

# SPOKANE ELKS LODGE #228



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## January 2026 Newsletter

# 2026

The 250th anniversary of the United States is called the Semiquincentennial. It will be celebrated on July 4, 2026, marking 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted. Official planning for the celebrations began in 2016 with the congressional, non-partisan United States Semiquincentennial Commission. This page is dedicated to that July 4th celebration and all others planned throughout 2026.

**Enjoy and Participate!!**



## **GOD BLESS THE USA**

Written and Recorded by: LEE GREENWOOD

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life - And I had to start again with just my children and my wife

I'd thank my lucky stars to be livin' here today - 'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away  
And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free - And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today - 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land

### **God bless the USA**

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee - Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea

From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA - Well, there's pride in every American heart

### **And it's time we stand and say**

That I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free - And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year! Hopefully, you all had a wonderful holiday season!

We have turned the corner and the days will be getting longer now. Winter has yet to unleash its full fury here and we can be grateful for that. However, it is still dark, cold and slippery as my wife and House Committee Chair discovered on Thanksgiving night, tripping and slipping outside, breaking her ankle and damaging her knee. She presses on with a smile on her face, and I am learning new kitchen skills!

We started December with our annual Memorial Service, paying our respects to our absent members. We lit eight candles out of respect for these passed Elks members.



PER Frank Powers, ER Jaye Nordling, District Leader Bim Lindsey, and PER Jan Lindsey

We had the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association annual Christmas party and have two new applications from that group.

We also had one of the best Bingo sessions that we have had this year, with 22 participants! You too, can take a chance on the \$1100 blackout game on January 6th and 20th!



*Following a lodge meeting, we decorated the Christmas tree in Avenues for the Christmas parties and Bingo that we hosted.*

Our Elks band and singers visited Lakeland Village for our annual sing-a-long and handing out Christmas stockings to the residents. (A big Thank You to Phyllis Porter for sewing and filling them!)



Jaye Nordling, Dennis Hurd, Frank Powers, and Jim Parman

A new ladies' quartet, High Hopes, joined us this year and want to sing with us again next year!



*The 'High Hopes' quartet joined us this year  
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We even had a new Santa with one of our newest initiates, Daniel Dahl, filling out the suit nicely!



*A fun time was had by all!*

Our bartender Warren is keeping the Social Quarters open on Thursday and Friday nights. We watched Gonzaga Basketball and Seahawks football and then had a Christmas carol sing-a-long with real milkshakes on a recent Friday night.



*Sharon Collins with what must have been a powerful milkshake!*

Our PERs filled in behind the bar for the Annual Hot-Toddy party and get-together and was well attended.

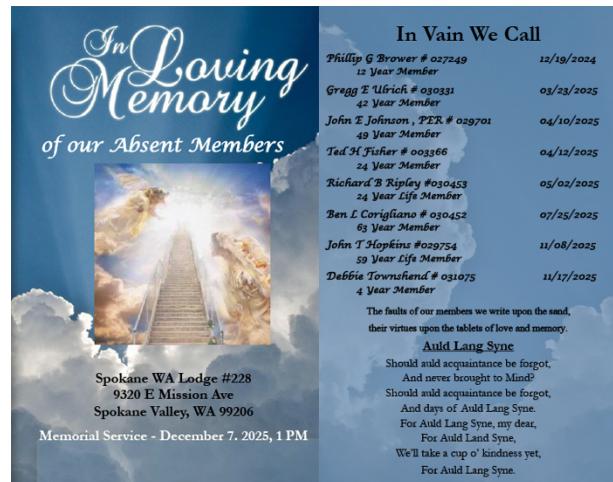
**Jaye Nordling - Exalted Ruler**



## Elks Memorial Service

Each year on the first Sunday in December all Elks Lodges hold a memorial service for members who have passed in the past 12 months.

This year on December 7th, we honored and remembered 8 of our departed members, lighting a candle for each.



*The Memorial Brochure*



*Candles Lighted for our Absent Members*

**Jim Parman  
Board Chairman**



## Board of Directors News

A group of our members and other performing guests, again ventured to Lakeland Village to entertain the residents at their annual Christmas Party. We always engage a regular tour bus from Alpha-Omega in order to have room for our drums, musical instruments, and sound equipment in the luggage area.

