

Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

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WSEA President Announcement Regarding ER to Be Training



Exalted Rulers and Lodge Secretaries,

Apologies for the short notice. The WSEA Executive Board has been working hard to improve the services we offer to enhance our programs for you.

The Washington State Elks Association is updating its training program to better meet your needs. The "Exalted Ruler to Be Training," originally planned for October, has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 15th, 2026, at the SeaTac Hotel.

District Leaders will contact each lodge to gather the name of the individual who will serve as the next Exalted Ruler of your lodge. Each lodge may send only one representative to the training. Additional details will be shared as the schedule is finalized.

Fraternally,
Scott Rainey
WSEA President

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Every Elk that proposes three American Citizens for initiation or reinstatement is eligible for the Grand Exalted Ruler Pin!
Have you earned yours yet?



WSEA President Message



Ways to Make a Difference and Strengthen Your Community

Welcome to fall in the northwest. As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to change, many of us find ourselves looking for new ways to engage and make a positive impact. Whether you're a long-time member or just getting started, now is the perfect time to reach out to your Lodge and discover the many opportunities available to you.

Your Lodge is a vibrant hub of activity, and there is always something you can do to contribute. Consider volunteering for a committee, participating in community events, helping with maintenance around the Lodge, or even starting a new interest group. These activities are not only rewarding, but they also help build stronger bonds within your Lodge and the wider community.

If your Lodge is facing challenges with events or community involvement, you're not alone. The Washington State Elks Association offers a wide range of programs designed to help you and your Lodge succeed. Some of the available programs include:

- Marketing Support for your lodge events
- Assistance with Membership activities and drives
- Advertising Assistance
- Hoop-Shoot Program
- Scholarships for Students
- Grant Assistance
- Best Business Practices Guidance

Getting assistance is easy—simply reach out to your District Committee Chairperson. If you can't get in touch with them, contact the State Chairperson or a member of the Executive Board. The WSEA is committed to supporting you and your Lodge and will gladly connect you with the resources you need.

Don't forget to check each issue of the WSEA newsletter, where you'll find articles and advertisements packed with helpful information about our programs and opportunities. Remember, we are here to help—you only need to ask. You can also find great information at the WSEA website at <https://waelks.org> or the Grand Lodge website at <https://www.elks.org>. There are Webinars, videos, and manuals for information on all our programs.

Support and success begin with communication. If you or your Lodge needs help, please reach out. The Washington State Elks Association is dedicated to helping every Lodge thrive and make a meaningful difference in the community. Let's work together to make this Fall season memorable and impactful! Break the communication Barrier and reach out for assistance.

Fraternally,

Scott Rainey, WSEA President

The Power of Your Membership

– Why It Matters More Than Ever

To those who have faithfully renewed your membership in the Elks year after year: Thank You. You are the heart of the Elks, and your commitment ensures our legacy of fellowship and service remains strong. To those considering not renewing: pause and please, think again. Your membership is far more than a card in your wallet that gains you entry into a bar, it's the lifeblood of something bigger than any one of us. Without you, children go without therapy, veterans without housing, and communities without support.

When you pay your dues, you do more than keep your lodge doors open, you help fuel a statewide movement of compassion, service, and community. Beyond the great work your lodge does locally, your membership empowers the Washington State Elks Association, its two non-profits, and its committees to change lives across Washington.

One of our proudest efforts is the Elks Therapy Program for Children. Washington Elks employ 17 full-time physical and occupational therapists, each serving about 25 children annually. With the cars and tools we provide, they travel directly into homes to deliver vital therapy at no cost to families. Every mile driven, every visit made, and every child helped is funded by Elks and members like you.

Our Charitable Trust makes an equally powerful impact:

- Supporting the Veterans Committee, where Washington Elks are #1 in the nation two years in a row for moving Veterans from the streets into permanent housing.

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

- Awarding Vocational and College Scholarships to hardworking students.
- Operating the Child ID Program, giving parents vital safety kits.
- Providing direct grants to lodges, strengthening the good work being done in every community.
- Supporting Youth with our Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness Program and more.

