

# Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

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## Members should honor, support veterans this month

Bryan R. Klatt, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler



The Order of the Elks has designated November as Veterans Remembrance Month. Every Elk should know our solemn pledge of “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

Veterans are our heroes! Please find a way to honor veterans in your Lodge and in your community. Some ways to say you care would be by hosting a veterans dinner at your Local Lodge, distributing care packages, and attending local events that coincide with your community’s recognition of veterans.

Our organization led the way in 1917 to fund and later establish the first veterans’ hospital. Currently, we have more than 700 Elks assigned to more than 400 VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, clinics, and housing facilities across the country.

Our volunteers visit these facilities 2.5 times per month on average and provide entertainment such as bingo, art classes,

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and dinners. They also donate hygiene items and clothing, each making sure that the veterans are a priority.



The Order is committed to ending veterans homelessness. One way is by supplying Welcome Home Kits to newly housed veterans. This past year there were 4,252 kits distributed. The kits could include a bed, dishes, small furniture, and appliances like a microwave and coffee maker.

Another way is our partnership with VA social workers, who provided us with the names of 558 veterans who needed emergency financial assistance to become or remain housed. The

average amount of assistance was \$1,659.

As a follow-up to last month, make sure your local schools received information for the Americanism Essay Contest. Essays should be submitted for judging by December 15. November also marks the need for us to be active citizens by voting in the election. Election Day is always held on the first Tuesday of November.



**THEME:**

*“What Does Service to Your Country Mean To You?”*

In closing, Sue and I wish you and your family a bountiful and relaxing Thanksgiving, always keeping in mind that you can Be The Difference by promoting “Elks Care—Elks Share.”

## WSEA President Message



The Semi-Annual Winter Convention will take place from January 15–18 at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac. Registration is exclusively online; mail-in submissions are not accepted. The fee is \$60 for registrations completed before December 5th, after which the rate increases to \$75. Participants registering after January 2nd must do so on-site at the convention.

Hotel accommodation is priced at \$153 per night, with advance payment required for the first night's deposit only; additional nights should be settled during check-in. Please be advised that room availability cannot be guaranteed after December 5, 2025.

Unlike the Summer Convention, the primary focus of this convention is training. Attendance is encouraged by both officers and members, as a comprehensive selection of sessions will cater to all participants. Notably, this year marks the introduction of Exalted Ruler to Be training at the convention. This training starts on January 15<sup>th</sup> specifically focused on getting the Exalter Ruler to Be ready for their year at the lodge. WSEA is committed to equipping incoming Exalted Rulers and lodge officials with up-to-date training and resources to ensure their success throughout the year.

Join our Cribbage tournament Friday night at convention: \$30 per team or \$15 per player (partners assigned if needed). Bring your boards.

With Fall and Winter approaching, November is an ideal time to get outdoors and stay active—invite your friends to join you. There are plenty of engaging activities: decorating the lodge, volunteer to serve holiday meals, help out at community charity events, deliver gift baskets, provide supplies to shelters, or handle lodge maintenance. The possibilities are endless.

As I've mentioned before, everyone possesses unique talents—it's just a matter of finding ways to discover and utilize them. Start by involving people; never turn away volunteers, as there's always something useful they can do. Learn about their interests. Also, it's important to dispel rumors and negativity, since gossip can harm a lodge more than any natural disaster. Our organization stands for Brotherly Love, not selective love. If you want members to return and participate, stop gossiping and make inclusivity your priority. Strive to make the lodge a memorable place for everyone.

Moses Lake Lodge #2892 will celebrate its grand opening on Saturday, November 15th, 2025. Individuals in the vicinity are encouraged to stop by the lodge and see the wonderful work the members have done to open the lodge. For further information, please consult the state calendar or lodge.

Hopefully, Jen and I will see you soon as we travel around the state visiting lodges.