Which means there were many empty seats on that bus that would have accommodated several more of our members for an enjoyable and inspirational evening. Another excellent opportunity missed, for some of you to participate in an event that occurs every year in early December.

This trek has a long history and is said to have been happening for over 100 years. Back in the days when Elks Lodge #228 entertained with a concert orchestra, to present day when a small group of our members and other volunteers entertain with guitars, drums, and vocals. (We even have a 'washtub bass' for which we found that Paul Ryan has a unique talent.)



*Judy Dahl (Santa's Wife), Phyllis Porter, Ann Parman, and others made the trip with us*

We begin with a selection of traditional Christmas Carols and progress into some Country Rock that gets the excitement level into high gear.

What a moving and gratifying feeling to see both Village staff members and those residents who are mobile, up dancing to the loud rythym of 'Johnny B. Goode.' Elvis's 'Hound Dog' is another perennial Crowd favorite.

One of our new members, Daniel Dahl played Santa this year and was a major hit!



*Top: Jim Parman, Dan Dahl, Jay Nordling and Dennis Hurd  
Bottom: A ladies quartet called The 'High Hopes' were singers and helpers*



*Sharon Collins, played Olive, Santa's 10th Reindeer, but appeared to need an antler repair!*

The party ends with Santa Claus handing out stockings stuffed with treats that long time member, Phyllis Porter has prepared for them for many years.

As reported at a recent Lodge Meeting, our proposed bylaws changes were approved by Grand Lodge Judiciary.

We can now proceed with our new dues structure for next year. Beginning in April 2026 our regular membership dues will increase from \$85 to \$90. Life member dues will go from \$31 to \$45, exactly one half the regular dues.

Initiation fees and most other transfer fees have increased by \$5, pretty much across the board.

We have also eliminated the June and July initiation fee of \$1.

Further information on Dues, Fees and percapitas will be forthcoming in the near future.

**Jim Parman – Board Chairman**



## House Committee News

As we close out 2025 and begin a new year I ask all of you to take a good look as to why you are an Elk. Participation makes the lodge succeed and charitable giving is an important part of who we are. We have tried some new things in 2025, some successful and some not so much. My hope is that in the New Year the Elks can make a huge difference. Maybe turn over a new leaf and bring blessings to the lodge.

The Shake-a-day was won in December by Lori Blake!



Congratulations to her and we look forward to seeing what she will do with her winnings. We have a new game with new rules and the pot at about \$130 already. (must be a member/spouse of a member to play) 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 January we look forward to the following events:

**Friday, Jan. 2** - **Gonzaga Bulldogs vs. Seattle University.** Let's start the year off with a bang and cheer on the Zags in the social quarters at 6pm. Bring snacks and enjoy beverages served in the social quarters.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6** - **Bingo** - \$1100 blackout pot still has not been won!

**Jan. 13 through 18** - **WA State Elks Convention** at SeaTac

**Monday, Jan. 19** - **Hooffest** - volunteers needed

**Tuesday, Jan. 20** - **Bingo**

**Friday, Jan. 23** **Mac and Cheese cook off!** Make your favorite Macaroni and Cheese dish to share and be judged by all who come to enjoy. Prizes for the winners!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with events. Bring your ideas for new events to the house committee meeting the Third Thursday of the month at 6PM in the social quarters!

**Jane Nordling**  
**House Committee Chair**



**Hillbilly Wisdom**

It's easier to keep things neat than it is to let things turn into a disaster and have to fix the mess!

**Author – unknown**



## Poker and Games

Happy New Year Everyone!!

Our Poker and Games nights continue, and we're back to two dates in January on the 15th and 29th.

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!

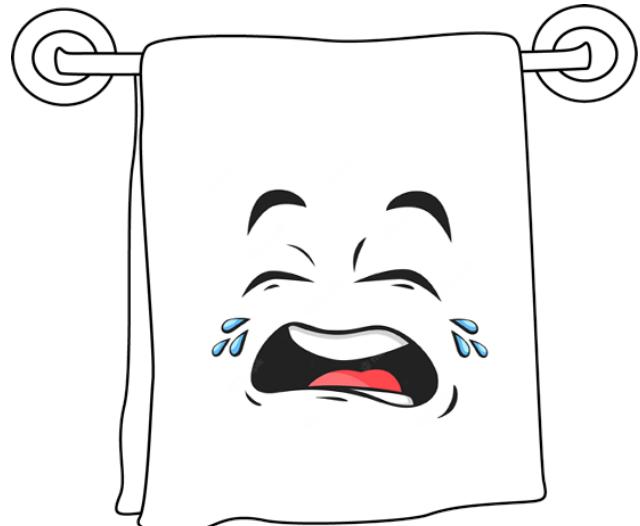


I would like to remind everyone that there are other games available besides poker, so we would welcome more people to come in and socialize.

