PORT TOWNSEND 317

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As I begin my service as your Exalted Ruler for the remainder of the 2026–2027 Elk year, I want to take a moment to talk about where we are going—and, more importantly, how we are going to get there.

Every transition in leadership brings an opportunity. It gives us a chance to take a fresh look at our Lodge, recognize the things we are doing well, identify the areas where we can improve, and come together with a renewed commitment to our members, our community, and the principles of Elkdom.

My goal for the remainder of this Elk year is simple:

Let's move forward together as a team.

This Lodge belongs to all of us. No single officer, committee, or individual member can make Port Townsend Lodge #317 successful themselves. Our strength comes from working together, communicating with one another, supporting our volunteers, and remembering why we became Elks in the first place. There will be challenges ahead. We have officer positions to fill, programs to continue, events to organize, finances to manage, and decisions to make. But challenges also give us an opportunity to come together and build something stronger.

I want to encourage every officer, Past Exalted Ruler, committee member, and member of this Lodge to be part of that conversation.

Bring your ideas. Bring your concerns. Bring your experience. And most importantly, bring your willingness to work together.

As Exalted Ruler, I will do my best to listen, communicate openly, and make decisions with the best interests of Port Townsend Lodge #317 in mind. I also want to encourage respectful discussion and honest communication. We may not always agree—and that's okay. What matters is that we continue to respect one another and remain focused on the Lodge rather than ourselves.

Our Lodge has a proud history of serving our community. We have an opportunity now to build upon that history. That means continuing to support our veterans, our youth, our families, our community organizations, and those who need our help. It means making our Lodge a place where members want to be, where new members feel welcome, and where volunteers know their efforts are appreciated.

It also means bringing some energy back into our Lodge.

I want to see our members coming through the doors—not only for meetings, but for dinners, fundraisers, social events, community activities, and fellowship. I want our Lodge to be a place where members look forward to gathering together. Most importantly,

I want us to remember that **Elkdom is bigger than any one disagreement or any one administration.**

Officers change. Committees change. Circumstances change. But our Lodge remains. The decisions we make during the remainder of this Elk year should be made with the future of Port Townsend Lodge #317 in mind.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	**2** This Li'l Piggy Bingo 5:30—7:30 PM Potluck 5 PM	**3**
4 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Terry Khile	**5** CLOSED	**6** **Tuesday Dinner** Beef Stroganoff w/ Broccoli salad 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	**7**	**8** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM PER Meeting 6:30 PM	9	**10** Rick Gore Memorial 1:00 PM
11 Van Trojen Memorial House Meeting 6 PM Jim Aman	**12** CLOSED	**13** **Tuesday Dinner** Steak Dinner 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Elks Riders Meeting 6:30 PM	**14** MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6 PM	**15** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	**16** BURGER NIGHT GAME NIGHT 5 PM—8 PM Music by Bad Dog Blues Haunt Town 6 PM—9 PM	**17** Kelli Parcher OWL 360 Gala 5 PM—11 PM Haunt Town 6 PM—9 PM
18 ELKS RIDERS BREAKFAST 8 AM—11 AM CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Mark Fritts	**19** CLOSED	**20** **Tuesday Dinner** Pulled Pork Sandwiches w/ Baked beans, coleslaw, corn & dessert 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	**21**	**22** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	**23** Haunt Town 6 PM—9 PM	**24** HALLOWEEN PARTY Membership Drive Music by The Elderberries Haunt Town 6 PM—9 PM
25 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE BOARD MEETING 6 PM Tim Thomas	**26** CLOSED	**27** **Tuesday Dinner** Spaghetti with & without meat, garlic bread & dessert 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	**28** Investigations 5:30 PM	**29** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	**30** BUNCO NIGHT Potluck 5 PM 5:30—8:30 PM Investigations Haunt Town 6 PM—10 PM	**31** **TRUNK OR TREAT** **5 PM—7 PM** **HAUNT TOWN Final Night!** **6 PM—10 PM**

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!

Michael Ball
Bradley Kothman
Pamela Odegard
Joseph Salvatore
Richard Schurman
Jeffrey Wickre

