

THE ISSUE

Everett Elks Lodge #479
September 2026



Exalted Ruler Message



August was a month that showcased the strength, resilience, and forward momentum of our lodge. From welcoming new members to hosting district-wide leadership, our lodge demonstrates what it means to be active, engaged, and committed to Elkdom.

One of the brightest highlights was our membership growth. We proudly initiated 10 new members, each bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to our lodge. More candidates are in the pipeline and we look forward to welcoming them soon. This steady growth reflects the hard work of our Membership Committee and the dedication of members who continue to invite friends, family, and neighbors to join our Elk family. In September the WSEA will kick off “Operation Membership Push,” a campaign to grow Elkdom in our state. We are showing that we are aligned and already moving the needle in our lodge!

On August 23rd, our lodge had the honor of hosting the District Deputy Clinic for the North District. Leadership from all nine lodges gathered under our roof for a full day of learning, collaboration and fellowship. The clinic offered valuable training and shared insights that will strengthen lodges across the district. A special thank-you goes to everyone who helped prepare the building, coordinate logistics, and serve our guests. The amazing Bailey Breakfast, Mazatlán lunch, and Drinks by Julie all brought positive comments from everyone. The atmosphere of camaraderie reminded us why the Elks remain such a powerful force for good in our communities.

This month also brought an unexpected challenge as Trustee Bret Buckles resigned due to a pending out-of-state move. We thank Bret for his service and wish him the very best in his next chapter. In accordance with our by-laws, an election will be held soon to fill the vacancy. Until that time, Jerry Wynne has been appointed as interim Trustee, ensuring continuity and stability in our leadership team. We appreciate Jerry’s willingness to step in and serve during this transition.



District Deputy Clinic – August 2026

August reminded us that growth and change often happen side by side. Through it all, Everett Elks Lodge #479 continues to show strength, unity, and a commitment to moving forward together. Thank you to every member who contributes time, heart, and effort to make our lodge a place of fellowship and pride.

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 Heath

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 – Jerry Wynne

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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TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

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

News & Announcements

Football Football Football!

It's that time of year again and fans are ready! Monday Night Football is back, with fabulous dinner specials. See page 8 to see what's on the menu. We also welcome Twelves to the Lodge to support Seahawks – including the NFL season opener vs the New England Patriots. We'll be opening the Lodge *special* at 4 p.m. Wednesday September 9th to root for our reigning Superbowl champs!

Support local families this holiday season

We're raising funds for our annual gift card program

As the weather cools and summer turns into fall, the holidays will soon be on everyone's mind. Now is the opportunity to get a head start on our annual gift-card fundraiser, which allows us to purchase Visa Gift Cards for local families in need. Last year we were able to help 172 families with \$75 gift cards each.

This year our goal is 200 families, with gift cards of at least \$100. That's about \$20,000! Please help us reach this goal and support our community. To participate, purchase "ornaments" to decorate the felt Christmas tree in the Social Quarters. You can choose from any combination of: light bulb ornaments for \$1, candy canes for \$5, ball ornaments for \$10, silver bells for \$20, and angel ornaments for \$50. For \$100, you can put your name on a star ornament; your name will also be added to the star at the top of the tree.

You'll find everything in the Social Quarters, on the counter to the left as you enter. Use the sign-up sheet to document what you are adding to the tree, select your ornaments and tape them to the tree. Leave your dollars with Ann Smith, Dennis Anderson or at the bar with the bartender. (We'll see if we can create a way to add it to your bill if you pay by plastic, but for now, it's strictly cash.) Thanks for your help spreading cheer this holiday season!

EZ Child ID Program

Every year, thousands of children go missing or are abducted in the United States. Key to recovering these children is quick action by parents and law enforcement. Having important information about a child, saved in one place like a Child ID program, can make a difference. Our lodge will offer the EZ Child ID program the first 2 weeks in October, helping parents create thumb drives with information that would be helpful in locating their child, should they go missing. Everett School District has been contacted to see if they would like to partner with us. Watch Facebook for updates, and message Linda Averill if you'd like to help: seagull3@msn.com

Trunk-or-Treat

Everett Elks will be back at Whittier Elementary for the annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event and we're looking for volunteers to help! This is a fun event with kids of all ages in very creative costumes, decorated cars, and of course, treats! We'll be there again this year handing out candy, Elks Drug Awareness coloring books and crayons. You can support this event on the day of, either by decorating a car and handing out candy or just handing out treats. Or you can donate candy – we'll need lots! We'll have a collection box in the Social Quarters. The event takes place from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on October 29 in the Whittier school parking lot. Email Linda Averill at seagull3@msn.com to get involved and help the Elks make this a memorable night for the children.



Membership Updates

Getting Involved with the #479

Update from Ann Smith, Membership Chair

Being an Elk brings many opportunities for you to participate and support. Whether you're a new member or one with a few years under your belt, we would like you to get more from your Elk experience. Sometimes we don't know who to ask about getting involved, so here are just *some of activity leads at our Lodge. I encourage you to reach out to these Committee Leader volunteers and get yourself included with what's happening.

