



As I begin my year serving as Exalted Ruler, I want to say how truly honored I am to lead the Port Townsend Elks Lodge. I am grateful for the trust and support of our members and for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated group of officers and volunteers. The strength of our lodge comes from each of you—your dedication, your volunteer spirit, and your commitment to our community. I look forward to continuing those traditions while bringing new energy and opportunities for members to connect and participate.

I would also like to thank the officers who are stepping into leadership roles and have chosen to continue this journey with me. Each of these individuals is committed, dedicated, and excited to help lead our lodge in the coming year.

We started the month with Little Piggy Bingo followed by Rock ‘n’ Roll Bingo, both of which were a lot of fun for everyone who attended. The Elk Riders held their monthly breakfast—if you have never attended, I highly recommend it. They do a wonderful job and the food is always delicious. We also enjoyed a night of Line Dancing. Thank you to Rita Alberti for leading the dances. Bunco continues to be

another great way for members, especially new ones, to come out, introduce themselves, and meet fellow Elks.

Congratulations to those who received awards this past year: Officer of the Year Rose Ann Carroll, Citizen of the Year Daniel Ferland (Chimacum Band Leader), Volunteer of the Year Cynthia Rodiun, and Elk of the Year Rita Frangione. These honors are well deserved. It takes volunteers to run a lodge and we sincerely appreciate those who continue to step up and give of their time and energy. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

At our recent Lodge Activities meeting, officers began planning the calendar for the upcoming year. Along with our traditional events, we are excited to introduce some new activities including occasional Friday night music by local artists, Paint Nights hosted by Paint the Town, pool tournaments, and a belly dancing performance by Shula Azhar from Port Angeles. We will also bring in some new bands to help create a fresh and exciting year for our lodge.

On March 28th we held our Installation of Officers. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the evening, to our cooks and kitchen helpers, and to our PERs who assisted with the installation. We also thank District Deputy Heather Beal for joining us. The Southern soul food dinner and music by the Whozyamama Zydeco Band made it a wonderful night.

I am deeply honored to serve this lodge (as your Exalted Ruler) and work alongside such an incredible group of members. I encourage everyone to come out, get involved, invite friends, and take part in the many activities we have planned. Together we will continue the traditions that make our lodge special while creating new memories along the way.

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

SPRING FLING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DINNER AND DANCE

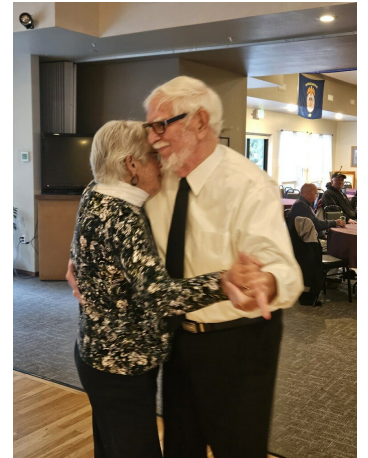
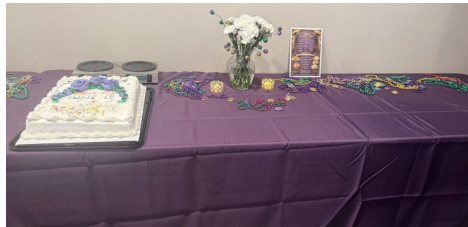
Introducing the Elks to everyone in our community is an important mission. Support your Lodge by attending the Spring Fling Membership Drive Dinner and Dance on April 18th. Your friends want to know what we do—invite them to come to the dance for a night of comradery and to meet a great group of people!

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS DINNER AND DANCE

The Lodge installation, dinner and dance was a lot of fun and some great members have promised to take care of our members and Lodge business. Congratulations to all and best wishes for a great year!

All the members enjoyed a great dinner, friends and Whozyamam zydeco band to top off the evening. Special thanks to the organizers—it was no small feat to decorate and prepare for this special event.

Thank you to everyone who made this evening a great success!



