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Our Officer of the Month recipients for 2023-2024 (L—R): Tammy Davenport, John Logan, PER Dick Tracy, Nancy Logan, Janis Robinson, Mickie Cook, Howard Galvin, Jeri Lynn Whitlock, Dan Shults, Howard Robinson, Judy Tracy, and Monty Cook



ER Dave Olheiser presents PER Dick Tracy with an Outstanding Service Award

Our Lodge held our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards for the 2023-2024 Lodge year on March 2nd

Thank You...



Our Elk of the Month recipients for 2023-2024 (L—R): Gary Buckam, Jerry French, Cheryl, PER Bill Kellogg, Janice Curran, Diane French, Phyllis Bevan, Ginny Curotto



ER Dave Olheiser presents John Logan with the Officer of the Year Award



ER Dave Olheiser and PER Ed Bailey present PER Bill Kellogg with the Elk of the Year Award



ER Dave Olheiser presents Diane French with the Citizen of the Year



ER Dave Olheiser presents Jeri Lynn Whitlock with the Outstanding service Commendation



ER Dave Olheiser presents Mickie Cook with the Outstanding service Commendation



ER Dave Olheiser presents Janice Curran with the Outstanding service Commendation



PER Association Officers

President PER Jim Alameda
 Secretary PER Pam Taylor
 Treasurer PER Keith Pearson

Honored Past Exalted Rulers

J. M. Maitland*	1959-61
Allan Bartholomew*	1961-62
Sidney Frank*	1962-63
Mark McMahon*	1963-64
DeWayne Higbee* PDDGER	1964-65
Ralph Forge* PDDGER	1965-66
Louis F. Hince*	1966-67
Jay C. Hicks, Jr.*	1967-68
Donald Brownrigg*	1968-69
Kenneth Bedortha*	1969-70
Don Abraham* PDDGER	1970-71
William Jones*	1971-72
George Gwyn*	1972-73
Lester Zook*	1973-74
A.W. 'Dub' Brown*	1974-75
N. Keith Pearson	1975-76
Leonard Staton*	1976-77
Ray E. Cook*	1977-78
Joe Williamson*	1978-79
Gerald A. Wilcox* PDDGER	1979-80
D.L. 'Mike' Michelson* PDDGER	1980-81
Spencer Gaston*	1981-82
Obie Jim Love*	1982-83
George Friedt*	1983-84
Leland "Bo" Jeffries*	1984-85
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
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M.H. 'Corky' Walsh	1992-93
Charles Kindrick*	1993-94
Leon Chartier	1994-95
Jim Mustola	1995-96
Gary Funk*	1996-97
H.A. 'Hank' Gaut	1997-98
Ed Bailey	1998-99
Walt Lott*	1999-00
Bill Kellogg	2000-01
Timm Dotson *	2001-02
Phil Van Blaricom *	2002-03
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
David Olheiser** PSP, PDDGER	2011-12
Ron Sharrah (Sweet Home) PDDGER	2011-12
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

Welcome all Elk members to our New Elk Year 2024-2025! I would like to give a round of applause to our Chair Officers and Trustees. We have a great team of Officers that are dedicated and willing to work together. Thank you to all of our Officer spouses, for your support and being part of our team too. Thank you to all Members, for all your support and dedication as an Elk. I'm excited and look forward to a successful year.

I would like to thank David Olheiser, for his leadership of this last year.

Food for thought: if you want to be part of the team; get involved. Come to our Lodge Meetings. Get to know other members. Volunteer time. Bring in new members. Come to our different functions. Join in on different groups, we have Kamper Club, Elkaritas, Emblem Club, Poker, Pool, Karaoke, and Bingo. There is always a spot, place or room to get involved or just have fun. Let's not be strangers, but become a whole. Let's have a fun successful year!

The strength of the team is each individual member.

The strength of each member is the team!



Sickness & Distress

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

***Please Say Prayers for Our members and Their 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
Leading Knight	Dan Shults
Loyal Knight	Howard Galvin
Lecturing Knight	John Logan
Esquire	Greg Bowman
Chaplain	Nancy Logan
Inner Guard	Susan Anderson
Tiler	Howard Robinson
Secretary	Jeri Lynn Whitlock
Treasurer	Janis Robinson
Organist	Laura Stowe
Alternate Officer	Dave Olheiser PER, PDDGER
1 Yr. Trustee	Tammy Davenport
2 Yr. Trustee	Dick Tracy PER
3 Yr. Trustee	Judy Tracy
4 Yr. Trustee	Cindy Overlandmiller
5 Yr. Trustee	Jim Bevan

West District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler:

