



Greetings Friends!

Welcome September! This last summer happened so quickly! As we return home and settle down from our summer adventures, I am personally inviting you to come check out the lodge!

September's schedule is packed. Community Service, Friendship, Charity, Veterans, First Responders, and Membership are the theme of the events this month. So much to do! Are you trying to figure out how to help out in the great workings of the lodge? Come see me or any lodge officer for info on volunteering.

The annual Veteran Stand Down took place July 28th. It was an achievement! This years event had 30 service providers who served approximately 85 veterans and their families. The Veterans Committee applied for and received a Spotlight Grant for the event. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Rita Frangione, Shirlee Beck, and the many others who volunteered their time. Such dedication truly embodies the spirit of Elkdom! Thank you !

The Elk Riders' kickoff to monthly breakfast was a success! The Elk Riders provided a great breakfast and look forward to the next. With plans of special drinks and breakfast specials in the works. Check it out the third Sunday of every month from 8-11 am.

Jimmy Buffets Summer Luau was so much fun! The leis, flowers, music, food, and definitely the company! A Big Shout Out to PER Steve Spencer for providing the cool music. Lisa Mull, Susan Fritts, and Bob Kelvy took charge decorating and desserts. We played a fun game of Heads or Tails, Susan Fritts won, and donated the winnings to ENF. Thank you Susan!

Membership is one of my focuses for my year as Exalted Ruler. Increasing membership, communication with members, and the happiness of our members. Join me the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6pm. Let's discuss membership - What it means to all of us and the Lodge. Also how we as a team can help it thrive. Our next membership meeting is September 17th. Come see how we can make a difference.

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 upon your arrival.

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

Beginning with the June edition of the THE ECHO, hard copies are no longer mailed.

Hard copies are available in the lobby of the Lodge .

Those needing a hard copy mailed, please contact the office.

There are two ways to get a pdf version.

- 1) Advise the office of your correct email address and request it be sent via email
- 2) Sign into your elks.org account.



WE NEED YOU!

September

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 Labor Day Picnic 1-5pm	2 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Chili \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	3 Birthday Party 2pm	4 Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm Lodge Meeting 7 pm	5 This Lil' Piggy Bingo 5:30 pm Potluck 5 pm	6 CORNHOLE 3pm-6:30pm
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7 CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Mark F	8	9 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Chicken Parm \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm30 Elk Riders Mtg 6:15 PM	10 CORNHOLE 3pm-6:30pm House Meeting 5:30 pm	11 Fish and chips or chicken strips& fries 5pm-6:30pm Jokers wild 6:15pm	12 First Responders Luncheon 11am	13 Elk Riders- Honoring all who Served Randall Wolfe Band 5pm
14 DD Clinic 10am Shirlee B	15	16 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Spaghetti \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm Orientation 7 pm	17 CORNHOLE 3pm-6:30pm Membership Meeting 6 pm	18 Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5pm - 6:30pm Joker's Wild 6:15pm Lodge Meet- ing & Initiation 7pm	19	20 Poker Run 1pm
21 Elk Riders Breakfast 8am CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE Angie C	22	23 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Country Fried Steak \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	24 Kiwanis Installation Banquet 5pm Board Meeting 5:30pm	25 Fish and chips Chicken strips& fries 5pm-6:30pm Jokers wild 6:15pm	26 Bunco 5:30 pm Potluck 5 pm	27 Lodge Garage Sale for Charity 9-1 CORNHOLE 3pm-6:30pm
28 2025 Bar Olympics 12 PM Greg C	29	30 Tuesday Dinner 5pm - 6pm Salmon \$16 Queen of Hearts 6:15pm	2			

Upcoming Events at the Lodge



- ◆ September 1st– Labor Day BBQ
- ◆ September 5– This Lil’ Piggy Bingo
- ◆ September 12– First Responders Luncheon
- ◆ September 13– Honoring All Who Served
featuring ‘The Randall Wolf Band’
- ◆ September 20th-Poker Run
- ◆ September 21– Elk Riders Breakfast at the Lodge
- ◆ September 26– Bunco
- ◆ September 27—Lodge Garage Sale for Charity
- ◆ September 28-2025 Bar Olympics

