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The office will be open 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday

Lounge is open Tuesday-Saturday, 3 PM - Close

E.R. Report

I'm very pleased to share that we have welcomed two new members as the first initiates of this new Elk year. This is always an exciting milestone, and I look forward to seeing them become active participants in our lodge. I encourage everyone to take a moment to introduce yourselves, help them feel welcome, and show them what makes our organization so special.

As we move into the summer season, we have several important events on the horizon. The Washington State Summer Convention will take place in Pasco at the end of June. Our Secretary, Karen Danko, and I will be representing our lodge at this event. Because of this, we will be unavailable during the last weekend of June. Immediately following the state convention, I will be traveling to Chicago to attend the National Convention. This is an important opportunity to connect with other lodges from across the country and bring back ideas that will benefit our membership. I will be unavailable during the first part of July while attending this convention.

While we have a busy schedule behind the scenes, we also have a lot of exciting activities planned right here at the lodge. The summer months are always a great time to get together, and we have a variety of events coming up that offer something for everyone. I strongly encourage you to keep a close eye on the lodge calendar so you don't miss out. Whether it's social gatherings, community events, or lodge functions, there will be plenty of opportunities to connect, have fun, and support one another. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone how important your involvement is to the success of our lodge.

Our charitable work and community impact depend on the time and energy of our members. If you have ever thought about volunteering, helping organize events, or contributing in any way, now is a great time to step forward. We are always in need of helping hands, fresh ideas, and enthusiastic participation.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, a new event, or a way we can better serve our community, I encourage you to share it.

This lodge belongs to all of us, and your input truly makes a difference. You joined the Elks for a reason, whether it was fellowship, service, or giving back—and I want to help you make the most of your membership in any way I can.

Thank you all for your continued support, dedication, and commitment to our lodge. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and working together to make this a successful and enjoyable year for everyone.

Sincerely,
Steven Sutton, Exalted Ruler
Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604



House Committee Report for June 2026

Well, the farmers have all been out working diligently getting their crops in the ground. The dust has been flying around, and the early plantings are starting to come out of the ground. Remember them as BBQ season is kicking in and we will be eating all that delicious food that they grow!

So Roaring 20's Night is almost upon us. So go out and find your Cloche hats, flapper dresses, feather headbands, and boa scarves for the ladies. Gentlemen start looking for your pinstripe suits, tuxedos, fedora hats, or maybe some oxford bags! Or just come as you are and see what other people dress like! We will be hosting it on June 19th when Marcia Kester is playing for us!

Here's what we will be having for dinner on Thursday nights this month for \$10. Chicken Tortilla Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup, BLT & Avocado Sandwiches, and a Salad Bar. Come out and enjoy yourself while you're filling out your Bingo cards. Food is usually ready about 4:30 PM and Bingo starts at 5:30.

And now, let's have a drum roll for the Friday Night menu for \$18. Sue's Triple Salad with Ann & Dean performing, Vonnie's Grinders featuring Coyote Creek, Chicken Fried Steak for Roaring 20's Night with Marcia Kester bringing the house down and finishing the month off with Spaghetti and Meatballs and Rick Cooper up on the stage! Come on out and enjoy the evenings with your fellow Elks!

This month's Cribbage Tournament is on June 2nd! Hope to see you down there!

We would like to thank all of you that came and enjoyed Swedish Pancakes last month! It was the biggest turnout that I have heard of since I became an Elk about 3.5 years ago. Your turnout is very much appreciated, and we would love to see this continue! We will be serving them again on June 13th! On July 31st, we will be hosting a Western Night.

You know what to wear and where to find us! Steven Sutton will be cooking those ribs that you all love and we will be having a performance with Coyote Creek featuring Greg Bohannon! It should be a night full of hootin' and hollerin'! Hope to see you all there having a blast!

The Elk of the Month for April is Shelia Tuff! You see her Thursday nights handing you your winning Bingo cards. You will also see her working in the kitchen many nights. That and being on some committees as well has made her deserving of this title!

