



THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
July 2026

Exalted Ruler Message



Flag Day 2026

June was a month filled with pride, participation, and strong Elkdom at Everett Elks Lodge #479. On June 14, a dedicated group of Officers conducted a terrific Flag Day ceremony, honoring the history and meaning of our nation's flag with respect and pride.

Flag Day is a mandatory celebration for us Elks and there isn't a better day for Elks to show their patriotism.

Later in the month, several of us traveled to Pasco for the WA State Elks Summer Convention, where we connected with the 35 lodges from across the state, attended workshops, and brought home new ideas to strengthen our own lodge. We also made a good showing on awards night receiving recognition for our ENF contributions and being the single largest lodge donor to Children's Hospital. For our efforts, the lodge received a check for \$500!

Back home, our World Cup viewing parties brought members, families, and friends together for lively, spirited gatherings that filled the lodge with energy. Soccer celebrations are daily and we will continue to show matches to cheer on your favorite team!

The Kings drawing continued to set record attendance throughout the month, building excitement week after week as we still await a winner. Members have been showing up in force, supporting the lodge, participating in events, and helping keep our momentum strong. With several new activities in the works every month, the summer ahead promises even more opportunities to gather, grow, and share our Elkdom.

Fraternally,

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 – Bill Alcayaga
- 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

Where to find 479 on Social Media



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TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

"IT IS THE GOLDEN HOUR OF
RECOLLECTION, THEIR VIRTUES WE
WRITE UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND
MEMORY

News & Announcements

Trivia

Trivial Matters by Danen Barnhart

Starting this month, we will include a summary of the most recent Tacos and Trivia night held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. June was another exciting evening with 42 participants on 9 teams. The winning team, "Team 'Merica" is no stranger to the winner's circle and finished with a perfect final round. And in honor of fun team names, we included the "The Kids Table," who also had a good showing.

I want to thank Bobby and the Monday Night Football crew who supplied and cooked the wonderful tacos and taco bar, Patti for bartending, and David who helped ensure a smooth-running trivia game.

July we will all be taking vacations and with World Cup and a lot of other activities, **we will be back on for Tacos and Trivia on August 11.**

Until then, may you enjoy the sunny days and if something in life seems trivial, it may be a trivia question sometime.



Last Call

Food Prep Before Lodge Meetings

As simple as it may be to order a burger before Lodge meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, we also want to be respectful of the crew in the kitchen preparing them (most are officers in the Lodge meetings), so for July, August and September, we are making the last call for food at 5:45pm, during Lodge meeting nights.

News & Announcements...continued

Bar Closed

No Alcohol Served During Lodge Meetings

We will not be serving alcohol in the social quarters during Lodge meetings (the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month) per Grand Lodge (see directly below). We will be serving beverages before and after, and the social quarters will remain open, we just won't be serving alcohol while the lodge meeting is in session. Last pour before the Lodge meeting commences is: 6:29pm.

EVERETT ELKS LODGE 479

REMINDER:

Per Section 16.090 of Grand Lodge Statutes: all Homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors shall be closed during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the Lodge. Any Lodge violating this section may be liable to a forfeiture of its Charter.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Rod Sniffen ER

Dated July 1st, 2026

The Gratitude Grant

How It's Divided and Used by Dr. Linda Averill

Here are 2 articles about the way the Gratitude Grant has been divided, how it will be used and when purchases will be made.

LIBRARY FOR KIDS

Everett Elks are creating a library for the youngsters housed at the pallet shelter. Part of our Gratitude Grant (\$1500) is to be used to purchase children's books and a weatherproof storage unit that will contain the books. There has been one buying trip to Barnes and Noble and the storage unit has been ordered.

We plan to replenish the book supply monthly so if you have any used children's books you would like to donate please deposit them in the box labeled "CHILDREN'S BOOKS" located in the social quarters. Watch the Elks Facebook page for more information.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE BOOKS

Our Gratitude Grant was approved for \$3000 for books for children who are served by Christmas House. Our first trip to purchase these books will be on Saturday, July 11 at 9am. We will meet at the Lynnwood Barnes and Noble located on Alderwood Mall Parkway. You are welcome to bring your children to help choose books. Watch the Facebook page for date and time of when we will be sorting the books by age into crates.

News & Announcements...continued

Welcome Our New Members To The Lodge

We have two new members that were initiated into our Lodge. Let's congratulate Lorrie Mutschler and Kathie Simicich. When you see them around, go up and say hello.



Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

We're looking for volunteers to help with the following activities:

- July 22 - we need help making sandwiches for Snohomish County Standdown, from noon until finished. We also need help boxing up and labeling food.
- September through December: help purchase and deliver food to local high schools.
- November: purchase and possibly deliver turkeys and sides to veterans and active military.
- December: purchase and possibly deliver hams and sides to veterans and active military.

Please text Nancy Wolke to get involved: 425-923-6131.

