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Monthly newsletter of the Springfield Oregon Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #2145 A fraternal organization **DECEMBER 2024**



What a busy month we have planned!!

Along with these Elks Events, we have several event throughout December. Check out our full calendar to see what all we have planned, and where you can volunteer to assist with everything from set-up, serving, take-down, creating and delivering food baskets, creating our Snack Pack bags for School Children!

Elks Care, Elks Share!



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Kenneth Bedortha*	1969-70
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Lester Zook*	1973-74
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Leonard Staton*	1976-77
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Don Hinkle	1985-86
Benjamin P. Box*	1986
Stanley Platt*	1986-87
Clinton Cobert* PDDGER	1987-88
Richard Sturgis	1988-89
Donald Rice, Sr PDDGER	1989-90
Paul Tyler*	1990-91
W.T. 'Tom' Alexander	1991-92
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Exalted Ruler Mickie Cook

Season greetings my friends!

Yup, it's that time of year. The hustle and bustle of the city sidewalks. I have my Holiday Cheer on. I love the Christmas music and lights, and everything all decorated up. It warms my heart, as if I was a child again. Oh wait, some say I have never grown up. That's ok, I'm young at heart.

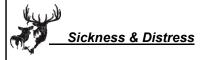
Well, December is here and we have lots of excitement going on.

Numerous banquets, plus our own Christmas party is coming soon. Howard Galvin has put together quite the event for us all to enjoy. Please come!

Also we have the New Year's Party of 2025, coming up fast upon us. Tickets are for sale at the bar, or office. This will be a great event. So let's bring in the New Year together!

Thanksgiving was our Thankful month, which every day I'm thankful for. December is always a giving month. To give a smile or hug, a thank you or nice gesture is always appreciated.

Let's enjoy what our Lodge and Members do for others and have a wonderful December full of Joy!



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

Tom Alexander - having a total shoulde replacement

Sharon Ransdell - wife of Ed Ransdell, passed away after a 6 year battle with cancer

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

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"We shall meet, but we shall miss them"

> Gregory Cota 23 Yrs an Elk



From the Leading Knight Dan Shults

The motto of this station is charity. December and the holiday season are times of giving to those less fortunate. Giving of our time and effort is at least as important as our gift giving. Our Lodge is fully engaged in addition our appropriate least is fully engaged in

helping the needy in our community. Help if you can. This month holds many special events with family and friends as well as our Elk family. Elk Memorial Service, Tom and Jerry party, Christmas parties, preparation for New Year's Eve and many more fun times at our Lodge.

This can also be a stressful time for many. It is a times of recollection for those who have lost loved ones. The stress of preparing for celebration and the desire to make it all "perfect" can be overwhelming. In addition, our nation has experienced a very divisive election season. We all love our country. Our Lodge must remain a place of love. kindness and a sanctuary for all. Let us be kind and gentle to friends, family and our Elk brothers and sisters during this wonderful, and sometimes stressful, time. Finally, keep uppermost in mind the reason for the season. Happy Holidays to all!

From the Loyal Knight Howard Galvin



Tis the Season of Joy! Your Loyal Knight and his army of Christmas Elf's have been very busy planning our Christmas Festivities. The Kid's Party will be from 11AM-1PM on

Saturday December 14 th . The party is open to children and grandchildren of members. To register your

kiddo's please contact Chief Elf Janice Curran at 1+760-362-1999. Please provide Janice the names, ages, and sex of your child/ grandchild at your earliest convenience. We want to have ample time to shop for gifts!

The Adult party will kick off at 4pm when the lodge opens. Dinner will be from 5-6:30. Please remember that the dinner is by reservation and pre-pay only. Dinner will be Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Caesar Salad, and Roll for \$25. Our own Jerry French will pre-pare a holiday dessert as well. Eggplant Parmesan will be the vegetarian option.

Riffle will provide the musical holiday cheer from 7 to 9PM, We'll be doing 50/50's and charity baskets, and giving away the Christmas Committee Fundraiser Basket that night! So be sure to buy your tickets soon!