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

We're starting a new Elk year! A big "thank you" for a great job to our now past Exalted Ruler, Dave Olheiser and welcome to Mickie Cook, our incoming Exalted Ruler. We had a very successful Elk year with a lot accomplished, the most recent project the renovation of our bar. It takes a lot of volunteers to keep our Lodge functioning for all of us and the community that depends on our charities. If you're not volunteering now, please help in any way you can to the extent you have a little time and are able. Our Lodge is popular for banquets and private functions. This helps keep us financially viable and dues low. Check in with Janice Curran, our banquet coordinator. She can use the help. Talk to an officer. Offer to serve as a Duty Officer to provide oversight during outside events. It's not difficult and kind of fun. For example, come represent the Lodge during Tuesday Line Dancing or help our Bingo crew. Help set up tables for Rotary. Help with Snack Pack. Lots more. Of course, come on down and have some fun! As always, a lot going on at the Lodge. Thursday is \$14 steak night before Lodge meeting, Texas Hold 'Em, Karaoke, pool tournaments and more. Come on down to the Lodge and get in on the fun or just have a relaxing dinner with friends. Finally, a big "thank you" to our volunteers for a great year. Please pitch in to the extent you can. Many hands make light work.



From the Loyal Knight Howard Galvin

Welcome to a new Elk Year! As your incoming Loyal Knight I would like to salute all the volunteers that make our lodge function! We have many opportunities in our lodge ranging from Snack Pack, to bingo, and a whole lot of other opportunities in between. I would encourage you that, if you have the time, we can find something that will be fulfilling to you. Talk to any of the officers or call our fabulous secretary for information.



From the Lecturing Knight John Logan

Greetings from the newest Chair Officer! A new beginning for our lodge, and a new beginning for all of us to be part of the "Team" as ER Mickie Cook puts it. We are blessed with one of the best lodges and group of members that I know of, and we are capable of many great things. Here's to a new year of challenges, and opportunities for us all! Come see where you can help, and keep our lodge the best ever.



From the Lodge Secretary Jeri Lynn Whitlock

Happy New Elks Year! A fresh new year, new ideas, new officers and committee persons. Every year is so different from the one before, in a good way. I am so proud of our lodge and the way we always change with the times, change is good. There is one way we never change and that is in the devotion we all have for our lodge and our members, we all work together, even if we all do not agree. I personally look forward to any new challenge that comes my way, because I know I have great Elk members and friends that step in to help no matter what. I wish everyone a wonderful new year, God Bless and Take Care.

*** To all the members who have not paid their dues by March 31st, you are now delinquent, please send, call in, or come by to make your payment, we need all our members



Elk of the Month

Shari Huck

This Elk member is behind the scenes. She has been hard at work in our office, training with Jeri Lynn Whitlock. On top of that, she has spent time cleaning up and painting in the kitchen. She also volunteers for snack pack. It is my pleasure to name Shari Huck Elk of the month for April. Thank you Shari for all you do.



Officer of the Month

Trustee Dick Tracy

With this Officer, you never know where you're going to see him. He's constantly busy throughout the entire lodge, inside and out. The officer of the Month for April is Dick Tracy. Thank you for your continues dedication to our lodge!

Please Welcome our new members!

**Alvina Davis
Beau Halladey**

Please Note

Per our bylaws, Widow Cards will be \$10.00 per year going forward



Crying Towel

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

**6335,1291,4171,4977,1187,2848,6372,5748,
6342,5916,2758,6412,6448,6344,6015,3731,
4170,4207,6342,3820,6398,2043,6211,6051,
6371,6541,6544,3807,6316,6185,1388**

Membership/Lapsation Report (Active Members 4/1/23: 453)

Increases:	55
Decreases:	23
Gain or Loss:	34
Total Active Members:	485
Waiting to add:	9
Delinquent:	36
Lapsation rate:	7.95%
Life Members:	54
Honorary Life Members:	10
Life Percentage:	14.13%



Springfield Emblem Club #506



Wow, we finally are getting to use our sunglasses. Emblem is getting ready for some very busy months. March 22-23 Salem State Spring Meeting. April is installation with the following elect officers, President..Frieda Pearson, Vice President..Diana Perkins, Jr. Past President..Flossie Libby, Chaplain..Flossie Libby, Financial Officer..Diana Perkins, Treasury Officer.. Susan Dahlquist, Recording Secretary..Susan Dahlquist, Trustees..Margaret Dotson, Mary Alexander, Dick Tracy and Judy Tracy, Guard.. Donna Carter, Organist.. Donna Brandt May 11th is the Tea Party and June 25-28 is Emblem Convention. Drug Awareness Sue Dahlquist wants to thank everyone for the bottles and cans she has received. So if you have cans to give away Sue is the one to see. Pray for our world to get better and be kind to each other.

