



THE EUGENE ELKLET 357

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF EUGENE ELKS LODGE NO. 357 Vol. 81 No. 5 May 2026



Come celebrate Mother's with us,

at our

Mother's Day Brunch May 9th

(RSVP by Friday May 1st)

9:30am to 11:30am

\$13.00 for everyone over 10 years old

Mother's eat for Free

Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, French Toast

Sticks, and Biscuits with gravy





Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness

As we dive into the new Elk year, we are hoping for growth in our volunteer group. This is an area that is needed to keep our lodge open for activities. There are over 200 members in the lodge and only about 10 that help regularly. Helping with one event every other month would be a huge help to give a break to the ones that help with multiple events. In April we had help from Barry R., Floyd B., Donnie L., Patty J., Joey B., Bruce M., Chris A., Kerry O., Diane M., Stephen M., Perci A., Hank S., Shane and Bill W. They helped with Bingo, lunch services, the Vet Café, Saturday night dancing, repairs to our building, getting supplies for dinners and multiple events. Please think about Volunteering as it helps our lodge and helps us continue to help our Community.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Eugene Elks BPOE #357

www.elks.org - Secretary@elks357.org

Lodge Office Hours (April to February): Tuesday—Thursday 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

Facebook: Eugene Elks Lodge #357

Officers: 2026 - 2027

Exalted Ruler: Tricia Brandsness (Joey)
Leading Knight: Vacant
Loyal Knight: Kerry Oliver
Lecturing Knight: Bill Wood (Cecil)
Secretary: Beverly Stewart (Bob)
Treasurer: Terry Brant (Ginni)
Tiler: Floyd Bard (Jill)
Esquire: Bill McMahan (Karen)
Chaplin: Joey Brandsness (Tricia)
Inner Guard: Sally Stice
Organist: Donna Brant

Board of Trustees: 2026 - 2027

Five Year: Bob Stewart (Bev)
Four Year: Bruce McLennan (Betty)
Three Year: Stephen McKinley (Diane)
Two Year: Diane McKinley (Stephen)
One Year: Jazzman Manning

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

Ralph Dinnel (541) 510-8690

*****We are working on getting update pictures of the officers.**

Lodge Treasurer - Director of the Board—Terry Brant



We are doing it AGAIN, one of our members is giving \$500.00 to the person who brings in the most members from April to September.

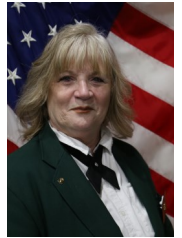
Will that be you?

Lodge Secretary

I want to thank everyone for the tremendous response to my request in the April Elklet, where I requested Veterans and updated email/address information.

We ended the year with 222 members, and already have more people lined up to join.

Now is the time to pay your dues for the 202-2027 year. Please give me a call at 541-345-8416 to make payment arrangements. Thank you for your support, Fraternally, Beverly Stewart



Esteemed Loyal Knight and Membership Chairman

The Elks underlying principles are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. I will expand on Fidelity – is a Core Value Maintaining loyalty to American patriotism, to the organization’s principles, and one another. We are Now in our New Elks Lodge Year. Thank you for sponsoring new members. If you are interested in the following position of Leading Knight please reach out to any officer.



Thank you, Kerry Oliver

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

2026 will be the 129th year the Eugene Elks Lodge #357 has been a part of Lane County, Oregon. We have supported and contributed to, numerous Charitable Organizations throughout the county that benefited all ages and all walks of life. Over that period our Lodge has had many ups and downs, but we have always prevailed by following our belief in God, Family and Country. Our greatest strength lies in our members, who are compassionate, caring and community minded. That is what the Eugene Elks #357 is all about. This year I was asked to take the position of Lecturing Knight as we had no other volunteers. Because I believe in the organization and I respect and admire our other Officers who have stepped up to help keep this Elks Lodge thriving and functioning, I accepted this position. I am quite sure I will make mistakes, but I will do the best I can.

Although I am almost 90 years old and have some health issues, I can still think (most of the time), I can still get around (most of the time) and I can still drive safely (at least I think I can). So, thank you for allowing me to fill this position. Volunteering is not always easy, but it is the life blood of Fraternal Organizations like the Elks. Please consider Volunteering your time. I have heard that the more we socialize and keep busy as we get older, the happier we and those around us will be.

