

Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

April 2025

Pre-register and acquire badges for 2025 Grand Lodge Convention



Join us in Kansas City, MO for the 2025 National Convention!

We are excited to welcome you to the heart of the Midwest for four days of fun, fellowship, and learning.

Pre-registration for the Kansas City Grand Lodge Convention is available at elks.org through June 25.

The online pre-registration fee is \$50 for all Members, while the on-site registration fee

will be \$60. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest.

On-site registration will open on Friday, June 27, from noon to 4 p.m. When you arrive at the Kansas City Convention Center, go to the designated pre-registration line in the Registration area. You will need your e-mail confirmation and current membership card to receive credentials (and voting credentials, if qualified) for you and your spouse or guest. A registration badge will be required to enter the exhibit hall and all business sessions.

All non-Elk guests, including widows and widowers of Elks, must register at the Guest Registration Station at the convention center to obtain registration badges. Guests need a badge to enter the exhibit hall, see the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, or attend any other events where they are permitted. Be advised exhibits and vendors will not open until 8:00 a.m. Saturday.

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Incoming leaders start year with proactive mindset

Douglas A. Schiefer, Grand Exalted Ruler



April is here and spring has finally arrived. It always feels like a new beginning in April, especially if you live in the colder regions of our country.

A new fraternal Lodge year begins. I want to congratulate all the newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers. It is a proud moment to be installed and take on the challenge of providing leadership within your Lodge. Be sure to review and implement the programs of the 2024-2025 Grand Lodge Program booklet so you can continue showing “Elkdom’s Heart For America.” Make sure that you have all your committees prepared and that committee members know their responsibilities. Communication is the key.

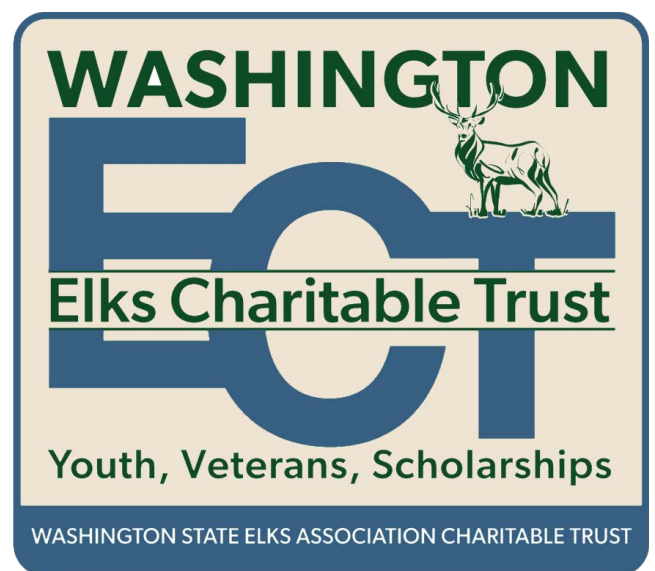
Financially, it is the Trustees and Officers who need to submit a budget to the Lodge for adoption no later than the last regular meeting in April or the following regular meeting. Your Lodge should be ready to present a sound budget to your Members. The annual report for the previous year is also due May 1 so make sure that your FRS financial reporting system is up to date.

On a housekeeping note, you should review any by-laws or house rules and regulations that need to be updated. It’s for the good of the Lodge to make everything orderly and that you always prioritize the integrity and safety of the

Lodge.

On a festive note, it’s time to make a calendar of social events for your Lodge. Create reasonable, achievable monthly events that will excite and attract your membership. Outside of your Lodge you are encouraged to establish a community project that emphasizes charitable work. Your Lodge life should always have a balance of what you do inside your Lodge and outside in the community you serve. Don’t forget to set aside May 1-7 as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of our country.

Julia and I wish you a blessed Easter season. It is a celebratory time for our family. God bless you and God bless America!



