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Oregon District Deputies being sworn in Congratulations Ralph!!!!

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Section 8 golf team who competed in the Golf Tourney

The tournament was a big success, over \$4,000 was raised this year. There were 15 teams that competed. A HUGE thank you to all our sponsors and contributors.

1st place went to the Andy Normand team, splitting 2nd and 3rd was the Mike McCarty team and the Doug Perky team.

K.P. winners are Eric Bishop, Andy Normand and Bill Dawson

Long Drive winner is Andy Normand

Long Putt winner is Bill Dawson

No tournament is complete without the crew, thank you all for manning the books, selling raffle tickets (Ben Adams, State Visual Chairman) and serving us a great lunch



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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

As Exalted Ruler of our Elks Lodge, I often take time to reflect on the values that define who we are—not just as members of a fraternal order, but as a family united by shared ideals and a deep sense of purpose. Our guiding principles—**Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity**—are not just words we recite. They are the moral compass that shapes our actions and strengthens our bond as Elks.

While each of these virtues holds great importance, it is *fidelity* that often acts as the quiet, steadfast force behind everything we do. It is the glue that binds our commitment to each other, our Lodge, and the greater mission of the Elks.

Fidelity means **loyalty**, yes—but it goes beyond that. It's about standing firm in our convictions, honoring our obligations, and showing up for one another—not just when it's easy, but especially when it's hard. It means being present, being dependable, and always holding true to the promises we make—to our fellow Elks, to our families, to our communities, and to the values of this great nation.

In our Lodge, we see fidelity in action every day. We see it when members rally around a fellow Elk in need. We see it in the hours volunteered to serve our veterans, the scholarships we award to deserving students, and the countless local causes we support year-round. This unwavering commitment is a powerful reflection of what it truly means to be an Elk.

Each time we gather—whether in ritual, celebration, service, or remembrance—we renew this sacred bond. We remind ourselves that being an Elk is not just a title. It is a lifelong promise rooted in honor, compassion, and mutual respect.

As we look toward the future, let us continue to live out fidelity in all that we do. Let us remain true to the principles that have made our Lodge strong for generations. And let us pass on this legacy with pride, knowing that our shared commitment today will ensure a vibrant and meaningful tomorrow.

Attention Members! Find your membership number printed somewhere in this bulletin OR have a Birthday this month to receive a FREE BEVERAGE! 3498

Past Exalted Rulers

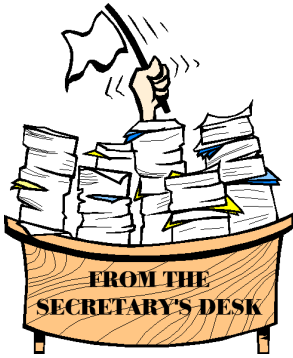
*Orlo Bagley, 1953-1954
*Arthur Nolt, 1955
*Edward Hoover, 1955-1956
*Cecil Gum, 1957
*Carl "Ed" Jones, 1958
*David Slayton, 1959
*Dean Webb, 1960
*Lyle Horn, 1961
*Dan Andrieson, 1962
*Mac McIntire, 1962
*Walt Allen, 1963
*Harry Gibson, 1964
*Fred Langston, 1965
*Jack W. King, 1966
*Gordon Elfving, 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

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Exalted Ruler	Dwayne Bull
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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.



I'd like to welcome our new Secretary, Brooke Baker and look forward to her future articles within the Gazette

Dwayne Bull
Exalted Ruler



Sickness & Distress...

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

~ None at this time ~



Vacant Chair...

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

~ Sandra Smith ~



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~ Membership ~

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

By Initiation:

- ~ Thomas Young III, proposer Ralph Dinnel ~
- ~ Richard Thayer, proposer Carol Layng ~

Reinstatement or Transfer:

- ~ Diane Thayer, proposer Carol Layng ~

Applications for Life Membership

~ None at this time ~

Membership Report

Beginning Membership Total on 4/1/25: 313

Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated to date: 4

Dropped, Transferred, Deaths to date: 4

Membership Total to date: 313

Gain/Loss: 0

Delinquency: 60

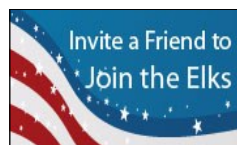
Lapsation Rate: 19.17%

Applications on Hand: 1

Life Members: 30

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Percentage: 9.90%



~Submitted by Ralph Dinnel
Lodge Secretary

August Birthdays

Receive a free beverage this month!



Jessica Keller, Shanna Venice, Michael R Chaplin, David W Fritz, June E Hills, Gregory Pittman, Merrill Harrison, Mervin L Kwandt, Samantha Mcihenny, Ronald C Dubbs, David Russell Whetham, Jennifer Henry, John Kincaid IV, David Rennert, Mike Scarpelli, Randolph W Reynolds, David Hanson, Alan Snyder, Wayne Quigley, Chris Badcock, Scott Fergason, Dwayne Young, Ralph Del Prete, Niki Hampton, James Philip Robinson, Haig Sentman, Ellen Horton, Paulette Koontz, Donn Rust, Denny Long, Randall D Pitcher, Shawn Savage.



Lodge Committees	
Auditing and Accounting	Louis Roner
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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

I have selected the dynamic duo of Lenny and Carol Layng as Elk of the month. They are the definition of an Elk being involved and volunteering on almost everything that this lodge does. Both of them give selflessly in the dinners, can booth, rodeo stand, officer roles and other activities. I am honored to know them and work beside them. Please continue to be a shining example of Elkdome.

