan 9th at 430pm (Potluck)**
****Championship Game Monday Jan 19th at 430pm**
Tailgate Start 1 hour before the game and are Potlucks!

Music and Dancing January

Preston and Gwen are back starting Friday 2nd 6-9pm

And for the first at the Eugene Elks

Red Thunder will be playing on Friday 16th from 6-9pm
(They play music from the 50's through 90's)
****If you plan on having dinner please call and let us know.**

**** *In February bands we will have* ****

Survivor on Friday the 13th from 6-9pm

And Tony and the Hire Guns on Saturday the 28th 6-9pm

From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness

Time to jump into 2026! Keep an eye on Facebook for events and updates! We might be getting an Instagram account to reach a younger age group.

The end of the Elk year is coming March 31st. If you thought about being a chair please let an officer know.

We are working on events for the next three months, if you have an idea let us know!

As always stop by we love seeing you!

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Officers:
Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)
Leading Knight: Barry Robinson
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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

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Chaplin
Joey Brandsness

Inner Guard
Sally Stice

Tiler
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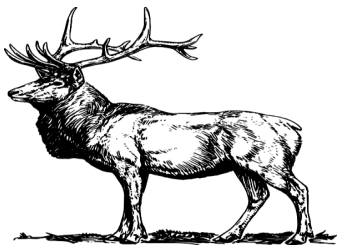


Esteemed Leading Knight - Barry Robinson

The beginning of the 2026/2027 lodge year is fast approaching, April 1, 2026. I am sad to say that after several years of being a lodge officer I must step down because of age (88) and related health issues. There are a few officer positions that need to be filled for the coming year. Being a lodge officer is a rewarding experience. I will continue to attend lodge meetings and help out wherever and whenever I am able. The dinner and socializing are always a good time to meet and greet fellow members, both young and old. Whenever you see someone, you don't recognize introduce yourself.

Kamper Klub News: At the December 11th meeting I had plans to talk about campouts during March, April, and May. The next Klub meeting will be held in the lodge on Thursday, January 8th.

If you have an RV, and you are up-in-the-air about joining an RV club, come to the meeting.
I should know by then where and when the first three campouts will be held.

Barry Robinson, 541-953-1545

Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Kerry Oliver

I told a friend recently I finally figured out how to write 2025 on documents, now it is 2026. Time is flying by very fast.

Everyone asks what are your goals for 2026? Do you have a plan? Are you just going to be an Eugene Elks member? Are you going to volunteer and serve the community?

For membership our goal is 24 New Members during this Lodge year. With the path we are on we will make our yearly goal by the end of January. We are on our way to 347 Members.

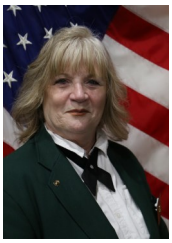
I have enjoyed serving the lodge and its members. It has been a blessing.
Thank you for Sponsoring new members.

Lodge Treasurer - Director of the Board—Terry Brant

To all our members, here's hoping you had a great Christmas and New Years. The news of the day is we are awarding the $500.00 Prize donated by PER Gary Richichi. We have two winners in the "New Member Contest" promotion: Bree Jeter and Bev Stewart, both had three new members initiated this past 6 months, Congratulations, each won $250.00. If you have not proposed a new member, then you lost out. Please visit the Lodge for lunch, dinner or a cocktail if you have not been for a while. We will have the Oregon Lottery machines and Keno in the Lodge very soon. We would love to see you. We are also currently drawing $100.00 every Wed Lodge night for the Membership drawing. We have thoughts of remodeling the bar and lounge, please participate with IDEA'S and your thoughts if you are so inclined.

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 Whoo!



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

Officer of the Month

For November is Kerry Oliver

And

For December is Diane McKinley

These two officers are amazing and have helped me so much!

Elk of the Month

For November is Don Lanini

And

For December is Perci Ariaudo

These Two Rock Stars have been a Stable to this lodge for over 10 years. I can't Thank them enough!

