



Washington State Elks Association Summer Convention Newsletter

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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

State Sponsor Welcomes Members to Summer Convention

By Roger R. True, PGER State Sponsor



I want to welcome all of you to the 2024 Annual Convention here in Pasco. Please join me in welcoming our special guests Past Grand Exalted Rulers Michael Luhr and Barbara and Keith Mills and Amy. We are honored with their attendance. Please take the time to say hello and welcome them to Washington.

Washington has just finished another successful year of Elkdom under the dedicated leadership of State President Bob. Our contributions to Elks National Foundation and the Washington Elks Therapy Program were near record levels. For the third year in a row Washington State had a gain in membership and is currently fifth in the nation for membership gain.

As Washington begins a new year of Elkdom under the leadership of Mike Dahl, let us revitalize our efforts to bring in new, quality members; members who are willing to assume the responsibility of leadership and help guide their lodges to a prosperous future.

Your attendance this weekend confirms your commitment to your Lodge, the State Association, and our great Order. Please take advantage of the workshops and training sessions. Of special interest will be Public Relations and Membership Marketing, our Veterans program, and general information on Discover Elks, a program brought back to life through the efforts of Vice President Ben Braden and team member Blake Whitson, Vice President from Oregon.

I know we will have a great convention and I want to thank all of you for your attendance. I would also like to send out a special "Thank You" to the dedicated members who gave hours of their time to prepare for this convention. Let us have fun, work hard, and remember to share what we have learned with other Lodge members who could not be in attendance.

Roger R. True, PGER
State Sponsor

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WSEA President Message



We Welcome all to the 2024 Washington State Elks Association Summer convention, and especially to the visiting Elks from around Area 8 and beyond. Washington is always proud to have our neighbors join us at our conventions.

For me, this marks the end of a very eventful 5 years on the Executive Committee, and a very busy year as president. We started the year signifying that this was a year for change, and we certainly have had that. Washington is proposing several changes to the Grand Lodge Statutes, which you will be asked to vote on at this convention. These are simple changes and should not be controversial in nature.

We will also be voting on several items regarding our State Association, Charitable Trust, and the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children. These include both By-Law revisions and Policy revisions. Many of these revisions are necessary to keep current with the requirements of Washington State and the Order of Elks. A lot of work

has gone into these revisions, and I strongly urge you to vote favorably.

Your new president for 2024-25, Mike Dahl, has put together a great agenda for this convention, including our Flag Day ceremony and many different workshops mixed in with a variety of social and entertainment activities. Please take advantage of as many of these activities as possible. The fraternal bonding that occurs at our conventions keeps the new ideas flowing.

Thank you to all who supported us over this last year. Our committees have worked hard to make sure the year was successful. Thank you to the lodges and members who supported those programs with a renewed interest in what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is all about. Your support made it work.

Good Luck to President Mike Dahl, President-Elect Scott Rainey, and Vice Presidents Ben Braden, Lana Davick, and Scott Knight as they move forward in 2024-2025. The Washington State Elks Association is in good hands.

Elks Care — Elks Share

Bob Walker, President
Washington State ELKs Association

WSEA President Elect Message

Welcome to Summer Convention 2024



It has been an honor to serve you, the Washington State Elks the last several years. I am looking forward to serving this next year as your President. Be sure to attend the installation of officers Friday afternoon.

This last year we have made investments in Membership and Marketing. The results are clear with our increased membership numbers and community awareness. Keep up the hard work with membership events and promoting your lodge activities in your community.

This year we will continue to work on meeting membership goals and promoting our lodges. Let's have another great year of growth.

Plan to attend as many of the training sessions on Friday and Saturday as you can and take the information presented back to your lodge. Friday after lunch will be a special session on our state project, the Washinton Elks Children's Therapy Program, you don't want to miss. We are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the therapy program this year. Watch for news of the celebration at Kelso-Longview Lodge in October.

