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Our new members, Ashley Mamula, Brandi Presley, Samantha Mcilhenny, Daniel Wagoner and Ric O' Nion Welcome!



Elk of the Month recipients Tanner Walston (Nov) and Karen Norris (Dec)

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Exalted Ruler's Message
2024-25 Exalted Ruler
Dwayne Bull

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Wed/Thurs/Fri 1pm to 4pm

2024-2025

Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is a day to honor love and affection between intimate partners, friends, and even family members. Its origins trace back to ancient Rome, where it was originally a feast day named after Saint Valentine, a Christian martyr. Over time, the day evolved into a celebration of love, with people exchanging cards, flowers, chocolates, and gifts as expressions of their feelings.

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dwayne Bull
Leading Knight	Lenny Layng
Loyal Knight	Karen Norris
Lecturing Knight	Carol Layng
Esquire	Glenda Short
Chaplain	Denise Bedford
Inner Guard	Cristy Hill
Tiler	Andrea Griffith
Asst. Tiler	Maria Dawson
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

Golf	Randy Pitcher (PER)
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PDDGER	Mike McCarty (PER)
PDDGER	Tim Horn (PER)
PDDGER	Harry Gibson (PER)
PDDGER	Walter Dix (PER)

Though the holiday has its roots in both pagan and Christian traditions, it has become a widely recognized occasion for celebrating romantic love across cultures. For many, Valentine's Day is a reminder to appreciate loved ones, whether through grand gestures or simple acts of kindness. It's a day to embrace affection, connection, and the bonds that make relationships special.

Whether you're in a romantic relationship or celebrating platonic friendships, Valentine's Day offers a chance to show those you care about just how much they mean to you.

Brotherly love is the bond of deep affection and loyalty shared between brothers. It transcends just biological connections, extending to the emotional and supportive ties that form over time through shared experiences, challenges, and triumphs. This type of love is often built on mutual respect, trust, and understanding, creating a foundation for a lifelong friendship.

Brotherly love is unique in its ability to offer both comfort and camaraderie. Brothers often play the roles of protectors, confidants, and sounding boards, offering advice and encouragement during tough times. It is also marked by playful rivalry and shared memories, which add depth to the relationship.

At its core, brotherly love is about being there for each other—whether it's through a tough conversation or a silly joke. It's a love that grows stronger with time and remains a steady source of support, making it one of life's most enduring relationships.

Ever practice Brotherly Love.

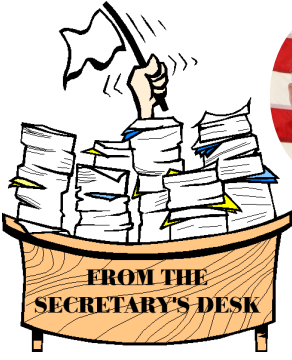
Attention Members! Find your membership number printed somewhere in this bulletin OR have a Birthday this month to receive a FREE BEVERAGE! 3396

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
- *Lary 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

*Deceased

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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)

As we come to the end of another Elks Year, I want to thank each and every one of you for being a member, without you there would be no Elks. Please be sure to look for your dues statement that Grand Lodge sends out. If you don't have it yet, you will soon. If possible please consider donating to one or more of the programs that are listed on the statement as optional.

Ralph Dinnel



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.

~ Paul Bowers 12/18/2024 ~



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~ Membership ~

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

By Initiation:

- Vicki Thouvenel, Proposer Daniel Wagoner
- Kayla Johnson, Proposer Dwayne Bull
- Randy Weston, Proposer Tanner Walston
- Scott Potter, Proposer Bryan Nelson
- Tammy Dubisar, Proposer Ralph Dinnel

Reinstatement or Transfer:

~ None at this time ~

Applications for Life Membership

~ None at this time ~

Membership Report

Beginning Membership Total on 4/1/24: 320

Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated to date: 30

Dropped, Transferred, Deaths to date: 9

Membership Total to date: 341

Gain/Loss: 21

Delinquency: 41

Lapsation Rate: 12.81%

Applications on Hand: 9

Life Members: 27

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Percentage: 8.75%



~Submitted by Ralph Dinnel
Lodge Secretary

February Birthdays

Receive a free beverage this month!



Jeff Arkyns, Melinda Cranmer, Patrick McCarty, Bryan Nelson, Timothy Horn, Oscar Lopez, Sandy Marie Rose, Michael McCarty, Todd Dunlap, Steven Blum, Sylvia Dougan, Gerald Mayes, Michael Cline, James Monroe, Roger Allen, Dan Jackson, Mickey Pattingale, Teresa Simons, Brent Bumpus, Dale Arp, Ralph Bull, Natalie Cardoza-Clark



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

I'm thrilled to announce Andrea Griffith as our Elk of the Month for February! Andrea is incredibly active in our community events and constantly goes the extra mile to enhance the lodge's presence. Her dedication as our bartender, Activity Chairperson, and Drug Awareness Chairperson, all while being a devoted mom, truly embodies the spirit of an Elk. Though we may sometimes think she's a little crazy, I deeply appreciate the challenges she takes on and her genuine care for both our members and the community. Keep up the fantastic work, Andrea—we're lucky to have you!



By virtue of having been designated
Elk of the Month
Is presented to
Andrea Griffith



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

My selection for February volunteer of the month is Perry Thiede. Perry is part of the bottles and cans crew and is there every Monday morning with a smile on his face. He also helps setting up tables and chairs for our Friday night dinners. Perry is also involved with the American Legion, VFW and the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum, so what time he has to dedicate to our Elks is much appreciated. Thank your for your dedication Perry.

