

Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

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Washington State Elks Summer Convention Registration Open



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REGISTRATION:

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to register for what we hope is going to be a successful Annual Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco June 19th –21st, 2025. Elk Member registrations should be completed by May 30th to avoid paying a late fee. Non-member i.e.: spouse/partner/fiancé/or guests attending with an Elk member registration is \$20.00.

**Please remember that all registration fees collected contribute to covering the costs associated with hosting our conventions i.e.: meeting rooms, coffee service etc. Each individual present during this time needs to have a paid registration.*

Registration refund: Full refund through May 30th, no refunds after.

ADVANCE MEAL TICKET PURCHASE:

Please note that we have three special meals available for purchase on one ticket this summer. Your special includes: 1 Polly Garland luncheon ticket, 1 Friday Dinner ticket and 1 Saturday BBQ ticket for \$135.00. Tickets need to be purchased in advance so we can properly report counts by

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our contracted date. **Please understand:** You **do not** have the ability to purchase meal tickets at convention.

Meal ticket refund: Full refund through May 30th, no refunds after.

HOTEL RESERVATION:

After May 30th we are unable to guarantee hotel availability and rate so please plan accordingly, don't delay.

Book hotel lodging online, follow the link on the Washington Elks website.

Adjust the Check-in and Check-out dates to fit your stay.

1. Enter the PROMO Code: **WASH2025**
2. Select your room type.
3. Proceed to check out and pay online



To book by Phone, please call 509-547-0701 ext. 0

1. Ask the front desk agent to make a reservation at the Pasco Red Lion
2. Let them know you are with a group in **June 2025– Was**
3. Give them the group block code **WASH2025**
4. Complete individual reservation with agent.

Please keep in mind that the cut-off date to book a room is **May 30, 2025**, we cannot stress this enough.

****This rate is not guaranteed at third party booking sites such as expedia.com and hotels.com.***

Hotel Refund: inquire directly with the hotel to understand cancellation policy

Hospitality rooms: Contact Bim for Hospitality room information.

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bim Lindsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bim Lindsey, East side Convention Chairman

Washington State Elks Association

2025 National Convention Registration Open!



Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Kansas City, MO starting Sunday June 29th through Wednesday July 2nd, 2025.

Per Grand Lodge Statutes it is each Lodge's responsibility to send their Exalted Ruler or qualified alternate to the National Convention; however, it is the incoming Exalted Ruler or qualified alternate's responsibility to complete the forms and see that the required funds are submitted by the listed deadline. It is imperative that the registration form and payment be received by the listed deadline of April 18th, 2025, or the Lodge will receive a bill for a \$75.00 late fee.

Lodges should not pay for anyone to go to the Grand Lodge Convention that is not an ER or qualified alternate. The alternate's need to register with the Grand Secretary on official letterhead no later than two weeks before the convention. Even if a Lodge gets dispensation and does not send their ER, the lodge is still obligated to pay the activity fee.

The Grand Lodge Convention OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4:00 PM (Time subject to change) ON SUNDAY June 29th at the Kansas City Convention Center.

All of Area 8 will be housed at the Loews Kansas City Convention Center Hotel



All housing requests must be made on the form which is provided with payment for your first night. Exalted Rulers or qualified alternate also must also include the activity fee. The room charge this year at the hotel is \$204.00 per night (all tax included). The hotel will NOT accept your individual reservations. Standard rooms are all non-smoking with a standard king, or two queen beds and every effort will be made to accommodate your desires: ADA handicapped or other special needs.

We want to make your trip to the Grand Lodge Convention an enjoyable one and will try to accommodate your needs as best we can. Your cooperation in filling out the forms completely and sending those to your state director along with your hotel first night charge is greatly appreciated. Your mode of travel to Kansas City is strictly up to you, however, since most of you will be flying; make your reservations early to get the best rates and arrive in time to attend the 4:00 PM Opening Ceremony on Sunday June 29th, 2025.

If you have questions regarding housing, please contact your state hospitality coordinator. The registration packet can be found on the Washington State Elks Website (www.waelks.org).

WSEA President Elect Message



Well, April went by very fast. We completed the last of the West district officer installations at Hoquiam and Bremerton. It was great to hear and see the enthusiasm of all the new officers on the future activities planned at their lodges. I look

forward to attending.

Mid-April we attended the WSEA Spring quarterly in Tri-Cities. Good reports from all the committee chairs. Lodges are actively engaging with their communities and growing. Many of our lodges were plus 1, but statewide we did lose membership due to delinquency last year, hopefully after your countless efforts and phone calls you have determined how to correct the problems and are working on solutions. Most of the responses I heard was there was nothing for them at the lodge. Please take the time and find out what your members want and get them engaged either in the lodge or in the community. Remember they joined for a reason, find out what that reason was.

Next Jen and I (and a most of the Executive Board) attended Oregon State Elks Summer Convention where our friend Blake Whitson was installed as the President of the State Association. Made some good memories and new friends. After two days at home then we were off to Alaska for their Summer convention. Tom Stroozas was installed as the President. Participated in giving money away (LOL) for various charities and prizes.

Dove in the bay for one of those fund raisers. Still thawing out.

Like the movie Fast and Furious, May is starting the same way. So much to do and not much rest between times and visits. After being away for 3 weeks, we had homestead duties that needed to be worked on. On May 17th is the WSEA Westside Officer training at the Puyallup Elks lodge. The training committee plus Lana (2nd VP) and Ben (1st VP) have worked tirelessly to make changes to how we conduct our training sessions. I am looking forward to attending.

Our next major project that we are continuously working on is the Summer Convention. If you haven't already registered for the convention you need to get it done by May 30th or you will receive a late charge. Also, you have to make your own Pasco Red Lion Hotel reservations for Summer Convention. Recommend you do that soon, after May 30th we are unable to guarantee hotel availability and rate so please plan accordingly, don't delay. Registration and instructions on making hotel reservations is on the WSEA website. This is a continuous project. The convention committee is working very hard to make this a comfortable and memorable experience for all attendees.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable May and please remember to call those members that you haven't seen over the winter. Ask them to attend a function at the lodge with you.

Fraternally
Scott Rainey, WSEA President Elect

WSEA Vice President North Message

By Ben Braden

690 Elks Attend Oregon State Elks Convention — WOW!



That's right—690 Elks gathered in Seaside, Oregon, for the recent Oregon State Elks Association Convention! These dedicated members came together to celebrate Elkdom, strengthen their bonds, and witness a historic

moment: the installation of the youngest Elks State President in Oregon's history.

At just 42 years old, Blake Whitson is not only the youngest person to serve as Oregon State President, but he's also the first member from the Salem Elks Lodge to hold the position in 48 years. That's a milestone worth celebrating!

Think about it: 690 Elks—that's an average of more than 14 members from each lodge across the state. Imagine that kind of turnout at a Washington State Convention. The energy, the ideas, the friendships, the enthusiasm for our Order—it would be incredible.



Blake brings with him a clear vision: *we are stronger together*. I've had the privilege of working alongside Blake for over two years on the Discover Elks

initiative, and I can say with confidence—he doesn't just talk the talk; he walks it. Blake passionately believes that Elks are more than a social club—we are a powerful force for good.

Our actions speak volumes. Our dedication to veterans, youth, and those in need shows just how impactful we can be when we unite. At both the local and state levels, our influence multiplies when we lift each other up, focus on our common mission, and see the good in one another.

Blake's leadership reminds us that Elkdom is alive and well—and multigenerational. We are men and women from all walks of life, connected by shared values and a commitment to service. Yes, we have fun together—but that fun never overshadows our purpose, rather it amplifies it. We're not content to remain behind the scenes. While we don't serve for the recognition, sharing our good works strengthens our Order and builds a foundation for its future.

Enthusiasm is growing. Membership is becoming more engaged. Leadership roles within our state association are more attractive and attainable than ever. Our



connection to local lodges—and through them, to our communities—is paving the way for a brighter future filled with exciting new programs.

By partnering with neighboring lodges, combining forces for bigger, better events, and stepping up to say "yes" to new opportunities, we're shaping that future today. When we listen, support, and elevate one another, we all rise to a new level of success.

Together, we ARE stronger.