Together, we are building a safety net for families, inspiring future leaders, honoring Veterans, and empowering Elks lodges to do more.

But Elkdom isn't focused solely on service, it's centered on fellowship. Our lodges are places where friendships form, laughter is shared, and neighbors become family. That spirit of unity is what makes the Elks truly extraordinary.

If you are a member, stay a member. If you know someone who has stepped away, invite them back. If you are someone that has not paid your dues this year, please know your membership matters in ways you've never imagined.

If someone asks you what it means to be an Elk, you can proudly say:

We are people who care.

We are people who serve.

We are people who ARE THE DIFFERENCE!

Thank you for renewing, for belonging, and for helping us do so much good. With your continued support, there is no limit to what the Elks can achieve.

WSEA President Elect Message

By Ben Braden



Fellow Elks,

When you walk through the doors of your Elks Lodge, you are stepping into something much greater than just a building.

Each of our Lodges across Washington is a true center of fellowship. They

are places where friendships are forged across all walks of life - where business owners sit beside tradesmen, where retirees laugh alongside young families, where people of different viewpoints find common purpose. That common purpose is what binds us together: the values of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.



Take a moment to consider what your life would look like without your Lodge. Without the laughter around the bar, the community events, the fundraisers that change lives, the

friendships you may never have made without becoming an Elk. When you think about it that way, the worth of your Lodge becomes crystal clear. And with that clarity comes a responsibility - to help it succeed, not just for us, but for generations to come.

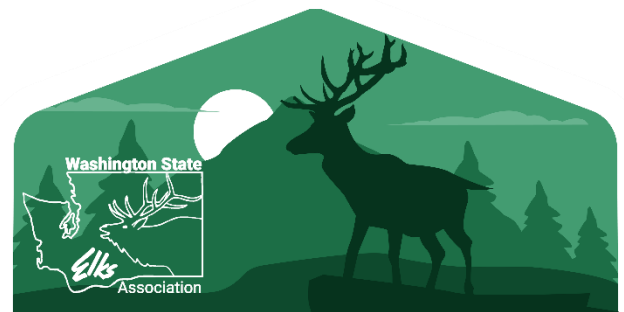
Helping our Lodges succeed can take many forms. For all Elks it means bringing in new members – at least one person each year who will discover the same fellowship you have. For some, it may also mean stepping aside for the next generation of leaders, while still staying involved as a steady hand at the helm. Sometimes it may mean recognizing that lodge

dues must keep pace with the costs of today if we want to keep the lights on tomorrow. And for some, it may even mean making a direct donation to the Lodge, helping lay that next cornerstone to ensure our future, this is your family's house.

Whatever that means to each of you, it needs action now. Our membership is struggling. We are not bringing in new members at a rate high enough to offset decline; our current members are walking away at alarming rates; our officers are staying in position longer than they should and many officers who could be great motivators for our lodges are walking away simply because they cannot get along with a fellow officer. Action on what the Elks means to you needs to happen now. It cannot wait. Your family, your fellow Elks, need your help now, your house needs your help.



Whatever form your support takes, remember that it matters and know that now is the time for you to step up and help. The Elks are not just an organization - we are a family, and our Lodges are the homes where that family gathers. Together, we can make sure those homes stand strong for years to come.



Discover **Elks.org**

WSEA Vice President Central Message



As the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, we find ourselves halfway through our lodge year. Summer may be behind us, but the energy and momentum of our lodges should be anything but cooling off. This is a pivotal time to reflect,

reconnect, and reengage. This summer saw many successful golf tournaments—thank you to everyone who participated and helped make them such a hit! Your enthusiasm and support brought great energy to our State Major project and strengthened our community spirit.

With colder weather settling in, our activities are moving indoors. Keep an eye out for upcoming bowling tournaments! These events are a blast—even if you don't bowl, come out and enjoy the camaraderie, cheer on your fellow members, and share in the fun.

