

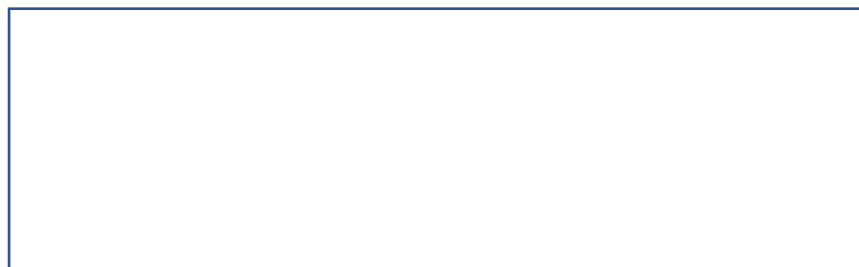
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July 2025 Newsletter

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Exalted Ruler's Message

A huge thank you to those that attended our annual Flag Day ceremony. It was one of the best yet! Troop 777 never lets us down on our flag-themed events, and carried the historical flags to appropriate music cues.

All officers were present to deliver their portions of the program, Americanism Chair Devin McCauley led the program. Lori and Chuck created a great picnic for all to enjoy. I strongly urge all lodge members to attend events like this. Flag Day is one of the corner stones of Patriotism in all Elks lodges and was mandated in 1908 for all lodges to observe every year.



Devin McCauley – Americanism Chair



ER Jaye at the podium with Warren, Paul, Chuck, Devin, Lynn, and Pete in the background



Scout Troop 777 with all the historical flags

PER Frank Powers and I attended an awards ceremony at Summit Elementary School where we handed out 10 certificates to those that entered the Elk's Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme was "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?" Of the 10 entrants, we had 3 winners in different age groups, a 1st, 2nd and a 3rd in Washington State. The winners received checks for \$100, \$50 and \$25. I expect we will have many more entering from that school next year!



ER Jay and PER Frank with Summit School Students

Jane and I attended the WA State Elks Convention, along with Leading Knight Warren Stout, Lodge Secretary Jim Bedard, Board Chair Jim Parman, and Lodge Treasurer Jan Lindsey and our PDDGER, Bim Lindsey. Many good seminars were attended along with general sessions for the entire state. Along the way, our lodge received a \$750 grant check from the state's Charitable Trust Fund that we will send to the local Honor Flight, taking veterans to Washington DC to honor them by visiting the various memorials. This year's flight will be October 1st & 2nd. (continued next page)



Our Elk Rider's Patch will be similar to this with our own number!



Visit the lodge meetings or dinners and receive a new Spokane Elks #228 Lapel pin!



Additionally, Jane Nordling was nominated for State's Polly Garland Award from our lodge. The Polly Garland Award was created 20 years ago to honor those who support their lodges from behind the scenes, as Polly Garland did faithfully. Jane was selected as the East Side winner and brought home a \$500 check for our lodge that will be used for the Children's Therapy Program. Congratulations Jane!



Fly your flag with pride,
and watch for
motorcycles!
Have a great summer!

Jaye Nordling - Exalted Ruler

We have several membership opportunities coming up, including this Friday night the 27th of June with a Mexican Fiesta dinner, and on July 18, a pulled pork dinner! These are great opportunities to introduce your friends to the Elks, and remember that they can then join the Elks through July for \$1!

Save the date for our Luau Dinner on the 22nd of August, and a BBQ Rib night on September 26th.

To support the Children's Therapy Program, we are hosting a Battle of the Bands on September 7th.

Stay tuned for a line-up and additional information!

Lastly, we are finally able to create our own motorcycle group. Elk Riders are members with motorcycles that will ride for charity for the Elks. We will have a meeting in July to sign up charter members and then elect officers, and approve our own rules of conduct. Really looking forward to that one!



Secretary’s Message

As always, we are looking for ideas on what the members would like to see for events. Queen of Hearts will be now available at all Friday night dinners going forward. At our only lodge meeting in July, we will draw till there is a winner in the \$100 drawing. If you would like to sponsor a friend for Elks membership now is the time as the initiation fee is only \$1 till the end of July. Our Exalted Ruler will be headed to the Grand Lodge convention in the first week of July to vote for our lodge, thank him when you see him.

