



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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Lodge Clean Up!

OUR LODGE.
OUR PRIDE.
OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Let's work together to
keep our lodge clean,
welcoming and
something we can all
be proud of!



VOLUNTEER
YOUR TIME



CLEAN IT UP
MAKE IT SHINE



BE PROUD
OF OUR LODGE

★ *Many Hands Make Light Work!* ★



TOGETHER
WE KEEP OUR
LODGE STRONG!



WANT TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT?

Contact the Lodge and leave a message.

541-345-8416



secretary@elks357.org

Every little bit helps and makes
a big difference!

★ *Thank You!* ★



MONTH AT A Glance!



★ ★ UPCOMING EVENTS ★ ★

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| JULY 4 | ★ | United States turns 250 years old! | 🚩 |
| JULY 4 TH -9 TH | 🏙️ | National Convention in Chicago, IL | |
| JULY 10 TH | 🎵 | Music with Preston and Gwen | |
| JULY 12 TH -17 TH | 🧹 | Lodge Clean Up | |
| JULY 24 TH | 🎸 | Music with David King | |
| JULY 27 TH | 🩸 | Blood Drive | |

★ ★ RECURRING EVENTS ★ ★



≡ EVERY TUESDAY ≡
Bingo
(except 14th)



≡ EVERY WEDNESDAY ≡
Lodge (except 15th)
Social Meeting on 29th



≡ EVERY SATURDAY ≡
Country Dancing

★ — *Elks* Care - *Elks* Share — ★

Eugene Elks BPOE #357

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★ OFFICERS: 2026 - 2027 ★

- ★ **Exalted Ruler:** Tricia Brandsness (Joey)
- ★ **Leading Knight:** Barry Robinson
- ★ **Local Knight:** Kerry Oliver
- ★ **Lecturing Knight:** Bill Wood (Cecile)
- ★ **Secretary:** Beverly Stewart (Bob)
- ★ **Treasurer:** Terry Brant (Jeanne)
- ★ **Tiler:** Floyd Bard (Jill)
- ★ **Esquire:** Bill McMahon (Karen)
- ★ **Chaplain:** Joey Brandsness (Tricia)
- ★ **Inner Guard:** Sally Stice
- ★ **Organist:** Donna Brant

★ BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 2026 - 2027 ★

- ★ **One Year:** Diane McKinley (Stephen)
- ★ **Two Year:** Stephen McKinley (Diane)
- ★ **Three Year:** Vickie Parker (Shane)
- ★ **Four Year:** Bob Stewart (Bev)
- ★ **Five Year:** Jazzmen Vega-Manning

★ DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER ★

Ralph Dinnel **(541) 510-8690**

★ VICE PRESIDENT ★

David Whitlock **(458) 210-6632**



Got News to Share?

Have an upcoming event, committee update, volunteer opportunity, or article you'd like included in the Elket? We'd love to hear from you!



Submission Deadline

To be included in the next month's newsletter, all articles and event announcements must be submitted by the **FIRST Sunday of the month prior to publication.**



Preferred File Formats -

Please submit your information as:

- PDF Document or Microsoft Word Document

Using these formats helps us avoid formatting problems and ensures your article can be added quickly and accurately.



Send Submissions To:

Bev, Lodge Secretary**

Secretary@Elks357.org**



Why the Early Deadline?

Producing the Elket takes time! Your submissions go through:

- ✓ Newsletter layout and design
- ✓ Review and editing
- ✓ Printing
- ✓ Mailing preparation and delivery



Thank You!

Thank you for helping make the Elket informative, entertaining, and a great way to keep our members connected!

LEADERSHIP CORNER

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

July seemed to arrive much too quickly, but our Lodge is ready for it. June was an extremely busy month with the lottery installations, a new dance floor, an ATM machine, and all of our regular activities. Thank you, thank you to our amazing officers and volunteers who made all of this happen!

As you read the Elklet and review the calendar, you will notice that Eugene Elks Lodge #357 continues to plan nonevents, creating more and better events for our members and guests.

On July 12th, we celebrate 129 years as part of the Eugene and Lane County community, and we look forward to many more. I am pretty sure that next year we will have a “Big Bang” celebration for our 130th anniversary!

As you may remember, our phrase for the month of June was “Three is the Key – Members, Volunteers, and Participation.” Thank you to everyone who took this message to heart and got involved. I would like to add one more word to that phrase: **Leadership**.

