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From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler:

Ahhhh! The weather feels great, and Fall is my favorite time of year. A little fun fact about Halloween.

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2024 will occur on Thursday, October 31.

The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints.

Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

Samhain, Sauin or Oíche Shamhna is a Gaelic festival on 1 November marking the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or "darker half" of the year. It is also the Irish language name for November. Celebrations begin on the evening of 31 October, since the Celtic day began and ended at sunset.

Fraternally yours,
Exalted Ruler, Bree Jeter

Who do you know...



That would benefit from belonging to
YOUR Lodge?

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Lodge meeting on October 23rd will kick off the Elks Ribbon Week and there will be red ribbons available for you to wear during Red Ribbon Week.

October is Red Ribbon Month, which is observed Nationally. The Elks have adopted "Red Ribbon Week" for the last week of October (23rd - 31st). The Drug Awareness Program recommends that all Elks Lodges observe Red Ribbon Week to spread the word on the effects of DRUGS on our youth. This is so much more critical now that fentanyl has become the leader in drug related deaths of our children. Fentanyl is a POISON and other drugs are laced with fentanyl, of which, 1 kilogram of fentanyl can kill over 500,000 children and is 100 times more potent than heroin.

Floyd Bard, Leading Knight
Eugene Elks DAP Chairman
West District DAP Chairman

The Red Ribbon History

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was born on July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico. He graduated from Calexico High School in Calexico, Calif. in 1966. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Marines where he served for two years. Following his military service, Kiki joined the Calexico Police Department and later moved to the El Centro Police Department. On June 28, 1974 he became part of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Seven years later he was assigned to the resident office in Guadalajara. He worked out of this office for four and a half years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation. On February 7, 1985 Kiki was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years of age.

Shortly after Kiki's death, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter and Calexico High School classmate Henry Lozano launched Camarena Clubs in Kiki's home town of Calexico, Calif. Club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug free lives.

Red Ribbon Week eventually gained momentum throughout California and later the United States. The Elks have been supporters of Red Ribbon Week since the beginning. The campaign was formalized by President and Mrs. Reagan who served as honorary chairpersons. Congress officially established Red Ribbon Week in 1988. Nationwide, it is celebrated annually in the last week in October.

For the complete Red Ribbon Week history, visit www.elks.org/dap.



Celebrating Red Ribbon Week



Honoring

**ENRIQUE
"KIKI"
CAMARENA**

I pledge to say
NO to drugs

to encourage my friends
to say no to drugs,

to provide support to
others who use drugs,
to help them learn
to say no to drugs,

to become educated on
the dangers of drugs
and provide this
information to
my community.

Copy of the original Calexico High School Kiki Camarena club pledge in 1985.

www.elks.org/dap



Recap:

August Elket: "Chicken or the Egg"

That article apparently fell on deaf ears.
Dining room attendance has not changed.

September Elket: "Friday night—Music night".

I requested your thoughts and suggestions be emailed to me at Barry.Robinson@elks357.org. I have received NONE (zero).

This saddens me terribly. Your lodge officers together are working feverously to find ways to offer you a reason to come to your lodge, not to mention just to come and support your lodge. Things offered currently are:

1. **Tuesday Night:** Bingo (Has a large attendance).
2. **Wednesday Night:** Dinner and Lodge Meeting (a shamefully small attendance).
3. **Thursday Night:** Game night, bring your friends and favorite game,
4. (I'll bring a CLR game. If you don't know what that is come and find out.
5. **Friday Night:** Open forum dinner and fellowship. If the DUCKS play on a Friday, it will be a tailgate and POTLUCK.
6. **Saturday Day/Night:** DUCKS tailgate and POTLUCK. YES! We are getting the games on the Lodge TV

Sincerely,
Barry Robinson, Esteemed Loyal Knight



New to Eugene but not new to Oregon

My wife Karen and I moved to Oregon in 1988. We lived in Corvallis for 18 years or so and raised our kids there (yes, we do root for the Beavs). Then we moved to Salem and lived there about 6 years before moving to Bend.

I joined the Bend Elks Lodge in 2011, and was Exalted Ruler of the Bend Elks Lodge 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. In 2018 we left Bend and ended up in Grand Rapids Michigan, when COVID hit and shut down all our travel plans. We hunkered down in Grand Rapids and joined the lodge there until this year when we decided that Oregon is the place we really wanted to be. So, here we are. Eugene is a vibrant city with a good art scene, and lots of outdoor beauty. When not doing other things I can often be found wandering the Willamette River trails.

Sincerely, Bill McMahon



My name is Beverly, and I am the new Secretary for Eugene lodge 357. Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any way at 541-345-8416. I would love to see your faces and learn your names. Feel free to join us for Wednesday Dinner and Lodge.

Sincerely, Beverly Stewart

WANTED

All wayward Elks, your Lodge misses you. Please call the Lodge Secretary at: 541-345-8416 to let us know how you are doing.

[REDACTED]	Tracey Bates	Jeffry Thomas	Joel Brooks	Jack Carnahan
William Clark	James Collett	Richard Collett	Vernon Delk	Harold Ediger
Fred Edwards	Robert Elkins Jr.	Cheryl Grover	Donald Hankey	Frederick Hasse
Ron Lamie	Gary Lane	Cork Larsen	Michael Love	Uriel Manion
Ron Merrow	David Myer	Terry Moore	Brian Morris	Beverly Nelson
Robert Park	[REDACTED]	Luis Polanco	David Price	John Rintalan
Janet Roberts	Jack Santerre	Mark Schwieger	Larry Worley	



Crafters Wanted

Holiday Craft Fair | Eugene Elks Lodge #357
Saturday, November 9th | from 11-4 pm

We are looking for talented crafters to display and sell their homemade wares at our holiday craft fair. There will be gratitude drawings held during the Craft Fair for the participating vendors only. Vendors must be present to win.

Cost: \$25.00	Price will include the use of an 8' rectangle table or you can use your own tables/displays. The Price is the same
Payment:	All checks must be made out to "Eugene Elks #357". Feel free to call the office for other payment options.
Space/Location:	Table locations will be assigned after the deadline.
How to Sign up:	To be added to the Vendor list please complete the registration below along with your booth rental fee of \$25.00, Eugene Elks Lodge #357, P.O. Box 2475, Eugene, OR 97402. Attention: Diane McKinley
The Elks Lodge Kitchen will be open from 11:00am to 2:00pm and will offer a limited food menu. A detailed menu will be included in your RSVP packet!	



Vendor Table rental requests must reach the lodge by Wed., Oct. 23rd, 2024.

Vendor Name: _____

Vendor Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vendor Contact Number: _____

Vendor Email Address: _____

No of table(s) needed: _____ at \$25.00 each total(s) \$ _____ enclosed

Reports of Committees

Notice of New Lodge Property Vote

The Board of Directors of Eugene Lodge # 357 have voted to make an offer on a new lodge property at 4689 West 11th. Ave, Eugene, OR (the old Hertz Car Sales).

On October 23, 2024, at our regular Lodge meeting, a presentation will be made to the Lodge members by the building committee and a motion to approve an offer to purchase will be voted on. This is only an offer and if accepted will be contingent on approval by Grand Lodge, Eugene Lodge, Bank Loan, remodeling costs, etc.

Should the Lodge choose to make an offer on the property, we may need to put up a non-refundable \$20,000 deposit while we go through our due diligence for the purpose of purchasing the property. If we do purchase the property, then the deposit would be applied to the purchase price.

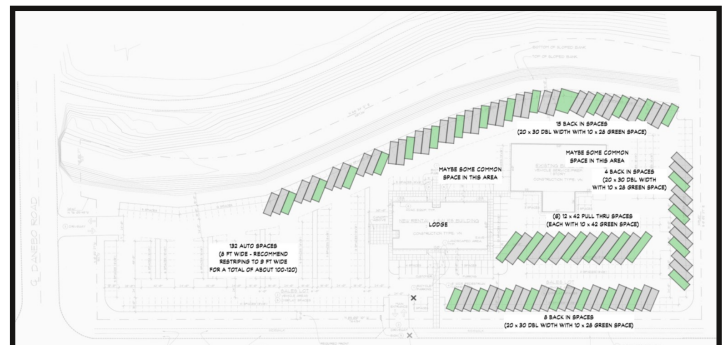
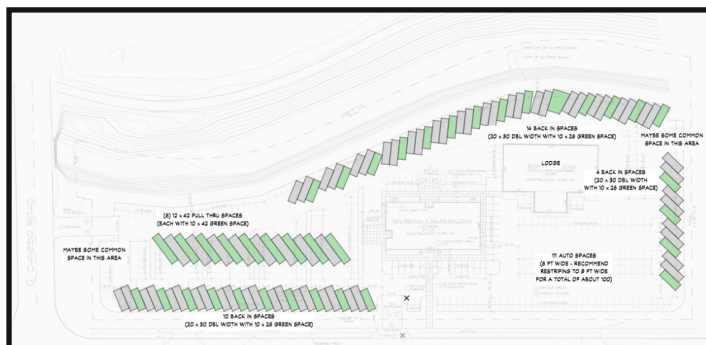
Please come with an open mind and questions, this will be a new and exciting chapter for our Lodge and offer up to 100 RV Spots.

For those interested in viewing the new property a short Open House will be available on Monday October 21st from 3pm to 4pm.