Fraternally,  
Scott Rainey

## WSEA President Elect Message

By Ben Braden



### The Heartbeat of Our Lodge

If you ask me what makes a lodge feel alive, I'll tell you - it's activity. It's events, fundraisers, presentations, and parties. The laughter in the lounge, the

teamwork behind a fundraiser, the camaraderie of a service project - *that's* the heartbeat of Elkdom.



Our **Lodge Activities Committees** are the spark that keeps that heartbeat strong.

Every event we host is more than just a good time; it's a chance to create connections. The more connections we can make, their added strength of purpose binds us to our foundation while engaging us in our home. When members feel connected, they stay connected - and that connection is what creates the pride and engagement that keeps our lodges vibrant and growing. Think about it: when members walk through our doors to volunteer, celebrate, or simply spend time together, they're renewing their pride in being an Elk, they are bringing worth to their membership, they are saying to themselves "this is why I paid my dues."

We have a new chair and new focus for our State Lodge Activities committee with Tasha

McMullin. It is an opportunity to open a new door and we are encouraging our state committee to motivate every Lodge Activities Committee to think about how your events bring meaning to membership.

Every gathering has purpose - whether it's a "Welcome Home" night for lapsed members, a "Reignite Your Elk Spirit" social, a Therapy Program dinner, a queen of hearts pull, or a community service event - it all reminds us why we exist as Elks - for each other - and what we, together with purpose, can do.

These activities aren't just for fun. I mean to say, they are fun, but it's equally important to recognize that they are opportunities for engagement, and engagement leads directly to retention and growth. Everything that happens within our lodge walls is an opportunity to make the connection that matters for membership and lodge success.

Next month, we'll share how the **Government Relations Committee** - often thought of as just a "legislative watch dog" - can be our Lodge Activities Committee's workhorse by mining the gold from these events, detailing the efforts made, and tooling the fruits of that goldmine into something bedazzling towards membership awareness, retention and growth. These events, these connections have worth well beyond those involved in the event itself.

For now, get out there and make your lodge come alive. Because an active lodge isn't just a busy one - it's a growing one.



## WSEA Vice President East Message



*By Lana Davick*

As we move into November, I'm reminded of how quickly the year seems to pass—and how much we've already accomplished. The fall months bring both reflection and anticipation: reflection on the goals we set at the beginning of the lodge year, and anticipation for a new one ahead.

Now is the time to **finish strong**. Every lodge has projects, goals, and membership efforts that began with enthusiasm earlier this year. Carry that same energy across the finish line. Whether it's completing community service initiatives, meeting fundraising goals, or strengthening member engagement, finish strong - and take time to celebrate your accomplishments with your membership and volunteers who helped you get there!

At the state level, we are already preparing training for Exalted Rulers and officers for the 2026–2027 lodge year, as well as planning for committee chairs who will bring enthusiasm, experience, and support to our lodges. Soon, you too will turn your attention to planning for the next lodge year. That means identifying the right people for the right roles—members who bring not only enthusiasm but also commitment, teamwork,

and a willingness to serve. Leadership isn't just about filling chairs; it's about building a team that shares a common purpose and works together for the good of the Lodge and our communities.

As you begin these conversations, think about who has shown initiative with follow through, who brings out the best in others, and who is ready to grow - not only internally, but in our communities.

Let's take pride in what we've achieved so far, keep pushing to meet our goals, and set the stage for an even more successful year to come. Together, with the right people in the right places, our lodges and our association will continue to be a powerful force for good in our communities.

Thank you for all you do! Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

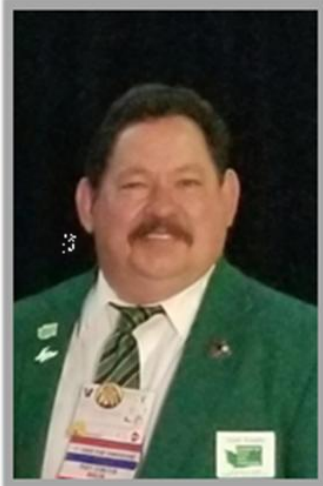
**Fraternally,**

Lana Davick

WSEA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



## WSEA Vice President Central Message



November reminds us of the importance of reflection, gratitude, and service. With Veterans Day approaching, we pause to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Their sacrifice and

dedication embody the very spirit of our Elks values—charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Many lodges will host ceremonies or events to recognize veterans—please consider attending or volunteering to show your support.



November also marks the beginning of the holiday season—a time of joy, togetherness, and generosity. While many of us prepare for celebrations with

loved ones, it's also a time to remember those who may be struggling. Whether it's organizing food drives, supporting local shelters, or adopting families in need, now is the perfect time to start planning how your lodge can make a meaningful impact. Small acts of kindness can ripple through a community in powerful ways.

Be sure keep an eye out—registration information for the Washington State Elks



Association Winter Convention in January will be arriving shortly!

We're looking forward to a strong turnout and a weekend filled with camaraderie, learning, and inspiration. This year, we're excited to introduce a new day of training specifically for incoming Exalted Rulers. Please be sure that whoever is going to be ER next year attend this valuable session. Even if this is not the first time they will be ER. It's a great opportunity to build leadership skills and connect with fellow ERs across the state.

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to start thinking about your



lodge's officers for the upcoming term. Strong leadership is the backbone of a thriving lodge, and early planning helps ensure a smooth transition. Encourage members to step up, get involved, and consider taking on new roles. The Winter Convention will offer resources and support to help your team succeed.

Let's continue to live our motto:

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

Wishing you all a warm, meaningful November.

Scott Knight  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP WA. State Elks

## WSEA Vice President South Message



Across America, from small towns to bustling cities, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stands as a beacon of compassion, patriotism, and community spirit. For over 150 years, the Elks have embodied the simple but powerful truth that when neighbors help neighbors, communities

thrive. Our Washington State Elks Association has been supporting lodges in Washington State for over 130 years.

Today, that spirit of service is more vital than ever. As our world changes, so too does our call to action — to volunteer more, give generously, and welcome new members into the Elks family.

The Elks' motto, "*Elks Care – Elks Share,*" is more than words; it's a way of life. Every hour an Elk gives — whether serving veterans, supporting local youth, or organizing community events — creates ripples of good that reach far beyond what any one person could do alone.

Volunteering doesn't just change lives; it transforms the volunteer. Each act of service strengthens our sense of purpose, connects us with others, and reminds us of what truly matters: kindness, community, and compassion.

When you volunteer through the Elks, you're not just lending a hand — you're building a legacy of goodwill that uplifts your lodge and your hometown alike. You can Be the difference with a few hours a month.

The Elks are one of America's most impactful charitable organizations, contributing millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours to veterans' services, youth scholarships, drug awareness, and community aid programs

every year. Charity is the greatest of all virtues.

Every donation — large or small — helps fund real, local change. When you contribute to the Elks National Foundation, Children's Therapy, Charitable Trust or your local lodge's charitable projects, you're ensuring that children have opportunities thru physical and occupational therapy support, youth scholarships, veterans find support, welcome home kit programs and families in need receive a helping hand.

Charitable giving through the Elks isn't about charity alone — it's about building hope.

As proud as we are of our history, the Elks' greatest strength lies in our future — in the next generation of members who will carry forward our mission of service, patriotism, and fellowship.

Inviting new members to join is not just about growing numbers; it's about growing impact. Each new Elk brings fresh ideas, energy, and talents that strengthen our lodges and expand what we can achieve together.

Reach out to a friend, a neighbor, or a coworker. Tell them what being an Elk means to you — the friendships, community pride, the joy of making a difference. You might just open the door to something life-changing for them — and for your lodge.

Now is the time to reignite the flame of service that has defined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for generations. Through volunteering, giving, and growing our membership, we honor our past and build a brighter future for all.

Because when Elks come together, no challenge is too great, and no heart goes untouched.

Elks Care. Elks Share. Be the Difference!

Fraternally, Caroline Bradwell 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

## WSEA Membership and Marketing Committee Message

It really feels like winter has arrived and the good thing about that is that we have winter conference coming up in January at SEATAC.

This is a very special conference for me. I have chosen not to remain as the State Membership Chair for the WSEA 2026-2027 year. I have been blessed to be able to work with all the lodges in the last 3-1/2 years. I have done my best to help each and every one and was also successful in getting a brand-new lodge opened in Moses Lake. Next year I will be working with our State Sponsor Roger True focusing on opening more new lodges and that is so exciting to me.

BUT, this just means that I still have 8 more months as the current Membership Chair, and this winter conference will be the best yet!

I will actually have two hands-on set-ups in my training session. One will be a full-size outdoor canopy showing you the canopy banners we provide, the way to set up your presentations and how to 'grab' people as they walk by.

The second side of the room (it will be a big room!) will have a scaled down version of set-up for a membership drive in your lodge. I will go through the choreography of actually doing the drive, show you how to arrange your displays, what the process is for getting the people from walking in the door out of curiosity, to signing on the bottom line.

This training session will be very helpful for all the current ER's getting ready to close out their year and hopefully adding more new members. And it's so important that the incoming ER's attend so that they can learn the system for the first time.

In between the above, we will have detailed information, handouts, and Q&A's on Orientation and Delinquency. I have always said that to me, Orientation is the most important part of membership. If you don't give the best foundation to build their membership on, you'll never see them after they become a member.

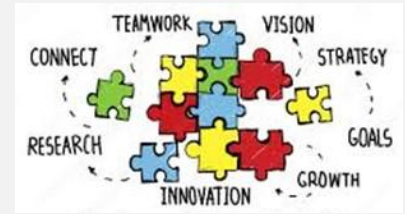
So, PLEASE, make sure you join myself and my Team for our final conference training session.

Before that, in the next few weeks, I will be calling and working with all of you on your delinquencies. Thank you for working so hard to get your initiations done, but there is still a loooooonnggg way to go.

Regards,

Nancy M Oakes, PER  
WSEA Membership Chair

## 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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## Most Valuable Student Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

By Cheri Michaelson, Committee Chairperson



Where has the fall gone? Closing date for the Most Valuable Student applications is this month – November 12<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to reading the applications. They totally renew my faith in our upcoming leaders. It is also the beginning of a very busy 5 months of this program. It all started with the application process in August and will culminate in April with the announcement of the national scholarship winners.

Lodge judging will begin in December, followed by District, State and National judging in January, February March and April. **Please remind your winners to check email as there is additional information asked for at state and national levels.** We do not want students to miss out on scholarships because they did not submit the additional information. Sadly, that did happen last year, but other students were afforded the opportunity.

I will be hosting a monthly Zoom meeting the first Monday of the month. Please text, email or phone message me you email address and I will forward you the link. I also plan to have meetings every Monday in November as we bring on judges. These meetings will be available to all interested parties.



Reminder: please respond to my plea in September for contributions to the new District Level Scholarship. Great job to the EAST DISTRICT, I have already received checks from four of them!

My contact information:  
Phone: 503-314-9952  
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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 36 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:**

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

**Elks Care – Elks Share**

## Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604 Utilizing a WSEA Charitable Trust Grant to Honor Our Veterans, Fulfilling Our Promise

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long pledged that *“so long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”* The Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604 once again proved that promise is true, serving their community and honoring local veterans through dedication, compassion, and teamwork.



Thanks in part to a \$750 grant from the Washington State Elks Association Charitable Trust (WECT), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Mount Vernon Elks put their motto of service into meaningful action. Though their partner organization was unable to continue with the originally planned August event, the lodge refused to let that stand in the way of helping veterans. Instead, they quickly regrouped and joined the Veterans Standdown event held October 3 & 4, ensuring that support reached those who needed it most.

With the Charitable Trust grant funds, the lodge purchased personal care items, cleaning supplies, and gift cards, all essentials that bring comfort and dignity to those who have served our nation. Elks

members went above and beyond by personally donating clothing, coats, socks, cleaning supplies, and even refurbished bicycles to make the event a true success.