Blue Ticket Membership $100.00 *Must be present to win*
11/19/2025
Myrna Hardgrove
Shirley Jack
M Lee Seaton $25.00
12/3/25
John Cuff

Dinner Winners **Do not need to be Present**
11/19/2025
Roger Diddock
Jerale Manning
12/3/2025
Cheryl Grover
Rosemary Edwards

Happy New Year to all of you Bingo Lovers! Our latest $300.00 bingo winner, Donna Brant (pictured above with Don Lanini), won the big jackpot just in time for Christmas! The lodge offers Bingo every Tuesday with the 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 an attendance 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. 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!

Sickness & Distress

Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!

- JJ's daughter is having trouble with her surgery site healing. She had a stent put in her leg and now needs another one.

Happy January Birthday's

Robert "Bob" Stewart

Joseph "Joe" Kobe

Edward Nachtwey

Daniel Berlant

Lynette Boehm Beurmann

Brenda "Bree" Jeter

Jerry Rosa

Perscillia "Peric" Ariaudo

Donald Hankey

James A Davis

Cookie Exchange

The first ever cookie exchange was held at the Lodge on 12/19/25. We want to thank all of the bakers who submitted cookies for the exchange. Tricia Brandsness, Denise James, Diane McKinley, Bobbi Miller, Cecile Wood and Vicki collectively submitted a total of 12 varieties of cookies. Our 1st place winner went to Cecile Wood for her Blueberry Bar cookie. The 2nd place winner was Bobbi Miller for her Cherry Sugar cookies. And 3rd place went to Vicki for her Baklava. After the cookie judging, everyone traded cookies to take home. This was a real fun event and we should hold it again next year!

Dinner and Light Tour

Although it was a rainy evening, 24 people made their way to Sam's Tavern to participate in the Lodge's third annual Dine and Ride event. Once there, everyone had their choice of Lasagna or Tri-tip with a few sides and a well drink or a glass of wine. While waiting for everyone to finish dinner, some guests enjoyed playing Lottery games and visiting with each other. When Cheryl, the bus driver, arrived and told us it was time to go we all dodged the puddles to board Sam's bus. Cheryl whisked us off touring all over town to enjoy the beautiful lights. Along the way Floyd Bard led us in singing holiday carols. It was a wonderful evening had by all.

Game Night Thursdays!

Trivia 6-8pm
Test out your knowledge and see if you can beat Team McKinley and Sharon Bruning

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

Food from 5-7pm
Bar 5-8pm

***Winner Could win a Free Dinner**
(Have to play every Thursday for the Month)

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/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. 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 put into a drum and the winning ticket is drawn. When you come to lodge, check out the Queen of Hearts board to see all the winners.

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Happy New Year family and members, we are in 2026 and looking forward to a great year!

The Lodge had a very busy 2025 as we hosted and sponsored new events along with our traditional events. We will continue to hold most of these events in 2026. We had some challenges and some disappointments, but we survived all of it and we learned from these challenges.

This year our Lodge will have been in Eugene 128 years and we have contributed to many organizations, charitable group and individuals during that time, and plan on continue to do so.

Our current Officers have three more months in their term of their office, and some of them will continue to serve. We hope that some of you will be able to step up and offer your services to sit in a a chair and become part of the Leaders of this lodge. You are wanted and needed, this is a great opportunity to learn more about this organization.

We have the Best Volunteers any organization could ask for, but we need more of you to accomplish all that we do. It's a fun and rewarding opportunity to help work with groups in our area who need a hand up. Please consider volunteering your services.

We have had some great events, dances, dinners, and other events in 2025. Some were well attend and some were not. We will continue in 2026 with these events and new ones. As a member of the lodge, I would encourage you to attend more events and bring family and friends with you.

It is nearing time to pay dues, and I ask that each of you do so in a timely manner. If for some reason you do not plan on continuing your membership, please let our secretary know, it is better for our lodge to know that to just carry forward lapses. We truly hope each of you will continue to be a member.

