

Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

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Let's have a smooth transition as the Lodge year ends

Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Exalted Ruler



As the Lodge year is coming to a close, you still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and end strong.

At this time, review our programs on elks.org to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members or get for the Lodge. One such program is the All American Lodge Contest "A". All Lodges should apply to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements for next year.

March is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I hope your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.15 per Member goal. The ENF provides funding to your State Association, as well as for your Lodge community activity programs. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it's important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Exalted Rulers, as soon as possible, your selections for committee appointments should be given to your Secretary who will enter the information into CLMS2.

Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This important information needs to be entered into the Financial Reporting System.

Thank you for your dedication to the Order and Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

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WSEA President Message



As we wrap up the fraternal year across all our lodges in Washington, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for sacrificing your time and effort in support of your lodge and your communities. Without your dedication, we

could not serve our communities or sustain our programs. On behalf of the Washington State Elks Association, thank you for your commitment and service.

One of our goals this year was to finish with a “Plus One” membership gain, and we are very close to achieving it. With the March 31 deadline approaching, now is the time to focus our efforts:



- Initiate all candidates who are currently waiting.
- Schedule special initiation days for those unable to attend regular lodge night initiations.
- Reach out to members on the lapsation list. Contact them personally, ask why they have not renewed, address concerns where possible, and encourage them to recommit.
- Consider hosting a free spaghetti dinner or similar event to reengage lapsing members. They joined for a reason—find out what inspired them and help renew that interest.

Recognition is another key to sustaining strong membership. Acknowledging member and volunteer contributions fosters loyalty and connection. Members who feel welcomed, valued, and appreciated are far more likely to stay active and engaged.

Successful lodges are focusing on:

- Mentorship programs for new members
- Meaningful volunteer opportunities
- Consistent and clear communication
- Intentional member recognition

Awards through the Washington State Elks Association—including Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Exalted Ruler of the Year, and Civilian of the Year—are available on the WSEA website. Submissions are due by March 15th. Take the time to recognize those who make a difference in your lodge and community.

One impactful way to show appreciation is by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Night. A simple event dedicated to thanking those who give their time can go a long way toward strengthening morale, engagement, and long-term retention.

Together, by focusing on membership growth, engagement, and recognition, we can finish this fraternal year strong and position our lodges for continued success. Thank you again for your leadership and dedication.

For the current and newly elected officers for the 2026–2027 fraternal year, we have great opportunities for you!

The **WSEA Officer Training** will be held at **Lakewood Elks Lodge on Saturday, April 18th.**

This is a valuable chance to meet your counterparts from other lodges, share ideas, and strengthen your leadership skills. Come build your network, exchange best practices, and start the fraternal year prepared and connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

Another valuable source of support throughout your year is the assistance provided by all of the committee chairpersons of the WSEA. We are here to help you succeed. Our volunteers bring years of experience and a wealth of resources to support you and your lodge in any way we can.

“Break the Communication Barrier” Step out of the box, reach out, assistance is there if you ask.

Fraternally,
Scott Rainey, WSEA President

WSEA President Elect Message

By Ben Braden

Membership: Keeping the Heartbeat Strong



For the past few months, we've been talking about how the Lodge Activities, Government Relations, and Public Relations Committees each play a role in strengthening Elksdom and how when you bring them together with one purpose, the lodge shines.

Now it's time to connect those efforts to their ultimate outcome: membership.

The Membership Committee doesn't stand apart from the LGP triangle, it runs alongside it. When membership efforts are built on that collaborative foundation, everything changes. Growth becomes intentional. Retention becomes natural. Pride becomes contagious.

When Lodge Activities keep members involved and energized, Government Relations shows the real-world impact of their efforts, and Public Relations tells those stories proudly and often, the Membership Committee's work becomes far more effective. Instead of constantly chasing new members to replace those who have left, we build lodges people are excited to join and proud to stay members of.

Yet growth does not happen by accident. It requires focus and urgency.

One of the powerful tools of this committee is the focused Membership Drive Day. Not a passive "we're open if someone walks in" approach, but a coordinated, high-energy, well-promoted day where the entire lodge is engaged in welcoming prospective members.

But recruitment is just one step in the voyage.

Once initiated a connection must happen quickly. A personal welcome, an invite to an activity, an introduction to committee chairs; encouragement to participate in something meaningful.



Engagement builds ownership. Ownership builds retention.

If we fail to connect new members to the life of the lodge early, we risk losing them before they ever feel the pride in belonging. When we plug them into the heartbeat of the lodge immediately, they become part of the story.

This coming year, the WSEA Membership Committee's direction is clear:

- Support every lodge in achieving positive growth.
- Encourage focused Membership Drive Days.
- Reinstate members who have drifted away and remind them why they joined.
- Engage with unpaid members before year-end with a powerful conversation rather than a notice.
- Integrate membership messaging into every event and communication.
- Collaborate consistently with the Lodge Activities, Government Relations, and Public Relations Committees to capitalize on their efforts and amplify success.

When all of it works together, growth is no longer a goal we chase. It becomes the natural outcome of a lodge that is alive, visible, and united in purpose.

Next month, we'll bring it all together showing how the LGP Triangle forms a complete system of engagement, connection, and growth. When we navigate together, there is no limit to how brightly the light of Elksdom can shine.

WSEA Vice President East Message



This is it — the final month of the lodge year! It's always a busy and exciting time in our lodges.

New officers are preparing to step into their roles, while current officers are counting down their final days. But not so fast — there is still important work to be done!

