



Greetings friends!

It's hard to believe that it's already May. Time keeps flying by and we are just as busy as ever.

March 29 was the officer installation. There was a great turnout. Members from the Forks and the Naval lodges joined us for the evening; some even jumping in to help in Elks' fashion. Joining us for the evening were WSEA President Elect, Scott Rainey, as well as the past state President, Jim Howes and his wife. Thank you to Rich and Jan of Palmskirts Entertainment for providing the music.

A special Thank You to all the individuals who contributed and provided excellent support for this event. Without you, it couldn't happen!

May in our community is known for its warm weather and blooms. Rhody Week starts May 17 and we will be hosting the annual pancake breakfast and Rhody Spaghetti Dinner this year. We are trying something new. We have teamed up with the Rakers Car Club for the first annual Show'n Shine. After the parade head on out to the Elks, enjoy the spaghetti dinner, check out the cars and enjoy the live music by the Eagle Mountain string band.

Just a Few quick words about upcoming activities for the month of May. Friday, May 2 is This Lil' Piggy Bingo. Come bingo for the pork! 5 PM is potluck and at 5:30 the games begin. Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is important to Elks. We hold a Mother's Day brunch starting at 10 AM where moms will receive a flower. Please come out, bring your mom and enjoy a great brunch.

Fraternally,
Rachel Cervantes
Exalted Ruler

P.S.

As a "Members Only" club you are required to have your membership card with you at all times to gain admission to the Lodge. Please show your membership card to the bartender when you arrive.

*******PLEASE NOTE: *******

***Beginning with the June edition of the THE ECHO, hardcopies will no longer be mailed.
Hard copies will be available in the Lobby of the Lodge .
Those needing a hardcopy mailed, please contact the office.***

MAY 2025

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Mark B		Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Pork Chops \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm		1 Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm	2 This Lil Piggy Bingo 5:30 pm	3 Private Event 5pm
4 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Robert W.	5	6 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Pork Chops \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	7 House Meeting 5:15 pm	8 Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm	9	10 Memorial for Barbara Garnett 1pm Private Event 6-11pm
11 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Lisa	12	13 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Spaghetti \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm Elk Riders Mtg 6:30 pm Orientation 7 pm	14	15 Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm Lodge Mtg 7 pm	16	17 Elks Lodge & Rakers Car Club: hotrods, classics, trucks & motor- cycles: 3-7 PM Rhody Spaghetti Feed 5-7 PM \$12 Members/Guests
18 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Linda	19	20 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Shrimp Tacos \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	21 Board Meeting 5:15 pm	22 Fish & Chips or or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm	23 Bunco 5:30 pm Potluck 5 pm	24 Veterans Com- mittee meeting 11am Private Event 7pm
25 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Mark F	26 Memorial Day	27 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Country Fried Steak \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	28	29	30	31 Private Event 2-5pm

Congratulations!!!!

Elk of the Year: PER Jim Aman
Officer of the Year: Tim Thomas
Citizen of the Year: Amy Howard
Volunteer of the Year: Geri Barnett



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John Hansen
Paul Lopicola
Samantha Ruby

739 Active Members

Please join us in making a difference; become part of something special by volunteering with us. The Elks Lodge is dedicated to supporting veterans, children and families in our local area. We need the passion and energy of like-minded individuals to make a real impact and difference in our community and here at the Lodge.

Support Veterans ** Empower Children ** Strengthen Families

In the past year the Lodge has had to forgo some traditional events. For example, Bonzo's Thanksgiving Dinner was cancelled just prior to Thanksgiving. The reason for the cancellation is straightforward—not enough volunteers to help prepare, serve or clean up after the dinner. This is an ongoing problem. The Lodge cannot be run on just a handful of volunteers.

More Lodge members are needed to step up and volunteer to help out during all of the various events at the Lodge. Without member help and participation, the Lodge cannot carry out its mission.

This is YOUR Elks Lodge and volunteers are needed to succeed!
More volunteers equals more money to distribute to our different charities.

The Lodge is currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Kitchen Manager

If you are interested in either, please submit your interest in writing to the Lodge office.

ELKS #317 VETERANS UPDATE



Donations:

- \$1,000 to American Legion Post 26 to support their effort to bring the Vietnam Healing Wall to Port Townsend in September of this year.
- \$1,000 to Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building Veterans Programs
- \$1389.60 for Holiday Gift and Other Expenses for Veterans and Families in Need

Since January, through the Elks Welcome Home Program, our Lodge provided bed and household kits to two veterans who moved from homelessness to housing. At this writing, a kit for a third veteran is in progress. Welcome Home is a program funded by the Elks National Veteran Service Commission who reimburses the Lodge for the cost of these items. When a bed is purchased, up to \$600 can be spent on household supplies for each veteran. Veterans are referred to us by local housing programs, including the VA, OlyCAP/Vet Connect, and Bayside Housing.

