SPOKANE ELKS LODGE #228





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TO A VERY IMPORTANT ELK

August 2025 Newsletter

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Exalted Ruler's Message

We have come to the end of our \$1 special to join the Elks, with a few takers. We will be initiating a handful of new members soon!

It's been a fun couple of weeks with parades in Cheney and Deer Park with our Valleyfest / Elks Float. The crowds were big and the girls were stunning in their princess and queen gowns. As always, Jane Nordling and Sharon Collins came through to assist in the setup and escort around the parade routes. Here are some photos:





We have four new Eagle Scouts that received American flags at their Court of Honors at St. Mary Church in the Spokane Valley. It was an entertaining and emotional ceremony for all! Exceptional young men with great futures ahead of them!



Four new Eagle Scouts with ER Jaye Nordling

Please plan on attending the next Lodge Meeting, August 13, as it will be Hawaiian shirt night as a lead in to our Friday night Luau dinner on the 22nd of August, complete with authentic music and dancers.

Final arrangements are being made to stand up our chapter of the Elks Riders, motorcycle group. We have several enthusiastic members that will ride for charity for our Lodge. A charter member meeting will be held soon to sign up.

Write Sunday, September 7th in as our Children's Therapy fundraiser with the BATTLE OF THE BANDS. 5 bands will perform, and you vote for your favorite with donations to the therapy program.

Doors are at 12pm with the 1st band performing at 1pm. (See flyer on page 7 for more information.

Keep your summer safe, and see you soon!

Jaye



Board of Directors News

Hello Everyone.

Another month has passed us by and summer is moving forward faster than I want. My wish for the rest of the summer is to have more membership attendance at the great functions that our House Committee has planned. Look for details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Buyer interest for our property sale has been slow for a while, but appears to be picking up. There have recently been more 'lookers' at the online advertising sites that our real estate agent has set up, and we have a visitation of a potential buyer in the next few days.

In the meantime, we have also been scouring the internet for potential spots that we may have an interest in for our future.

Our Washington State Summer Convention and the Grand Lodge Convention have also come and gone.

Our membership voted several weeks ago to change the official name of our Lodge from Greater Spokane Elks Lodge No. 228, to Spokane Elks Lodge No. 228. Such a name change requires blessings from Grand Lodge and that was done at the recent Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

So, we are now in the process of making all the necessary changes in our official records, such as Banking, Incorporation information with the State, this Bulletin and other legal documents.

We still have quite a number of members who haven't paid their dues for fiscal 2025-26. Remember, it's never too late to re-up, so please reconsider and keep your membership active.

Several Membership Drives are coming up later this summer and fall, so invite your friends and neighbors. We'd love to have them check us out!

The August Board Meeting will be at 5:30 PM on the 6th, immediately preceded by an Investment meeting at 4:00 PM

Jim Parman - Chairman of the Board



Elks National Foundation

I have received supplies and will be sharing them with all our members. I went to an ENF seminar at Grand Lodge and found it very interesting and informative.

The goal we need to meet by the end of March is \$5.15 per member. We have 224 members, so that is \$1,153.60. Our account at Grand Lodge shows \$130.00 received so far this year, but the office sent in monies received from dues, etc., so we should be well on our way to our goal. I will be updating the poster in the Social Quarters as things get posted to our account.

On October 3rd we will be putting on a dinner, with raffle items to help meet our goal. We are reaching out to the recipients of our grants to come in and speak about how the grant helped their organization. Please set aside this date to participate in this event.

Each Newsletter, I will update our goal amount, so all members know where we are at. Meeting our goal helps us receive many grants that we can use to help our community. Remember, "Elks Care and Elks Share".

Jan Lindsey, PER - ENF Chairperson



Hillbilly Wisdom

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Thomas Edison



Poker and Games

Poker and Games night is still going strong and we continue to see a new face or two every so often. We have another poker table standing by in the event that we have enough players.

A little known fact about our poker sessions, is that there are not only some good poker players, but several who can tell 'whoppers' like you ain't never heard.

We may have to set up an auxiliary 'Liar's Club' and add a prize for the biggest 'whopper' of the evening.

I reported in the April Newsletter that Dennis picked up one of the rarest of hands: A straight flush of small Spades. Well it happened again on July 10th, but this time it was Frankie!



Frankie Volz with his Heart Straight Flush



Here's the rest of the crew from July 10th *John; Dennis; Ray; and Jim V.* (Yours Truly taking the photo)

Poker Dates for August are the 14th and 28th.

Jim Parman – Poker Draftee

This Month's Funny

Driving Young folks crazy

HOW DO YOU FRIGHTEN THE NEW GENERATION?

PUT THEM IN A ROOM WITH A ROTARY PHONE, AN ANALOG WATCH AND A TV WITH NO REMOTE. (ADD RABBIT EARS FOR FUN).

