

THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
May 2026



Exalted Ruler Message



As we move further into the 2026–2027 lodge year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a full and exciting April we've had here at Everett Elks Lodge #479. Transition months are always busy, but this one has been especially active as our new officers and staff step into their roles and begin finding their rhythm. I'm proud of the teamwork, patience, and dedication everyone has shown during this period of learning and adjustment.

A Lodge in Transition — and Moving Forward Together

With nearly all new officers formally stepping into their positions, April has been a month of learning curves and collaboration. Every role in this lodge matters, and I want to acknowledge the effort each person has put into understanding their responsibilities and supporting one another. Transition isn't always easy, but our team has handled it with commitment and heart. The challenges will continue into the next few months, and working together there is nothing we can't accomplish.

A Successful Open House Featuring Nikki & The Fast Times

Our April highlight was definitely our **Open House**, headlined by the high-energy performance of **Nikki & The Fast Times**. This event brought together members, guests, and community friends for an evening that truly showcased the spirit of our lodge. The music, the turnout, and the enthusiasm in the room made it clear just how much potential we have as we move into the year ahead. The Open House wasn't just a great party — it was an opportunity to introduce new faces to who we are and what we stand for. The positive feedback we received throughout the night was a testament to the hard work of everyone involved in planning, promoting, and hosting the event.

Looking Ahead

April set a strong foundation for the year to come. We've shown that even in the midst of change, our lodge remains active, welcoming, and full of momentum. As we continue to grow, learn, and work together, I'm excited for the opportunities ahead — from strengthening our membership to expanding our events to deepening our service in the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed, attended, volunteered, or simply brought their positive energy to the lodge this month. Your involvement is what keeps Everett Elks #479 thriving.

Here's to a great start — and an even better year ahead.

Faternally,

Rod Sniffen

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 – JD Smith
- Board of Trustees – Dan Hansen
- Membership – Ann Smith (Chair)
- Orientation - Dennis Anderson- PER
- Parliamentarian - Jen Steele PER
- Presiding Justice - TBD
- Ritual Coach - TBD

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 – Tim Collings
- 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 – Rod Sniffen

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

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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

Lodge Rental Room Update: New Managers Take the Helm

Our Lodge is entering a new chapter in rental room management and we are pleased to welcome Julie Willie and Alex Buerkel as our new management team! Julie will serve as the primary contact for event scheduling, rental agreements and event details and logistics. Alex will handle day-of coordination. Both bring strong organizational skills and a warm, welcoming approach that aligns beautifully with our Lodge's values. Deposits and financial processing will be handled by Denise Bachofer, our new Lodge Secretary, ensuring smooth and timely coordination for all rentals. As we welcome this new team, let's also give a BIG THANK YOU to Wendy Cook, who has done an excellent job managing the rental room over the years.

Contact Information:

- For rental inquiries and scheduling, contact Julie Willie:
 - Email: Julie@communityjf.com | Phone: 425.343.3819
- For deposit-related questions, contact Lodge Secretary Denise Bachofer:
 - Call the Elks office: 425-252-4179

Hoppy Easter! Elks Bring Easter Fun

Judging by the happy smiles, our Elks Easter party for children was a success. Although attendance was less than expected, the event featured carnival games, prizes and even a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny! At the party, children got tickets to play the 15 carnival games. At each booth they received a prize and candy to go in their treat bag. The Easter Bunny joined the fun and posed with guests for pictures. Following the games everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chips and juice boxes. Every child left with a treat bag full of plastic eggs, candy and game prizes and an Easter basket full of goodies. The extra baskets were delivered to Tomorrow's Hope childcare, and their staff was very appreciative of the donation. Thanks to the many members who helped with this event, stuffing eggs, creating about 60 festive Easter baskets, staffing the welcome table and games, serving food, wearing a bunny costume, taking photos, setting up and cleaning up. And thank you to the folks who brought children to enjoy the event. It was an amazing activity providing fun for children.