- ◆ October 3rd– This Lil Piggy Bingo
- ◆ October 11– “Elktoberfest”
featuring ‘Buck Ellard and Friends’
- ◆ October 24– Bunco
- ◆ October 25– Halloween Party
featuring ‘The Works’
- ◆ October 31– Elks Annual Trunk or Treat

PORT TOWNSEND ELKS #317 & KIWANIS BACKPACK PROGRAM



When	# of Backpacks	# of Meals
2020-2021	2,428	14,568
2021-2022	1,765	10,590
2022-2023	1,309	7,854
2023-2024	2,314	13,884
2024-2025	2,862	17,172

STATS

This joint venture has provided over 64,000 backpack meals to children in the area.

VACANT CHAIR

Name: Steve Brunette
Born: 1952
Initiated: 09/20/2018
Died: 08/12/2025



Delinquent Members

Don't Let Your Elks Membership Expire!

We don't want you to miss out on being part of the incredible Washington Elks community!

Your membership helps make a difference and keeps you connected to all the great benefits and events the Elks offer. Don't let your membership lapse—renew today!

Life can get busy and sometimes things slip through the cracks. Let's make it easy for you to stay involved.

Renewing is simple —

- 1) Drop check off at the Lodge
Office Hours Tues-Fri 9 am—1 pm
- 2) Mail check to Lodge
PT Elks #317
555 Otto St
Port Townsend, WA 98368
- 3) Call Lodge 360 385-0317
to pay with Credit/Debit Card
- 4) Pay online at
<https://www.elks.org/payonline>
*Note: A convenience fee of 3.5% is applied to
Online credit/debit cards.

**Please join us for lodge meetings
On the 1st & 3rd
Thursday of the month at 7PM.**

We look forward to seeing you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Suzanne Anthony
Curtis Filleau
Scott Johnson
Todd Shold

738 Active Members
70 Delinquent on Dues

Echo Article Deadline:
12th of each month.
ptelks317@gmail.com

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](mailto:ptbpoe317@yahoo.com)
Renee Hammond, Event Coordinator
[email: ptelks317@gmail.com](mailto:ptelks317@gmail.com)
[phone: \(360\) 385-0317](tel:(360)385-0317)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

01	Victoria Rocconi	15	Michael Swinhoe
02	Joan Flowers	15	Joseph Vuckel
02	Mark Fritts	15	Ronald Wadkins
02	Chris Page	16	Steven Owsley
03	Linda Hinds	16	Thomas Owsley
04	Susan Arthur	16	Mickie Quigley
04	Stanley Granger	18	Mary Jane Duff
05	Ryan Lammers	19	Sandy Dickinson
05	William Ray	20	David Harrah
06	Jeffery Ackerman	20	Thomas Youtsey
06	Michael Asbury	21	Susan Brandt
06	David Pitts	21	Andrew Hovde
07	Anne McLaughlin	21	Frank Sinkula
07	Stanley Rauh	22	Craig Cannon
09	James Doros	22	Michelle Ferguson
09	Mike Height	22	Michael Whiteside
10	Brian Gaboury	23	Shirlee Beck
12	Robert Alexander	23	Poul Hansen
12	Tom McFarling	24	Deborah Greenspane
12	Mark Parido	24	Jeff Seton
13	James Guthrie	25	Frank Burns
13	Dean Johnson	25	Williams Davies
13	Mark Makarowski	25	Gene Laes
13	Heidi Ruegg	25	Stephen Spencer
13	Lavon Turley	26	Jason Crawford
14	Frank Carpenter	26	Morgan Tjemslund
14	Kathleen Erickson	27	Daniel Foskett
14	Betsy McCurdy Lee	27	Bradley Madison
14	Peggy Lewis	28	Diane James
15	Gloria Atkins	28	Teri Rostberg
15	Wendy Evans	29	Orville Oneida
15	David Plastow	30	Jim Halliday
15	David Sather	30	Erin Hubbard
15	Nancy Slotemaker	30	Thomas Lemanski