Over 150 veterans from the Mount Vernon area attended the Standdown, filling bags with items they needed and leaving with renewed gratitude for their community's care. More than 14 lodge members volunteered at the event over two days, with many more contributing donations and time behind the scenes.

This was more than just an event; it was a powerful demonstration of what it means to be an Elk. The Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604 embodied the spirit of charity, patriotism, and unwavering respect for those who served.



The Washington State Elks Association proudly recognizes Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604 for their outstanding efforts and commitment to our nation's veterans. Their compassion in action ensures that the Elks' promise endures - today and always.

## District Deputy Teams 2025-2026



### Central:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Scott Knight

Esquire: Peter Schultz

Auditor:

### 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 Leavi

### 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 Ritual Committee Report

Are you interested in Learning more about Ritual?

To become a Judge?

Is your judge card about to expire?

Or to become a Coach?

**Want to hear some GREAT News?** Richard Shipley our Grand Lodge Ritual Committee has invited all of us to his Ritual Clinic, held at Beaverton Oregon Lodge on Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am. What a great opportunity! I hope to see many of you there.



I want to WELKome you all to be a part of our annual 11 O'Clock toast and Flag Charge Presentation Competitions. It will be held at Winter Convention, the date is Friday January 16, 2026, 11:30- 1:00 pm.

**Remember** you do not have to be a Past Exalted Ruler or Exalted Ruler, ANY ACTIVE Member may participate.

We will also have a Ritual Session on Friday January 16, 2026, from 2:00- 2:50pm.

The State Ritual Competition will be conducted at the Tacoma Elks Lodge on February 7, 2026. The time will be announced in the next Newsletter,

Carrie Massey  
WSEA Ritual Chair

Carriemelks1482@gmail.com WSEA Lodge Activity Chair



### Important Dates/Lodge Events & Activities:

(more info on WSEA calendar)

#### November 11



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

#### November 15

Grand Opening  
Celebration  
Moses Lake Lodge

Hoop Shoot  
Oak Harbor Lodge

Claus for a Cause  
Everett Lodge

Poker: Super Tournament  
Everett Lodge

#### November 29

Winter Craft Fair  
Omak Lodge

#### December 6

Procrastinators Craft Show  
Ocean Shores Lodge

#### December 10

Bradwell Fundraiser  
Vancouver Lodge

As all of our lodges are entering the holiday season, many will be volunteering more and more. Please remember to log all your volunteer hours. Please include, all time spent in any volunteer position, mileage (both ways) and the event. This information should be turned into your lodge office or the person responsible for lodge charitable reporting. Thank you all for your support and dedication to your lodge and community.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Jill Anderson, PSP, PDDGER  
Chair, WSEA Government Relations  
Chair, WSEA Charitable Trust

**WA STATE ELKS**  
**RAFFLE**  
**CALENDAR** \$10  
BENEFITS THE  
WA STATE ELKS PROGRAM

**DAILY DRAWINGS!**

<b>WINNING AMOUNTS:</b>	
\$25 WEEKDAYS	<b>MULTIPLE CHANCES TO WIN</b> 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	

The WSEA Office reports that all Calendars have been signed out and that Lodges are sending in their cash/stubs/log sheet packages!

Each Lodge can help the WSEA Office by sending in the complete packages with cash/stubs/log sheets. Many of you are and Thank You!

As we are approaching the end of 2025, let's remember to get all of our cash/stubs/log sheets in by the end of the year, and earlier if you can, which will help the WSEA Office avoid having a year-end rush.

As you sell your Calendars, take the opportunity to sell not only to your Lodge Members but also reach out to Potential Elks who want to support charities and who may want to join your Lodge! Pack around Membership Applications so as to be prepared to invite folks you may know to join the Elks!

Many Thanks to each Lodge for doing your part in sales and outreach!