Exalted Rulers, now is the time to reflect on your year and all that you and your team have accomplished. Take a moment to recognize and appreciate those who helped make it happen. Have you submitted your nominations for the year-end awards to the state? Have you planned a lodge event to celebrate your successes? Never underestimate the power of a sincere “thank you.”

Also, don't forget about your outstanding candidates awaiting initiation. There is still time to welcome them into membership before your year concludes. These individuals have already shown their commitment — let's be sure we follow through and get them initiated!

Incoming officers and ERs, this is an exciting moment for you. You are stepping into important leadership roles, and the success of your lodge depends on teamwork. Now is the time to gather together, pull out the calendar, and begin mapping out the year ahead — DD Clinics, officer training, annual conventions, quarterly meetings, Flag Day, Memorial Services, initiation nights, and regular

meetings. Each officer has committed to a position, and these responsibilities are the foundation of that commitment.

We are offering a statewide officer training this April at the Lakewood Lodge, and I hope to see many of you there. This is a great opportunity to learn, ask questions, and start your year with confidence and clarity.

As you begin planning, set clear goals for membership growth and retention. Schedule membership drives, increase community involvement, create activities for all ages, and hold ritual practices so that new members experience a meaningful and impressive initiation. And remember — you are not alone. The State Association has committees in place to provide tools, ideas, and incentives to help you succeed. Please reach out and take advantage of those resources.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone finishing your year of service, and best wishes to those just beginning. Be proud of what you've accomplished and excited for what's ahead.

Lana Davick
WSEA Vice President – East



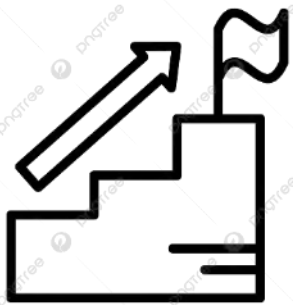
WSEA Vice President Central Message



Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Officers for the 2026–2027 Lodge Year

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2026–2027 Elks Lodge year. Your

commitment to our members and community continues to strengthen our lodge and its mission.



Your leadership and vision will guide our work in the year ahead. Now is an ideal time to begin outlining goals, programs, and initiatives to ensure a successful year grounded in fellowship, service, and

the values of Elkdome.

I also offer my appreciation to the outgoing officers and committee chairs. Your dedication over the past year has made a meaningful impact. Our volunteers remain essential to every aspect of lodge operations, events, fundraising, outreach, and daily activities. Their efforts, often carried out quietly and behind the scenes, deserve recognition and gratitude. Simple acknowledgments, awards, and kind words go a long way in honoring those who help our lodge thrive.

As we close out the year, ERs are reminded to submit all year-end awards (Elk of the year, Officer of the year, citizen of the year and ER of the year) through the WSEA website by **March 15th**.



Please contact your District VP with any questions. These recognitions highlight the outstanding work happening across our lodges.

Please also remember to submit your **Polly Garland Award** nomination by **March 31st** to your District Leader. This award honors an exceptional woman in your lodge whose service and dedication reflect the highest ideals of volunteerism.

Membership remains a priority as we finish the year. Reach out to members who are outstanding and learn how we can better support their involvement. If you know someone considering joining, now is an excellent time to encourage them to become part of our lodges.

Officer training will be held on **April 18th** at Lakewood Lodge. This session offers a valuable opportunity to expand your knowledge, strengthen lodge operations, and explore committee opportunities for you at both the lodge and state levels.



Scott Knight
2nd Vice President
Washington State Elks Association

WSEA Vice President South Message



March brings daffodils and membership renewal! All of our lodges are busy with members paying their dues, finalizing grants, ensuring all your charitable reports are complete. The lodge office is buzzing with activity.

I feel like spring at the lodge is one of the most exciting times as Elks because it brings fresh energy and ideas with it!



Membership remains a focus and getting new and longtime members involved in your lodge. The energy around spring and the new year invigorates lodges. Get your lapsation committee going right away after April 1 contacting members who have not paid their dues so those members don't lose sight of why they are an Elk and what Elks membership means for our lodges and our communities we support.

Your lodges are looking at the budgets and planning the events for the coming year. Be sure you involve all your committee chairs, so everyone is aware of the plans for the coming year.

Training opportunities April 16 and 17 with all-officer training at the Lakewood lodge. This will be a great opportunity to get officers who have never attended training courses in the past to attend. I encourage all lodge officers, and anyone interested in lodge

leadership, to come to the Lakewood training.

Ritual training for participants, coaches and judges is scheduled at Burien lodge on May 16 and 17 presented by Area 8 Ritual Chairman Richard Shipley. The Ritual Committee is focused on the importance of learning the story of Ritual and presenting it well to our members. Let's commit to more of our lodges involved with Ritual performances this year!

I am looking forward to attending the South District Installation of Officers this year! I wish I could attend every lodge officer Installation! Congratulations to the incoming officers in Washington. Thank you for your commitment to your lodge and your community!

This is an event you can invite non-Elks to attend. Take advantage of this opportunity to let community officials attend and see more of what the Elks are all about. Invite your friends and family to attend. Have a membership table and members ready to talk about who we are and what we do to those who attend your Installation ceremonies.