Friday Night DINNERS at the LODGE

GOOD FOOD. ♥ GREAT COMPANY. ♥ STRONGER TOGETHER.

We need you! ♥

We're looking for volunteers to come and **prepare a dinner** to share with our members.

Prepare a dinner that you like...



GRANDMA'S
FAVORITE



HUBBY/WIFE'S
FAVORITE



YOUR
FAVORITE

We can't wait to see what you'll share!

WE WOULD LIKE TO FILL UP OUR
FRIDAY NIGHTS
for



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER

If you have a Friday available that far out,
we'd love to hear from you! ♥



*Be a part of
something special!* ♥

Pick a Friday, plan a meal,
and enjoy a night of
great food and
even better company.

SIGN UP TODAY!

♥ TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: ♥

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the KNIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE

by JD Smith, Esteemed Leading Knight

Every Quarter Hour Counts

The strength of Everett Elks Lodge #479 has always come from its members. Like Elks lodges across the country, we rely heavily on volunteers to keep our programs, events, community outreach, and day-to-day lodge support moving forward. Whether you are helping with an event, setting up tables, cooking, cleaning, delivering supplies, making phone calls, attending a committee meeting, or driving your own vehicle for lodge business, that time matters.

That is why it is so important that every member reports their volunteer hours and mileage to Tessa Long. And yes, every quarter-hour and every mile counts.

Tracking our volunteer time and mileage is not just about keeping records. It helps tell the larger story of who we are as a lodge and how much we give back to our members, our community, and the mission of Elksdom. When Grand Lodge sees the true number of hours we are volunteering, they see an active, committed, and growing lodge worth investing in.

The more accurately we report our hours and mileage, the better Grand Lodge can understand the work being done here in Everett. That can lead to more money, more support, stronger programs, and better opportunities to increase membership and strengthen our lodge for the future.

So please, do not assume your time is too small to report. Fifteen minutes here and thirty minutes there add up quickly. Every effort helps. Every mile matters. Every volunteer hour strengthens Everett Elks Lodge #479.

Regardless if you are an organizer of a large event or an individual member volunteering time for a simple activity, game or lodge request, it is important for each person to log their time and mileage. Make a monthly report, and at the end of that month, total all the time and mileage, and email that monthly volunteer report to Tessa Long at: tessalong2021@hotmail.com

If you are the organizer of an event, it could look something like this:

Date _____
 Event name _____
 How many attendees _____ # Elks _____ # non-Elks _____
 Total hours invested _____ # Elks _____ # non-Elks _____
 Total miles driven _____ # Elks _____ # non Elks _____
 Donated \$ items _____ (food, decorations, prizes for the event, plates etc...)
 Total raised funds or donations \$ _____

If you are an individual member volunteering for an event or activity, it could look like this:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME (hours)	MILEAGE
07/02/26	Cleaning up after Open House event	1.25	5.0
07/09/26	Bingo seller (selling tickets)	2.75	5.0
07/17/26	Kitchen - cooking for Kings Game	3.25	5.0
	Totals	7.25	15.0



LET'S KEEP IT

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HELPS US ALL**

Thank you for doing
your part!



**ALL COMMITTEES
AND ANYONE WITH ITEMS
PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR
CONFERENCE ROOM
CLEAN AND READY
FOR EVERYONE.**



JULY 15 – 26

Let's work together to make sure our
conference room is clean, organized,
and ready for everyone to use.



**END OF JULY:
ALL ITEMS NOT CLAIMED
WILL BE REMOVED.**

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

A clean conference room shows respect for your colleagues
and helps keep our space welcoming and productive.



REMOVE TRASH
Dispose of all trash
and recyclables.



RESET THE ROOM
Return chairs to place
and keep the room
neat and tidy.



CLEAR THE TABLE
Remove all personal
items, papers, food,
and drinks.



LEAVE IT READY
Make sure the room is
ready for the next
person or meeting.

PLEASE:



**A LITTLE EFFORT,
A BIG IMPACT.**

Thank You!

FOR HELPING KEEP OUR
WORKPLACE GREAT.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events!

— EVERETT ELKS 479 —

BARSTOOL
★ KARAOKE ★
— WITH DANEN AND JEFF —

TUESDAY
JULY 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

★ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: ★
FESTIVAL OF TREES COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR A DINNER COORDINATOR
FOR OUR 2026 AUCTION!

★ THIS VOLUNTEER WOULD ATTEND COMMITTEE
MEETINGS & COORDINATE AND PLAN OUR
DINNER FOR OUR EVENT! ★

★ •please reach out to Jessica Mumm 425-903-1770 •★

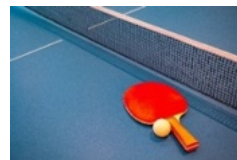
Ongoing Events & Activities at 479

MONDAYS

Check the Issue and the #479 Facebook page for events.

TUESDAYS

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!