Membership is the lifeblood of our lodges. To thrive, we must grow—and that

means welcoming new faces into our fold. If you know someone who shares our values and would benefit from the camaraderie and purpose we offer,

invite them to join. Equally important is

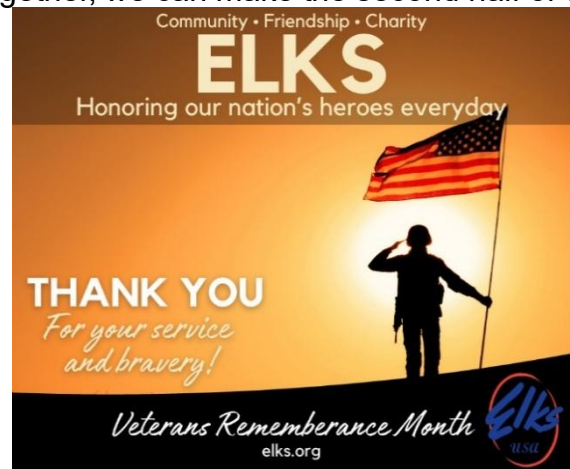


reaching out to our current members who haven't yet renewed their dues. A simple phone call or message can make all the difference in keeping our community strong and united.

A lodge is only as vibrant as its members. Let's commit to creating and participating in activities that spark joy, build bonds, and inspire involvement. Whether it's a themed dinner, a service project, or a game night, every event is an opportunity to connect and contribute. If you have ideas for events or would like to help organize one, now's the time to step up—your lodges need your voice and your vision.

November is just around the corner, and with it comes a chance to honor those who have served our country. Veterans Day is a meaningful moment for our lodges to show gratitude and respect. Start planning now—whether it's a ceremony, a community outreach effort, or a special tribute at the lodge, let's make it memorable and heartfelt.

Together, we can make the second half of our



lodge year even more impactful than the first. Let's keep the spirit alive, the doors open, and the bonds growing stronger.

Scott Knight
2nd VP WA. State Elks

WSEA Vice President South Message

By Caroline Bradwell



The Season of Fall is one of my favorites as change is so visible with leaves turning and the sun position changing the evening sky to a golden hue. Pumpkins spiced coffee and hot Apple Crisp!

Change is happening with our WSEA association and good things come with change. Our training courses are being evaluated, and we are striving to provide the best classes and training at mid-winter conventions. If you are a member and want to attend this would be a great opportunity for you to learn more about our state association and the programs we support. All officers and Trustees are encouraged to attend.



Fall is also the time when friends and families come together for good food and fellowship

gatherings because we want to be inside. This is the time when our Elks lodge really get hopping with activities and service to our communities. Elkdom is centered on fellowship. Our lodges are a place where friendships form, Laughter is shared and neighbors become family. I can smell the good food cooking at the lodge already!

I talked about Membership last month and I am going to talk about it again. Because Membership matters! If you have not been in the lodge for a while and maybe, you haven't paid your dues this year. Your membership matters! Our lodges provide a safe place for people to come together, enjoy each other's company and our charitable work continues with our membership involvement.

This month is ENF month. Our ENF programs throughout the country support so many lodge grants providing Veterans support, Youth programs, and Scholarships just to name a few. I encourage you to consider being a Fidelity Club member this month and make a monthly contribution to ENF.



Giving back has been at the core of our organization since its inception. Giving back takes many forms. Keeping your membership dues up to date and paid on time, Attending Lodge meetings and Events, volunteering a few hours a month to help your lodge. The real benefit is not in what is saved but what is shared!

Your time is a valuable asset to your lodge.

“Elks care and Elks Share ” is one of our slogans along with this year” Be the Difference” Let both be a reminder to you why you are an Elk and what being an Elk means.

Fraternally,
Caroline Bradwell
Vice President South District

WSEA Marketing Committee Update: Steady Progress and Call for Volunteers

Hello again, fellow Elks! Greg Heimgartner here with an update on our Marketing Committee's progress.

Where We Stand:

Our AI initiative has gotten off to a slower start than anticipated, but we're finally making solid headway in putting the pieces together. These tools will eventually help our lodges create professional content, generate graphics, and streamline their outreach efforts, which are especially valuable for smaller lodges operating with limited volunteer resources.

We continue building our foundation with the same thoughtful approach, ensuring we develop sustainable systems that genuinely serve our lodges' diverse needs across Washington State.

