

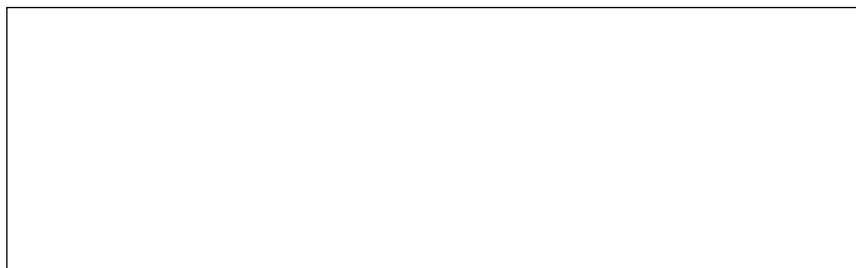
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March 2025 Newsletter

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- ROBERT WORMELL





Exalted Ruler's Message

I have not written much about Lodge activities or the weather. I do, however, tend to keep my messages tuned toward the principles, virtues, and purpose of our Order. The deadline for submission was rapidly approaching and I was thinking about a meaningful topic.

I came across a book that contained a chapter I authored. The title of the book is *Keeping Good Teachers* (Sherer, M., Ed). As I remembered writing the chapter, I thought it may be a good story for one of my final messages as your Exalted Ruler.

I had the opportunity to attend a conference at a Ritz Carlton Hotel. In addition to the facilities being first class, the service was amazing. All the staff was engaged and had the ability to anticipate any and all guest needs. Each of these staff members appeared to be genuinely happy at their job. The ether was uplifting, joyful, filled with smiles and laughter.

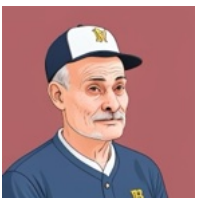
As the conference was coming to a close, I went to the front desk to arrange a shuttle to the airport. I was greeted by the front desk person with a cheery "Good afternoon, Dr. Powers, how may I serve you today?" I was surprised and wondered how she knew my name. She had made a point to look at the name badge, and greet me by name. That had never happened before! I asked about the shuttle service and it had already been arranged. Sherry, (hotel desk attendant) indicated that someone from the hotel contacted the school to get the flight and departure information for those of us staying there.

My curiosity skyrocketed along with the strong desire to know how this hotel was able to develop and practice this phenomenal culture. I asked, "How do you do this?" Do What?" Sherry responded. "Get all of your staff to treat your guests so well?" I asked. This was her answer: "If you think we treat our guests well---you should see how we treat each other!"

All of the organizational development, organizational behavior, and personnel management theories were suddenly reduced to Sherry's answer. I guess that's why it is called the "Golden Rule."

May we be blessed with a productive and promising new fiscal year! I remain,
Fraternally,

Frank W Powers, Exalted Ruler



Secretary's Message

At the February 26th Lodge meeting we voted in our new officers for the new Lodge year. Come to the installation in March to meet all the officers. Let them know what you would want for events. If you don't let them know it is hard to guess what you would like.

The new Exalted Ruler will be appointing new committee members shortly. If you are interested in a committee, have some new ideas to try, let our ER know. Remember a Lodge is only as good as the members.

Fraternally,

Jim Bedard

PDDGER East District # 9240

Wa State Elks Accident Prevention Chairman

Greater Spokane #228 Lodge Secretary



Board of Directors News

Hello from the Board of Directors. The March Board of Directors meeting will be on the 5th at 5:30 PM in the Social Quarters. Any member is welcome to attend Board meetings.

As we discussed last month, we have listed the Elks property with a Commercial Real Estate Broker, and showing of the property to potential buyers has begun. We are still in the early stages of the process, so don't have much detail at this point.

Again, we remind you that nothing can be finalized with any property sale or acquisition unless and until the membership receives proper notice and has the opportunity to debate and vote on any such actions.