WSEA President Elect Message



Congratulations to all the newly installed officers. I had a great time at all Officer Installations, and I was also impressed to see a lot of members in attendance at the events. It goes to show how much the members are returning to the lodges and getting

involved. Also, a BIG thank you to last year's officers whether continuing or not, thank you for everything you did to support your lodges.

First and foremost, we have a deadline coming up for everyone attending the Grand Lodge convention.

The convention will be held in Kansas City, MO starting Sunday June 29th through Wednesday July 2nd, 2025. All Washington Exalted Rulers, designates, and members must have their registration turned into the state office not later than April 18th, 2025. No late registrations this year, there will be no exceptions. The registration form is available on the WSEA Website under "News & Events".

Exalted Rulers now is the time to set your plans in motion if you have not already done so. A great event starts with preplanning



months in advance. Assign your officers tasks to be accomplished and follow-up with completion times. If you are struggling or need assistance WSEA is here to help you. We have a lot of programs that are here at your disposal. But please don't wait until the last moment. We have lots of materials and ideas that you can use to help make your event successful. But we need to plan our schedules to best help all the lodges. So, ask your questions sooner than later.

Utilize your Program Advocates, that is what they are there for. If they can't get the answer you need, or the assistance that you need, please feel free to contact your District Liaison(Vice President). We will contact the WSEA Chairperson to get you the assistance you need.

Events in April: District Deputy Clinics, WSEA Quarterly in Tri-cities April 19th, Youth Week (first week of May), and so much more.

The weather is turning for the better and everyone will be wanting to get out of the house. Give them something at your lodge to come and enjoy. Also get the word out. Communication is the key to success. Get it on the State calendar and newsletter. Send your newsletter to all the lodges so the information gets out on what is happening at your lodge. And most importantly employ your members to spread the word to the community that the Elks are here to help them with their needs. Invite them to the lodge and grow.

Have a great spring and I will see you soon.

Fraternally,
Scott Rainey, WSEA President Elect

WSEA Vice President North Message

By Ben Braden



As the Washington State Elks Association welcomes a new lodge year, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the elected and appointed officers recently installed in all 34 lodges across our great state. Your dedication and willingness to lead are essential to the success of your lodge and the growth of our organization. The year ahead presents opportunities to strengthen our bonds, engage members, and make a lasting impact in our communities.

With your new roles come both responsibilities and rewards. Leadership is not a solo endeavor—it lives and dies on teamwork. Take the time to assess each other's strengths and areas where support may be needed. By working together and filling in gaps where necessary, you ensure a strong foundation for your lodge's success. Encourage open communication, foster collaboration, and set goals that align with the values and mission of the Elks. Success is within reach when you lead with unity and purpose.

One of the most impactful ways to showcase the value of your lodge is through advocacy and outreach. I encourage all officers



to review their lodge's charitable report from the past year. This report is more than just volunteer numbers—it tells the story of how your lodge volunteers; serves the community, supports those in need, and brings people together. Use this data to craft a letter to local city and state officials, media outlets, chambers of commerce, and other influential entities like YMCA's and Boys & Girls clubs. Share what your lodge stands for, highlight key achievements, and demonstrate the critical role the Elks play in fostering community spirit and civic engagement.



Additionally, take this opportunity to introduce your newly installed officers to the broader community. Extend an invitation to an upcoming public event, or even a special gathering where government officials or community leaders can attend as honored guests. Strengthening these relationships will open doors to new partnerships, increase public awareness of your lodge, and reinforce the positive impact your lodge has on those who are members as well as those it serves.

Your leadership is the driving force that will shape the future of your lodge and the Elks organization as a whole. Embrace the year ahead with enthusiasm, collaboration, and a commitment to making a difference. I wish you the best of success in your upcoming year and look forward to seeing the incredible work you will accomplish!

Till we meet again at your upcoming officer training! May 3 for the East District in Yakima and May 17 for West, North, Central and South Districts at the Puyallup Lodge.