I am so proud of our leaders who are doing everything in their power to keep our Lodge thriving for another 100-plus years. Please consider signing up to offer your support, volunteer, participate, and thank our leaders for their dedication.

On another note, our great nation will be celebrating 250 years this month. God bless this nation and keep us all safe.

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT & KAMPER KLUB CHAIRMAN

I’m back with my Kamper Klub hat on!

We are now about halfway through the 2026 camping season and, unfortunately, have not yet had a campout. If you are interested in camping with fellow Elks, please attend the meeting at the Lodge on July 16th.

At the meeting, I can share what a typical campout looked like in the original Kamper Klub, which was formed in February 1968 and remained active until 2020. The club disbanded due to age and health issues among many of its members.

I have spoken with several newer and younger Lodge members and discussed that there is interest in resurrecting the Eugene Elks #357 Kamper Klub with fresh ideas and new energy.

For nearly 40 years, we had 25-30 members who enjoyed ten campouts and a Christmas party every year. I can honestly say that many of my closest friends today are former Kamper Klub members!

I hope you’ll join us and help bring this great tradition back to life!

EXALTED RULER

With the cost of everything continuing to rise, the Board will be looking for ways to reduce expenses over the next month. We are hopeful that we can avoid raising prices, but we do need to at least break even.

Several members have already shared ideas for new events items that would cost less while still providing good value, and we greatly appreciate those suggestions.

Remember, the Lodge belongs to you—the members. Your ideas, input, and support are always welcome.

You may also notice some changes on the newsletter. We hope you like the new look and found items for us to know what you think.



UPCOMING EVENTS



at the Lodge



**YEE HAW
HA-HA!**

**COMEDY COUNTRY
DANCE NIGHT**



**SATURDAY,
JULY 4, 2026**

- ★ Ages 16+
- ★ \$5 Cover Charge
- ★ Country Swing & Line Dance Lessons
- ★ Comedy • Music
- ★ Dancing • DJ • Fun

COMEDY MUSIC FOR DANCING ALL NIGHT LONG!
ADULT COMEDY AFTER 10 PM
PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED



Celebrate
MORE LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

To schedule an appointment:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter sponsor code: EugeneElks

GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.

All For You

Live Dance Music

**FRIDAY,
JULY 24, 2026**

Music: 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Bar Open: 5:00 – 8:45 PM

FREE ADMISSION



Preston & Gwen's
**COUNTRY
FLASHBACK BAND**

★ LIVE MUSIC & DANCE! ★



Preston and Gwen's Country Flashback Band, featuring Brian Vessey on drums and Jim Crabbe on lead guitar, would like to remind everyone that admission to our dances at the Lodge is always free.

We do not ask the Lodge to pay us for our performances, and we sincerely thank everyone for the generous tips and support we receive.

Join us on **FRIDAY, JULY 10** for an evening of great music, dancing, friendship, and fellowship!



**DINNER AVAILABLE
BEGINNING AT
5:00 PM**

DINNER, BAR & DANCE SCHEDULE



**BAR OPENS
AT 5:00 PM**



**DANCING BEGINS
AT 6:00 PM**

PICTURES FROM PAST EVENTS



Drug Awareness Event



Drug Awareness Event



Drug Awareness Meeting



Saturday Dancing (Left)

Floyd Bard & James
Manning
At the state capital
(Right)



★ COMMITTEE CORNER ★

★ Hoop Shoot

Joey and Bob have begun working with Willamette High School to organize this year's Hoop Shoot event. Volunteers are needed to help make this program a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joey or Bob.

★ Grants (CIP: Beacon, Gratitude, Spotlight & Freedom)

Floyd is hard at work completing the paperwork for our four Community Investment Program (CIP) grants. These grants help fund veterans' activities, youth programs, and other community service projects that benefit our local area.

★ Scholarships (Most Valuable Student)

Floyd and Jazzmen have begun reviewing and selecting applicants for the 2026–2027 scholarship year. Applications for Grand Lodge scholarships will open in August. We would also like to thank Floyd for his leadership as Scholarship Chairman and welcome Jazzmen as the incoming Scholarship Chairman.

★ Elks National Foundation (ENF)

Thanks to the Lodge lottery machines, ENF is receiving additional support as members donate their change tickets to help make every "cent" count.