We expected to see a 'For Sale' sign in front of the property by now, and that should occur soon.

I will reiterate some of the things I wrote about last month, and emphasize that we need input and ideas from YOU, our members, as to what you would like to see in new facilities.

As I said last month, our current property has simply not worked out as we envisioned when we bought it. We have found that working with three buildings and trying to coordinate our Lodge functions so that the Avenues Event Center is as available as possible to book events, is virtually unworkable.

One important challenge is the necessity for moving furniture and equipment back and forth across the parking lot so that functions and activities are properly equipped. Imagine trying to move the heavy Bingo equipment and multiple tables back and forth in the snow! (Many thanks to the dedicated members who have performed these chores!)

These challenges can be overcome only by having a facility that can accommodate Lodge activities, a Social Quarters, and storage for items used only occasionally, under one roof!

Some things that have been discussed by your leadership team, as we contemplate what we need in new quarters, include having a commercial kitchen, a social quarters that is open several days a week, and

more events and activities for our membership to enjoy and participate in.

Keep in mind that none of these things will make our Lodge a success without the active participation and support of our members!

By the time you read this, a new slate of Officers will have been chosen to lead the Lodge in the fiscal year beginning next month. These elected and appointed leaders will need everyone's support and assistance to be successful.

This time of year, also means that Lodge Dues are payable. You should have already received your dues notices from Grand Lodge. You can either pay online, via the instructions in the notice, send a check or credit card information to the Local Lodge Office, or drop by the office and pay in person.

We do apologize that the Dues article in the February newsletter had a \$2.00 error. The local Lodge dues remain the same as last year and the Office was not notified of the Grand Lodge \$2.00 increase until after the newsletter was published. The dues amount on your notice is what you should pay.

Again, I appeal to those who might be considering dropping their membership:

“Please reconsider and continue to participate in your Lodge. New and more appropriate facilities, along with a serious endeavor to provide more events, functions, and opportunities will allow us to better serve our communities and all our members!”

BETTER DAYS ARE AHEAD

Jim Parman – Board Chairman



[Remembering Our Departed Members](#)

Phillip Brower ----- July 19, 1951
December 19, 2024
Dean Shaver-----August 14, 1926
November 5, 2024



House Committee News

March will be the last month for me to be in the House Committee chair, so let's make it fun.

Again, we will be having Bingo on the 4th and 18th.

March 6th we are putting on a "Membership Appreciation Night". We will be holding it in Bldg. C, so we can spread out and have more room. The menu will be a Taco Bar and desserts for all members to enjoy. There will be no charge. Please plan on attending and getting together with fellow Elk members. We will serve from 6:00 to 7:30 and might even be coming up with some door prizes. (Just need to find the doors) Ha! Ha!

March 9th we are having a brunch due to daylight savings time, 10:30 AM to 12:30PM. The prices will remain the same, Adults \$8.00 and Children \$4.00. This will be somewhat different than our usual breakfasts, so come out and be surprised by the delicious selections offered for your pleasure.

The PER's will be putting on a steak dinner on the 14th of March. See the flyer for more details.

I have enjoyed my year in this position, but am looking forward to helping in other areas for next Elk Year.

Remember, "Elk's Care and Elk's Share."

Please email or call Jan Lindsey, House Committee Chair. janrlindsey@gmail.com/ 509-770-1309.



ENF Update

Just wanted to let everyone know that our goal, to meet our requirement, is within reach. After the Fundraiser in January and donations coming in from other sources, we are within a few dollars. Hopefully as soon as the office sends in all the ENF monies we will have a better idea. It made me very

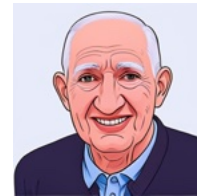
happy to know that our members worked together to make this event a success, you should all be proud.

I especially want to thank the members who stepped up and became Fidelity members this year. If anyone else is interested in taking this step, please contact me.