We Still Need You:



Our biggest need remains volunteers. Whether your interests lie in AI and technology, traditional community outreach, creative campaigns, or simply helping coordinate efforts, we have meaningful ways for you to contribute to this important work.

The success of our Marketing Committee depends on engaged Elks who share our vision of strengthening lodges while honoring our proud traditions.

Check Out Our New Online Presence website!

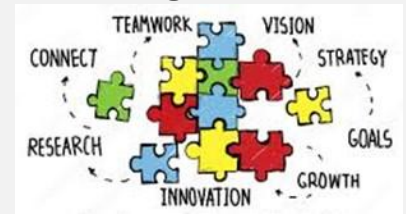
If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check out the new the WSEA Online Presence website at <https://www.elksonline.org/>. And kudos to Arnold for all the work he has done on this.

Get Involved:

Ready to help build marketing resources worthy of our heritage? Contact me at greg@gregheimgartner.com or 509-301-1979.

Sincerely,
Greg

WSEA Membership and Marketing Committees



Our purpose for the Membership and Marketing Committees 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 the Committees.

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How Do We Raise Funds for ENF?

October is Elks National Foundation Month (ENF), a time to shine a spotlight on the Elks National Foundation. But raising funds for ENF is about more than just holding events. It's about **promoting and educating** our members on how supporting the Foundation strengthens our Lodges, our communities, and Elkdom as a whole.

Yes, fundraisers are fun and valuable, but the most effective fundraising happens year-round when Lodges:

- **Use Reports** – Stay informed about your Lodge's progress and see where you can grow. View ENF Reports here.: <https://www.elks.org/enf/reports.cfm>
- **Encourage Fidelity Club Membership** – Ask members to consider becoming continuous donors. Even modest recurring gifts make a powerful impact. Learn more about the Fidelity Club here.: <https://www.elks.org/enf/FidelityClub.cfm>
- **Renew & Upgrade Donors** – Remind members to renew their support annually and, when possible, step up their giving level.

On the next page, you'll find the **updated ENF Rubric**, which helps Lodges track their progress—not only toward monetary awards but also toward ensuring your community continues to benefit through ENF fundraising and Community Investments Program (CIP) grants. Take note: the award for the **Chairman's Challenge has increased** to reflect the budget and to recognize the outstanding efforts of ENF Chairs across the state.

Together, we can strengthen Elkdom by making ENF Month a celebration of education, awareness, and long-term commitment.

Julie Seeder, PER

WSEA Elks National Foundation Chair

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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 almost 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:

Scott Rainey

President Elect:

Benjamin Braden

Vice President/East:

Lana Davick

Vice President/Central:

Scott Knight

Vice President/South

Caroline Bradwell

Secretary:

Steve Scholz

Treasurer:

Robert Finley

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Washington State Elks ENF Continued...



Aim for ENF Excellence in Washington State

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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 1st Place: \$500 award 2nd Place: \$300 award 3rd Place: \$200 award (3 lodges can win, unless there are more than 3 with a perfect score of 1000 pts)	Achieving 650-749 points on the Chairman's Challenge form	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). <i>Send in articles attached as proof to jseeder2171@gmail.com in March. Ties broken by utilizing a larger variety of the above.</i> (5 points ea, 40-50 points or more)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 30-35 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 20-35 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 10-15 points)
Overall Grants Score	80-100 points 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200	50-75 points	20-45 points	0-15 points

Discover Elks: Quarter 1 Highlights

The 2025–2026 year is off to a strong start for the Discover Elks program, with high-visibility projects at the national, state, and local levels. From media campaigns to racetrack outreach, our committee is working to promote Elkdom in new and exciting ways.

Grand Lodge Convention – Kansas City

At Grand Lodge, our team produced multiple presentations and a race car promo video that played on the main hall's big screens. Both of our Discover Elks standalone presentations drew hundreds of attendees, helping spread awareness of our efforts.

Digital Membership Verification

Our Washington-led pilot project for a digital membership card inspired a national effort. Delegates voted in favor of a nationwide system, which will soon be available to all members through Elks.org.

