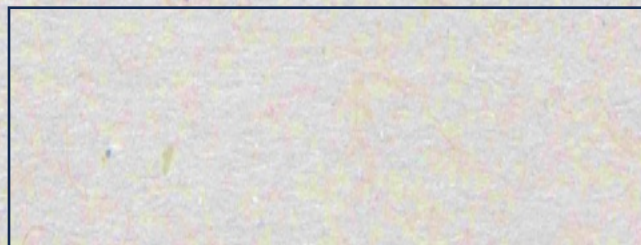


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Exalted Ruler's Message

Another fun month has passed!



Bingo Setup

Bingo is still going strong with our biggest crowd ever! The \$1100 last game blackout is still available, come check it out, no experience necessary! We had three games hit a bingo with only 7 balls called! February 3 & 17 are the next games in Avenues. The more folks that participate, the bigger the individual game winnings can be!

We had several members attend the Washington State Elks Winter Convention at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel. Many good training sessions and great networking with other lodges.

Several new initiates are scheduled for this coming month with great pre-meeting dinners prepared by our terrific cook, Lori Blake.

On a recent Friday night, we had our first ever Mac & Cheese Festival/Cook-Off. Sadly, my Spam Mac and Cheese didn't win! Ann Parman once again took first place with her Green Chilies Mac & Cheese, and it was head and shoulders above all others, proving once again that experience and a big smile triumphs above all! Sharon pulled off a second place with her tasty Mac, Sausage and Cheese entry.



Sharon Collins and Ann Parman won 2nd and 1st



Part of the eating/testing crew



Chowing Down!

Also, we have an opportunity to have a Super Bowl Party in the Social Quarters on February 8th. Any takers? Go Hawks!

We had a good turnout for Hoopshoot this year. An amazing display of talent on both the girls and boy's side. In a heated display of marksmanship, the oldest pair of girls sank 17 and 18 baskets out of 20. Even the youngest were hitting more shots than I ever could!

(For photos see the hoop shot article)

Here is another plea to join the Elks National Foundation. We only have four members set up for recurring donations. Donating to the Elks National Foundation online is quick, easy and secure. Your online donation will be put to work immediately supporting Elks programs. It is easy to set up a recurring donation using your debit, credit or checking account. Log on to elks.org to set up an account!

See you at the Lodge!

Jaye Nordling – Exalted Ruler



Board of Directors News

My how time flies! Here we are with only two months to go in our 2025-26 fiscal year.

This is the time of year for reflection on how we have done and planning for the new Elk's Year! We encourage members to be especially active this time of year because we will be electing new officers and appointing committee chairs.

To refresh our memories, nominations for all elective offices will be done the first meeting in February. That's February 11th.

That is usually your only opportunity to nominate your choices for Officers and Trustees. For any office that has one or more nominees, that's it, and voting will occur at the second meeting in February, on the 25th. The only time that nominations will be allowed on February 25th, is if no one was nominated for that office on the 11th.

Your House Committee continues to have activities that are entertaining and enjoyable, Yet the turnout continues to be a bit disappointing.

The latest activity was a Mac and Cheese cookoff in the Social Quarters on January 23rd. There were 5 separate entries and the results were tasted by all attendees.

Prizes were awarded to the 'chefs' and fun was had by all. There are photos and more about this event in ER Jaye's article,

but I have to tout my wife's prize winning green chiles Mac and Cheese, as it won first prize in the contest.



We continue to have our current property on the market, and hope things begin to pick up into the new year.

Again, this is an important time of year, so come to meetings, get involved, and vote on your coming leadership.

Jim Parman – Board of Directors Chair



Bingo News

Bingo will be on the 3rd and the 17th of February. Come out and try your luck.

We have food and beverages to serve and our Black Out game is still waiting to be won.

You will win \$1100 if you get a Blackout in 55 numbers or less. If the Blackout is not won, we keep calling numbers until someone gets a Blackout. They then receive a consolation prize.