A Fidelity Member is an Elk that pledges an amount every month to be automatically charged to their credit card or drafted out of their bank account. It is a very simple process to do. At the end of the fiscal year, ENF sends you your donation total either in the mail, or via email. This money is tax deductible.

Jan Lindsey, PER

ENF Chairman 2024/2025



Poker and Games

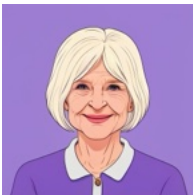
Poker nights for March will be on the 13th and 27th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

We have had a good turnout the last few sessions. Just two or three more would allow for two tables of players and many more tall tales, jokes, and lies! Come join us!

We have some interesting happenings at our little games. One early poker hand last time, revealed all seven players staying for the 'flop' which included a pair of threes. On through the 'turn' and the 'river' cards the betting was steady, but not too wild.

In the end there were a couple of full houses vying for the pot. That all ended when John turned up a pocket pair of threes, making four of a kind! That's the kind of hand that makes you wish you weren't playing quarter limit!





Bingo News

Bingo will be on the 4th and the 18th of March. Come out and try your luck. We have food and beverages to serve and our Black Out game is up to \$1100 (in 55 numbers or less).

The last two bingo nights, it was pretty close for the big "Black Out" game. The consolation prize goes out every week for the Blackout. It has been ranging from \$110 to \$155. It is still a great payout.

The doors open at 5:30 and the first number is called at 6:30. Bring your neighbors and friends, or just come and make new friends. Everyone is super friendly.

Jan Lindsey



Hillbilly Wisdom

"You know horses are smarter than people. You never heard of a horse going broke betting on people!"

Will Rogers



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Marvel ----- | Constance Smith |
| Jarrold Gouveia----- | Sharon Collins |
| Donald Nesbitt----- | William (Bim) Lindsey |
| Robert Singer ----- | William Faloon |
| John Middaugh ----- | Jane Nordling |
| Richard Brown----- | Neal Powell |
| Robert King ----- | Deborah Nichols |
| Kenneth Schueman----- | Tracy Shiflett |
| James Bedard ----- | James Martin |
| Jane Nelson ----- | Thomas Hodgins |
| Ryan Larsen----- | Peter Rainbolt |
| Stephen Renner ----- | Craig Detmer |
| Henry Bolinger ----- | Randolph Grant |
| Robert Wormell ----- | |



CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING

*February 12 Meeting
Richard Hoering – Not Present
Roger Sothen – Not Present*



Sweetheart Dessert Dance

Thanks to all who attended and volunteered at our Valentine's Sweetheart Dessert Dance on Friday, February 14th. The Lake Stevens High School jazz band was the warm-up act for the MasterClass Big Band. Great dance and vocal tunes got the dancers out on the floor during the second half.

The room featured a photo booth and floor to ceiling red accent lighting throughout. The dessert table had something for everyone and was professionally restocked throughout the evening.

Special thanks to Jan and Lynn for bartending and to Jane for taking care of the door. Chris Moyer brought his snowblower to clean the sidewalks and driveway and Andren Moyer was the master-mind behind the impressive dessert display, and with Jane decorated the tables.

The MasterClass has open rehearsals on Thursday nights at Avenues and performed in partnership with the Elks for this event. Let's do it again next year!



YARN NEEDED

I belong to a knitting group making hats and scarves for those that need them. If you know of anyone that has yarn but no longer using it, please accept it and bring to our lodge office. I will pick it up and share with the group.

You will help to keep someone in need a bit warmer.