News & Announcements...continued

2026-2027 Lodge Budget

We will be presenting and voting on the 2026-2027 Lodge Budget during the May 7 Lodge meeting. The budget can be reviewed by any member anytime, however we do not distribute it widely. If you'd like to take a look, contact the Office / Lodge Secretary. Copies will also be available for review at the lodge meeting.

Youth Activity: Make a Mother's Day Gift

Kids are invited to the Lodge on from 1-2 p.m. on May 3rd to make a simple Mother's Day gift and card, followed by cookies and juice. The event will take place in the upstairs balcony area. Supplies are limited; we only have 20 kits which will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Our herd continues to grow! Last month we were pleased to welcome the following new members to the #479 (from left to right): Barbara Adee, Janet Probst, Vince Johnson, Laurie Ausmus, Pam Johnson, Larry Johnson.

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



EVERETT ELKS Elks

FRIDAY NIGHTS DINNERS MAY

MAY 1	COBB SALAD by Tod Smith \$12.00	MAY 8	JAMBALAYA with Cornbread & Bread Pudding by Dan & Jill \$15.00
MAY 15	HAWAIIAN CHICKEN with Rice & Mac Salad by Wendy & Dom	MAY 22	BAKED PESTO CHICKEN with Asparagus Risotto by Tod Smith \$15.00
MAY 29	BASKETS & APPS by Bill A		

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY! DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM | DINNER SERVED UNTIL 7:30 PM (or until gone!)

News & Announcements...continued

Chaplain's Corner

By Joceylyn Sievers-Bailey, Chaplain

Give with a grateful heart!

The start to our new lodge year has been nothing short of inspiring! Record numbers of members at the last lodge meeting, full social quarters, new members being initiated and creative fun events keep smiles on faces and my heart smiling. As we move into the month of May I challenge each of you to give back! Give back to your lodge and volunteer, help a family member or friend, donate to a reputable cause, share a meal with a stranger, offer support to someone who may need it, give a hug....there are so many small gestures that really are big gestures that can make a difference in the life of another person! Last month kindness was on my mind, this month giving with a grateful heart is my challenge to each of you. Give back knowing you will get nothing in return, I promise it will make your heart smile. Have a wonderful month of May and be blessed. "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."



Trivia Night

TUESDAY | **TACO BAR**
MAY 12 | **\$5**
\$5 PER PERSON

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
MAY 26
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

The Kings Game

Looking for a fun way to kick off your Friday evening? Come down to the Everett Elks #479 Social Quarters for our Kings Game every Friday starting at 5:00 PM. It is one of our favorite weekly events, bringing together good energy, plenty of laughs, and the thrill of possibly winning some serious cash!

