PORT TOWNSEND 317

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Fellow Elks,

October was another busy month at Port Townsend Lodge #317, and I want to thank everyone who continues to give their time and energy to keep our Lodge moving forward.

Our House Committee continues to work on strengthening our operations, with encouraging results from our RV rentals, kitchen, and bar.

Our Tuesday dinners have been receiving positive feedback, and it is great to see members supporting our Lodge activities. We also continued planning our fall events, including our Halloween party, while working together to make our Lodge a welcoming place for members, families, and guests.

As we move into November, I encourage everyone to get involved, volunteer where you can, and share your ideas. A successful Lodge is built on teamwork, communication, and members who are willing to step up and help.

Thank you to our officers, committee members, volunteers, and everyone who continues to support Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317.

Let's keep working together and remember our mission of Elks Care — Elks Share.

Fraternally,

Steve Spencer
Exalted Ruler
Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day honors all living and deceased U.S. military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces (wartime and peacetime).

This special day originates from the 1918 World War I armistice (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month), initially celebrated as Armistice Day before being renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

And—remember wear *RED* every Friday -
Remember Everyone Deployed



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Hank Sukert Memorial 1 PM—5 PM Steve Spencer	**2** CLOSED	**3** **Tuesday Dinner** Fried Chicken Scalloped potatoes, corn, roll 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	**4** Officer/PER Meeting 6:30 PM Veterans Build Habitat Nov. 4—Nov. 7	**5** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	**6** This Li'l Piggy Bingo 5:30—7:30 PM Potluck 5 PM	**7** Katie Davis Line Dance Party 4 PM—8 PM Veterans Build Last day Habitat for Humanity
8 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Robert Wilkenson	**9** CLOSED	**10** **Tuesday Dinner** Asst. Soups Chili, Chowder, Chicken with Salad and Bread 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM ELKS Riders Meeting 6:30 PM	**11** **Veterans's Day Ritual** **5 PM** ***Deadline to apply for Elks Legacy Awards Scholarship is tomorrow!***	**12** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	13 Veteran's Day Set-up	**14** VETERANS DINNER/ AUCTION Social 4 PM Dinner 5 PM Auction 6 PM
15 ELKS RIDERS BREAKFAST 8 AM—11 AM House Meeting 6 PM Tim Thomas	**16** CLOSED	**17** **Tuesday Dinner** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green bean, roll 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	**18**	**19** **Thursday Dinner** Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM Initiation	**20** BUNCO NIGHT Potluck 5 PM 5:30—8:00 PM	**21** Morris Anniversary Party 4:30—9:30 PM
22 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Bob Hickman	**23** CLOSED	**24** **Tuesday Dinner** Mexican Fiesta 5 PM—6:30 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Board Meeting 7 PM	**25**	**26** **ELKSGIVING DINNER** **Turkey, H;m, Stuffing, Masshed Potatoes** **Bring a side dish or dessert to share** **1 PM**	**27**	**28**
29 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Bob Kelvy	**30** CLOSED					

ELKS RIDERS GOING STRONG

As we wind down another successful riding season, the Elks Riders 317 are keeping the momentum strong. On September 5, our riders enjoyed a scenic, sun-drenched troll run, with plans to wrap up the final stops soon. On September 16, the team stepped up to help newer members learn group-riding techniques and build confidence just ahead of the Oyster Run. When the annual Oyster Run arrived on September 27, it brought both a massive turnout and a few learning moments—including a group separation coming off the ferry and a flat tire. Thanks to Tim Thomas' quick turnaround and some great roadside teamwork, everyone made it safely back on the road. Most recently, on October 17, we joined forces with the Eagles for the Salute to Veterans Poker Run, riding alongside community groups to honor those who served. These miles reminded us of the true strength of our fellowship, the joy of the open road, and our unshakeable commitment to never leave a rider behind.








IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The office hours at the lodge will be changing effective 12/1/26.