Coming up on July 28th is the Annual Veterans Stand Down. Volunteers are needed for this fun and meaningful event.

If you interested in participating in Welcome Home, Stand Down or any of our efforts to assist veterans in need, please contact Rita Frangione at rita.frangione@gmail.com or attend the next Veterans Committee meeting on Saturday, May 24th at 11 AM - Noon in the Lodge Card Room.

Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317
Members and Guests Only

☆ **THIS LIL PIGGY** ☆



BINGO NIGHT

MAY 2ND
5:30-7:30PM

POTLUCK, BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE
COST: BY DONATION 5 CARDS MAX
50/50 RAFFLE AFTER BINGO
PROCEEDS TO MAJOR MAINTENANCE ☆



PORT TOWNSEND ELKS LODGE & RAKERS CAR CLUB
presents
Hot Rods, Classics, Trucks, Motorcycles



1ST ANNUAL SHOW & SHINE

SATURDAY
MAY 17TH
3-7PM

CRUISE IN AND ENJOY THE SHOW!
SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR \$12 FROM 5-7PM




Raise A Fork at your Elks Lodge

Rhody Spaghetti Feed

Garlic bread & Caesar Salad
\$12 a plate
5pm -7pm
Members/Guests

MAY 17th
Port Townsend Elks Lodge

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MORE WORK AROUND THE LODGE

The BIG project is the parking lot. We have half of the concrete done. A big thank you to the Van Ness Construction Company, Shane and brother Jeremiah and crew, who generously donated their time and labor to come to our rescue to make this very needed project come together. There are no words that can thank them enough for the professional and timely job they did on the first half. Hopefully, we can get them to return to finish the second phase. If anyone is in need of any concrete work, I would highly recommend them. AGAIN, THANK YOU Van Ness Construction Company.

Moving on to the next project would be the Elks neon light sign, which I have all the parts in hand,. However, Stuart Duff, the electrician, is temporarily unavailable with an on-the-mend broken foot. I would like to thank Carol Wise and Ron Melheim for the generous use of their manlift on this project.

Please keep in mind, that all these jobs are done by volunteers at no charge.

One final item, I would like you all to notice is the beautiful pool table now in the cardroom that was donated by the sons of the late Robey Robichaux, Brandon and Kevin. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation.

Rich Stapf, Sr

MAY BIRTHDAYS!!

01 Blankenship, Arlie D	16 Canaday, Bruce
01 Kvinsland, John	16 Coulter, Robert E
01 Troberg, John	16 Hoglund, Donald H
02 Dupuy, Thaddeus Levi Grey	16 Johnston, Donald C
02 Meehan, Kevin J	16 Yelaca, Peter
03 Clouse, Joseph W	17 Dover, David C
03 Ellis, Sandy Cml	17 Jondle, Gary L
03 Smith, Wayne	17 Kletti, Ronald R
04 Gee, David A	19 VanValkenburg, Norma W
04 Hardy Thompson, Lera K	20 Malloy, Kelly
04 Harris, Marcella	21 Cassalery, Brian J
05 Cofer, Charles	22 Gaddis, Jack E. Jr
06 Anderson, David M	23 Baldwin, Lloyd
06 Claunch, Jonathan B	23 Brunette, Stephen R
07 Hillard, M J	24 Claybourn, Ragan
07 Tice Jr, Jack L	24 Young, Sharon A
07 Whitson, Milo W	25 Meyers, Phillip R
08 Fletcher, Frank	25 Thomas, Mitchell A
09 Bockoven, John F	26 Hannan, Laurie
09 Meehan, Kenneth J	26 Lawrence, Bob
09 Wiley, Doug R	27 Anderson, Daniel W
10 Grace, Dawn	27 Hardy, Mark
10 Van Buskirk, Ronald	28 Adams, Fred A
11 Hablutzal, Rose	28 Leith, Norma
12 Carlson, Thomas A	28 Maag, Randy
14 Arthur, Bernard L	28 Potterf, Ernie
14 Jondie, Karla	28 Quandt, Angelina
14 Lail, James	28 Afferbach, Daniel H
15 Bourgue, Virginia	29 Hutton, James A
15 Liske, Richard W 'Tony'	29 Parkinson, Roy
15 Shaw, Daniel	30 Arnold, Sherry K
16 Stanko, David J	31 Jondle, Kirk Francis

BAR MENU MAKES A GREAT DINNER!

