

THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
August 2026



Exalted Ruler Message



July was a month that highlighted both our national presence and the strength of our home lodge. I, along with several members and PERs, traveled to Chicago for the **National Elks Convention**, joining Elks from across the United States for a week of learning, networking, and shared inspiration. Participating in the Grand Lodge session — meeting and electing the new GER and national officers — was a powerful reminder of the scale and tradition of Elkdom. Representing Everett #479 on the national stage continues to be a point of pride for all of us.

Back home, our lodge stayed busy with a **full calendar of dinners and events**, keeping members engaged and connected throughout the month. The World Cup viewing parties remained a lively highlight, bringing together families, friends, and fellow members to enjoy the excitement of the world's largest sporting event! We also celebrated a major milestone: the Kings game was finally won. After weeks of record attendance and sales, the excitement paid off — and with two jackpots awarded in just two weeks, our trustee team is already hard at work reviewing, defining, and updating the rules to ensure we remain responsible stewards of the funds we collect and award through the Kings game. Their diligence helps protect the integrity of the game and the financial health of our lodge.

Membership continues to be one of our strongest areas of growth. I encourage every member to **keep recruiting**, because members truly are the heart of our lodge. We recently voted in **12 new members**, and the office is working hard to get all of them to initiation soon. Welcoming new faces and new energy is essential to our future, and your efforts make that possible.

Looking ahead, **more events and specials are already being planned**, ensuring that Everett Elks #479 remains active, welcoming, and full of opportunities to share your Elkdom. Summer is in full swing, and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge — participating, connecting, and helping us continue to grow.

Fraternally,

Rod Sniffen



WA State Elks at National Convention in Chicago

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 – 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 – 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



[@ Everett Elks 479](#)



[Everett Elks Lodge #479](#)



[Elks.org](#)



425-252-4179



[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

Gratitude Grant Funds Books for Youths

What does \$3,000 worth of books look like? The picture shows it all: six full, heavy boxes and a very long receipt! Jess Crane, her daughter Ry, Ann Currie and Linda Averill did some expert shopping, finding favorite titles and on-sale specials, finishing this enjoyable outing in less than an hour at Barnes and Noble, who also gave us 10 percent off! This concludes the spending of the Gratitude Grant. Our next task will take place Thursday, August 13 at 4 p.m. (before bingo) and everyone is welcome to come help. We will be putting drug awareness bookmarks in each book and sorting them by age group into milk crates.



21st Blood Drive A Success!

Next drive on August 28

We held our 21st blood drive on June 26th in partnership with the Rotary Club of Everett and the American Red Cross. This drive collected 27 units of blood -- each unit of blood can potentially save 3 lives. Since we began hosting drives in 2022, we have collected 618 units of blood, enough to have impacted and potentially helped save over 1800 lives! That's pretty incredible! Our next drive is scheduled for Friday, August 28 from 10:00 - 3:00. If you are interested in signing up to donate, please click on the link below or go the American Red Cross website and search for our drive by typing in the 98201 area code.

[Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross](#)



Also, please reach out if you'd like to volunteer for a couple hours at the check-in table. Thank you all for coming together to make a huge difference in our community!

Elks National Foundation

Update from Linda Averill

Thanks to everyone who donated to ENF last year! Your donations allowed our Lodge to receive a \$4,500 Gratitude Grant from Grand Lodge and fulfill one need in our community. Marvin Rosales, Case Manager at the Women and Children's Pallet Shelter, said the children didn't have any books. When we asked about shelving, there was no space. That was when it was decided that a weatherproof, outdoor shed with shelves would work. We spent \$500 on the shed and \$1000 on books. Thanks to Jerry Wynne, Vickie Anderson and Nancy Wolke for their help in setting it up at the shelter. We celebrated with a ribbon cutting and cake and ice cream for residents and staff. We would like to continue providing books for this library on an ongoing basis, so if you have any children's books your kids or grandkids have outgrown, left behind, or no longer want please bring them to the Elks. There is a box on the table outside the gate where you can leave them. Also, let your friends and neighbors know you are collecting kids books for this Elks project. Thank you!



