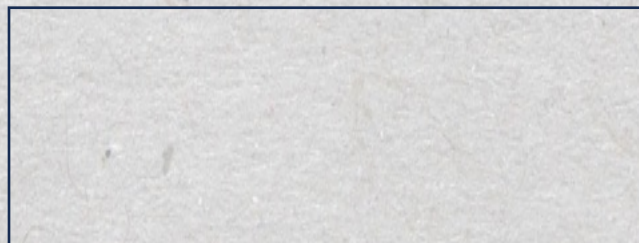


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Exalted Ruler's Message

We've had another month of great activities at the lodge. Our Superbowl Party was a fun affair, and we just finished with another terrific dinner created by Lori and Chuck Blake celebrating the Chinese New Year.

We had an unexpected backup in our Social Quarters, with Bulldog Rooter being called late on a Friday afternoon, with them responding in 20 minutes! After sending a camera down the line, the technician pinpointed the leak in our pipe outside. He located it with other equipment and painted a target on the grass. I called our Wrecking Crew to action, dug it up and fixed the separated pipe with a mere \$35.00 in parts, compared to the \$4500.00 quote we received to do the same. Special thanks to Jason and Sam Kamp for their assistance.

Bingo has had record turnouts the last three sessions, with that \$1100 pot still waiting to be won! Come try your luck and have clean fun doing it! Must be 18 to participate.

We also just signed with a new real estate listing agent for our property. Brian Walker of NAI Black has already brought us clients to look at our buildings and has shown us another. In time, we will have a commercial kitchen and meeting space that we can offer additional dinners, lodge activities and more family offerings.

Our new motorcycle group, the Elks Riders, is looking forward to getting on the streets and spreading the good word and deeds of our order. They plan on fundraisers and charity work throughout our community.

Lastly, I'm working with our soon to be Exalted Ruler, Warren Stout, to ensure we have another successful year when my term ends.

Watch for the Luck of the Irish Dinner coming up, and March Birthday celebrations coming up in March!

Sincerely-

Jaye Nordling
Exalted Ruler



Board of Directors News

We are rapidly approaching the end of our 2026 fiscal year, the end of my 5-year tenure as a Lodge Trustee and my 4th year as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

As of April 1, 2026 we begin a new year with a new slate of officers. Several officers have served before in other positions, so we will be long on experience, but short on new volunteers who want to become more involved in the day-to-day operations of the Lodge.

The slate of officers for fiscal year 2026-27 will be announced within the next few days.

We have signed with a new Real Estate Firm to market our property. We have already had two showings on February 20th and hope to move forward soon with a buyer for our current property and our search for a new location!

I believe that my last mention of the email address, talkback@spokaneelks.org was in the December 2025 issue of this Bulletin. At that time we had only one email encouraging that the Social Quarters be open more than one evening a week.

A recurring theme in my Board articles over the months and years, has been encouraging our members and guests to attend more events and functions, and the most recent 'talkback' fits right into that theme. To read the text of that message see page 6. The author will remain anonymous as I pledged when 'talkback' was set up.

While it has been a pleasure serving as a Trustee and Chairman of the Board, it will also be a relief to be free from quite so many meetings and responsibilities.

For those of you who are hoping that I will fade away into the sunset and especially to keep my mouth shut, sorry to disappoint you! I still plan to be active and involved, where appropriate, and keeping my mouth shut just ain't in my genetic makeup!

Jim Parman
Chairman of the Board



House Committee News

I want to thank everyone for a great year! As House Committee chair, my term will end at the end of March. The House Committee will continue as is and hope to have a leader emerge. Please get involved with the planning and bring your ideas to help the lodge.

Our Superbowl party was great fun with lots of prizes for attendees. We made about \$75 for the raffle. We had 12 to 14 attendees and what a great Seahawks win!



Super Bowl Party

Our Chinese New Year dinner presented some really great food. Thanks to Lori and Chuck Blake for all they do to bring great food and fun to the party. We had about 15 attendees for the fun fortunes and prizes. We had a 50/50 raffle that made \$66 dollars and a popcorn raffle that made about \$35. Think what we could make with better attendance!