This **COUPON** entitles bearer
to a Complimentary Birthday
House Pour, Beer or Wine

PT ELKS LODGE HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday—Saturday
3—5 PM
\$1.00 OFF DRINKS

BAR MENU
MAKES A GREAT DINNER!
Tuesday - Saturday 3pm - 8:30pm
Sunday - Noon - 6:00pm

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	

\$3.00 SODA

Bar Pricing

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



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

Port Townsend ELKS 0917
 SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2025
 1:00PM - 5:00PM
 \$2 Rainiers/ Burgers By Donation
 ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
 Bring a Dessert or Side Dish to share

Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317
 Members and Guests Only
THIS LIL PIGGY
 PORK WE WITH YOU
BINGO NIGHT
 SEPT 5TH
 5:30 - 7:30PM
 POTLUCK, BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE
 COST: BY DONATION 5 CARDS MAX
 50/50 RAFFLE AFTER BINGO
 PROCEEDS TO MAJOR MAINTENANCE

FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
 Sept. 12th, 2025
 11:00am - 2:00pm
 Thank you for your service

Free for 1st Responders
 Burger Lunch
 \$10 for ELKS members and guests

Port Townsend Elks Riders
 Membership Drive
 Honouring All Who Served
 Sept 13th 2025
 Dinner only : \$12 5pm
 Burgers/Fries
 Dinner/ Band: \$20
 Band Only: \$10 7pm
 Music by: Randall Wolfe Band
 Proceeds To Help Local Veterans

BUNCO NIGHT!
 POTLUCK 5:00
 SEPT 26TH
 5:30 PM - 8:00 P.M.
 \$5 DONATION PER PLAYER
 Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317

Port Townsend Elks Lodge
 Presents
 Games will be:
 Cornhole, Beer Pong, Flip Cup,
 Ping Tac Toe, Pop Darts
2025
 Set Teams of 4
 \$60 per team
BAR OLYMPICS
 Sept 28th
 12pm
 Sign up Sheets @ Port Townsend Elks Lodge or
 email stevespencereelks317@gmail.com to sign up
 your team.
 Proceeds to Port Townsend Elks Charity.
 Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards Given Out.

Your Lodge Needs You!

The Secretary and Treasurer positions are open for the upcoming 2026/2027 year.

Looking for volunteers for “Volunteer Coordinator” and “Kitchen Manager.”

We are also in need of an editor for The Echo.

Anyone interested, please contact the office for details.

Thank you to all our volunteers who help to keep our Lodge operating!!!!



Elks 317 Veterans Updates for September ECHO

Donations:

There were no donations made outside the Lodge since July.

Activities:

The annual Veteran Stand Down was held at the Lodge on July 28. The event was a success with 85 registered veterans who received many types of assistance from 30 service providers from VA, State of Washington, Jefferson County and community agencies. There were four homeless veterans who received help to alleviate their needs. We are so proud to report that at least 26 Lodge members volunteered many hours over the course of two days. The Stand Down could not operate without their help. A huge Thank You goes out to all those who volunteered, and especially to Shirlee Beck, our cook, and her kitchen crew who did an amazing job of purchasing, preparing, and serving a stellar breakfast and lunch funded by an ENF Spotlight Grant. Over 200 meals were served to all participating veterans, service providers and volunteers. Many thanks also to the Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association for their donation of a dedicated dumpster and trash removal for the event. Our gratitude also goes out to ER Rachel Cervantes and our Lodge leadership for their ongoing commitment to allow this event to take place in the Lodge cost-free every year since 2009.

One Welcome Home Project, providing beds and household supplies to veterans moving from homelessness to housing, was completed in July. There is currently one new referral in progress, likely to be completed by early September.

If you know a veteran/family in need or if you are interested in participating in Welcome Home, or in any of our efforts to assist veterans in need, please contact rita.frangione@gmail.com, or call or text at 360-981-7668.



