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Welcome to our new members Chris Babcock, Vickki and Nickki

Below is the Sherriff's department members who attended our First Responders luncheon



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## Cottage Grove Lodge #1904

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Wed/Thurs/Fri 1pm to 4pm

**2024-2025**

OFFICERS	
Exalted Ruler	Dwayne Bull
Leading Knight	Lenny Layng
Loyal Knight	Karen Norris
Lecturing Knight	Carol Layng
Esquire	Glenda Short
Chaplain	Denise Bedford
Inner Guard	Cristy Hill
Tiler	Andrea Griffith
Asst. Tiler	Maria Dawson
Secretary	Ralph Dinnel (PER)
Treasurer	Brad Chapman
TRUSTEES	
Trustee 5yr	Marie Berry (PER)
Trustee 4yr	Walter "Shorty" Berry
Trustee 3yr	Randy Pitcher (PER)
Trustee 2yr	Dalton Perry
Trustee 1yr	Tim Horn (PER, PDDGER)
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Grand Lodge	
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PDDGER	Mike McCarty (PER)
PDDGER	Tim Horn (PER)
PDDGER	Harry Gibson (PER)
PDDGER	Walter Dix (PER)



## Exalted Ruler's Message

2024-25 Exalted Ruler

**Dwayne Bull**

Certainly! Here's a thoughtful thank you message for serving as Exalted Ruler:

## Dear Lodge Members,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for allowing me the honor of serving as Exalted Ruler. It has truly been a privilege to lead and work alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of individuals. Your unwavering support and commitment made this term both rewarding and memorable.

Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved. I'm deeply grateful for your trust, friendship, and the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and growth of our lodge.

As I pass the mantle to the next Exalted Ruler, I look forward to the continued strength and unity within our community. Thank you once again for the incredible opportunity, and I will always cherish the time I spent serving you all.

With warmest regards,  
Dwayne Bull  
Exalted Ruler 24-25

May our actions always exemplify Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity and Fidelity.

**Attention Members!** Find your membership number printed somewhere in this bulletin OR have a Birthday this month to receive a FREE BEVERAGE! 2822

## 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 Mathews, 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

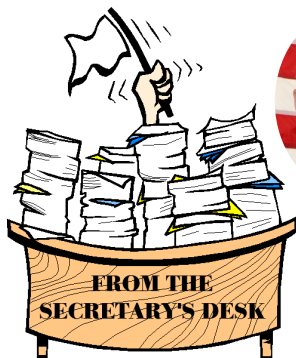
\*Deceased

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**Deadline for submitting articles is listed on the calendar.**

*Items can be submitted via email to our editor, Dwayne Bull at Dwayne.bull68@gmail.com (913-956-9643). Please put Cottage Grove Elks Gazette in the subject line. All advertising artwork should be submitted as a JPEG; all other submissions can be sent in the body of an email or in Word.*





Secretary  
Ralph  
Dinnel  
(PER)

As we come to the close of the Elks year, I want to remind you to get your dues turned in as soon as possible. Should you forget to get them paid by April 1st, you will find that your card will no longer open the door. When paying your dues, please be sure to add in any of the optional items that you would like to support.

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.

~ None at this time ~



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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

Charity-Jo Donati  
Louie Roner

### Membership Report

#### Beginning Membership Total on 4/1/24: 320

Initiated, Affiliated, Reinstated to date: 34

Dropped, Transferred, Deaths to date: 13

#### Membership Total to date: 341

Gain/Loss: 21

Delinquency: 34

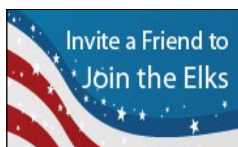
Lapsation Rate: 10.63

Applications on Hand: 6

Life Members: 27

Honorary Life Members: 1

Life Percentage: 8.75%



~Submitted by Ralph Dinnel  
Lodge Secretary

## March Birthdays

Receive a free beverage this month!