Fraternally,
Caroline Bradwell
WSEA 3rd Vice President

Protect What Matters: Child ID Program

What is the Child ID Program? The Child ID system is a digital fingerprinting child (or adult) identification system that captures essential information to assist in locating a child or adult during emergencies

 Fingerprint Identification It records a child or adults' vital facts, including weight, height and FBI quality fingerprints along with a videos interview about their interests and captures their mannerisms	 USB Drive Digital Storage. Parents or guardians receive a USB thumb drive containing all the person's information and the ability to print in an emergency situation	 Emergency Preparedness Ready to respond to an incident, the stored data allows immediate access in emergencies to protect children and provide timely assistance.	 Privacy & Security No information is stored anywhere except on the USB thumb drive!
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Reserve Your Event Kit today!
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Washington State Sponsor Retirement Announcement



Roger R. True
Past National President
Washington State Sponsor



A Fraternal Organization

Dear Members,

It is both with gratitude and a sense of nostalgia that I announce my retirement as your State Sponsor, effective July 4, 2026. Marilyn and I have genuinely enjoyed being the Sponsors of the Washington State Elk Lodges. It is hard to believe that it has been 23 years. We have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated and like-minded Elks.

As we look to the future, I am pleased to share that my successor is someone well-known and respected among our association. Past Grand Mike Luhr and Barbara hail from Petersburg, Alaska, and they bring a wealth of experience and familiarity with our Association. I am confident that this transition will be smooth and that our Association will continue to prosper under his guidance.

I have asked PGER Luhr to start working with the Association Officers and Lodges. Any communications sent to me should be copied to Mike so he will be prepared when he assumes the sole responsibility of State Sponsor.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment as we embark on this new chapter.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Roger R. True

Roger R. True, PGER
Washington State Sponsor

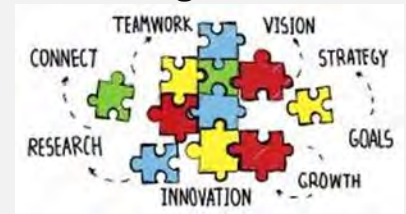
WSEA Hoop Shoot State Final Designates Winners to Advance to Regional Hoop Shoot Contest in Nampa Idaho



The Washington State Finals of the Elks National Hoop Shoot program was held on February 7, 2026, at Saint Martin's Marcus Pavilion in Lacey. Washington State Elks welcomed 29 participants in the event's six divisions. There was one sickness that caused a late scratch and one other contestant had an appendectomy prior to the event although we were able to get the second-place district finisher to the contest and he not only

won but was the boys Shooter of the Day!

WSEA Membership and Marketing Committee



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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Jen Steele
Aaron Reid
Richard Shull
Scott Fylling
JD Smith
Missy Wheat
Lolly Titherington
Beverly Maddox

All in all, 12 of our Lodges sent winners to Lacey with Bremerton leading the way with five contestants. Spokane, Olympia and Raymond had four competitors each, with Shoreline and Everett sending three participants. Lakewood, Long Beach, Tacoma, Kelso-Longview, Walla Walla and our newest Lodge in Moses Lake all sent one contestant. Great job to all of the lodges for their participation!

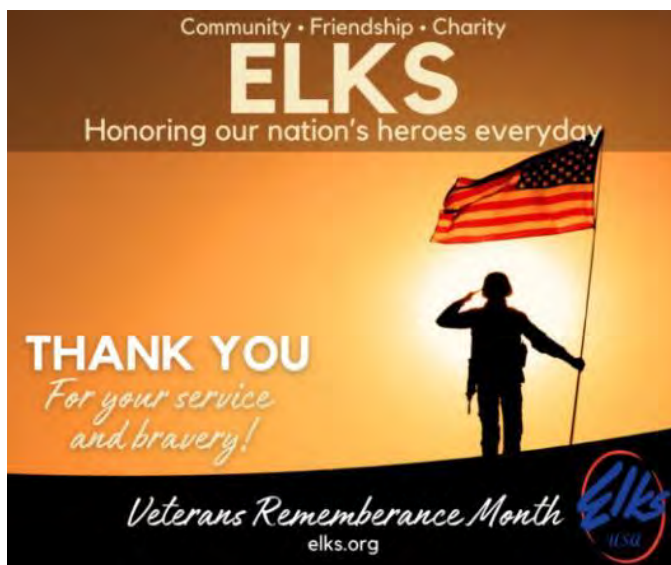
A nice crowd was treated on Friday night to our customary Pizza Party at the Ramada Hotel which was the official hotel of this event. After the event was over on Saturday, everyone headed to the Olympia Lodge for a complimentary luncheon and trophy presentation, which was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who works so closely with this program. I want to give a shout out to our five district chairs who have been instrumental in the operation and success of this program. They are Rita Gardner from the East District, Syd Nunez from West, Jim Howes from North, Scott Fylling from Central and Rob Dahl from the South.

Our Washington State winners advance to the Region One Finals in Nampa, Idaho on March 14, 2026. They will be facing the state winners from Alaska, Idaho and Oregon to determine who will advance to the National Finals in Chicago on April 18th, 2026.

We are looking forward to many more successful Hoop Shoot Events in the future. If your lodge needs support participating please reach out, we are here to support all lodges and make sure that Washington State Elks is well represented at all hoop shoot contests.

Joe Basil, Chairman
WSEA Hoop Shoot



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

District Deputy Teams 2025-2026



Central:

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler: Scott Knight

Esquire: Peter Schultz

Auditor:

East:

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler: Richard Shull

Esquire: John Dabney

Auditor: Craig Johnson

Assistant to the Auditor: Patty Wilson

North:

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler: Arnold Smith

Esquire: Aaron Reid

Auditor: Mike Campbell

Assistant to the Auditor: Sheryl DeMarsh

South:

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler: Virginia Basil

Esquire: Caroline Bradwell

Auditor: Michele Jenkins

West:

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler: 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 have given hope to children in our region for more than 99 years.

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Committee Report

Here we go! State judging has been completed. So many well-qualified applicants were reviewed. I will have a list of our state winners and our 1st year District winners sent to all lodges soon. As I write this, we are in the final hours of judging.