Photos from the Chinese Dinner

March will bring a fun “Luck of the Irish” celebration on March 20th. We have a lot of birthdays in March and if you are one, please join in the fun! If you are not, come anyway and enjoy the fellowship. Corned beef and cabbage will be served. Come raise a glass of good cheer!

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 which is now over \$200. 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 March we look forward to the following events:

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

Tuesday, Mar. 17 - Bingo

Wednesday, Mar. 18 - Officer installation
(Details to follow)

Friday, Mar. 20 - Luck of the Irish dinner
Doors 5pm, Dinner 5:30-7pm. Cost \$15, 50/50 raffle.

Future Events:

Friday, April 24 Spring Pot Roast / Pork Loins dinner

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 Elks year.

Jane Nordling
House Committee Chair



Bingo News

Bingo will be on the 3rd and the 17th of March. 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 “Big” Blackout is not won we have a consolation prize. Last Bingo night the consolation prize was \$222.00.

We will be playing a fun opening game. This game is free to all players and you will win a prize. We are also handing out raffle tickets to everyone, so come and win a prize. We open the doors at 5:30 and the first number is called at 6:30.

We really could use some more volunteers. If you can give just a couple hours from 5:30 to 7:30, 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, or helping serve the food in the kitchen.

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| Robert Marvel----- | Constance Smith |
| Jarrold Gouveia----- | Sharon Collins |
| Donald Nesbitt----- | Wm (Bim) Lindsey |
| Robert Singer----- | William Faloon |
| John Middaugh----- | Jane Nordling |
| Richard Brown----- | Neal Powell |
| Robert King----- | Kenneth Scheuman |
| James Bedard----- | James Martin |
| Thomas Hoddgins----- | Peter Rainbolt |
| Stephen Renner----- | Craig Detmer |
| Henry Bolinger----- | Randolph Grant |
| Robert Wormell----- | |



CRYING TOWEL - \$100 DRAWING

February 11 Lodge Meeting

George Batchelor – NOT Present

Teddy Owen – NOT present

February 25th Meeting

No Crying this meeting

\$100 won by Jane Nordling on the first draw. She donated it back to Elks Therapy



Secretary's Message

As we start the new Fiscal year in April we have just finished with the election of new officers and started looking for a new Lodge site.

With a new Lodge we look to have the lounge open 5 days a week and more events.

Besides a full-time bartender, we will need more volunteers and event ideas.

As a member, be part of it and be active.

If we want to succeed we need volunteers.

Jim Bedard
Lodge Secretary

Talkback Quote

“Accolades to Jane Nordling, her House Committee and Crew, including Kitchen Manager Lori Blake! Fun activities revolving around meals, such as ‘cookoffs’ and delicious food at other events have been a pleasure! Thank you Jane and Crew!

And, by the way, if you didn’t attend some of these functions, SHAME ON YOU!”

March Funny

Sportsmanship

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, 'Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?' The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

'Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?'

The little boy nodded 'yes'.

'So,' the coach continued, 'I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him names. Do you understand all that?'

The little boy nodded 'yes' again.

He continued, 'And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach a dumb a\$\$ is it?'

The little boy shook his head 'NO'.

'GOOD', said the coach. 'Now go over there and explain all that to your grandfather!'



Poker and Games

Another Lodge year has almost come to an end! We plan to continue our twice monthly Poker and Game nights with the dates being the next evening after each Lodge Meeting. March dates will be the 12th and 26th.

We can always use more players, so come join us!



We play a modified version of Texas Hold-Em, with a \$5 buy in and betting stakes being nickel, dime, quarter, with a limit of 3 raises for each betting round.

As one of our regular players likes to say: “You won’t have more fun for \$5 Bucks anywhere in town!”

Hope to see ya there!

Jim Parman
Poker Draftee



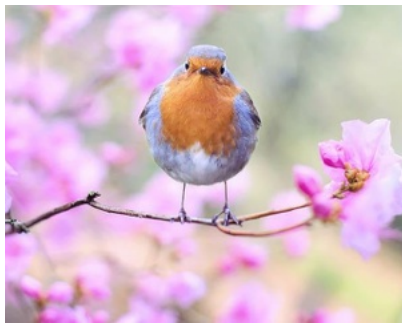
Hillbilly Wisdom

Common Sense is like deodorant:
The people who need it most,
never use it!