Shelly Adair, John Kronholm, James Martin, Duane Galdabini, Vergil Hughes, Stephen MrVich, Patrick Rogers, Charlene Kerns, Cheyenne Acker, Stanley Owens, Ralph Clark, Daniel Nord, Dennis Smith, Ashley Mamula, Brooks Hayes, Camilla Dinnel, Jacob Chapman, Henry Yoss, Darlene Middleton, David Spriggs, Tanner Walston, Tony Fuller, David Hartness, Thomas Miller, George Spriggs



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 am pleased to announce that Ralph Dinnel has been selected as Elk of the Month. Ralph holds one of the busiest roles in our lodge as Secretary. He is always proactive, keeping the Exalted Ruler informed of upcoming events and ensuring that all paperwork and reports are promptly submitted to Grand Lodge. In addition to his administrative work, Ralph generously volunteers for several dinners and events. He is also serving as Esquire to the District Deputy this year. We are excited about his future role as our next District Deputy and are incredibly grateful for all he has done and continues to do for the lodge.



*By virtue of having been designated*  
**Elk of the Month**  
*Is presented to*  
**Ralph Dinnel**



*By virtue of having been designated*  
**Volunteer of the Month**  
*Is presented to*  
**Sami Layng**

My volunteer for the month of March is Sami Layng. She spent numerous hours climbing up and down the ladder decorating the lodge room ceiling for the Kids Christmas party. Sami also helped with the preparation for the Kids Christmas party. Then turning right around and taking the decorations down so she could spend another numerous hours up and down the ladder again to decorate for the New Years Eve extravaganza. Sami did all this in between her morning and afternoon bus driving schedule. Good job Sami,.

It's a new month and we will be focusing on the Leading Knight's roll.

The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our Country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed. But, as Elks, we teach not alone the charity of alms, but the higher and nobler charity of thought word and deed. Our whole influence in life is determined by the good deeds we do rather than by the emotions we feel. The kindest feeling may vanish, the best resolve may be forgotten; but the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever. Lastly, the Leading Knight will assist the Exalted Ruler in conducting the business of the Lodge and to preside during their absence; to stand ready to hear the cry of affliction, to aid those in distress, and by precept and example inculcate the motto of this station- Charity.



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## Lodge Committee

## Reports

As we begin a new year the Exalted Ruler will be looking for volunteers and asking for help with several committees. If you are interested in helping please speak with the Exalted Ruler.

~ Thank you for serving! ~



First Lady Suzette Bull receiving the Elk of the month award

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. 1767



Debbie Wetham receiving the Volunteer of the month award



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Our local scouts held the annual pinewood derby at the lodge.

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Detective Will Strubel receiving a letter of appreciation along with a belt buckle at our First Responders luncheon



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Friday - 4:30pm - closed  
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## Lost & Found

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March 4th, 12 noon  
Ladies Luncheon  
El Tapatio in Cottage Grove

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# Grand Lodge/ENF News

By Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A Schiefer

Deadlines, programs, training wrap up Lodge year The Elks Lodge year is coming to a close but now is not the time to sit back and relax. You still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and finish strong. All of the various programs and awards for your Lodge and Members are due this month. Take the chance to review Elks programs on [elks.org](http://elks.org) to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members. One great program is the Contest "A" – All American Lodge Contest. Although you may believe your Lodge does not qualify for this award, you should still submit the application to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements next year to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." This is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Membership stats must be finalized GRAND SECRETARY Bryan R. Klatt Local Lodge Secretaries are reminded that they must have all membership records for 2024-2025 ready for year-end closeout finalized by 12:00 a.m. PT on March 31. Failure to update records can, and probably will, cause membership totals to be out of balance in the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS2Web). Also, the Financial Reporting System (FRS) monthly and year-end financials must be filed by March 31 [GLS: Section 13.040, 1.(g)], then every third Friday of the month thereafter. A Lodge's failure to comply with the new FRS program can result in fines being assessed. [GLS: Section 13.040, 2.(c)] The input of required data for the yearly charity report must be provided and submitted by, on, or before May 1 via CLMS. Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER Foundation. I know your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.00 per Member goal. There are also many ENF awards and certificates for your Lodge and Members. These should be applied for and given out. ENF provides money to your State Association, as well as funding many grant programs for your community activities. The most common recommendation from your Grand Lodge Area Auditor is for Lodges to better use the ENF grants to help improve operations. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact. Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success. Please take time to have a training program within the Lodge or district like the Elks Kollege of Knowledge that educates and trains new Officers to do their job. Mentoring new Officers can make a smooth, prepared transition. New Exalted Rulers you must list your committee appointments and give the list to the Lodge Secretary. Secretaries, please give this information to your District Deputy for the Lodge directory. This information then should be entered into CLMS2. What would we do without our Secretaries who keep everything in order? Thank you for your service. I know it's a busy time for you as you are preparing the year-end reports. Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This is also a time to evaluate what needs to be fixed. Any successful endeavor takes teamwork. March is the time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. One thing we all know how to do well is to have fun and fellowship with our Members in Elkdom. Thank you for your service. you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