WSEA Vice President East Message



Spring is finally here, and with it comes a new lodge year and new opportunities to connect, grow, and serve.

As we welcome the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of our state and local lodges. Together, we have achieved some significant milestones. Here are just a few:

- We have opened a new lodge in Moses Lake, which is already making a positive impact in the community.
- We transformed our scholarship program to streamline outreach to even more students and supplement our local lodges with additional funds.
- We hosted countless activities and fundraisers including a state-wide gala that directly benefit "Our Kids," Veterans, youth, and much more.
- We successfully launched a new fundraising initiative through our Charitable Trust that will now give back directly to lodges, further empowering community engagement.

These achievements deserve recognition as do the efforts and dedication of our membership!

As we move into the new year, let's continue building on these efforts and explore new ideas to engage our members and share the true meaning of being part of the Elks. Providing

fun and engaging activities for our members is important, but equally vital is involving them in the charitable and benevolent efforts that define the ELKS!

ERs and new officers now is the time to fill your activities calendar, while also planning strategies for supporting youth and Veteran's programs, scholarship initiatives, or filling a need in your community. Be sure to include and invite all members to participate. Don't forget to utilize the ENF Grants, or the new Charitable Trust Grants that will soon be available. These efforts will grow our lodges and strengthen our impact.

Remember, our State and District leaders are always here to assist and offer ideas.



Please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we will continue to shine and achieve even greater things.

Lana Davick

2nd Vice President – East



WSEA Vice President Central Message



As the season of change arrives, I want to take a moment to reflect on the dedication and hard work of our outgoing Exalted Rulers. Your commitment, resilience, and passion have been instrumental in making a lasting impact on your lodges, and for that, I extend a heartfelt **"Job well done!"** The contributions you've made will continue to inspire and guide the members as we move forward.

At the same time, I am thrilled to welcome our **new Exalted Rulers** and all the new Officers to the team. Congratulations! As you step into your new roles, I am excited to see the fresh perspectives and energy you bring. Your journey ahead will be filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and make a difference. I encourage you to take part in all the training that are opportunities offered. The first ones are coming up in May. May 3rd will be the East side training and May 17th will be the West side training.



The E board is working hard to help the lodges grow. There are new grants that will be available from the Charitable trust to help lodges expand on community projects.

Details will be coming out soon. They are limited and there is a criteria for qualifying so please be sure to read everything. To keep these grants coming, please encourage everyone to contribute to the Charitable Trust and be sure to wear your Pin proudly.



Looking ahead, the **Summer Convention** is just around the corner—a time for renewal, collaboration, and celebration. This gathering will be a chance to

connect, share insights, and prepare for the exciting challenges ahead. Whether you're an experienced Officer or committee member or just beginning your Elks journey, this convention promises to be a memorable event filled with learning, networking, and inspiration.

Here's to progress, celebration, and the bright future that lies ahead. See you at the convention!

Fraternally,

Scott Knight

Washington State Elks
3rd Vice President



Membership and Marketing Message

Nancy Oakes, PER
Membership and Marketing Chairperson

Last year all our lodges were in a growth pattern and all but seven lodges were Plus 1, with our state coming in 5th in the nation for membership gain.

This year, our state isn't even a Plus 1. We finished the year with our lodges dropping over 1700 members, of which over 200 of those members were Lifetime Members. Those members have been with the Order between 30 and 69 years!!! How did we let them slip through the cracks?!?!?

We ended up missing being a Plus 1 by just a few more than 100 memberships. We are in the 60 day reinstatement period and we have successfully reinstated a little over 20 to bring our shortage number down to 80. Great job!!!

However, I know we can get to Plus 1, and I'm asking for your help!!!

Lodges, please reach out to your dropped members, especially your Lifetime Members.

Members, please contact your lodges ASAP and ask for some assistance in reinstating your membership. If you do so within our 60 day period, you will not pay a penalty fee.

