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Happy New Year, Fellow Elks!

As we step into 2026, I want to express my gratitude for the incredible community spirit and fellowship displayed throughout the holiday season. The past month was filled with wonderful events that truly captured the heart of ‘Elkdom.’

The annual Elks Memorial Service was held in the beginning of December representing a solemn tradition to honor our past and absent members. The service reflected and paid tribute to those who are "never forgotten, never forsaken." A special *Thank You* to Greg Carroll for assisting us with all the preparations involved.

The Jokers Wild has started again! This time the pot started at \$2500 and if you pull an Ace You win \$100! Join us Thursdays at 5pm for Fish and Chips, and the Drawing for Jokers Wild is at 6:15pm.

Your Lodge officers are looking forward to attending the WSEA Winter Convention January 15-17. This year our Lodge has the honor of hosting the West District Hospitality Room. We’ll be bringing back new ideas and information to benefit our Lodge.

Keep an eye out for details on an upcoming fundraiser for the Chimacum High School Band’s trip to Washington DC scheduled for February. It’s a great cause that supports our local youth, and we encourage everyone to participate!

Let’s carry the momentum of the holidays into the new year with continued charity, community, and friendship.

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 arrival.

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

**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 or
- 2) Sign into your elks.org account.



WE NEED YOU!

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>FUN FACTS FOR JANUARY</p> <p>New Year's Day on January 1st is celebrated globally.</p> <p>The popular New Year's song "Auld Lang Syne" was adapted and partially written by Robert Burns from traditional Scottish folk songs in 1788.</p> <p>January is National Blood Donor Month in the US.</p>				<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>This Lil' Piggy Bingo</p> <p>5:30 PM</p> <p>Potluck 5PM</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Shirley Beck</p>						
<p>4</p> <p>CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE</p> <p>Angie Cossell</p>	<p>5</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;">CLOSED</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tuesday Dinner</p> <p>Philly Cheesesteak \$14.00 5 PM—6 PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM</p> <p>Elk Riders Mtg 6:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>House Meeting 5:30PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Thursday Dinner</p> <p>Seton Const. Rental - 8AM</p> <p>Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM</p> <p>Joker's Wild 6:15 PM</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Baby Shower 1:00 PM</p>
<p>11</p> <p>CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE</p> <p>Greg Carroll</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;">CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tuesday Dinner</p> <p>Country Fried Steak \$12.00 5 PM—6 PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Thursday Dinner</p> <p>Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries 5 PM—6:30 PM</p> <p>Joker's Wild 6:15 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Elk Riders Breakfast 8 - 11:00 AM</p> <p>CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE</p> <p>Vickie Talley</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;">CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tuesday Dinner</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo \$12.00 5 PM—6 PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 6:15 PM</p> <p>Orientation 7:00 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Line Dancing 5 PM—6 PM</p> <p>Board Meeting 5:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Thursday Dinner</p> <p>Fish & Chips or Chicken Strips & Fries</p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM</p> <p>Initiation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bunco Night</p> <p>5:30 PM</p> <p>Potluck 5PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Rock n' Roll Bingo</p> <p>6 PM</p>
<p>25</p> <p>CORNHOLE NOON—CLOSE</p> <p>Dale Kelley</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;">CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tuesday Dinner</p> <p>Coho Salmon \$16.00 5 PM—6 PM</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 6:15 P</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

December Is Over

December is over, and January is here
Another year has come and gone,
that much we fear.
The frosty chill of winter remains in the air
But with a new year comes a sense of repair.

A time to reflect on past
mistakes and wrongs
And resolve to make changes,
to right what's been long gone.
Seriousness prevails as we begin anew
January reminds us why
our actions must be true.



A New Start

January brings a new year's start,
A chance to reset and reach our part
Goals that we've set,
but have yet to do,
To make the most of life anew.

It brings peace from all the noise,
A hope for a future, full of joys.
But let us not forget the past,
And learn from it, to make it last.



Elks Care - Elks Share

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!

Please note: Your lodge must pay Grand Lodge & State fees of \$46 per member by May 1st of each year with or without member dues payments. Let's make it easy for you to stay involved!

Renewing is simple —

- 1) Drop a check off at The Lodge
Office Hours Tues-Fri 9 AM—1 PM; or
- 2) Mail check to The Lodge
PT Elks #317
555 Otto Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368; or
- 3) Call The Lodge—360 385-0317
to pay with Credit/Debit Card; or

- 4) Pay online at
<https://www.elks.org/payonline>

***Note: A convenience fee of 3.5% is applied to Online credit/debit cards.**

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

We look forward to hearing from you and sincerely hope that you will not allow your membership to lapse.

COURAGE AND COMMITMENT

On April 7, 2003, Captain Kim Campbell felt her A-10 Thunderbolt II shudder as a missile exploded against it over Baghdad. In a single violent instant, both hydraulic systems failed. Her controls went limp. The jet snapped into a roll and pointed straight at the ground. At 400 mph, she had two options:

Eject — and parachute into hostile city streets.

Or fight a dying aircraft with no controls.

She chose to fight.

