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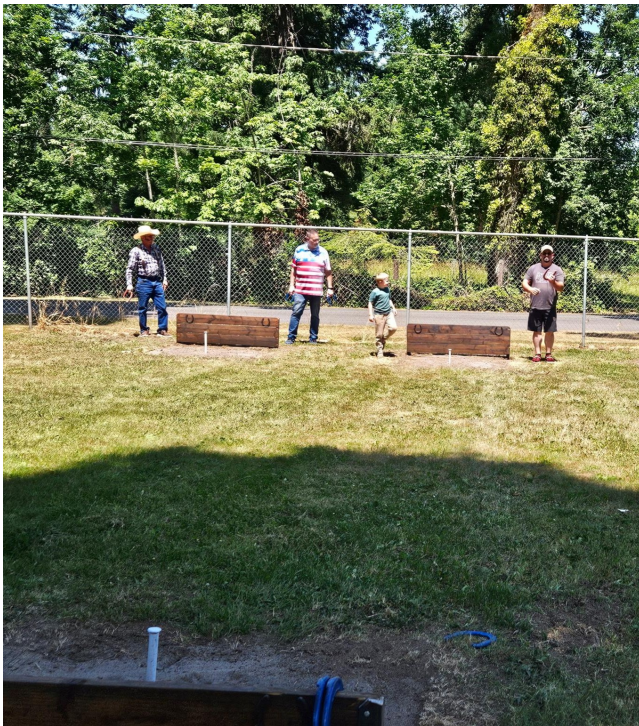
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Scenes from Father's Day. Ladies of the Lodge did an outstanding job this year. New Horseshoe pit boards made by Tanner were tested. Thanks to everyone who attended, cooked, brought a side dish and helped.



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& Fidelity



Exalted Ruler's Message

2025-26 Exalted Ruler

Dwayne Bull

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Lodge Secretary Hours:

Wed/Thurs/Fri 1pm to 4pm

2025-2026

Lodge Officers & Trustees

OFFICERS	
Exalted Ruler	Dwayne Bull
Leading Knight	Lenny Layng
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Lecturing Knight	Karen Norris
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Chaplain	John Baker
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Tiler	Andrea Griffith
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PDDGER	Mike McCarty (PER)
PDDGER	Tim Horn (PER)
PDDGER	Harry Gibson (PER)
PDDGER	Walter Dix (PER)

The 4th of July, Freedom, and the Elks Lodge

The 4th of July is a powerful reminder of America's enduring fight for freedom and independence. It marks the day in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed, giving birth to a nation built on liberty, justice, and the promise of equal rights. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedom—and the responsibilities that come with it.

For members of the Elks Lodge, these values are especially meaningful. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long championed patriotism, community service, and support for veterans. On Independence Day, Elks lodges across the country often host flag ceremonies, parades, and community events to honor the nation's founding and celebrate the freedoms we all enjoy.

The Elks' commitment to "God, Country, and Brotherly Love" mirrors the spirit of July 4th. It's not just about remembering the past, but also about serving the present—giving back, lifting others up, and protecting the liberties that define our nation. This Independence Day, Elks and Americans alike come together in gratitude, unity, and hope for a freer, stronger future.

Attention Members! Find your membership number printed somewhere in this bulletin OR have a Birthday this month to receive a FREE BEVERAGE! 2469

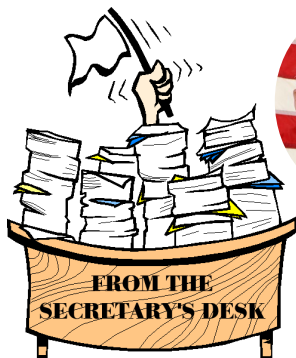
Past Exalted Rulers

*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 Matthews, 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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Secretary
**Ralph
Dinnel**
(PER)

Be sure to invite your friends and family to join the lodge. And please consider joining a committee to help out, we are always looking for help with meals and bingo and I am sure that there are other groups in the lodge that would love to have you join them.

