

THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
June 2026



Exalted Ruler Message



As we wrap up another lively month, I want to take a moment to reflect on the energy, growth, and community spirit that defined May. Our lodge continues to move forward with purpose, even as we navigate the transition to new leaders and roles. Each week brings new lessons, new teamwork, and new opportunities to strengthen who we are together.

A Month of Fun and Fellowship

May brought us one of the most entertaining events of the year — our **super fun Kentucky Derby & Horse Races!** A night filled with laughter, friendly competition, and that unmistakable Elks camaraderie. Whether you were cheering from the sidelines or “riding” your way to victory, the joy in the room reminded us why these events matter. They bring us together, they make memories, and they keep our lodge vibrant. We also hosted our special **Elks Tribute to Mother’s Day**, a heartfelt celebration honoring the mothers, grandmothers, and mother-figures who shape our lives and our lodge. The warmth in the room was undeniable, and it was a privilege to share that day with so many families and friends. Thank You to all the PERs who helped organize this event and deliver a delicious breakfast!

Growing Stronger — One Member at a Time

We proudly **voted in 10 new members**, a milestone that speaks to the momentum building within our lodge. Welcoming new faces, new ideas, and new energy is essential to our future, and we look forward to continuing this trend throughout the year. Every new member strengthens our ability to serve, connect, and grow. Connect with your friends, neighbors and relatives to share your Elk experiences and recruit those who are not members already!

Learning, Improving, and Moving Forward

Transitioning to an all-new Officer corps is no small task, but I continue to be impressed by the dedication, patience, and teamwork shown by everyone involved. We are learning together, improving together, and building a stronger foundation for the years ahead. This spirit of growth is exactly what keeps our lodge thriving. Focus on supporting and getting to know your fellow members and remember why all of us became Elks!

Summer Is Coming — And So Are the Opportunities

Before we know it, summer will be here, bringing with it a full lineup of events, gatherings, and chances to share your Elkdom with others. From community outreach to lodge activities to simple moments of fellowship, the months ahead are full of potential. Let’s carry the momentum of May forward and make this summer one to remember. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, attended, or supported our lodge in any way this month. Your involvement is what makes Everett Elks #479 a place of pride, purpose, and community.

Fraternally,

Rod Sniffen

Volunteers are always needed.... Are you able to help?

2025-2026 Elks Officers

Exalted Ruler – Rod Sniffen
Leading Knight – JD Smith
Loyal Knight – Ross Cheever
Lecturing Knight – Ann Smith
Secretary – Denise Bachofer
Treasurer – Chris Holm
Esquire – Mary Alcayaga
Chaplain – Jocelyn Bailey
Inner Guard – Tim Collings
Tiler – Jerry Wynne

Board of Trustees (House Committee)

5 Year Trustee – Ron Stephen
4 Year Trustee – Bret Buckles
3 Year Trustee – Dan Hansen
2 Year Trustee – Dom Cook
1 Year Trustee – Bill Alcayaga

Under House Committee oversight:

- Bar Manager – Bill Alcayaga
- Kitchen Manager – Bill Alcayaga
- Gambling – Jen Steele PER
- Rental Manager – Julie Willie

Committees- Interested in volunteering? Contact the chair (or an officer) and let them know.

- Audit Committee - Ryan Clark/Linda M./Nancy Wolke
- Board of Directors – JD Smith
- Board of Trustees – Dan Hansen
- Membership – Ann Smith (Chair)
- Orientation - Dennis Anderson- PER
- Parliamentarian - Jen Steele PER
- Presiding Justice - TBD
- Ritual Coach - TBD

Patriotic

- Americanism - **OPEN**
- Memorial Day Flag Planting - Aaron Reid PER
- Veterans – **OPEN**
- Welcome Home Packages – Jen Steele PER

Elks National Foundation (ENF)

- ENF Contributions – Annie Hall Currie PER
- CIP Coordinator (Grand Lodge Grants) – Jen Steele PER

WSEA - (WA State Elks) Sponsored Committees

BUCKS/Children's Hospital - Susan Hath/Jocelyn

WSEA Calendar Raffle - **OPEN**

Tall Elks (Children's Therapy)