Bill Plumley, PER Forks #2524, WSEA Calendar Raffle Chairman

## Anacortes Elks Lodge #1204 Shines a Spotlight on the Elks Therapy Program for Children

The Anacortes Elks Lodge #1204 recently demonstrated the true spirit of the Washington Elks by fulfilling our pledge to provide home-based occupational and physical therapy to children with developmental delays or physical disabilities - at no cost to their families - through our member-funded Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, the State Major Project of the Washington State Elks Association.

On October 11, 2025, the lodge hosted a heartfelt Therapy Program Dinner, inviting the entire Anacortes City Council, Mayor Matt Miller, and Fire Chief Bill Harris, along with local program therapist Ray Perry and program participant Savana Maurer, joined by her grandmother Robin and caregiver Wyatt, who shared their powerful personal story of how the Therapy Program has changed their lives.



Nearly 50 Elks members and guests attended, including Mayor Miller and his wife Heather, as well as Anacortes Community Paramedic Steve Monrad, who attended on behalf of the Fire Chief. Guests enjoyed a delicious Chicken Alfredo dinner (ingredients cost were graciously donated by a local business, the Bank of the Pacific), a detailed presentation by Therapist Ray Perry along with program participant Savana with heartfelt words from her grandmother Robin and caregiver Wyatt.

The presentations were followed by a message from Washington State Elks Association



President-Elect Benjamin Braden, who thanked the lodge for their dedication to the Therapy Program and reminded everyone that by simply being an Elk member and paying your dues each year, we help 17 therapists across Washington deliver life-changing services to well over 400 families every year - all at no cost to those served.

Throughout October, Anacortes Lodge #1204 made the Therapy Program their focus - raising \$2,733 through raffle baskets, paddle wheel games during Mariners events, coin box collections, and the dinner itself. But perhaps even more valuable than the dollars raised was the awareness they created in their lodge and their community about the incredible work Elks do for children and families across Washington.



Special thanks go out to all the Anacortes Elks members and volunteers that made this month's therapy focus happen, along with their new Lodge Therapy Committee Chair Jennifer Braden, for truly detailing and developing the foundation of why it's **Great to Be an Elk** - by opening hearts, spreading awareness, and making a difference for the kids and families who need it most.

## WSEA Winter Convention Announcement

The Washington State Elks Association will hold its Winter Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton, Seattle Airport, starting Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The hotel is going to set up a Breakfast Buffet as well as a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Special to help expedite eating times. You can also order directly off the menu.

Friday entertainment this year is going to be a cribbage tournament. This is not a tournament for beginners so please be advised there is no time for teaching how to play the game.

**ATTENDEE REGISTRATION:** Full registration refund through Jan 2nd 4:00pm, no refunds after.

When you register on Zeffy, please understand that they provide their services AND credit card processing completely free to all Non-Profit Organizations. They are able to do this because they ask for donations during the registration process. If you feel that you would like to donate please do so. WSEA does not retain any of these donations.

**HOTEL GUESTROOM RESERVATIONS:** Hotel refund policy: 48-hour advance notice of your scheduled arrival date is required for a refund. After 4pm Monday Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, contact the hotel directly for changes or cancellations.

Bed options are 1 bed or 2 beds in the room. Need for ADA/Handicap accessible rooms are given priority. You can request a specific room however there is no guarantee that you will receive it. There is a \$25 charge per night if you request a mini refrigerator in your guest room. The total will be added to your bill at checkout.

**Hospitality room reservations:** If additional items are needed for the hospitality rooms, they must be ordered through the Convention Chairman 2 weeks prior to arrival and will be added to the charges for the Hosts guestroom bill. Each hospitality room host will have a guestroom assigned to the same area as their hospitality room.

**Please understand:** After December 5<sup>th</sup>, there is no guarantee hotel rooms will be available so please register promptly and accurately.

**ADVANCE MEAL TICKET PURCHASE:** Full refund through Jan 2nd 4:00pm, no refunds after.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance so we can properly report plate counts by the required contract date. If no meal choice is made for Friday dinner it will be entered as Steak.

**Please understand:** You do not have the ability to purchase these tickets at convention.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT:**

This year our Friday night entertainment will be a Cribbage Tournament! All proceeds will benefit the State Major Project - Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. entries will be available on site. If you have the ability to register in advance it will help so we can set up the room properly.