Fraternally,
Jim Bedard CLU,ChFC,RHU
PDDGER East District # 9240
Wa State Elks Accident Prevention Chairman
Greater Spokane #228 Lodge Secretary



Bingo News

We will be pausing Bingo for the next two months. With many of the regular volunteers needing to take vacations and having no backup help, the Board decided to pause and resume the Bingo in September. Look for the dates in the August bulletin.



Elks National Foundation

I have ordered new supplies and will be bringing them to the meeting in July. I will be attending Grand Lodge in Kansas City next week and attending many of the educational classes on ENF. The goal is \$5.15 per member, and I know our lodge can meet that. I am doing the chairman challenge and

hope to make the point goal for enhancing our grants. We are planning an ENF event on October 3rd, please mark your calendar.

One way you can give to ENF, is by choosing an automatic withdrawal from your bank or a charge on your credit card. You can pledge \$5.00 a month, and it is taken on a certain date every month. I compare it to a cup of coffee. So think about it and if you have questions on how to do this and need help, do not hesitate to give me a call. The people who join become “Fidelity Club Members”. You will receive a special sticker for your card and be invited to events at Grand Lodge, should you attend.

We just returned from Summer Convention in Pasco and the raffle basket that I put together netted \$141.00 for our fund. Thanks to everyone that purchased tickets.

Jan Lindsey
ENF Fundraising Chair



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Blair S Ashley----- Sasha Allen
- Gary Holmes ----- Theron D Lewis
- Scott C Nelson ----- Jeff Jones
- Brian Rolshoven ----- Keith Slater
- Phyllis J Porter -----Leslie R Porter
- Robin Moritz ----- Edward J Crosby
- Jerry W Ferraro -----Louis S Rhodes
- Bob M Adolfson -----



Board of Directors News

First, for anyone planning to attend the July Board Meeting, it will be held on July 9th, a week later than the normal schedule to avoid interfering with the Grand Lodge Convention and those who will be attending.

The recent Summer Convention in Pasco kept some of us pretty busy this month. There were plenty of Workshops and informational meetings for us to attend. Hopefully we can bring some of the thoughts and ideas home to help improve our operations and membership count.



Ann and I with friends from Colville & Tri-Cities



Warren, Jaye, and Jane

(See ER Jaye Nordling's message for more detail on the Convention.)

Our Lori Blake and spouse, Chuck, were in charge of the East District's Hospitality Room this year and did a fine job along with their many volunteers. (On a side note, that kind of volunteerism would look very good here in our Local Lodge to help with more activities and functions.)



Lori and Chuck Blake – Hosts Extraordinaire

We are still seeing some activity on our online advertisements for the sale of our property, but have had no 'in person lookers' for a while. We're being patient and hoping things will pick up soon.

A scheduling reminder for everyone includes that we will have only one Lodge Meeting in July, on the 23rd. With 6 weeks between Lodge meetings, we need to be especially diligent with our communications so that things don't get lost in the shuffle.



CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING

May 28 Meeting

Jerald Houser
Jarrod Gouveia
NOT present

June 11 Meeting

Marybeth Bronowski
Robert Simpson
NOT Present

Greetings from the House Committee.

The House Committee has been busy planning events for the year. Our last meeting was very productive and the committee is looking forward to some fun events for the remainder of the year. We will be meeting in the social quarters on the third Thursday of the month starting July 17th at 6pm, all are welcome to join us.

Special thank you to all of our House Committee: Jaye Nordling, Chuck Blake, Lori Blake, Sharon Collins, Sally Stratton, Paula Davis, Andren Moyer and Warren Stout.

As we move forward we hope that there will be several events you will want to attend. For those events that are membership drives please bring a friend and join in the fun. Recently we started Friday dinners one to two times a month. Doors will be at 5pm and we will serve dinner 5:30 until 7pm. We are hopeful the extended serving time will allow those who work to still join in for dinner and social time.

July Events:

House Committee meeting Thursday, July 17th at 6pm in social quarters.

Pulled Pork Sandwich members dinner Friday, July 18th doors at 5pm, dinner served from 5:30 pm to 7pm. Menu to include pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, vegetables, strawberry short cake. The bar is open. *This is a \$1 membership drive, bring a friend.* Dinner price \$10 per person

Events to look forward to - more fun events and information to come.