- Tall Elks – **OPEN** (Tall Elks Trustees will assign)
- Tall Lady - Wendy Cook, PER

Vocational Grant - Kelly Shepherd/Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey PER

Youth

- Drug Awareness – Tim Collings
- Hoop Shoot - Dominic Cook
- Kids Christmas Party –
- Most Valuable Student Scholarships - Kelly Shepherd
- Special People's Party - Heather Reid
- Youth Sponsorship - Heather Reid/Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey PER

Community/Member Events

- Christmas Food Baskets/Cards - Dennis Andersen PER
- Festival of Trees – Jessica Mumm
- Children's Hospital – Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey PER
- Family Picnic – Nancy Wolke
- Lodge Activities – Jessica Mumm

Other Individual Chairperson Assignments

Accident Prevention - Mike Leibold/Paul Clark

The Issue Editor – Kimberley Cline

Government Relations – Rod Sniffen

Historian - Kevin Ballard PER

Mediator - Nancy Wolke

Discrimination & Harassment Relations – **OPEN**

Public Relations – Aaron Reid PER/JD Smith

Alt. to Grand Lodge – Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey PER

Webmaster - **OPEN**

Lodge Computing Support- **OPEN**

Social Media Manager-Jessica Mumm

P.E.R. Association

5:30 pm 1st Thursday of every month.

President- Jen Steele PER

Where to find 479 on Social Media



[@ Everett Elks 479](#)



[Everett Elks Lodge #479](#)



[Elks.org](#)



425-252-4179



Elks479SocialMedia@gmail.com

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

*"IT IS THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
RECOLLECTION, THEIR VIRTUES WE WRITE
UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND
MEMORY*

News & Announcements

Tracking our Community Impact

Reminder from Tessa Long

To maintain our vital non-profit status, the Everett Elks Lodge is required to strictly document all of our community service and fundraising efforts. Moving forward, whenever you host a Lodge fundraiser or event, please take a moment to collect the details below and email them to me so they can be properly recorded. **Send to:** Tessa Long at tessalong2021@hotmail.com

Note that you do **not** need to worry about tracking hours for standard operations. I will automatically take care of volunteer hours for bartenders, our Treasurer, regular Lodge meetings, BOD/Trustee meetings, the Bar/Kitchen Manager, and the Newsletter coordinator.

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and cooperation in keeping our Lodge running strong!



Fraternally yours, **Tessa Long**

Event Details Needed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Date: _____ • Event Name: _____ • Event Host: _____ 	<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elks Members: _____ • Non-Elks: _____
<p>Total Volunteer Hours Invested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elks Members: _____ • Non-Elks: _____ 	<p>Total Miles Driven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elks Members: _____ • Non-Elks: _____
<p>Donations & Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Value of Donated Items: _____ • Total Funds Raised / Monetary Donations: \$ _____ • Charity Designated for Donation: _____ 	

News & Announcements...continued

Get Involved with our Lodge!

Message from Ann Smith, 2026/2027 Membership Chair

Happy June everyone. As our new Membership Chair, I want to make sure all members feel welcome and invite you to participate in the functions of our lodge. Whether it's cooking in the kitchen, assisting in our youth or veterans' programs, selling tickets in our social quarters, joining or leading a committee, there are many ways to participate. Some of the committee opportunities are in: Community Projects & Activities, Drug Awareness, Lodge Activities, ENF, Summer Picnic, Americanism, Veterans Services, Hoop Shoot and the Festival of Trees Auction.