ELKS LODGE OFFICERS



LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. COMMUNITY.



Our Lodge is guided by dedicated members who volunteer their time, talents and leadership to serve you and our community. Each officer plays an important role in keeping our Lodge strong today and for generations to come.



HOW OFFICERS ARE SELECTED

- ★ Nominations are taken from the floor by the Lodge Membership.
- ★ Nominees must be members in good standing and meet the eligibility requirements of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.
- ★ Elections are held annually by secret ballot of the membership.
- ★ Officers are installed at the beginning of the Lodge year (April 1 – March 31).



WHY IT MATTERS

Our officers are the stewards of our Lodge. They ensure we operate according to our Elks principles:

CHARITY • JUSTICE • BROTHERLY LOVE • FIDELITY

Through their leadership, we support our members, strengthen our community and uphold the Elks mission every day.

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS & THEIR PURPOSE



EXALTED RULER (E.R.)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

Leads the Lodge and presides at all meetings. Works with the Trustees to carry out the decisions of the membership and ensures the Lodge is successful and welcoming.



LEADING KNIGHT (L.K.)

Supports the Exalted Ruler and the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

The E.R.'s right-hand person. Assumes the duties of the E.R. in their absence and chairs important committees. Prepares for future leadership.



LOYAL KNIGHT (L.Y.)

Ensures the smooth operation of Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

Oversees Lodge activities and rituals. Acts as Lodge inner guard and ensures all meetings and ceremonies run properly.



LECTURING KNIGHT (L.T.)

The Voice of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

Inspires members with Elks principles and the history of our Order. Encourages fellowship, charity and community involvement.



SECRETARY (SEC.)

Keeps the records and communication of the Lodge.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

Keeps accurate records of meetings and membership. Handles correspondence, reports and ensures the Lodge stays in compliance.



TREASURER (TREAS.)

Guardian of the Lodge finances.

HOW SELECTED:
Elected annually by the membership.

Manages all Lodge funds, pays bills, collects dues and provides financial reports. Ensures responsible and transparent handling of Lodge finances.



TILER

The Guardian of the Door and the Membership.

HOW SELECTED:
Appointed annually by the Exalted Ruler.

Greets members and guests, checks membership cards and maintains order at meetings. The first face of our hospitality and security.



THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees are elected annually by the membership. They are responsible for the care, custody and audit of the Lodge property and finances. They advise the Exalted Ruler and ensure the Lodge is managed wisely and in the best interest of our members.



EVERY MEMBER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our officers are here to serve you. Get involved, attend meetings and share your ideas. Together we can continue to build a stronger Lodge and a brighter future for all.



ONE LODGE. ONE FAMILY. ONE PURPOSE.

Elks Care – Elks Share



★ THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SERVICE! ★

Chaplain's Corner

As summer draws to a close, let us reflect on the enduring bonds, shared memories, and community impact we have built together at the Everett Elks over these glorious sunny months.

Let's carry this momentum, unified strength, and spirit of sisterhood/brotherhood into the upcoming fall season as we align our focus toward our upcoming milestones, events, charitable projects, and shared goals. 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.