Active Members ~ 731
Delinquent Members ~ 56

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









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. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Jimmie Ackerman	16	Jung Mok
2	Linda De Leo	16	Terry Polakovic
2	Jesse Minish	17	Glen Bellerud
2	Barbara Richter	17	Warren Chaffee
2	Jerrald Weidner	17	Deyanira Noltemeier
3	Michael Allen	17	Linnette Wenger
3	Douglas Davidson	18	Joseph Bartlett
3	Terry Horne	18	Michael Gilmore
4	Randall Lechtenberg	18	James Letellier
6	Grant Clemens	20	Tim Loika
7	Justin Clouse	20	Roger Ramey
7	Mel Mefford	21	Leon Abbott
8	Tim Thomas	22	Zachary Cooper
9	Suzanne Anthony	23	Brady Burson
9	Albert Comas	23	Keith Harper
10	Eric Jacobson	23	Donald Wilson
10	Gary Osterhout	24	Michele Hannigan Bartl
11	Dennis Crawford	25	Robert Weis
11	Kenneth Graves	26	Rick Crawford
11	Cindy Kobetich	27	David Gooding
13	Karen Daniher	27	Colleen Iardella
13	Allen West	27	Robert Miller
14	Molly Hodges	27	Thomas Myers
14	Patricia Minish	28	Richard Vossel
14	James Simcoe	29	Austin Khile
15	Vaughn Kline	29	Keegan Khile
16	Kathy Campbell	30	Carey Cantrell
16	Dennis Fitzgerald	30	Janice Carter

The happiest birthdays to all!

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.: _____

RV Storage available

Port Townsend Elks Lodge 317 is offering RV Storage
through the winter ~ $150 a Month
Available now through April 1st.
Contact Jim Aman for more information.
360-301-1609 *or 360-301-0728 for the RV HOST*

RV Storage

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
Soda	$3.00

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



"ENF recently awarded our Lodge a Gratitude Grant in the amount of $3500. The grant was earmarked for a donation to Bayside Housing and Services' program, Jefferson County Mash Free Clinic in Port Hadlock, to be used for purchase of medical supplies and medical equipment. Pictured left to right are Michael Gilmore, Lodge Veterans Chair, Rita Frangione, Lodge Grants Coordinator, Karen Clemens, Director of Development, Bayside, and Qianna Franklin, Director, JC Mash."









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 to advertise 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 Elks Members ~ $120 yearly for Elks Veterans

Please contact Trustee Bob Kelvy at bobkelvy@yahoo.com
Advertisements are for business card-size in our monthly Echo.





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I am asking our officers and PERs to work with me as a leadership team. I am asking our committees to communicate with one another. And I am asking every member to become involved in whatever way they can. You don't have to chair a committee. You don't have to hold an office. Sometimes simply showing up, volunteering for an event, helping another member, or offering an idea. can make a difference.

Every member has something to contribute.

As we move through the remainder of the 2026–2027 Elk year, let's put the past where it belongs, learn from it when necessary, and focus our energy on what we can accomplish together.

- Let's rebuild trust where it needs rebuilding.
- Let's strengthen communication.
- Let's support our officers and volunteers.
- Let's welcome our new members.
- Let's bring our Lodge together.

And let's continue making Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317 something of which every member can be proud. I am honored to serve as your Exalted Ruler, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.

The road ahead belongs to all of us.

Let's move forward—together

Fraternally,
Steve Spencer
Exalted Ruler 2026–2027
Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317





Oyster Run—Elks Riders—2026

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LODGE

Hello wonderful Elk volunteers!

A reminder to sign in when you are at the lodge doing volunteer work. We need to report our volunteer hours to the Grand Lodge. We have a lot of members, working a lot of hours helping our Lodge run smoothly! There are volunteer sign-in sheets in the Kitchen, and in the entry hall by the office. Thank you for all you do!

DUTY ROSTER

OCTOBER	
04-10	Terry Khile
11-17	Jim Aman
18-24	Mark Fritts
25-31	Tim Thomas

NOVEMBER	
01-07	Steve Spencer
08-14	Robert Wilkinson
15-21	Tim Thomas
22-28	Bob Hickman

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	Member	Non-Member
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.

LODGE OFFICERS 2026 - 2027

Exalted Ruler	PER Steve Spencer
Leading Knight	Vacant
Loyal Knight	PER Jim Aman
Lecturing Knight	Terry Khile
Secretary	Rose Ann Carroll
Treasurer	Angie Cossell
Esquire	Erin Jeffers
Tiler	Austin Khile
Inner Guard	Vicki Talley
Chaplain	Mark Banks

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PER Mark Fritts, Rose Ann Carroll, PER Jim Aman, Terry Khile, and the following Trustees:

To April 2027	Bob Kelvy
To April 2028	Bob Hickman
To April 2029	Tim Thomas
To April 2030	Robert Wilkinson
To April 2031	PER 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

PER ASSOCIATION

President	PER Rachel Cervantes
Vice President	PER Jim Aman
Sec/Treasurer	PER Wayne Nagy

ECHO CREW

Editor: Rita Alberti
Assistant Editor: Shari Morrison
Proofreaders: PER Jim Bumgarner & Ora Hickman

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RV Reservations
Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

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Member $30 per Night
Member Guest $35 per Night

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

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.