Hawaiian Luau Friday, Aug. 22nd - Huli Huli chicken and Kahlua pork. Price \$15 per person

Battle of the Bands Sunday, Sept. 7th from 1pm to 6pm to benefit Elks Children's Therapy. This will include up to 4 bands performing one set each. Donate dollars to your favorite band to raise money for children's therapy. Open to the public, bring a friend, do some dancing, socializing and have tons of fun. Alcohol to be served and concerts outdoors weather permitting. Food available for purchase - Hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and desserts.

Hoe Down - BBQ Ribs Friday Sept. 26th doors at 5pm, dinner served from 5:30pm to 7pm.

\$15 per person, possible membership drive, music pending.

ENF dinner October 3rd

Elktoberfest membership drive October date TBD (hopefully on a Saturday)

Coin Box Dinner for Children's Therapy November date TBD

Ugly sweater, hot toddy, vocal quartet Christmas concert -December date TBD

I hope something sparks your interest. If not, come to our House Committee meeting or see one of our house committee members and make suggestions. We welcome volunteers, it takes a village to pull events off and any assistance is greatly appreciated. Help us to make the lodge a success! Your participation makes all the difference. Hope to see you there!

Jane Nordling

House Committee Chair



Poker and Games

Hello Again Everyone,

The poker bunch continues to hold our regular sessions. The July dates will be July 10th and 24th.

Our poker sessions are normally the Thursday evening after Lodge meetings. However, even though we have only one Lodge meeting in June and July, the poker players opted to continue our 2 evenings a month schedule.

Our poker crew continues to grow slowly. We have been having from a half dozen to ten players for recent sessions. Two or three more and we could graduate to two tables full of players!

My thinking is that more players and two or three tables might change my luck and lead to losing less money. (Not a chance!)

As in most games of chance, (skill) there will be good days and bad, however, most of the players would agree that you won't have more fun for a \$5.00 buy in, anyplace else in town!

Come join us!

Jim Parman – Poker Draftee

Our Kids

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

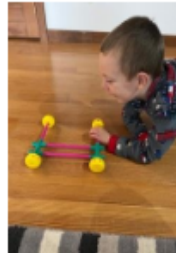
Meet Bryce, who has been receiving services from the Elk's Therapy Program since April of 2024. Bryce is on the autism spectrum and has global development delays. His insurance only covered a limited amount of outpatient occupational therapy sessions; hence he was referred to our program for in-home therapy services.

Bryce's parents share, "We are both very pleased with the progress Bryce has made over the past 9 months since starting to work with our Elks therapist. Bryce has made considerable progress in terms of his social skills and ability to form bonds with individuals outside of us (his parents). "

"Bryce has also shown substantial improvement in his tolerance for different sensory experiences. He enjoys putting his hands on various textures and has transitioned from being mostly sensory avoidant to finding sensory experiences very pleasant. He loves listening to music and smelling candles. He now seeks out these diverse sensory experiences (Orbeez, Play-Doh, dirt, mud, etc.) instead of avoiding them. He still needs to work on tolerance for different vestibular sensory experiences but has made some progress with tolerance for sitting in the back seat of the car with less motion sickness".

"Bryce has also grown in his ability to perform some fine motor tasks and is showing more patience with attempting to complete fine motor challenges. He can now string beads on a pipe-cleaner, turn a sink faucet on and off, open most door handles, pull up his pants, do some of the steps of brushing his teeth and hold a small crayon with a more appropriate grasp some of the time. He does continue to need to work on self-care skills but has the ability to complete some of the components of these essential tasks. We are so pleased to see him developing in this realm".

"We are very appreciative of the Elks Organization for providing us with this opportunity to work with a wonderful occupational therapist in our home. This assistance has been so important for allowing our son to work towards his full developmental potential".



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Hillbilly Wisdom

This month's hillbilly wisdom comes
from a quote found in some
miscellaneous reading.

Author unknown:

*"Footprints on the sands of time
are not made sitting down."*



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



July 2025						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Social Quarters Closed	4 Indep. Day	5 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
6	7	8	9 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	10 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM	11	12 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
13	14	15	16	17 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM House Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM Social Quarters	18 Friday Night Dinner Doors open at 5:00 Dinner - 5:30 to 7:00 \$10.00	19 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
20	21	22	23 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM PER Meeting to follow Lodge	24 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM	25	26 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
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