



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

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We are very lucky to have Preston and Gwen play music the first Friday Night of the month!

Come down and listen to music from the 50's to 70's

This month it will be on
March 6th starting at 6pm to 9pm

Grab some friends and get those dancing shoes on!

This is a fun way to support the lodges and its community work.



Coast2Coast Country Dance and DJ will be at the lodge

Starting March 7th!
(This will be a regular event on Saturdays)

This group teaches Western Dancing from Partner dancing and Line dancing too.

Door will Open at 5:30pm
If you are a member of the lodge there is NO Cover
(Remember to bring your Membership Card)

Non-Members will be charge a \$5.00 cover

The kitchen will be open till 7pm



Esteemed Leading Knight and Kamper Club Chairman - Barry Robinson

As of Feb 2, 2026 the reservations being held for the Eugene Elks Kamper Klub for the March, April, and May campouts are still available and listed below. All these reservations were made by me and may be in my name. In the January Elklet, I announced all this information was going to be discussed at the RV club meeting. Only one person showed up. It is now up to those of you who want to attend the campouts to call and reserve your site.

When calling the campgrounds let them know you are part of the Eugene Lodge Kamper Klub.

March (13, 14, and 15th): The Florence Elks campground. (Phone: 541-997-9259)

April (10, 11, and 12th): The Blue Ox RV facility in Albany. (Phone: 541-926-2886)

May (8, 9, and 10th): The Hi-Way Heaven RV facility in Sutherland. (Phone: 541-459-1286)

Each site has 8 reservations.



Eugene Elks BPOE #357

www.elks.org - Secretary@elks357.org

Lodge Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday 10am to 3pm

Address: 2470 West 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97402

Mailing: PO Box 2475, Eugene, OR 97402

Office Phone: 541-345-8416

Office Fax: 541-345-1379

Bar Phone: 541-338-7848

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 McMahan (Karen)
Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Tricia)
Inner Guard: Sally Stice
Organist: Donna Brant

Board of Trustees:

Five Year: Bob Stewart (Bev)
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



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness

As we close out the 2025-2026 Elk year, the nomination of officers started in February and will close no later than the third week of this month (March).

Installation is set for the first meeting of April (which will be April 1st) at 7pm.

Committee Chairs need to be filled by the end of this month also. If you want to be a little more involved with the lodge this is a great way to start. Some of the committee's are Audit, Government relations, Veteran's, Hoop Shoot, Scholarships and Bulletin. You can be part of the committee without being the main chair, so don't be afraid of stepping out of your comfort zone.

Some lodge news for members that have not been to a meeting in awhile:

- **On Saturday's starting March 7th there will be Western dancing at the lodge. With a class an hour before to learn new dances. These class will be free to members and a \$5.00 fee per person that are non-members.**
- **We will be having members and non-member prices on drinks. This is put us in compliance with Elksdom rules and regulations.**
- **And last will have one menu to order from with new items and other items changing or being removed. If you have ideas of menu you would like to see please let one of the Officers know.**
- **We have a new Star that will be installed in the Lodge room hopefully by the end of these month.**
- **The Board is working on getting a second quote to replace the dance floor and old carpet in the office, around the bar and pool table area.**
- **Currently working on updating our sign on the outside of are building to get it a fresh look.**
- **Adding curtains to where the Lottery machines will be. This is to follow Lottery regulation to prevent minors seeing the machines.**
- **A Coffee station area has been added by the bar. It has coffee and hot water available with cream and sugar. You will purchase your coffee cup at the bar for \$2.00.**
- **All the books have been moved to the dinning area for two reasons. One to have all the books together and two there is better lighting.**
- **The handicap parking has been marked with new paint and signs. There has also been added No parking areas around these parking spots.**
- **Number's will be added to the RV spots to help insure that we are receiving fees for parking in those spots.**
- **Painting new parking lines in the parking lot along with "Customer Parking" will be happening when the weather gets warmer. We are hoping this will help with people parking in our Elks parking lot when we have events.**



Lodge Treasurer - Director of the Board—Terry Brant

Nomination are taking place this month, Please let the ER, the lodge Secretary, or myself know if you are interested in discovering the job responsibilities for Treasurer for the 2026-2027 Elk year.

Lodge Secretary - Fraternally, Beverly Stewart

We currently have 239 members; however, we still have 20 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 4 applications for initiation for the month of March, which will bring our total number of members to 243.

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

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Lodge Stats:

Active Members: 239

Candidates: 3

Delinquents: 20



Officer of the Month

For March - Joey Brandsness

Joey has jump in with both feet!

He helps in the kitchen and the bar for Bingo and other events.

There are times when he has ran to the store to get items we are out of. When I was out of town he took care of a private event with getting items we ran out of due to they had more people then expected.



Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Membership Chairman - Kerry Oliver

The Elks underlying principles are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. I will expand on Justice – A commitment to fairness for all, ensuring good deeds are recognized and that they act with impartiality.

Justice

is a Fundamental Belief it is a deeply rooted in the Elks Lodge/ BPOE belief since 1868 to promote fairness.

Our goal is 24 New Members this Lodge year. We have exceeded our yearly goal and we will be at 27 New Members by the end of March. We are on our way to 347 Members.



Thank you for the referrals and sponsors of new members.



Installation of 2026-2027 Officer's

Wednesday April 1st at 7pm

Post Roast for Dinner

Please RSVP for Dinner by March 20

Office Phone: 541-345-8416

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UPDATE: We are still waiting to hear from the Lottery office regarding the FBI background results. We are hoping to have the video lottery machines, the Keno board and an ATM machine installed sometime in March/April.



