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Congratulations to our new Officer Corps for the 2025 - 2026 year seen here preparing to be installed. Thank you to all the PERs in attendance who performed installations.



ER and First Lady showing off the “sparkly shoes”



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& Fidelity

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Wed/Thurs/Fri 1pm to 4pm

**2025-2026**



## Exalted Ruler's Message

2025-26 Exalted Ruler

**Dwayne Bull**

### Loyalty: The Heartbeat of the Elks Lodge

Loyalty is the foundation of the Elks Lodge, shaping our bonds as members and guiding our service to the community. It's not just a word but a commitment to each other and the values we uphold.

### A Commitment to One Another

Loyalty in the Elks Lodge starts with the relationships we build. As members, we support one another through good times and bad, celebrating milestones and offering help when needed. This bond makes our Lodge a welcoming family.

### Loyalty to the Lodge's Purpose

Our mission of charity, community service, and brotherhood is a responsibility we carry forward. By staying loyal to these values, we ensure the Lodge continues to serve the community, making a lasting impact through charitable work and volunteerism.

### Loyalty Beyond the Lodge

Our loyalty extends into our communities, where we live the values of honor, integrity, and compassion. Whether through outreach programs or supporting local initiatives, the Elks' loyalty is felt far beyond the Lodge doors.

### A Legacy Built on Loyalty

The legacy of the Elks Lodge is a testament to the power of loyalty. Our commitment to service has stood the test of time, and as we look forward, the strength of the Elks will continue to rely on this unbreakable bond.

Loyalty is what unites us and drives our mission to make a positive difference. It's the heartbeat of the Elks Lodge, ensuring we remain a strong, supportive community for generations to come.

**Attention Members!** Find your membership number printed somewhere in this bulletin OR have a Birthday this month to receive a FREE BEVERAGE! 1418

### Past Exalted Rulers

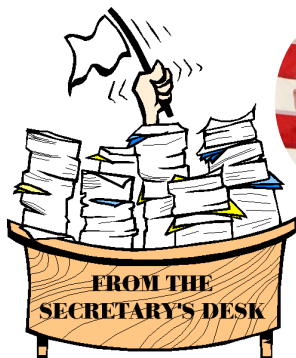
\*Orlo Bagley, 1953-1954  
 \*Arthur Nolt, 1955  
 \*Edward Hoover, 1955-1956  
 \*Cecil Gum, 1957  
 \*Carl "Ed" Jones, 1958  
 \*David Slayton, 1959  
 \*Dean Webb, 1960  
 \*Lyle Horn, 1961  
 \*Dan Andrieson, 1962  
 \*Mac McIntire, 1962  
 \*Walt Allen, 1963  
 \*Harry Gibson, 1964  
 \*Fred Langston, 1965  
 \*Jack W. King, 1966  
 \*Gordon Elfving, 1967  
 \*Hubert Leuck, 1968  
 \*Gary Anderson, 1969  
 \*Joe King, 1970  
 \*Walter Dix, 1971  
 \*Bill Denham, 1972  
 \*Larry Hill, 1973  
 \*Jim Mathews, 1974  
 Dick Gilkison, 1975  
 Jim Hoover, 1976  
 \*Harold Hurst, 1977  
 \*Ron Johnson, 1978  
 Roy Rowlett, 1979  
 \*Tom Clontz, 1980  
 Mike Heckman, 1981  
 Mike McCarty, 1982 -1983  
 \*Gordon Nyleen, 1984  
 Mike McCarty, 1985  
 Rick Carlton, 1986  
 Tim Horn, 1987  
 Alan Snyder, 1988  
 \*Pat Donohoo, 1989  
 \*Dave Clark, 1990  
 Ken Massingale, 1991  
 Jerry Bakke, 1992  
 Wayne Wiscarson, 1993  
 \*Chuck Fritz, 1994  
 Mike Jacobson, 1995  
 Tim Horn, 1996  
 Merv Kwandt, 1997  
 Ken Ward, 1998  
 \*Keith Davis, 1999  
 Bryan Nelson, 2000  
 Dan Coonrod, 2001  
 \*Russ Alexander, 2002  
 Randy Pitcher, 2003  
 \*Chuck Fritz, 2004  
 Dan Coonrod, 2005  
 \*Terie Harrison (Bruley), 2006  
 Chris Carroll, 2007  
 John Silva, 2008  
 Dan Coonrod, 2009  
 Jerry Kerns, 2010  
 Clint Johnson, 2011  
 Francis Koster, 2012  
 \*Beverly Adams, 2013  
 Eddie Bock, 2014  
 Bill Jones, 2015  
 Donn Merrick, 2016  
 Aaron Kitterman, 2017  
 Marie Ammon, 2018  
 Mona Dunlap, 2019  
 Ralph Dinnel, 2020  
 Marie Ammon, 2021  
 Bill Jones, 2022  
 Mike McCarty, 2023  
 Dwayne Bull 2024  
 \*Deceased