I could not have done this without the help of all judges, beginning with the lodge level, district level and culminating at the state level. I do not envy the judges at National level. I have to say that by reviewing the applications, we get to see the cream-of-the-crop of our youth. I have been impressed with their accomplishments and dedication. Their community service is most admirable. Can you tell I am thrilled with our youth?

Upcoming for the MVS program is the 2nd year of District Scholarships. Each lodge should budget/plan for a \$200 donation to this scholarship. Input is needed as to how excess monies will be handled in the district. There should be extra money in a district with more than five lodges for this level of scholarships. There was no excess money this year as not all lodges contributed. We will be awarding two scholarships per district – one male, one female.

Let me know if you are planning time to honor your scholarship winners or if your school has a night they award scholarships. It is nice to have someone from your lodge or from our state present the award.

I am continuing my monthly MVS Scholarship Zoom meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month— This month's meeting is March 9th at 7:00 pm. Please join me. Text, call me or email for the link to join the Zoom. My contact information is in the directory, but if you don't have access here is what you need to know, my number is 503-314-9952. Please feel free to text, message or call, leave a message, whatever works for you! I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheri Michaelson,

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

March/April
[All Lodges](#)
[Installation of Officers](#)

March 17



April 5



April 12
[West District DD Clinic](#)
[Naval Lodge](#)

April 11
[East District DD Clinic](#)
[Moses Lake Elks](#)

April 12
[West District DD Clinic](#)
[Location TBD](#)

April 17-19
[WSEA Quarterly Business Meeting/All Officer Training](#)
[Lakewood Lodge](#)

April 26
[North District DD Clinic](#)
[Lynnwood Lodge](#)

Washington State Elks Ritual Committee Report

I first want to start off with a HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with Elks Ritual this year. The committee, liaison, judges, coaches, performers, trainers for summer convention, the lodges that have opened their doors for the different competitions and the members from those lodges that helped. As you can see it takes a village to be successful. I invite you all to get involved one way or another.



There were three teams that competed for the state award. The participating teams were from Lynnwood, Shoreline and Tri-Cities. It was nice to see them all, Shoreline

competed for the first time since before COVID-19. They came to the Ritual District Day and decided to move forward to State. I am hoping all Districts make the decision to get more involved this year and participate in the contest. There is a lot of support available to those who wish to participate.



CONGRATUALTIONS Tri-Cities! Who took first place and is accepting a \$5,000.00 check to go towards their lodge for membership. They did a great job!!

Richard Shipley will be doing a ritual event training at Burien Lodge on May 16th and 17th for Performers, Coaches and Judges. There is a flyer that is in this newsletter, and I will be having the flyers sent to all the lodges to hang up and to promote. There are quite a few coaches that are expiring this year. I hope to see you all there and others that are interested in possibly training to become coaches or who have the experience to take over a coaching positions. As a reminder, there is support for this role.

I am looking forward to continuing on as your WSEA Ritual Committee Chair in the new lodge year beginning in April 2026.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in being part of a Ritual team, competition or training reach out to me please. The Ritual Committee is here for you all, especially if you need support for your upcoming team. The committee members are dedicated to helping any team who requests support. We want YOU and YOUR LODGE to be successful with the ritual competition.



Sincerely,

Carrie Massey
WSEA Ritual Committee Chair
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Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Recognize a Remarkable Woman in Your Lodge — Nominate for the Polly Garland Award!



Deadline to have a nomination for your District leader is March 31st

Polly Garland was the wife of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank O. Garland. Although not a member of the Elks, Polly was active in the Centralia-Chehalis Elk Lodge, was a member of the Emblem Club, and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Washington State Elks Association. Polly was one of the founders of the Dorothy Yothers Second Chances Program. The Polly Garland Award (PGA) was established in 2004 by PGER Roger True and his wife Marilyn to recognize those Ladies who, like Polly, have given their time and support to their lodge and the State Association. Every lodge is encouraged to nominate annually a deserving lady within their lodge.

The Polly Garland Award is given away at the WSEA Annual Convention in June with a beautiful luncheon planned and hosted by the Polly Garland Committee and is truly an honor for these ladies who deserve recognition for the time they selfishly give to their lodge. It is the duty of every Exalted Ruler to nominate one person from your lodge for this award.

Rules:

1. Candidate CANNOT be an employee or Lodge Officer.
2. Candidate MUST be a female and 18 years of age or older as of January 1st of the Judging year.
3. Candidate DOES NOT have to be a member of the Elks.
4. A nominee can only win the PGA one time.
5. The contest runs concurrent with the Elks Lodge Year, from April 1st through March 31st
6. Local lodges are to submit one written nomination of 500 words or less, on the official entry form (attachment A), identifying the accomplishments of the candidate. Entries are based on the individual's support of Elkdom at the Lodge and/or State Association level AND NOT what they do in the community as community service unless it is a Lodge Committee Service project. No entries will be accepted if they are over 500 words.
7. Only one nomination is allowed from each Lodge based on a decision / vote of the four (4) Chair Officers (Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight & Lecturing Knight).
8. Lodge Nomination must be saved as a .doc file and emailed to the District Leader by March 31st . No entries will be accepted after March 31st .

Prize:

1. Lodges who nominate the District winner will receive a \$500.00 award.
2. The Lodge nominating the State winner will receive a \$1,000.00 award.

CALLING ALL WASHINGTON STATE ELKS LODGE OFFICERS!

OFFICER TRAINING



IT'S TIME TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AND READY FOR ACTION!

STATEWIDE OFFICER TRAINING

LAKWOOD ELKS LODGE #2388

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE THERE!