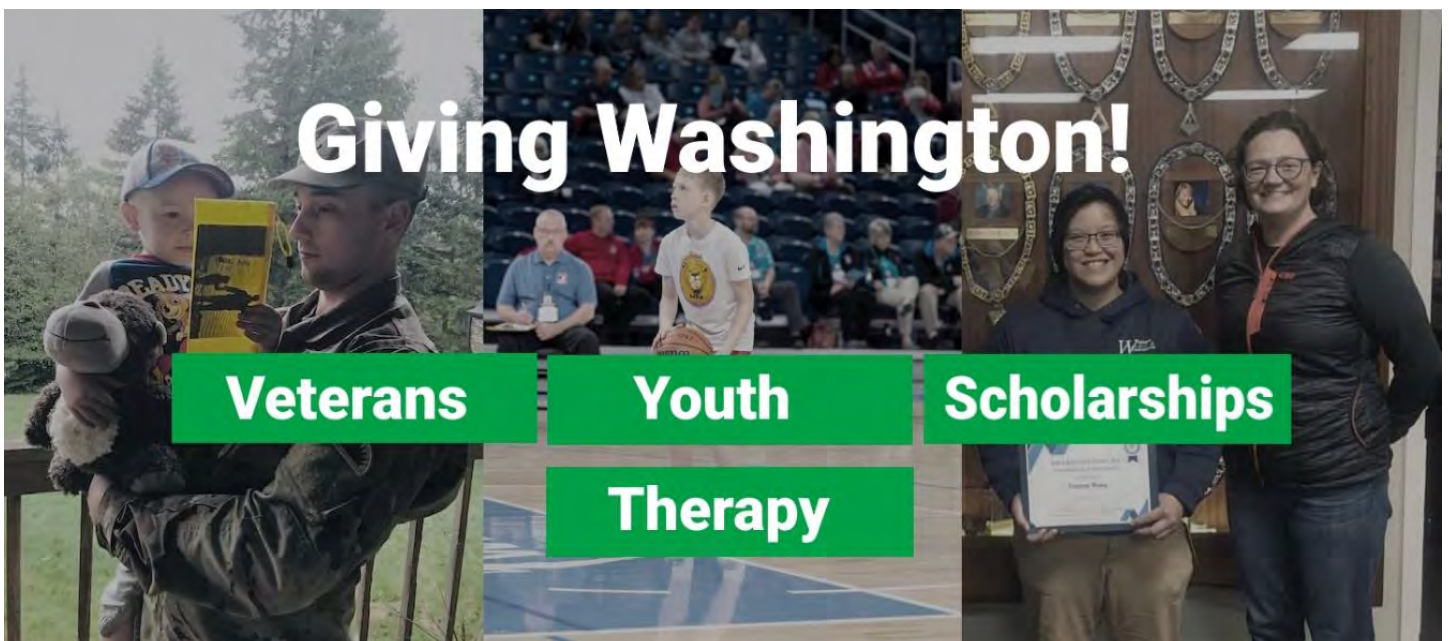
If you have an event at your lodge that you would like the first lady or myself to attend, please invite us early as our schedule is filling up fast.

Take some time here at convention to meet Elks from other lodges, exchange ideas and socialize.

I look forward to talking with as many of you as I can this weekend.

Fraternally,

Michael Dahl, Incoming President



WSEA Vice President West Message



Well summer convention is here. I am hoping that you have reflected on the last several months of your lodge activities and developed a list of questions that you would like answered for your future events to assist in making them even more successful.

Thursday starts the convention off with meetings with all the state committee chairpersons. I highly recommend that you and your officer's attend. A lot of information is discussed and hopefully a lot of your questions will be answered. This is also the best time to talk to the committee chairs and get answers and assistance for your lodge. Throughout the rest of the convention there are presentations by the committees, I highly recommend that your team divide your time and attend as many as possible to get the information you need.

As I have stated before, step out of your comfort zone and introduce yourself to other people. Everyone here has been in your shoes, so don't be bashful. Just walk up, extend your hand, and introduce yourself. If you're uncomfortable, come grab one of us state officers, we will gladly walk around with you and introduce you to people. Make sure to develop a contact list, this is all about team building and making friends. If you see someone that is standing or sitting alone (or with a yellow ribbon), please take the time and interact with them.

Jen and I will gladly answer any questions that you have.

Fraternally

Scott Rainey, WSEA 1st VP



WSEA Vice President East Message



Welcome to Summer Convention!

I always love Summer Convention the best. It's early in the lodge year so there are new, excited officers and incoming committee chairs, end of the year awards and recognitions, installation of new state officers, announcements of who will be running for the next, and, of course, the courtyard, outdoor entertainment, and the beautiful weather (knock on wood) of Eastern Washington.

With the new coming in, don't forget to recognize those who are outgoing. We have several committee chairs who are stepping down after this year. Plus, Bob Walker will be our newest baby PSP very soon. I would like to thank Bob for his leadership this year. He has had a tough year, but he traveled all around the state and didn't miss a thing! Thank you, Bob. I hope you get time now to recover and return stronger than ever.

For officers new and old, please plan how your lodge can attend the sessions to take back the most information. Also take the time to meet officers in your position from other lodges. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and/or frustrations and have a contact to call with questions you are sure to have throughout the year.

ER's, please plan to attend the one-on-one sessions with the Membership and Marketing team. The efforts of that committee have proven to be successful.

Why would you not want to utilize them for the success of your lodge?

Do you all know what our State major project is (it's shocking that some do not!)? And do you know how many years we have supported the project? This is something we should be very proud of. I will let them tell you all about it at their session that you do not want to miss. Have your tissues ready.

The state Executive Committee has added a few changes to this convention that we hope you enjoy. I will leave it at that for now but will be anxious to hear feedback throughout the weekend. Remember, we are here for you, and we are always here to help.

Enjoy this time together! Mingle, make new connections, learn, and have fun!

Lana Davick
WSEA Vice President - East



WSEA Vice President North Message



By Ben Braden

Membership and ...

That is what appeared on the sign outside the membership and marketing seminar at the Oregon State Convention this past April and I had an

hour to think about that, “membership and ...”, before my presentation alongside some amazingly present Oregon Elks.

Everything we do as Elks affects membership and our membership directs what we do as Elks. If done well our membership blossoms, whatever aspect it is. If our building is amazing it helps, if our events are enjoyable and plentiful it helps, if our officers take the time to be present it helps. You taking the time to be at this convention, to be present, helps the membership at your lodge. Recognize that and thank you.

Since winter convention Jennifer and I have driven over 7500 miles and visited over 25 different lodges across Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada & California. We attended our State Quarterly meeting at a lodge just reinstated a year ago that is now one of the top growth lodges in our state – well done Walla Walla!

We attended officer installations in the North, West and Central districts and most importantly helped build an officer group ready to take Seattle 92 into the future. Our North District has grown to 9 lodges with 9 lodge apples and 3 dignitary apples to steal – and they are being stolen!

The woman that told me to be an officer, picked me up by my ear and drug me into a knights

chair (literally) turned 100 years old in April. Lois Morgensen, thank you for starting me on a path that has given me so many rewards, so many amazing memories and experiences, lifelong friendships and significant educational experiences. I may never have found this path without your impetus.

Enjoy our convention, talk with each other, take the time to meet someone new and welcome them into your world as Jennifer and I have been welcomed into the lodges across our state and country – the stories I could tell you! Ask Jennifer or me about the Hook Rug, you’ll love the story.

..., that is what we’re talking about here, that dot dot dot after “membership and”. That digital sign at the Oregon convention just didn’t have room for the rest of the title. It wasn’t intended, but inadvertently it described everything we do as Elks. It described the Discover Elks Programs you can learn about at Discoverelks.org. The Mobile App, the digital membership verification, the Elks awareness campaigns being run on radio, billboards and streaming media. It describes our amazing state major project along with everything else we do to benefit the residents in our state and communities through our Charitable Trust.

Just as the dash between the years on the headstone describes the entirety of a person’s life, those three dots, whatever comes after “Membership and” in your head, describes what we do as Elks. What we do as Elks defines who we are as Elks members and it all starts with being present. Making the effort to go above and beyond to be present as much as possible for your membership. You are doing that now, going above and beyond regular effort and are present here at our state convention. Thank you for that, your membership will benefit from your participation here and through them so will your lodge, and your community.



To My Elks Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the 2024 Summer Convention of the Washington Sate Elks. I would first like to thank the membership for electing me to this position. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

I have always believed that when people work together anything can be accomplished. Congratulations to all the Lodges that accomplished great things this year. We had 6 lodges that made the top 10 in their district for the All American contest. We have a large number of lodges that have a plus 1 in membership this year, helping to make Washington State # 5 in the country in Membership growth.

The convention committee and the e board has worked hard this year to put together a wonderful convention for everyone. I hope everyone takes advantage of all this convention has to offer. There are many opportunities to learn different ways to improve your Lodge and to meet members from other lodges and other districts. All of these oppotunities will help grow Elkdom.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SK Knight".

Scott Knight

Longtime Ballard Elks Member Awarded Lifetime Membership



Lois Morgensen, member # 013821 was recently nominated and accepted for Lifetime membership in Ballard Elks Lodge #827. Lois has distinguished herself by her longstanding commitment to the Ballard Elks in various forms in her over 58 years as a member of our lodge.

As Lodge Secretary, Lois has supported the growing lodge by processing membership applications that have increased from several hundred to over 3,000 at this time. Her workload has increased 9-fold in the course of 8 years.

Lois is instrumental in involving the Emblem Club in many Elks Lodge events and projects which

increased the number of volunteers further contributing to the events' and projects' successes.

Over the years, Lois has visited other lodges and supports them in their fundraising and activities.

Lois sets an example and a high standard for our lodge officers and members. She has attended all the lodge meetings, Emblem meetings, DD clinics, and conventions that she is required to be at with no absences or excuses. She shows up on time for all meetings prepared. She is also the first to volunteer – stuff envelopes, help bus tables, there is no task that Lois would not or has not done.

Lois's chronological history at the Ballard Elks:

- 1966 Lois Joined the Ballard Elks Emblem club
- 1972 Emblem Club President
- 1981 Emblem Club President
- 1981 Charter Officer of Washington State Association of Emblem Clubs
- 1999 joined Ballard Elks as member # 013821
- ??? who knows what date thereafter became the beloved Lodge Secretary
- When was the last time she missed a lodge meeting – we don't even know. We do know she has had a perfect attendance record for the last 10 years 😊

Lois's dedication, professionalism and being our Queen mother, mom, chief cat herder, her innumerable hours of work and volunteering, warrant election to Honorary Life Member status. She is very deserving of this prestigious honor. Congratulations Lois!

If you are a PER, Now is the time to join the OR/WA PER Association!

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Oregon / Washington P.E.R. Association

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THIS IS YOUR DUES NOTICE for 2024-25 — Only \$10/yr.

*Welcome to Gig Harbor Washington Lodge #2560
Greetings to all of our members*

Thoughts from President Terry:

Hello to all OR/WA Per members & Spouses. I am Honored to be your new President. I look forward to a great year starting with our first meeting in Gig Harbor, WA on June 22nd. Growing our membership is important, please bring a fellow PER, member or not (I'm sure our Secretary Mr. May would be happy to take their money for dues!) and let's see if we can have a great showing. It's great to be a PER but even better to be a OR/WA PER member. I look forward to seeing you all. God Bless!

Fraternally,
Terry Brant
Terry Brant President

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Social Hour - 5:00 - 6:00 PM with Dinner starting at 6:00 PM

Dinner Menu is: Dinner for the evening will be Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu plus all the accessories including a house cocktail for \$30.00/meal, your choice. (includes tax and gratuity). **PLEASE RSVP, by Tuesday June 18th** to the Lodge Office @ **253.223.4172**. Gig Harbor WA. Elks Lodge #2560 is located at 9701 54th Ave. NW Gig Harbor WA 98332

Welcome OR/WA P.E.R.'s

Gig Harbor WA Lodge #2560 is looking forward to hosting this Association Meeting on June 22, 2024. We hope you will join us on Friday and Saturday evening for fun and fellowship. We hope you will enjoy Gig Harbor area and the many attractions this peninsula area has to offer in the area.

NEW LAPEL PINS ARE AVAILABLE JUST \$5 PER COPY

Remember Your Dues. I am ACCEPTING dues for the 2024-25 year NOW. Dues can be paid by mail, my address is at the top left corner of the newsletter or at the meeting. It is STILL a fantastic deal @ just \$10/yr.

Ask your Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler(s) to join you --they will thank you for it.



RV INFORMATION— Sun Outdoors—Gig Harbor Wa.
9515 Burnham Dr. NW

For reservation call the lodge @ **253-858-8138**

WATERFRONT INN
1 (253) 857-0770

9017 N Harborview Dr.
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Room Rates quoted:
Avail on line or call

INN AT GIG HARBOR
1 (888) 837-3226

3211 56th Street
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Room Rate:
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6575 Kimball Drive
Gig Harbor, WA. 98335

Room Rate:
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MARITIME INN
(253) 858- 1818

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Gig Harbor, WA. 98335

Room Rate:
Avail on line or call



Motel Info:

Gig Harbor WA Lodge #2560
9701 54th Ave. NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Saturday Night Dinner
RSVP by June 18, 2024 to the Lodge Office @
253.223.4172

2024 Summer Convention Preliminary Agenda:

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

3:00 PM Executive Board Meeting followed by Charitable Trust

Thursday June 13, 2024

7:30 – 5:00 WSEA Registration

8:30 – 9:15 Financial Trustees

9:25-11:30 Combined Program Advocates and Committee Chairs

9:30 – 11:30 *Handgun Trophy Shoot

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Therapy Trustees Reports

1:30 – 4:30 *Handgun Trophy Shoot

2:00 – 3:00 Therapy Trustee Training

4:00 – 5:00 Membership +1 Reception – by invitation

5:00 Flag Day Ritual

5:30 – 11:00 Welcome Reception Hospitality Rooms/Courtyard - Karaoke

7:00 -9:00 Past State Presidents Reception

11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast – WSEA President Bob Walker

*Shooters may participate in either morning or afternoon sessions, not both.

Program Advocates, Therapy Trustees, and

Executive Committee can only participate after the 2:00 meetings.

Friday, June 14, 2024

Red Shirt Friday in Honor of our Deployed Service Men and Women

7:30 – 5:00 WSEA Registration

8:30 – 9:20 ER Check in

8:30 – 9:20 Secretary Follow up

8:30 – 9:20 Scholarships

9:30 – 10:20 Ritual

9:30 – 10:20 Protocol

9:30 – 10:20 Membership and Marketing

10:30 – 12:50 Spouses Social @ Tri-Cities Lodge, Transportation leaves

Promptly at 10:30

11:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:20 Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children

2:30 – 4:00 District Caucuses

4:00 – 4:30 Grand Lodge Convention Information

5:30 – 6:00 Installation of Officers

6:10 – 6:30 Cocktails

6:30 Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 Awards (open)

8:00 – 11:00 Celebrate the new officers – Courtyard

11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast – WSEA President, Mike Dahl

Saturday, June 15

7:30 – 12:00 WSEA Registration

8:00 – 8:50 All American Lodge

8:00 – 8:50 ENF

9:00 – 11:30 Business Session

11:30 – 1:00 Past State Presidents Lunch

11:45 – 12:45 Polly Garland Luncheon Ticket Required

1:00 – 4:00 Open Session – Registered Members and Guest are Welcome

6:00 - 7:00 Barbecue Dinner

8:00 – 11:00 Karaoke in the Courtyard

11:00 Eleven O'clock Toast -ER of the Year



WSEA OFFICER TEAM

President:

Bob Walker

President Elect:

Mike Dahl

Vice President/West:

Scott Rainey

Vice President/North:

Ben Braden

Vice President/East:

Lana Davick

Secretary:

Steve Scholz

Treasurer:

George Jaquish

Sunday, June 16

9:00 AM Alcohol Servers Training

Membership and Marketing Message

By Nancy Oakes, PER, Membership & Marketing Committee, Director



Membership.....

What an amazing year 2023-2024 was for our lodges, membership wise. 26 lodges achieved a Plus 1. That is incredible. In the last two years, we have created and introduced a new Membership Drive Guideline, and we have worked with all of you, training you in these new procedures, giving you first-class material to help with your membership drives, and you have paid attention, taken advantage of what we had to offer, and it has paid off. The best part is that this year, we are seeing the lessons learned being passed on to the new officers and they have already initiated and reinstated over 360 members, with 365 candidates awaiting initiation.

After 8 weeks of the new year, we are at 21.0% delinquency, statewide. These are also great accomplishments. Last year, Heather and her Team created the delinquency toolkit and we urge you to look at those items to help you get the remainder of your delinquents to pay their dues.

Normally, during winter conference and summer convention, we work on training for membership drives, well that's not happening this year. This year, our session will be about the new Orientation Program we have created and how to work on the new program with your candidates. It is geared towards instilling Elkdom into their hearts, getting them enthused about volunteering, and making them aware of the rich traditions and rituals before they even put their hand to their heart to take the Oath.

We look forward to working with you on this new program and helping you to create new members that will support and help your lodge to grow.

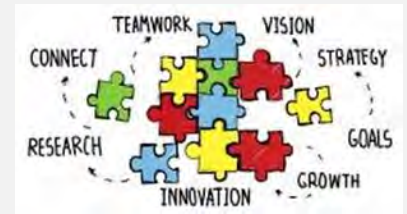
.....Marketing

This year, we will also be focusing on marketing; marketing your lodge to new members, to the community, and to your old members. We sometimes forget that we need to keep the heart of Elkdom alive in members that have faithfully supported the lodge for a number of years. We need to give them reasons to want to come to the lodge and volunteer.

We will also be updating our WSEA Website, so look for announcements regarding the changes.

So, hang on, we have an exciting year planned and the M&M Team looks forward to working with each and every lodge.

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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Dave Blevins

WSEA Ritual Committee Report

By Heather Beal, PER, Committee Chair

In just a short amount of time, I will hold the honor of becoming your WSEA Ritual Chair! If you already know me, you know I love ritual. It's the living embodiment of Elk tradition and imparts so much meaning with each word. The initiation ceremony is the most poignant and heartfelt expression of all the great things it means to be an Elk we can ever offer our new Members. If you haven't been to an initiation in a while, schedule some time to honor that tradition and listen to the beauty and value those words bring us all.

Charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity are more than just words, they're a path to follow to become the best people on earth. I know ritual can be intimidating, but it's not insurmountable. We all once learned how to speak, to communicate. Ritual is just a way of communicating. Mistakes don't matter (well- okay – maybe they do in a competition – lol). But honestly, it's sincerity and the desire to share our values that have made, and continue to make, great Elks, and the Elks great.

I'm excited to introduce my team. We are looking forward to working with you this year. Please don't be afraid to seek us out. We are here to help.

Working Committee Members: Skip Barnes & Robert Bornstedt
East District Co-Chairs: Lana Davick & Bob Stanley
Central District Chair: Bob Walker
North District Chair: Marc DeLueze
South District Chair: Carrie Massey
West District Chair: Jeanna Snell

Don't forget to keep practicing the 11 o'clock toast and flag charge for the Winter Convention competition. While we can only send an Exalted Ruler or Past Exalted Ruler, ANY ELK can compete. We want to challenge every Lodge to bring at least one candidate to the competition. I'm not sure what the record is for most state contestants – but I'm going to see if I can find out – and then I'm going to ask you all to help us break it!

Have a great time at convention and I look forward to talking with you!

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



Important Dates/Lodge
Events & Activities:
(more info on WSEA calendar)

June 12-16
[WSEA Summer Convention,
Pasco, WA](#)

June 16



June 30-July 3
[Grand Lodge Convention,
Austin Texas](#)

July 19-21
[100 Year Celebration,
Kelso-Longview Lodge](#)

July 27
[Charity Golf Tournament
Colville Elks](#)

August 2
[Classic Car Show
Tri-Cities Elks](#)

August 10
[Charity Golf Tournament,
Kelso-Longview Lodge](#)

District Deputies for 2023-2024

Central:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Ernest Bodoh

Esquire: Scott Knight

Auditor: Peter Schultz

East:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Greg Balint

Esquire: Marc Allen

Auditor: Richard Shull

Assistant to the Auditor: John Dabney

North:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: James Henry

Esquire: Dave Richcreek

Auditor: Mike Campbell

Assistant to the Auditor: Arnold Smith

South:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Rob Dahl

Esquire: Virginia Basil

Auditor: Michele Jenkins

West:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Evan Boyd

Esquire: Dean McCoy

Auditor: Brandi Wallace

Assistant to the Auditor: Patricia Staley



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.



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 93 years.

To the Lodges, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Elks Association.



I am writing this letter to you, for your consideration, on supporting me for the position of WSEA Vice President South District.

I would like to give you a little bit of my background and why I would like you to consider voting for me.

I am a retired Registered Nurse of 36 years, with a background in Critical Care Nursing, House Supervisor, Transfer Center Manager, and Transitional Care RN. I am happily married to Mark Bradwell for 33 years and we have 3 grown children. We enjoy RVing, boating, and having fun with Elks friends!

I became a member of the Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 in February 2018. While I have not been a member for many years, my passion and involvement were immediate and remains consistent throughout my membership as an Elk.

I volunteered to fill in for the Secretary at the lodge meetings in the spring of 2018. This gave me the opportunity to observe the Ritual of opening and closing meetings and Initiation, once a permanent Secretary was elected, I was appointed Assistant Esquire. This began my journey of going thru the positions of Esquire and proceeding to Esteemed Lecturing, Loyal Knight, Leading Knights and Exalted Ruler.

I am proud and honored to have competed in Initiation Ritual, Flag Charge and winning the State 11th hour Toast. I am humbled to represent Washington State at Grand Lodge in Austin Texas this July. Ritual is an important part of my Elk experience.