Cribbage - Come play first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m.; \$10 buy-in and winner takes all!

Come test your wits at Trivia Night, held the **second Tuesday of every month (no trivia in July)**.

Plus, \$5 taco bar! Taco Bar opens at 5:30, Trivia starts at 6 p.m.



Every **fourth Tuesday** bring out your inner rock star at Barstool Karaoke! From 6-8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Stay engaged with the #479: Lodge meetings are first and third Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.

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.



FRIDAYS

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.

SATURDAYS

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.





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	2 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	3 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM NO KINGS GAME  Kitchen Open	4 NATIONAL CONVENTION Social Quarters Open at 10:00am
5 NATIONAL CONVENTION	6 NATIONAL CONVENTION	7 NATIONAL CONVENTION Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	8 NATIONAL CONVENTION 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 Ping Pong @5:30 PM	15 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM BOD Meeting @ 5:30 PM	16 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	17 KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	18  \$30.00 buy-in 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 @ 6PM Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM	29 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	30	31 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle  Kitchen Open	



Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<u>1st</u> Eric Hipp <u>2nd</u> Kenneth Anderson Thomas Becker Mary Thomas David Vannatta <u>3rd</u> Neal Forde Nina Merendino Darcy Stanyo <u>5th</u> George Piatz Herb Rebolledo <u>6th</u> Julie Brown Michele Sofie <u>7th</u> Chris Holm <u>8th</u> Todd Chase Jim Ollom <u>9th</u> David Killian Michael O'Donnell	<u>11th</u> Danielle Latimer James Mills Sherry Pfeiffer Beau Robinson Melodie Spillane Michael Voie <u>12th</u> Crews Bolling Richard Rose <u>13th</u> David Bowers Gilbert Emory <u>14th</u> Ian Jones Jeff Lofgren <u>15th</u> Joel Brown Sarah Cox Meredith Shropshire <u>16th</u> Carolyn Snow <u>17th</u> Jeanne Olsen-Estie John Scales	<u>19th</u> Laura Agne Rick Bachmann Clifford Coomes <u>20th</u> William Tackitt Delise Waterman <u>21st</u> Richard McCord David Pardee Gary Petersen Philip Stein <u>22nd</u> Shawn Megis <u>23rd</u> Wendy Cook Alexandra Schrader Gary Stormo Eva Warfield <u>24th</u> Debbie Sather	<u>26th</u> Nancy Juntwait Melvin Steele <u>27th</u> Kevin ballard Katrina Johnson Gordon Meuret Jim Sheflo <u>28th</u> Cassie Franklin David Hunt Bonnie January Cathy Johnson Brandon Pfeiffer <u>29th</u> Karianne Eggink Shawn Pederson <u>30th</u> Carol DuVall Michael Enberg Michael Pawlak <u>31st</u> Ronald Beltz Lori James Ledurial Wells
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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



*Everett
Elks # 479*

CONTACT US
425-252-4179



Our spacious Lodge room is ideal for hosting holiday parties, wedding receptions, birthdays, and other special events.



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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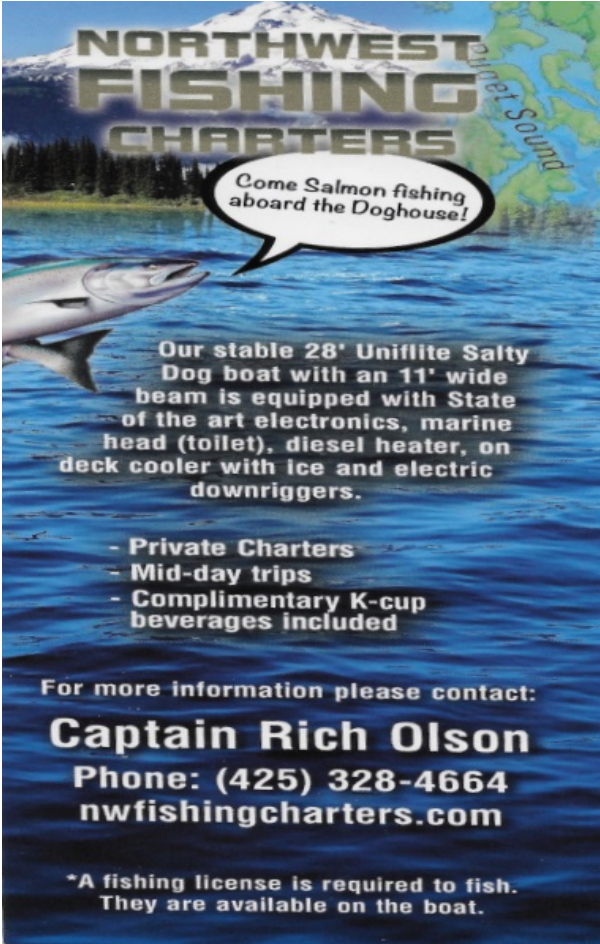
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