

THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
April 2026



Exalted Ruler Message



Brothers and Sisters of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks,

As we step confidently into the 2026–2027 lodge year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to every member of Everett Elks Lodge #479. Whether you’ve been part of this lodge for decades or you’ve just joined our Elk family, your presence strengthens the spirit of charity, fellowship, and community that defines who we are.

This year, we’re embracing a renewed sense of purpose—one rooted in connection, service, and growth. Our lodge has always been a place where friendships form, families gather, and our community finds support. Now, we’re ready to build on that foundation with a set of clear, energizing goals for the year ahead.

As we embark on this new term, I’m filled with gratitude for the trust you’ve placed in me and excitement for what we will accomplish together. This is our year to grow, to serve, and to strengthen the bonds that make Everett Elks Lodge #479 a true home for Elkdom and fellowship.

Let’s make 2026–2027 a year to remember.

Fraternally,

Rod Sniffen

2026-2027 Goals

1. Grow Our Membership

Membership is the heartbeat of our lodge. This year, we’re committed to welcoming new faces—friends, neighbors, coworkers, and community members who share our values. Every new member brings fresh energy, new ideas, and a stronger future for #479. Let’s all take part in inviting others to experience what makes this lodge special.

2. Host Monthly Events That Bring People Together

We’re planning a full calendar of monthly events designed to attract diverse groups from across Everett and beyond. From family-friendly gatherings to themed socials, community outreach activities, and cultural celebrations, our goal is to make the lodge a vibrant hub of activity all year long.

3. Engage Every Member in Service and Fellowship

Service is at the core of Elkdom, but so is camaraderie. This year, we want every member—new, returning, or long-time—to feel connected and involved. Whether it’s volunteering at a charity event, helping with a lodge project, or simply showing up to share a meal and conversation, your participation matters. Together, we can create a lodge environment where everyone feels valued and included.

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 – Rod Sniffen
- 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 – TBD
- Board of Trustees – TBD
- Membership – Ann Smith (Chair)
- Orientation - Dennis Anderson- PER
- Parliamentarian - Jen Steele PER
- Presiding Justice - Stephen Ritchie
- Ritual Coach - Jeff Tiessen PER

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 - OPEN
- 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 - Greg Tisdell

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



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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

Elks National Foundation

Update from Annie Hall Currie, Elks National Foundation 2025-26 Chair

Our old year is ending and the new one is just beginning for our Lodge and Elks National Foundation. It's time for me to pass the baton after a few years as the ENF Lodge Chair but what a great experience it has been! In spite of not getting a 1000 point ENF Chair Challenge score, we are on track to win best in state and \$500! That would be thanks to the members who believe that charity is our overriding purpose. Thank you to our 17+ members who donate monthly to Elks National Foundation to help our local charities. Thank you also to our 38 members and spouses (and often the same folks) who gave \$50 or more this Lodge year to help local families in need, support veterans, empower our youth and partner with our military. Special thanks to our 22 new members this year who will hopefully contribute to ENF yearly in years to come. Thank you so much to our members who believe we have fun and fellowship while helping our community with our charitable goals.



Veterans Committee: Report on 2025-2026

Our Veterans Committee had a successful year serving our Veterans. Many thanks to everyone who supported these activities and our local heroes! Here are some highlights:

1. We provided monthly meals, pantry and freezer items and toilet paper to 20 veterans living at Sebastian Place.
2. Delivered 20 buckets full of cleaning supplies to Sebastian Place veterans.
3. Provided 125 breakfast boxes, 175 lunch boxes, snacks and beverages to attendees of the Snohomish County Standdown.
4. Purchased and delivered 120 turkeys and sides for Thanksgiving to Veterans. We partnered with the VA Service Center and Navy Support Center for distribution.
5. Purchased 125 hams and sides for Christmas to Veterans. We partnered with the Navy Family Support Center for distribution.
6. Provided 8 camping kits to homeless veterans.
7. Provided sweatpants, hoodies, snacks and puzzle books to patients at Seattle VA hospital.
8. Provided 8 Welcome Home packages to newly housed veterans.
9. Provided 24 new blankets to veterans at Sebastian and Clare's Place.
10. Provided Super Bowl watch party food to the 20 vets at Sebastian Place.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!

Our herd continues to grow! Last month we were pleased to welcome Kaitlyn Griffith to the #479.

Give Kaitlyn a warm Elks welcome next time you see her at the Lodge.



News & Announcements...continued

Get active with Elks Online!

At this past Winter Convention, we were introduced to a new way to stay connected and have a little extra fun with the Elks: ElksOnline.org.

This dynamic and techy website brings your home lodge to life with easy access to upcoming dinners, live music, fundraisers, meetings, and special events. It's clean, simple to navigate, and designed so you can quickly see what's happening in Everett and throughout our district.



But it doesn't stop at event listings. ElksOnline.org also features interactive **Challenges** where members and lodges can earn points, spark friendly competition, and celebrate involvement. From participation goals to service-driven activities, these challenges reward engagement and highlight the incredible work happening across the district. It's a fun way to stay active, represent your lodge, and maybe even climb the leaderboard.