Bill Wood, Lecturing Knight
(Picture will be coming)

Events and News



We are very lucky to have Preston and Gwen play at our lodge over the last 10 year for **tips ONLY**. We also have not charged a cover charge.

Please remember to tip them for their time and energy that the whole band puts in.

Listed below is their schedule for the next six months.

May 1st - Country Flash back

June 5th - Country Flash back with audience participation

July 10th - Country Flash back

August 7th - Blue Hawaii—wear your Hawaiian gear!!!

September 4th - Country Flash back

October 2nd - 50' and 60's Sock Hop with Rootbeer Floats!!



Saturday Dancing with Coast2Coast Country Dance and DJ

Doors Open at 5:30 to 11:30pm

Bar and Kitchen open at 5:30pm

Learn how to Western Swing - Class starts 6pm to 6:30

(you DO NOT need to come with a partner)

then a Line dancing Class 8pm to 8:30pm



NO cover charge if you are a lodge member and present your Membership Card

There is a \$5.00 cover charge for Non-Members, so why not join today!



Come have dinner and stay for the music!
The Survivors play 50's all the way to the 90's
Friday 8th 6- 9pm; Bar & Kitchen open at 5:00pm
No Cover

Vote News:

The vote for new flooring for the lodge room, entry, bar, and pool table area's was passed on the floor of the lodge Wednesday, April 15th. At the time of this writing, we are negotiating the installation dates when the flooring will be replaced. So keep your eyes open as those dates will be posted in the lodge and will appear on Facebook.



Do you know you have a choice for Garbage service??
Royal Refuse is a family own business since 1977
Call the Office at 541-688-5622 or
email Office@royalrefuse.com to find out service!

Annual Craft Fair—Saturday, Nov 14th from 10am to 4pm



Hey all crafters! We are looking for people who do any kind of crafts, baked goods, woodwork, and handmade items of any kind to sell. Specialty offerings like reading Taro cards, palms, astrology charts, Henna tattoos, affixing hair extensions, running kids games or anything else are also welcome. The rental fee for an 8' table will be \$25.00. If you don't craft or bake we could use your help to set up before the event and clean-up afterwards. Questions? Please call the lodge office at 541/345-8416 and leave a message for Diane McKinley.

Life Screening

Friday the 15th - 8am to 5:30pm

**Did not get their flyer before needing to go to print.
Keep an Eye Out on Facebook**



Great news! The FBI background results are completed and approved. The Lottery folks came in to outline the wiring needed to get all of the machines and equipment set up prior to the delivery of the Video lottery machines and Keno board. For players convenience we are looking to install an ATM machine as well. We hope to have all machines up and running sometime in May/June. This is just another reason to come visit the Lodge! We will post the grand opening date at the Lodge and on Facebook soon and will leave the light on for you!

Every Tuesday night is Bingo night at the lodge. 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/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. Additionally, we offer a variety of candies and chips, for \$1.00 each at the Sales table. **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.

We appreciate all of our player's attendance and hold weekly and monthly attendance drawings. Once a month we also hold a Player Appreciation Night which this month is scheduled for 5/19.

Blue Ticket Membership \$100.00 <i>Must be present to win</i>
3/4/26
Marie Kennemer \$100
Jess Drury \$25
3/11/26
Steve Karter \$100
3/18/26
Frank Borner \$100
Denise James \$100
Phyllis Reinhard \$25
3/25/26
Barry Robinson \$100



Dinner Winners Do not need to be Present
3/4/26
Shari Sherk
Joyce Anderson
3/11/26
Stephen Lopez
Marilym Brooks
3/18/26
Donna Henerson
Akim Kaiser
3/25/26
Carma Schumann
Frank Krebs



May Birthday's



Schumacher, Susan
 Arscott, Kim
 Beurmann, Kenzie
 Root, Charles
 Schafer, Robert
 Vollbrecht, Patricia
 Albert, Mitch

Cottel, Donald
 Wood, William T
 Lary, Lynn
 Keating, Mattew
 Rode, George
 Quartly, Alex
 Rupp, Wayne

Bard, John
 Henderson, Donna
 Merrow, Ronald
 Sousa, Richard
 Wood, Bill
 Firneisz, Gilbert
 Johnson, Isabel

Don't forget to use your Free meal during the month of your birthday



Kerry Oliver
 State Farm Insurance Agent
 541-654-0737



Sickness & Distress

- ◆ A Celebration of life was held for Rick Hanson who passed away recently at the Beaverton Elks
- ◆ Jim is doing well
- ◆ Bill was diagnosed with Pulmonary fibrosis
- ◆ Sally is doing better and coming to lodge on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Bobbie had a urgent surgery and is doing okay.



