

Billy Webb Elks Lodge #1050 and Dahlia Temple #202



Restoring Legacy, Inspiring Youth and Building Community

ABOUT THE LODGE

Billy Webb Elks Lodge has long been a center for music, culture, social gatherings, and volunteer work in the heart of Portland's historically Black Albina District.

After a fire in 2021, we are rebuilding to create a community center for music and culture, volunteering, education, and fun events. Together we celebrate culture, bring generations together, and serve our community. We hope you will join us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IN PART

To promote Charity, Justice, and Fidelity to our members and the community.

JOIN US IN

- **Rebuilding** a cherished institution
- **Empowering youth** through mentorship and leadership.
- **Connecting generations** through fellowship.
- **Preserving Black History** while investing in the future.



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KEY MOMENTS

- 1926** Built as a YWCA for African American women and girls when downtown Portland excluded Black residents
- 1959** Acquired by Billy Webb Elks Lodge; became a hub for music, culture, activism, and community service
- 1960s–2000s** Hosted NAACP meetings, youth programs, coat and food drives, holiday dinners, scholarships, and nonprofit gatherings
- 2021** Fire destroyed the ballroom and roof; building closed
- 2026** Phase One stabilization completed; Phase Two renovation underway
- December 2026 – January 2027** Reopening as Elks Lodge and nonprofit community center for all Oregonians



“It was a meeting place for the NAACP, Oregon Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs, Urban League, and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). We brought the Tuskegee Airmen to meet our community at the Lodge. Lodge members were central to the coalition that addressed gerrymandering, and that work allowed us to elect Oregon’s first African American State Senator.” — Senator Robert Boyer, retired



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Join**, become a Lodge member
- **Volunteer** in community projects
- **Donate** to support the cause

or go to www.BillyWebbElksLodge.org