## News From



February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is also one of the most important of the year. There are two activities that are to be completed this month. One is nominations of new officers for the fraternal year 2025-2026. As Grand Exalted Ruler Schiefer stated in his message, not only that those nominated are qualified to do the job chosen, but that they need to be supported. Words are cheap, but actions speak volumes. Don't be afraid to be pro-active and step forward when you see a job that needs to be done. Sometimes that chore falls by the wayside and years down the road everyone is wondering why it wasn't done before, when it was just a small matter. February is also the time to get started and the finishing of your All-American Lodge form. This not only tells you how your lodge is doing from year to year, but it makes you eligible to apply for one of two \$1,000.00 LIFe grants. The application is now on-line in the OSEA website. The form goes to a representative in each district, who will choose the best one or two that will be forwarded to the State Officers for

final judging. As I said last month, we have two important contests scheduled for February. The state Hoop Shoot contest is being held in Silverton on Feb. 8th. We get the district winners competing for a slot in the Regional contest being held in Nampa, Idaho. I will be there along with other Oregon officers and our State Director, Stephen May. There is a fun activity after the shooters are done, where the state presidents have a shoot-off with the winner receiving \$100.00 from the other presidents to be donated to the Elks National Foundation. I don't plan on donating, but I probably will even if I win. The other contest is the State Scholarship. It will be held at the Bend Lodge on Feb. 22nd. This is a very important day for our senior students from around the state. After meeting them and hearing about their accomplishments you cannot help but realize that there is hope for our nation's future. They are truly the best and brightest of our youth.

Remember, PERSEVERE & INNOVATE

Fraternally,  
Steven Malone  
OSEA President





# March 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
						 6:30 p Potluck  Lodge Opens 5p
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Officers and BOD mtg 5p  Lodge Closed	 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Chicken Fried Steak \$10 5 - 6:30p  Karaoke 8p Lodge Opens 4:30p	Lodge Rental   Lodge Opens 5p
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	Balloting Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Ham Dinner 5 - 6:30p \$10  Karaoke 8p Lodge Opens 4:30p	Inaugural Ball/ Installation of Officers 3:00p
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Gazette Deadline  Lodge Rental Bunco 4:00p \$10 buy in Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Steak Feed 5 - 6:30p \$12 Billy Bash Karaoke 7:30p Lodge Opens 4:30p	Cribbage 4:30p \$10 buy in Lodge Opens 5p
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Rise n' Shine Breakfast 8 - 11a \$10			 6:30p Burgers 5—7p	Initiation Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Fish Fry 5 - 6:30p Prices vary  Karaoke 8p Lodge Opens 4:30p	Vendor Fair   Lodge Opens 5p
30	31					
Vendor Fair Lodge Closed	Lodge Closed	Orientation Lodge Closed				

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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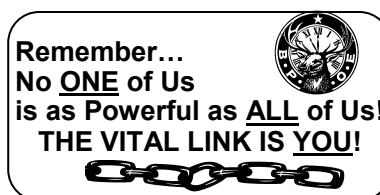
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## Upcoming Events...

4th - Ladies Lunch, 12pm El Tapatio  
15th - Installation of Officers  
16th - Bunco 4pm \$10 buyin  
22nd - Cribbage - 4pm \$10 buyin



## 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.