Washington State Elks 15th Annual Handgun Trophy Shoot Thursday June 18th 2026 at Summer Convention Contest Information

This year's event may be the last time we do this good thing.

Seven categories with ten shots at paper targets – high score in each category wins. Continue to 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.

Rotating trophy each year. Highest combined score in three categories, at least one at 20 yards, and you can display the trophy at your lodge for a year, with your name engraved on the trophy. Bring it home for your lodge!

**Mike Thyng scores and is sole judge. There is no advance registration needed.
Fourteen Awards are given out Friday afternoon in the Elks registration area of the hotel.**

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.** No rifles, no dogs, no smoking

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
Rimfire Benchrest	.22 lr, .22 magnum, .17 HMR (only rimfire)	Benchrest, 20 yards
Mouse Gun	short barreled, generally small caliber	Standing, 10 yards
.30 cal centerfire revolver	Caliber starts with .3 (.38, .357, .32 etc.)	Standing, 20 yards
.40 cal centerfire revolver	Caliber starts with .4 (.41 .44 .45, etc.)	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 18th, 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: 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 things for **veterans**.

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 before the session you plan to attend (9:30 AM or 1:30 PM) Thursday June 18th, 2022. You may only attend one session.
- 3 – Register and pay the day we shoot. We will caravan over to the range.

Contestants may enter one or more categories, at \$25 per category. You can shoot at either session, but only one session. Each contestant is expected to donate \$2 to the range for our use.

Bring your handguns to the range unloaded. Bring your own eye and ear protection. No refreshments available, bring water or snacks as you need. Provide your own ammunition, 50 to 100 rounds per category will be sufficient.

NO rifles or shotguns. NO smoking or dogs are allowed.

One Elk. 2,650 Miles. One Purpose.

In March 2026, one Elk will take his first step at the Mexican border in Campo, California.

And he won't stop until he reaches Canada.

John Kristofzski, Past Exalted Ruler of the Tri-Cities Elks Lodge in Washington State, is hiking all 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail to raise awareness and support for the life-changing charitable work of the Elks.

This is more than a hike. It is a moving spotlight on what Elks do every single day.

"I'm not just hiking for myself." said Kristofzski. "I'm hiking for every child helped by our Major Projects, every veteran supported by our programs, and every community touched by Elks generosity."

As John walks north through California, Oregon, and Washington, he will be carrying with him the story of three extraordinary Major Projects:

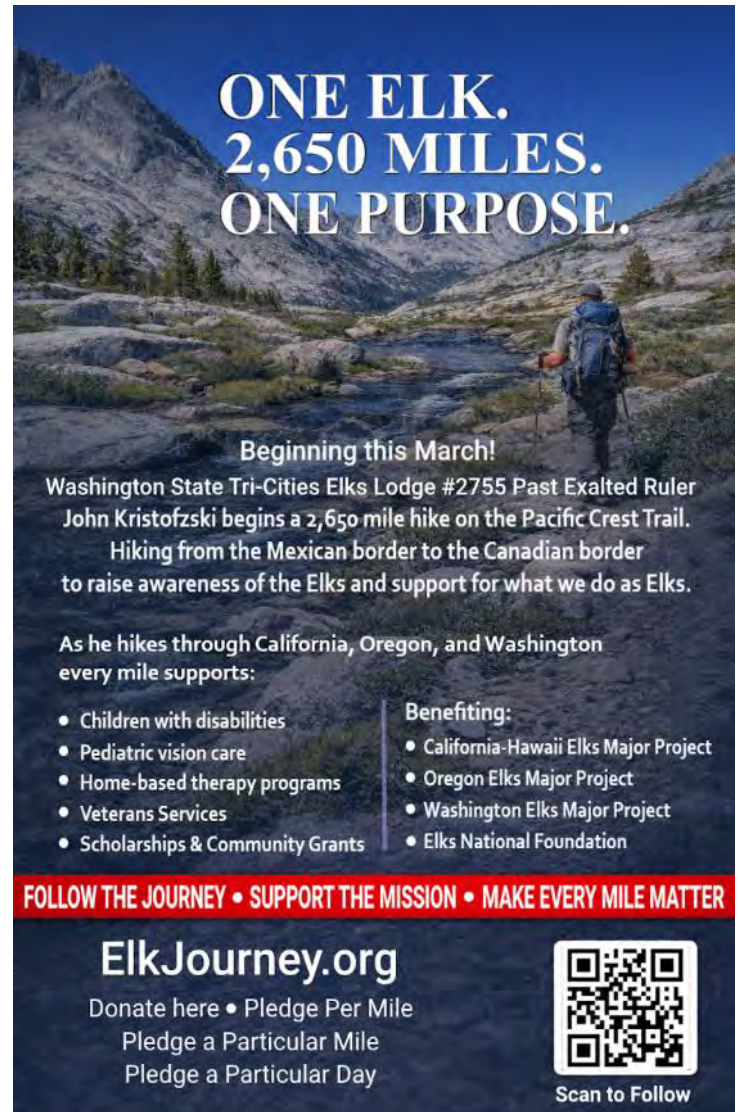
- California-Hawaii Elks Major Project – serving the unmet needs of children with disabilities at no cost to the families served.
- Oregon Elks Major Project – the E.Y.E.S. Program, home to the nation's first freestanding pediatric eye clinic.
- Washington Elks Major Project - the Therapy Program for Children, providing in-home occupational and physical therapy at no cost to the families served.

And beyond those state's, Kristofzski walks in support of the Elks National Foundation, funding scholarships, veterans services, and community grants nationwide.

Every mile represents children receiving therapy, veterans receiving support, students receiving scholarships, communities receiving hope.