THEN LEAVE DIRECTIONS FOR USE IN CURSIVE.



Bingo News

Bingo will start in September on Tuesday, the 16th. We will have it again on the 30th.

The Blackout is still at \$1100.00, in 55 numbers or less. Doors open at 5:30 and the first number is called at 6:30. We will have food and beverages for a small donation.

Also, we are looking for helpers to call the numbers back when people win and help in the kitchen. Please call the office if you are interested in helping sometime.

Jan Lindsey PER - Bingo Chair



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Nancy MooreRita E Gardner
Roxanne GriffithsHoward W Lloyd
William L ShorterChris Moyer
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John T Hopkins Shawn Triber
William Davis Robert D LaLonde
Scott Wagner Sally Stratton
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Most Valuable Student Scholarships



It is that time of the year that ELKS gear up for the annual awarding of scholarships for graduating students. ELKS are 2nd only to the US government for awarding scholarships.

Applications are completed online. Starting in August and closing in November. Judging begins at the lodge level in December, followed by District judging in January, State judging in February and finally Nationally in March and April.

BIG CHANGE IN WASHINGTON STATE THIS YEAR. It was proposed that 2 scholarships be awarded at the District level – one boy and one girl in each of the 5 districts. The Executive committee approved and the vote by Summer Conference attendees approved the final budget.

The state Charitable Trust will match donations by lodges up to \$200 in each district. With each lodge contributing \$200 and matched by the State, we will have 2 - \$1000 scholarships in each district.

Each lodge will have until December 30th to raise the funds. We realize lodges face limited budgets, so we are encouraging lodges to think "outside-the-box" for ways to raise that money. Suggestions have included – dinners, raffles, pass the hat, carwash, bingo/poker nights, pie in the face....

I encourage you to reach out to the high schools in your area or newspapers, radio stations, social media to let them know about the scholarships. Let's have an increase in the number of applications over the 465 we had last year.

Please reach out to me, your District coordinator or your lodge chairman for questions.

Cheri Michaelson – MVS State Chairman PDDGER – South District PER Mt. Adams 1868 cemichaelson@gmail.com phone 503.314.9952

Battle of the Bands

Presented by Spokane Elks Lodge #228

1:00 pm: Masterclass Big Band

2:00 pm: Deep Creek Band

3:00 pm: Theresa Edwards Band

4:00 pm: Wildebeest Sunday

5:00 pm: Eternal Jones September 7th, 2025

Doors open at 12:00 pm Spokane Valley

No entry or parking fee All donations go to the

BBQ, 50/50 drawings, WA State Elks Children's

dessert table, beer garden, Therapy Program.

and more will be

available for purchase!





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THERE IS NO CRYING TOWEL FOR THE \$100.00 DRAWING AT THE JULY 23RD LODGE MEETING.

As was stated in the July Newsletter, it was a 'draw until someone wins' meeting night.

It only took three draws until **James Martin's** name was drawn, so he'll be laughing all the way to the bank with his \$100.00!



We would like to thank James
Martin, owner of Uncle Sam's
Flag and Gift for their generous
patriotic contributions and
donations to Elks Lodge #228



OUR KIDS Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Our State Major Project



Caden was referred to the WA Elks Therapy Program when he was 9 months old. With an ear-to-ear smile and a charming, cheerful personality, Caden was quite content to just lie on his back and observe the world. However, at that age, babies are expected to be sitting, rolling, and beginning to crawl. Caden had been prescribed a helmet to help maintain his head shape due to flattening that can occur with prolonged time lying on his back, and the goal was to get him moving! Caden has low muscle tone, meaning his joints can be "floppy" or unstable, as well as having a larger sized head and some overall weakness. Moving around, lifting his larger head with a weaker, unstable body has been a journey—but he continues to make progress, and now at age 2 he is able to walk with help- which will come in handy as his family now also includes a little sister! Home therapy has been vital to Caden and his family, to integrate therapy into their daily lives through thoughtful positioning, specific play activities and equipment recommendations. Caden now also has several other therapies needed outside his home, including extensive speech therapy and physical therapy, in addition to frequent medical appointments and it is both financially draining and time consuming for his family. They are grateful that once per week, in the familiarity of their own home, they know that they will learn new ways of helping Caden learn new skills and get stronger and more independent.

Many thanks to all the members and friends who make this amazing program a reality.





August 2025								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
					1	5 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC		
3	4	5	6 Investment Meeting 4:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	7 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	8	12 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC		
10	11	12	13 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM	14 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM	15	19 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC		
17	18	19	20	21 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM House Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM Social Quarters	22 Hawaiian Luau Doors Open at 5:00 PM Huli Huli chicken, Kahlua pork \$15.00	26 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC		
24	25	26	27 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting to follow Lodge	28 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM	29	30 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC		
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