The lodge has recognized my commitment and awarded me Elk of the Month in 2018, 2019, and Officer of the Year 2019. I received South District Officer of the year for 2022-23.

I am currently a member of the Auditing and Accounting and Chair of Drug Awareness and Youth Activities committees. I am a Board Member and Secretary of the lodges Vera's Basement corporation, and Secretary for the PER association at Vancouver 823.

This year I am serving appointments as South District Drug Awareness Chair, State EZ Child ID program and State South District Financial Trustee 1 year.

My Elk resume may not be long as some that seek State positions, but my dedication is true, and heart felt. I believe in and support our great organization and what we can accomplish together in our lodges, in our districts, in our State organization and in our Nation as Elks!

Honor our Past Traditions and Embrace our Future!

Please support me in my election to the position of WSEA Vice President South District.

Fraternally,

Caroline Bradwell, PER Vancouver Lodge #823

Washington State Elks Association

Uniform (Dress Code) Policy

Revision 4/29/2024

1. PURPOSE

To cause the Washington State Elks Association to have a uniform appearance when attending conventions, official meetings or other functions while representing the Washington State Elks Association.

2. FORMAL DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

2.1. Black Tuxedo w/ vest/cummerbund/button covers, bow tie, and black shoes.

2.1.1. A long, floor-length evening dress; a very fancy cocktail dress or dressy slacks and dressy blouse, dressy shoes may be substituted for female officers.

3. SEMI-FORMAL DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

3.1. A dark suit, necktie, and black dress shoes.

3.1.1. A cocktail dress or slacks with dressy blouse and dressy shoes may be substituted for female officers.

4. STATE UNIFORM DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

4.1. A sports coat of Kelly Green that was previously approved as the official state coat by the Washington State Elks Association Executive Committee.

4.1.1. This is the official coat for all the Washington State Elks Association elected and appointed Officers, committee chairs/members and all other state positions of any type.

4.2. A white dress shirt.

4.2.1. A white blouse may substitute a white dress shirt for female officers.

4.3. The official Washington State Elks Association necktie.

4.3.1. A sash/scarf may substitute the official Washington state necktie for female officers.

4.4. A pair of black dress pants.

4.4.1. A plain black dress or knee-length (or longer) skirt may be substituted for the trousers.

4.5. Shoes, socks, and belt shall be black in color.

4.6. A State approved name badge giving the wearer's name and position held should be worn on the Sports Coat pocket or similar area for female officer's dress choice.

4.7. Exalted Rulers when attending Grand Lodge Convention will also wear the state uniform when attending functions requiring this dress code.

4.8. Past Exalted Rulers from Washington State Lodges can wear this uniform at functions requesting this dress code as appropriate.

4.9. In support of our deployed veterans, a red dress shirt should be worn on Friday's.

4.9.1. A red blouse or dress may substitute a red dress shirt for female officers.

5. STATE CASUAL – BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS DEFINITION:

5.1. In the event of an occasion (such as a picnic, golf tournament, meeting or outing) where the state elected/appointed officers, committee chairs or member wishes to represent the Washington State Elks Association and state/business casual is requested, or the dress codes described above would be out of place and no dress code is defined, they may wear Green/White or Red Washington State Elks Association logo button down short sleeve dress shirt or polo shirts available from the State Office with slacks/trousers, or skirt for females.

5.1.1. Shorts may be worn when appropriate for the situation, but they will be at a business quality level.

6. CLARIFICATION FOR COHESIVE APPEARANCE

6.1. NO DRESS CODE DEFINED

6.1.1. When multiple officers, committee chairs/members of the Washington State Elks Association will be attending an event or function and representing the Washington State Elks Association the dress code classification will be set by the most senior ranking officer of the Washington State Elks Association.

6.1.1.1. For Example, a committee chair and a vice president are attending a picnic. The Vice President would define the attire classification appropriate for the function.

6.2. PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

6.2.1. A Past State President may represent the association using whatever standards are set forth by the Past State Presidents, which do not need to follow the uniform policy set forth.

6.3. UNDEFINED GARMENTS

6.3.1. There may be times in which there are garments which are not defined by this policy. This may be an item specific to an occasion or function. An example would be a theme function, a shirt specific to the event, or a custom garment.

6.3.1.1. Specific items for a themed event/function should only be worn or displayed at the specific function or when otherwise appropriate.

6.3.1.2. Custom garments that are made and not obtained from the state office should be similar in nature to Washington State Elks Association standard garments with similar color patterns. An example would be a jacket that carries the official WSEA logo.

6.3.1.3. No undefined garments should be distasteful or derogatory in nature in any way.

Welcome all Elks and Friends to the Summer Convention of the Washington State Elks Association. I hope you attend sessions and take notes to bring back to your lodge and share with others.

2024 IS THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE MAJOR PROJECT

That's right, the State Major Project began in 1954 with a single therapist providing services throughout the state. 70 years later in 2024 there are now 15 therapy units throughout the state providing Occupational and Physical Therapy services. There will be a 70th Anniversary Gala hosted by the Kelso-Longview lodge in October, more details to come.