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

Fraternally and Sincerely,



Noel "Sandy" Barber, Convention Chairman  
Washington State Elks Association

# VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

**HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED**

**Veterans Day (November 11)**

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Colville Elks Lodge**

**1851 E. Hawthorne Ave, Colville**

Join us in honoring our Veterans with a hearty breakfast and heartfelt gratitude.

• **Scrambled Eggs**

• **Sausage**

• **Hashbrowns**

**Coffee & Orange Juice**

**Veterans eat FREE**



Suggested donation of  
\$10.00 for non-veterans

All are welcome – come share a meal  
and your appreciation!

# THANK YOU VETERANS



VETERANS DAY  
DINNER & DANCE

*Food . Drink . Music*

**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
**4:30PM**

**FREE FOR VETS**  
**NON-VETS \$12**

**EMERSON**  
**BIGGINS BAND**

Tickets Available at the Elks #2581 - Ocean Shores

**NO Ticket NO Entry!**

Limited Tickets Available

**11  
NOV**



**4:30  
PM**



**BPOE LYNNWOOD ELKS #2171 PRESENTS**

# **VETERANS DAY**



*Celebration*



**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

**\$10 MEATLOAF DINNER (FREE FOR VETS), JR ROTC  
COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION**

15128 Hwy 99 Lynnwood, WA 98087  
425-776-2171 [elks2171@gmail.com](mailto:elks2171@gmail.com)

[www.lynnwoodelks.org](http://www.lynnwoodelks.org)



# ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

**THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR  
NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL  
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.**

**CONTEST LOCATION:** North Whidbey Middle School 67 NE Izett St. Oak Harbor WA 98277

**HOSTED BY:** Oak Harbor Elks Lodge **LODGE NO.** 2362

**DATE:** November 15th, 2025 **TIME:** 11:00 am - 3:00 PM

**DIRECTOR:** Preston Merritt **CONTACT:** p.merritt913@gmail.com

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2026. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit [elks.org/hoopshoot](https://elks.org/hoopshoot).



2750 N. Lakeview Ave. | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773/755-4758 | [hoopshoot@elks.org](mailto:hoopshoot@elks.org) | [elks.org/hoopshoot](https://elks.org/hoopshoot)

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# HOLD'EM POKER

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

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

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

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

# Moses Lake Elks Lodge Grand Opening

NOV 15, 2025

217 N Elder St. ~ Moses Lake

## Prime Rib Dinner

\$35 per person  
RSVP Required

## Dinner

Prime Rib,  
loaded mashed  
potatoes, fancy  
green beans,  
cesar salad, roll  
& cheese cake

## Activities

11-3 pm- Car Show  
4-5 pm- Social Hour  
4:30 pm -Opening  
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5 pm - Dinner

ASK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

[moseslakeelks@gmail.com](mailto:moseslakeelks@gmail.com) ~ 509-989-0620

text or email your RSVP

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# 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!



# SAVE THE DATE

Oak Harbor Elks  
Lodge 2362  
Purple Bubble Ball  
2025

WHEN: Saturday, November 15th, 2025

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5:00 PM Appetizers  
&

6:00 PM Dinner

Invites will be arriving soon in your mailbox

The theme of the party is

**A MASQUERADE BALL**



**LOCATED AT  
OAK HARBOR ELKS LODGE  
155 NE ERNST ST.  
OAK HARBOR, WA 98277**



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT!

**NOVEMBER 24TH**

DINNER FROM 5PM TO 7PM  
GAMES FROM 6:30PM TO 9PM

**ACTIVITIES:**

MEXICAN TRAIN

SCRABBLE

YAHTZEE

MONOPOLY

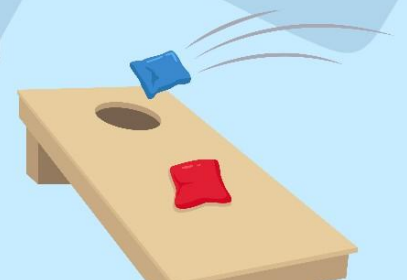
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& MORE!