Congratulations to Blake Whitson and the Oregon State Elks Association on this exciting new chapter. And since we're all working together—*good on us, too!*

WSEA Vice President East Message



April was a busy and exciting month for our state. We saw the installation of new officers, celebrated with inaugural balls, hosted a

fantastic quarterly meeting in the Tri-Cities (which I was sorry to miss), and conducted both Officer Training and DD Clinics. I also had the pleasure of attending the Summer Convention in Oregon alongside fellow Washington State officers. It was a wonderful time spent with our Oregon friends, and we were thrilled to witness Blake Whitson's installation as State President. I'm confident Blake will do great things!

Congratulations to all the new officers for 2025-2026. I hope you are settling into your roles and are busy building another successful year in your lodge. We kicked off the season with a great officer training in Yakima to help lay a strong foundation. Our next training is scheduled for May 17 in Puyallup—don't miss it! Remember, teamwork is essential. No one should carry the weight alone.

Exalted Rulers, you have been assigned a new task this year. Exalted Rulers, you've been given an important new task this year. By now, you should have received the email outlining the membership plan initiative. It is important you appoint the right person who will help lead this effort - Plan Membership Drives, organize special initiations, and reach out to delinquent members to see how we can bring them back. Just as importantly, consider how your lodge is presenting itself to the community. Do people know what you

do—and why they should become a member?

While bringing in new members is vital, retaining our current members is just as important—and often easier. What are you offering your members? Are there events for all ages? Community activities? Are you asking your members what they'd like to see? You might be surprised by the enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and volunteers you receive simply by reaching out.

Don't forget to leverage the Grand Lodge programs to showcase who we are. The first week of May is Youth Week—a perfect time to highlight our youth programs like Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and Scholarships. Host a luncheon, invite past participants, reach out to local media, and celebrate your lodge's impact.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. Be sure your lodge has something planned to honor mothers, grandmothers, and families—perhaps add the beautiful Mother's Day ritual?

And finally, Memorial Day is a solemn and important opportunity to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Whether your lodge holds a ceremony, joins a parade, or hosts a remembrance event, show your community that the Elks never forget our veterans.

This year, Blake's motto is "Stronger Together." That message rings true on many levels—from our local lodges to Grand Lodge. So, lean on your teams, reach out for support when you need it, and let's accomplish great things this year!.

Fraternally,
Lana Davick
2nd Vice President – East

WSEA Vice President Central Message



It is hard to believe it is already May. This month we will celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is more than just the unofficial start of summer—it is a day of remembrance, reflection, and gratitude.

Observed on the last Monday of May, this solemn holiday honors the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

Communities across the country mark Memorial Day with ceremonies, parades, and moments of silence to pay respect to fallen service members. I hope as Elks you are all planning on doing something to remember this day. Whether visiting memorial sites, flying the flag at half-staff, or taking time to reflect, the day serves as a powerful reminder of the courage and dedication of those who have served.



As we enjoy barbecues, time with family, and the warm (hopefully) weather, let's not forget the true meaning of Memorial Day. It is a day to express gratitude and ensure that the legacy of our heroes lives on. "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

PASCO, WASHINGTON



By now you should all be getting ready for the WSEA Summer Convention. You will need to register on the website this year. It is very simple, and you will find all the information on waelks.org. You will need to call the hotel directly to make your reservations. I hope you are all planning on attending. Whether you're looking to network, learn, or simply have fun, there's something for everyone.

Conventions are a great time to connect with and share information with your fellow Elks. A couple of weeks ago, Patti and I and the entire e board attended the Oregon State Convention. It was wonderful seeing how things are done in another state. The Oregon Elks were very welcoming, and we had a good time. We look forward to returning the hospitality when they come to ours in June.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Pasco!!

Scott Knight
Washington State 3rd VP



Take initiative and grow your Lodge

By Rick Gathen
Grand Lodge Membership Marketing Director

Being Exalted Ruler isn't just about calling meetings to order—it's about calling people to something greater.

It's about building more than just programs and events. It's about building people. Building heart. Building a future.

Growing your Lodge is not a side task. It's the task.

Because every new Member who walks through your doors brings something special: a spark of energy, a fresh idea, a set of helping hands, and the potential to be tomorrow's leader. And here's the best part: new Members bring more new Members. Excitement is contagious. When people see a Lodge that's alive, growing, and welcoming, they want to be part of it. They want to contribute. They want to belong.

So, what's the mission? Initiate, initiate, initiate.