Take a look at the next page and throughout this newsletter. You will see just a sampling of how our lodges are raising funds in support of "Our Kids". These fundraisers not only bring in much needed funds they also bring much needed attention. The attention that I am talking about is specifically towards the need for Occupational and Physical therapy services provided in homes. The families that receive services through the State Major Project will tell you that they feel blessed to have the opportunity to be part of this program. Our therapists not only work with the kiddo during each therapy session, our therapists teach the entire family ways that they can help the "patient" between visits. It is like having therapy available 7 days a week using this method. The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc is amazing and unique, just like our staff.

It has come to my attention that the annual mail out fundraiser that we do each year in November is returning some impressive numbers already. Hearing this made me want to take just a moment and thank each and every person who supports not only the annual mail out but also the State Major Project raffle, the Lodge \$20 per member goal, the Coinbox events and so much more. If you are not aware, the State Office has software that keeps track of lifetime donations for every person who donates. Each donation over \$10 that is provided to the State Office will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Remember that receipts are sent by email when possible since it cuts down on thousands of dollars in postage each year. Should you feel that your donations are not being receipted properly, please reach out to myself or the State Office so we can look into it for you.

If you are in need of any State Major Project supplies, please notice that you are able to order what you need from www.waelks.org directly. It is still under construction a bit yet you can still order. Once on the website go to resources then to therapy program. Take a look at what is available, we have created a few new things recently.

This convention always marks the halfway point of the year and it seems like the older I get the quicker the time goes by. While you are at the convention this weekend, make sure to take the time to make someone smile or give a helping hand to someone that needs it. The time we have together during our conventions is short, but it is also precious. Make memories and enjoy yourselves.

Thank you for being Elks and friends, you are certainly some of the Best People On Earth.



Fraternally,

Lee Frankie

State Major Project Chairman

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.



Washington State Elks 13th Annual Handgun Trophy Shoot

Thursday June 13th 2024 at Summer Convention Information Sheet

This event is open to all Elks, their spouses and friends.

In six categories we will shoot at paper targets – high score in each category wins. When you shoot for score on the specially marked target, you can shoot until ten shots are on the target. Scoring is done from outer to inner.

If there are more than ten holes on your target, you get the scores of the outer ten.

The rotating trophy. Score highest combined score in three categories, at least one at 20 yards, and you can show this trophy at your lodge for a year, with your name engraved on the trophy.
Way cool.

Mike Thyng scores and is sole judge. There is no advance registration needed.

Twelve Awards will be given out on Friday afternoon to the winners of each of these seven handgun categories: 1st and 2nd place awards for each category – except Three Gun Master. Entry fee \$25 per category. Register the day of the event. No pre-registration.

Category	Calibers included	Distance to target
Rimfire, men	.22 lr, .22 magnum, .17 HMR (only rimfire)	Standing, 10 yards
Rimfire, women	.22 lr, .22 magnum, .17 HMR (only rimfire)	Standing, 10 yards
Mouse Gun	short barreled handguns	Standing, 10 yards
Rimfire Benchrest	.22 lr, .22 magnum, .17 HMR (only rimfire)	Benchrest, 20 yards
Centerfire Revolver	Any centerfire revolver	Standing, 20 yards
Semi-Auto	Any centerfire semi-automatic handgun	Standing, 20 yards
Rotating Trophy	Highest three scores wins our huge beautiful three gun master trophy you can take back to your lodge for 1 year.	Shoot 3 or more categories, I take sum of 3 highest scores

When: Two sessions on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, at Summer Convention, 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

→ choose either time, but you can only shoot in one session. ←

What: paper targets, larger at 20 yards, smaller at 10 yards on white or light color 8 ½ x 11 sheet.

Where: at a local outdoor range about ten minutes from the convention hotel Locked gate only members can open, go with the group

Benefits: Fun goes to us, proceeds go to help pay for a Thanksgiving dinner for veterans the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Cost: \$25/category. Shooters provide their own ammo, eye, ear protection and handguns.

Questions: Contact Mike Thyng, whiterat1911@hotmail.com

To do this good thing:

- 1 – Show up with \$25 or a check to Shoreline Elks 1800 for each category you enter
- 2 - Meet in the lobby of the Red Lion Hotel at 9:30 AM or 1:30 PM Thursday June 16th, 2022
- 3 – Register and pay the day we shoot We will caravan over to the range.

Contestants may enter one or more categories, but \$25 per category. You can shoot at either session, but only one session

Bring your handguns to the range unloaded. Bring your own eye and ear protection. Maybe bring a bottle of water, Bring your own ammunition, 50 to 100 rounds per category will make you happy. No rifles or shotguns.