Elks Care - Elks Share

APRIL

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 Investigations 5:30 PM	2 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	3 This Lil' Piggy Bingo May the Pork be with you 5:30— 7:30 PM Potluck 5:00 PM	4 Easter Egg Stuffing Party 3:00 PM Elks Riders Ride "Operation Teddy Bear" Mary Bridge Tacoma
5 EASTER EGG HUNT Chetzemoka Park 8:00 AM Easter Brunch @ Elks Noon - 2:00 PM Steve Spencer	6 CLOSED	7 Tuesday Dinner Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti \$16 5 PM—6 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	8 House Meeting 5:15 PM	9 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Activities Mtg Officer Meeting	10	11 LODGE YARD CLEANUP 8:AM - NOON Dana Madison 50th Party 5:00 - 11:00 PM
12 DD CLINIC @ NAVAL 9:00 AM CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Robert Wilkinson	13 CLOSED	14 Tuesday Dinner Hamburgers \$12 5 PM—6 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM Elk Riders Meeting 6:30 PM Orientation 7:00 PM	15 LINE DANCING w/ Jayne Neu 5 PM—6 PM Membership Meeting 6:00 PM	16 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Initiation	17 ELKS OFFICER TRAINING IN LAKEWOOD Friday & Saturday	18 SPRING FLING DANCE Membership Drive Music by Randall Wolf Band 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
19 Elk Riders Breakfast 8—11:00 AM CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Tim Thomas	20 CLOSED	21 Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf \$14 5 PM—6 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	22 Board Meeting 5:30 PM	23 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM	24 Bunco Night 5:30 PM—8:30 PM Potluck 5 PM	25 Elk Riders Eight Ball Pool Tournament Start time 2:00PM \$20 pp Members and Guests only
26 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Bob Hickman	27 CLOSED	28 Tuesday Dinner Pork Roast \$16 5 PM—6 PM Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM	29 LINE DANCING w/ Jayne Neu 5 PM—6 PM	30 Thursday Dinner Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM Joker's Wild 6:15 PM Investigations 5:30		

VACANT CHAIR



Name: Ronald Kosec
Born: 1940
Initiated: April 25, 1964
Died: March 11, 2026

Name: Ken Przygocki
Born: 1951
Initiated: April 16, 1998
Died: February 16, 2026

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Aaron Moore
Buster Ferris
Mary Beth Fidler
Stacey Nelson
Mary Brady
Tina Silberman
William LeMaster

719 Active Members

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.

*****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.

Fun April Events

PORT TOWNSEND ELKS LODGE #317 PRESENTS

95TH ANNUAL **EASTER EGG HUNT**

5 APRIL 2026 | STARTS AT 8:00 AM
Chetzemoko Park

Brunch to follow



BINGO

Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317
Members and Guests Only

★ THIS LIL PIGGY ★

BINGO NIGHT

APRIL 3RD
5:30-7:30PM

POTLUCK, BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE
COST: BY DONATION 5 CARDS MAX
50/50 RAFFLE AFTER BINGO
PROCEEDS TO MAJOR MAINTENANCE

DANCE

Port Townsend Elks PRESENTS

2026 Spring Fling

April 18th 2026

\$10 Baked Potato Bar
\$10 at the door
Membership Drive
Open to the Public

Dinner 5pm
Band 6:30pm

MUSIC BY
Randall Wolfe Band

555 Otto St
Port Townsend WA 98368

Port Townsend Elks Riders

SUNDAY Breakfast

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8-11am

\$10 Adults
\$5 Under 12

BUNCO Night!

POTLUCK 5:00
APRIL 24TH
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

\$5 DONATION PER PLAYER

Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317



ELKS RIDERS #317

8-BALL POOL Tournament

Saturday, April 25th 2025
Start Time: 2pm

Entry Fee: \$20 per player
1st Place: 50%
2nd Place: 25%
25% to Pool Room Budget

MEMBERS AND GUEST ONLY
Port Townsend Elks Lodge
555 Otto St. Port Townsend WA 98368

BUCKET SUNDAYS
1pm To 4pm

Domestic: \$17
Premium: \$20

Port Townsend Elks Lodge

HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday - Sat
3-5pm \$1.00 OFF DRINKS

SODA NOT INCLUDED

COUNTRY LINE DANCING!

APRIL 16th & APRIL 29th
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

ELKS LODGE #317
555 OTTO STREET
PORT TOWNSEND

WITH INSTRUCTOR
JAYNE NEU

\$5.00 DONATION APPRECIATED FOR LODGE MAINTENANCE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Don't miss these fun events!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

01 Betty Prentice	17 Ron Riggle
02 Jason Franklin	18 Jeffery Hathaway
02 Karl Jacobsen	18 Rene Olson
02 Gregory Lechtenberg	19 Carolyn Cruver
02 Jason Swindler	19 Richard Palmer
02 Adam Wojcik	19 Brian Peterson
04 John Eilert	19 Seth Steben
04 Leland Florence	21 Richard Hild
04 Patrick Lefebvre	21 Leo Landry
05 Joseph Daubengerger	21 Charles Nisbet
05 John Mock	22 Jeffery McGinty
05 Alfred Reiererson	22 Charles Simcoe
05 Joe Thompson	22 Charles Young
06 Steven Burns	24 Janis Housden
06 Jason Greenspane	24 Lavall Inman
06 John O'Meara	24 Henry Surkert
07 Sean Fitzpatrick	25 Fred Martin
07 Ray Stout	25 Charles Stowell
08 David Mallory	26 Lawrence Cambell
09 Jason Mac Donald	26 Monique Vigeant
10 Gary Schryver	27 Jerome Moss
11 Renee Hammond	27 Kenneth Przygocki
12 Christie Laplume	28 Michael Crozier
13 James DeLeo	28 Mitzi Eustis
14 Carl Escene	28 Joseph Fore Jr
15 Donald Myers	28 John Haak
15 Dick Nockleby	28 James Parker
15 Gretchen VanDerent	28 William Poplin
16 Robert Zormier	28 Wendi Robinson
17 Glen Brink	28 Patti Sahlinger
17 William Laird	29 Victor Lucas
17 Don Riggle	29 Nick Vacca
	29 Chad Witheridge
	30 Brent Linder