**Jim Parman – Poker Draftee**

## Delinquents as of December 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 Schuemann
Angela Sety-----	William Shorter Jr
Stephens Taylor-----	Sandra Townsend
Wendell Wade-----	Richard Wilkerson



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

**December 10 Lodge Meeting**  
**Rose Douglas – NOT present**  
**William Kuhauski – NOT present**



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Phillip Basso-----	Katherine Sink
Ted Schultz-----	Al McCarty
Marty Hill-----	George Batchelor
Clyde Foster-----	Dennis Hurd
Michael Saba-----	Lana Terrell
Jenny Martin-----	Kenneth Quimby
Paul Ryan-----	Richard Baker
Lynn Hurd-----	David Castner



Tuesday

January 6 and 20, 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.



WASHINGTON STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION  
WINTER CONVENTION 2025

*The Traditional*  
**11 O'Clock Toast**  
**&**  
**Flag Charge**

COMPETITION

DATE: January 16, 2025 | TIME: 11:30 AM

OPEN TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS

RITUAL TRAINING  
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM



SUNSET AT THE 2NP RANCH



## Our Kids

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



Meet Zaili (age 9), a bright and creative young girl who has benefited from The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. when first diagnosed at age two with transverse myelitis, quadriplegia, muscle spasticity, & neuropathic pain. Transverse myelitis is a rare neurological condition in which inflammation of the spinal cord disrupts nerve signals, often resulting in weakness, sensory changes, and mobility challenges. Her condition originated from a viral illness commonly associated with the common cold; therefore, her family remains highly vigilant regarding potential infections.

Zaili loves to dance, sing, and express herself through arts and crafts. She also enjoys helping her family cook delicious meals, using adaptive tools that make tasks easier and more accessible for her. Her big dreams shine brightly. Zaili says, "I want to be a chef, a singer, or a fashion designer when I grow up".

Zaili is full of life and always brings a positive energy to everything that she does. She loves to learn new things but struggles to recognize her fatigue. To support Zaili, her family and therapist focus on body awareness and interoception skills, helping her identify when she needs rest, manage her energy through the day, and use calming and self-regulation strategies. She especially enjoys using her "lip whistle" and "play flute" during breathing breaks.

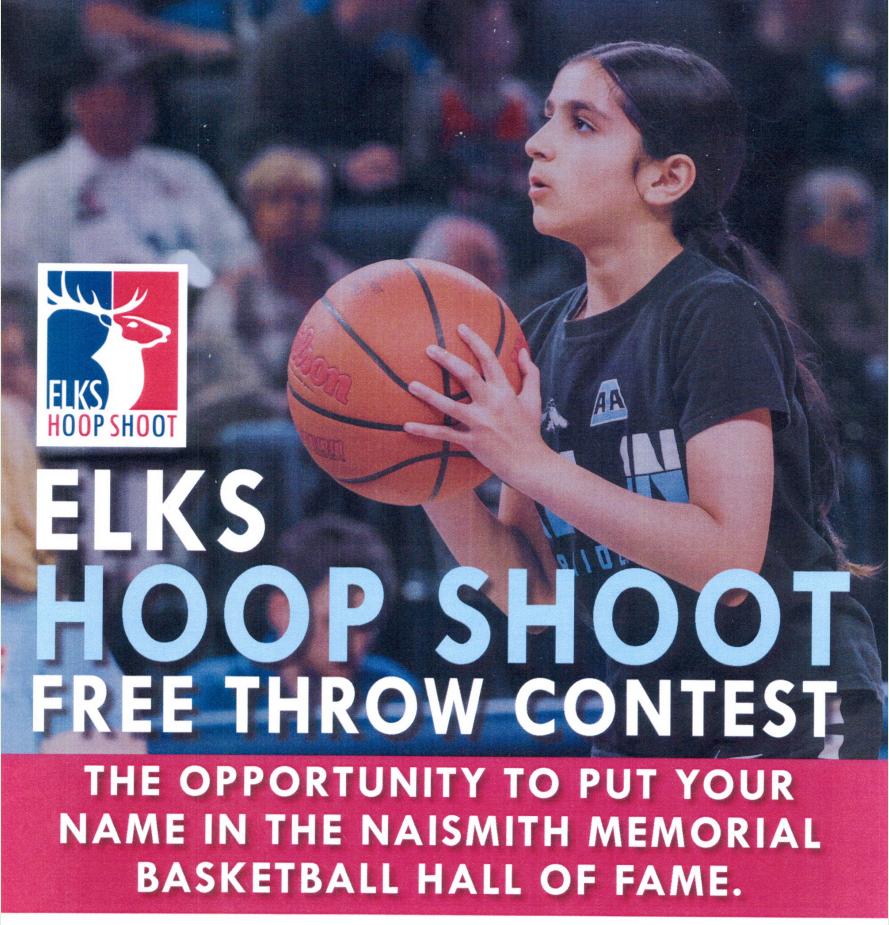
Zaili was recently referred to the Elks therapy program after several years of taking a break. During that time away, Zaili participated in hippotherapy and aquatic physical therapy to strengthen her body. When COVID hit, accessing community outpatient therapy services became even more difficult, especially given her medically fragile condition. Her family is incredibly grateful to The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. for providing essential therapy right in their home. Your support ensures that children like Zaili can receive the specialized care they need, right where they need it most.