State Major Project Donation Summary Report

APRIL 2024 Donation Summary	MBRS	DIV	# of Gifts	Dollars	# of Gifts	Dollars	Per MBR	Overall Rank	Div Rank	% of Goal
			Current Month		Year to Date					
Olympia #186	261	1	77	\$3,810.42	77	\$3,810.42	14.5993	I	I	73%
Gig Harbor #2560	178	1	89	\$964.00	89	\$964.00	5.4157	4	2	27%
Bellingham #194	199	1	12	\$452.80	12	\$452.80	2.2754	9	3	11%
Tri-Cities #2755	201	1	2	\$51.50	2	\$51.50	0.2562	15	4	1%
Greater Spokane #228	233	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	29	5	0%
Colville Elks #1753	235	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	30	6	0%
Omak Elks #1742	247	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	31	7	0%
Lakewood #2388	271	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	32	8	0%
Walla Walla #287	293	1	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	33	9	0%
Mt Vernon #1604	442	2	1	\$1,946.49	1	\$1,946.49	4.4038	5	I	22%
Puyallup #1450	337	2	61	\$1,380.35	61	\$1,380.35	4.0960	6	2	20%
Oak Harbor #2362	353	2	64	\$1,406.90	64	\$1,406.90	3.9856	7	3	20%
Aberdeen #593	433	2	2	\$1,385.07	2	\$1,385.07	3.1988	8	4	16%
Mt Adams #1868	378	2	52	\$698.10	52	\$698.10	1.8468	11	5	9%
Forks #2524	311	2	2	\$505.00	2	\$505.00	1.6238	12	6	8%
Hoquiam #1082	419	2	2	\$115.00	2	\$115.00	0.2745	14	7	1%
Lynnwood #2171	466	2	3	\$97.85	3	\$97.85	0.2100	16	8	1%
Shoreline #1800	303	2	4	\$55.60	4	\$55.60	0.1835	17	9	1%
Raymond #1292	492	2	2	\$70.00	2	\$70.00	0.1423	19	10	1%
Burien #2143	343	2	2	\$40.60	2	\$40.60	0.1184	21	11	1%
Ocean Shores #2581	418	2	1	\$20.60	1	\$20.60	0.0493	25	12	0%
Anacortes #1204	416	2	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0.0000	34	13	0%
Naval #353	569	3	39	\$4,803.76	39	\$4,803.76	8.4425	2	I	42%
Sequim #2642	563	3	3	\$50.00	3	\$50.00	0.0888	23	2	0%
Seattle #92	562	3	1	\$20.60	1	\$20.60	0.0367	27	3	0%
Port Townsend #317	735	4	107	\$4,281.04	107	\$4,281.04	5.8245	3	I	29%
Bremerton #1181	904	4	16	\$563.18	16	\$563.18	0.6230	13	2	3%
Vancouver #823	783	4	3	\$120.30	3	\$120.30	0.1536	18	3	1%
Long Beach #1937	770	4	1	\$100.00	1	\$100.00	0.1299	20	4	1%
Kelso-Longview #1482	1049	4	2	\$110.00	2	\$110.00	0.1049	22	5	1%
Tacoma #174	818	4	3	\$70.60	3	\$70.60	0.0863	24	6	0%
Yakima #318	1018	4	1	\$50.00	1	\$50.00	0.0491	26	7	0%
Everett #479	706	4	1	\$25.00	1	\$25.00	0.0354	28	8	0%
Ballard #827	2906	6	229	\$5,776.00	229	\$5,776.00	1.9876	10	I	10%
	18843		782	\$28,970.76	782	\$28,970.76				



OUR KIDS



Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

Our State Major Project

Thanks to you, and the dedication of Elks Members, our State Major Project has been providing Occupational or Physical Therapy services to children birth to twenty-one years at no charge to their families. 70 years later, our mission is the same, however the types of children needing help have evolved and changed over time. Simultaneously, the science and medical understanding about how the body works and types of interventions needed to help children thrive has shifted. Given this, there has also been a change in the language used to describe who these children are.

We had a great opportunity at our Elks Mid-Winter Convention to meet a young man, Romeo, who is benefitting from Occupational Therapy intervention through our State Major Project, The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Romeo is bright, engaging, and articulate. Some of his challenges and barriers that impact his engagement in meaningful occupation, i.e.: school, social engagement with family and friends, activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, or chores, are the result of how he processes sensory information from his environment. He may be easily overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells which make it challenging to be present, focused and engaged in the task at hand. Occupational Therapy sessions for him are focused on providing sensory processing interventions that help him understand what is happening in his body and have strategies to stay calm and focused so that he can learn, play, and thrive. Over time, we have been receiving more and more referrals from doctors for children with these types of issues.

Historically, the children needing therapy had physical limitations like polio, cerebral palsy, stroke, spina bifida, epilepsy, or muscular dystrophy, and our focus was on helping them with gross and fine motor issues to enhance their skills and abilities. Thanks to the miracles of modern medicine, we are seeing fewer children with this type of diagnosis. Now, many of the children we are working with have sensory processing disorders, autism, and other mental health challenges like attention deficit disorder - ADD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - ADHD, anxiety, or depression. These changes in diagnosis have changed the frame of reference for treatment and led to our therapists taking additional continuing education courses to have better tools in our tool kit to meet the needs of the children on our caseloads.

Another significant paradigm shift has been in how we frame the challenges “Our Kids” are facing and the language we use. Years ago, children who were different were called crippled, then handicapped, then special needs, then differently abled. Currently, we use neurodiverse to help describe the vast differences in individual brains and therefore individual perceptions and understanding of the world. We are also looking at children using a strength-based approach to intervention, building on their abilities rather than focusing on what they can’t do. As always, therapists are providing this intervention and support in the child’s home with their parents actively involved in the journey of helping their child thrive. Thank you for your continued support of The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.! We could not do it without you! Together, we are making positive change in the lives of children across the great state of Washington.