CORNHOLE



BREMERTON ELKS LODGE 1181  
4131 PINE ROAD NE, BREMERTON 98310  
360-479-1181



# Thanksgiving Dinner



Oak Harbor Elks Lodge  
November 27th, 2025  
3 PM

\$25 per person - Doors open at 2 PM

Please RSVP by November 24th



155 NE Ernst Street  
Oak Harbor, Wa 98277



# OMAK ELKS WINTER CRAFT FAIR

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*Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup>*

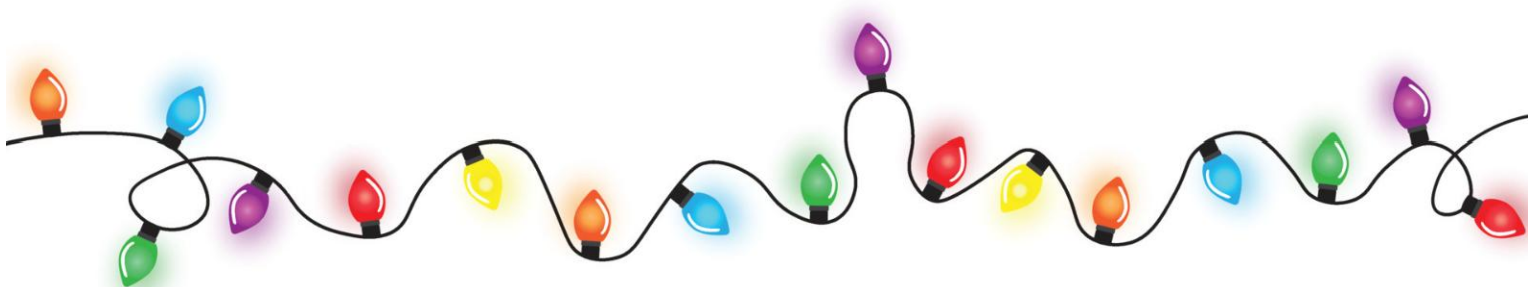
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9 AM TO 4 PM

We have a full house of  
beautiful handcrafted items!



110 Ash Street, Omak, WA





# HOOP SHOOT

Lynnwood Elks #2171

Lodge Contest

**Monday**  
**December 8, 2025**

**4:00 – 6:00pm**

*Madrona K-8 School*

9300 236th St SW, Edmonds, WA 98020

**BEST SCORE OF 25 FREE-THROWS**  
**BOYS & GIRLS DIVISIONS**

**FREE Registration 4-4:30pm**

**3 age groups: 8-9 year olds, 10-11**  
**year olds, and 12-13 year olds**

*Each participant must bring a form of ID*  
*showing their birthdate.*



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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Youth ages 8-13 advance through local contests (starting with preliminary contests or a Lodge contest), Districts, States, and Regionals to the National Finals in Chicago.
- Six National Champions will have their names and photos displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**2025 Elks Hoop Shoot**  
**National Finals**

**April 16-19, 2026**  
**Chicago, IL**

<https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/nationalFinals.cfm>

**Spread the word to kids you know ages 8–13 to start practicing their free-throw shot and get ready to compete December 8th!**

**High school students can earn volunteer hours!**  
**Email [richseeder@att.net](mailto:richseeder@att.net) to volunteer**

# OMAK ELKS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Join us **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025**, at the Elks Lodge for an evening of holiday sparkle, appetizers, and spirited bidding!

**\$25 includes 1 drink & appetizers**

★ **SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS**

• **DOORS OPEN 4 PM • EVENT AT 6 PM**

Let's kick off the season together—you won't want to miss it! ❤️

Tickets are on sale Grandmas Attic, Rawson's, Puttin' on the Ritz and the Omak Elks or from Elk members Sandy Ervin, Betty Cleveland and Danna Grooms.