Luck of the Irish Dinner

When: Friday, March 20th, 2026 doors 5:00pm, dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Where: Elks Building C
Cost: \$15 per person. Drinks available for purchase at the bar
What: Corned Beef and Cabbage
Raffle: 50/50
PLEASE RSVP with the office by Wednesday prior



Spring Pot Roast / Pork Loin dinner

When: Friday, April 24th, 2026 doors 5:00pm, dinner 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Where: Elks Building C
Cost: \$15 per person. Drinks available for purchase at the bar
What: Pot Roast/Pork Loin
Raffle: 50/50
PLEASE RSVP with the office by Wednesday prior



Tuesday

March 3 and 17, 2026

Open to the public (18+)

Spokane Elks #228

9320 E Mission Ave – Avenues Building

Spokane Valley, WA 99206

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Doors Open 5:30 PM

Bingo Begins 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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

Meet Jackson, an inspiring and resilient 15-year-old, whose story is one of overcoming all odds of survival and recovery!

Two and a half years ago, Jackson was just like any other 12-year-old: he was full of personality, a bright student, loved reading, and excelled artistically. In December 2022, Jackson wasn't feeling well and went to bed early one evening. His mother went to check on him and noticed something wasn't quite right. They were about to go to urgent care when Jackson stopped responding to her. He was in and out of consciousness and then suddenly started convulsing into a series of seizures. His mom yelled to Jackson's brother to call 911 and was rushed to the hospital. He continued to have seizures all night. His mom recalls him gaining consciousness at one point. She said, "I love you". Jackson replied, "I love you, too." These were the last words he spoke prior to being put into a medically induced coma. Against all odds, still suffering from recurring seizures, Jackson survived.



Jackson was in and out of the hospital for 10 months under the care of an extensive team of doctors, nurses, and specialists. He had numerous surgeries and participated in rigorous rehabilitation therapies. Unfortunately, the medical team was unable to control his seizures, resulting in extensive brain damage. During the times Jackson was home from the hospital, it was completely up to his mother and Jackson's family to learn how to manage his daily needs.



Jackson had lost the ability to talk, walk, eat, or even hold up his head. His right arm and leg were completely paralyzed. Mom recalls one neurosurgeon telling her, "He is dying" and his condition was determined to be chronic. Not only is this a devastating thing to hear but also resulted in insurance refusing to cover rehabilitation services. Jackson was able to prove the doctors wrong, and overcoming all odds, his recovery journey has been nothing short of miraculous. Due to Jackson's unstable health, physical limitations, and gaps in the medical system, it was near impossible to get him to outpatient therapies to support his continued recovery. Despite these challenges, his mother was (and still is) determined to get Jackson the services he needs to improve; she has never given up on him nor underestimated his ability to recover.



The Elks have been able to provide the in-home care Jackson would otherwise be unable to otherwise access. There are "good days and bad days", but his progress has been steady. He is learning to transfer from his bed to his wheelchair, communicate with facial expressions and technology, reach and grasp for objects, and move himself in bed. He has even said "Mom" several times! Not only do Jackson and his family benefit from our program, but his therapist is also just as grateful to have the opportunity to provide services to such an inspiring young man!



Thank you, Elks and your generous gift that provides hope to this family!



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	4 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 9:00 PM - UCG
8	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 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
15	16	17 Bingo - Doors Open 5:30 PM First Number - 6:30 PM Scouts – 5:00 PM	18 Officer Installation for 2026-27 Lodge Year. Details to Follow	19 Social Quarters Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM House Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Master Class Big Band 6:00PM Avenues Bldg	20 Luck of the Irish Dinner 5:00 PM (see flyer in this issue)	21 Avenues Private Rental 12:15 to 5:15 PM - UCG
22	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
29	30	31 Avenues Private Rental 5:30 to 9:00 PM - UCG				