Jen Steele – Veteran's Affairs: Jen is always assisting with the "Welcome Home" Project. "Homeless Veteran" is something that should never be easy to say. There is a reach out organization that assists in finding an apartment and we go shopping for new items. When they get their new apartment, they'll have the fresh belongings to make a home. New bedding, bath towels, shower curtain, bathroom necessities, pots, pans, plates, silverware and so much more. Jen also assists with other Veteran Programs, such as the "Stand Down" that happened in July.

Linda Averill – Family Activities: Want to talk Trunk-or-Treat, Easter baskets, Back-to-school backpacks, book drives and other family activities? Linda is your Elk.

Dominic Cook - Hoop Shoot: Dom heads up this annual event that brings young athletes together to compete with other players (in their age group) to get the most free throws. This event occurs in April. Volunteer opportunities include count while looking at feet, check off names, encourage the ball throwers while they do their best, celebrate young athletes then talk with Dom.

Walt Senn – BINGO: Bingo nights are hosted by our Past Exalted Rulers (PERs). Walt is always looking for volunteers to be sellers or callers – reach out to him to get involved!

Dan Hansen - Ticket Sellers: When we have raffles, like on Fridays and during Monday Night Football, we need approved ticket sellers. Contact Dan if you're interested in joining the call-list to help out.

Bill Alcayaga - Kitchen/Meals/Bar: Love to cook? We're always looking for volunteers to share their culinary skills with their fellow Elks! Or just help out in the kitchen. See Bill to get involved. You'll need a current Food Handlers Card, which is quick and easy. It costs \$10, you watch a video, take the test and print your card. The card does need to be renewed every few years too. Go to www.foodworkercard.wa.gov to get yourself started.

Volunteer bartenders are what keep the Social Quarters open. We have a small pool of trained volunteer bartenders and would love to add more qualified and trained Elks to this list. In addition to preparing and serving beverages, bartenders run the till, sell Pull-tabs, convey food orders to the kitchen, buzz folks in who don't have a key, set the mood with music or TV, etc. Talk to Bill for more information.

Julie Willie or Alex Burkel - Room Rental The event space on our ground floor is great for more than just Lodge meetings. Help promote its rental to your social networks. It's a beautiful space for wedding receptions, birthday parties, baby showers, family gatherings and business/corporate functions. And with every rental, our lodge benefits.

Member News:

Hele Rommel has been nominated by Nancy Wolke for a lifetime membership. Congratulations!

Welcome New Members!

Mark Hegeberg, Charlotte Hegeberg and Michael Boyle recently joined our herd. Give them a warm welcome when you see them around the lodge!



Chaplain's Corner

Happy September! The arrival of fall brings a powerful reminder that change can be beautiful. As the leaves turn colors and the air cools, nature shows us the grace of letting go and slowing down. If you are feeling overwhelmed by life's transitions, use this season to reset your spirit. Please reach out if you need any support. 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





the KNIGHT'S COMMUNIQUE

by JD Smith, Esteemed Leading Knight

Calling Thy Numbers

One of the things I enjoy most about Bingo, held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, is the personality each caller brings to the game. Everyone has their own style, rhythm, and way of keeping the evening entertaining.

But if you happen to come to Bingo when I, JD Smith, am calling the numbers, you get a little something extra. Not only do you get to daub the numbers on your card, you may also learn a fascinating, unusual, or completely ridiculous fact connected to the number I just called.

Some of these facts are genuinely interesting. Some are surprising. Others are just plain silly. Either way, they add a little more entertainment to the evening and might even give you something new to share later.

So, if you haven't made it to Bingo on one of the nights I'm calling, I encourage you to come check it out. And since I'm feeling particularly gracious, I thought I'd give you a small taste of some of the interesting facts you might hear.

Who knows? You may even walk away with the perfect bit of useless knowledge to impress everyone at your next cocktail party... or Candle Lite party, if that's more your style.



B 2

An astronaut can be up to 2 inches taller returning from space (the cartilage disks in the spine expand in the absence of gravity).



I 18

A horses have 18 more bones than humans



N 44

A shark's top speed is 44mph



G 50

Ants can lift 50 times their own weight



O 70

A violin contains over 70 separate pieces of wood



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SEAWHAKS BUNCO AT THE LODGE

Roll off your Seahawks Breakfast with us!

Join the **Everett Elks** for a fun-filled day!

Sunday September 27th

ROLL A BUNCO! SCORE THE BEST!

MINI BUNCO BUNCOS LOSSES

TIME: 1:00PM
(or immediately following the Seahawks game!)

Bring a guest to enjoy a great day at the lodge!



MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL DINNER MENU

9/14



BRONCOS vs CHIEFS

**BACON CHEESEBURGER
& FRENCH FRIES**



**EVERY
DINNER
\$5.00**

9/21



GIANTS vs RAMS

**SPAGHETTI DINNER
& GARLIC BREAD**



9/28



EAGLES vs BEARS

**CHICKEN STRIPS
& TOTS**



10/5



FALCONS vs SAINTS

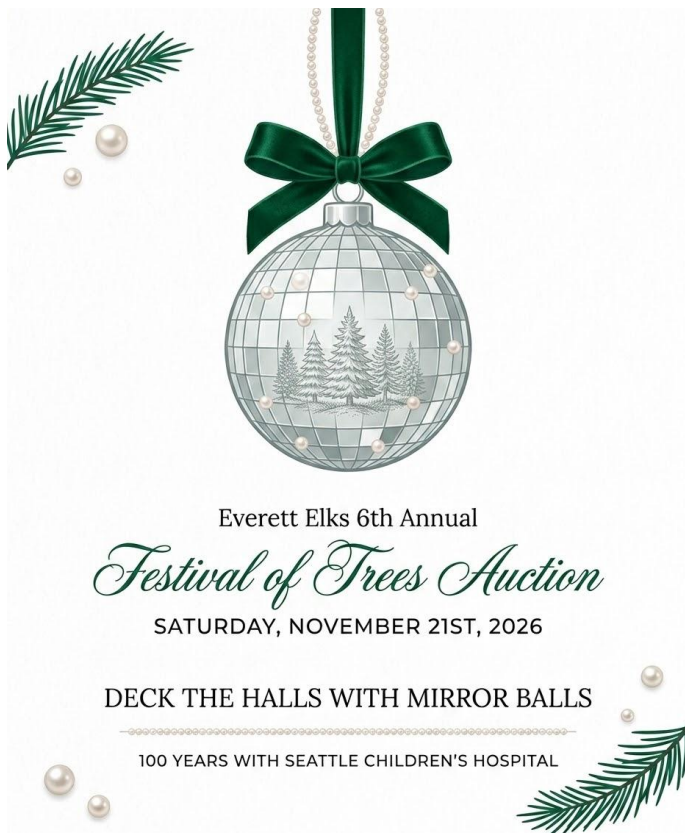
**GRILLED CHEESE with TOMATO
OR CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**



GAME DAY FEAST!

JOIN US FOR MNF!

Mark Your Calendar | Upcoming Events



Other Events (watch for more details)

- October 31st: Halloween event
- November 7th: Roper Romp
- November 14th: Live music

Ongoing Events & Activities at 479

MONDAYS	Monday Night Football dinners are back starting September 14. See p.8 for details.	
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	
	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, except for September 9th

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM Trustee Meeting@ 5:30 PM	2 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	3 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM DD Visit	4 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	
6 *Apple Cup* Kickoff at 1 PM		8 Ping Pong @5:30 PM TRIVIA 6 PM	9 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM Quarters OPEN @ 4 p.m. for Seahawks vs Patriots	10 @5:30PM \$599 Blackout Dinner special	11 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	
	14 Monday Night Football see P 8 for details	15 Ping Pong @5:30 PM Cribbage @6 PM	16 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM BOD Meeting@ 5:30 PM	17 LODGE MEETING @ 6:30 PM	18 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	19 \$30.00 buy-in Starts @5pm
	21 Monday Night Football see P 8 for details	22 Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM Barstool Karaoke @ 6PM	23 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM	24 @5:30PM \$599 Blackout Dinner special	25 Office Open 11AM- 4 PM KINGS GAME! 50/50 Raffle 	
27 Seahawks vs Commanders: Breakfast:9 AM; Bunco @ 1 PM	28 Monday Night Football see P 8 for details	29 Ping Pong @ 5:30 PM	30 CLOSED Office Open 11AM- 4 PM			



Happy Birthday Everett 479 Members!

<u>1st</u> Charles Deyo <u>2nd</u> Joseph Munn Karin Sunderland <u>3rd</u> Marty Boswell Tasha Colson <u>4th</u> Jon Clark Eric Farkasosky Tayler Southard <u>5th</u> Christine Croote Andrew Lowe Leland Wylie <u>6th</u> Pamela Swank Reija Watson <u>7th</u> Ryan Clark Rozanne Porter <u>8th</u> Shawn Stern	<u>9th</u> Ross Cheever Jeff Wicklund <u>10th</u> Ann Currie Kevin Doleshel Benjamin Rossner <u>11th</u> Sharon Ade Travis Danforth William Gear Frank Nelson <u>12th</u> Neal Fenwick <u>14th</u> Cody Bagley <u>15th</u> Samuel Johnson Theresa Wilson <u>17th</u> Michael Sorenson	<u>18th</u> Jacob Michaud Tammi Myron <u>19th</u> Brandon Gill Michael Lamont Cyndy Nance Jeff Reef <u>20th</u> Ronald Page <u>22nd</u> Melinda Kerekes Gregory Ritchey Bruce Singbeil <u>23rd</u> Patrick McCabe Nancy Wolke	<u>25th</u> Janet Probst <u>27th</u> Howie Bargreen Brad Hultman Brad McCord <u>28th</u> Nick Hoekendorf <u>29th</u> Ryan Mcallister <u>30th</u> Vince Johnson
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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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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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