The last Bingo session, the consolation prize was \$210.00. The recipient was very happy.

Our new games that we initiated last month are really fun. We open the doors at 5:30 and the first number is called at 6:30. It's February, so we will be having some seasonal fun to go along with the regular games.

We really could use some more volunteers. If you can give just a couple hours from 5:15 to 7:15, we have a job for you. None of the volunteer positions are difficult. Lots of times we just need someone to go around and verify the bingos by calling the numbers back.

If you can find the time to help, please text or call me at 509-770-1309.

Hope to see you there.

Jan Lindsey, PER

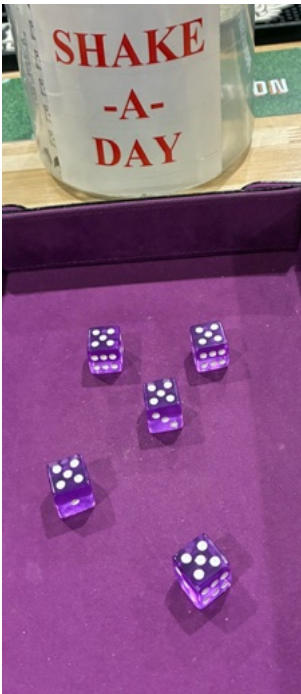


House Committee News

House Committee Report

As our lodge year is approaching a new year, we will be looking for someone to replace me as House Committee Chair. I will be having knee surgery so will be out of commission for a while. We do have a great committee and Lori Blake will continue as our kitchen manager. Please consider taking on this task; let Warren Stout know if you are interested.

The social quarters continue to be open Thursday and Friday evenings. Please stop in and say hi and try a chance at Shake-a-day. See Warren at the bar, to play once a day. New rules are: 3 shakes for \$1 with all dice returning to the shaker after each roll. The bartender must observe and 80% goes to the pot and 20% to the lodge. 5 of a kind in one roll, wins the pot, 4 of a kind gets a free drink, full house or a large straight wins an extra roll. Let's have some fun with it and may the best dice roll win!



In February we look forward to the following events:

Tuesday, Feb 3 - Bingo - \$1100 blackout pot still has not been won!

Sunday, Feb. 8 - Seattle Seahawks vs New England Patriots Superbowl party. Doors at 3pm game at 3:30 Bring snacks and enjoy beverages served in the social quarters. More people - more fun!

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Bingo

Friday, Feb. 20 - Chinese New Year celebration - Doors 5pm, Dinner 5:30-7pm. Cost \$15, 50/50 raffle.

Future Events

Friday, Mar. 20 St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Featuring corned beef and cabbage Doors 5pm, Dinner 5:30-7pm Cost \$15, 50/50 raffle.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with events. Warren will be looking for someone to head up the House Committee for the next fiscal year. Bring your ideas for new events to the house committee meeting on February 19th at 6PM in the social quarters!

Jane Nordling House Committee Chair



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

April Dutton ----- Jerry Descoteaux
Richard Wilkerson----- Carolyn Entel
Ted Bronowski----- Kelly Greenwood
William Kuharski----- Sam Wollenhaupt



Hoop Shoot 2026

Spokane Elks Hoop Shoot was held on Monday, January 19th. Congratulations to Jaxson McAny, Palmer Rodgers, Miles Hebden, Paisley Clyburn, Cooper Hebden, and Linden Wiltbank who advanced to the East District Hoop Shoot that took place in Moses Lake on Saturday, January 24th.

All contestants from Spokane performed well at Districts. Jaxson, Palmer, Miles, and Paisley will be moving on to the State competition which will be held on February 7, 2026 at St. Martins University.

Once again, thank you to all of you who show up every year to help at our Spokane Hoop Shoot!

