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What a Summer it's been. Of course, what would Summer be without great events! Here's some pictures from our Elks at the Em's Night and the Summer Celebration! See page 6 for pictures from our Elkaritas Luau!





PER Association Officers

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 Secretary PER Pam Taylor
 Treasurer PER Keith Pearson

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Dave Olheiser PSP, PDDGER	2003-04
Don Abraham* ** PDDGER	2004-05
Larry Clair	2005-06
Ayn Kellogg	2006-07
Ed Bailey**	2007-08
Dave Cholewinski	2008-09
Louie Araldi* (Coos Bay)	2008-09
Carla Kellogg	2009-10
Jim Alameda PSP, PDDGER	2010-11
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Kathy Araldi	2012-13
Mark McCullough	2013-14
Lisette Spencer** (K Falls) PDDGER	2014-15
Richard Tracy	2015-16
Pam Taylor	2016-17
Lisa K Pinter** (Salem)	2017-18
David Whitlock PDDGER	2018-19
Jerry Lee French	2019-20
Dianne Sharrah	2020-21
Barb Tyler	2021-22
Rick Armosino	2022-23
David Olheiser** PSP, PDDGER	2023-24
* Deceased ** Repeat	



Exalted Ruler Mickie Cook

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I know I certainly have. It's been very busy, and has gone by so fast.

With Grand Lodge, Home Coming Party, Lodge Baseball Game gathering, and Summer Celebration I have been having a blast. I'm looking forward to what the Fall Events will bring. again, several events are coming up. So make sure you check on the: **SAVE THE DATE:** in the bulletin. You don't want to miss out.

Starting September I'm selling Raffle tickets for 50/50. Monies allotted to Lodge Improvement. Each ticket is \$20.00. After selling 200 Raffle tickets, I will draw 2 tickets. Each worth \$1000.00.

Don't forget to come by the Lodge, to say howdy, and enjoy a meal or beverage. Drop in for our Lodge meeting, maybe see if there's something you could do to help out. Volunteers are always welcome.

Always looking for singers on Friday nights. Have a great month of September, I look forward to seeing everyone!

Sickness & Distress

Please let us know if you would like to be mentioned here. Call the office at 541-747-2145.

Jeri Lynn Whitlock - has to go see a cardiologist
Bernice Hill - passed away
Judy Tracy - lost her brother
Dave Cholewinski - had hip surgery, recovering at home
Frank Paiva - had surgery and is recovering at home
Travis Bell - had heart surgery
Ed Bailey - had surgery, recovering at home
Howard Robinson - lost his very good friend

***Please Say Prayers for Our members and Their Friends and Families

Oregon State Elks Association

Past State President PDDGER Jim Alameda
 Past State President PDDGER Dave Olheiser
 OSEA Hall of Fame PDDGER Don Rice
 West Vice President PDDGER David Whitlock

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler	Mickie Cook
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Loyal Knight	Howard Galvin
Lecturing Knight	John Logan
Esquire	Greg Bowman
Chaplain	Nancy Logan
Inner Guard	Susan Anderson
Tiler	Howard Robinson
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4 Yr. Trustee	Cindy Overlandmiller
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Terry Brant
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Lodge Honorees

Elk of the Year ~ Bill Kellogg
 Officer of the Year ~ John Logan
 Citizen of the Year ~ Dianne French

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"We shall meet, but we shall miss them"

The Vacant Chair



From the Leading Knight Dan Shults

Summer is ebbing and Fall is on the way. It's been a busy and fun summer capped by our Summer Celebration with Boots and Bling! Looking forward to shorter days, cooler weather and even looking forward to some rain. It's not too soon to mark our calendars for the Purple and White Ball. It will be held November 9 with a great dinner, charity baskets, 50/50 raffle and the Rick Miller Band for dancing.

Stay tuned for more. The Kamper Klub is off to Casey's RV Park later this month. Line Dancing on Tuesday and Wednesday Bingo are popular. Thursday Lodge meeting is also steak night with an available \$14 steak dinner. Come down Fridays and enjoy Chef Kevin's dinner specials and Karaoke. Lots of fun stuff. Come down, have a great meal, and spend time with friends. Welcome to September and Fall! See you at the Lodge.



From the Loyal Knight Howard Galvin

First off, a tip of the cowboy hat to our Lecturing Knight and his Partner In Crime for putting together a fabulous Summer Celebration!