This month I would like to emphasize the obligation of the Loyal Knight which is Justice.

Upon the Alter lies the open Bible. It is the emblem of this station, whose motto is Justice. Your obligation is to support the constitution of our order and the Bylaws of this lodge. Justice requires that your observance of that Obligation be full and complete.

I charge you to familiarize yourself with their every provision for, while Justice is not vindictive, it is exacting.

I hope my article has enlightened you to the obligation of another chair.

God Bless



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Superbowl
Sunday

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.



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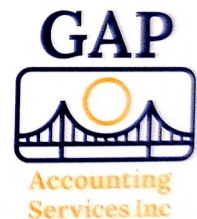
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Grand Lodge/ENF News

By Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A Schiefer

Positive energy helps new Officers get settled Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! On February 16, we celebrate 157 years of our great organization. On a personal note, my birthday is February 14. I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, especially my beautiful and amazing wife, Julia. This month is extremely important for Elkdom. First, new Officer elections should be held at your last monthly meeting. Second, you need to make sure those who are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year will be supported. The new Officers must be encouraged by others. Everyone should be dedicated to making the Lodge an active and effective Lodge internally and externally in the community. It would be a good time for the current Exalted Ruler to recognize any Member who sponsored or reinstated three Members by awarding them with the Grand Exalted Ruler pin. Please check out the activities program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee on other awards that Exalted Rulers can submit. It's time to recognize and encourage those who have shown a great deal of effort and dedication to what we do as Elks. February is an important month for Past Exalted Rulers to perform the ritual during their Lodges' Past Exalted Rulers Night. PERs deserve to be thanked for all they have done and for what they continue to do for your Lodge. The Contest 'A' - All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due soon, so it's a good time to get prepared to show the efforts you have made during the last year. It takes teamwork to achieve this very prestigious award. Honestly, most Lodges would qualify but don't fill out the form properly. It is important to score your efforts on the form provided. It's a great way for your Lodge to keep track of what you need to be doing. If you need assistance, contact your local area Fraternal Committee member. There are three winners named in each of the six membership divisions. Why not take the time to plan now and submit your form before the deadline. Be sure to include supporting documentation. You deserve to be recognized. Continue to demonstrate "Elks Care—Elks Share" and show "Elkdom's Heart For America." God bless our great Order and our troops, and God bless America.

News From



Ah, the start of a new year. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a festive New Year's Eve. As Elks, the children in our communities are a major reason we exist and to that end January is the start of a lot of the Elks contests for the students in your area. These activities are a chance for kids to be recognized for their hard work. While the Americanism Essay contest finished on December 15th, judging should be completed with lodge winners submitted to the district chair. Your lodge Hoop Shoot should already been held and your winners getting ready for the district shoot. Applications for the MVS scholarship closed in November, but the Legacy Scholarship is now open for children, stepchildren, and grandchildren of Elk members. This closes on February 3rd, so time is of the essence. The Drug Awareness Program







conducts several contests. These include an essay contest for 6th - 8th graders, a poster contest for 3rd - 5th graders, and for older students, a video contest. Details about these contests are available in the Drug Awareness section on the elks.org website. Artwork for our Eye Injury Prevention poster contest, which promotes eye safety, should be submitted to the lodges at the end of the month. I know that some school districts make it hard if not impossible to get access to the students, but we have to try. There are other ways to reach kids. These include church schools, the YMCA, and the Boys and Girls Club in your community. You might have other organizations that might be able to help you out.

And that is why we have to persevere and innovate.

Fraternally,
Steven Malone
OSEA President



February 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1   6:30 p Potluck <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
2 Ladies Lunch 1:30p Sol Azteca <i>Lodge Closed</i>	3 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	4 Officers and BOD mtg 5p <i>Lodge Closed</i>	5  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	6 PER Night Nominations round 1 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	7  Chicken Fried Steak \$10 5 - 6:30p Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	8  First Respon- ders Brunch Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5p <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
9 Supper Bowl Party 2:00p <i>Lodge Closed</i>	10 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	11 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	12  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	13 Nominations round 2 Balloting Lodge Mtg 7:30p	14  Ham Dinner 5 - 6:30p \$10 Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	15  Valentines Dinner 6:00p <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
16 <i>Gazette Deadline</i> Bunco 4:00p \$10 buy in <i>Lodge Closed</i>	17 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	18 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	19  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	20 Voting if needed Lodge Mtg 7:30p	21  Steak Feed 5 - 6:30p \$12 Billy Bash Karaoke 7:30p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</i>	22  Lodge Rental <i>Lodge Opens 5p</i>
23 Rise n' Shine Breakfast 8 - 11a \$10 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	24 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	25 Orientation Lodge Closed	26  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	27 Initiation Lodge Mtg 7:30p	28  Fish Fry 5 - 6:30p Prices vary Karaoke 8p <i>Lodge Opens 4:30p</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...

- 1st - Bingo Potluck
- 2nd - Women's lunch
- 8th - First Responders Brunch
- 9th - Superbowl
- 15th - Valentines Dinner
- 16th - Bunco
- 21st - Billy Bash Karaoke

Remember...
No ONE of Us
is as Powerful as ALL of Us!
THE VITAL LINK IS YOU!




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.



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