## 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](mailto: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](http://elks.org/hoopshoot).

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## January Funny

A Hillbilly won a bass boat in a raffle drawing.

He brought it home and his wife looks at him and says, "What you gonna do with that? There ain't no water deep enough to float a boat within 100 miles of here." He says, "I won it and I'm a gonna keep it."

His brother came over to visit several days later. He sees the wife and asks where his brother is?

She says, "He's out there in his bass boat", pointing to the field behind the house. The brother heads out behind the house and sees his brother in the middle of a big field sitting in a bass boat with a fishing rod in his hand. He yells out to him, "What are you doin'?"

His brother replies, "I'm fishin'. What does it look like I'm a doin'?"

His brother yells, "It's people like you that give Hillbillies a bad name, makin' everybody think we're stupid. If I could swim, I'd come out there and whip your butt!"



**Benjamin Braden**  
President Elect

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November 20, 2025

Members of Spokane Elks Lodge #228

I'm writing to thank you for fostering within your lodge a culture of pride, service, and leadership. These values continue to strengthen our great Organization. It is from within that culture members like James Bedard are shaped, inspired, and empowered to rise and serve at even broader levels.

Your lodge gave Mr. Bedard more than just opportunities to volunteer; you provided guidance, camaraderie, and pride that built a solid foundation of Elkdom. That foundation has become a springboard for their continued contributions, now reaching across our entire state and helping elevating lodges far beyond your own.

Serving as State Accident Prevention Chair, Mr. Bedard has demonstrated the very best of what it means to be an Elk, giving not just time, but talent and vision. His efforts have helped strengthen our lodges across the state.

By serving several years in this position he shows a high level of dedication to our organization and lodges across our state.

Please accept my appreciation to your lodge, its leadership, and your members for encouraging involvement, developing leaders, and inspiring a spirit of service that extends statewide. Every time a member steps forward to volunteer, whether within your local lodge or for our Association, we come together with purpose.

I hope this serves as both a thank you and an encouragement. Continue to empower your members. Continue to believe in their potential. Continue to give them opportunities, as you have with James Bedard, to make a difference far beyond your lodge walls.

If possible, can this letter be read on your lodge floor and/or shared with your membership through your regular newsletter and/or posted on a lodge notice board?

With sincere appreciation,

Benjamin Braden

President Elect WSEA  
Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
Past Exalted Ruler Ballard Lodge #827



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# 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> New Year's Day Lodge and Social Quarters Closed	<b>2</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Gonzaga vs Seattle Lutheran 6:00 PM In the Social Quarters	<b>3</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM  Scouts - 5:00 PM	<b>7</b> Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	<b>8</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	<b>9</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	<b>10</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Scouts - 5:00 PM	<b>14</b> Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting Following Lodge	<b>15</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM House Committee 6:00 PM - Social Quarters Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	<b>16</b> Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM  Avenues Private Rental 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM - UCG	<b>17</b> Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 9:00 PM - UCG
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