Media & Advertising

In partnership with iHeart Media, we created a new PSA campaign and streaming membership recruitment video. When uploaded September 24 on the WSEA Facebook page with a modest \$140 ad boost, the video reached over 900 full playthroughs in its first 24 hours, the full 14 day run expects stellar numbers. [youtube.com/@DiscoverElks](https://www.youtube.com/@DiscoverElks)

Race Partnerships & Outreach

Discover Elks continues to shine at the racetrack:

- *Colorado* – Videos and scripts supported an August race in the Cars Tour West Series for our #05 sponsored car driven by Madex Moran.
- *Elma, WA* – “Elks Night at the Races” brought together over 12 lodges, featured the Garland Cadillac, Child ID program, and distributed 500 flags and 200+ stickers in

support of our #10 sponsored car driven by Brayden Brookshire.

- *Polson, MT* – Supported the Child ID program and promoted Madex Moran's #05 car.
- *Las Vegas* – Prepared flyers and materials for the upcoming October 10 race, engaging Nevada lodges for maximum exposure supporting our #05 sponsored car driven by Madex Moran.

Looking Ahead

Quarter 2 will focus on targeted streaming ads around our 35 Washington lodges, plus radio PSAs in partnership with Oregon and Alaska to stretch our ad dollars. The committee is also gearing up for grassroots promotions of the 2026 Cars Tour West Series, which will include races in Richland, Wenatchee, and Monroe for the #05 sponsored car driven by Madex Moran.

Summary

While the mobile app project has been set aside, Discover Elks is making real progress through digital tools, advertising campaigns, and lodge-level outreach. Together, we're creating opportunities that showcase the strength and fellowship of Elkdom while driving membership engagement, retention and growth.

Benjamin Braden
WSEA Discover Elks Chair



District Deputy Teams 2025-2026



Central:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Scott Knight

Esquire: Peter Schultz

Auditor: Patti Knight

East:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Richard Shull

Esquire: John Dabney

Auditor: Craig Johnson

Assistant to the Auditor: Patty Wilson

North:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Arnold Smith

Esquire: Aaron Reid

Auditor: Mike Campbell

Assistant to the Auditor: Sheryl DeMarsh

South:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Virginia Basil

Esquire: Caroline Bradwell

Auditor: Michele Jenkins

West:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Heather Beal

Esquire: Brandi Wallace

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.

WSEA Activity Chair Introduction



Hello fellow Elks, my name is Tasha McMullin. I have been appointed to be your new Washington State Lodge Activities Committee Chair. I'm taking over for Lynne Barnes who unfortunately had to step down for personal reasons.

A little bit about myself. I have been a member of Ballard Elks Lodge #827 for 16 years. I started off with our membership committee and helped out in our office as soon as I became a member. Then a few years later I decided that I wanted to get more involved and was elected a trustee for the lodge. Nine years later, after going through the Knight positions, I was the Exalted Ruler of Ballard for the 2023-2024 year!

I have been our standing Past Exalted Ruler President since 2024, I'm co-chair of our very successful Wine club program, and I started our lodge passport program in 2023 which is currently a very successful tool. One of the goals of the passport program was to get members to come to meetings with their passport and bring us ideas from other lodges in our district. Today it's an idea, a tool if you will, that has spread throughout the country. Members are coming back to their lodges with great stories and ideas for events, menus, and even souvenirs.

I'm always excited to attend events and help with events, to meet new members and their guests at events who eventually become members. Being involved with lodge events has always been my passion and I truly believe that the purpose of lodge activities should be engagement, participation, and passion. Events create an energy that is contagious and can spread throughout your lodge and really increases fellowship and worth in each person's membership card, making it easier for them to pay their dues.

One of the goals I have now, as State Lodge Activities Chair, is to help all lodges achieve a 100% participation in the All-American Lodge program. And our team will be focused on helping lodges engage current membership and retain members, which I feel is equally as important as acquiring new members. It's always great to see new members signing up, but it's sad to see members leave or not be active in our lodges. Let's work on that!

Elks are my second family. I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you in the years to come.