From the Lecturing Knight John Logan

The holidays are here, and everyone is busy. Your lodge is no exception. Just check out our calendar full og events and happenings! Here's our chance to be true and upright Elk Members and pass along kinds

words, deeds, and thoughts for family, friends, and fellow members. To paraphrase the words of this station.... "This is Brotherly Love". Merry Christmas to all.



From the Lodge Secretary Jeri Lynn Whitlock

Merry Christmas! Wishing everyone a wonderful month filled with love and happiness. Come on down for our Annual Christmas Party on the 14th and New Years Eve on the 31st, it is always fun celebrating the holidays with friends and family.

God Bless all our members and your families. ③



David Whitlock (PER and West District Vice President), Jeri Lynn Whitlock, (Lodge Secretary), Mickie Cook, (Lodge Exalted Ruler), Howard Robinson, (Lodge Tiler), and Janis Robinson (Lodge Treasurer) attend the 75th Anniversary of the Elks Children's E.Y.E.S. Clinic, during an Open House in Portland.



Tom Alexander PER

It's my honor and pleasure to name Tom Alexander Elk of the Month. Your Volunteering help, serving meals for banquets, and bottle returns, and doing ice buckets for me when needed, has not gone unnoticed. I appreciate all you do. Thank you so much.



Esteemed Loyal Knight Howard Galvin

This Officer has stepped up and has helped me with many task. He also is very dedicated in volunteering with bingo each week. It's my pleasure to have Howard Galvin as our Officer of the Month. Thank you Howard for all you do. It's very much appreciated.

> Please Welcome our new member!

> > Brenda Barnes

Crying Towel

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

6456,5981,4319,4842,6289,6500,6310,2026,5705, 6508,2722,6563,6174,5762



ELKARITAS by Ginny Curotto Hi Ladies, our Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange is on Sunday, December 8th at

Dianne French's home and there will be an invitation soon with all the details. If needed,

we can have a short meeting at the luncheon, since we are dark until February 4, 2025.

The Elkaritas made a Duck's raffle basket for the Purple and White Ball which made \$81.00 for our renovations. We donated \$100 from our Luau money to E.Y.E.S. and \$60 towards a food basket for families in need. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Ginny Curotto, President

2025 Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Applications for the 2025 Most Valuable Student scholarship are now closed. We will begin judging the applications Dec 6 and will have to be completed by Dec 23,2024. All judging is done online. If you are interested in scoring the applications this year, please let Pam Taylor or Cheryl Warner know.

ENF Legacy Scholarship

The 2025 contest and application is open. 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 currently open and closes March 1, 2025.

Sample careers which could apply:

Beauty School	X-Ray Technician	Plumbing	
Carpentry	Message Therapist	Truck Driving	
Coding	Veterinary Assistant	Mechanic	
Culinary Arts	Medical Assistant	Welding	
Dental Assistant	Nursing Assistant	Fire Fighter	
Electrician	Pharmacy Technician	EMT	

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

Increases:	26	
Decreases:	13	
Gain or Loss:	13	
Total Active Members:	470	
Waiting to add:	1	
Delinquent:	40	The second
Lapsation rate:	8.75%	
Life Members:	55	V USA
Honorary Life Members:	10	
Life Percentage:	14.22%	

Springfield Emblem Club #506



Well, the Holiday Season is upon us. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family & friends, and ate lots of Turkey! At our November meeting, we had our annual

Memorial Service for our absent Sisters & Brothers. I want to thank the Elks for letting Emblem have a basket at their Purple & White event. I put together a "Italian Ensemble" for the Silent Auction, and was pleased it made \$100.00, which will go to the President's Project. Last month we had our annual "Christmas Bazaar" and it turned out to be a GREAT SUCCESS with money made going to our "Community Service".

A big THANKS to all the Vendors and Emblem people who worked it!

WISH YOU ALL A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" & A "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Frieda Pearson, Club President



Exalted Ruler Mickie Cook presents awards for November's Officer of the Month—Janis Robinson, and November Elk of the Month—Monty Cook



Save The Date! 2025 Dates

- Jan 3 Toys for Tots Event
- Jan 4 John Hart Sale
- Jan 10-11 State Presidents Visit—Cottage Grove Lodge
- Jan 11 Emblem Club State Presidents Visit—Spfld
- Jan 19 Snack Pack
- Jan 25 Crab Feed (Band Red Thunder)
- Feb 1 John Hart Sale
- Feb 8 Friends Of NRA Event
- Feb 14 Sweetheart Ball (Band TBA)
- Feb 16 Officer Training—Springfield Lodge
- Feb 16 Snack Pack
- Mar 1 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Mar 8 Veteran's Legacy Fundraiser Event
- Mar 15 St Patrick's Day Party
- Mar 16 Snack Pack
- Officer Installation Mar 22
- Mar 22 Inaugural Ball (Band TBA)
- Mar 29 John Hart Sale
- Apr 4 A3 School Prom Night
- Apr 24-26 OSEA Convention Seaside, OR
- May 15-18 Kamper Klub Kampout—Elks Tillamook RV
- May 17 Emblem Club Tea Party
- May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jun 5-8 Kamper Klub Kampout—Ocean Shores Park
- Jul 10-13 Kamper Klub Kampout—Elkton RV Park
- Jul 26 **Emblem Club Flea Market**
- 9/13 Thurston High 60th Class Reunion Party
- Nov 6-8 Kamper Klub Kampout—Mill Casino,

Crab Feed for Lodge Improvement! Saturday, January 25,2025



Dinner: 4:30pm—6:30pm Menu: 1 1/2 Crabs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Garlic Bread

\$30 per person Band: Red Thunder

Prepaid only - No Tickets sold at the door Tickets on Sale at the Bar or Office Starting: December 3, 2024 Deadline: January 14, 2025

Contact: David Whitlock 458-210-6632

New Access Cards for entry to the Lodge! We now have new access cards for entry to the Lodge. Each member should now have a new White Card that replaces your Orange Card that was given to you when you received your paper membership card. They were given out or mailed to all members. These new white cards can be used to gain access to the lodge by holding them up to the locking mechanism at the front door. Once you hear a click, the door is unlocked and you can enter. Note: These white cards do NOT need to be replaced every year. Please keep them from year to year. You will be issued new "Paper" membership cards each year as always.

Elks Pool Tournament

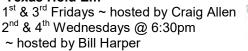
Wed: 6:00pm to 8:30pm, Fri: 6:30pm to 9:00pm



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





Drop In Pool Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm

 hosted by Patrick Ewing Every Friday @ 6:30pm

~ hosted by Byron Rees

Texas Hold 'Em Results

10/23: 1st: Rob Basset - \$90. 2nd: Ron Fortner - \$80. 3rd: Bill Harper - \$70, Bubble: Jim Bevan - \$20, High Hand: Diane Sundberg - \$26

11/1: 1st: Ron Fortner - \$90, 2nd: Gary McLeod - \$70, 3rd: Bill Harper - \$60, 4th: Terri Mason - \$40, Bubble: Craig Allen - \$20, High Hand: Terri Mason - \$28

11/13: 1st: Bill Harper - \$90, 2nd: Elsie Bergold - \$80, 3rd: Scott Southgate - \$70, Bubble: Mike Thompson -\$20, High Hand: Diana Williams - \$26



Kamper Klub News

The November Kampout, which is the last in 2024, was at the Mill Casino In North Bend. A small group with only 4 rigs, but the weather was wonderful and we had fun. The next event after our next meeting is the Annual Kamper Klub Christmas party on December 7. Cocktail hour at 5 and dinner at 6. Please call Mary (541-746-0568) to reserve your spot, leave a msg if no answer. The cost is \$22 per person.

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

The next Kamper Klub meeting is Monday, December 2nd in the Colbert room at 7 pm. 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 RV.

Connie Neuschwanger, Kamper Klub President

Events & Kamp Outs for 2024 and 2025			
December 7	Christmas Party		
February	Winchester—Winchester—Dates TBA		
March	Oddfellows—Florence		
May 15-18	Tillamook Elks RV Park		
June 5-8	Oregon Shores Park/Chiloquin		
July 10-13	Elkton RV Park/Elkton		
August Wapati Campground—Dates TBA			
September	Myrtle Creek RV & Golf Resort—TBA		
October	Florence Elks RV Park—Dates TBA		
November 6-9 Mill Casino—Coos Bay			

December Dinner Specials - 5pm-7pm

Every Thursday Chicken Fried Steak Special (\$12.50), plus one other special on Thursdays and Fridays!!

<u>Thursdays</u>

- 12/5 Beef Stew, Fresh Baked Rolls—\$12
- 12/12 Sausage & Pepperoni Pizza Pot Pie—\$12
- 12/19 Fried Chicken Breast w/Stuffing and Sausage Gravy—\$14

<u>Fridays</u>

- 12/6 Seared Scallops w/Lemon-Fennel Risotta—\$14
- 12/13 Hamburger Stroganoff w/Egg Noodles—\$13

12/20 Krabcakes w/Organic Green Vinaigrette—\$12



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- Office Supplies Flyers
 - ... and much more

Happy Hour: all day Thursday & PER Taco Night

Happy Hour 4:30pm to 6:00pm Friday NOTE: Lounge may close earlier depending on the business need

LOUNGE HOURS



RV Parking: 4 spaces with water and electricity available on first come first serve basis. 4-night maximum stay. \$25 per night. We do not take reservations. Space for dry camping also available.

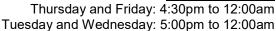


DINING ROOM HOURS Open Wed, Thu & Fri 5-7pm Closed Sat-Tues

For more information about our events and facilities please call 541-747-2145

All information here is subject to change! Check our updated calendars on Facebook, our web page, or the MyElks App to stay up to date.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU Lodge Night	FRI	SAT
1 Elks Memorial Service 12p Tom & Jerry Party 1p	2 PER Tacos 6p Kamper Klub Meeting 7p	3 Toys for Tots Event 4p	4 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p BINGO 7p	5 Lodge Meeting 7:30p Investigations Dinner Special Beef Stew 5p-7p	6 Dinner Special Seared Scallops 5p-7p Texas Hold 'Em And Pool 6:30p Karaoke 7p KJ John	7 John Hart Sale 9a-4p Emblem Club Meeting 11a Emblem Club Party 1p Kamper Klub Christmas Party
Mickie DO 8 Line Dancing 1p-5p	<i>Mickie DO</i> 9 Board Meeting 5:00p	Janice DO 10 Springfield Realtors Christmas Party 4:30p	John DO 11 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p Texas Hold 'Em 6:30p BINGO 7p	Mickie DO 12 Cards 11a Asian Buffet Lodge Meeting District VP Visit Balloting 7:30p Dinner Special Ssge & Pepp	Monty DO 13 Dinner Special Hambuger Stroganoff 5p-7p Drop In Pool 6:30p Karaoke 7p	4p 14 Kids Christmas Party 11am-2pm Lodge Christmas Party 4p PER Christmas Party 4p
<i>Mickie DO</i> 15 Snack Pack 12:30p Altair Christmas Party 6p	16 Lodge Closed Bulletin Deadline	<i>Mickie DO</i> 17 Line Dancing 7p	John DO 18 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p BINGO 7p	Pizza Pot Pie 5p-7p 19 Orientation 5p Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30p Dinner Special Fried Chicken Breast w/Stuffing 5p-7p	KJ Dan Monty DO 20 Dinner Special Krab Cakes 5-7p Texas Hold 'Em And Pool 6:30p Karaoke 7p KJ Jerry	Howard Do 21 Holiday Bazaar 10a-6p
Mickie DO 22 Holiday Bazaar 10a-4p	23 Board Meeting 5:00p	Mickie DO 24 Lodge Closed Office Open 10a-2p	John DO 25 Lodge Closed	Mickie DO 26 <i>Lodge</i> <i>Closed</i> Office Open Regular Hours	Monty DO 27 Lodge Closed Office Open Regular Hours	DO Janice 28 Lodge Closed
DO Janice 29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Closed	31 Lodge Closed Office Open 10a-2p New Years Eve Party 4p—9:30p Mickie DO				







Together, we do good things.









Blood Drive Springfield Elks Lodge

> Lodge Room 1701 Centennial Blvd. Springfield, OR 97477 Tuesday, Jan 14, 2025 9:00 am to 2:00 pm