OFFICERS	
Exalted Ruler	Dwayne Bull
Leading Knight	Lenny Layng
Loyal Knight	Carol layng
Lecturing Knight	Karen Norris
Esquire	Glenda Short
Chaplain	John Baker
Inner Guard	Eileen Eichler
Tiler	Andrea Griffith
Secretary	Ralph Dinnel (PER)
Treasurer	Brad Chapman
TRUSTEES	
Trustee 5yr	Marie Berry (PER)
Trustee 4yr	Walter "Shorty" Berry
Trustee 3yr	Randy Pitcher (PER)
Trustee 2yr	Dalton Perry
Trustee 1yr	Tim Horn (PER, PDDGER)
District Chairman	
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PDDGER	Mike Heckman (PER)
PDDGER	Mike McCarty (PER)
PDDGER	Tim Horn (PER)
PDDGER	Harry Gibson (PER)
PDDGER	Walter Dix (PER)

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**Deadline for submitting articles is listed on the calendar.**

*Items can be submitted via email to our editor, Dwayne Bull at Dwayne.bull68@gmail.com (913-956-9643). Please put Cottage Grove Elks Gazette in the subject line. All advertising artwork should be submitted as a JPEG; all other submissions can be sent in the body of an email or in Word.*



Secretary  
Ralph  
Dinnel  
(PER)

Thank you to everyone who has already turned in your dues! As of March 10th we have already had 135 turned in. Remember starting on April 1st you will need your new card to get the door to open. Congratulations to all of the new officers.

Ralph Dinnel  
Secretary



### Sickness & Distress...

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Denise Logan and Janice Young will be having surgery. Chris Babcock fell and broke her arm.



### Vacant Chair...

Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

~ None at this time ~



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### ~ Membership ~

The following have been proposed for membership in our Order, or are seeking transfer/reinstatement:

#### By Initiation:

~ None at this time ~

#### Reinstatement or Transfer:

~ Jan Graham ~

#### Applications for Life Membership

~ None at this time ~

### Membership Report

#### Beginning Membership Total on 4/1/24: 320

Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated to date: 38

Dropped, Transferred, Deaths to date: 17

#### Membership Total to date: 341

Gain/Loss: 21

Delinquency: 29

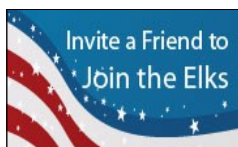
Lapsation Rate: 9.06%

Applications on Hand: 2

Life Members: 29

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Percentage: 9.38%



~Submitted by Ralph Dinnel  
Lodge Secretary

## April Birthdays

Receive a free beverage this month!



Sara Cunningham, Richard Kline, Donald Place, Jan Winders, Norman Bender, Alfred Gonzales, Michael Stovall, Heidi Walston, Benjamin Dubbs, Perry Thiede, Melvin Gowing, Ernest Olson, Mike Hubbs, Wynne Schumacher, Candiss Stovall, Wayne Wiscarson, Lynn Hoekstra, Albert Caporale, Francis Koster, Juan Buractaon, Brad England, Margaret Morehead, Dave Johnson, Mona Dunlap, Joseph Herman, Roy Rowlett





Lodge Committees	
Auditing and Accounting	Louis Roner
Events Coordinator	Andrea Griffith
Fraternal	Lenny Layng
Accident Prevention	Dalton Perry
PER Association	Randy Pitcher
Standing Relief	Dwayne Bull
Public Relations	Janice Young
Youth Activities	David Whetham
Hoop Shoot	John Baker
Drug Awareness	Andrea Griffith
Americanism	Karen Norris
ENF	Bill Jones
Flag Day	Lenny Layng
Elks Memorial Day	Bill Jones
Membership	Ralph Dinnel
Veterans Service	Glenda Short
Should you have questions and need to reach a Chairperson, please call the Lodge and the message will get to the right person.	