See you all at the Elks!
House Chair
Coby Beath



Do you sew and like working with children? We will be helping students from Foothills Christian School sew a patriotic quilt. This will be raffled off and the money used to purchase Christmas Gifts for Veterans as part of our Elks Christmas giving event. We are also looking for donations of patriotic (red, white, & blue) fabric. If you have any you wish to donate, please leave it in the office for Debbie Denton. If you would like to be notified when we have a sewing day, please text Debbie Denton at 360-770-4815. We have applied for a Washington State Elks Grant to help us cover cost and add funds for this charity activity. Please be in prayer that we receive this grant.

SECRETARY SCHUTTLEBUTT

Hello Elk Members,

IMPORTANT: Mount Vernon Elk Lodge #1604
EMAIL has been changed to;

Mountvernonelks1604@gmail.com

JUNE 14th is Flag Day Stop for a moment and think about what has transpired since 250 years ago. Join in the Flag Day service the Lodge will be conducting.

June 17th-21st Officers and Secretary will be at the WSEA Summer Convention in Pasco. Our Exalted Ruler jets off to Chicago July 3rd-10th to enjoy the Elks National Convention

As always Volunteers are needed for all kinds of Activities/Repairs around Our Lodge. # 0925

If you have a skill in electric, plumbing, carpentry, computer, construction, RV Maintenance, Lawn Care, Carpet Installation, Painting, General Maintenance-- Please Contact the bartender, office or a member of the House committee with your contact information.

BECAUSE ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Karen Danko
Secretary



FIND THE ELK

Saturdays at 6:30
Just a dollar (\$1.00)
Per ticket



May ELK OF THE MONTH

Shelia Tuff

For All You Do, This Month is For You!!



RED COAT SCHEDULE FOR June, 2026

5TH Jan Jokisch
12th Sue Gregg
19th Marija Anderson
26th Kevin Sheline

You're responsible to find your own fill in if you cannot be there.

MEMBERSHIP:

New members:

LODGE MEETING

Fines went to:

Money on floor Children's Therapy

Drawings winners-

Joker Poker: Brad Raspet drew the 9 of spades for consolation prize of \$3.00

Bottle: Mark Anderson

Attendance: Tom Davidson name announced. Was not in attendance so lost the \$100.00 attendance award.

Volunteer incentive: Incentive winner for April was Shelia Tuff

Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge #1604
Board Report June 2026

No Report This Month

Cribbage Tournament
June 2nd 5:30pm



This is a Round Robin tournament with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners
Prizes to be determined

Elks Organization Trivia (BPOE)

Original Name: The group was originally called the "Jolly Corks" before becoming the BPOE in 1868.

Famous Members: Many U.S. Presidents were members, including Franklin D. Roosevelt (Lodge #275), Harry S. Truman (Lodge #26), and Gerald R. Ford (Lodge #48). Baseball legend Babe Ruth was also a member.

Charity Focus: The Elks National Foundation invests \$26 million annually to build stronger communities.

Veterans Commitment: The Elks pledge that "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them".

The Motto: "Elks Care, Elks Share".

Famous Nickname: The order is sometimes known as the "Best People on Earth".

Elk Animal Trivia (The Namesake)

Weight: A bull elk can weigh up to 1,100 pounds.

Speed: Elk are fast, capable of running up to 40 miles per hour.

Antlers: Only male elk have antlers, which can weigh up to 40 pounds.

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

We shall meet but we shall miss them. There will be the vacant chair but, though we no longer possess them, still our hearts in memory bear. But awhile ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye, now the golden cord is severed, they have passed to realms on high.

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

They will be missed.



Members! Would you like to volunteer at the Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #1604? Here is a list of areas needing volunteers with names and phone numbers of who to contact. Our organization is built upon the contributions and efforts of our many members. We thank you for your help supporting our many lodge activities.

