

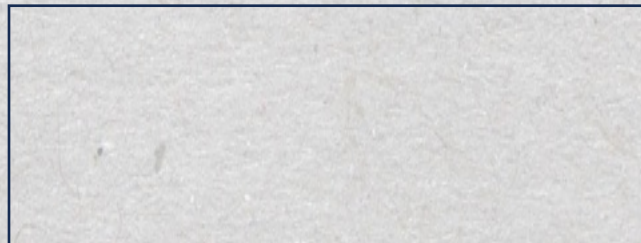
# SPOKANE ELKS LODGE #228



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April 2026 Newsletter

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 Leading Knight-----Lynn Hurd  
 Loyal Knight ----- Brandon Tillman  
 Lecturing Knight----- Sally Stratton  
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## Secretary's Message

Greetings! It is time to recap the last Elks year as I finish my term as your Exalted Ruler. We had a good year, recruiting over a dozen new members. We had several members pass and many that did not renew, but that seems to be a trend in other Northwest lodges, too. Our current location is still up for sale, with us recently changing to a new commercial realtor, NAI Black. They have brought us several potential buyers for tours of our buildings. We continue to look for a new home that would potentially have RV parking, meeting space, social space and most importantly a commercial grade kitchen. We were called out by the health department for lack of an appropriate kitchen during our Battle of the Bands that was open to the public. We merely had to scrap plans for serving hamburgers during that event.

The Battle of the Bands was a tremendous success, featuring 5 local bands in our lower parking lot. It was a hot day and we served a lot of hot dogs, and cold beers, but most importantly, we raised over \$2700 for our state's major project, the Children's Therapy Program!

We had several fun evenings at the lodge, including a chowder cook-off, and a mac and cheese competition. We also had a PER Steak Dinner night, Hawaiian Luau with real hula dancers and a ukulele performer. We had a Hoe-Down that featured award winning Keith Niehenke and his talented twin sons, Cash and Rye. October brought us our annual Elktoberfest with authentic Bavarian fare and our favorite Oompah Band, the Drywall Finishing Team performing again for us. A huge shout-out to Lori and Chuck Blake for their continuing support in our service kitchen.

Other events included our Flag Day program, our Memorial Day service and our Veteran's Day dessert, and our Elks Memorial Service honoring members that have passed away this last year. Our Americanism committee delivered over 20 American flags to new Eagle Scouts at their Courts of Honor. We also had another Eagle Scout Project

that provided us with a flag retirement box for our front office door.

Once again, we put together the Elks Band and Chorus and traveled via chartered bus to Lakeland Village to sing Christmas Carols and hand out filled stockings to the residents. Phyllis Porter once again created all the stockings given to the residents. We continue to partner with Valleyfest by constructing and driving the Valleyfest/Elks float in many parades in our area. Another shout-out to Sharon and Jane for decorating the float and making it an award winning entry, again this year. We had a good turn-out for our annual Hoop Shoot competition this year. Our local winners went on, but sadly, didn't make it to the national level this year.

Our "Wrecking Crew" saved the lodge a tremendous amount of money performing work that the lodge just doesn't have the funds to put out. This work included installing a safety hand railing behind building C, air handler system repair and maintenance and most recently, emergency sewer line repairs!

A new addition to our lodge activities was the chartering of a motorcycle group within our lodge, it's the only group east of the Cascades within our state. With 16 charter members, the Elks Riders #228 is looking forward to supporting the lodge at events and raising monies for the lodge.

Also, in July, My wife and I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City where all the lodges voted to change our name back to the Spokane Elks Lodge, after 25 years of being Greater. This was a strategic re-branding of our name in anticipation of a new location for us.

Thank you to everyone that participated this year and supported our worthwhile activities. I look forward to continuing to serve our lodge as the Lodge Secretary. Sharon Collins will also serve as the Lodge Treasurer. Please support our incoming Exalted Ruler, Warren Stout, as he grabs the baton and runs with it this next year!

Thank you!  
A. Jaye Nordling  
Lodge Secretary  
Past Exalted Ruler

## Officer Installation for 2026-27

Lodge #228 held its Officer installation ceremonies on March 18, 2026. Festivities began at 5:00 PM with socializing, dinner at 6:00, and Installation at 7:00.

