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Our Team WON! Third Year in a Row!

As we move into May, I would like to take a moment to highlight several important activities and reminders for our Lodge.

On April 25, our Officers Ritual Team traveled to Napa to compete against other Lodges in our Great Northwest District. **We have a strong and dedicated team, and we represented our Lodge very well, taking overall honors as Best Team**, as well as all officers receiving individual awards. Congratulations to all involved. We are proud of our hard work and commitment. By the time you read this article, we have returned to Eureka with the perpetual trophy for the third consecutive year!

Sunday, May 10: We will celebrate Mother's Day in the lounge area with a Coffee and Pastries Social at 11:30 a.m. followed by The Elks Mother's Day Ritual Ceremony and Mother of the Year Presentation in the Lodge Room. Please plan to attend and honor the most important person in our lives. This event is open to Elks members and their guests.

Friday, May 29: Our District Association Vice President Rich Spickler and his wife Cindy will visit our Lodge, join us for CYOS dinner, and help us prepare for our annual District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's visit later this year. Plan to have dinner with us that night and hear his message.

Looking ahead, our 125th Birthday Celebration is coming up on June 5, 6, and 7. This will be a special event for our Lodge, and planning is well underway. Nina Strang, PER, is chairing the committee and is looking for volunteers to help make this celebration a success. Any time or assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

As always, our Lodge depends on the support and involvement of our members. We are in constant need of volunteers in every aspect of Lodge operations. I encourage each of you to step up, get involved, and be part of the team. Not only does it help the Lodge, but it is also a great way to meet people and build lasting friendships.

Another important reminder is to keep your contact information up to date. It is vital that we are able to reach our members when needed. If you have recently changed your phone number or email address, please make sure to provide that information to the Lodge. We still have many landlines listed as the primary contact, and as we all know, most people no longer use or have them.

Finally, a quick reminder regarding guests: when bringing friends or family to the Lodge for dinner or other events, please remember that you must be present to sign them in at the front door. This helps us remain in compliance and ensures a smooth experience for everyone.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work. See you Soon at The Lodge.**

Fraternally,

Patrick Gillmore

Exalted Ruler, 2026–2027, rpgillmore@yahoo.com



Bingo Attendees Set a Record with 48 Participating on 4/12!

May Bingo Dates:

Sunday, May 3 & May 17

3 to 5 p.m.



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Welcome to our Newly Initiated Members!



(Names listed alphabetically) Karen Briggs, Walter Hurst, Rene Mahler, Monica Martinez,
 Shannon Sion and Sandra Dean Widoes

Leading Knight

Dear Members:

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying our facilities. Here are a few important updates from around the club.

Smoking Area Relocated

The designated smoking area on the deck near the lounge has been moved further down the deck, away from the door by the dance floor. This change is intended to improve comfort for everyone using the lounge and dance areas. When using the new smoking area, please be mindful of any open doors or windows nearby to help keep smoke from drifting into the building. Thank you for your cooperation with this adjustment.

Officer Activities

Our officers have been hard at work preparing for the Great Northwest District ritual competition. At the time of this writing, they are in the final stages of preparation, and the competition will be completed before this newsletter reaches you. If you see an officer, be sure to ask how it went—we're all cheering for their success!

Looking ahead, our officers will be attending the state convention from **May 13–16**. This is an important event for representing our club and connecting with members from across the state. We appreciate their

dedication and service.

Volunteers Needed

With the convention and other upcoming club activities on the horizon, we are in need of volunteers in many areas. Whether it's helping with setup, event support, or general operations, every hand makes a difference. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to get more involved, please reach out to any officer or sign up at the front desk. Your support helps keep our club running smoothly and strengthens our community.



Thank you for being an active part of our club family. We look forward to seeing you soon and celebrating another great season together.

Stay connected,
Brian M Smith, Leading Knight
Eureka Elks Lodge #652
House Committee Chair
(707) 407-5553



YOU ARE INVITED TO
EUREKA ELKS LODGE NO. 652

MOTHER'S DAY
Social & Ceremony

10 MAY 2026 | 11:30 AM

COFFEE & PASTRY SOCIAL
AT 11:30AM

MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY & MOTHER
OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION
TO FOLLOW.

OPEN TO MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE CLERK WITH
QUESTIONS. 707-442-6652

Mark Your Calendars

**CINCO
DE
MAYO**

**In Celebration,
All Margaritas will be
\$1.00 off
on May 5, 2026.**

EUREKA ELKS LODGE NO. 652

Secretary's Corner

YOU SHOULD HAVE PAID YOUR ANNUAL DUES BY APRIL 1, 2026. DUES ARE \$186 IF PAID NOW. The grace period ends May 30.

After that date you will need to reinstate for \$50 and the pro-rated dues, which will be \$196. Per year. I had to drop 107 members, who had not paid their dues for 2024-2025. Some of them have come back and paid during the grace period. We ended the year with 1,300 paid up members. We are still the number one Elks Lodge in the District.

Our Lodge activities continue to grow. There is a lot happening each month. Sunday Bingo is becoming very popular. Wednesday night dinners are becoming popular with 50 to 80 members attending on a regular basis. Friday night Cook Your Own Steak or an alternate menu seems to be growing in attendance. It's the only place in town where you can consistently get a meal and a dance band for \$32.

People have asked about the cat picture. His name is Moocher because he used to live in the woods behind our house. Every morning he would canvas the neighborhood and mooch food from different houses,

ours included. One day he decided to move in and take over our place. Turns out he's probably a Norwegian Forest Cat or Main Coon. Living with him is an experience you can't forget. He is very humanized and isn't afraid of much.

Our new Officer Corps is doing great. They are good to work with and are serving Elkdom and our Lodge well. They perform the ritual from memory and are impressive. Please attend the second meeting of the month to see them perform. Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month.

It's your Lodge, please participate.

Brad Smith
PDDGER,
District Leader
Lodge Secretary



Veterans' Corner

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Welcome Home Kits, a program offered through National Elks Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) are made up of an array of home supplies provided to a **"veteran"** moving into a new home after a period of homelessness, to help them with day-to-day living. The veteran will often be coming directly from a shelter and may have only the clothes on his/her back. A kit must include three items and are individually prepared to meet the veteran's needs. The ENVSC reimburses back to the lodge up to \$400 per kit, and up to \$600 for kits that include a bed. Potential candidates for a kit are referred through local veteran services providers such as the Humboldt County Veterans Service Office, Veterans Administration HUD-VASH, Nations Finest Transitional Program along with other local veteran's assistance programs or homeless shelters.

To date, the Veterans Committee has issued sixteen (16) Welcome Home kits to local veterans transitioning into their own homes. The total value of the kits issued is \$6263.75.

Veterans Committee meetings are being held at the lodge on the **2nd Monday of the month, at 5:30 PM.** Our next meeting is **May 11, 2026.** We encourage you to join us. One does not have to be a veteran to serve on the committee. Contact Jack Harris, Veterans Committee Chairman, at 775-722-1778.



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7th Annual Blood Drive Wednesday, May 6th

Elks Lodge & Blood Bank
445 Herrick Ave & 2524 Harrison Ave
12pm - 6pm & 8am - 7pm

Please Call Lynn McKenna at 707-442-9006 to make an appointment.
Walk-ins welcome, appointments given priority.

Blood Donation Locations for Monday, May 4th - Friday, May 8th

Monday	Fieldbrook Fire Dept 4pm - 7:30pm	
Tuesday	Crescent City Safeway 1pm - 6pm	Fortuna Rays 12pm - 6pm
Wednesday	Elks Lodge 12pm - 6pm	Blood Bank 8am - 7pm
Thursday	McKinleyville Shopping Center 11am - 4pm	Cal Poly Humboldt Harpst & B St. 11am - 4pm
Friday	Pearsons Building Center 10am - 4pm	Redway Shopsmart 10am - 3pm

Light Dinner
provided at the
blood bank from
4pm-7pm

Please state at registration that you are donating on behalf of Elks Lodge.

Spring Greetings From the Roamers

This past month we held our first outing of the season: The Go Nowhere Rally right here at the Elks Lodge. Things started Friday with dinner at the lodge. There were 42 for breakfast on Saturday at The Pantry and about 33 for the rail tour.

Sunday breakfast at the lodge was also well attended and things ended with the afternoon movie matinee: "Song Sung Blue." Thank you to the Perata's and the Ritters for hosting this event.

We will continue to Pismo Beach this month with the Ledbetter's as the trailblazers. Look for a report on that in next month's edition. Howard Ritter gave a report on the RV park which included that the picnic table project is almost complete. There are still signage to do but 13 tables have been donated. More gravel will be added in areas needing it and a work party for that will be announced soon.

We currently have outings planned for every month with 2 outings in June. If anyone is interested in learning more about these events please feel free to contact me or any Roamer member. See ya' down the road. (See our April photos on this page.)

Crystal Arbuthnot, Wagon Master



Do you have a family recipe you want to share? We are working on getting recipes to make an Eureka Lodge #652 cookbook. This will be a fundraiser for ENF... Elk's National Foundation Please print out your recipe with directions and bring them to the Clerk's office in an envelope marked "Loyal Knight"

Let's make
a
Cookbook!



Cheers to 125 Years!

Tumbler Mugs: \$30

125th Pin: \$20



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BARTENDER! HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 707-442-665

**Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652
Will Present its Annual
Flag Day Ceremony**



Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 12 noon

This is a wonderful patriotic event to celebrate the history of our nation's flag from the earliest "Pine Tree" flag to our current "Stars and Stripes."

Eureka Elks Lodge is proud to invite the following organization to participate in this ceremony:

- Eureka Emblem Club No. 298
 - Boy Scout Troop No. 54
 - Boy Scott Troop No. 27
- International Order of Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 86
- Mad River Community Veterans Honor Guard
- Eureka Commandry No. 35, Knights Templar

Members, family and friends are invited.

Hosted lunch of hot dogs will be served after the ceremony.

The Friendly Corner

Happy May! Happy sunshine and flowers! Wishing all of the Mothers out there a very special Mother's Day. My mother, may she rest in peace, was the cornerstone of our family. If I could have one thing, it would be one more hug from her. **Of course one of the Friendly Corner's favorite day is Cinco De Mayo.** Did you know that it is not an American made-up holiday just to drink margaritas and eat chips and salsa? On this day in 1862 the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. The battle signified the defeat of a European colonial power and victory for the Mexican people. While this is not Mexican Independence Day, that's in September, it has become a day of celebration of Hispanic pride and culture especially for those living in the U.S.

In celebration, we are offering \$1 off on ALL Margaritas on this day, so come out and celebrate! And May The Fourth be with you! *From your Bartender Staff*



Save the Date

EUREKA ELKS LODGE

125TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 5-7, 2026

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Once again, planning is underway for our Annual Veterans Car Show. This event has become increasingly popular over the years, thanks to the incredible dedication and support of our volunteers. I am deeply grateful and humbled each year by the generosity and commitment shown by everyone involved. This year, we have changed the date of our event to avoid a conflict with the Veterans Stand Down in Ferndale. The Eureka Elks Lodge #652 proudly contributes to the Stand Down by providing meals and assisting primarily with the clothing venue. Because many of our volunteers are actively involved in supporting this important effort, the new date ensures that they can participate in both meaningful events. We sincerely appreciate all of the volunteers who help make the Veterans Stand Down and our Elks Car Show such a success.

At this time, we are seeking volunteers, car enthusiasts, and fellow patriots who would like to assist in organizing this year's car show. There are many tasks involved in planning the event, and any amount of help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact us. Your support helps us honor our veterans and continue this cherished community tradition. Thank you for your continued dedication and generosity. Thank you.

*Pierre Carbonneau, 707-499-8371, Veteran of the Year CA & Hawaii Elks Lodge 2024-2024
Second Chair of the Elks Lodge #652 Elks Comity*

Congratulations to the New Officers of:
Eureka CA #652

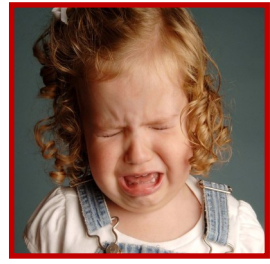


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2025-2026



Lodge Inventory Day /
Bob Bartley

Crying Towel



Robert Miller, Richard Onstad, Michael Finley,
Kent Bradshaw: their names were drawn, but were
not in attendance.

**Dennis Hunter and Alan Bobillot each won \$200
during the first meeting in April!**

Special Note from the 125th Fundraiser Committee:
Apologies that the names of Diane Viale and Linda West were overlooked
to be thanked for their donations. We are grateful for your support!

Eureka Elks Lodge 652

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					CYOS 5/1 6:30p Backstreet Band	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bingo 3-5pm Hot dogs, Corn Dogs, Onion Rings	House Com. Mtg 4:30pm	Trustees Mtg 5pm	Italian Night 5/8/26 Roamers Mtg 5pm Lodge Mtg 7pm	Cribbage 1 p.m. Rotary ESE, 5:30-7:30 pm	CYOS 5/8 6:30p Debbie & The Knuckleheads Almost Dangerous	ESE
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Coffee & Pastries Mother's Day Memorial 11:30am-1pm	Vets Com. Mtg 5:30p PER Mtg 5p	125th Planning Mtg 4:30pm	PER Dinner 6pm Orientation 7pm	ESE CYOS 130 pp - 6 pm Cribbage 1 p.m.	CYOS 5/15 6:30p Triple Tones	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bingo 3-5p Bar Food	House Committee Mtg 4: 30pm Emblem Mtg 6:30p	Trustees Mtg 5p	Fiesta Night 8pm 5/20 Lodge Mtg 7pm Initiation	Cribbage 1 p.m.	Korean Chicken Night \$28 5/22 6:30p Blue Rythm Review	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Rib Night 6pm 5/29 Jenga 7pm	Cribbage 1 p.m.	AVP Visit CYOS 5/29 6:30p Country Lightning	
31	Notes					
Submissions for Herd Talk are due no later than the Monday before the last Friday of the month by 5 p.m. No exceptions, please.						

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Fireworks Booth Is Coming!



Mark your calendars!

The June Herd Talk will have the date and times we will be open. If you would like to volunteer at the booth in June, there will be a sign-up sheet at the bar. All the money we raise goes back into our community for our children.

This year we want to be able to give out 250 backpacks in September so the more money we raise the more we can do for community. Remember, the Youth Activities Fund is year-round.

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