Explore what neighboring lodges are hosting, discover new events to attend, and track your progress along the way. ElksOnline.org isn't just a website. It's a digital gathering place that reflects the energy, service, and camaraderie that define the Elks.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

- **APRIL 3RD:**
Flatbread Pizzas
by Tod, Shawn & Bret **\$14**
- **APRIL 10TH:**
Smashburgers & Fries
by Monday Night Football Crew **\$10**
- **APRIL 17TH:**
Chicken Parmesan
by Tod Smith **\$10**
- **APRIL 24TH:**
Beef Stroganoff, green beans and garlic bread by Jen Steele **\$12**

Join us every Friday for a delicious meal!

News & Announcements...continued

Chaplain's Corner

By Joceylyn Sievers-Bailey, Chaplain

Kindness Matters! Have you ever heard, *"it is better to give than receive"*? What does that mean to you?

I never fully understood the meaning of this short but powerful phrase until I started volunteering. Kindness is different for each of us, but I believe kindness is choosing to do something that helps another without getting anything in return.

According to the Mental Health Foundation, "those of us who are kind and compassionate experience clear benefits to our well-being and happiness. We live longer; kindness helps reduce stress and improve our emotional well-being. Kindness makes our Lodge, our community and our world a happier place for everyone! Kindness is contagious, and small acts of kindness can lead to changed lives. Good deeds don't take much time or cost money, a simple kind word of encouragement, offering to help at an event, volunteering or simply putting someone's needs before your own can be huge agents of change.

This spring I encourage you to focus on kindness, even if it's a challenge. Remember small changes can make big differences. Choose Kindness. Choose love. Choose to care for one another.

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand". Be Kind and Be Blessed



Trivia Night

TUESDAY
APRIL 14 | **TACO BAR**
\$5 PER PERSON | **\$5**

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



EVERETT ELKS 479

BARSTOOL
KARAOKE ☆
WITH DANEN AND JEFF

TUESDAY
APRIL 28
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**

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the KNIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE

by JD Smith, Esteemed Leading Knight

EVERETT ELKS #479 CAMARADERIE

There's something special that happens the moment you walk into the social quarters at Everett Elks #479. It's not just the familiar faces or the sound of laughter carrying across the room, it's the feeling that you belong.

Over the past few months, I've had the opportunity to meet new members just getting their footing, as well as visiting Elks from across the country. What stands out every time is how quickly a simple introduction turns into a genuine conversation. Stories are shared, connections are made, and before long, it feels like you've known each other for years.

That's the heart of what we have here. The Elks is more than meetings and events, it's a place where relationships grow naturally. Whether you're stopping in after a long day, bringing a guest, or traveling through and looking for a welcoming place, the social quarters offer a sense of comfort that's hard to find elsewhere.

For our members, this is where camaraderie comes to life. It's where new friendships begin and long-standing ones are strengthened. And for those visiting, it's a reminder that no matter where you go, being an Elk means you're never a stranger.



EVERETT ELKS
Lodge #479



Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events!

LIVE AT THE EVERETT ELKS! Music 6-9pm

Nikki & The FAST TIMES

\$10 CASH ONLY AT DOOR

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2026
OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The poster features a vibrant, colorful background with stars and lightning bolts. In the center, there are silhouettes of a five-piece band performing. In the bottom left corner, a pair of white and black checkered slip-on shoes is displayed.

Italian Summer PAINT & SIP

Join us for a fun afternoon of painting & sipping at Everett Elks 479! All supplies included.

- Saturday April 18th - 4:00pm
- Choose from Lemons or Oranges
- Italian Dinner included
- Available to Members & their guests
- \$50.00 per person

Tickets available March 5th from Jessica Mumm

The poster has a background of vertical stripes in blue, white, and red. It is decorated with illustrations of lemons and oranges in the corners.

KENTUCKY DERBY & HORSE RACES

AT THE EVERETT ELKS

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026





WATCH THE RACE AT 3:57PM PST!
Horse Races Start at 5:30PM!

Best Dressed Prize! **Best Hat Prize!** **Best Jockey Prize!**

JOIN US FOR A FAST & FUN TIME!

The poster depicts a horse race in progress with three jockeys on their horses. The background shows a racetrack with a church steeple in the distance. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a top hat, a floral hat, a jockey's silks, and stacks of money.