There has also been a change to the \$100 drawing. If your name is drawn and you are not present, \$10 will be donated to ENF in your name. These are two easy ways to support one of our Lodge's most important charitable programs.

★ All-American Lodge

Following the National Convention, Tricia will hold a meeting to review the requirements and goals needed for our Lodge to achieve All-American Lodge status. More information will be announced soon.

★ Membership

We are looking for additional volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee. Plans are underway to organize one or more Calling Tree days to reach out to members who have not renewed their dues or have not attended Lodge activities recently.

★ Veterans

Our Flag Day/Father's Day Celebration, held on June 13, was a great success. Plans are already underway for future veterans' events, including support of the Lane County Stand Down scheduled for September 11.

★ Parking Committee (Fundraising)

The Eugene Elks will once again assist with parking operations during University of Oregon football games at the Science Center beginning in September.

Volunteers are needed! Please sign up today to help support one of our Lodge's most successful fundraising activities.

★ WANT TO HELP WITH THESE EVENTS? ★

Your time and support make all the difference in our Lodge and our community!



Contact the Lodge
and leave a message.



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Thank you for helping make our Lodge strong!



Sickness & Distress:

- ♦ Sharon is still healing and taking it easy, but she did get out for Bingo.
- ♦ Ann is in the middle of Chemo but doing okay, she has been getting out once in awhile.
- ♦ Joey pulled his tendon in his bi-cep, he had surgery and is starting physical therapy.
- ♦ Dick was taken to the ER, but has been back at the lodge since.
- ♦ Bill W. is on new medication and not feeling well.
- ♦ It is with sad news to report Jerry's wife passed away.



***Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!
Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers.***

★ = IMPORTANT NOTICE = ★

MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON SALE OF FLORENCE PROPERTY



The Eugene Elks Lodge owns approximately 15 acres of property in Florence, Oregon, which was donated to the Lodge about 30 years ago.

The property has been maintained by the Lodge but has seen very limited use due to its remote location and lack of utilities. Scout groups used it for jamborees in the past, but not in the last 5 years.

The owners of the adjoining property have made an offer to purchase the land for **\$140,000**, which is current market value. The Board of Directors has voted to recommend the sale of this property.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE



DATE: **WEDNESDAY,
JULY 15, 2026**



TIME: **7:00 PM**



LOCATION: **EUGENE ELKS LODGE**



MEETING: **REGULAR LODGE MEETING**

PROPOSED SALE



PURCHASE PRICE: **\$140,000**



BUYER: **ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER**



AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

TERRY BRANT

Treasurer & Board of Directors Chair



YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Members will have the opportunity to discuss the proposal before casting their vote.

This is an important decision regarding Lodge property and assets. All members are encouraged to attend, voice their opinions, and participate in the vote.

Please bring your current membership card.

The vote will consist of a motion to sell the Coast property for **\$140,000**, followed by a second, then discussion, and then the vote.

Thank you,
TERRY BRANT
Treasurer & Board of Directors Chair

★ GAME CORNER ★

BINGO • QUEEN OF HEARTS • OREGON LOTTERY

♥ QUEEN OF HEARTS ♥



Looking for something fun to do on Friday nights? Join us at the Eugene Elks Lodge for great food, friendly people, and a chance to win cash in our exciting Queen of Hearts drawing!



DINNER SERVED 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Order off the menu or enjoy a special dish.



After enjoying your favorite libation, purchase tickets, choose your card number, fill in your name and card number, and put them in the box. The winner is drawn at 6:30 PM.

Wouldn't it be fun to cap off your evening by winning!



Can't make it on Friday? Tickets are available in the lodge office **Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

Bev, our lodge Secretary, will help you out. Stephen McKinley will be at the lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings to sell tickets.



Ticket sales close every Friday at **6:30 PM.**

All tickets are put into a drum and the winning ticket is drawn. Come on down and get it a try!



**OREGON
LOTTERY®**

*You could be the
next big winner!*

OREGON LOTTERY & KENO

The Oregon Lottery can now be played here at the lodge! We offer (3) Lottery machines and Keno and they will be available to play anytime the Lodge is open.