**Leading Knight**  
Lennie Layng

Glenda is my choice for Elk of the Month for April. Glenda has stepped up and helped out with multiple events and is always willing to help. Every so often we hear that former Marine come out take charge and we love it. Her dedication to serving Veterans as well as Elkdom in general is admirable. Keep up the good work.



*By virtue of having been designated*  
**Elk of the Month**  
*Is presented to*  
**Glenda Short**



*By virtue of having been designated*  
**Volunteer of the Month**  
*Is presented to*  
**Dalton Perry**

My selection for volunteer for the month of April is Dalton Perry. He is the head of the bottles and cans crew and he makes sure we have donuts every Monday morning. He also puts on a heck of a chicken fried steak dinner. Dalton is also the longest standing member of the board of trustees. Dalton has a very good understanding of the proper procedures when dealing with lodge business and the proper procedures for making things go smoothly. Thank you Dalton for your dedication and time. You are very much appreciated.

It's April already and my next and final chair to observe is the Exalted Ruler. His biggest goal is to teach us the cardinal principles of our Order. They are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Each has been adopted as a motto of this principle station. It is symbolized by the star which shines above our altar.

Fidelity implies strict adherence to our obligation and faithfulness in the discharge of our duty as members of society. And even though he may try to strive to lead us all to be dedicated Elk members sometimes this can be difficult.

Sincerely your Leading Knight,  
Lenny Layng



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Anyone interested in helping with the Gazette? You need a Computer, access to email and Microsoft Publisher. Anyone can learn to use the program and really looking for someone creative that would like to take this on. Please contact Dwayne or Ralph. 2938



Brians's new Bar Manager shirt, courtesy of Andrea.

**Brandon Ervin (Owner)**  
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## Lost & Found

If anyone has lost something, please check at the bar. We hang on to things for a very long time hoping someone will claim them!



**Wed April 9th, 12 noon  
Ladies Luncheon  
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# Grand Lodge/ENF News

By Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A Schiefer

Incoming leaders start year with proactive mindset April is here and spring has finally arrived. It always feels like a new beginning in April, especially if you live in the colder regions of our country. A new fraternal Lodge year begins. I want to congratulate all the newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers. It is a proud moment to be installed and take on the challenge of providing leadership within your Lodge. Be sure to review and implement the programs of the 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Program booklet so you can continue showing "Elkdom's Heart For America." Make sure that you have all your committees prepared and that committee members know their responsibilities. Communication is the key. Financially, it is the Trustees and Officers who need to submit a budget to the Lodge for adoption no later than Pre-registration for Convention opens in April GRAND SECRETARY Bryan R. Klatt Online pre-registration for the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City opens April 1 and will be available at [elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm](https://elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm) through June 25. Registration will be open on Friday, June 27, from noon until 4:00 p.m. in the Kansas City Convention Center. Be advised, Exhibitors and Vendors will not be open at this time. Normal registration and Vendor/Exhibitor hours will begin Saturday, June 28, at 8:00 am. The online pre-registration fee is \$50 for all Members. The on-site registration fee will be \$60. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest. A registration badge will be required to enter the exhibit hall and all business sessions. Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER the last regular meeting in April or the following regular meeting. Your Lodge should be ready to present a sound budget to your Members. The annual report for the previous year is also due May 1 so make sure that your FRS financial reporting system is up to date. On a housekeeping note, you should review any by-laws or house rules and regulations that need to be updated. It's for the good of the Lodge to make everything orderly and that you always prioritize the integrity and safety of the Lodge. On a festive note, it's time to make a calendar of social events for your Lodge. Create reasonable, achievable monthly events that will excite and attract your membership. Outside of your Lodge you are encouraged to establish a community project that emphasizes charitable work. Your Lodge life should always have a balance of what you do inside your Lodge and outside in the community you serve. Don't forget to set aside May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of our country. Julia and I wish you a blessed Easter season. It is a celebratory time for our family. God bless you and God bless America!