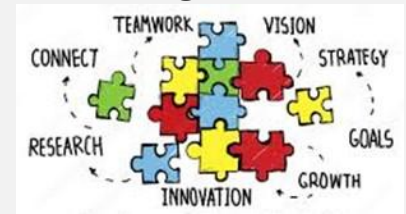
We do not want to permanently lose a single member from that count of dropped members. If you have moved and didn't receive an invoice, call the lodge. If you couldn't afford the dues this past year, call the lodge. Ask them if there is some way to get some assistance to pay dues.

A Lifetime Member should remain as that, a Lifetime Elk!! Lodges, bring back those 200+.

If you need any assistance, do not hesitate to reach out, we are here to help.

Let's GO WASHINGTON!!! Let's show everyone that WASHINGTON never gives up, and we fight to keep our members. **If each lodge reinstated at least 4 dropped members, we would meet our goal of Plus 1.** WSEA is counting on you!!!

WSEA Membership and Marketing Committee



Our purpose as the Membership and Marketing Committee is to use effective internal and external communications to relate to the membership and public our purpose, aims, and goals and publicize the good deeds of our order. We are working hard to meet the needs of the lodges. Should you wish to submit info, ideas, questions, please contact Committee Chair, Nancy Oakes

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Richard Shull
Traci Kezar
Scott Fyelling
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Dave Blevins
Lolly Titherington
Beverly Maddox

WSEA Ritual Committee Report

Heather Beal, PER
WSEA Ritual Committee Chair



Congratulations to our new Officers! Take a deep breath. YOU'VE GOT THIS! I know the start of the year and new responsibilities may seem overwhelming, but they say the best way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time. Well, I have never wanted to eat an elephant personally, so instead I am going to encourage you to take it one step at a time. Ritual is a lot like our friend the elephant overwhelming and potentially scary (but generally it is not going to stomp on you so you're safe there). Seriously, its one word at a time, one thought, one feeling, one emotion. Everything awesome about who we are as Elks started with, and continues with, ritual.

Ritual should be fun. We are never going to be perfect, but we can try our best to give our new Members a great first impression. When a new Member gets to your station, smile. Take a deep breath. Smile again. These new Members are what our ritual is for. If you mess it up, it's okay. Smile. Start over or ask for a prompt.

If you are going to read (which I earnestly ask you to try not to do) make those words count. Know what the words mean and why we say them. Yes, I know some quirky gentlemen in New York thought "thither" was a good word to use and thought it amusing to throw in a few tongue twisters just for fun, but overall, there is a story behind all the words and a message behind each Knight's charge.

Please remember that your State Ritual Team is here for YOU. While we are blessed with some amazing expertise on this committee (three past Grand Lodge Ritual Committeemen/women), no one is perfect, and every one of us has been through ritual or been a part of a ritual coaching team. We WANT to help. Please reach out anytime if there is anything we can do from coaching to help with conducting an initiation.

I want to thank you again for stepping up to taking on the great responsibility of guiding our Lodges and volunteering. Your dedication is what makes our Lodges amazing. Thank you again for all you do!

Heather Beal, PER
WSEA Ritual Chair
Heather.1181elks@gmail.com

WSEA OFFICER TEAM



The Washington State Elks Association, Founded in 1905, is made up of the state subordinate lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. It currently has 35 member Lodges within Washington State and more than 20,000 members. Its purpose is to unite all Elks in closer bonds of fraternity, to promote the interests of the Order, exchange items beneficial to member Lodges, foster the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity and to further patriotic devotion to the principles of the United States of America.

President:

Mike Dahl

President Elect:

Scott Rainey

Vice President/North:

Ben Braden

Vice President/East:

Lana Davick

Vice President/Central

Scott Knight

Secretary:

Steve Scholz

Treasurer:

Robert Finley

Elks Care – Elks Share

Elks Hoop Shoot Crowns 6 Youth as Northwest Regional Free-Throw Shooting Champs



Joseph C. Basil

Past Vice-Chairman Board of Grand Trustees-Area 8
 Area-8 Housing Chairman
 Washington State Elks Hoop Shoot Director

The 2025 Elks Hoop Shoot Northwest Region Championship Winners are:

Division	Winner	Lodge Sponsor	Score
8-9 girls	Kenli Christensen	Blackfoot, ID Lodge No. 1416	20/25 (4/5)
8-9 boys	Bridger Heyn	Kellogg, ID Lodge No. 1841	22/25
10-11 girls	Lucy Lathen	Grants Pass, OR Lodge No. 1584	17/25
10-11 boys	Weston Luo	Greater Spokane, WA Lodge No. 228	21/25 (5/5)
12-13 girls	Grace Wilhelm	Palmer, AK Lodge No. 1842	25/25
12-13 boys	Sawyer Beutler	Preston, ID Lodge No. 1670	25/25

The 72 Hoop Shoot National Finalists—the best free throw shooters from 12 Regions across the country—will compete to be Hoop Shoot National Champions on April 26, 2025, in Chicago. Good Luck Weston!



District Deputies for 2024-2025



Central:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Scott Knight

Esquire: Peter Schultz

Auditor: Patti Knight

East:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Wm. Bim Lindsey

Esquire: Richard Shull

Auditor: John Dabney

Assistant to the Auditor: Patty Wilson

North:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Dave Richcreek

Esquire: Arnold Smith

Auditor: Mike Campbell

Assistant to the Auditor: Sheryl DeMarsh/Aaron Reid

South:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Rob Dahl

Esquire: Mike Morant

Auditor: Michele Jenkins

West:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Dean McCoy

Esquire: Patricia Staley

Auditor: Brandi Wallace

Assistant to the Auditor: Mike Leavitt

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children

Since 1954, the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. has provided home-based occupational or physical therapy to children with developmental delays or physical disabilities. Services are provided at no cost to the family served.

Childrens Hospital



The Elks for Children's Hospital partnership between Seattle Children's Hospital and the Washington State Elks Association began in 1926 and continues today. The bond of these two entities and the care of the Elks has given hope to children in our region for more than 99 years.

ENF in Washington State

By Julie Seeder, WSEA ENF Chair

Hello Fellow Washington Elks,



As we all enter a new Elk year, I want to be sure everyone is aware that the WSEA's encouragement of the Elks National

Foundation has been stepped up a bit, envisioning awarding lodges for their participation in the second year of the \$20 per capita State President's goal, as well as awarding lodges for their increased involvement in the CIP Grant process, as well as the ENF Chairman's Challenge. Lodges will be recognized, and monetary awards will be handed out at the end of the Elk year in all of these areas. More information will be forthcoming.



IMPORTANT

**Chairman's Challenge
Information & Due Date of
the ENF Chair Registration
before 5/1/2025**

Each Elk Year, your ENF Chairs are tasked with the Chairman's Challenge. In order to be able to maximize the Gratitude Grant, one factor is that they must score over 550 of the total possible 1000 points by doing a variety of tasks proposed by Grand Lodge and the Elks National Foundation. These points are acquired by fulfilling the requirements from the

following categories: Promoting the ENF, Acquiring New Donors, Renewing Donors, and Recognizing Donors. The Chairman's Challenge is the tool provided by ENF to increase your per capita at your lodge, raising awareness of just how crucial the foundation is toward your lodge's charitable health.

Start with step one in Promoting the ENF after visiting this website:

<https://www.elks.org/enf/ChallengeRules.cfm>.

20 points are awarded if the Lodge ENF Fundraising Chair, new or returning, registers **before May 1, 2025**. Registrations received on or **before August 1, 2025**, earn 15 points, and registrations received anytime thereafter earn 5 points. Get the **MAXIMUM** of 20 points by registering now!

If you are a new ENF Chairman, a renewed Chair or the ER or Secretary, and want assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, your WSEA ENF Chair. The rubric for the new awards program from the WSEA will be heading your way in the coming weeks.