Chaplain, Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey

Trivia
Night

**MONDAY
AUGUST 11**
\$5 PER PERSON

**TACO BAR
\$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



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!	
	Come play Cribbage 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 . 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
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2	3	4 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	5 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM Trustee Meeting@ 5:30 PM	6	7 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	8
9	10	11 Ping Pong @5:30 PM TRIVIA 6 PM 	12 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	13  @5:30PM \$599 Blackout Dinner special	14 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	15  \$30.00 buy-in Starts @5pm
16	17	18 Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	19 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM BOD Meeting@ 5:30 PM	20 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	21 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	22
23 DD Clinic 8 AM- 4 PM	24	25 Barstool Karaoke @ 6PM Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM	26 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	27  @5:30PM \$599 Blackout Dinner special	28 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	29
30	31					



Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<u>1st</u> Adrian Camez John Norberg <u>2nd</u> Steven Buckingham <u>3rd</u> Henry Goldfinch Barbara Jones <u>5th</u> Debbie Hynes <u>6th</u> Cheryl Fleury Kirsten Parks Michael Taggart Sally Willie <u>7th</u> Ronnie Baker Mark Hoekendorf <u>8th</u> Paul Clark	<u>9th</u> Bill Alcayaga Michael Downey Deborah Ellis Robert Sofie Mark Stover <u>10th</u> Daniel Hines Parker Leland <u>11th</u> Martin Ballardo <u>12th</u> Brian Kramlich <u>13th</u> A Sean Bailey Mike Mowers <u>14th</u> Lawrence O'Donnell <u>15th</u> Steven Jones Robert Martinez Larry Saunders Janis Smevaag	<u>16th</u> Calvin Barnard Jon Robbins Craig Swalson <u>17th</u> Mike Hopkins <u>18th</u> Helen Rommel <u>19th</u> Marc Baker Sherry Jennings <u>20th</u> Benn Castle Phil Heidt <u>21st</u> Dale Deierling David Parker Rolen Wegner <u>22nd</u> Anthony Pawlik <u>23rd</u> Russ Evans	<u>24th</u> Charles Cruzen Jonathan Gebow Michael Thomas <u>25th</u> Don Chaffin Edward Koltonowski David Lawson Linda Liljestrand Joseph Lorenzo James Ries John Tanaka <u>26th</u> Douglas Granberg <u>28th</u> Robert Bombich Kenneth Pidgeon <u>29th</u> Scott Johnson Courtney Tharp <u>30th</u> Eddie Hemp Wendy Poischbeg
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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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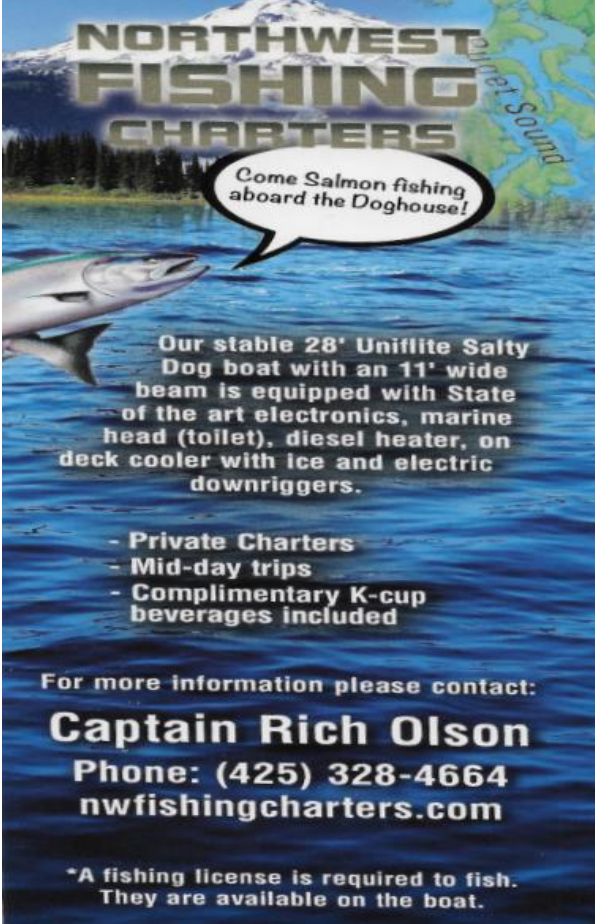
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- Mid-day trips
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Elks # 479*

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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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