## News From



Well, by now all of your officers should have been nominated and elected. I want to wish you all good luck and to having a very successful lodge year. Exalted Rulers - for some of you this is the last month as leader of your lodge. I hope you all had an interesting and enjoyable time in the big chair. New Exalted Rulers - by now you should have appointed all of your committee chairpersons. It is not only important to have a chairperson in position for your lodge committees, it is very important to have someone that will take that position seriously. The first step is to notify the Elk you have chosen that they are the chairperson. Each committee should have a manual describing their responsibilities. The chairperson needs to be aware of and willing to fulfill them. Your lodge budgets should be complete or close to it. A budget is

mainly an educated guess on how your lodge will do in the coming year, so please try to have a realistic budget for your members to vote on. That means don't inflate your income numbers or come in way too low on your expenses. If you are way off on your numbers, you are only doing your lodge and your members a disservice. At the end of February we had 406 candidates awaiting initiation. If we can initiate all of these candidates we will finish the year with another gain in membership. We have this month to make our association grow. So, let's get these candidates processed and make them a part of the greatest organization in America

As always, persevere and innovate.





# April 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1       <b>Officers and BOD mtg 5p</b>	2  6:30p  Burgers 5—7p	3  <i>Balloting</i> <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30p</b>	4  <b>Chicken Fried Steak \$10 5 - 6:30p</b>  <b>Karaoke 8p</b> <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	5  6:30 p <b>Potluck</b>  <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
6       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	7       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	8       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	9  6:30p  Burgers 5—7p	10       <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30p</b>	11   <b>Ham Dinner 5 - 6:30p \$10</b>  <b>Karaoke 8p</b> <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	12   <b>Lodge Rental</b>  <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
13  <i>Gazette Deadline</i>  <b>Bunco 4:00p \$10 buy in</b> <i>Lodge Closed</i>	14       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	15       <i>Orientation</i> <i>Lodge Closed</i>	16  6:30p  Burgers 5—7p	17       <i>Initiation</i> <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30p</b>	18   <b>Steak Feed 5 - 6:30p \$12</b>  <b>Billy Bash Karaoke 7:30p</b> <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	19   <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>  <b>Texas Hold-em 430p</b> <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
20       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	21       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	22       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	23  6:30p  Burgers 5—7p	24       <b>Lodge Mtg 7:30p</b>	25   <b>Fish Fry 5 - 6:30p Prices vary</b> <i>Summer Conv</i> <b>Karaoke 8p</b> <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	26   <b>Lodge Rental</b>  <i>Summer Conv</i> <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
27  <b>Rise n' Shine Breakfast 8 - 11a \$10</b>  <i>Lodge Closed</i>	28       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	29       <i>Lodge Closed</i>	30  6:30p  Burgers 5—7p			

Please invite guests. After three visits, please help them become part of our Elks family. We would love to see them more. Members must pay for their guests drinks in the Lounge and guests must sign in.



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## Upcoming Events...

12th - Lodge rental  
19th - Easter Egg hunt /Texas Hold-em  
25th - Summer Convention  
26th - Summer Convention

Remember...  
No ONE of Us  
is as Powerful as ALL of Us!  
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## Cottage Grove *Elks* Friday Night Dinners



**First Friday** ~ Chicken Fried Steak , potatoes, corn  
\$10



**Second Friday** ~ Ham Dinner, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots \$ 10~

**Third Friday** ~ Steak Feed, 5-6:30pm. Steak, potato, veggie, salad, dessert & coffee,  
\$12



**Fourth Friday** ~ Fish Fry, 5-6:30pm. Fish, chips & coleslaw. 1 piece = \$6 2 piece = \$8 3 piece = \$11 poppers and hush-puppies available.