Julie Seeder, PER

WSEA ENF Chair

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**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student

By Cheri Michaelson

Elks National Foundation, WSEA Most Valuable Student Chair

April is here already. So many things happening in Elkdom, personal lives and the world. Congratulations to all the new Lodge Officers, Committee Chairs and members. Thank you to all who have stepped up to District and State officers and Chairmen

I would like to congratulate our state winners and those who advanced as National Semi-finalists (**Bold and ***). I have signed Certificates for these winners. All Districts had at least 1 winner in the top 14 state wide and 14 lodges represented.

East District:

Tri-Cities	Rebekah Shater*	4 x \$2000	\$8000
	Cherish Deng *	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Natalie Jenks*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Yakima	Caroline Menna*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Natalie Jensen	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Joshua Williams*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Walla Walla	Matthew Yao*	4 x \$2000	\$8000
	Makenna Marshall	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Omak	Liberty Linklater	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Hayden Swartzel	1 x \$2000	\$2000

North District

Everett	Tasmeen Sheik*	4 x \$1500	\$6000
	Tess Hahn	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Levi Develice*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Oak Harbor	Audrey Hart*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Calcum Mannion	4 x \$1000	\$4000
	Tristan Griffith	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Lynnwood	Nicholas Iwuoha	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Mt Vernon	Sara Omdal	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Anacortes	Mikiah Dunham	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Seattle	Kevin Troung*	4 x \$1500	\$6000
	Kenneth Choi*	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Nhat Do	1 x \$2000	\$2000

South District

Vancouver	Lucy Taylor	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Jeffery Anton *	1 x \$2000	\$2000
Mt Adams	Garrett Kock	1 x \$2000	\$2000

West District

Sequim	Page Krzyworz*	4 x \$1000	\$4000
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Central District

Olympia	Noah Deligeannis	1 x \$2000	\$2000
	Logan Sison	1 x \$2000	\$2000



Important Dates/Lodge

Events & Activities:

(more info on WSEA website calendar)

April 5/6

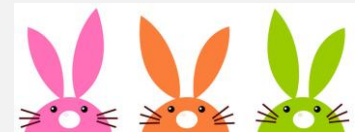
**Tri-Cities Lodge
Washington State Ritual
Judge Certification**

April 18/19

**Tri-Cities Lodge
Spring Quarterly**

April 20

Happy Easter!



May 3

**Yakima Lodge
All NEW Officer Training**

May 17

**Puyallup Lodge
All NEW Officer Training**

Looking Ahead...

June 18-22

**Pasco, Washington
Summer Convention**

June 29-July 2

**Kansas City, Missouri
Grand Lodge Convention**

WSEA Encourages Lodges to Facilitate EZ Child Find ID Event



Washington State Elks Association
sponsors of
EZChildID.com

This is a
FREE service
provided by your local
Elks Lodge

Protecting Our Greatest Resources

It is a new Elk Year and planning for events for the coming year is underway. Now is the time to start planning and reserving the EZ Child ID kit for your event. Please contact Caroline Bradwell at: elks823carolinebradwell@gmail.com to reserve a kit as soon as possible.

Kits are located in these Districts : North District Shoreline lodge with Raelynn Philips, East- Colville with Craig Johnson, Central Tacoma with Melody Kennedy. South Vancouver with Caroline Bradwell . Currently the West district is supported by North, Central and South District. Early planning and reserving a kit are key to ensure availability at your events.

South District and East District EZ Child ID kits will be at Elks night at the Races on August 9 at two racetracks. Featuring our two racers with Discover

Elks.org. Mission Valley Super Oval in Polson Montana will feature Madix Moran and Grays Harbor Raceway in Elma Washington will feature Brayden Brookshire! Come show your support!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about how to get an EZ Child event going for your lodge and community. There is additional information available on the WSEA website.