Fraternally yours,

Tasha S McMullin
WSEA Lodge Activity Chair



Important Dates/Lodge Events & Activities:

(more info on WSEA calendar)

October 11

65th Anniversary Celebration
Lynnwood Lodge

October 17/18

Fall Quarterly
Bremerton Lodge

October 18

Elktoberfest
Everett Lodge

October 25

Membership Drive
Halloween Party
Lynnwood Lodge

October 31

Membership Drive/Halloween Party
Ocean Shores Lodge

November 2

North District Ritual Day
Lynnwood Lodge

WSEA Calendar Raffle Update

Hopefully each Washington State Elks Association (WSEA) Lodge is selling the WSEA Raffle Calendars as we move into Fall.

Some Lodges have turned in their calendar stubs, log sheets, and money for what their calendars that have been sold. Yay!

The WSEA Calendar Committee has asked each Lodge to turn in calendar stubs, log sheets, and money every month, and notified lodges that all sales must be completed by the end of the year.



WA STATE ELKS
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CALENDAR **\$10**
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WA STATE ELKS PROGRAM

DAILY DRAWINGS!

WINNING AMOUNTS:	MULTIPLE CHANCES TO WIN
\$25 WEEKDAYS	If your stub is drawn, You get a check in the mail. Your stub is returned to the barrel for the next drawing.
\$50 WEEKENDS	
\$100 HOLIDAYS	
\$500 ELKS ORDER BIRTHDAY	

Use the method that works best for your Lodge. You may want to distribute SEA Calendars to each Officer to sell or consider giving the task to any lodge members who may be interested in selling your lodge calendars. Make sure calendars are always available for sale at lodge events as well. You will likely see members and guests who have not had the

opportunity to participate in purchasing a raffle calendar.

When you sell out, contact the WSEA Office to replenish your supply.

This is an opportunity to support WSEA, and 365 days of the year somebody wins CASH!

Remember, the Lodge that sells the most raffle calendars will receive \$1,000. The that sells the next highest amount will receive \$500. Forks has no corner on taking the lead, folks! The Lodge that beats Forks in calendar sales will get my loudest cheer!

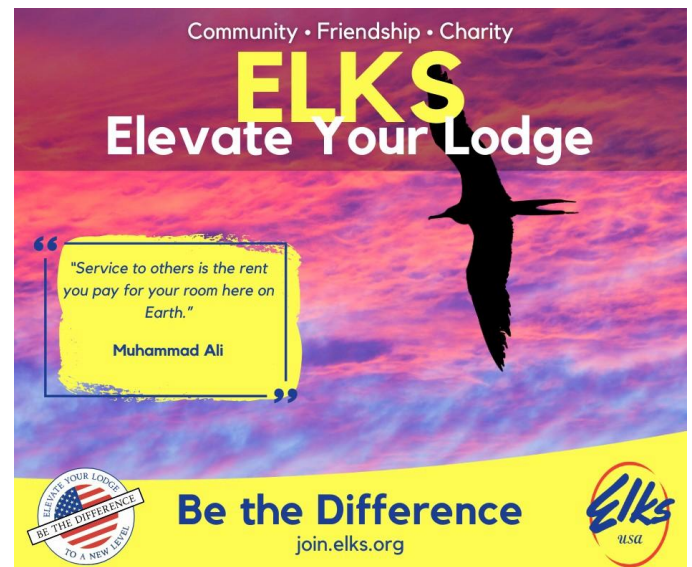
Someday, some Lodge will

Will it be your Lodge?

Let's sell calendars, support WSEA, our own Lodges, and each Daily Drawing Winner

Please let us know what we can do to be more helpful.

Bill Plumley,
WSEA Calendar Chair



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"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."
Muhammad Ali

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Washington State Elks Vice President Candidacy Announcement



To the Lodges, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Elks Association. Happy Fall everyone, as the temperatures are changing as fast as the leaves, we are also turning towards the WSEA elections in January. 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 to 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 Lodge 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. I thank you in advance for your support.