Ralph Dinnel
Secretary



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. ✂

~ John Toffmark, Sandra Smith ~



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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:

~ None at this time ~

Applications for Life Membership

~ None at this time ~

Membership Report

Beginning Membership Total on 4/1/25: 313

Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated to date: 3

Dropped, Transferred, Deaths to date: 2

Membership Total to date: 314

Gain/Loss: 1

Delinquency: 69

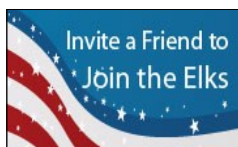
Lapsation Rate: 22.04%

Applications on Hand: 1

Life Members: 31

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Percentage: 10.22%



~Submitted by Ralph Dinnel
Lodge Secretary

July Birthdays

Receive a free beverage this month!



Dan Coonrod, Charlotte Bender, Butch Parent, Karen Norris, Edward Renfro, Dennis Pfaff, Greg Yoss, Kenneth Ward, Claire Leach, Ivan Lemarr, Varc Jones, Jack Hartness, Ann White, Jim Kielblock, Denise Logan, Pat Martin, David Whetham, Joshua Black, Alesia Craft, Bonnie Gould, Brandi Presley, Jack Haworth, Robin Ferren, Richard Henry, Robert Fields, Andrea Griffith, Emir Rodriguez, Tim Cranmer, Louis Roner, Timothy Eide, Kelly Pettingill, Leonard Layng, Tammy Schuck, Wayne Sage.



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 proud to recognize **Marie Berry** as our Elk of the Month. Marie has gone above and beyond in so many ways—grant writing, Snack Pack, dinners, event planning, and serving as a dedicated Trustee.

Her energy, dedication, and willingness to help wherever needed truly embody the spirit of Elkdome. Thank you, Marie, for all you do for our lodge!



By virtue of having been designated
Elk of the Month
Is presented to
Marie Berry



By virtue of having been designated
Volunteer of the Month
Is presented to
Mike McCarty

My volunteer of the month for July is **Mike McCarty**. Mike has taken on being the Exalted Ruler 4 times and has an abundance of information about the by laws and procedures of operation of the Elks lodge. Mike calls early bird bingo and served ice cream at more dinners than I can count. Thanks for your service Mike, and keep your sense humor and jolly demeanor.

It's July and my next Officers job duties will be the Esquire.

The duties of the Esquire are to organize the lodge before meetings and place the appropriate set of jewels at the proper station. He/she examines and introduces candidates and visiting members, superintends the confidential work and ballots for initiation and affiliation. The Esquire also transmits official messages within the lodge as directed by the Exalted Ruler. And in all public displays by the lodge shall officiate as marshal. The Esquire will perform such duties as may be required of them by the Laws of the Order or the By-laws of the lodge.



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~ Thank you for serving! ~



Welcome our new member
Sharla Gilliam

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. 3480

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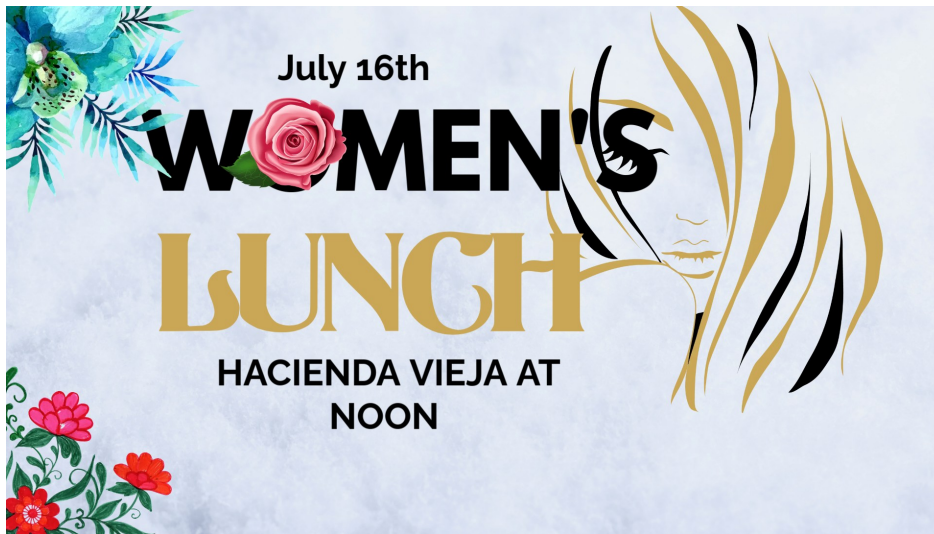
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Grand Lodge/ENF News