"You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."
- Ogden Nash

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	\$12.00
3 piece fish & chips	\$15.00
1 piece baked fish & chips	\$15.00
Shrimp dinner	\$12.00
Combo shrimp & fish (3 pieces fish, 5 shrimp)	\$19.00
3 pieces chicken & fries	\$10.00

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.: _____

djsfhmusic@gmail.com

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2026/2027

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Richard Palmer

Sole Proprietor, Licensed & Insured

(360) 316-6703

<https://palmskirtsentertainment.com>



2026/2027

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 Kelvy at bobkelvy@yahoo.com

Advertisements are for business card-size in our monthly Echo.

Elks Care - Elks Share

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

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

Echo Article Deadline:

20th of each month.

ptelks317@gmail.com

Let us know if you have something to contribute to the Echo!

**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!

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.

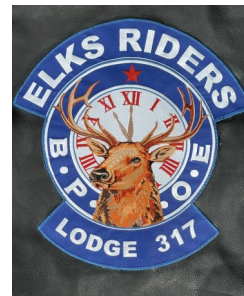
ELKS RIDERS

Are you an Elk member with a passion for the open road and giving back to the community?

The Port Townsend Elks Riders is a group of like-minded individuals who combine their love for riding with the Elk's principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

We are more than just a riding group - we are a family of volunteers committed to making a difference.

For more information or to join this great organization, contact Dawn Thomas at the Lodge.

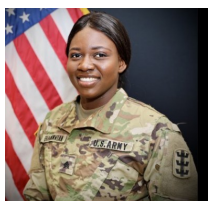


LODGE PROPERTY / YARD CLEANUP DAY!

Mark your calendars and come to the Lodge on Saturday, April 11th from 9 until noon to clean up, pick up, pull weeds and hang out with friends! Jim Aman will be cooking burgers for the volunteers so you'll get fed too!
Let Jim know you're coming—or just show up!—360-301-1609.

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Army Sergeant Saves Fellow Soldier from Car Crash



Army Sgt. Mary Ehiarinmwian's moment of bravery shows that Army soldiers are ready to step up to the challenge and save a life at any moment, even when they are off duty. While driving to physical training (PT) on base in 2020, the driver of the car in front of Ehiarinmwian – who was, unbeknownst to her, a soldier from her unit – suddenly lost control of their vehicle. The car collided with a road sign, was flipped through the air and then landed upside down, crashing through a security gate. Ehiarinmwian immediately jumped into action.

Ehiarinmwian rushed to the driver's side and assessed their injuries before carefully pulling them from the car, which had already begun to smoke.

"I felt like the car was going to burst into flames," she said. "But at the time, I didn't think of the danger."

Instead, she thought only of ensuring that the driver was safe, and once the paramedics arrived and she was sure that her fellow soldier was in good hands, Ehiarinmwian went about her day, business as usual, and arrived for PT with her unit. Ehiarinmwian explained that helping others is simply a part of the job description of a soldier, and it's an instinct that comes naturally – regardless of whether or not she's on the clock.

"I was in shock and shaky, but I knew someone was in worse shape than I was," she said. **"There were no steps or thought behind it, [I] just got out of the car and helped."**

Ehiarinmwian was recognized as the USO Soldier of the Year 2020 for her bravery.

DUTY ROSTER

APRIL

05-11 Steve Spencer
 12-18 Robert Wilkinson
 19-25 Tim Thomas
 26-5/2 Bob Hickman

MAY

03-09 Bob Kelvy
 10-16 Mark Banks
 17-23 Vicki Tilley
 24-30 Austin Khile
 31-6/6 Greg Carroll

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non/Member</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 60 or more 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, dining room and card 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 Dale Bateham
 Secretary Rose Ann Carroll
 Treasurer Susan Fritts
 Esquire Greg Carroll
 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 Kelvy
 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 - PER David Harrah

BAR

Manager: Gretchen VanDerent
 Bartender:
 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

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 Vice President PER Jim Aman
 Sec/Treasurer PER Wayne Nagy

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Editor: Rita Alberti
 Assistant Editor: Shari Morrison
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RV Reservations

Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

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