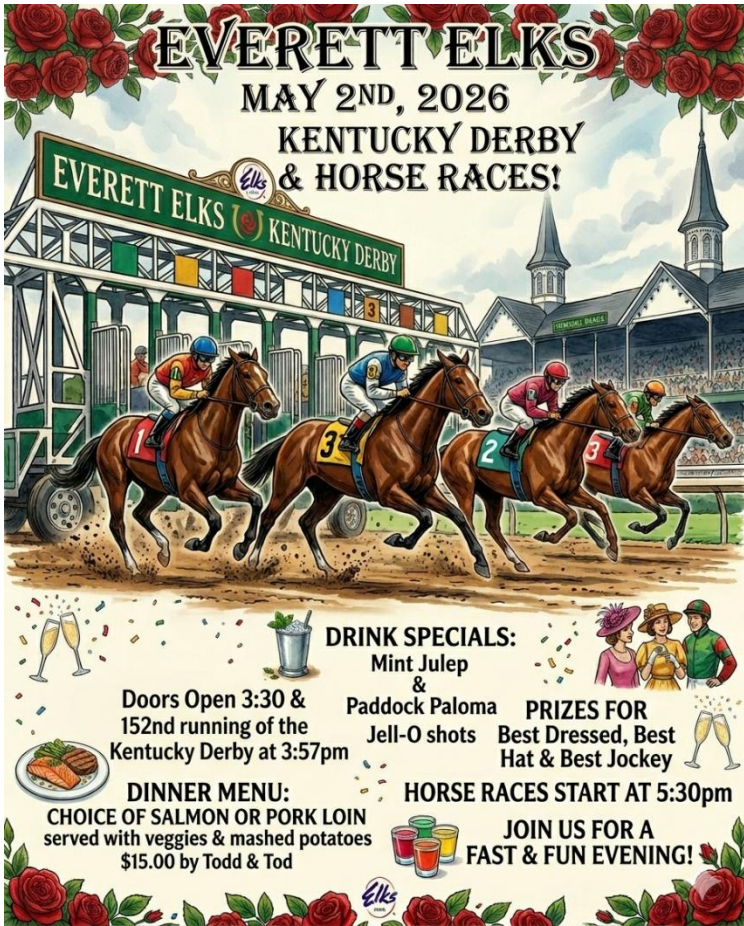
Here is how it works: a full deck of cards is placed in single sealed envelopes, each marked with a number and pinned to the cork board inside the glass display box. When your ticket is drawn (you have to buy tickets to win), you choose one number from the remaining cards. That envelope is opened, and the card inside is revealed. If you pick the King of Clubs, you win the growing jackpot (up to \$10,000), which can build into a very nice prize and keeps everyone coming back to see if this will be the week it gets hit.

And that is not the only way to win. If you happen to choose an envelope and the revealed number is 4, 7, or 9, you also win money. That means there is more than one reason to feel lucky on Friday night.

So come on in, grab a drink and some food, enjoy the company, and be part of the fun. You never know — this Friday could be your winning night!



Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events!



EVERETT ELKS
MAY 2ND, 2026
KENTUCKY DERBY & HORSE RACES!

EVERETT ELKS KENTUCKY DERBY

DRINK SPECIALS:
Mint Julep & Paddock Paloma
Jell-O shots

PRIZES FOR Best Dressed, Best Hat & Best Jockey

HORSE RACES START AT 5:30pm

JOIN US FOR A FAST & FUN EVENING!

Doors Open 3:30 & 152nd running of the Kentucky Derby at 3:57pm

DINNER MENU:
CHOICE OF SALMON OR PORK LOIN served with veggies & mashed potatoes \$15.00 by Todd & Tod



EVERETT ELKS
MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

DOORS OPEN AT 11AM WITH MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY TO START THE MORNING

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH BUFFET

- ♦ Eggs ♦ Fruit
- ♦ Breakfast Meats
- ♦ Hashbrowns
- ♦ Mini Waffles & more!

Food Prepared & Served by:
MARK OBOM & JEN STEELE

MOM-OSA'S WILL BE SERVED!

COMPLIMENTARY FLOWER CORSAGES FOR THE MOM'S CRAFTED BY JEN

COST:
FREE FOR MOM'S & SUGGESTED \$10 DONATION FOR ALL OTHERS

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE 479 PER COMMITTEE

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS & DONORS FOR RECOGNIZING & CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL MOM'S IN OUR LIVES!



MEMORIAL DAY

Flag Planting at Evergreen Cemetery

Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 AM
Rain or Shine!







ON Fridays

WE WEAR RED

REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

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 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	2 Kentucky Derby & Horse Races @3:30 PM
3 Kids Craft Activity: Mother's Day Gifts 1-2 PM	4	5 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	6 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM 	7 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	8 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	9
10 Mother's Day Brunch Doors open @ 11 AM	11	12 Trivia @ 6PM Ping Pong @5:30 PM	13 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	14  @5:30pm \$599 Blackout Dinner special	15 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	16  Starts @5pm
17	18	19 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	20 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM BOD Meeting @5:30 PM	21 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	22 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	23 Memorial Day Flag Planting @9:30 AM
24	25	26 Barstool Karaoke @ 6 PM Ping Pong @5:30 PM	27 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	28  @5:30pm \$599 Blackout Dinner special	29 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle Kitchen Open	30
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May

Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<p><u>1st</u> Julie Urdahl</p> <p><u>2nd</u> Marilee Pearson Maralyin Smith</p> <p><u>3rd</u> Ellen McDonals Gregory Meuret</p> <p><u>4th</u> Nick Alvanos Delynn Schlecht Kelly Shepherd</p> <p><u>5th</u> Christopher Murphy Joyce Stewart</p> <p><u>6th</u> Joseph Martinez Craig Pearson</p> <p><u>7th</u> Robert Patton Shawn Smith</p>	<p><u>9th</u> Dennis Bradford Terence Lynch</p> <p><u>10th</u> David Huus</p> <p><u>11th</u> Vickie Anderson Michaele-Ann Hazen</p> <p><u>12th</u> Shirley Gray</p> <p><u>14th</u> Megan Franklin Scott Mathews Michael Shaler Ronald Stephens</p> <p><u>15th</u> Daniel Anderson Stacey Ayers Vicki Squires</p> <p><u>16th</u> Lynne Gregory</p>	<p><u>17th</u> Mardie Everist</p> <p><u>18th</u> Kari Cronin Robert Dickson Jerry Harris Julie Willie</p> <p><u>19th</u> Elizabeth Fleshman Angela Noble Jenny Overstreet Frank Ramos</p> <p><u>20th</u> Thomas Sanzo</p> <p><u>21st</u> Gregory Greer Shawn Hayes</p> <p><u>23rd</u> Jack Giddens Garrett Price</p>	<p><u>24th</u> Cheryl Rohde Dan Wolf</p> <p><u>25th</u> Matt Reinhard</p> <p><u>26th</u> Molly Skeel Michael Wallace</p> <p><u>28th</u> Robert Jordan Dennis McGarr</p> <p><u>30th</u> James Langus</p> <p><u>31st</u> Ryan Crowther Curtis Fraser Dean Yates</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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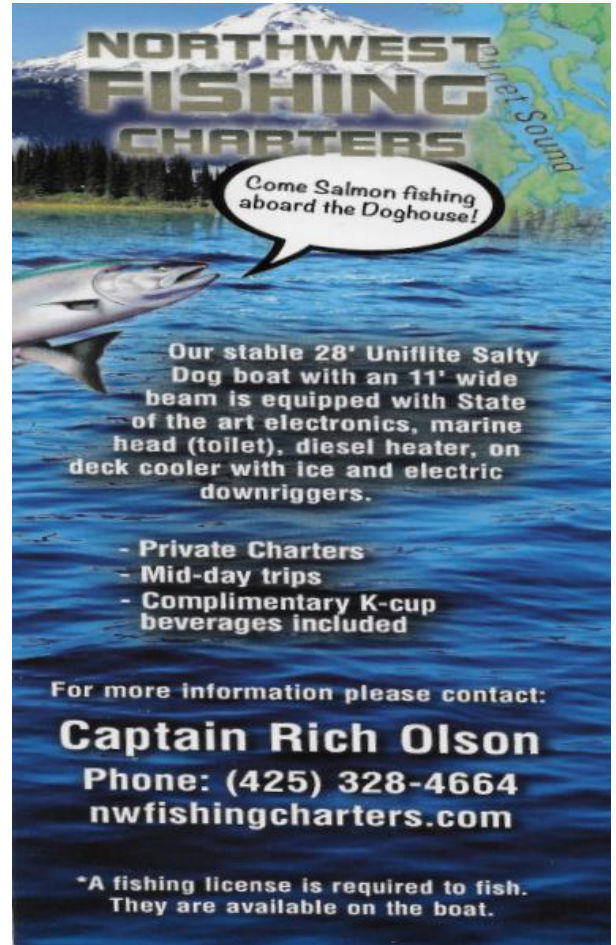
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About Us

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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