Flossie Libby, President

ELKARITAS by Ginny Curotto



Happy Spring Elkaritas. Spring is all about new beginnings and transformations; it's a season that symbolize starting fresh. After months of cold temperatures that often result in many of us feeling the winter blues, spring brings everything back to life and the Elkaritas are no exception. We're eager and definitely motivated to get started on more beautifications in the lodge. Our last meeting was well attended and our future projects are starting to materialize, so our main focus will be on making them happen.

The plans for our annual Luau on July 20th continue to evolve and we're planning on it being bigger, better and more profitable than ever before. We're asking for raffle items for our baskets and if you have something to donate, please let me know and we'll make plans to get it.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

"I am only one. I cannot do everything. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." - Edward Everett Hale

Ginny Curotto, President

ENF Update!

One more time from the sunny ENF desk.

As of March 11th Grand Lodge has us at \$33.07 per member in giving. And that makes our lodge leading the way for the state. However, there are always several lodges that make large donations at the end of the year. But with the fantastic job everyone did the other night at the lodge meeting, raising over \$2000 for the ENF, and the contributions for the month of March from the Fidelity members, we have a very good chance exceeding \$41 per member for the year and maintaining our standing as one of the most generous lodges in the state.

I am so grateful that I'm associated with such a wonderful group of very generous people. You amaze me very year.

I want to thank everyone that has donated to the ENF but know that the biggest and best thank you is coming to you from all the different people that your generous contributions are going to help.

Greg Bowman - ENF Chair

Save The Date!

Springfield Emblem Club #506
Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, May 11, 2024
1100 am ~ 230 pm
Springfield Elks Lodge
SFPD K-9 Dogs
Featured

Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar
 Silly Hat Contest
 Drawings, Prizes,
 Finger Foods,
 Desserts & Tea

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Save The Date!

- Apr 5 Nancy Logan Birthday Party
- Apr 6 John Hart Sale
- Apr 7 Celebration of Life (Private Event)
- Apr 11-14 Kamper Klub Campout - Winchester Bay
- Apr 13 Fly Fisherman's Sale
- Apr 14 DD Clinic - Florence, OR
- Apr 14 Emblem Club Installation
- Apr 20 Celebration of Life (Private Event)
- Apr 21 Snack Pack
- Apr 25-27 Elks OSEA Summer Convention - Seaside, OR
- May 4 Friends of NRA Event
- May 11 Emblem Club Tea Party
- May 12 Farmer's Market
- May 16-19 Kamper Klub Campout - Tillamook
- May 17 A3 School Prom
- May 18 Scales 40th Anniversary Party (Private Event)
- May 25 John Hart Sale
- May 27 Memorial Day Ceremony
- Jun 6-9 Kamper Klub Campout - Florence
- June 9 Special Rotary Club Event
- Jun 11-14 Emblem Club Convention
- Jun 14 Celebration of Life (Private Event)
- Jun 15 80th Birthday Party (Private Event)
- Jun 20 Flag Day Ceremony
- Jun 29 John Hart Sale
- Jun 29 Alexander Anniversary Party (Private Party)
- Jun DD Meet & Greet - Eugene, OR
- Jun 30-Jul 1 Grand Lodge Convention
- Jul 5 ER Welcome Back Party (tentative)
- Jul 11-14 Kamper Klub Campout - Elkton
- Jul 13 Celebration of Life (Private Party)
- Jul 20 Elkaritas Luau
- Jul 26-27 Emblem Club Flea Market
- Aug DD Clinic - Location TBA
- Aug 8-11 Kamper Klub Campout - Lincoln City
- Aug 17 Summer Celebration (Band Down & Dirty)
- Sep 19-22 Kamper Klub Campout - Westfir

Poker Update!

We play every 1st and 3rd Friday night, and 2nd and 4th Wednesday night!

Craig Allen and Bill Harper

Latest Results:

2/14: 1st: Diana Williams, 2nd: Gary Curl, 3rd: Beryl Ferriera

2/16: 1st: Jeanie Bewly, 2nd: Lenard Miller, 3rd: Craig Allen, 4th: Beryl Ferriera

2/28: 1st: Diana Williams, 2nd: Lorraine Cuevas, 3rd: Elva Roberts, 4th Curtis Kindrick

3/1: 1st: Joe Clark, 2nd: Lorraine Cuevas, 3rd: Jeanie Bewly, 4th: Gary McLeod

3/13: 1st: Bill Harper, 2nd: Diana Williams, 3rd: Elva Roberts

Wednesday Night Pool and Now Friday, too!



Join us weekly in the Elk's Pool Room for Pool Play and tournaments. 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 1/2 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
Beau Halladey, Friday Night

All Blood Types Needed



Blood Drive Springfield Elks Lodge

Lodge Room
1701 Centennial Blvd.
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Friday, Apr 26, 2024
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Happy Birthday to Nancy Logan!