COTTAGE GROVE
#1904



BY DWAYNE BULL
EXALTED RULER

By virtue of having been designated

Elk of the Month
Is presented to
Lenny & Carol Layng



By virtue of having been designated

Volunteer of the Month
Is presented to
Brenda Shepard

My volunteer for the month of August is Brenda Shepherd for all the hours she spent canvassing the community for sponsors for the annual Elks Golf Tournament. All the money she raised goes to the Casey Eye Institute. One of the Elk's biggest benefactors. Brenda put a lot of miles and hours of time plus the gift of gab getting all of the contributions and if I heard correctly, the Golf Tournament raised over \$4,000. Great job, I know Randy Pitcher appreciated all you did helping him make the golf tournament a success.

August is here and this month we will go over the duties of the Board of Trustees/ Board of Directors. After each annual installation they pick a chairman and a secretary. The chairman attends all DD clinics and the secretary keeps minutes of all Trustees meetings. The Trustees keep track of all monies earned and invested plus make sure all supplies and lodge expenses are paid and accounted for.

The Trustees also work out an annual budget that is due the first meeting in April for all the amenities of the lodge. The Trustees meet monthly to make sure the budget for all our amenities are maintained. They make sure the level of income comes in alignment with what is budgeted for. The Trustees are also called upon to keep us following proper procedure and to address any outside or internal issues that may arise.



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~ Thank you for serving! ~



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The Trustee group showing the Elk enamel pin from the ER



The First Lady awarding some "special badges" to Les and Ed

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Need to register in order to access the Member Only links. After you register, be sure to download and login to the **MyElks** app and see all the amazing things happening at Lodges all over the USA. 3415



Grand Lodge/ENF News

By Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A Schiefer

Elks showed heart, made 2024–25 a special year Happy Independence Day, the Fourth of July. We live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. We, as proud Elks, want to uphold the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in order to honor our great nation. This is the perfect time for me to reflect on this amazing year of travel to meet all of you. We could never in our wildest dreams have thought that we would have this great honor. We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, hospitality, and support in fulfilling our year as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. It was easy to stay enthused by visits: Heart. Everyone has to serve others to show what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are truly about. You are the reason we are 800,000 Members strong. You are the reason that we have more than 1,800 successful Lodges. You are the reason that we are the greatest charitable organization in the United States of America. We are strong, mighty, and blessed to be citizens in our great country, and I want to express my gratitude for your service to others. We would like to thank our family. We truly missed them during our travels, but they were always gracious and encouraging when we missed special events. We are so thankful for having such a loving family. God bless our family, the Elks, and God bless the United States of America. I believe that my motto, “Elkdom’s Heart for America” will live on for many years to come. Remember we are 157 years young!

News From



It’s been a whirlwind month! I’ve had the privilege of attending the Idaho Elks Convention, the Washington Elks Convention, the OR/WA PER Association, and then traveling to the National Convention in Kansas City. One of the greatest honors was carrying the Oregon flag during the opening ceremonies of the 160th Grand Lodge Convention. I also had the opportunity to participate in two presentations highlighting how Oregon and our fellow Area 8 states are innovating and promoting Elkdom. It was a tremendous experience representing our state. These visits aren’t just enjoyable—they’re an invaluable chance to learn from other Elks. Whether it’s new programs, creative fundraising ideas, or strategies for lodge growth, we have so much to gain from sharing with each other. After all, we are stronger together. But I keep hearing the

same concern everywhere I go: We need new and younger members. And while most of us agree on that, it’s one thing to say it—and another to truly follow through. Far too often, I’ve heard someone express the need for younger members, only to immediately criticize younger generations as “lazy” or “unmotivated.” What message does that send to potential members? So here’s my challenge to you: Reflect on yourself and your lodge. Is your lodge a place that doesn’t just talk about welcoming new members, but actually acts on it? Do you embrace fresh ideas—or shut them down with that old familiar phrase, “This is how we’ve always done it”? Do you support and mentor new members to become future leaders of our Order—or discourage them through criticism and resistance? If we want to grow and strengthen our Order, we can’t just talk the talk—we have to walk the walk. I’m excited for the upcoming district visitations starting in August and can’t wait to travel across Oregon, meet more of our members, and learn about the incredible work you’re doing in your communities. And let’s work together to ensure Elkdom is thriving for generations to come.

Fraternally,
Blake Whitson



August 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Chicken Fried Steak \$10 5 - 6:30p Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	2 Lodge Rental <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
3 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	4 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	5 Officer and BOD 5 pm <i>Lodge Closed</i>	6 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	7 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	8 Ham Dinner \$10 5 - 6:30p Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	9 Cribbage 4:30p \$10 buy in Potluck <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
10 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	11 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	12 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	13 6:30p Burgers 5—7p Ladies Lunch 10a	14 Lodge Mtg 7:30p <i>Balloting</i>	15 Steak Feed 5 - 6:30p \$12 Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	16 Lodge Picnic 1:00 p <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
17 Bunco 4p <i>Gazette Deadline</i> <i>Lodge Closed</i>	18 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	19 Orientation <i>Lodge Closed</i>	20 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	21 Lodge Mtg 7:30p <i>initiation</i>	22 Fish Fry 5 - 6:30p Prices vary Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	23 Lodge Rental <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
24 Rise n' Shine Breakfast 8 - 11a \$10	25 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	26 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	27 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	28 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	29 DU Bingo 5:00p	30 Mystery gift bag meeting 1:00p Ducks Football 1:00p <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
31 <i>Lodge Closed</i>						

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...

Aug 13th - Women's Lunch - TJs in Creswell
Aug 16th - Lodge Picnic
Aug 23rd - 50/50 at CG Speedway
Aug 29th - DU Bingo
Aug 30th - Duck football

Remember...
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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.