Through **elkjourney.org**, supporters can:

- Make a one-time donation
- Pledge an amount per mile



**ONE ELK.
2,650 MILES.
ONE PURPOSE.**

Beginning this March!
Washington State Tri-Cities Elks Lodge #2755 Past Exalted Ruler John Kristofzski begins a 2,650 mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. Hiking from the Mexican border to the Canadian border to raise awareness of the Elks and support for what we do as Elks.

As he hikes through California, Oregon, and Washington every mile supports:


- Children with disabilities
- Pediatric vision care
- Home-based therapy programs
- Veterans Services
- Scholarships & Community Grants

Benefiting:

- California-Hawaii Elks Major Project
- Oregon Elks Major Project
- Washington Elks Major Project
- Elks National Foundation

FOLLOW THE JOURNEY • SUPPORT THE MISSION • MAKE EVERY MILE MATTER

ElkJourney.org
Donate here • Pledge Per Mile
Pledge a Particular Mile
Pledge a Particular Day



Scan to Follow

- Sponsor a milestone or specific day of the hike
- Follow John's real-time GPS tracker
- Read his trail journal updates

This effort may have begun in Washington State, but its impact stretches throughout the West Coast and outward across the country.

For over 150 years, the Elks have shown up for each other their communities. Now one Elk is showing what that commitment looks like, one step at a time.

Join the journey.
Follow. Share. Support.

Visit: **www.ElkJourney.org** today!

News of the Lodges:

It's the News that's Exciting for ALL Washington Elks Lodges!

This isn't just a spotlight; it's an invitation. We want *your lodge* to be part of it! Submit clear, timely, and impactful stories that answer the who, what, where, when, and why. Especially those highlighting who benefited from your events, such as students, veterans, or families. And don't forget a great high-quality photo featuring people in action, those serving, giving, and Being the Difference. Let's see your lodge featured in an upcoming state newsletter!

Lynnwood Lodge #2171

Lynnwood Elks presented a \$4,000 Gratitude Grant to Nest Mission to support services to the homeless, including crisis intervention and laundry services to those in need. Nest Mission offers laundry service every week. One load of wash and dry is provided for each person in need and includes detergent and a dryer sheet. Every year, the number of people in need grows. The generosity of Lynnwood Elks allows Nest Mission to continue keep this service.



Oak Harbor Lodge #2362

Oak Harbor Lodge celebrated the volunteer work of members and recognized the work of

members for the lodge year on February 11, 2026. Awards included:

- Elk of the year: Sheryl DeMarsh
- Officer of the Year: Dale Howie
- Citizen of the Year: Tom Bond
- Special GER citations: Gary Bodin and Andy Bighouse.

ER Mike Doughty also thanked the many members who donate their time every month to helping make the Lodge work!! Local high school NJROTC cadets spoke and learned about their selection to compete in Nationals in Pensacola, Florida. Please look for information on how to support our local students as they travel and participate in the National competition.



Cheryl DeMarsh, Elk of the Year



Elk Harbor NJROTC Speakers



Andy Bighouse, GER Special Citation



Andy Ringhouse, GER Special Citation



Thomas Bond, Citizen of the Year



Not pictured: Officer of the Year, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Dale Howard.

Tri-Cities Elks Lodge #2755

Tri-Cities Elks Lodge has had a busy year. Our community benefited from the 4 grants received for our community. The Freedom Grant was \$1000 to Columbia Basin Veterans Center, the Spotlight Grant was \$2000 to 2nd Harvest food bank, the Beacon Grant was \$1500 of paper products and \$2500 with



matching funds to Union Gospel Mission and the Gratitude Grant was \$5000 of food and hygiene items to fill local school pantries.



Tri-Cities Elks held our second successful car show benefitting Children's Therapy Program with planning well on the way for our next successful car show coming up on May 22nd. Our local Veterans center had a need for 20 Welcome Home Kits; members were quick to act and provided what was needed within one week. The Christmas Baskets program provided gifts and a terrific Christmas dinner to two families with 12 kids.

In addition to all of these programs, Tri-Cities lodge hosted a Hoop Shoot and a first ever

Soccer Shoot and drug awareness outreach event that drew over 60 kids to participate.



None of this would have been accomplished without the help from all of the amazing Tri-Cities lodge members. Way to go team!

Everett Elks Lodge #479

Everett Elks made a food donation for the student food pantry at Olivia Park Elementary School in Mukilteo. This donation was funded by an Elks National Foundation Spotlight grant.



Everett Elks also delivered a large amount of food to Sequoia High School's food pantry. This was funded by an ENF Spotlight Grant. Elks member Heather Reid and 2 students helped unload and distribute to students.

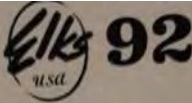


In February the lodge delivered \$700 of food to Everett High School's Sammy's Closet. Focused on protein and grab and go items for the students. Amazon also delivered bottled water and peanut butter. Funded by ENF Spotlight grant.




Seattle Elks Lodge #92

Thank you to everyone who attended Seattle lodge Elk's Therapy Program for Children Coinbox fundraiser dinner February 24, 2026. Occupational Therapist Kate Morris, State Committeeman Richard Seeder and Lodge Chairperson Susie Allen did a great presentation for us and we had packed house! Volunteer cooks Mike & Dana Vizzare along with Rebecca and Pat Nolan did a great job serving delicious Meatball sandwiches, thanks to Maggie & Jeff for running food and Mary for being our greeter.