Tuesday - Saturday
3pm - 8:30pm

BAR MENU

Taquitos	5 for \$5.25 or 10 for \$9.50
Mac & Cheese Wedge	6 for \$5.50
Mozzarella Sticks	6 for \$5.25
Burritos	\$4.25
3 PC Chicken Tenders	\$5.00
JoJos or Onion Rings	\$4.50
Fries	\$5.00
Chicken Wings (Honey BBQ or Breaded and fried)	\$6.50
Pizza (as available)	\$10.00
Cheese	
Pepperoni	
Pepperoni & Sausage	
Supreme	

\$3.00 SODA

With 3 FREE REFILLS

Bar Update

As of October 1st, here are the current prices:

Premium Wine:	\$8.00
Top Shelf Wine:	\$9.00
Well Alcohol:	\$5.00
Premium Alcohol:	\$7.00
Fries:	\$5.00



This **COUPON** entitles bearer
to a Complimentary
House Pour, Beer or Wine
in the lounge during their **birthday** month.

THURSDAY FISH or CHICKEN & CHIPS

5 - 6:30 PM

2 piece fish & chips	\$ 12.00
3 piece fish & chips	\$ 15.00
1 piece baked fish & chips	\$ 15.00
Shrimp dinner	\$ 12.00
Combo shrimp & fish	\$ 19.00
(3 pieces fish, 5 shrimp)	
3 pieces chicken & fries	\$10.00

DUTY ROSTER

MAY

04-10 Robert Wilkinson
 11-17 Lisa Mull
 18-24 PER Linda De Leo
 25-31 PER Mark Fritts MAY
 11-17 Lisa Mull

Facility Rental Rates

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Dining Room	\$200.00	\$275.00
Dance/Bar	\$225.00	\$375.00
Dining Room/ Dance/Bar	\$350.00	\$550.00
Lodge	\$200.00	\$200.00
Dining/Dance/ Lodge	\$550.00	\$775.00
Card Room	\$75	\$125
LOE	\$75	\$125
Kitchen (\$100 refund)	\$350.00	\$350.00
Steam Table	\$50	\$50

Rentals also require EVENT Insurance to be purchased by tenant with proof of insurance provided to Lodge prior to event.

There is a \$100 refundable fee for the kitchen rental if it is left clean.



WE NEED YOU!



ELKS COIN BOX CHILDRENS THERAPY PROGRAM

Please remember our coin boxes for the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children (Tall Elks).
Fill a coin box and return it.

LODGE OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

Exalted Ruler Rachel Cervantes
 Leading Knight Lisa Mull
 Loyal Knight PER Linda De Leo
 Lecturing Knight PER Mark Fritts
 Secretary Rose Ann Carroll
 Treasurer PER Angie Cossell
 Esquire PER Shirlee Beck
 Tiler Greg Carroll
 Inner Guard Vicki Talley
 Chaplain Dale Kelley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rachel Cervantes, Lisa Mull, PER Linda De Leo, PER Mark Fritts, PER Angie Cossell, Rose Ann Carroll and the following Trustees:

To April 2026 Mark Banks
 To April 2027 Bob Kely
 To April 2028 Bob Hickman
 To April 2029 Tim Thomas
 To April 2030 Robert Wilkinson

OFFICE STAFF

Bookkeeper - Ben Falge
 Event Coordinator - Renee Hammond
 Lodge Auditor - PER David Harrah

BAR

Manager: Gretchen VanDerent
 Bartender: Karen Smith
 Bar Volunteers: Jim, Vicki, Robert & Peggy

PAST GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

98-99 Ron Brantner, PER, PDDGER

PAST STATE OFFICERS

07-08 Ron Brantner PER, PST
 03-04 Linda De Leo, PER, PDLO

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Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

EFFECTIVE 1-1-2025
RV CAMP RATES CHANGE
Member \$30 per Night
Member Guest \$35 per Night

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LODGE BAR HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 3PM - 8:30 PM
Sunday - Noon - 6pm

OFFICE HOURS

9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday-Friday
Rose Ann Carroll, Secretary **email:** ptbpoe317@yahoo.com
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email: ptelks317@gmail.com
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**Please join us for Lodge Meetings
On the 1st & 3rd
Thursday of the Month at 7PM**



Elks Care - Elks Share