A Note from the President of the Elk Riders of Port Townsend Lodge #317

In April of this year, the Port Townsend Elk Riders formed and have made a great impact for our lodge, charities, and the community. We have already gone on many rides together. Recently on August 9th, we met with riders from The American Legion and Port Angeles Elk Riders and made a day trip to the Forks Lodge. Then we rode onto the Unity event in Sequim as well as Sequim Elks Lodge. We are your ambassadors in Elkdom.

The Team now numbers 20 members, and is currently growing. We are looking for others to join us in our good works. You don't need to ride to be a member. We are working hard at restarting the 317 monthly breakfast on the third Sunday of every month. Please come down and enjoy breakfast with us, bring the family.

We will be working for the Wall That Heals in this month, more volunteers are needed, info and sign up are online.

September 13th, the Elk Riders are proudly hosting an open house/membership drive "Honoring All Who Served," featuring the musical works of the Randall Wolfe Band at 5pm.



Elks Care - Elks Share

Volunteer Opportunities at the Lodge

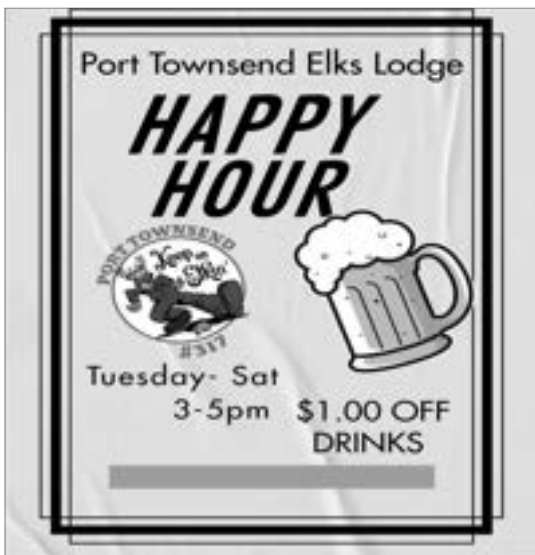
Looking for ways to give? Take a look!
Come see Rachel or a Lodge Officer for more information:

- Membership – drives, incentives, volunteering, recruitment, member communications
- Labor Day Picnic - Sept 1
- DD Clinic– Help set up and serve our Districts' Leaders Meeting. -Sept 14
- First Responders Luncheon– Serve, deliver flyers to local departments -Sept 12
- Poker Run – Sept 20
- Tuesday Night Dinners
- Fish and Chips Thursday Nights

There are many ways to help out. Have an idea, want to share?

Our Lodge operates on the work of our volunteers.

Whether as an officer, a server, or in gardening, there are many ways you can help.
See a Lodge Officer today!



Garage Sale for Charities

Port Townsend Elks Lodge
9am-1pm
Saturday, September 27, 2025
Burgers and Hotdogs available

Come rent a table!
\$25 for a table. Proceeds go to Elks National Foundation.
All proceeds from food sales will go to the Veterans Fund .
Cash donations are graciously accepted.

Contact PER Jim Aman for more information.
360-301-0728

DUTY ROSTER

SEPTEMBER

07-13 Mark Fritts
 14-20 Shirlee Beck
 21-27 Angie Cossell
 28-04 Greg Carroll

OCTOBER

05-11 Vickie Talley
 12-18 Dale Kelley
 19-25 Rose Ann Carroll
 26-01 Rachel Cervantes

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	Member	Non-Member
Dining Room (plus \$100 refund)	\$200	\$275
Dance Floor (plus \$100 refund)	\$200.00	\$275.00
Card Room (plus \$100 refund)	\$75	\$125
Bar add on	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Kitchen (plus \$100 refund)	\$300.00	\$350.00
Steam Table	\$50	\$50
Audio—Video Add on	\$50	\$50
Extra Bartender 60 or more attending	\$25/hr	\$25/hr

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 cleaning deposit fee for the kitchen, dance floor, dining room and card room rental if it is left clean.



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.

Thank you,
Tall Elks Chairman

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 Kelvy
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:
 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

PER ASSOCIATION

President	PER Steve Spencer
Vice President	PER Jim Aman
Sec/Treasurer	PER Wayne Nagy

ECHO CREW

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RV Reservations

Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

Member \$30 per Night
Member Guest \$35 per Night