Saturday Swedish Pancakes Ann Sheline (253)670-9547

Thursday Night Bingo Lavon Henson PER (360) 207-7936

Saturday Games Lavon Henson PER (360) 207 7936

Monthly Newsletter Folding

Karen Danko secretary (360)-622-0686

Christmas Fundraiser Lavon Henson (360)421-4415

Veteran's Programs Help Sue Gregg PER (360)-840-5334

Youth Activities Sue Gregg PER (360)-840-5334

RV Park Jobs Sandy Clark (360)-708-3565

Building Maintenance Steven Sutton (360)-506-4347

Thursday and Friday Dinners Sue Gregg PER (360)-840-5334

Membership Karen Danko Secretary (360)622-0686

Lodge Decorations Jan Jokisch 360-391-9288

If you have any questions, contact the office at (360) 848-8882

Elks Care – Elks Share

CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund Elf's would like to say thank you to everyone who came and donated to Bobbie Small fried chicken dinner. The donation and most of the dinner cost went to the Christmas fund. The food was bought by Bobbie Small and LaVon Henson. Jo Garcia made and donated the dessert.

The Mother's tea was a great success. Thank you for coming and enjoying the Tea and Food. It was nice to see everyone including husbands and sons. Big thank you to Frank Ennis for doing the Mother's Day Ritual. Thank you to everyone who made the food and did the cleanup. Without them volunteering their time the events the Christmas Fund Elf's do would not be possible, so thank you to everyone who make the Christmas Fund Elf's raise money to help the children, who might not have a Christmas, have a Christmas.

The Christmas Elf's are starting to sell Christmas candy you can put up on the walls around the Lodge. They will be \$5, \$20, and \$100 and because this is America's 250-year anniversary the candies are red and white and your names will be in blue.

Look for our baskets in the lodge you can bid on. We will be doing another dessert dash on October 30th so come and bid on your favorite dessert. Also come in your most favorite costume.

Keep an eye on our candy cane as you come into the lodge and watch how much your donations are helping to reach our goal.

Get out your favorite Chile recipe for our upcoming Chile contest.

LaVon Henson
Christmas Committee Chairperson



June 2026



Lounge Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - Closing. CLOSED on Sunday and Monday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 House Meeting 5 PM CLOSED	2 Cribbage Tournament	3 Dancing with Kim	4 Chicken Tortilla Soup \$10.00 Bingo 5:30 PM	5 Sue's Triple Salad \$18.00 - Lodge Ann & Dean	6 Saturday Games
7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 Board 5:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM	10 PER Meeting 4:00 PM Dancing with Kim	11 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup \$10.00 Bingo 5:30 PM	12 Vonnie's Grinders \$18.00 – ENF Coyote Creek	13 All-You-Can- Eat Swedish Pan- cakes 8 AM – 10:30 AM Saturday Games
14 CLOSED	15 House Meeting 5 PM CLOSED	16	17 Dancing with Kim	18 BLT and Avo- cado Sand- wiches \$10.00 Bingo 5:30 PM	19 Chicken Fried Steak \$18 – Roaring 20s – Lodge – Marcia Kester	20 Saturday Games
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 Board 5:00 PM Lodge 7:00 PM	24 Dancing with Kim	25 Salad Bar \$10.00 Bingo 5:30 PM	26 Spaghetti & Meatballs \$18.00 – Lodge Rick Cooper	27 Saturday Games
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30	<p>• <u>SATURDAY GAMES:</u> Bar Food or Pizza 3 PM Texas Hold'em 6:30 PM Find The Elk 6:45 PM Horse Races (if twelve or more play)</p>			

Daily RV Lots Available

Contact Sandy Clark
360-708-3565

RV Park Host, Mount Vernon Elks



\$13.00 per packet of BINGO cards!!!

Thursday at 5:30 PM

BINGO FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY



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June 2nd

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5:30

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Est. Leading Knight: Frank Ennis
Est. Loyal Knight: Coby Beath
Est. Lecturing Knight: Shawn Christensen
Lodge Secretary: Karen Danko
Treasurer: Debbie Davis
Esquire: Sue Gregg PER
Chaplain: Marija Anderson PER
Tiler: Jan Jokisch
Inner Guard: Kevin Sheline

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Coby Beath, Shelia Tuff, Sue Gregg, Margaret Miller,
Todd Reding.

TRUSTEES:

3-Year: Mark Anderson
2-Year: Mike Sarich
1-Year: Brad Raspet