This is your lodge and your leaders look forward to fresh ideas. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or hosting an event, we welcome your input. You can share your thoughts with me (Email: ElkAnn479@gmail.com) or any member of our leadership team. You can also log on to Elks.org and see what other lodges are doing.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

We're looking for volunteers to help with the following activities:

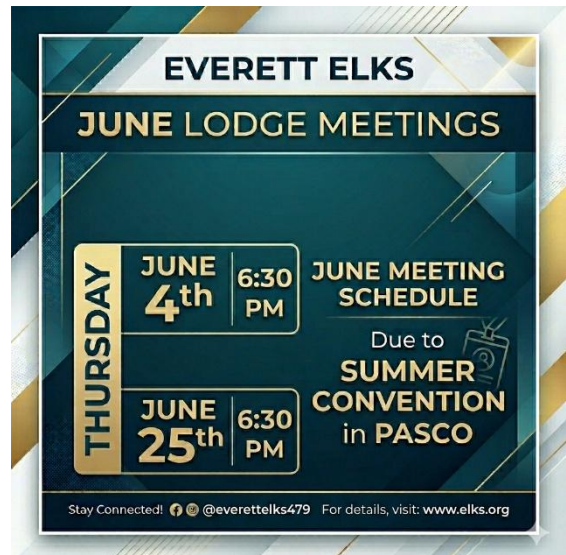
- On July 22 we need help making sandwiches for Snohomish County Standdown, from noon until finished. We also need help boxing up and labeling food.
- September through December: help purchase and deliver food to local high schools.
- November: purchase and possibly deliver turkeys and sides to veterans and active military.
- December: purchase and possibly deliver hams and sides to veterans and active military.

Please text Nancy Wolke to get involved: 425-923-6131.

Attention Veterans!

Message from Denise Bachofer, Lodge Secretary

Calling all Veteran Elk members! Please let us know if you served and what branch you served in. You can call the Lodge at 425.252.4179 and leave me a message or you can send an email to bachofersec@gmail.com or the elks479@aol.com. Message should include: Name, membership number, what branch you served. If you have served and you are delinquent with your dues, please let us know. We are trying help our Veterans become current for the lodge year of 2026-2027. We appreciate you and thank you for the time that you served this great country of ours.



Everett Elks 479 Friday Summer Menu Plan

As we move into **summer** and we all get out to start enjoying our beautiful **Pacific Northwest weather**, it becomes harder to plan too far out with our amazing volunteers!

Have a **Friday** you want to **volunteer for?** Please contact a **Trustee or Alex** to sign up!

June, July & August Fridays are available!

Be on the lookout in our **Monthly Newsletter, Facebook** for pop-up specials!

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the KNIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE

by JD Smith, Esteemed Leading Knight

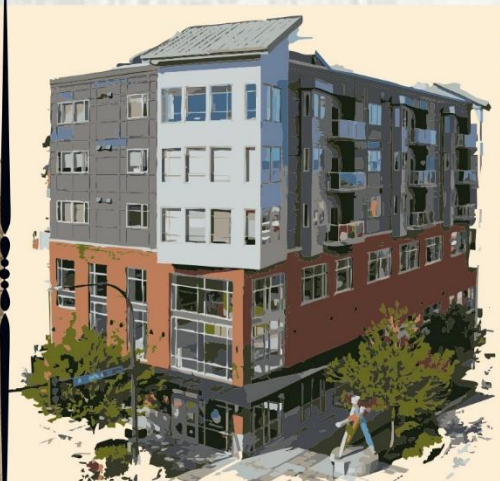
127 Years of Everett Elkdom

There was a time when Everett Elks Lodge #479 stood among the finest Elks Lodges on the Pacific Coast. That was more than a statement about brick, wood, chandeliers, or grand architecture. It was a reflection of the people inside those walls. Members carried themselves with pride because they belonged to something meaningful. They were part of a Lodge that represented fellowship, service, community, tradition, and the belief that good people working together could make Everett stronger.

That pride did not come from a building alone. It came from the commitment of members who showed up, served, volunteered, celebrated, honored veterans, supported youth, helped neighbors, and created a place where people felt they belonged. The old Lodge may be gone, but the spirit that made it great was never tied to one address.

In 2026, Everett Elks #479 celebrates 127 years of Everett Elkdom. That is not just history. That is a responsibility. Every member today is part of the same long story that began in 1899. We inherit the pride, but we also carry the duty to keep it alive.

The Everett Elks are still here. Still gathering. Still serving. Still building community. The challenge now is to remember who we have been, take pride in who we are, and help shape what this Lodge becomes for the next generation.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events!



Trivia Night

TUESDAY JUNE 9 | **TACO BAR \$5**
\$5 PER PERSON

TRIVIA MASTER : DANEN AND TEAM

TACO BAR AT : 5:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT : 6:00PM

TEAMS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE
HALF OF TOTAL ENTRY FEES TO GENERAL FUND
HALF OF TOTAL ENTRY FEES TO WINNING TEAM



FLAG

Day
June 14
ceremony

1:00 PM

EVERETT ELKS 479



BARSTOOL KARAOKE
WITH DANEN AND JEFF

TUESDAY JUNE 23 6-8 PM | **GOOD TIMES TO BE HAD BY ALL**

FOR ALL, WHETHER YOU...
* **SING KARAOKE ALL THE TIME**
* **HAVE TRIED IT BUT WANT TO DO MORE**
* **HAVE NEVER SUNG BUT MAY WANT TO TRY**
* **DON'T WANT TO SING BUT WANT TO HANG OUT, LISTEN, AND HAVE FUN**







VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:
FESTIVAL OF TREES COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR A DINNER COORDINATOR FOR OUR 2026 AUCTION!

THIS VOLUNTEER WOULD ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS & COORDINATE AND PLAN OUR DINNER FOR OUR EVENT!

+ please reach out to Jessica Mumm 425-903-1770 +

Ongoing Events & Activities at 479

MONDAYS	Check the Issue and the #479 Facebook page for events.	
TUESDAYS	<p>Every Tuesday Elks members and guests can put paddles in play for ping pong! From 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the social quarters. All ages & skill levels welcome!</p>	
	Come play first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; \$10 buy-in and winner takes all!	
	<p>Come test your wits at Trivia Night, held the second Tuesday of every month. Plus, \$5 taco bar! Taco Bar opens at 5:30, Trivia starts at 6 p.m.</p>	
	Every fourth Tuesday bring out your inner rock star at Barstool Karaoke! From 6-8 p.m.	
THURSDAYS	Stay engaged with the #479: Lodge meetings are first and third Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.	
	<p>Dobbers up! Second and fourth Thursdays are BINGO nights! Bingo sheets are just \$1, and there will be dinner specials. Check Facebook for menu updates.</p>	
FRIDAYS	Join fellow members every Friday for food, friendship and games! Win a chance to pick a card for the cash jackpot or win cash in the 50/50 raffle! King of Clubs game rules are posted in the social quarters.	
SATURDAYS	Know when to hold'em, and when to fold'em at our monthly Texas Hold'em Tournament, every third Saturday at 5 p.m. \$30 buy-in, with bounty play in effect. Win \$5 for every player you eliminate! Plus, free hot dogs for all players.	



Social Quarters Hours:

Sunday: 12 – 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted below

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 4 – 9 p.m.

Wednesdays: Closed

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	3 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM Trustee Meeting@ 5:30 PM	4 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	5 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle WE ROCK THE RED ON FRIDAYS Kitchen Open	6
7	8	9 Ping Pong @5:30 PM TRIVIA 6 PM 	10 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	11  @5:30PM \$599 Blackout Dinner special	12 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle WE ROCK THE RED ON FRIDAYS Kitchen Open	13
14 Flag Day Ceremony 1 PM	15	16 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @ 6 PM	17 CLOSED	18	19 KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle WE ROCK THE RED ON FRIDAYS Kitchen Open	20  \$30.00 buy-in Starts @5pm
WA State Elks Convention in Pasco						
21	22	23 Barstool Karaoke @ 6PM Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM	24 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	25 Re-Scheduled: LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	26 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle WE ROCK THE RED ON FRIDAYS Kitchen Open	27
28	29	30 Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM				



Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<p><u>1st</u> Susan Erickson Jeremy Woska</p> <p><u>2nd</u> Shannon Aylesworth Jessica Crane Kristi Wylie</p> <p><u>4th</u> Rusty Hunt Gary Middleton</p> <p><u>6th</u> John Heath David Zulinke</p> <p><u>7th</u> Larry Harn Larry Moormeier Donald Nilsson Adam Plummer</p> <p><u>8th</u> Roger Arterbury Bruce Cappel</p> <p><u>9th</u> Jonathan Bloom Dennis Osborn</p>	<p><u>10th</u> Jerry Cooper</p> <p><u>11th</u> Elizabeth Ritchie Rod Sniffen</p> <p><u>12th</u> Phillip Mitchell Bill Olson</p> <p><u>13th</u> Michael Allyn Erika Chadwick Brian Henry Timothy McKnight</p> <p><u>14th</u> Andrew Middendorf Matthew O'Dell Patricia Schiller Mary Sievers</p> <p><u>15th</u> Richard Olson</p> <p><u>16th</u> Jeffrey Jensen Benjamin Zupke</p>	<p><u>17th</u> Harry Ellis Jake Trujillo</p> <p><u>18th</u> Steven Abrahams Chris Carlson Alexander Jankovic Michael Robinson</p> <p><u>19th</u> Valeria Anderson James Green Bruce Ohm Rod Torkkola</p> <p><u>20th</u> Nita Bishop</p> <p><u>21st</u> Kathy Renee Jeff Sievers</p> <p><u>22nd</u> Kimberley Cline Arne Lauritzen</p> <p><u>23rd</u> Joe Bagley Tim Collings Kimberly Stinnette</p>	<p><u>24th</u> Michael Buzard Judy Tuohy Jerold Wynne</p> <p><u>25th</u> Pepper Reagan</p> <p><u>27th</u> Linda Averill James Lyons</p> <p><u>28th</u> Tom Howerton Brad Skurlock</p> <p><u>30th</u> Robert Goetz</p>
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Got news?

We're always on the lookout for member news and updates. Have an idea for an article or news to share in a future edition of The Issue? Or fun photos from a recent Elks event?

Please send your suggestions to:

Kimberley Cline, at ClineKC@outlook.com

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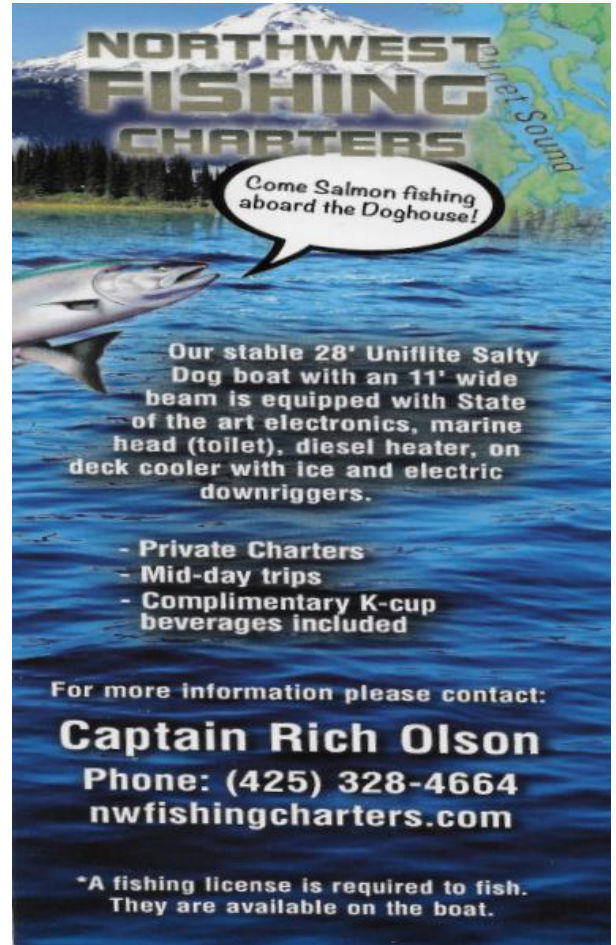
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The hall, separate from our social area, includes a dance floor, PA system, prep kitchen, elegant vintage lighting, and private restrooms.

About Us

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is an American fraternal order founded in 1868, originally as a social club in New York City. We are a great place where neighbors come together, families can share a meal and friends catch up.

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