If you have questions, ideas or even complaints, we ask that you talk with one of our officers so we can address the issues. We are all in the same boat, working to make OUR lodge successful, happy and thriving for another 128 years!

Please follow us on Facebook and encourage new members, friends and family to do so also.

We are not perfect, but we do try to keep you updated on changes or additions of events that happen after the Elklet and Calendar are sent out.

Have a Wonderful 2026!
Facebook Admin

Let's Continue to Grow in 2026

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*

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/who/

Regular Events DURING the month that need Volunteers!

Bingo: Callers, Pay outs, Sales, Food Runners, Set up and Clean up (if you can help do one, once a month that would be so helpful!)

Lunch services Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Serving/Run food

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

January Events that need Volunteers!

Candlelighter Bingo/Movie Night (Tuesday 13th): Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

Dance Band Red Thunder (Friday 16th): Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

Candlelighter Ice Cream Freeze (Sunday 18th): Set up, Helping with event and Clean up

District Eye Clinic Meeting (Saturday 31th): Set up and Clean up

February Events that need Volunteers!

Dance Band Survivor (February Friday 13th): Helping with event and Clean up

Dance Band Tony and the Hired Guns (February Saturday 28th)

With out Volunteers we would not be able to put on events. Officers are OUR wait staff talking your food orders, serving you and cleaning tables. People are needed to step up tables, Open and Close the lodge. Run the bar when we do not have a bartender. Help in the kitchen cooking the food and many other things.

Some of OUR volunteers have been helping for over 10 years. I ask if you can help even for only and hour, please donate your time to keep us going!

Changes can Happen…

As we saw in December changes can happen to Events at the lodge this not a normal occurrence but it does happen.

I want to apologize for the mixed messages and information that happened for Saturday the 20th. With the Ducks playing and trying to make adjustments, get the information out to you the members, clearly it turn into more of a mess.

With that being said please understand January has the possibility to have this happen with Duck games that will coincide with events.

Ducks are play on Jan 1st, which means Tailgate! Game is at 9am and tailgate starts one hour before. And as Always its Potluck.

Possible other dates the Duck play

Friday Jan 9th at 430pm **If this happens there will NOT be dinner off the menu it will be a Potluck starting on hour before the game.

then

Monday Jan 19 at 430pm with Potluck starting on hour before the game. **BOD meeting will be re-schedule to either the week before on the 12th or week after on the 26th (Officers will have a say in the date)

The Facebook page is a great way to also keep up with events and changes happening.

Again I want to apologize and will work better in the future to have information from all sources the same.

Tricia Brandsness
Extaled Ruler

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January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Duck Tailgate Potluck 8am Game at 9am	Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music by Preston 6-9pm DO: Kerry Bar: Ali	
4	5	6	7	8	9	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	5-9pm Bingo Menu	EWEB Retirees 11am Bill Woods Chicken Alfredo Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Private Event 9am Game night 5-830pm Kamper Klub meeting at 6pm Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Special Tomato Basil Soup Dinner of Menu 5-7pm **(If no Duck Game)** Tailgate at 330pm and Potluck if the Ducks Play Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Stephen/Diane Bar: Ali	
11	12	13	14	15	16	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Soroptimist 11:45am 5-9pm Bingo Menu Candlelighter Movie Night 5-9	EWEB Retirees 11am Philly Cheese Steak Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Private Event 9am Game night 5-830pm Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music by Red Thunder 6-9pm DO: Tricia Bar: Ali	
18	19	20	21	22	23	
Lodge Closed Candlelighter Ice Cream Freeze *Come Help	Lodge Closed BOD 6pm (will reschedule if Ducks play) Duck Game Possible 330pm Tailgate	5-9pm Bingo Menu	EWEB Retirees 11am Enchiladas Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Private Event Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Barry Bar: Ali	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Soroptimist 11:45am 5-9pm Bingo Menu	EWEB Retirees 11am Pot Roast Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Private Event Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Life Line Screening 8am- 530pm in Lodge Room Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Charlie Bar: Ali	Ben Adams Eye Clinic Lunch Meeting DO/Bar: Tricia

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