**3 LOTTERY
MACHINES**



**KENO
AVAILABLE**



**ATM
ON SITE**

★ **PLAY TODAY – YOU COULD BE OREGON'S NEXT BIG WINNER!** ★



The Bingo program remains to be a popular event here at the lodge. We continue to have new players stop in and try their luck. If you haven't come to play Bingo yet why not try it this month? In fact why not gather a group of friends and come on down to share in the fun!

For your convenience, the kitchen and bar will open at 5:00pm to provide delicious food and tasty drinks.

The kitchen closes at 7:00pm and the bar closes at 7:30pm.

At the sales table a variety of candies and chips, for \$1.00 each.

EVERY TUESDAY

★ DOORS OPEN	4:30 PM
★ BUY-IN STARTS	5:00 PM
★ EARLY BIRDS	6:15 PM
★ REGULAR GAMES	6:30 PM

✓ We appreciate all of our player's attendance and hold weekly and monthly attendance drawings.

✓ Once a month we hold a **Player Appreciation Night** which this month is scheduled for **7/21.**

✓ So what are you waiting for? Come join us at Bingo where **YOU** could be the next winner!

★ ★ **GOOD TIMES • GREAT PEOPLE • BIG WINNERS!** ★ ★

Update to the Blue ticket drawing!
We will only be drawing one name for a \$100.00 at each meeting.
If you are not present the lodge will make a \$10.00 donation to ENF in your name.

Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
5/6/2026
Donald Mitchell \$100
Lawerance Dunlap \$25
Barb Lerch \$25
5/13/26
James Davis \$100
James Davis Jr \$25
Jack Zwiesler \$25
5/20/26
James Wenneson \$100
Donald Cottel \$25
Donald Hankey \$25
6/3/26
Greg Graff \$100
Gerald Gregersen \$25
Akim Kaiser \$25

Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present *Must be used within 6 months
5/6/26
Derek Isaksen
Brenda Jeter
5/13/26
Richard Sousa
Kenneth Lowery
5/20/26
James Jones
Kenneth Sheffler



Happy JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Please join us in wishing these members a very Happy Birthday!

★ Amlin, William K Thomson, Steven J Camp, John L Beckley, Fred C Smith, Michael Currin, George M	★ Prince, Philip Heiligman, George Kobe, Nita Lechnyr, Ronald J Page, Thomas J McDonough, Brian	★ Beers, Ann A Worley, Larry Lusk, Carl Bakr, Andy Cowger, Eric
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*Don't forget to use your **FREE MEAL***

during the month of your birthday!

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled day of shopping,
creativity, community, and
holiday gift ideas!

VENDORS WANTED!

We are looking for people who do any kind of crafts, baked goods, woodwork, and handmade items of any kind to participate.

SPECIALTY OFFERINGS LIKE:

- Tarot Card Readings
- Palm Readings
- Astrology Charts
- Henna Tattoos
- Hair Extensions
- Running Kids Games
- And anything else unique!

VENDOR INFORMATION



8' TABLE RENTAL:

\$25.00

Space is limited, so reserve your spot early!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Not a vendor? We can still use your help! Volunteers are needed to assist with setup before the event and cleanup afterward.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All vendors and volunteers must register for the event. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Lodge office as soon as possible.



QUESTIONS?

Call the Lodge Office at
541-345-8416
and leave a message for
Diane McKinley.

SUPPORT LOCAL. SHOP HANDMADE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Craft Fair Registration Form must be returned to the lodge by Sat. 10/31/2026

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Cell Tel. No.: _____

Describe what your offering for sale: _____

No. of tables to rent: _____ X \$25.00 per Table = _____ Total amount due \$ _____.

Mail your completed registration form, with a check made out to: "Elks Lodge 357", write "Craft Fair" in the memo portion of your check.

Mail it to: Elks Lodge 357, P.O. Box 2475, Eugene, OR 97402. Or hand delivered to the Lodge office during business hours (Tuesday—Thursday 10am-3:00pm).