Thank you,

Phyllis Porter





TUESDAY

March 4 and 18, 2025

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (18+)

GREATER SPOKANE ELKS #228

9320 E MISSION AVE - AVENUES BUILDING

SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206

(509) 926-2328

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

BINGO BEGINS 6:30PM

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

9320 E Mission Ave., Spokane Valley 99206 (509) 926-2328
elks228bpoe@gmail.com



**BRUNCH AT THE GREATER SPOKANE
ELKS LODGE #228**

**Celebrate Daylight Savings Time
Members Families and Guests. Bring the
Kids.**

SUNDAY March 9, 2025

10:30 AM -12:30 PM PDT

Avenues Building "C"

Food: Variety of Breakfast Delights

Suggested Donation Adults \$8 Kids \$4

PAID YOUR DUES???

**Forget the upsets you have had,
Ignore the weather if it's bad,
Forget the gray streaks in your hair,
And envy not the millionaire.
Pass up the coffee if it's cold,
Refuse the knock and never scold,
Forget whatever else you choose,
But don't forget to pay your dues.**

What Is An Exalted Ruler?

**If he is pleasant, he is too familiar;
If he is sober-faced, he is a sour puss;
If he is young, he doesn't know anything;
If he is old, he is an old stiff;
He belongs to a Lodge, so members expect favors;
If he goes to church, he is a hypocrite;
If he doesn't, he is a heathen;
If he drinks, he is an old souse;
If he doesn't, he is a tightwad;
If he talks to everyone, he is a gossip;
If he doesn't, he is stuck up;
If he insists that the rules of the Lodge be kept, he is too
particular;
If he doesn't, he is careless;
If he looks around, he is snooping;
If he doesn't, he is unpleasant;
If he has to settle all complaints, he must have the wisdom of
Solomon;
If he worries about them, he will soon go crazy!!**

**He should have the patience of Job, the skin of a rhinoceros,
the wits of a fox, the courage of a lion, be blind as a bat,
silent as a sphinx.**

He must know all, see all, say nothing, but solve everything.

STEAK NIGHT BY PER'S

JOIN US FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

Dinner at 6:00 PM

SERVING GRILLED STEAK DINNER

Doors/Bar Open @ 5 PM

Greater Spokane Elks Lodge
#228— Avenues Building "C"
9230 E Mission Ave
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Food service includes steak, potatoes, salad and
dessert, all for \$15 a person.

RSVP Required

Pre-pay welcome

Please make your reservation by

Tuesday, March 11th

(509) 926-2328 Eks228bpoe@gmail.com

Greater Spokane Elks Lodge # 228
Cordially Invites You to Our

Coin-Box Dinner

Supporting The
**WA Elks Therapy
Program**

February 28th

Doors/Bar open @5:00 p.m.

Dinner - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m

Cost - \$12 pp, or \$6 with full Coin-Box

RSVP Required by Feb 25th

9320 E Mission Ave, Avenues Building C
Spokane Valley, WA

Festivities: Therapy Demonstration

Dinner – Party Chicken, Vegetables, Potatoes & Dessert
Vegetarian Option Available

Silent Auction
and basket raffles!

Contact Info For the Lodge:
(509) 926-2328 - elks228bpoe@gmail.com

Membership Appreciation

Taco Bar & Dessert

Lodge Opens at 5:00 PM

Date: Thursday, 03/06/2025
“Avenues” Bldg C

Food: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
No Charge

Greater Spokane Elks Lodge #228
Spokane Valley WA



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
2	3	4 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 First Number - 6:30 PM	5 Ash Wednesday Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 PM	6 Member Appreciation Night Avenues 5:00 PM Taco Bar-Free of charge! (See Flyer)	7	8 Int'l. Women's Day Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
9 Brunch 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Avenues (See Flyer)	10	11	12 Pre-Lodge Meal - 5:30 PM Lodge Meeting - 6:30 PM	13 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM Poker and Games 6:00 - 9:00 PM	14 PER Steak Dinner Doors at 5:00 PM Dinner at 6:00 PM (See Flyer)	15 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 First Number - 6:30 PM	19	20 Start of Spring Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	21	22 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:00 PM - UGC
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30 Officer Initiation Details to follow via email blast	31					