Tuesday—Friday 10:30 AM—2:30 PM



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 Joker's 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Michael Cruver	15	John Jones
01	Loretta Spencer	16	Lorie Fields
01	Raymond Willard	16	Theresa Moore
02	Clinton Wallace	17	David Bounds
04	Donald Fristoe	17	Lois Lauring
04	Charles Hough	17	Michael Slack
06	James Carlson	18	George Bennett
06	David Meacham	19	Karen Davis
06	Ken Radon	19	Teri De Leo
07	Ronald Khile	19	Ben Falge
07	Wayne Peterson	19	Ann Marie Ferguson
08	Peggy Ann Carmouche	19	Louise Valois-Krausman
08	Richard Castellano	20	Michael Ajax
08	Kimberlye Kaye	21	Sheryl Coyote
08	Randee Morrow	21	Janet Kesgard
08	Mark Nordland	22	Wendy Johnson
09	Sheila Donnelly	22	Dale Wilson
09	Russ Jerabek	23	Edward Elliott
09	Elizabeth Mull	23	Gene Petersen
09	Sandra Wakefield	25	Richard Arnett
09	Jeffrey Wickre	25	Patrick Whelan
12	Charles Shaw	26	Jeff Shaffett
13	Denise Craig	27	Michael Bishop
13	Joan Hutchison	27	Glenn Reich
14	John Bassett	30	Benjamin Cooper
15	Austin Bishop		
15	Roger Dunaway		
15	Paul Garwood		

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

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

Bar Pricing

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

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

VACANT CHAIR



Name:	**Rodney Engel**
Initiated:	**5-15-2025**
Born:	**1958**
Died:	**9-3-2026**

Name:	**Hank Sukert**
Initiated:	**5-21-1992**
Born:	**1945**
Died:	**9-15-2026**

Name:	**Frederick Brooling**
Initiated:	**6-24-1976**
Born:	**1940**
Died:	**9-23-2026**

Name:	**Milo VanDecar**
Initiated:	**10-20-2024**
Born:	**1939**
Died:	**9-22-2026**

Name:	**David Dover**
Initiated:	**9-19-2002**
Born:	**1944**
Died:	**10-6-2026**



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR LODGE

Hello wonderful Elks 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!

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.





Kitchen Crew Newsletter

Growing Together, Serving Together

If you haven't noticed, we have many new faces and volunteers in our Lodge kitchen! It's wonderful to see our kitchen crew growing, with more members stepping up to lend a hand and share their talents.

Our Tuesday Night Dinners feature Chef's Choice, giving our volunteer cooks the opportunity to prepare their favorite dishes and share their culinary talents with our members and guests. These dinners have become increasingly popular, and we've even run out of meals on some nights! While that presents a few growing pains, it's a good problem to have. We're learning how to navigate this growth while ensuring everyone has the opportunity to learn, contribute, and become comfortable working in our kitchen. Every kitchen has its own way of doing things, and we appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to learn together.

Thursday Night Fish and Chips continues to get busier, and as the Joker's Wild pot grows, so does the excitement and activity around the Lodge. We're grateful for the new volunteers who have jumped in with both feet, bringing their enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to help wherever they're needed.

One of the best parts of all this growth is seeing the teamwork and camaraderie come to life. Hearing the laughter, listening to the singing, and watching everyone work together toward a common goal reminds us what our Lodge is all about: fellowship, service, and community.

We cannot thank our kitchen crew volunteers enough for stepping up and giving their time and talents in service to our Lodge. Your hard work and dedication make these meals possible and help create a welcoming place for our members and guests to gather.

Let's keep our Lodge kitchen a fun, friendly, and welcoming place to serve! Whether you're an experienced cook, enjoy helping with food preparation, or simply want to lend a hand, there's a place for you on our team.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact our Lodge office to learn how you can get involved.

Thank you to all our kitchen volunteers for everything you do. Together, we're not just serving meals—we're building friendships, strengthening our Lodge, and keeping the spirit of Elkdom alive!















WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ronald Rondell
John Rosendale

Active Members
727
Delinquent Members
49

As of 10/28/2026

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!

DUTY ROSTER

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

DECEMBER	
29-12/5	Bob Kelvy
06-12	Mark Banks
13-19	Vicki Talley
20-26	Austin Khile
27-1/02	Mark Banks

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	PER Jim Aman
Loyal Knight	PER Linda DeLeo
Lecturing Knight	Terry Khile
Secretary	Rose Ann Carroll
Treasurer	Angie Cossell
Esquire	Erin Jeffers
Tiler	Austin Khile
Inner Guard	Vicki Talley
Chaplain	Christie Apker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rose Ann Carroll, PER Jim Aman, Terry Khile, PER Linda De Leo, Angie Cossell, 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	Mark Banks

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.