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 visiting each unique state convention. But there truly was a common bond in all of our 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



The year is off to a great start! Over the past month, I’ve had the pleasure of visiting several lodges and discussing all the amazing things we’re doing. As we head into the summer, I know many lodges scale back meetings or take some time off. However, I want to encourage you not to disappear from your communities during these months. Summer is filled with opportunities to stay engaged and visible. Community farmers markets, parades, festivals, and events like National Night Out in August offer perfect chances for the Elks to show who we are and what we do. Participating in these events builds awareness and strengthens community connections. Another important reminder:

don’t keep candidates waiting all summer. If someone is excited to join, let’s not make them wait months to be initiated. Consider holding special initiation meetings during the summer. When enthusiasm is high, it’s the best time to welcome new members. I also want to highlight the resources available to help your lodge succeed. Years ago, I attended a leadership retreat where we were blindfolded and placed in a maze. Facilitators inside the maze repeatedly asked, “What do you need?” We could ask for anything—but the only way out was to ask them directly for help. The lesson? Sometimes we hesitate to ask for help because we see it as a sign of weakness. In reality, the real mistake is trying to tackle everything alone. There is no shame in seeking assistance. We have numerous resources and talented individuals throughout our association who are eager to support you. Don’t hesitate to reach out to the Training Committee, Business Practices Committee, Public Relations Committee, or any of our program committees. These teams are here to help you have the most successful year possible. The earlier you ask for help, the sooner you can make meaningful progress. Let’s work together to ensure the continued growth and success of our lodges. Remember: The Elks Are Stronger Together!

Blake Whitson OSEA President



July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	1 Lodge Closed	2  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	3 No Lodge Elks Race Day at the speedway	4 Lodge closed for Holiday Lodge Closed	5 Lodge closed Lodge Closed 
6 Lodge Closed	7 Mystery Gift Bag meeting	8 Lodge Closed	9  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	10 Lodge Mtg 7:30p Balloting	11 No Dinner No Karaoke Lodge Opens 4:30p	12 Lodge Rental Lodge Opens 5p 
13 Lodge Rental Lodge Closed	14 Lodge Closed	15 Officer and BOD 5 pm Lodge Closed	16  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	17 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	18 Steak Feed 5 - 6:30p \$12 Karaoke 8p Lodge Opens 4:30p	19 Lodge Rental Lodge Opens 5p 
20 Bunco 4p Gazette Deadline Lodge Closed	21 Lodge Closed	22 Orientation Lodge Closed	23  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	24 Lodge Mtg 7:30p initiation	25 Fish Fry 5 - 6:30p Prices vary Karaoke 8p Lodge Opens 4:30p	26 Lodge Rental Lodge Opens 5p 
27 Rise n' Shine Breakfast 8 - 11a \$10 Lodge Closed	28 Lodge Closed	29 Lodge Closed	30  6:30p Burgers 5—7p	31 Lodge Social night and Potluck 6:00 p		

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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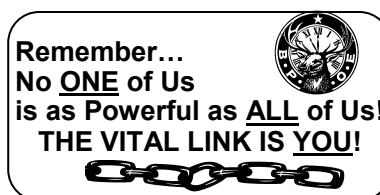
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Upcoming Events...

July 3rd - Elks night at the Races
July 4th - Lodge closed
July 6th - Lodge closed
July 16th - Ladies lunch Hacienda Vieja
July 31st - Social night at the lodge potluck 6p



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.