We were fortunate to have our East District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Richard Shull, along with several other dignitaries from Colville and Tri Cities Lodges to participate in installing our new officers.



*Warren Stout – Exalted Ruler*



*Lynn Hurd – Leading Knight; Brandon Tillman – Loyal Knight; Sally Stratton – Lecturing Knight*



*Jan Lindsey PER – Esquire; Pete Rainbolt – Chaplain; Jaye Nordling – Lodge Secretary*



*Sharon Collins – Treasurer; Janel Rainbolt – Tiler; Paula Davis – Inner Guard*



*Frank Powers; Dennis Hurd; Jim VanSlyke-Trustees*



*Wm. (Bim) Lindsey – [PDDGER, DL (SR), PSP] - Grand Lodge Advisor]*



*Taking the Oath of Office*



## PER's Message

Calling all PER's:

With the new Lodge year we have a new ER. 2 new chair offices, a new secretary and Treasurer. We are instituting the mentoring program. Any PER who would like to mentor an officer, let us know. The PER'S meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month following the lodge meeting. We will be planning our functions and dinners, including BBQ steaks and horse races, for the upcoming months. As lodge memberships are shrinking across the states, the successful ones are relying on their PER's and members to step up. Hopefully we will see you there.

### Jim Bedard

PDDGER East District # 9240

Wa State Elks Accident Prevention Chairman

Past Secretary Spokane Elks Lodge 228



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Ingham-----Caroline King  
Gerald Burt ----- Gary Hicks  
Kathelene Colkitt ----- Mary Beth Bronowski  
Paula Davis ----- Allen Poole Jr.  
Carol Dunne -----Darrell Jenicek  
Douglas Huxsol -----Richard Garcia  
Lisa Hildebrand ----- Jerry Sherman  
Ronald Schoenberger-----Edward Kuharski  
Lemuel Terrell



## Poker and Games

Another Lodge year has come to an end, and a new one begins! We plan to continue our twice monthly Poker and Game nights into this new year. April dates will be the 9th and 23rd.

We can always use more players, so come join us! We even have an extra table available!



We play a modified version of Texas Hold-Em, with a \$5 buy in and betting stakes being nickel, dime, quarter, with a limit of 3 raises for each betting round. One of our modifications is doing away with the 'big' blind and the 'small' blind. Instead, all players just start each hand with a nickel ante. This avoids any argument about who is 'blind' for this hand, so we now argue about who has anteed and who hasn't!

As one of our regular players likes to say: "You won't have more fun for \$5, anywhere in town!"

Hope to see ya there!

Jim Parman  
Poker Drafter





## Hillbilly Wisdom

Picked up on the internet. Author unknown:

***"Just because you're following a well-marked trail don't mean that whoever made it knew where they were going."***

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## April Funny

### Car Trouble

As a lady left a meeting at a hotel, she desperately gave herself a personal TSA pat down. She was looking for her keys. They were not in her pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly she realized she must have left them in the car.

Frantically, she headed for the parking lot. Her husband has scolded her many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. Her theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen.

As she burst through the door, she came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty

She immediately called the police. She gave them her location, confessed that she had left her keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

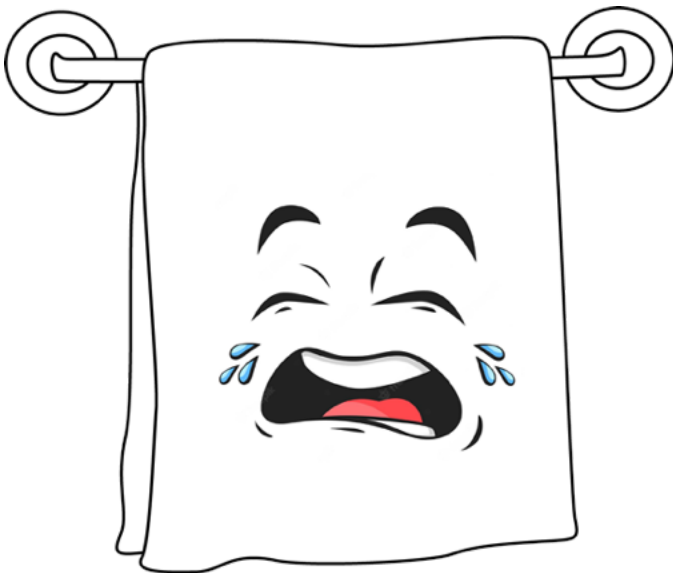
Then she made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," she stammered; (She always calls him "Honey" in times like these.) "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a period of silence. She thought the call had been dropped, but then she heard his voice.