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 meetings, 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 .



Hankering for something to do on Friday nights? To drop in some place local, not too expensive, meals cooked to order, a game of chance, and surrounded by friendly folks? Well, read on my friends because you only have to go as far as the Eugene Elks Lodge. Dinner is served from 5-7 pm where you can order off menu or enjoy the Friday special.

Once there, you are greeted and seated by friendly people. After sipping on your favorite libation, you see people buying tickets to play the Queen of Hearts game. Stephen McKinley announced that the current balance is over \$3,100.00, so you buy a few tickets, fill in your name and card number and put them in the box. The winner is drawn at 6:30 pm and you think, "Wouldn't it be fun to top off my evening by winning"!

You may also buy tickets at the lodge office from Bev, Tues. – Fri., from 10-3:00 pm. Stephen McKinley will also be at the lodge on Wednesday and Friday evenings to sell tickets. The sales close every Friday at 6:30 pm. Sold tickets are put into a drum and the winning ticket is drawn. Come on down and get it a try.

Specializing in Seniors in Transition



Selling a home during life's transitions doesn't have to be stressful. I help seniors and their families with downsizing, estate sales, and probate –providing trusted guidance from start to finish. ★★★★★



Kim Arscott
541.521.3567
Kim@Arscottrep.com

Certified: Senior Real Estate Specialist, Probate, Graduate of Real Estate Institute
Hybrid Real Estate - 701 High St, Eugene OR 97401 - 541.343.0322

Offices in Eugene & Bend

ASPEN WILDLIFE SERVICES Inc.

"Wild About Control"

Terry Brant
cell 541-968-8727
wildaboutcontrol@gmail.com
www.aspenwildlifeservices.com

P.O. Box 72474
Eugene, Oregon 97475
Office/Fax 541-485-6011

ODF&W Registered,
WCO #100024
CCB# 202447

		May		2026			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
					Dinner Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm Music w/Preston 6-9pm	Coast 2 Coast Dancing 530-1130pm Kitchen 5:30-830pm Bar 530-1115pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Bar/Kitchen open 5pm	EWEB Retirees 11am Jill B Cards noon Lodge Meeting 7pm Mexican	BNI Private Event 9-12pm Union Meeting 6-8pm Bar Open 5-8:30pm	Dinner Menu 5-7pm Special—Country Fried Steak Queen of Hearts 630pm Music w/Survivors 6-9pm	Mother's Day Brunch 9:30 to 11:30am Coast 2 Coast Dancing 530-1130pm Kitchen 5:30-830pm Bar 530-1115pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Soroptimist 11:45am  5-9pm Bar/Kitchen open 5pm	EWEB Retirees 11am Bill Woods 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Shepards Pie	BNI Private Event 9-12pm Life Screening 8am-530pm Dinner off Menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 630pm	Private Event 8-4 Coast 2 Coast Dancing 530-1130pm Kitchen 5:30-830pm Bar 530-1115pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Bar/Kitchen open 5pm	EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Salisbury Steak	BNI Private Event 9-12pm Dinner Menu 5-7pm Special-Tilapia Queen of Hearts 630pm	Coast 2 Coast Dancing 530-1130pm Kitchen 5:30-830pm Bar 530-1115pm		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Lodge Closed	Memorial Day Lodge Closed	 5-9pm Bar/Kitchen open 5pm	EWEB Retirees 11am Lodge Meeting 7pm Fried Chicken	BNI Private Event 9-12pm Dinner menu 5-7pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm	Coast 2 Coast Dancing 530-1130pm Kitchen 5:30-830pm Bar 530-1115pm		



Eugene Elks Lodge No. 357
 P.O. Box 2475
 Eugene, OR 97402

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 EUGENE, OR
 PERMIT NO. 357



Membership 2026 –2027

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 _____ 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 \$ _____