Coin Box Meatball Sub Dinner



\$18
or a full coin box

Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30pm
Juicy meatballs, with homemade sauce & provolone cheese served on a toasted sub roll, with Caesar Salad & Dessert

Thank you Mike & Dana Vizzare, and Pat Nolan for hosting this dinner!
All proceeds benefit the WA Elks Therapy Program for Children.



Get your empty coin box at our bar.



Vancouver Elks Lodge #823

Our Valentine Hearts for Charity fundraiser was a wonderful success! Thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised **\$455 for the Elks National Foundation (ENF)**.

This idea first caught my eye several years ago in another lodge's newsletter, and I tucked it away thinking, "Someday, we should try that." With our new bulletin board near the lounge, the timing felt just right. It became the

perfect place to display the hearts and allow members to purchase one in honor of a loved one, a friend, or even just for the Lodge itself.



Hearts were available for purchase in the lounge, in the office, or online through Zeffy using a convenient QR code. To make it accessible for everyone, we offered four price points: \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$25, so members could participate at whatever level they felt comfortable. Many chose to purchase more than one, filling the board with colorful messages of friendship and appreciation.

It brought back memories of exchanging Valentine's cards as kids, simple, thoughtful gestures that meant so much. Watching the bulletin board fill up throughout the month added a special touch to the Lodge and created a fun, heartwarming display for all to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you to my dear friend and soon-to-be First Lady, Darci Morgan, for helping bring this idea to life. Her support and creativity helped make it such a success.

We look forward to bringing this fundraiser back in the future and perhaps introducing a new themed version in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us share the love while supporting ENF!

Galentine's Night — February 12th also at the Vancouver Lodge. Ladies night delivered in a big way! Around 60 women gathered for

an evening full of fun, fashion, and generosity. Guests browsed a pop-up vintage clothing, jewelry, and tchotchke shop, bid on purses in a silent auction, and snapped up mystery-stuffed purses for just \$20 each. Attendees also brought feminine hygiene donations that will be delivered to a local women's shelter — a thoughtful and meaningful touch.

The night raised \$1,950 for the Elks National Foundation — and then an anonymous donor stepped up and matched that amount, doubling our contribution to \$3,900. This brings us very close to our yearly ENF donation goal. Thank you to that generous soul, whoever you are. The undeniable highlight of the evening was the Romper Crew, who sang and danced their way into every heart in the room, posed for photos with attendees, and raised more than \$100 for the Children's Therapy Program. Thank you to Mark Adamski, Mark Bradwell, Gerald Clausen, Tony Minjarez, and incoming ER Brian Buffington!

February reminded us just how much this Lodge can accomplish when we come together. Here's to more nights like these!



NEW!

**YOUR ONE-STOP HUB
FOR ALL BALLARD 827
TICKETED EVENTS.**

Click through to our
Zeffy page to browse
upcoming events
and buy your tickets.



11TH ANNUAL

Ladies of the Elks Tea

FUNDRAISER

'Fun with a Purpose'

SUNDAY
MARCH
22
2026



*Questions?
Interested in Attending?
Interested in Hosting a table?*

Contact:

Ivona-360.798.0119

Sheila-360.487.6654

Kelso-Longview Elks #1482

Member Appreciation

AWARDS NIGHT



MARCH 5TH

Dinner 5pm to 6:30pm

Spaghetti served with caesar salad & garlic bread

RSVP for dinner at the office before
Wednesday at noon.

BREMERTON ELKS LODGE

Ceremony 7pm

Refreshments to follow Ceremony

Free
Dinner
for
Members



1920's Theme

TALL ELKS FUNDRAISER

BREMERTON ELKS LODGE

Casino *Night*

MARCH 7TH

4PM TO 8PM

\$25

GETS YOU \$250 IN
CHIPS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

4131 PINE ROAD NE, BREMERTON 98310 / 360-479-1181



Game Night FUNdraiser

FOR WA ELKS STATE PRESIDENT FUND



FRIDAY, MARCH 13 ★ 6PM

Enjoy a fun evening with games of chance and prizes as we help fund travel expenses for our new WA Elks State President!

- ★ **WINE-O BINGO**
- ★ **HEADS OR TAILS**
- ★ **& OTHER RAFFLES**



TEST YOUR LUCK FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

SEATTLE ELKS LODGE #92 3014 3RD AVE N, SEATTLE, WA 98109
OPEN 4PM-11PM • KITCHEN 5PM-9PM

◆ Bremerton Elks Lodge ◆

Murder Mystery

Dinner Fundraiser

A Night of Mystery, Magic & Fun



\$25
Tickets on sale
at office

Save the Date!



March 14th



Doors Open at 5pm
Dinner 5:45pm
Mystery starts 6:30pm
Unveiling the Mystery & Winners 7:40pm

Open to Members and their Guests

Everett Elks 479
St. Patrick's Day
OPEN HOUSE & DINNER!

Tuesday, March 17th

**Corned Beef & Cabbage
with veggies,
soda bread & dessert**

\$25.00

First come, First served!

**Doors open at 4:00pm
Dinner service begins 5:30pm**

**Dinner Crew:
Dom, Mel, Vickie, Todd H, Jen & Mark**

**Our last open house of
2025/2026 Elks Year!**



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Wednesday, March 18

In conjunction with Wednesday Night Dinner

\$20 Corn Beef
with all the trimmings



RSVP by Monday, March 16

— Regular menu will be available —

155 NE Ernst St. Oak Harbor, WA 98277

360-675-7111





EASTER PARTY

For Children Ages
12 and Younger

MARCH 28 11AM – NOON

Everett Elks Lodge

FREE! Reservations Requested

Call 424-252-4179 with
number of children

Carnival Games and Prizes

- ★ **Treat Bags**
- Hot Dogs • Chips**
- Juice •**

★ KELSO-LONGVIEW ELKS #1482 ★

CRAB FEED

& MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Saturday, March 21st
6:00 PM



900 Ash Street
Kelso, WA 98626

SCAN
FOR
TICKETS!