Fraternally,

Dean McCoy, PDDGER, Forks Lodge #2524



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE

65TH

ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

OF THE

LYNNWOOD ELKS LODGE

**SATURDAY,
OCT 11, 2025**

4:30 Social Hour
5:30 Dinner

You are warmly invited to an evening celebrating 65 years of the Lynnwood Elks Lodge. Festivities include a 3-course dinner (Coq au Vin or Steak Diane, salad, wine, and dessert), along with entertainment provided by the acoustic duo, Flowers for Wolves



Dress: Semi-formal to Formal



Prepay only: \$50/person

payable online at lynnwoodelks.org/shop or at the bar
(Tickets will not be sold at the door)
15128 Hwy 99, Lynnwood, WA 98087

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

EVERETT ELKS 479 PRESENTS



DRINKS - FOOD - FOOTBALL
10.18.25

**DINNER: BRATS, DOGS, KRAUT & POTATO
SALAD! PRETZELS, TOO! \$12.00**

**WEAR YOUR BAVARIAN OR COLLEGE
FOOTBALL GEAR! 50/50 & MORE FUN TO COME!**

JOIN US FOR A
FUND~RAISING NIGHT &
DINNER WITH WSEA NORTH
DISTRICT PRESIDENT ELECT

OCTOBER 25TH

Happy Hour at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Raffle & Wine-o Bingo at 7:00 pm



Everett Elks 479
2802 Hoyt Ave, Everett WA 98201



**Ben & Jennifer
Braden**

TICKETS

Dinner & Dessert \$25
Wine-O Bingo (3 games) \$10

Contact Wendy Cook @ 425-501-9896 or
avaialbe in the Social quarters

**North District Ritual Day
November 2, 2025
Lynnwood Lodge, 9am**



Benevolent • Humanitarian • Charitable
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Lynnwood Elks 2171 presents our



HALLOWEEN PARTY



FOR



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

OCTOBER 25TH



Seattle Children's[®]
HOSPITAL • RESEARCH • FOUNDATION

\$20 ENTRY FEE,

DINNER & DANCING

4pm - Membership Drive

5pm - Social Hour

6pm - Oktoberfest Buffet

7pm - Monster Mash!
Dancing!

8-9pm

Raffle/Costume
Winners Announced

Raffle Baskets
Heads or
Tails 50/50

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Stuffing gift
bags for
patients @
Seattle
Children's



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STOCK YOUR CELLAR

A Ballard Elks Membership Drive!

November 7, 6 - 9 PM

Ballard Elks Lodge 827, 6411 Seaview Ave NW, Seattle

- Beverage Merchants • Discounted Prices •
- Ring Toss • Silent Auction •
- Food for Purchase
- + Desserts from Emblem Club 216

17 Wine & Spirits
Tables!

INCLUDING:

Ackley Brands
Barnard Griffin Winery
Bledsoe Wine Estates
Brovo Spirits
Browne Family Wine & Spirits
Caymus Vineyards
Dalla Terra Winery Direct
Fidélitas Wines
Heritage Imports
King Estate
Mark Ryan Winery
Matthews Winery
Pursued by Bear
Pursuit Distilling Co.
Trincherro Family Wines/Spirits
Two Vintners/City Limits
Winebow Fine Wines + Spirits


**Purchase at the event, pick up
November 23 or 30 at the Lodge.**

21+ only.

This event is a membership drive and
is open to the public and members.



TICKETS
\$40 ADVANCED / \$50 DAY OF
6 pours + commemorative tasting glass



**EVERETT ELKS
PRESENTS**

Roper Romp!

November 8 2025 7-10PM

DRESS YOUR BEST!

KARAOKE WITH JEFF AND JEN



EVERETT ELKS 479
PRESENTS



HOLD'EM POKER

T O U R N A M E N T
Saturday, November 15, 5PM

ENTRY FEE \$50 w/Optional \$5 Bounty Chip

**Open to all Elk members in good standing
(must present member card at tournament)**

RSVP required by Saturday, November 8
Submit your name, email and phone # to robpatton16@aol.com or
at the Social Quarters Bar

EVERETT ELKS 479 PRESENTS

CLAUS FOR A CAUSE

6TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF TREES AUCTION

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 15th

LIVE AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION
GUEST SPEAKER
DESSERT DASH
& MORE!

Dress your Christmas Best!