Campbell switched to manual reversion — a last-chance backup mode so dangerous the checklist warns: Attempt only under ideal conditions. There was nothing ideal about Baghdad. Manual reversion meant flying the aircraft by brute force — cables, pulleys, and muscle, like steering a semi-truck with no power steering while being shot at.

Slowly, painfully, the A-10 responded. She leveled out. She climbed away from the city. Now she only had one more problem: She was 300 miles from home. And she still had to land.



In the history of the A-10, only three pilots had ever attempted a manual-reversion landing. One died. Two destroyed their aircraft. The maneuver was considered so dangerous the Air Force didn't even train it.

Kim Campbell flew an hour like that — battered aircraft, dead hydraulics, arms burning, anti-aircraft fire still chasing her. Her wingman, Lt. Col. Turner, stayed beside her the whole way, talking calmly into her headset. When they reached base, fire trucks lined the runway, expecting a crash. Campbell touched down smooth as glass.

A perfect landing — in a jet most pilots couldn't have kept in the air at all. The next morning, she was back in the cockpit. No break. No hesitation. She flew a search-and-rescue mission for another downed pilot.

"I didn't have time to think about fear," she said later. "I had a job to do."

Kim Campbell had wanted to fly since she was 10 — the day she watched the Challenger explode on TV. It didn't scare her away from the sky. It lit a fire.

She entered the Air Force Academy in 1993 — the first year women were allowed to train as fighter pilots. At the time, fewer than 50 existed in the entire service.

When asked what it's like to be a woman in a fighter squadron, she only ever says one thing:

*"I'm not a female fighter pilot.
I'm a fighter pilot."*

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

(NOTE: July, August & December lodge
Meeting only on
1st Thursday at 7 PM.)

We look forward to seeing you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

De Ann McClung

748 Active Members
49 Delinquent on Dues

More Important numbers to know...

Of course, emergency assistance dial 911

*Jefferson County Sheriff ~ 360-385-3831
Port Townsend Police Department ~ 360-385-2322*

Olympic Area on Aging	360-385-2552
SHIBA (Help with Medicare questions)	800-562-6900
DSHS (Children & Family Services)	360-302-3533
Dove House Advocacy Services	360-385-5291
Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-8255
Port Townsend Arts Guild	360-774-6544
JeffCo Historical Society & Museum	360-385-1003
Port Townsend Senior Association	360-385-9007
AARP Driver Safety Program	800-350-7025
Jefferson County Public Health	360-385-9400
Attorney General - Washington State	360-753-6200
Jefferson Transit Dial-A-Ride	360-385-4777
PSO - Bluebills (assistance for elderly)	360-779-1203
Jefferson Cty Emergency Management	360-344-9779
AARP Tax-Aide	888-687-2277
Medicare Consumer Service	800-633-4227

BUCKET SUNDAYS
1pm To 4pm
Domestic: \$17
Premium: \$20

Port Townsend Elks Lodge
HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday- Sat
3-5pm \$1.00 OFF DRINKS

**DON'T MISS
THESE FUN
EVENTS!**

Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317
Members and Guests Only
THIS LIL PIGGY
JANUARY 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 Riders
SUNDAY Breakfast
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
8-11am
\$10 Adults
\$5 Under 12

BINGO Night!
\$5 DONATION PER PLAYER
POTLUCK 5:00
JAN 23RD
5:30 PM -8:00PM
Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317

ROCK N ROLL BINGO
JANUARY 24TH 2026
Not your Grandma's Bingo
POTLUCK 5:30PM
6PM BINGO
DONATIONS FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

01	Chuck Madison	17	Mark Constanti
02	Kurt Holmes	19	John Paine
02	David Sweat	19	Celia Walden
03	Davis Miller	20	Melody Haunreiter
04	Joseph Noll	20	Thysen Scott
04	Jim Pivarnik	21	Leonard Hodge
06	Larry Gauer	21	Elizabeth Laukea-Ryan
06	Spencer Ott	21	Ralph Watson
07	Gene Camody	22	James Bumgarner
07	Lawrence Iardella	22	Gary Kolsky
07	James Solie	22	Dawn Thomas
09	John Bartlett	23	Karen Jovag
09	James Baxley	23	Paul Lopiccicolo
09	Dave Hero	24	Michael Armstrong
09	Brian Spindor	24	Larry Greenwood
09	Robert Vezie	24	Jeanie Johanson
10	Barry Brown	24	Shannon Meehan
10	James Fultz	24	Lex Page
10	John McDermott	24	Douglas White
10	Arnold Sather Jr	25	Terry Khile
11	Rachel Cervantes	25	Jeff Larson
12	Jerry Miller	26	Andrew Fernsteiner
13	Donald Arnett	26	James Quandt
13	Christopher Bates	27	Kathy Arthur
13	Laurie Fredericks	27	Dawn Spencer
13	Sherman Good	27	Dennis Thompson
13	Samuel Mardis	28	Robert Nesbitt
14	Bobbi Carver	29	Dennis McCarthey
14	Conrad Oien	30	Ronald Button
14	Charles Seabaugh	30	Barb Gordon
15	Timothy Jones	30	George Thomas
16	Richard Stapf	31	Michelle Christiansen
17	John Beckman	31	Charles Rutkowski

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

Shake of the Day!