Fall is my favorite season! The Days are cooler, fall colors will be coming soon, college football (GO DUCKS!) is happening, and the holiday season will be upon us. My committee is responsible for our Christmas Party(s). There are three main components to this celebration. First our Kids Party on Saturday December 14 th . We will be donating 20 food boxes to the needy as part of our Christmas Celebration. And we will have our adult party! Janice Curran will coordinate the Kids Party. The Lovely Lori Galvin will be our Food Box Coordinator. And I will handle the adult party. Each of these sub-committees needs help. Carl and Sue Smith have stepped up. Also Cheryl Warner has volunteered. Please consider serving on the committee. For The food boxes this year I am asking that 20 volunteers donate \$60 each to fund a single box. By doing it this way, we can assure that each recipient receives a consistent box. Please reach out and volunteer and pledge to make a Food Box Donation.



From the Lecturing Knight John Logan

Wow! What a party we had at the Summer Celebration. So many people to thank and I am in debt to for all they did to help pull off this great event. I'll do that at one of the lodge meetings coming up when I let everyone know just how well we did. I am truly humbled by volunteerism and Elkdom. So many came, yet so many missed out. If you missed out, please come for future events, volunteer opportunities, and just some good old-fashioned fellowship. The Elks are a great organization, and our lodge exemplifies what Elkdom is all about. Come down and see for yourself what makes our lodge stand out!



From the Lodge Secretary Jeri Lynn Whitlock

Hello my fellow Elks, it's almost the end of summer, woo-hoo. I am a Fall girl for sure, I love the cooler weather, the fall colors, sitting around a warm fire pit with marshmallows and hot chocolate and wonderful friends to share it with. Come on down to the lodge and have a great dinner and a drink or come to an event on the calendar, they are always fun.

****If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible, we need everyone of our members to succeed.

**** We are always looking for volunteers to help out, so if there is something you are passionate about, look for a sign up sheet in the lobby and we will get you started.

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Elk of the Month

Linda Hanratty

This Elk member has dedicated the last 8 years that I know of, working in the office to help make up the till banks for the kitchen and bar. She has also Volunteered in other areas as well.

It's my pleasure to name Linda Hanratty as Elk of the Month. Your time and efforts are appreciated and noticed. Thank you Linda!



Officer of the Month

Esquire Greg Bowman

I am honored to have Greg Bowman as our Lodge Esquire this year. He has done a wonderful job to date. But mostly I appreciate his dedication to ENF. His leadership and devotion has taken our Lodge to 1st and 2nd place in the Fidelity Club. He speaks to all New, and current Members in regards. He helps with Orientation, volunteers with Snack pack. He even cleans and wipes up tables after everyone. I'm pleased to name Greg Bowman as Officer of the Month.

Please Welcome our new member!

Eric Burch



Crying Towel

It pays to attend a Lodge Meeting! The following members missed out on winning upwards of \$125!

**3629,3447,3120,6143,6381,6339,6423,6274,
3629,2283,3924,6427,5297,6396,6042,6263,
2739,6466,6120,5278,6443,3447,2283,5781,
6446,1674,1223,6147,6411,2722,5576,5367,
6452,6133,2982,6415,6050,3543,5386,6517,
3070,6448,6244,6346,6534,6540,4599,5910,
6285,6401,5846,6385,1654,6533,6302,6327,
5158,6372,5854,6015,6008,6478**



ELKARITAS by Ginny Curotto

Hello Ladies, we voted to not have a meeting in September, so this will be short. The plans to finish beautifying the Cobert room for the Christmas holidays is going well. We should be able to start a new project after the first of the year.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Thank you all for your time and hard work.

Ginny Curotto, President

Membership/Lapsation Report (Active Members 4/1/24: 457)

Increases:	17
Decreases:	9
Gain or Loss:	8
Total Active Members:	465
Waiting to add:	5
Delinquent:	48
Lapsation rate:	10.50%
Life Members:	55
Honorary Life Members:	10
Life Percentage:	14.22%



Springfield Emblem Club #506



Hope you all are enjoying your summer, fall is not too far off. We have had a busy summer with the Flea Market held the last of July (it went well). We made pies for the Luau & Summer Celebration with proceeds for the

President's Project. Emblem's summer picnic will be held on 8/31-noon at Diana's house and hope you can make it.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday Sept. 14, at 11am at the Elks Lodge. We will be initiating 3 new members. Hope you can make it. The annual Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday - 11/16 & Sunday - 11/17. ore info to follow in Sept. Stay safe & enjoy the remaining summer!