Come help us celebrate with her family, friends, and fellow Elk Members!

Friday, April 5th—7:00pm
Finger Foods, Appetizers, and Cake provided
Karaoke Hosted By Howard

Texas Hold'em

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



Wednesday Night Drop In Pool

Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm
~ hosted by Patrick Ewing





Kamper Klub News

First Kampout of the year was held at the Oddfellows campground in Florence. The weather was beautiful Thursday night and Friday. Rain off and on Saturday and Sunday but all had a great time.

Next Kampout is set for April 11-14 at Winchester Bay RV Resort. Still time to make a reservation for this trip hosted by Craig & Joann. We haven't been there for a few years and it should be fun.

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 kampouts before committing to joining the Klub. We always have a great time come rain or shine.

The next Kamper Klub meeting is Monday, April 1st. 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	
April 11-14	Winchester Bay RV Lurie & Saari
May 16-19	Tillamook Elks RV/Tillamook/No Host
June 6-9	Florence Elks/Florence/Shults/Randall
July 11-14	Elkton RV park/Elkton/Morris
August 8-11	Wapati RV Park/Lincoln City/No Host
September 19-22	Casey's RV Park/Westfir/Barker
October	Coming Soon!
November	Coming Soon!
December	Christmas Party—Details to Follow

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

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

- April 5** Polish Stuffed Cabbage (Golabki) with Mashed Potatoes—\$12
- April 12** Grilled Swordfish Timgaad (Mild Algerian Spice)—\$16
- April 19** Baby Back Ribs, Potato Salad, Slaw Small—\$15, Large—\$25
- April 26** Chinese Lemon Chicken, Fried Rice—\$14

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Lodge/Club Calendar

APRIL 2024



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.



LOUNGE HOURS

Thursday and Friday: 4:30pm to 12:00am
 Tuesday and Wednesday: 5:00pm to 12:00am
 Happy Hour: all day on Thursday
 Happy Hour 4:30pm to 6:00pm Friday
NOTE: Lounge may close earlier depending on the business need

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!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU Lodge Night	FRI	SAT
	1 PER Tacos 6p Kamper Klub Meeting 7p <i>Monty DO</i>	2 Elkarita's Mtg 6p Line Dancing 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	3 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p BINGO 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	4 Lodge Meeting 7:30p Investigations Steak Dinner-\$14 <i>Mickie DO</i>	5 Dinner Special Polish Stuffed Cabbage 5p-7p Texas Hold 'Em 6:30p Karaoke 7p KJ Howard Nancy Logan B'Day Party 7p <i>Monty DO</i>	6 John Hart Sale <i>Monty DO</i>
7 Celebration Of Life <i>Janice DO</i>	8 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	9 Line Dancing 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	10 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p Texas Hold 'Em 6:30p BINGO 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30p Balloting Steak Dinner-\$14 <i>Mickie DO</i>	12 Dinner Special Grilled Swordfish 5p-7p Karaoke 7p KJ Jerry <i>Monty DO</i>	13 Emblem Club Meeting 11a <i>Dick DO</i> Fly Fisherman's Sale <i>John DO</i>
Kamper Klub, Winchester Bay RV Park — 11th-14th						
14 DD Clinic Florence Bulletin Deadline Emblem Club Installation <i>Dick DO</i>	15 Board Meeting 5:30p <i>Lodge Closed</i>	16 Line Dancing 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	17 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p BINGO 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	18 Cards 11:00a China Sun Buffet Orientation 5p Lodge Meeting 7:30p Initiation Steak Dinner-\$14 <i>Mickie DO</i>	19 Dinner Special Baby Back Ribs 5p-7p Texas Hold 'Em 6:30p Karaoke 7p KJ Dan <i>Monty DO</i>	20 Celebration of Life (Private Party) <i>Janice DO</i>
21 Snack Pack 12:30p <i>Mickie DO</i>	22 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	23 Line Dancing 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	24 Rotary 11:30-1p Drop in Pool 6p Texas Hold 'Em 6:30p BINGO 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>	25 Lodge Meeting 7:30p Steak Dinner-\$14 <i>Rick DO</i>	26 Blood Drive 9a-2p Dinner Special Lemon Chicken 5p-7p Karaoke 7p KJ Staci <i>Monty DO</i>	27 <i>Lodge Closed</i>
OSEA Summer Convention, Seaside — 25th-27th						
28 <i>Lodge Closed</i>	29 Board Meeting 5:30p <i>Lodge Closed</i>	30 Line Dancing 7p <i>Mickie DO</i>				

BINGO

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