(one try per day)

Members have 4 shakes to roll 5 of a kind.
If you roll 4 of a kind you get an extra shake.
If the pot reaches \$500 and hasn't been won, a new pot will be started and the first member to shake 5 of a kind will win the entire first pot!
The pot will be counted daily and posted at the Bar.

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

The bar menu makes a great dinner option!

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	\$6.50
(Honey BBQ or Breaded and fried)	
Pizza (as available)	\$10.00
Cheese, Pepperoni, Pepperoni & Sausage or Supreme	
Poppers (8)	\$5.50
Chips	\$1.25
Corn Dog	\$1.50

Bar Pricing

Premium Wine:	\$8.00
Top Shelf Wine:	\$9.00
Well Alcohol:	\$5.00
Premium Alcohol:	\$7.00
Soda	\$3.00



THURSDAY FISH or CHICKEN & CHIPS 5:00 PM - 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

Volunteers are selfless— but they would enjoy recognition

Do you know an outstanding volunteer at your Lodge? Nominate them for your state's Elks National Veterans Service Veteran Volunteer of the Year!

This award recognizes excellent Members who serve veterans in their communities throughout the year. This honor is given to two individuals from each State Association, usually one man and one woman. The winners are selected from nominations sent to each State ENVSC Chair—and now is the time to send in your nominations.

Veteran service has always been an important part of being an Elk, from last century to this one. As 2024-25 Volunteer of the Year winner from Arkansas, Joy Gunter, explained, "The Elks are continuously thinking of new things that we can do for our veterans."

Gunter serves as the Voluntary Service Representative at the VA Medical Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas. She visits the hospital several times each month, consistently providing activities like bingo with snacks, and special events that give veterans something to look forward to. Recently, she and her fellow Elks cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for a fishing derby at the VA.

Another Volunteer of the Year award winner who is making a difference for veterans is Judith Wutzke from Lewiston, Idaho. Judith supports programs at the Idaho Veterans Home like meals for sporting events, craft making, and the Bakes and Bites program, which allows veterans to create their own dishes and share memories. These activities help veterans stay connected with each other.

Volunteers like these are just two examples of the many Elks serving veterans every day. Make sure the volunteers in your Lodge know you appreciate them.

Nominations for the Veteran Volunteer of the Year Awards are due by January 31, 2026.

To nominate someone from your Lodge, please visit our website to fill out a form and send it to your State Veterans Chair at elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.

Your Lodge Needs You!

The Treasurer position is open for the upcoming 2026/2027 year.

Looking for volunteers for "Volunteer Coordinator" and "Kitchen Manager."

If you are interested, please contact the office for details.

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

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

Event Coordinator **email:** ptelks317@gmail.com

phone: (360) 385-0317

Echo Article Deadline:

20th of each month.
ptelks317@gmail.com

**Let us know if you have something to
contribute to the Echo!**

Advertise your business here! Place an Ad and Support your Lodge!

Each month, our Lodge prints newsletters and emails them to our members. To help with the cost, Port Townsend Lodge 317 would like to offer our members the opportunity of advertising their business or service in our monthly newsletter. This is a great opportunity to share your business or provide our members with exclusive offers just for them.

It's Good to Be An Elk!

\$150 yearly for Elk Members

\$120 yearly for Elk Veterans

Please Contact Trustee Bob Kelvy at
bobkelvy@yahoo.com



Advertisements are for business card size in our monthly Echo.

Most Requested Items at Food Banks

Peanut butter and nut butters

Canned fruits & vegetables

(low sugar and low sodium)

Baby food & formula

Canned chili, soups, stews

(with pop-top lids)

Canned proteins

(chicken, tuna, spam)

Drop off donations at the Police Station lobby anytime.

Elks Care - Elks Share

RV Storage available

Port Townsend Elks Lodge 317 is offering RV Storage through the winter.

\$150 a Month

Available now through April 1st.

Contact Jim Aman for more Information.

360-301-1609 or 360-301-0728 for the RV HOST



RV Storage

DUTY ROSTER

JANUARY

04-10 **Angie Cossell**
 11-17 **Greg Carroll**
 18-24 **Vickie Talley**
 25-31 **Dale Kelley**

FEBRUARY

01-07 **Rose Ann Carroll**
 08-14 **Rachel Cervantes**
 15-21 **Tim Thomas**
 22-28 **Bob Hickman**

FACILITY RENTAL RATES

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Dining Room (plus \$100 refund)	\$200	\$275
Dance Floor (plus \$100 refund)	\$200	\$275
Card Room (plus \$100 refund)	\$75	\$125
Bar add on	\$75	\$75
Kitchen (plus \$100 refund)	\$300	\$350
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 CHILDREN'S 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 - Vacant
 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

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RV Reservations

Call the RV HOST 360-301-0728

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

*EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE GOOD -
 BUT THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD IN EVERY DAY.*

~ Alice Morse Earl