Frieda Pearson, Club President
Phone # 541-741-3468

2025 Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Applications for the 2025 Most Valuable Student Scholarship are open (August 1, 2024) until November 12, 2024. All high school seniors who are United States citizens are eligible to apply. Judged based on leadership, service, academics, and financial need, the Top 20 applicants receive \$30,000 scholarships. The 480 runners-up receive \$4,000.

ENF Legacy Scholarship

The 2025 contest and application will open on September 1, 2024.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The applicant must apply online only. The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time.

1. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
2. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2025 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
3. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities.
4. 2025 Legacy Awards recipients will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years they are receiving the scholarship.

OSEA Vocational Grant

Applications are available online through OSEA Website: oregonelks.org. The applications are open August 2, 2024, and closes March 1, 2025.

Gateways High School offers a 2-year Cosmetology program at no cost to their students.

If anyone is interested in scoring MVS Scholarship applications in December, please let Pam Taylor know. All judging is done online.



BY-LAW AMENDMENT

At the Lodge meeting on 8/15/2024, the following amendment to the Lodge By-Laws was approved to be presented to the Floor of the Lodge for a formal vote. This proposed amendment will be voted on at the Lodge Meeting to be held on September 12, 2024. Please attend the meeting to cast your vote. :

Under Article V – Elective Officers and Duties

Under “OF THE TRUSTEES OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS”

Add new paragraph to Section 6:

“In accordance with option granted in Grand Lodge Statute 16.020, the Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer shall be members of the Board of Directors.”

Cell Tower Contract

The Board of Directors working with Attorney Lee Kell have reached an agreement in principle with American Tower Corporation for a new cell tower lease.

This new agreement (titled “The Fourth Amendment to Option and Lease Agreement”) specifies terms of renewal for the original lease (dated November 4, 1997) and the previous three amendments.

This new agreement is scheduled to take effect upon the February 28, 2025 expiration date of the current lease agreement (Amendment 3). Highlights of the new agreement include a \$20,000 signing bonus (if signed by 30 November 2024), \$1800 a month in rent (increased from the current level of \$1441.97 a month), and a 3% yearly rent escalation.

The lodge membership vote on this agreement is scheduled for September 12th , 2024. The contract will be available for member review in late August.



Blood Drive Springfield Elks Lodge

Lodge Room
1701 Centennial Blvd.
Springfield, OR 97477

Tuesday, Sept 10, 2024
9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Let's Celebrate Springfield Elks 65th Anniversary - Birthday party!

Friday, October 25, 2024

4:00 - Potluck Dinner

**5:00 - 7:00 - Entertainment:
Larry Thompson, Musical
Impersonator**

7:00 - Karaoke with KJ John



Purple & White Ball

Save The Date  *Save The Date*

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Cocktails ~ 4:00 - 5:00
Dinner ~ 5:00 - 6:00
Rick Miller Band ~ 6:30 - 9:30

Silent Auction & 50/50
Semi Formal Attire

More Information To Follow

Our Elkaritas Luau was a fun time, with great food and live band!





Save The Date!

- Oct 5 Eyes Clinic Open House - Portland, OR
- Oct 12 John Hart Sale
- Oct 18-19 OSEA Fall Seminar - Salem, OR
- Oct 20 Snack Pack
- Oct 25 Springfield Elks Lodge 65th Birthday Party
- Oct 26 Halloween Party (DJ)
- Oct 27 Elks Drug Awareness Trunk or Treat
- Nov 2 John Hart Sale
- Nov 7 Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Nov 7-11 Kamper Klub Campout - Coos Bay
- Nov 9 Purple & White Party (Rick Miller Band)
- Nov 16-17 Emblem Club Bazaar
- Nov 17 Snack Pack
- Dec 1 Elks Memorial Ceremony
- Dec 1 Tom & Jerry Party
- Dec 7 John Hart Sale
- Dec 7 Kamper Klub Christmas Party
- Dec 8
- Dec 10 Springfield Realtors Christmas Party
- Dec 12 VP Visit—Springfield Lodge
- Dec 14 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 14 Lodge Christmas Party (Band TBA)
- Dec 14 PER Christmas Party
- Dec 15 Snack Pack
- Dec 15 Altair Christmas Party
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party (Band TBA)
- Jan 10-11 State Presidents Visit—Cottage Grove Lodge
- Jan 19 Snack Pack
- Feb 8 Friends Of NRA Event
- Feb 15 Sweetheart Ball (Band TBA)
- Feb 16 Officer Training—Springfield Lodge
- Feb 16 Snack Pack
- Mar 1 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Mar 15 St Patrick's Day Party
- Mar 16 Snack Pack
- Mar 29 Officer Installation
- Mar 29 Inaugural Ball (Band TBA)

Poker Update!

