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December 2025 Newsletter

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings fellow Elks members!



November was a fun month with several great activities! We honored Veterans with a ceremony that included recognition of all the service branches. Scouts from several troops once again supported this worthy event!

E R Jaye Nordling Leading the Event



Scouts Assisting with our Veterans Ceremony

Our in-house ladies barbershop quartet, the A'cabellas, performed the national anthem and all the service songs as the individual flags were presented with the history of each service. We observed the Marine Corps 250th birthday, also!



The A'cabellas



Dennis Hurd, Peter Rainbolt and Chuck Blake assisting with the Veterans Ceremony



We just had our Coin Box Dinner with great food presented by our House committee that included rotisserie chicken, several potato entrees, salads and desserts.

We had a presentation by our Children's Therapist, Lila Zander, followed by a spirited silent auction.



Lila Zander



Nathaniel Gifford and Mom, Amanda



and pick up a new, empty one!

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We raised over \$800 in the auction and our coin boxes for the Children's Therapy Program. We will add this to our \$2300 from our Battle of the Bands in September. There is plenty of time to drop additional full coin boxes at the front office,

The Over Easy Duo played terrific dinner music, capping off a great evening.

Special thanks to our chair, Sharon Collins, assisted by Andren Moyer, Chuck and Lori Blake, Sally Stratton and Jane Nordling for all that they did, decorating and serving the dinner, and also the donors of the silent auction items.

Our charter meeting of the Spokane Elks Riders group was a great success with 12 new original members. Rules and By-Laws were presented to be voted on next month. The National President has promised to fly to Spokane to "patch in" all new members after the 1st of the year. The slate of officers is set with Chuck Blake as president, Jason Kamp as Vice President, Sharon Collins as Secretary/Treasurer and Peter Rainbolt as Chaplain, all to be voted on next month, too.

We are now open on Thursday and Friday nights at the Social Quarters, thanks to our bar manager, Warren Stout. On those dates, we will have snacks and watch Gonzaga Basketball and Seahawks football, and after 3 months, the heat is finally repaired in the back room! Good news for our poker players!

Join us on December 7th at 1pm, for our annual Memorial Service acknowledging our members that have passed this year. Also, on December 9th, we will be visiting Lakeland Village for our annual Santa Sing Along and Christmas stocking deliveries. Bring your voices and sing along with us! The bus leaves the lodge promptly at 5pm. Special thanks to Phyllis Porter for making the stockings and filing them!

Our group of PERs will have their annual Hot Toddy Party on December 12 at 5pm in the Social Quarters. Will have a sing along of Christmas songs from movie excerpts a week later. Should be fun!

Take care of each other, embrace your families this holiday season, and stay warm!

A. Jaye Nordling Exalted Ruler



Delinquents as of November 25, 2025

Bob Adolfson-----	Sacha Allen
George Anderson Jr -----	Jennifer Anderson
Larry Benton -----	Scott Brewer
Michael Chastek -----	Burle Craven
Charity Draden -----	Brian Hardaway
Cindy Hartzell-----	Steven Hartzell
Danny Johnson -----	Donald Kartevold
Dorothy Larson-----	Cason Parsons
Michael Pentland-----	Allan Ray
David Rumberger -----	Kenneth Schueman
Angela Sety-----	William Shorter Jr
Stephens Taylor -----	Sandra Townsend
Debbie Townshend -----	Wendell Wade
Richard Wilkerson	

We want to remind all delinquent members that there is still time to pay your dues and become current before the end of the fiscal year.

Paying your dues is easier than ever with the links on the Lodge 228 website. Just go to the Home Page: spokaneelks.org and the first item you see is the button to pay your dues. Click the button and follow the links to pay electronically, either with your smartphone or computer.

If you are not planning to continue your membership, we would like to know why. Please use the email address talkback@spokaneelks.org to let us know. We can't reconcile an issue that is encouraging you to leave us if we don't know about it.

I'll also remind all our members that the talkback email is for your use as well. Please let us know what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong!!

I am the only person with access to the talkback emails. My personal policy will be to make sure that any and all suggestions and comments are shared with the Board of Directors and other leaders. Also, I will personally pledge to keep the names of the senders of emails confidential if the sender so requests, and only share the messages!

Please let me hear from you!

**Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jim Parman, Chairman - Board of Directors**



House Committee News

House Committee Report

As we prepare for a busy end of the year, the House Committee is planning events into January and February. We hope to bring some fun events, new and traditional. We will continue to utilize the Social Quarters for game nights on Thursday and Friday nights. Please stop in as the social quarters are open Thursday and Friday nights.

In November we had 4 folks from Florida stop in for a drink and it made for some great conversations.

Bingo nights will be December 2nd and 16th. If anyone would like to help out with Bingo it is needed and would be very much appreciated.

At the end of the year the House Committee will do inventory and look at how we stand on liquor sales so we can continue to bring in 30-35% profits to the lodge and still make the prices lower for Elks members.

The House Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month in the social quarters. Feel free to join us if you have some ideas you would like to see incorporated into our events.

December Events

Lakeland Village Sing-a-long

Jane Nordling reminded everyone that the date for this event changed to December 9th. If you have not been, it is worth going. One of the Sweet Adelines quartets will be there to sing some tunes along with our usual Elks musical group. Bring your Christmas cheer and join in the fun, the charter bus leaves at 5pm from the lodge.

Elks Memorial Service December 7th

Paying our respects to our absent members. Our annual Elks Memorial Service this year will be at 1PM. Refreshments to follow.

PER Tom and Jerry Night, 5pm to 9pm

December 12th is the PER Tom and Jerry / Hot Toddy night in the social quarters.

Seattle v Rams Thursday Night Football

Thursday night December 18th from 5pm to 9pm we will have a Seahawks night in the social quarters. We will offer bratwurst with sauerkraut and hot dogs. You can also bring a snack to share.

Movie Night - Sing-a-long, doors at 5pm

Movie night will be December 19th. Wear an ugly sweater and a sing-a-long with traditional Christmas movies and tunes to get you in the spirit. We will serve popcorn, hot chocolate, milk shakes, and cocktails will be available. Bring a snack to share!

January and February events in the works

Mac and Cheese Cook-off

On January 23 we will have a mac and cheese cookoff in the social quarters.

Valentine Dessert Dance

Masterclass will host a Valentine Dessert Dance again this year on Saturday, February 14th from 7-9pm. I am looking forward to delicious desserts and great music. Bring a partner and dance the night away.

Other Events to Keep in Mind

Friday, January 2	GU v Seattle Lutheran
at 6pm social quarters	
Tuesday, January 6	Bingo
Thursday, January 8	GU v Santa Clara at
8:30pm social quarters	
Monday, January 19	Hoop shoot
Tuesday, January 20	Bingo

I hope there is something to pique your interest. Join the house committee and bring your inspiring ideas on the third Thursday of the month.

Hope to see you in December and if not have a holly Jolly Christmas!

Jane Nordling
House Committee Chair



Board of Directors News

Hope you all had a happy and tummy filling Thanksgiving, with friends and family where possible!



Still dealing with leftovers?

The proposed Bylaws changes that you were notified of have been approved. The next step is to submit the changes to Grand Lodge Judiciary for their perusal and approval. Most of the changes should be no problem, as they have been "strongly recommended" by Grand Lodge Leadership.

Our House Committee continues to put together fun and exciting events to both enhance our charity contributions and entertain our members. Sadly, we continue to experience far less attendance than we would like.



For example, here was the Hoe Down for a Friday Night Dinner on September 26th! Keith Neihanke and sons Cash and Rye provided some first-class Hoe Down music with Fiddles, Mandolin, Guitars, and vocals. If you weren't here, you missed a great show!



Another patriotic and moving Flag Day Ceremony was celebrated on June 13th with Scout Troop 777 presenting the historical flags.

Just a couple of outstanding events that were missed by a lot of our members.

Again, I mention the email address that has been set up for membership feedback. So far, we have received only one email in that talkback@spokaneelks.org mailbox! How can we hope to design and host functions that will attract you, our members, if you don't let us know what you would like to see?

Nothing is off limits here! If you would like daytime events instead of evenings, let us know! If music and/or sing-alongs float your boat, let us know! If Arts and Crafts are your thing, let us know! We have lots of talented members that can help!

Get the point here? An Elks Lodge cannot prosper and continue to be viable without the active participation of its membership!

PLEASE, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT !

We continue to have slow response to our proposed sale of the current Elks property, but things are expected to pick up a bit with interest rates beginning to drop.

Our realtor is planning an open house in Avenues for December 17th for the various realtors, title companies, etc. in the area. Hopefully this will stir up some activity.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all in the spirit of the season.

Jim Parman - Chairman of the Board



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Anderson -----	Kim Aubrey
Larry Benton -----	Albert Wilson
Lee Owen -----	Charity Drayden
Janice Lindsey-----	Del Hirzel
Cason Parsons	



Poker and Games

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! Our Poker and Games nights continue, but with only one date in December on the 11th.

Our poker crowd continues to stay pretty constant with between a half-dozen and a dozen participants each game.

Fortunately, the insults, stories, prevarications, and laughter continue unabated!



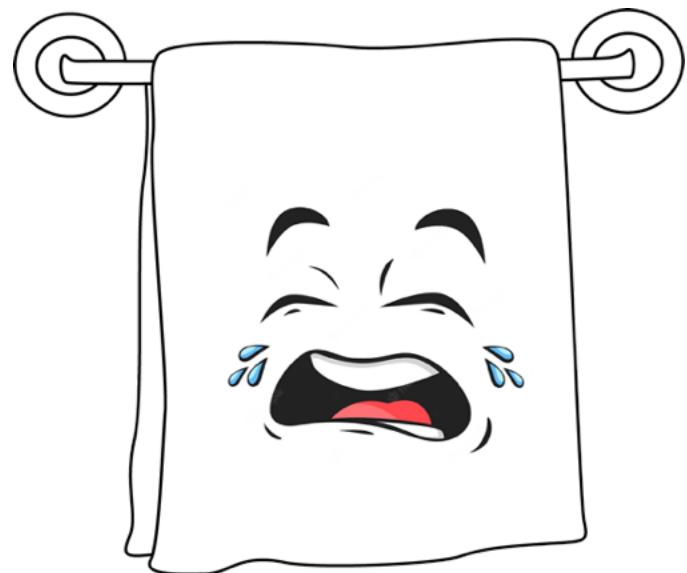
I would like to remind everyone that there are other games available besides poker, so we would welcome more people to come in and socialize.

Jim Parman – Poker Draftee



Hillbilly Wisdom

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.



CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING

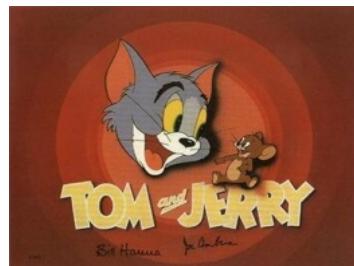
November 12 Lodge Meeting
John Cannon – NOT present
Dr Steve Cook – NOT present

November 26 Lodge Meeting
Dennis Quimby – NOT present
Eric Johnson – NOT present

Spokane Elks Lodge #228 PER Association

Presents for Members & Guests:

**Date: Friday,
12/12/2025**



**Time:
6:00-8ish PM**



#228 Tom & Jerry Night (Hot Buttered Rum too)

PLEASE BRING A NONPARISHABLE FOOD ITEM DONATION

The PER Association is again hosting an Elks Tradition for the Holidays!

Come visit us at the Social Quarters for a free Tom & Jerry Party (or hot buttered Rum as well) and hors d'oeuvres for our members and guests to celebrate the holidays.

The bar will also be open for those wishing to purchase other drinks.



The Social Quarters is open
5:00P to ~9:00P

**Spokane Elks Lodge #228
Social Quarters, Bldg "A"**





Tuesday

December 2 and 16, 2025

Open to the public (18+)

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Doors Open 5:30 PM

Bingo Begins 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be available for purchase.



Hoop Shoot 2026

Save the date! This year's Hoop Shoot will be on January 19, 2026 with the competition starting at 12:00PM. Volunteers are needed and will need to arrive at the Warehouse Athletic Facility (800 N. Hamilton) at 11:00AM. Please contact **Rita Gardner** at **509 990-0887** or slugbug00@comcast.net. Thank you!



ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

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

CONTEST LOCATION: The Warehouse Athletic Facility 800 N. Hamilton, Spokane, WA

HOSTED BY: Spokane Elks Lodge **LODGE NO.** 228

DATE: January 19, 2026 **TIME:** 12:00 PM - (Registration 11:30 AM)

DIRECTOR: Rita Gardner **CONTACT:** (509) 926-2328

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

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THIS MONTH'S FUNNY

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. They had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time. The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the creek.

One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen so the little boy decided today was the day. So, he got a pole for a lever and started pushing. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away.

That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking, the little boy asked why.

The dad replied, "Someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it, son?"

The boy answered, "Yes." Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth."

The dad replied, "Well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree."

OUR KIDS

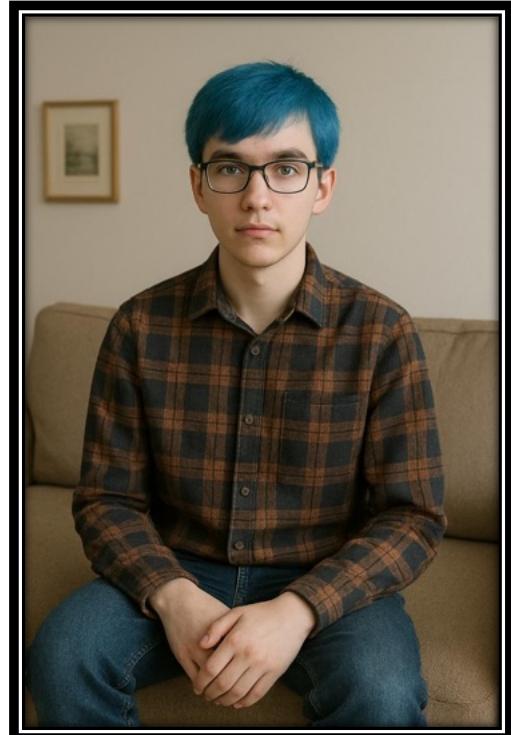


Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Our State Major Project



The Washington Elks Therapy Program client who this month's outreach story spotlights wanted to try something a little bit different. One of things he wanted to try is using a pseudonym and an AI generated photo for himself.

“John Nominous” is the name our client chose for himself to be known as for the sake of this story, and John would like you to know that he is extremely grateful for all the goals he has been able to accomplish thanks to the opportunity of working with an occupational therapist. Some of the things John loves include: his family, seasonal holidays, learning about technology, sharing jokes and riddles, listening to music, and singing karaoke. Because of his disabilities, John has needed support in developing skills related to: daily self-care tasks, contributing to his family via household chores, understanding and budgeting his money, building and maintaining friendships, keeping track of his belongings and personal information, and working with his body sensations so as to stay regulated even when difficult life situations throw his nervous system out of balance.



John and his family would like to express their very deep appreciation for the generosity of the Washington Elks and what a difference it has made for them. In preparation for this story, John helped AI generate this photo. Thank you, Elks, for helping “John Nominous” have a realistic looking photo, and for helping the person who made up the name “John Nominous” live his best life possible.

THANK YOU, ELKS!

Here are some more fun events you may have missed

From St. Patricks Party to Flag Ceremony to Lakeland Village to Poker Games to Ice Cream Social to
Bingo to Memorial Day Service to Luau to Battle of the Bands to Horse Races to Elroy to Officer
Installation and more!!





December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	3 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	4 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	5 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	6 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
7 Elks Memorial Service for our Departed Elks – 1:00 PM Avenues	8	9 Annual Bus Trip to Lakeland Village for their Christmas Party and Santa Claus Join us and sing along!! Scouts – 5:00 PM	10 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting Following Lodge	11 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	12 PER Tom and Jerry / Hot Toddy night in the Social Quarters. -5:00 – 9:00 PM Avenues Private Event – Camp Journey – 5:00 PM	13 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
14 Avenues Private Rental – 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	15	16 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	17 Realtor Open House in Avenues 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	18 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Seahawks vs Rams Brats and Hotdogs – Bring Snacks Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	19 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Movie Night and Christmas Sing Along - popcorn, hot chocolate, milk shakes, Bring Snacks to share	20 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM – UCG Combat Vets – After Church vacates
21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22	23 Scouts – 5:00 PM	24 No Lodge Meeting	25 Christmas Lodge and Social Quarters Closed	26 Lodge and Social Quarters Closed	27 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
28	29	30 Scouts – 5:00 PM	31			