Terry Brant,
Chairman, Building Committee

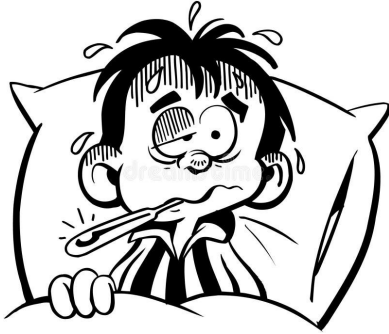


~~~~~ The renderings below are 2 options for RV Spot Layouts ~~~~~



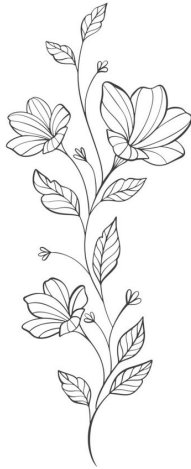


# Sickness and Distress



## Sickness & Distress

*Remember Members, Sickness and Distress is always in order!*



### Donnie Parks:

Donnie has been staying with his niece in Bandon for the last couple of months due to needing Carpal Tunnel surgeries in both hands. In addition to Carpal Tunnel surgeries, on Thursday October 10th Donnie will have a valve procedure where two (2) doctors will insert a device through an artery in his arm.

He is looking forward to leaving Bandon and coming home!

Donnie, we miss you and look forward to having you back at Lodge. Let us know if you need anything



The Eugene Elks #357 participated in the 1st Annual Poker Run on August 24th, 2024, along with Cottage Grove # 1907, Corvallis #1413, and Sweet Home #1972. All proceeds were donated to the DAP (Drug Awareness Program).

This event was coordinated by Katie Ree's from Springfield Lodge # 2145 and we are looking forward to working with her to plan another Poker Run next year!

Thank you Katie for all your hard work, fun was had by all!



## Welcome October

What a time for a nature walk,  
Mother Earth really talks the  
talk.



The trees are colorful: then they  
shed and most of the flowers  
have gone to bed.

Pumpkins & cornstalks find space near the door, remind us of coming  
holidays & more.

Fishing is over & hunting begins, now we are seeking antlers not fins.  
Time to retire our summer sports, and head back to stadiums &  
courts.

Dinner changes from grilling to roast, for the family and friends you  
host.

Nights you add an extra quilt, then turn up the heat without any  
guilt.

Prepare now for winter is near, enjoy it all with those you hold dear.  
By: Sharon Brunig

## Happy Birthday!

Wishing you all the best on your special day,  
and hope your day is full of all your favorite  
things!



John Bowden  
Wayne Cordeiro  
Donna Gregersen  
David Langan  
Diane McKinley  
Robert Spaulding  
Joshua Thomas-Ward

George Bradford  
John Cuff, III  
David Haag  
Nick Livermore  
Terry Moore  
Beverly Stewart  
Darlene Woodke  
Larry Worsham

Tommy Carter  
George Goble  
Jerry Johnson  
Bruce Lundgren  
Keith Salyard  
Thomas Swanger  
Richard Wooley



**Every Tuesday night is Bingo Night at the lodge!**

The Doors open at 4:30pm and buy-ins start at 5:00pm.

For your convenience, the kitchen and Bar will open at 5:00pm. The Kitchen closes at 7:00pm and Bar will close at 7:30pm.

Early Birds start at 6:15pm and regular games start at 6:30pm. On the last Black Out game of the evening, with a minimum of 25 players in attendance, everyone will have the chance to win \$300.00.

To thank all our loyal BINGO players, we hold weekly and monthly attendance drawings.

we will be holding **BINGO APPRECIATION NIGHTS** on the following 2024 Dates:

**October 29th, November 19th, and December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Come on down for an evening of fun! Who knows, you may win a**



**September 11th**  
Greg R. Graff  
Max L. Schumacher

**September 18th**  
Rocky Leon Batey  
John Wirch

**Rumor Has It....**

*That the Queen of Hearts Club is so much fun that one of its' members joined for a second time!*

*When you buy your next \$5 batch of tickets, tell Stephen McKinley her name and he will give you an extra ticket.*

*Drawing every Friday @6:30pm*



**September 11th**  
Lori Anderson  
Wayne Corderio

**September 4th**  
James Winneson  
Don Davenport







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Please return this statement with your payment to:  
 Eugene Elks, PO BOS 2475, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Remember, annual dues are to be remitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to avoid delinquent Status.  
 Reach out to our secretary for assistance with annual dues at: 541-345-8416

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|------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Name: _____                              |          | <b>Optional Donations</b>                                   |              |
| Membership #: _____                      |          | <input type="checkbox"/> E.N.F. (Elks National Foundation)  | \$5.00 _____ |
| Address: _____                           |          | <input type="checkbox"/> E.Y.E.S. (Elks Youth Eye Services) | \$5.00 _____ |
| Address: _____                           |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Scholarship Fund             | \$5.00 _____ |
| City: _____                              |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadowood Speech and Hearing       | \$5.00 _____ |
| State: _____                             |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans                           | \$5.00 _____ |
| ZIP: _____                               |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Property                     | \$5.00 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Members | \$135.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 1                         | \$1.00 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Members    | \$ 78.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Card 2                         | \$1.00 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widows          | \$ 10.00 | Total Enclosed: \$ _____                                    |              |