We play every 1st and 3rd Friday night, and 2nd and 4th Wednesday night! - Craig Allen and Bill Harper

Latest Results:

7/19: 1st: Diana Williams, 2nd: Darlene Bowman, 3rd: Ron Fortner

7/24 1st: Beryl Ferriera, 2nd: Phyllis Bevan, 3rd: Jim Bevan, 4th: Daisy Harper

8/2: 1st: Dianna Williams, 2nd: Gary Gosser, 3rd: Les Sundberg

8/14: 1st: Scott Sandgathe, 2nd: Bill Harper, 3rd: Gary Gosser, 4th: Daisy Harper

8/16: 1st: Gary Gosser, 2nd: Diana Williams, 3rd: Ron Fortner, 4th: Daisy Harper

Elks Pool Tournament

Wed: 6:00pm to 8:30pm, Fri: 6:30pm to 9:00pm



Join us weekly in the Elk's Pool Room. Entry is \$3.00 per person and teams are randomly assigned. We now have 4 pool tables! Fun for couples or individuals! We play a Round Robin 8 ball tournament. The tournament lasts about 2 hours. The top 3 teams receive a cash prize. Rules are posted in the pool room by the score board. All skill levels are welcome.

HOSTS: Patrick Ewing, Wednesday Night
Byron Rees, Friday Night

Texas Hold'Em

1st & 3rd Fridays ~ hosted by Craig Allen
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
~ hosted by Bill Harper



Drop In Pool

Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm
~ hosted by Patrick Ewing
Every Friday @ 6:30pm
~ hosted by Byron Rees



Summer is here! Snack Pack is starting back up for the school year, where we provide snacks for the weekends for kids from Centennial Elementary School. The Snack Pack group makes up the bags of goodies on the 18th of August at 12:30pm. For our Summer Celebration, we'll be setting up tables on the Friday before, and tearing down on Sunday the 18th. On the 24th, we're organizing and hosting the Drug Awareness Poker Run, which starts and ends here at our lodge. We rearrange tables every Wednesday at 9:00am, and again at 1:00pm for the Rotary Luncheon and Bingo, respectively.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, contact John Logan!



Kamper Klub News

Wapati RV park did not disappoint at our August Kamp out . We had Elk behind our trailers our first night. About 25 this year. There have been more in the past, but fun to see up close. Six rigs this time, but a few people had to cancel for one reason or another. Hope they will join us for the next kampf out at Casey's Riverside RV resort Sept 19-22. It's a beautiful park right by the river and close to Westfir and Oakridge. Hopefully smoke will have cleared by then.

Wayne Dacar and DuWayne Morris have arranged an October kampf out as that spot had not been filled. The dates are the October 7-10 at the Port of Siuslaw. Each party needs to call there for their reservations. Ask for a spot close to the Pavilion

If you haven't made your, reservation for the Mill casino please call and use booking ID #10327 for the group rate.

If you are not a Kamper Klub member and have an RV of any type, consider joining us for a trial Kamp out or two, no obligation. You can attend up to three kampf outs before committing to joining the Klub. We always have a great time come rain or shine.

The next Kamper Klub meeting is Monday, September 9. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, unless that falls on a holiday, and would then move to the following Monday. Dues are currently \$20 per year per couple.

Connie Neuschwanger, Kamper Klub President

Events & Kamp Outs for 2024 and 2025	
September 19-22	Casey's RV Park/Westfir/Barker
October 3-6	Port of Siuslaw RV Park/Florence
November 7-10	Mill Casino RV Park/Coos Bay/No Host
December 7	Christmas Party—Details to Follow
June 5-8, 2025	Oregon Shores Park/Chiloquin
July 10-13, 2025	Elkton RV Park/Elkton

**September Dinner Specials
(served 5pm—7pm)**

Every Thursday Steak, Baked Potato, and Vegetable for only \$14!!

- Sept 6 Greek Chicken Kabobs, Tomato-Feta Rice - \$14**
- Sept 13 Smoked Salmon and Goatr Cheese Omelet, Home Fries, Focaccia Bread - \$14**
- Sept 20 Honey Roasted 1/2 Chickenm Corn On The Cob, Potato Salad - \$16**
- Sept 27 Grilled Bone-In Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Apple-Sage Country Gravy - \$16**

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