"Are you kidding me", he barked? "I dropped you off this morning!"

Now it was her time to be silent. Embarrassed, she said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car!!"



### ***CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING***

#### ***March 11th Meeting***

***Lisa Hildebrand – NOT PRESENT***

***John Warning – NOT PRESENT***

#### ***March 25th Meeting***

***This was a draw till we have a winner night***

***After many false alarms, our new Loyal Knight, Brandon Tillman won \$100***



Tuesday

APRIL 14 & 28, 2026

Open to the public (18+)

Spokane Elks #228

9320 E Mission Ave – Avenues Building

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Doors Open 5:30 PM

Bingo Begins 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be available for purchase.



## Spring Pot Roast / Pork Loin dinner

When: Friday, April 24th, 2026 doors 5:00pm, dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Where: Elks Building C  
Cost: \$15 per person. Drinks available for purchase at the bar  
What: Pot Roast/Pork Loin  
Raffle: 50/50

PLEASE RSVP with the office by April 22nd

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## OUR KIDS

### Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

### Our State Major Project



Meet 10 year old Yu! His mom wants to share their family's appreciation to the Elks.

Our family is truly grateful for the support from the Elks therapy program. Yu used to have a very hard time with medical checkups like eye exams and dental visits, but thanks to OT, he has made great progress. By using visual supports and practice play beforehand, he learned what to expect and became able to tolerate and be more comfortable during the steps of the actual appointments. Breaking things down into small, predictable steps helped him mentally prepare. This framework has been so effective that we now use the same approach in many other situations beyond medical visits. Through this process, he has learned to understand what's coming, prepare himself emotionally, and adapt to new situations.

Yu had been working on writing his name for years but found it difficult to make progress. However, strategies introduced this summer like changing the font, starting with tracing large letters on the wall, gradually shrinking the size, and using a special writing app that provides visual feedback have made a big difference. He can now write his name much more often and with confidence. Simplifying how he writes the letter "Y" was a real breakthrough. Also, incorporating letters from his favorite picture books into practice helped him stay motivated and have fun, which unlocked even more of his potential. As parents, we've learned that even in areas he struggles with, there are hidden signs of ability waiting to grow.

There are days when his emotions and energy levels fluctuate more. Yu uses "his own strategies" learned from OT—like rhythmic shoulder tapping, spinning a little in his chair, or using ice or lemon when he needs oral sensory input. These techniques help him regulate.

Every time Yu gains a new skill, his smile grows a little bigger. The activities we can enjoy together as a family have expanded, and Yu himself now tries to communicate more actively. The moments when we can say, "You did great today!" to each other are our treasures. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Heather and everyone at the Elks for walking alongside us with such care and dedication. Because of this long-standing program that provides practical, hands-on support in everyday life, Yu has been able to build up many wonderful "I did it!" experiences—one step at a time. We are truly thankful.



# APRIL 2026



April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	<b>2</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM	<b>3</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	<b>4</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 9:00 PM - UCG
<b>5</b>  <b>Easter</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Scouts – 5:00 PM	<b>8</b> Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM	<b>9</b> Lifeline Screening 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM	<b>10</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	<b>11</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM  Scouts – 5:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM	<b>17</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	<b>18</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Scouts – 5:00 PM  Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b> Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting Following Lodge	<b>23</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM	<b>24</b> <b>Spring Dinner</b> 5:30 Pot roast	<b>25</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00-9:00pm	<b>31</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	

Hello, Lodge 228- Paul Ryan here: former Lecturing Knight  
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[newsletter@spokaneelks.org](mailto:newsletter@spokaneelks.org)  
 no later than the 22<sup>th</sup> of the previous month in order to get it in that month  
 looking forward to keeping the lodge informed. thanks