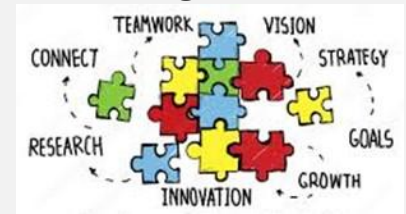
Bring them in. Get them involved. Make them proud to be an Elk. Don't wait for someone else to take the lead. You are the someone. Invite. Encourage. Inspire.

Be the reason your Lodge grows—in numbers, in strength, in impact.

Because when you grow membership, you don't just fill a room. You grow momentum. You grow the legacy of the Elks.



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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WSEA Ritual Committee Report



It's appropriate to think of Charity's "wilderness of flowers" as we look around at all the beauty that surrounds us. Like flowers, a well-performed initiation ritual takes time to grow and develop. YOU CAN GET THERE!

Our team is here to help.

The Ritual Committee page on the WSEA Website has a wealth of resources and manuals to help you learn your part or just learn more about ritual in general. Don't see something? Ask us, we can help find it for you.

- <https://waelks.org/committee/ritual/>

Need help with your part, or want someone to come to one of your practices? Give us a shout, we have ritual committee members around the state and will work with you to get someone there or get you the resources you need.

Have you thought about using a degree team? A degree team is authorized in the Statutes (Section 12.130), and it allows an Exalted Ruler, with approval from the Lodge floor, to appoint Members of the Lodge to a degree team to perform initiations. A Lodge's By-Laws must also authorize this. It's important to note that all regularly elected and appointed Officers have the right to be a part of the degree team at their elected or appointed station. If you have any questions about degree teams, please contact us.

Come to Summer Convention! We have an **AMAZING** training session planned. Tri-Cities Elks Lodge #2755 will be performing the opening and closing ceremony during our session, and we have some special surprises planned. It's a great opportunity to ask questions and get motivated.

As always, THANK YOU for all you do at your Lodges and for your communities. I look forward to seeing you all at Convention in June.

Heather Beal, DL, PER
WSEA Ritual Chair
Heatherbeal.elk@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

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.

Aim for ENF Excellence in Washington State

By Julie Seeder, WSEA ENF Chair



This coming year, we want to challenge every Washington Elks Lodge to follow this rubric and **Aim for the Green!**

Previously, we only focused on meeting the per

capita and recognizing the lodge who scored the highest on the Chairman's Challenge. In an effort to encourage more lodges to participate with this and focus on their grants that support their communities, we ask each lodge to participate in this three tiered awards program through the WSEA. There are also incentives to become more visible to your lodge and community, as it pertains to the programs we support through the CIP program. All of it is outlined in the rubric on the next page (page 12). Here are the ways your lodge can work toward ENF Excellence in Washington State!

Surpass the State President's **\$20 ENF per capita goal** by the end of the Elk year

Sign up more members to the **FIDELITY CLUB**: the ENF monthly giving club, and the easiest way to support the ENF all year round. For just \$5 or more per month, members can be part of the club, too. Remember, every dollar donated by members gets credited to the lodge, and that dollar comes back as \$1.77 or more, depending on the amount the state donates all together. In WA state, the money we get back from ENF gets put into the WSEA Charitable Trust and is put into our programs like the State Major Project, Hoops Shoot, Drug Awareness, etc.

Hold an ENF Fundraiser – an event, raffle, etc. - educate your members as to what ENF

supports and the importance of the support it lends to all of our programs, from the Hoop Shoot, Scholarships, the Drug Awareness Program, our Veterans to the State Major Project: the **Washington State Elks Therapy Program for Children.**

Add the **Option to Donate** along with paying **Member Dues**. It's surprising how many of your members like to tack on a donation to their dues, especially if they aren't able to make it into the lodge as often as those who come in for your activities and events.

Every Lodge in the state of Washington made the Grand Exalted Rulers goal last year of \$5 per capita. Seven made the \$20 per capita WSEA State President's Goal. The more lodges that achieve those larger numbers, the more CIP Grants will become available, and for a larger dollar amount – thus enabling Washington state lodges to help their communities in very big ways. If you're already donating, thank you!

Elks Lodge Secretaries or ENF Chairs to take on the **Chairman's Challenge** by following the worksheet on [elks.org](https://www.elks.org/enf/ChallengeRules.cfm): **<https://www.elks.org/enf/ChallengeRules.cfm>**

Applying for, implementing, and publicizing the Community Investment Program Grants, connecting your lodge to those in need, and "Aim for ENF Excellence" in your community. This will help not only empower your membership but grow it as well. The more Elks do the good work they signed up for, the more they feel value, and the more your community benefits!

Again, if you have any questions for me, please feel free to reach out by phone or email.

In Gratitude with Brotherly/Sisterly love,

Julie Seeder, PER
WSEA ENF Chair
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Aim for ENF Excellence in Washington State



ENF PROGRAMS	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
WSEA State President \$20 Per Capita Award	Reaching the \$20 per capita or greater 1st Place: \$1,000 award 2nd place to all lodges with \$20/capita: \$500 award	Achieving \$15 per capita or greater <\$19.99/capita	Achieving the GER goal of \$5 per capita or greater <\$14.99/capita	Achieving less than the GER goal of \$5 per capita <\$4.99/capita
ENF Chairman's Challenge Awards	Achieving 750-1000 points on the Chairman's Challenge form \$100 award	Achieving 650-749 points on the Chairman's Challenge form \$50 award	Achieving 550-649 points on the Chairman's Challenge form	Achieving less than 550 points on the Chairman's Challenge form
CIP GRANT PROGRAM	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
CIP Grants	Receiving and implementing 4 or more grants successfully within the current Lodge year (40-50 points)	Receiving and implementing 3 grants successfully within the current Lodge year (30 points)	Receiving and implementing 2 grants successfully within the current Lodge year (20 points)	Receiving and implementing 1 grant successfully within the current Lodge year (10 points)
Promotion of ENF in the Lodge and Community	Promotion of CIP grants at the lodge (posters/website/news letter); WSEA newsletter/website calendar , in the Elks Magazine , and publicly (news sites/newspapers), Send in articles/attached as proof to jseeder2171@gmail.com. (5 points ea, 40-50 points or more)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 30-40 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 20-30 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 10-20 points)
Overall Grants Score	80-100 points 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200	50-79 points	20-49 points	10-30 points

Julie Seeder, WSEA ENF Chair
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New WSEA Ritual Committee Chair Appointed



I would like to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Carrie Massey from the Kelso-Longview #1482 lodge, and I have been asked to be Washington State Ritual Chairperson for 2025-2026. I feel so blessed to have been asked for something that I am so passionate about.

My goal is to have a fun team that wants to see Ritual grow. The team will help me promote Ritual and to help the different lodges understand how important ritual is.

Our first impressions on new members will help them want to be involved with the Elks volunteering or being officers.

I am reaching out to see if any of you would be interested in being part of this great Ritual Committee team. Please contact me at Carriemelks1482@gmail.com or you can contact me at 360-355-6664.

I am looking forward to 2025-2026 and meeting all of you.

Washington State Elks Officers and Members Attend Oregon State Elks Convention in Seaside Oregon



Important Dates/Lodge Events & Activities:

(more info on WSEA calendar)

May 11

Vancouver Lodge
Mother's Day Brunch

May 16

Vancouver Lodge
Steak Night/Live Music

May 17

Kelso-Longview Lodge
Big Ash Cigar Event

May 17

Port Townsend Lodge
Show 'N Shine

May 24

Lynnwood Lodge
Ice Cream Social/ Open House for Children's Therapy

June 7

Your Lodge!
Discover Elks Racing Watch Party

June 18-22

Pasco, Washington
Summer Convention

June 29-July 2

Kansas City, Missouri
Grand Lodge Convention

WSEA West District Vice President Candidate

Heather L. Beal



My fellow Elks. I announced my intent to run for WSEA West District Vice President in Summer 2024. I still humbly ask for your support. When I retired from the Navy and moved to Washington, I followed in my father's footsteps and joined the Elks. Within months of joining Bremerton Elks Lodge #1181, I was a trustee, and I got the chance to do what Elks do best, volunteer and help make a difference! Since then, I've been a Trustee, Esquire, and gone through the Chairs to become Exalted Ruler. As an Elk I've been involved in various committees and worked hard to build processes that help ensure the Lodge is functioning at a level that allows us to enjoy our membership as well as giving us the opportunity to do all the great things Elks do.

I'm a Navy veteran with 23 years of active-duty service. My husband Rob is also retired Navy, an Elk, and super-supportive of everything I do. My kiddos keep me busy between school, hockey, or volleyball, and I love them dearly. They're the reason I work as hard as I do to ensure that the Elks continue to be the best organization out there so that someday they can join and make their own unique contributions.

I've been an active member of WSEA. As Membership Services Chair, our team developed the Delinquency Toolkit to help Lodges meet their membership goals. I've currently the Lodge Activities Committee West District Chair and am a member of the Training Committee. I guess I'm always seeking ways to improve processes and connect people. I've been involved in Ritual since I joined the Elks. In 2023, I had the honor to represent Washington in the Grand Lodge National Flag Charge competition and was recognized as that year's winner. As Ritual Committee Chair this year, I led our team in efforts to aid Lodges in providing their best initiation experience ever.

I've also active in Grand Lodge activities. I'm the West District Leader, a member of the West District Deputy Team, and have served as Special Representative for one of our Lodges. I've been an Elk in good times, and in tough times. If elected, my goal is to make our Lodges stronger through building connections between people and resources. We're all one team. Our Lodges deserve an organization and leaders willing to do everything they can to enable their combined success. I'd be honored to have your vote and build a better future for our state. Thank you for your support!

Elks Accomplishments:

- Authored 'All-American Lodge Contest "A" Handbook' for Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee
- Authored 'About Our Flag and Flags in the Lodge' Manual for Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee
- Awarded the Erik K. Mulholland Award as Grand Lodge Flag Charge Competition Winner
- Proposed two Grand Lodge Statute Amendments that were subsequently passed

Elks Videos/News Features:

- ENF – ENF National Convention Video Report. A Community Force. July 2022.
- ENF – Take a CIP: Episode 7. Interview on Great Cascadia Zombie Challenge (Beacon Grant) Oct 2021.
- Elks National Veterans Services – 3 Questions with an Elk. Nov 2020.
- ENF – CIP News. Bremerton, Wash., Lodge No. 1181 Teaches Scouts How to Zom-Bie Prepared! Oct 2019.

Remember... "Heather Helps"

WASHINGTON STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE TRUST GRANT PROGRAM

EXPAND LODGE INITIATIVES

Grants to support local initiatives aligned with state committees



WHO CAN APPLY:
ELKS LODGES IN
WASHINGTON STATE

DUE DATE:
MAY 15, 2025



APPLICATIONS ONLINE WAEKLS.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





START YOUR ENGINES

Elks Awareness and Elks Advancement in Area 8 states & across our nation.



For Madex Moran Motorsports It all begins on:

JUNE 7 LIVE on the RACING AMERICA CHANNEL

The Discover Elks Group has splashed our graphics all over the #05 car driven by Madex Moran. He will be competing in the Montana Big 5 Super Series that is broadcast live on a nationally viewable channel with Elks advertisements running throughout the broadcast.

We hope Elks from across the country to take the time to watch and support our efforts to increase awareness of the Elks in new and exciting ways.

Watch the Discover Elks sponsored cars live on the Racing America channel through any online enabled streaming device and through various tv providers.

Set up viewing parties at your lodge today:

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June 7, 2025 – 6pm – A 100-lap race

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The Discover Elks Group has splashed our graphics on the #10 car driven by Brayden Brookshire. He will be competing on tracks from Elma Washington to Lebanon Oregon and on down to Cottage Grove Oregon.

We hope Elks from across the country to take the time to attend the races or watch online to support our efforts to increase awareness of the Elks in new exciting ways.

Watch this Discover Elks sponsored car live on the various track channels through any online enabled streaming device and through various tv providers.

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May 10, 2025 – Grays Harbor Speedway - graysharborraceway.tv

May 25-26, 2025 – Grays Harbor Speedway - graysharborraceway.tv

May 31, 2025 – Willamette Speedway – speeduniontv.com/willamette-speedway

July 3-4-5, 2025 – Cottage Grove Speedway - dirtovaltv.com

July 18-19, 2025 – Willamette Speedway – speeduniontv.com/willamette-speedway

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August 30, 2025 – Cottage Grove Speedway - dirtovaltv.com

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September 13, 2025 – Cottage Grove Speedway - dirtovaltv.com

September 21, 2025 – Sunset Speedway - dirtovaltv.com



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