EUGENE ELKS LODGE #357

★ JULY 2026 ★

Elks Care
Elks
Share

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
★ <i>Happy</i> 4TH ★ ★ of JULY! ★			1 EWEB Retirees 11am Jill B. Cards Lodge Meeting 7pm Pulled Pork *Dress in Red/White/Blue	2 BNI Group Event Union Meeting 6-8pm Bar/Kitchen Open 5-9:30pm	3 Dinner w/ER before Nat'l Convention Dinner Menu 5-7pm Special Chicken Salad *RSVP Queen of Hearts 6:30pm Duty Officer: Bill Wood	4 Independence Day Happy 250 Years Country Dancing 5:30-11:30pm Duty Officer: Kerry Oliver
5 National Convention (Chicago, IL)	6 National Convention (Chicago, IL)	7 BINGO Bar/Kitchen Open 5pm National Convention	8 EWEB Retirees 11am Bill Woods Lodge Meeting 7pm Breakfast National Convention	9 BNI Group Event National Convention	10 Preston & Gwen Theme: Country Flash Back Dinner Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm Duty Officer: Barry Robinson	11 Dancing 5:30-11:30pm Duty Officer: Tricia Brandness
12 Lodge Clean Up	13 Lodge Clean Up	14 Lodge Cleanup	15 Lodge Cleanup	16 Lodge Clean Up	17 Lodge Clean Up	18 Dancing 5:30-11:30pm Duty Officer: Tricia Brandness
19	20	21 BINGO Bar/Kitchen Open 5pm	22 EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm (Green Jackets) Pork Chops	23 BNI Group Event Dining Room 9-11:30am Private Event Lodge Room 12-2pm	24 Music with David King Dinner Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm Duty Officer: Terry Brant	25 Dancing 5:30-11:30pm Duty Officer: Kerry Oliver
26 BLOOD DRIVE 9am - 2pm BOD 6pm		28 BINGO Bar/Kitchen Open 5pm	29 Social Meeting Pizza	30 BNI Group Event	31 Welcome Back ER Dinner Menu 5-7pm Ice Cream and Pie Queen of Hearts 6:30pm Duty Officer: Vickie	

★ DUTY OFFICERS ★

July 3
Bill Wood
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July 4
Kerry Oliver
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July 10
Barry Robinson
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July 11 & 18
Tricia Brandness
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July 24
Terry Brant
.....
July 25
Kerry Oliver
.....
July 31
Vickie

★ OFFICER OF THE MONTH ★

Floyd Bard
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★ ELK OF THE MONTH ★

Patty Johnson

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- EMS Baseball Game
- Preston and Gwen - Theme: Blue Hawaii

★ Check the Lodge bulletin board and newsletter for more details and updates! ★

Calendar events and times are subject to change. Please check the Lodge for the latest information.

PARTNERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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and let them know.

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Kerry Oliver

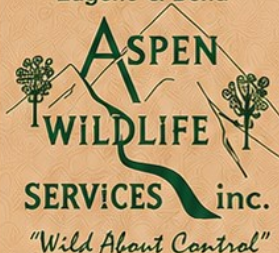
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Need space for a Business meeting or an Event?

Host your next event at the Lodge!

- Rent the Lodge Room, Dining Room, or the entire facility
- Bar and food service available
- Discounted rates for Elks members
- Ideal for meetings, parties, celebrations, and community events

For reservations and availability, call the Lodge at (541) 345-8416.
This is another great way to support the Elks while enjoying a great venue.

★ A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LODGE BOARD ★

There are many fun things we are able to do at the Lodge, but there is also the business side that comes with it. As the cost of everything continues to rise, we are working hard to balance expenses while keeping the cost of food and beverages as affordable as possible.

We are also exploring new menu items and ways to improve our offerings. In May, I had conversations with several members about items on the menu, and they shared some great ideas. Some of these suggestions may help reduce food costs while giving us alternatives to fried foods.

The Board is always looking for ideas and suggestions on how we can improve the Lodge for you, our members.

I encourage all members to email, call, or attend a Board of Directors meeting to share your ideas and feedback.

★ THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS! ★

Without our members and volunteers, we could not host our events, support our charities, or continue the work we do in our community.

☎ 541-345-8416

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Membership 2026 –2027

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

Optional Donations

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

Membership # _____ ☐ E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services) \$5.00 _____

Address: _____ ☐ Lodge Scholarship Fund \$5.00 _____

City: _____ ☐ Meadowood Speech and Hearing \$5.00 _____

State: _____ ☐ Veterans \$5.00 _____

Zip: _____ ☐ Key Card 1 \$1.00 _____

☐ Regular Members \$134.00 ☐ Key Card 2 \$1.00 _____

☐ Life Members \$77.43

☐ Widows \$10.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____