Rita Gardner – Hoop Shoot Chairman

Below are some photos from the Spokane Hoop Shoot and one from Moses Lake District Shoot:



Deanna Fisher and Kathy Sink – Registration



Boys Practicing



Hoop Shooters Getting their Instructions



Scorers Tallying Scores



Girls Practicing





Winners Picking Tee Shirts



District Shoot in Moses Lake



*District Winner Jaxon McAny
and his Mom Alisaundre*



*Hoop Shoot Chairman Rita Gardner with Weston
Luo who competed at Nationals last year*





Poker and Games

Poker and Game night is still going strong and welcoming new players! Remember, this is a nickel, dime, quarter game with a \$5 buy in, so nobody is getting rich or going broke here!

Poker dates for February are the 12th and 26th. There are other games available and if Poker is not for you, get a gang together to play whatever you want. Bring dominoes, other card games, or dice and have a few laughs with us.



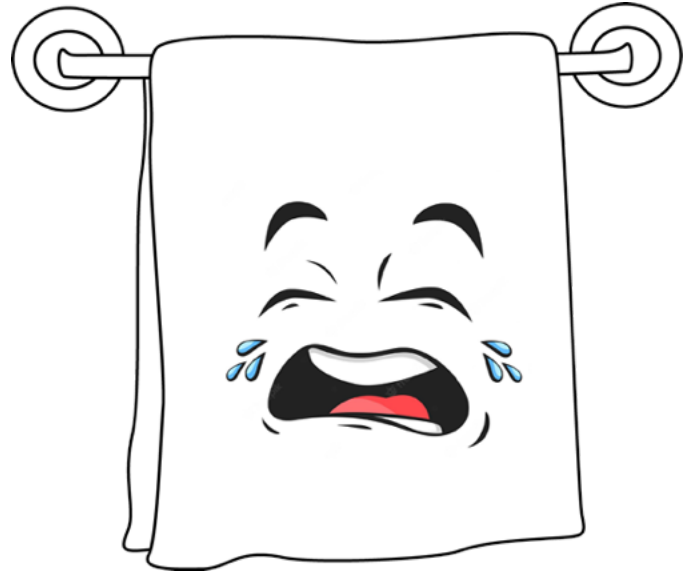
The rare event of hole cards like this have cost some of us more than we care to admit!

Yep, we play Texas Hold 'Em with a couple of rule changes that make it easier for some of to remember stuff. For example, we could never remember who was supposed to be 'big' blind and 'small' blind, so we resorted to just having everyone ante a nickel to begin each hand.

You guessed it! Now we argue about which ones haven't put in their nickel!

Come join us. We guarantee you'll have more fun than you can imagine for \$5.00!

Jim Parman – Poker Draftee



CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING

January 14 Lodge Meeting
Henry Bolinger – NOT present
Dean Lueck – NOT present

January 28 Lodge Meeting
Tory Robles – NOT present
Jim Parman - \$100 Winner



Hillbilly Wisdom

If you think you are a person of influence, try ordering around someone else's dog.

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February Funny

Fly Swatter

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

“What are you doing?” she asked.

“Hunting flies,” he replied.

“Oh, killed any?” she said. “Yep, 3 males, 2 females,” came the answer.

Intrigued, the wife asked, “How can you tell them apart?”

Husband: “3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.”



General Store in small town Missouri
Your Editor and his parents lived in the
upstairs apartment in 1942-43



Tuesday

February 3 and 17, 2026

Open to the public (18+)

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Bingo Begins 6:30 PM

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Puzzle

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6				3		5	7	8

Player: _____



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	4 Investment Meeting 4:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	5 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	6 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	7 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
8 Super Bowl Super Bowl Party Social Quarters 3:00 PM Game at 3:30 PM	9	10 Scouts – 5:00 PM	11 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM	12 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	13 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	14 Valentine's Day Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 9:30 PM - UCG
15	16 Presidents Day	17 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	20 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	21 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Scouts – 5:00 PM	25 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting Following Lodge	26 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	27 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	28 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG