



I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July!

I spent several days in Chicago attending the Elks National Grand Convention, held July 5–9. On July 5, we attended an evening welcome session that introduced us to the convention and highlighted many of the events and activities available throughout the week. Over the next three days, we met each morning from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., then spent the afternoons and evenings enjoying other Elk events, visiting vendors, exploring hospitality suites hosted by different states, exchanging pins, networking, and taking advantage of countless opportunities to learn more about Elkdome.

One of the highlights of the convention was meeting our new Grand Exalted Ruler, **Timothy Jaeger** of Napa, California, whose motto for the year is, "**Ready Elks, LET'S GO!**" Although Heather Beal has completed her term as our District Deputy, she continues serving as our District Leader, and Brandi Wallace has officially stepped into the role of District Deputy. It was an honor to witness Brandi's swearing-in during the National Convention.

I also had the privilege of celebrating the **100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building** at our headquarters in Chicago. Touring the historic building, learning even more about our Order's rich history, and seeing the offices used by our Grand Lodge dignitaries was an unforgettable experience. The building is absolutely beautiful, and I was proud to represent Port Townsend Lodge No. 317 throughout the convention. Back home, our lodge hosted several successful events this month, including **Little Piggy Bingo**, our **Garage Sale**, **Country Night**, and **Country Night Rock & Roll Bingo**. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, and helped make these events successful. Unfortunately, **Bourbon & Cigar Night** has been postponed. We look forward to seeing everyone on its new date, **Saturday, September 19**.

I recently met with our **Grants Committee**, and they continue to do incredible work supporting organizations throughout our community. Last year alone, through our grants, the lodge distributed more than **\$20,000** to local organizations and programs. These funds have benefited groups including the **Spay/Neuter Clinic**, **Jefferson County Mobile Medical Unit (JC Mash Clinic)**, **OWL360**, the **Food Bank**, and have helped fund our annual **Veterans Stand Down**, among many other worthwhile causes. The Grants Committee is currently looking for additional members. If you are interested in helping our lodge continue making a difference in our community, please contact **Rita Frangione**.

In addition, following the passing of **PER David Harrah**, our lodge is seeking members willing to serve on the **Auditing Committee**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me or the Lodge Office.

As we continue moving forward together, I'd like to leave everyone with this thought:

No matter our differences, we are all Elks first. We may not always agree on every decision or share the same opinions, but the values that unite us are far greater than the issues that divide us. Our Order is built upon **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity**, and those principles call us to treat one another with respect, compassion, and dignity—even during difficult times.

Strong lodges are not built because everyone thinks alike. They are built by members who listen to one another, work together, respect differing viewpoints, and remain focused on our shared mission of serving our community and supporting one another as brothers and sisters in Elkdome. By continuing to uphold our bylaws and statutes while treating each other with kindness and respect, we ensure that our lodge remains strong for generations to come.

Fraternally,
Elizabeth (Lisa) Mull, Exalted Ruler
Port Townsend Elks Lodge 317



West district ER and dignitaries

AUGUST

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
						1 Ladies Night Taco Bar Social Hour 4 PM Dinner 5 PM Music by WEPH
2 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Tim Thomas	3 CLOSED	4 Tuesday Dinner Chef's Choice 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	5 LINE DANCING with Jayne Neu 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Cards Against Humanity Game 5 PM 21+	6 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Business Meeting 7 PM	7 This Li'l Piggy Bingo 5:30 PM	8 PUGH 10 Year Reunion
9 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE House Meeting 6 PM Bob Hickman	10 CLOSED	11 Tuesday Dinner Chef's Choice 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Elks Riders Meeting 6:30 PM	12	13 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	14 Burger Night 5 PM Music by Johnny Hinchman	15 Bainbridge Reception 4 PM—Midnight
16 ELKS RIDERS BREAKFAST 8 AM—11 AM CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Board Meeting 5:30 PM Bob Kelvy	17 CLOSED	18 Tuesday Dinner Chef's Choice 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	19 LINE DANCING with Jayne Neu 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	20 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	21 Burger Night 5 PM Music by "The Kellys"	22
23 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE D.P. Clinic @ Forks 10 AM Mark Banks	24 CLOSED	25 Tuesday Dinner Chef's Choice 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	26	27 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	28 Bunco 5:30 PM Potluck 5 PM	29 Luau Save the Date! Music by Bread & Gravy Membership Drive
30 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Special Initiation Vicki Talley	31 CLOSED		 <i>Elks Care - Elks Share</i> 2			

**Please join us for lodge meetings
on the 1st & 3rd Thursday
of each month at 7 PM.
(NOTE: July, August & December lodge
Meeting only on
1st Thursday at 7 PM.)
*We look forward to seeing you!***

LODGE BAR HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 3 PM - 8:30 PM

Sunday - Noon - 6 PM

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Tuesday-Friday

Rose Ann Carroll, Secretary email: ptbpoe317@yahoo.com

Dawn Thomas, Event Coordinator email: ptelks317@gmail.com

phone: (360) 385-0317

**Active Members ~ 734
Delinquent Members ~ 73**

As of 7/24/2026



DUES: If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Office staff is available Tuesday through Friday from 9 am – 1 pm. Don't miss out on playing Jokers Wild, Queen of Hearts, Shake of the Day or just socializing at the Lodge because your dues are not current.

VACANT CHAIR



Name: Brad Kenyon
Initiated: 4-17-1958
Born: 1935 Died: 6-15-2026

Name: Rick Gore
Initiated: 5-16-2002
Born: 1959 Died: 6-27-2026

Name: Jim Franklin
Initiated: 2-17-1962
Born: 1935 Died: 7-8-2026

Name: Robert H. Sokol
Initiated: 7-23-1983
Born: 1936 Died: 7-15-2026

"Four stars in the sky, shining as one. In our hearts, your light is never gone." Author Unknown

As a "Members Only" club, you are required to have your membership card with you at all times to gain admission to The Lodge. Please show your membership card to the bartender upon arrival. Membership cards must be presented upon request.

*****PLEASE NOTE: *****

**THE ECHO hard copies are no longer mailed.
Hard copies are available in the lobby of the Lodge.
Those needing a hard copy mailed, please contact the office.**

There are two ways to get a PDF version:

- 1) Advise the office of your correct email address and request it be sent via email or
- 2) Sign into your elks.org account.

Don't Let Your Elks Membership Expire!

We don't want you to miss out on being part of the incredible Washington Elks community!

Your membership helps make a difference and keeps you connected to all the great benefits and events the Elks offer. Don't let your membership lapse—renew today!

Please note: Your lodge must pay Grand Lodge & State fees of \$46 per member by May 1st of each year with or without member dues payments. Let's make it easy for you to stay involved!

Renewing is simple —

- 1) Drop a check off at The Lodge
Office Hours Tues-Fri 9 AM—1 PM; or
- 2) Mail check to The Lodge
PT Elks #317
555 Otto Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368; or
- 3) Call The Lodge—360 385-0317
to pay with Credit/Debit Card; or

- 4) Pay online at
<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

***Note: A convenience fee of 3.5% is applied to
Online credit/debit cards.**

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

We look forward to hearing from you and sincerely hope that you will not allow your membership to lapse.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

01 Chapman, Linda Heinz	16 Moore, Aaron
01 Yingling, Kenneth W.	16 Owen, Cassie
02 Amos, David	16 Rae, Thomas C.
02 Johnston, John W.	17 Franklin, John E.
02 Tendick, Kelly L.	17 Hew, Stephanie
03 Hawley, Christopher K.	17 McIlroy, Bill
03 Hovde, Larry	17 Steck, David
03 Vasiliou Hagen, Jann	17 White, Donald F. Sr.
05 Carroll, Rose Ann	18 Cooke, Sheryl C.
05 Woodley, Earl Jr.	18 McFarland, Darrell G.
06 Bush, Michael Y.	18 Swanson, Daniel
07 Cossell, Jordan	19 Langeslay, Beth
07 Langer, Gerald	19 McConnell, Kevin W.
08 Amundson, Kenny	20 Freitas, Donna
08 Merritt, James G.	20 Kvinsland, Lonny M.
09 Webber, Dale W.	21 Gieser, John D.
10 Burns, Edward	22 Lammers, Larry W.
11 Bulliman, Eric Alan	22 McDermott, Sandra North
11 Erickson, Warren J.	22 O'Neill, Thomas III
11 Nagy, Wayne C.	22 Swanson, Clayton L.
12 Fox, Patricia L.	22 Swanson, Forrest
12 Ridgway, Tammy	23 Turley, David B.
12 Smith, Karen	24 Dawson, Barbara Lee
13 Hailey, Mary E.	24 Ramey, Scott
13 Hepworth, Ray S.	25 Houghton, William L.
13 Maxfield, Dudley Warwick	25 Przygocki, Brandon
13 Twiggs, Rick	25 Wiegand, George
14 Kilgore, Curtis C.	26 Stuart, Lane
14 Molisky, Charles F.	29 Weatherman, Kathryn
15 Conkle, Terry J.	31 Burns, Frank

This **COUPON** entitles the bearer
to a Complimentary Birthday
House Pour, Beer or Wine
in the lounge during their **birthday** month.
Clip this coupon and present at the bar.

NAME: _____
Port Townsend #317 Member No.: _____



PT ELKS LODGE HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday—Saturday
3—5 PM
\$1.00 OFF DRINKS

**The bar menu makes a great
dinner option!**
Tuesday - Saturday 3PM - 8:30PM
Sunday - Noon - 6:00PM

BAR MENU

Taquitos	5 for \$5.25 or 10 for \$9.50
Mac & Cheese Wedge	6 for \$5.50
Mozzarella Sticks	6 for \$5.25
Burritos	\$4.25
3-pc Chicken Tenders	\$5.00
JoJos or Onion Rings	\$4.50
Fries	\$5.00
Chicken Wings (Honey BBQ or breaded and fried)	\$6.50
Pizza (as available) Cheese, Pepperoni, Pepperoni & Sausage or Supreme	\$10.00
Poppers (8)	\$5.50
Chips	\$1.25
Corn Dog	\$1.50

Bar Pricing

Premium Wine:	\$8.00
Top Shelf Wine:	\$9.00
Well Alcohol:	\$5.00
Premium Alcohol:	\$7.00



THURSDAY FISH or CHICKEN & CHIPS 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

2 piece fish & chips	\$13.00
3 piece fish & chips	\$16.00
1 piece baked fish & chips	\$16.00
Shrimp dinner	\$13.00
Combo shrimp & fish (3 pieces fish, 5 shrimp)	\$20.00
3 pieces chicken & fries	\$10.00
Fries only	\$5.00
Extra Fish	\$5.00



Advertise your business in the ECHO! Place an Ad and Support your Lodge!

Each month, our Lodge prints newsletters and emails them to members. To help with the cost, Port Townsend Lodge 317 would like to offer our members the opportunity of advertising their business or service in our monthly newsletter.

This is a great opportunity to share your business or provide our members with exclusive offers just for them.



\$150 yearly for Elk Members ~ \$120 yearly for Elk Veterans

Please Contact Trustee Bob Kely at bobkely@yahoo.com
Advertisements are for business card-size in our monthly Echo.



Miles made, memories shared: the open road ahead for our riders.

This season has been filled with service, camaraderie, and meaningful moments. In March, the Elks Riders rode to Keg & I to support Combat Veterans International and welcomed a new rider to the fold. In April, they brought 39 teddy bears to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital through the ride "Operation Teddy Bear" offering comfort to young patients.



At the Blessing of the Bike on April 18th, over 150 motorcycles gathered at Haines Place, launching a powerful start to the riding season. In May, they stood in a flag line honoring retired State Trooper Ken Przygocki, and later brought the community together for the Annual Rhododendron Festival, winning the bed races through the wild energy of riders Austin and Keegan Khile.

The riders hosted the annual pancake breakfast, and riding through the Grand Parade were also highlights, making the festival feel truly special. On May 23rd, the Riders celebrated their first anniversary as the new Elks Lodge #317 riding committee, marking an important milestone. Earlier that day, some riders joined the "Unforgotten

Ride: The Run to Tahoma" honoring veterans who passed away with no known next of kin, as the County escorts their remains for burial with full military honors to Tahoma National Cemetery. On May 25th, members joined in Memorial Day services, visiting several cemeteries to honor those who served. In June, riders journeyed to Spokane to patch-in Elk Riders #228, meeting Elks Riders from Port Angeles at Snoqualmie Pass and road as a group. Both Port Townsend and Port Angeles Riders Patched-in Spokane together. Despite tough weather and roads, their formation was excellent. Congratulations to Spokane Elks Riders #228!



The season continued with a Father's Day brunch and participation in "The Wall That Heals" escort to Lacey, honoring Vietnam veterans. Then came the much-anticipated annual Poker Run on June 27th, a resounding success. Special thanks to Quillbilly's, The Valley Tavern, Marrowstone Vineyard, The Guardhouse and to Rich and Helena Stapf for traveling in their classic car and running the 50-50 raffle. Their support made the day even more enjoyable. Monthly breakfast continues on the third Sunday of every month, and all are welcome to attend. Rider meetings are the 2nd Tuesday each month. For those interested in joining the Elks Riders, please contact Dawn Thomas for an application.

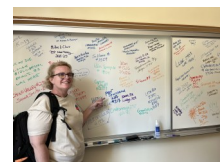
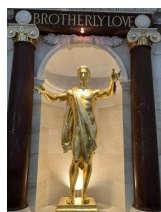


VETERAN SPOTLIGHT ~ Ben L. Salomon

A front-line dentist who successfully defended a field hospital in Saipan, Ben Salomon stayed behind to man a machine gun while the wounded were evacuated. When recovery teams later found his body, they discovered 98 enemy casualties surrounding his position. His actions were deemed a violation of the Geneva Convention at the time because he was medical personnel. He was eventually granted the Medal of Honor when officials realized his combat role was purely defensive.



ELKS NATIONAL GRAND CONVENTION



2026 VETERAN STAND DOWN A GREAT SUCCESS!



On June 29, and for the past 18 years, *Voices for Veterans* and Elks 317 have partnered to hold the annual Veteran Stand Down at our Lodge. This year 55 veterans and family members registered to receive assistance and 45 men and women utilized the clothing area. There were 27 agencies represented to provide direct service including representatives of the US Dept of Veterans Affairs and Washington State Veterans Affairs.

Forty volunteers assisted with setting up the event, staffing throughout the day, and cleaning up—29 of those volunteers were members of our Lodge! Over 200 breakfast and lunch meals were served throughout the day thanks to Shirlee Beck and her team.

Special thanks go to the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association for providing a trash dumpster, and to Jon Claunch for writing the ENF Spotlight Grant which funded the food, a portion of the clothing, and a tent for *Voices for Veterans* use at all of the area Stand Downs. Thank you to Jim Meyers for providing sound and patriotic music to welcome all in the morning. And many thanks to Rita Alberti and her friends who treated us to live music

outdoors during the lunch hour.

Last but certainly not least, a heartfelt thanks goes out to all who contributed their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of our local veterans and family members because without your help, events like this would not be possible. Never forget . . .

Rita Frangione



*Our FABULOUS
Kitchen Crew!*

NEW CHAIRS FOR OUR CLUB!

On July 8, three new club chairs were set up in the bar entrance alongside the new Elks mural. The chairs replaced an aging sofa and improved the ambiance as well as our seating area. New lamps, bright pillows, and a new matching coffee table enhance the new seating area.



In the past, there was a cumbersome pool table there that was used for posterboards, coats, or just a catchall. We now have 2 pool tables in the card room with a shuffleboard and other challenging game tables. We have an Elks pool team and cornhole tournaments on Sundays.

In 2014, John Beckman, (ER) set up a bookcase, chairs, and lamps purchased from Goodwill or donated in our Sound Room. This was the start of furniture in our Lodge, and we received so many books that we moved into the card room with a bigger bookcase donated by a member.

The improvements to this new seating area is due to our creative and skilled bar manager, Gretchen VanDerent, who is proficient in transforming that uninspired area. She researched and looked at the best prices available using her experience as a previous business owner.

Donations for our seating area came from the Wyldecards, Gretchen and HC and Board Chair, Tim Thomas. Three chairs didn't balance the area so Tim stepped up and paid for a fourth, which will be here soon. The Wyldecards are a group of women who play cards on Tuesdays and have raised money for a new vacuum cleaner, bar curtains and contribute to Major Maintenance.



Our Lodge is operated by 2 office workers, bar tenders and many volunteers. Thank your volunteers by bussing your dishes and putting chairs back. If you want to volunteer call the office and/or give a donation to Major Maintenance. We have some very expensive pipe work that needs to be done to our declining Elks Lodge. It was built in 1995 and time is catching up with it.

Please thank Gretchen for the beautiful transition in the new seating area. Have your picture taken there as everyone will know you were at PT Elks #317.

Sandy Ellis, Wyldecards

Member's Suggestions Your input is very important!

Please feel free to email any suggestions, complaints or compliments to: echo_editor2000@yahoo.com.
They will be shared with the House Committee.



DUTY ROSTER

AUGUST

02-08 Tim Thomas
09-15 Bob Hickman
16-22 Bob Kelyv
23-29 Mark Banks
30-9/5 Vicki Talley

SEPTEMBER

06-12 Austin Khile
13-19 Erin Reading
20-26 Susan Fritts
27-10/3 Rose Ann Carroll

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-</u>
Dining Room (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$200	\$275
Dance Floor (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$200	\$275
Bar add on	\$75	\$75
Kitchen (plus \$100 refundable deposit)	\$300	\$350
Steam Table	\$50	\$50
Audio/Video Add on	\$50	\$50
Extra Bartender (for events with 60+ guests attending)	\$25/hr	\$25/hr

Rentals also require Event Insurance to be purchased by tenant with proof of insurance provided to Lodge prior to event.

There is a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit fee for the kitchen, dance floor, and dining room rental if it is left clean.

ELKS COIN BOX CHILDREN'S THERAPY PROGRAM



Please remember our coin boxes for the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children (Tall Elks).

Fill a Coin Box and return it.

Thank you,
Tall Elks Chairman

LODGE OFFICERS 2026 - 2027

Exalted Ruler	Lisa Mull
Leading Knight	PER Mark Fritts
Loyal Knight	PER Jim Aman
Lecturing Knight	Terry Khile
Secretary	Rose Ann Carroll
Treasurer	Susan Fritts
Esquire	Erin Jeffers
Tiler	Austin Khile
Inner Guard	Vicki Talley
Chaplain	Mark Banks

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lisa Mull, PER Mark Fritts, Rose Ann Carroll, PER Jim Aman, Dale Bateham, Susan Fritts, and the following Trustees:

To April 2027	Bob Kelyv
To April 2028	Bob Hickman
To April 2029	Tim Thomas
To April 2030	Robert Wilkinson
To April 2031	Steve Spencer

OFFICE STAFF

Bookkeeper - Ben Falge
Event Coordinator - Dawn Thomas
Lodge Auditor - Vacant

BAR

Manager and Bartender: Gretchen VanDerent
Bar Volunteers: Jim, Vicki, Robert, Peggy, Dawn

PAST GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

98-99 Ron Brantner, PER, PDDGER

PAST STATE OFFICERS

07-08 Ron Brantner PER, PST
03-04 Linda De Leo, PER, PDLO

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RV Reservations

Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

Member \$30 per Night
Member Guest \$35 per Night

Shake of the Day!

(one try per day)

Members have 4 shakes to roll 5 of a kind.

If you roll 4 of a kind you get an extra shake.

If the pot reaches \$500 and hasn't been won, a new pot will be started and the first member to shake 5 of a kind will win the entire first pot!

The pot will be counted daily and posted at the Bar.