Fresh Crab • Great Company • Community Fun



TICKETS: \$35

All Are Welcome — Open to the Public!

Thinking about becoming a member?

Come see what the Elks are all about!



VANCOUVER ELKS LODGE #823
INVITES YOU TO OUR

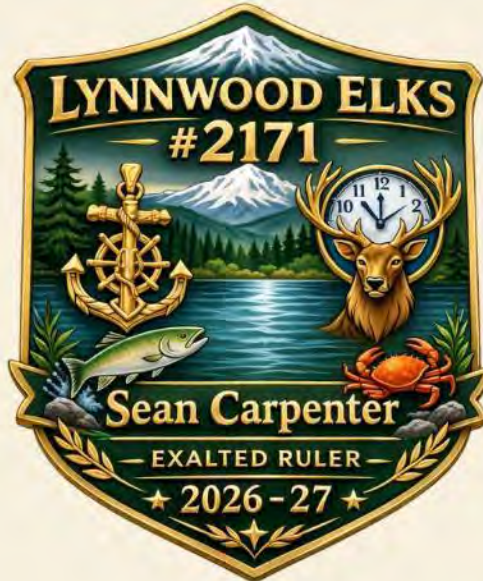
OFFICER INSTALLATION

MARCH 31, 2026

7:00 PM

Family & Friends are welcome!

You're Invited



Join us for a special evening of
fellowship and tradition at the

Lynnwood Elks Lodge 2171

2026-2027 Officer Installation Ceremony

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM Social Hour, 5pm Ceremony

Dinner & Live Music to Follow, **Cost:** \$30

Location: Lynnwood Elks Lodge #2171

Address: 15128 Hwy 99, Lynnwood, WA 98087



RSVP by 3/21/2026 to 425-776-2171 | elks2171@gmail.com

Tickets: lynnwoodelks.org/shop

Semi-formal to Formal

ELKS

HOW TO? Access your Digital Membership Card

You must carry your Elks membership card with you at all times.
Leave your card at home? No problem!

- 1 Go to [Elks.org](https://elks.org) and click on “login”
- 2 Create an account or login
- 3 Click on [Digital Membership Card](#)

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Ballard Elks Lodge 827
SPIRITS CLUB
PRESENTS:
Tequila
Tasting & Education!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!


Discover the World of Tequila!
Taste & Learn About This Iconic Spirit!

March 31st | 7PM | At the Ballard Elks
\$30 | SPACE IS LIMITED!





BREMERTON ELKS LODGE



EASTER EGG HUNT

**AGES 3 TO 10
OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC
FREE EVENT**

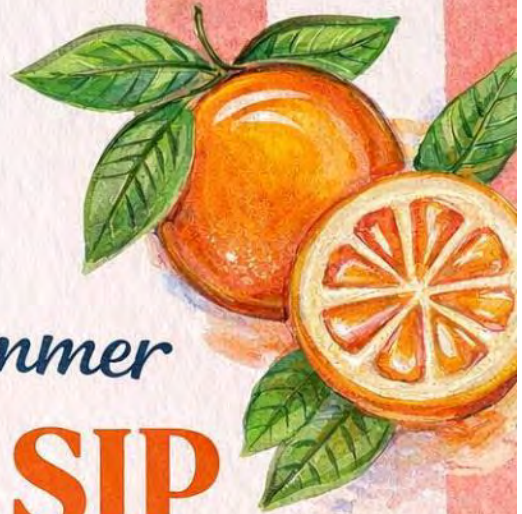
**HOP ON OVER FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG
HUNT! WE'RE HIDING 6,000 EGGS, INCLUDING
"SPECIAL PRIZE" GOLDEN EGGS! THERE WILL
BE A SPECIAL VISIT BY THE EASTER BUNNY.
DON'T FORGET YOUR BASKETS!**

APRIL 5, 2026 | 1:30PM
SHARP!

AT BREMERTON ELKS LODGE

4131 Pine Road NE, Bremerton 98310
360-479-1181





Italian Summer **PAINT & SIP**

Join us for a fun afternoon of painting
& sipping at Everett Elks 479!
All supplies included.

- Saturday April 18th - 4:00pm
- Choose from Lemons or Oranges
- Italian Dinner included
- Available to Members & their guests
- **\$50.00 per person**

Tickets available March 5th
from Jessica Mumm



KENTUCKY DERBY
& HORSE RACES
17
AT THE EVERETT ELKS

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026
WATCH THE RACE AT 3:57PM PST!
Horse Races Start at 5:30PM!

Best Dressed Prize!
Best Hat Prize!
Best Jockey Prize!

JOIN US FOR A FAST & FUN TIME!

The poster features a central image of three jockeys on horses racing on a track. The jockey in the center is wearing a green silks and a green helmet, the one on the left is in red, and the one on the right is in blue. A checkered flag is visible in the upper right. The background shows a large crowd at the racetrack and a church with two spires. The bottom of the poster is decorated with red roses, champagne glasses, and stacks of money.



ELKS RITUAL TRAINING

For Performers, Coaches & Judges

Dates: Saturday, May 16th & Sunday May 17th, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Burien Elks Lodge #2143

14006 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98168

Lunch Cost: TBD

Join us for focused ritual instruction, skill development, and collaborative training designed to strengthen performance and uphold the traditions of Elkdom.

All Performers, Coaches, and Judges are encouraged to attend.