Fraternally,

Caroline Bradwell
EZ Child ID Chairperson

Dorothy Yothers Scholarship Winners Announced

Second Chances Scholarship, in Memory of Dorothy M. Yothers

To receive the Dorothy M. Yothers Second Chance Scholarship, you must be a woman over 25 years of age who plans to pursue an eligible Vocational/ Technical course in the State of Washington. Congratulations to this year's recipients: Coleman Merle from Battle Ground (Vancouver Lodge) and Emily Murphy from Oak Harbor Lodge. Each will receive a 4 year-\$1000 scholarship.



To the Lodges, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Elks Association. I am writing to officially announce my candidacy for Vice President West and to ask for your support.

Coming from a multi-generation family of Elks, I enthusiastically joined the Forks Elks Lodge #2524 in 1994 and have been active in my Lodge for all 31 years. Once elected to an Officer position, I have progressed through the Chairs, culminating in the position of Exalted Ruler in 2000-2001, which was so much fun that I served again in 2001-2002. Even after the term of Exalted Ruler, I continued to serve the Forks Lodge as a 9-year Secretary, 10-year Trustee, served as Chairman of the Board, House Chair and am currently the Treasurer.

The All American Forks Lodge is 100% volunteer and has a way of putting everyone to work. I have continually served on various Lodge Committees, chaired many activities, been a volunteer cook, a volunteer bartender and a 21-year volunteer bookkeeper. These efforts have rewarded me as the Lodge Elk of the Year, numerous Lodge Officer of the Year awards and the distinguished recognition of the WSEA Officer of the Year in 2021.

In 2022, I joined the Grand Lodge District Deputy team, serving as District Auditor 2022-2023, District Esquire 2023-2024 and District Deputy 2024-2025.

While many of you know me around the Elks, what you may not know is that I've been working for the WA State Department of Corrections for nearly 30 years, the last 20 years as the Warehouse Manager for a State prison. In my spare time, I love to go camping, watch baseball, go bowling, play pinochle, find a fun brew pub and enjoy concerts.

I have been to nearly all the Lodges in Washington State and enjoy the camaraderie and fun exhibited by our Elks family in other Lodges. Although we have the same principles, we each operate uniquely and some Lodges have challenges. This sentiment, along with my desire to help Lodge succeed, will be an interest to me. I'm from the old school of learning Statutes and combined with training programs, we will work together to help all our Lodges be successful. Let's not overlook the opportunity to have fun along the way!

My spirit of serving the Elks and our communities has never diminished. I am proud to be an Elk and that is why I'm running for VP West. Thank you in advance for your support.

Fraternally,

Dean McCoy, DDGER, Forks Lodge #2524

IT'S TIME TO LEAD WITH PURPOSE!

Exalted Ruler, Knights, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, House Chair

LET US
TEACH
YOU OUR
SECRETS

ALL NEW!!!! OFFICER TRAINING

STRONGER LEADERS, STRONGER LODGES

EAST DISTRICT MAY 3, 2025
AT THE YAKIMA LODGE - 9:30A

NORTH/CENTRAL/SOUTH/WEST DISTRICTS
MAY 17, 2025 AT THE PUYALLUP LODGE

All Lodge
Officers
to Attend!

ALL NEW PRESENTERS
ALL NEW PRESENTATIONS
YOUR LODGE BENEFITS!

Why Should You Attend?

- ✓ Gain the tools to lead your lodge effectively.
- ✓ Learn modern strategies to engage and grow membership.
- ✓ Strengthen teamwork and communication within your lodge.
- ✓ Network with fellow Elks leaders from across the state.



Community • Friendship • Charity

waelks.org



WECT LAPEL PIN



- \$100 WECT DONOR
- \$250 WECT DONOR
- \$500 WECT DONOR
- \$1000 WECT DONOR



Support the programs of the Washington Elks Charitable trust by purchasing your Lapel pin today!