American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Eugene Elks

2470 W. 11th
Eugene, OR 97402

**Monday, March 23, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: EugeneElks to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing! rcblood.org/March



Every Tuesday night is Bingo night at the lodge. 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/15 regular games. We accept cash and charge cards at buy-in. Early Birds begin at 6:15pm and regular games at 6:30pm.

For your convenience, the kitchen and bar will open at 5:00pm to provide delicious food and tasty drinks. Please note that outside food and drink are prohibited in the lodge. The kitchen closes at 7:00pm and the bar closes at 7:30pm.

Attendance drawings are held each week 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 attendance drawing is worth a cool \$20.00. We will hold Player Appreciation Night on 3/17.

On the last Black Out game of the evening everyone has a chance to win \$300.00. All that is required is that there is a minimum of 25 players in attendance, and bingo within a specific number of balls. Come join us at Bingo and YOU could be the next winner!

Happy March Birthday's

Free Dinner during the month of your Birthday



Green, Pete N	Haynes, Arnold L	Larson, John C
Brodie, William Scott	Dunlap, Lawrence B	Rear, Glenn A
Lane, Gary B	Davis, Danny Delon	Robinson, Berry H
Shepherd, Lendon	Lopez, Stephen D	Wills, Preston
Sproul, William B	James, Denise	Stayner, Harry A
Henson, Lloyd	Borner, Frank C	Dunlap, Robert L
Loy, Marvin M	McKinney, John A	Sabath, Penny J
Schumacher, Max L	Chester, Shelly Lee	Gerber, Richard E
Stolsig, Stphen	Lanini, Donald E	Tait L B



What Events do you want to see at the Lodge?



- More Music?
- More Karaoke?
- Paint Night?
- Wine Tasting?
- Bake Off?
- Let us know!



Queen of Hearts



Go pick a four leaf clover and bring your lucky charms when you come play the Queen of Hearts this month. We are half way through the deck and the Queen of Hearts has yet to be found. At the last drawing the pot was at **\$2,250.00.**

You can purchase tickets at the lodge office Tuesday – Friday, from 10:00-3:00 pm and Stephen McKinley will be at the lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings to sell tickets. Remember that the 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.

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/>



Kerry Oliver
State Farm Insurance Agent
541-654-0737



Sickness & Distress

- ◆ JJ's daughter is doing much better and now able to drive herself around.
- ◆ Donni, Bill, Sally and Jim are all feeling under the weather.
- ◆ Dick Davis has moved to Merrill Gardens.
- ◆ Darlene is doing well and staying in Washington for a while.
- ◆ Bob is out sick with Shingles.
- ◆ Ann has found out that she has cancer
- ◆ Make sure to take care of yourself and loved ones.



On March 18th

**Wear Green to Celebrate St Patty's Day!
Try and beat Floyd and Donni
One person will WIN a "Free" drink from the ER!!!**



Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
The Names will be
listed in next months
Elklet.



Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
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Do you know you have a choice for Garbage service??
Royal Refuse is a family own business since 1977
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email Office@royalrefuse.com to find out service!



		March		2026			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Bingo 4:30-9pm	EWEB Retirees and Card players 11-2pm Meat Loaf Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Meeting 9-1pm Union Meeting 6-8pm Game Night Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music w/Preston 6-9pm	Coast2Coast Dancing 5:30-11:30 DO: Kerry & Tricia	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Soroptimist 11:45am-2pm Bingo 5:30-9pm	EWEB Retirees, Bill Woods & Card Players 11-2pm Ribs Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Meeting 9-1pm Game Night Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner of Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Terry	Coast2Coast Dancing 5:30-11:30 DO: Kerry & Tricia	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed BOD 6pm	Bingo 5:30-9pm	EWEB Retirees and Card players 11-2pm Wear your GREEN St. Patty meeting Fried Chicken Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Meeting 9-1pm Game Night Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Barry	Coast2Coast Dancing 5:30-11:30 DO: Kerry & Tricia	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed Blood Drive 9am to 2pm	Bingo 5:30-9pm	EWEB Retirees and Card players 11-2pm Pork Chops Lodge Meeting 7pm	BNI Meeting 9-1pm Game Night Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm DO: Sally	Coast2Coast Dancing 5:30-11:30 DO: Kerry & Tricia	
29	30	31					
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Bingo 5:30-9pm					

What is stopping you from coming to the Lodge?

Are the events and activities we are doing not what you are interested in?

Are we not supporting a community charity you would like us to?

Or something else?

Lets us know!

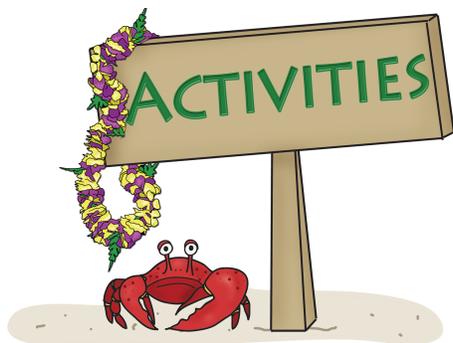


Call the office or send an email to let us know how to get you back involved.

Without activate members we struggle to put on events and activities.

And it can affects the work we as ELK's do in the community.

Remember we help here locally with the Candle Lighters , the Science Center, Scholarships, Veterans!





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Membership Renewal 2025-2026

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

Optional Donations

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 \$ _____