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>	
	<p>NEW date! Cribbage has moved to Tuesdays! Come play first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; \$10 buy-in and winner takes all!</p>	
	<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>	
	<p>Every fourth Tuesday bring out your inner rock star at Barstool Karaoke! From 6-8 p.m.</p>	
THURSDAYS	<p>Stay engaged with the #479: Lodge meetings are first and third Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.</p>	
	<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	<p>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.</p>	
SATURDAYS	<p>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.</p>	



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 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM Trustee Meeting 5:30 PM	2 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	3 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	4 Nikki & the Fast Times Live music/Open House 6-9PM
5 CLOSED Happy Easter!	6	7 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	8 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	9  @5:30pm \$599 Blackout Dinner special	10 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	11
12	13	14 Trivia @ 6PM Ping Pong @5:30 PM	15 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM BOD Meeting @5:30 PM	16 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	17 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	18 Paint n Sip @ 4PM  Starts @5pm
19	20	21 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	22 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	23  @5:30pm \$599 Blackout Dinner special	24 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	25
26	27	28 Barstool Karaoke @ 6 PM Ping Pong @5:30 PM	29 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	30		



Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<p><u>1st</u> Menda McCamey</p> <p><u>2nd</u> Doug Brown Jack Hansen Theron McCain</p> <p><u>3rd</u> Ricardo Velasco</p> <p><u>5th</u> Donald Hopkins</p> <p><u>6th</u> Donna Cota Susan Heath Matt Jarolimek Deanne Larsen</p> <p><u>7th</u> David Eason Paityn Myron Randy Utt</p> <p><u>8th</u> Krystene Barnes Carol Carrick Heather Reid Debra Ritchie</p>	<p><u>9th</u> Michele Anton Ted Brown Barbara O'Brien</p> <p><u>10th</u> Alexandra Buerkel Adam Clark</p> <p><u>11th</u> Callie Berg Cynthia Camp Frank Wilson</p> <p><u>12th</u> Shirley Gray</p> <p><u>13th</u> Jonathan Dewdney Larry Holzerland</p> <p><u>14th</u> Daniel Michel Roy Miller Samuel Owen Kirk Parker Deneane Robbins Richard Webber</p> <p><u>15th</u> Stuart Turner Diane Vogel</p>	<p><u>16th</u> Cynthia Selby Donald Skraitz</p> <p><u>17th</u> Gerald Aaron Jack Allen Larry Larson</p> <p><u>18th</u> David Hambridge Maylene Harris David Johnson Thomas O'Day Steven Thomas Ashlee Wehage</p> <p><u>19th</u> Jim Sheflo Maddy Utt</p> <p><u>20th</u> Dennis Andersen Charles Simpson</p> <p><u>21st</u> Steve Carlson Melinda Perrigoue</p> <p><u>22nd</u> Chris Middendorf</p>	<p><u>23rd</u> Rebecca Baumbach Brian Wade</p> <p><u>24th</u> Alison Musch</p> <p><u>25th</u> Ronald Krueger Michael Oberg Allison Rothstein Mike Simon</p> <p><u>26th</u> James Blake Lena Rudquist JD Smith</p> <p><u>27th</u> Jill Marilley James Masterson Lisa Naff Jay Sunderland</p> <p><u>28th</u> Kimberly Ostman</p> <p><u>29th</u> Jennifer Barrows</p> <p><u>30th</u> Charles Shurstad</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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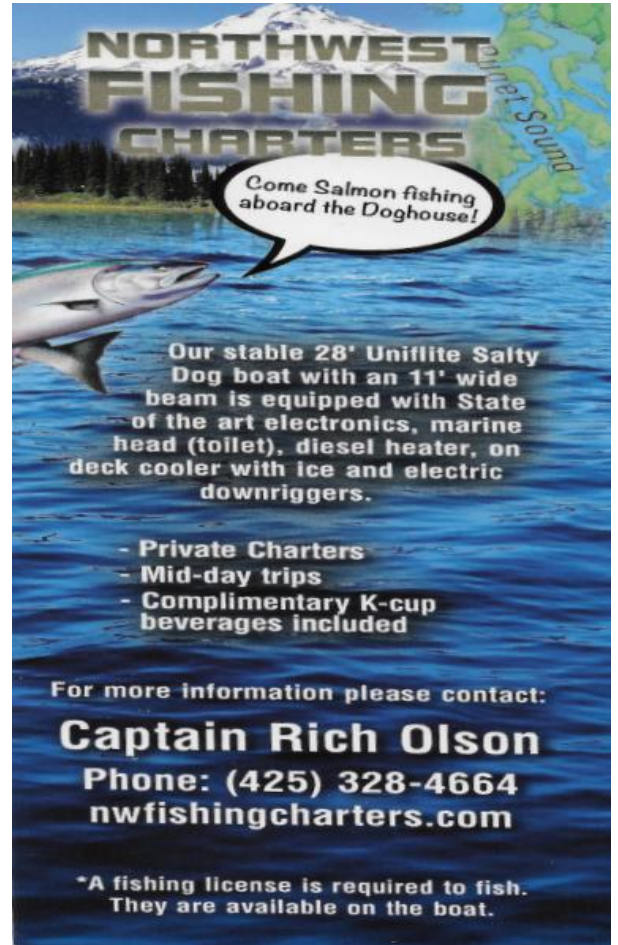
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The hall, separate from our social area, includes a dance floor, PA system, prep kitchen, elegant vintage lighting, and private restrooms.

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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