As you reach each donation level you can add a new bar to your pin to proudly show your support of the amazing programs of our Charitable Trust



WASHINGTON STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST GRANT PROGRAM

EXPAND LODGE INITIATIVES

Grants to support local initiatives aligned with state committees

**\$1,500
GRANTS
AVAILABLE**

WHO CAN APPLY:
ELKS LODGES IN
WASHINGTON STATE

DUE DATE:
MAY 15, 2025



APPLICATIONS ONLINE WAEKLS.ORG



On Display April 19 at Lodge 2755!

Join us at the WSEA Quarterly meeting at the Tri-Cities Elks lodge on Saturday April 19, 2025, to meet Discover Elks driver Madex Moran and view his 2025 car with all new graphic scheme. This is your opportunity to meet this amazing youth driver, ask questions and learn more about why the Discover Elks Group thinks supporting youth drivers aligns perfectly with promotion of the Elks both locally and broadly across the region and country.

Leave your doubt at the door

By Rick Gathen
Membership Marketing Manager

Every year, when it is time to renew your Elks membership, a thought may creep in: Does my membership really matter?

Maybe you've felt that moment of hesitation. But let us tell you this, loud and clear: Leave your doubt at the door.

Because when you walk through that Lodge door, you stand in a place where heroes are honored, children are lifted, communities are strengthened, and kindness wins. You are part of something that stretches across

generations, across towns and cities, across this entire nation.

You are an Elk. And that matters more than you may ever know. So, Leave your doubt at the door.





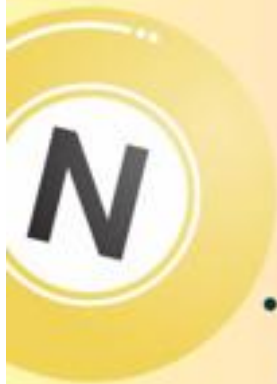
Lynnwood Elks 2171 presents



Easter *Bingo*

for Children's Hospital

April 11, 2025



- Wear Easter themed costumes
- Easter Basket Raffles for Uncompensated Care
- Easter Bags Being stuffed for Children's Hospital Patients – **Bring nonfood items to stuff into small bags – to be delivered prior to Easter by our Children's Hospital Committee**



Questions: 425-776-2171 | elks2171@gmail.com

Elks Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 19
Hunt Begins Promptly at 12:00PM

Four Age Groups

0-2 years 3-5 years 6-8 years 9-11 years

FREE Face Painting open at 11:00am

Lunch Available for Purchase

Hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee and pop.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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3RD ANNUAL BIG LEBOWSKI

Shoreline #1800 Fundraiser for
Orange #1475 California Fires
Prizes for best costume

Karaoke & dinner following at
the lodge 206.364.1800



April 19 2pm
Spin Alley
1430 Richmond Beach NW
Shoreline, WA 98177 **\$25p.p.**



**Winning lodge gets perpetual trophy to host next year's
tournament**
Big Lebowski Day is March 6

<https://shorelineelks.hrpos.heartland.us/menu>



Lynnwood Elks #2171 Presents

CINCO DE MAYO

Monday, May 5th starts @5pm

Tasty Homemade Mexican & New
Mexican Cuisine by Darla \$13/plate



Raffle Baskets

\$5 Margaritas

Homemade Salsa
Contest

Burro Races w/ Wanda & Jerry



BENEFITTING GENERAL FUND

Everett Elks Run for the Roses

SATURDAY
MAY 3RD 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM

JOIN US FOR
“THE GREATEST TWO
MINUTES IN SPORTS”

FAN FAVORITE EVENT-
HORSE RACES ARE BACK!!

FIRST RACE 5:30PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED:
SPAGHETTI, CAESAR
SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

\$12.00



SPARKLES AND SPURS!

JOIN THE BOOT BOOGIE BABES FOR A NIGHT OF COUNTRY LINE DANCING!

SATURDAY, MAY 10
6:00-9:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY



FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE

