



SEPTEMBER 2026

BURIEN ELKS NEWSLETTER

**Thank you to the Many Dedicated
Members making our Communities Better.**



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Burien Elks Lodge #2143

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*We
Remember*

As we look back to the events of September 11, 2001, we remember the bravery, courage, and humanity shown that day, and the many that have followed. Please join with us in remembrance of the lives that have been forever changed.



**Red for valor
And the blood that fell.
White for purity
Our heroes tell.
Blue for the justice
That will be done,
Proving once more
These colors don't run.
And we're still standing.**





Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Burien Lodge 2143

14006 1st ave. S.

Burien WA

Contact Information: Byron Saunders

Date / Time: Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 4:00 pm

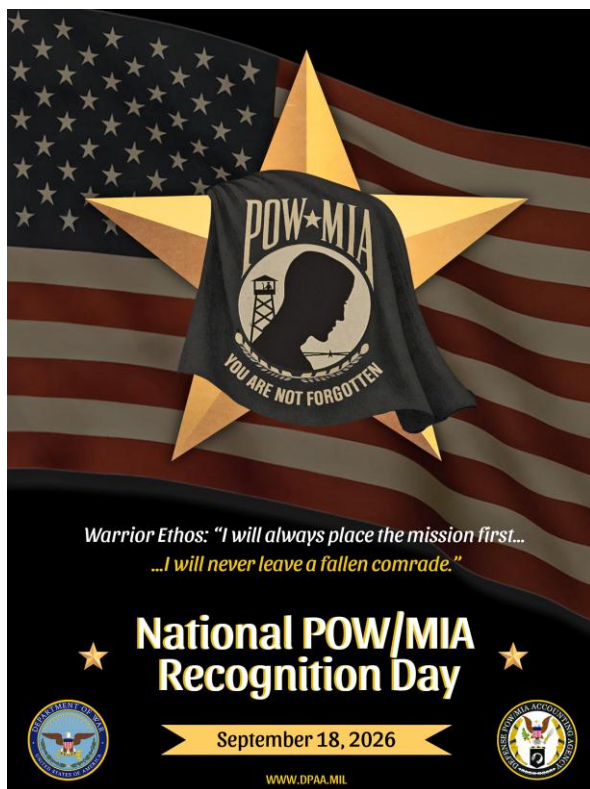
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Burien Elks and Community you are cordially invited to join

Burien Elks Lodge 2143 will recognize the "POW / MIA Recognition Day" on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 4 pm. This event will honor those who have been a captive during a conflict and those who are missing still.

The National POW / MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, other proclamations have set the third Friday of September as National POW / MIA Recognition Day. Observance of this day will take place all across this country, on Military Installations, Ships, Various Government agencies, Cities and Town, Capitals, Schools, and various Veterans Organizations.

Please join Burien Elks as we pay tribute and respect to our POW and recommit our efforts to bring our MIA home. With Elks our service members are never forgotten, never forsaken.



Byron Saunders PER
Burien Elks 2143 Veterans Chair

Valerie Wheat PER
Burien Elks 2143 Exalted Ruler

The background of the entire image is a stylized, grayscale American flag. It features a field of stars in the upper left and horizontal stripes across the rest of the frame. The stars are of varying sizes and are arranged in a somewhat irregular pattern. The stripes are horizontal and have a wavy, flowing appearance. The entire image is framed by a white border with rounded corners.

**Burien Elks #2143
We Will Never Forget**

**Join us September 19th at 4:30pm
for a National
POW/MIA recognition ritual
14006 1st Ave so.
Burien, Wa
98166**

Letter from the Exalted



Hello All,

Wow! Can you believe it's already September?

What does September mean for you?

End of summer, dreary days coming soon? For some that may be the case... But for the Elks it means Scholarship time! All Elks Scholarships opened August 15th. Do you know a high school senior? Let them know about our many scholarships. 4-year Scholarships and Trade Scholarships, reach out today to our Scholarship chair George Harper for more info.

Upcoming events: as always, we have Bingo and Birthday Club every Wednesday Night. If your Birthday is in September come in any Wednesday for your Birthday meal on us. Every Friday is Prime Rib Friday. Remember if you want Prime Rib reservations need to be made by noon on Friday. Sept. 17th is our Dinner for a cause benefiting Highline School Foundation. Sept 19th is our very Special Ceremony for POW/MIA at 4:30pm. Sept 26th is our Central District, District Deputy Clinic at the Puyallup Elks from 9-3pm. If you are considering becoming an officer or on any committee this is a very informational day, I highly recommend coming even if you just want to learn more about being an Elk Member. Please see all flyers in this newsletter for events. As always we could use more ideas for fun and exciting events at the lodge. Please feel free to email me with your ideas of what you would like to see at the lodge and if you want to volunteer email me sodomojomissy68@gmail.com.

Huge Shout out to Camp Schoenwald for hosting our annual Elks Picnic. Thank you all that attended and for bringing your favorite dishes, also those that donated all of the beverages. We hope you had a chance to hike the beautiful camp. It's amazing it is tucked away right here in Burien.

Ask yourself why did you become an Elk? Just to name a few. To volunteer? We would like to thank all of our members who volunteer at the lodge! Without you all we would not be able to achieve all that we do! Elks Care Elks Share!

Please watch your inbox for upcoming weekly email blasts to let you all know what's happening each week at Burien Elks. The newsletter is now being sent via email so please call the office or email [@burienelks@comcast.net](mailto:burienelks@comcast.net) or 206 243-2143 and give them your email. As always, the newsletter is printed and available in the lodge. If you have ideas or suggestions for the Newsletter, please send them to our absolutely Amazing Editor George Harper! Our Newsletter has never had so much information, amazing articles and layout! Thank you, George, for your hard work and dedication to our lodge! [@BurienElks2143.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BurienElks2143.Newsletter@gmail.com)

Let's all get involved and let's make Burien Elks #2143 the best lodge in Washington! We've got this!



Have a great September

Missy Wheat

Exalted Ruler

sodomojomissy68@gmail.com





BURIEN ELKS LODGE 2143
OF THE
BENENVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER OF ELKS

OF THE USA

MISSION STATEMENT

TO INCULCATE THE PRINCIPLES OF
 CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY
 LOVE AND FIDELITY: TO
 RECOGNIZE A BELIEF IN GOD: TO
 PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND
 ENHANCE HAPPINESS OF ITS
 MEMBERS: TO QUICKEN THE
 SPIRIT OF AMERICAN
 PATRIOTISM: TO CULTIVATE
 FRANTERNAL ORGANIZATION,
 AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS
 GOVERNMENT, THE BENEVOLENT
 AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF
 AMERICA, BURIEN LODGE 2143
 WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE AND
 COMMUNITIES THROUGH
 BENEVOLENT PROGRAMS
 DEMONSTRATING THAT
 ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE

BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
Elks
usa
Friday Night
Prime Rib
\$27

★ **12 oz Prime Rib Steak**
 ★ **Au Jus & Horseradish**
 ★ **Loaded Baked Potato & Veggies & Side Salad**

A Perfect Friday Tradition!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY NOON FRIDAY • 206-243-2143
Great Food • Great Friends • Great Times!

BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
Elks
usa
Daily
Happy Hour!
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

RELAX, UNWIND & ENJOY AT THE ELKS!
 GREAT DRINKS! GREAT FRIENDS! GREAT TIMES!

\$1 OFF Drinks Excludes PBR which is ALWAYS \$3
\$2 OFF Appetizers

★ **EVERY DAY • GREAT DEALS • GREAT TIMES!** ★
Come for the Deals, Stay for the Fun!

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PROUD MEMBER



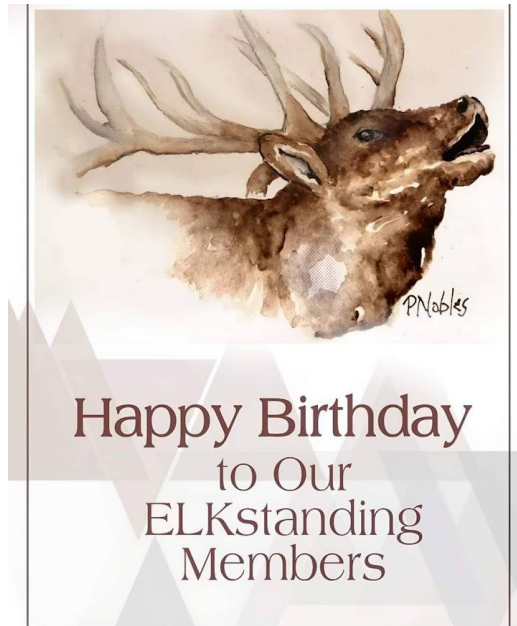
ELKS LODGE
 ★ *Be* ★
PROUD
 ★ *TO SHOW YOUR* ★
MEMBERSHIP CARD!

GOOD FELLOWSHIP ★ GREAT PURPOSE ★ STRONGER TOGETHER



September

05 Michael Hatch
 05 Valrie Wheat
 06 David Pedersen
 10 Ernest Brown
 11 William Holiday
 12 Michael Beasley
 12 Keoki Sallas
 17 Glenn Taylor
 18 Arnold Candray
 18 Reyes Ureste
 18 Karie Van Buren
 20 Shari Papczun
 20 Ronda Sundie
 22 Shane Finn
 22 Paul Miller
 23 Cindy Joaquin
 23 Richard Parker
 24 Joann Cowan
 25 Jacob Alden
 28 Donna Summers
 29 Debora Gaiser
 30 Dwight Eaton



October

03 Phylis Chandler	18 Connie Martin
03 Judy Pavalunas	19 David Banghart
04 Vernon Tom	19 Daniel Gaines
05 Glenda Ester	20 Alike Sallas
05 Ray Helms	21 Britt Kelly
05 George Johnson	21 Ricardo Zuniga
05 Llyod Johnson	22 Alex Andrade
05 Michael Lawrence	23 Lynne Hiemer
05 James Siimmons	28 Chris Engstrum
06 David Wuff	29 Scott Knight
07 Robert Walker	29 Ronald Roletto
08 Jeanne Tasson	31 James Amandus
09 William Burcham	31 James Muscat
09 Richard Marifjeren	
09 Levi White	
10 Arno Schaetzke	
14 Russell Andeson	
14 Maurice Olney	
15 Gerald Delcamp	
16 Alva Miller	
16 Gary Raymond	
17 David Langridge	
18 Elizabeth Byrce Caswell	
18 Allyson Leavitt	

THIS MONTH AT THE LODGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bar open W-Sat 4pm- 9pm	Kitchen open W-Sat 5pm- 8pm	1	2 Bingo Melinda	3 Bill	4 Prime Rib Ellie	5 Ace of Spades Todd
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Bingo New England vs Seattle Verne	10 Lodge Meeting Valerie	11 Prime Rib Tammy	12 Ace of Spades Byron
13	14 House Meeting Board of Director Meeting	15	16 Bingo John W	17 Dinner for a Cause Danetta	18 Prime Rib Beorn	19 Ace of Spades POW / MIA Recognition Tammy
20 Seattle vs Arizona	21	22	23 Bingo Melinda	24 Lodge Meeting Valerie	25 Prime Rib John E & Glenda	26 Ace of Spades Beorn
27 Seattle vs Washington	28 BloodWorks	29	30 Bingo John W			
September						





**Dates
To Remember**

Dinner FOR A Cause

HIGHLINE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
Supporting Students. Building Futures.

Join us for a delicious meal and make a difference in the lives of students and families in our community.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS. STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.

- Support for Classrooms & Schools**
We provide grants to help teachers and schools create innovative and equitable learning opportunities.
- Support for Students & Families**
We offer programs that provide essentials like food, school supplies, warm coats, shoes, and more.
- Support for the Future**
We offer scholarships and resources to help students graduate and achieve their dreams.

Mark Your Calendar!

Together, we can empower students today and build brighter tomorrows.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH
5:00PM – 8:00PM
BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
15301 1st Avenue S, Burien, WA 98148

Hosted by:
BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
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DINE. DONATE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the **HIGHLINE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION.**
Thank you for supporting our schools and students!

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
Let's come together for a meal that makes a lasting impact.

Dinner for a Cause Sept. 17

Dinner FOR A Cause

HIGHLINE EXCHANGE CLUB
Inspiring Unity. Building Community.

Join us for a delicious meal and make a difference in our community!

The Exchange Club of Highline brings business and community leaders together to support:

- YOUTH**
Empowering and supporting the youth of our community.
- AMERICANISM**
Honoring our nation and promoting civic pride and responsibility.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE**
Serving our community through meaningful projects and partnerships.
- PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE**
Working to create awareness and prevent child abuse in our community.

Mark Your Calendar!

A night of good food, great company, and a greater impact. Together, we can make our community stronger!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH
5:00PM – 8:00PM
BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
14006 1st Ave S, Burien, WA 98166
(206) 243-2143

Hosted by:
BURIEN ELKS LODGE #2143
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DINE. DONATE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Proceeds from this event will support **THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF HIGHLINE** and its work improving lives in our community.
Thank you for your support!

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!
Let's come together for a meal that makes a lasting impact.

Dinner for a Cause Oct. 15

Elks

Labor of Love
Investing almost 300 million dollars Each Year in Our Communities

A better future for our youth
A better future for our veterans
A better future for our community

THE ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

FEATURE

POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY

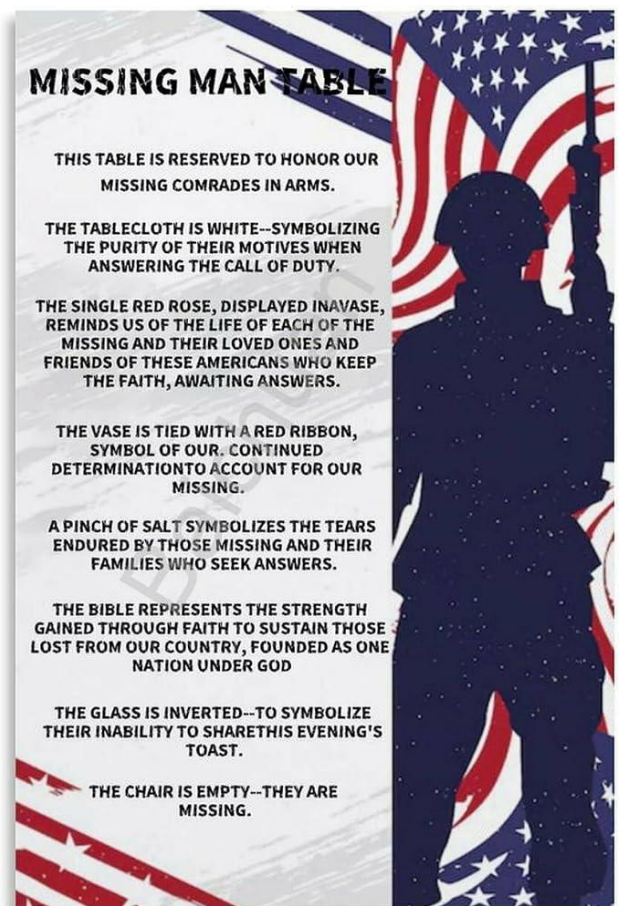
National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors American service members who were prisoners of war and those still missing in action. It serves as a solemn reminder of the suffering endured in captivity, the grief carried by families, and the nation's pledge to leave no one behind. The day emerged in 1979 after determined advocacy from families of the missing, leading to a presidential proclamation by Jimmy Carter.

Until July 18, 1979, no special commemoration had been held to honor America's POW/MIAs — those returned and those still missing and unaccounted for. That first year, resolutions were passed in Congress and the national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. A Missing Man Formation was flown by the 1st Tactical Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia. The Veterans Administration published a poster bearing the letters "POW/MIA."

In an effort to accommodate all returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars, the it was proposed the third Friday in September: a date not associated with any particular war, not tied to any organization's national convention, and a time of year when weather nationwide is generally moderate.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly until 1995, when Congress opted to discontinue considering legislation to designate special commemorative days. Since then, successive Presidents of both parties have signed an annual proclamation designating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day — making it a permanent fixture of the national calendar without requiring annual legislation.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world — on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, at schools, churches, national veterans and civic organizations, police and fire departments, and fire stations.



LODGE POW-MIA RITUAL
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19
AT 16:00 (4:00 PM)



FROM THE HORSE COMES



We are BACK!



FOR ANY OCCASION

USE OUR **PARTY ROOM!**



From the House Chair



Pull Tabs Are Back!

We have some exciting news to kick off September — **Pull Tabs are returning to the Burien Elks Lodge #2143!** Starting **September 2nd**, Pull Tabs will once again be available at the bar.

After being without them for more than a year, we are very excited to bring this popular Lodge tradition back. Stop by the bar, grab a drink or a bite to eat, try your luck with a few Pull Tabs, and help us make their return a success!

We are also very happy to **welcome Angela, our new bartender/server**, to the Burien Elks family. Angela comes to us with years of experience and is looking forward to getting to know our members and becoming part of Lodge #2143. When you see her behind the bar, be sure to introduce yourself and give her a warm Elks welcome!

A big **THANK YOU** also goes out to everyone who helped make the **Classy Chassy Car Show** such a success. It was wonderful seeing the Lodge filled with activity, great cars, members, guests, and plenty of fun. Events like this are exactly what we want to see more of at our Lodge, and we look forward to hosting more events that bring our members and community together.

There is a lot of positive energy building at Burien Elks #2143, and we hope you'll be part of it. **Come down, say hello to Angela, enjoy some food and drinks, and starting September 2nd — try your luck at Pull Tabs!**

See you at the Lodge!

Debra George
House Committee Chair
Burien Elks Lodge #2143

BURIEN LODGE #2143

CLOTHING DRIVE
for Spokane Fire Victims 

Burien will be collecting all clothing items to be donated to the **Spokane Elks** to be distributed to those displaced from their homes.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.
Thank you for your generosity! 

WE ARE COLLECTING:	DROP-OFF DATES:	DROP-OFF LOCATION:
 - Children's Clothing - Adult Clothing - All Sizes - Gently Used or New Items	 AUGUST 18 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 Monday – Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday, August 23 & 30 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	 Burien Elks #2143 14006 1st Ave S Burien, WA 98168 Questions? 206-243-2143

 **YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP**
 provide comfort and support to families who have lost so much in the Spokane area fires.

*Every item.
 Every donation.
MAKES A DIFFERENCE.* 

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
Thank you!

BURIEN ELKS LODGE

OPEN HOUSE
 Saturday, October 17th • 12pm - 4pm
COME EXPLORE YOUR LOCAL LODGE!
VETERANS • SENIORS • CHILDREN • COMMUNITY
14006 1st Ave S, Burien, WA

OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Burien Elks Lodge #2143 is inviting all to join them at an **Open House and Membership Drive!**

MEET ELKS FROM LODGE AND STATE COMMITTEES, AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR:

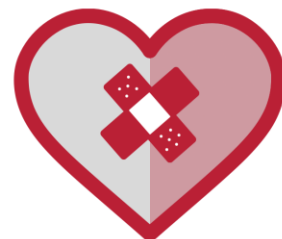
 Scholarship programs , both youth and adult	 Drug Awareness Programs
 Veterans Services and Assistance	 Community Support Programs
 Hoop Shoot Program for Kids	 Children's Programs
	 Social Activities , and so much more!

FRIENDSHIP • CHARITY • JUSTICE • BROTHERLY LOVE • FIDELITY

BURIEN ELKS #2143

TRICK OR TREAT
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31 5:00-7:00 PM
 % COME ONE COME ALL FOR A SAFE CANDY TREATS
14006 1ST AVE So BURIEN 98166
Don't forget to wear your costume!

Give a bit of yourself to help
BLOOD DRIVES



Burien Elks #2143 will be hosting Blood Drive for BloodWorks Northwest

SEPT. 28TH & OCT. 26TH
9:30AM-4PM

14006 1st Ave So Burien 98166

Call 206 243-2143 or visit bloodworks northwest



Congratulations to the following
Volunteers



AUGUST 2026

**ELK OF THE MONTH
DEBRA GEORGE**

Congratulations! Your dedication,
professionalism, set a standard for
everyone. Thank you for your outstanding
contributions and commitment to
Burien Elks #2143

EXALTED RULER



AUGUST 2026

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
MARLENE MOORE**

Congratulations! Your dedication,
professionalism, set a standard for
everyone. Thank you for your outstanding
contributions and commitment to
Burien Elks #2143

EXALTED RULER



AUGUST 2026

**OFFICER OF THE MONTH
DANETTE KOLOI**

Congratulations! Your dedication,
professionalism, set a standard for
everyone. Thank you for your outstanding
contributions and commitment to
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EXALTED RULER



**TRADITION
CHARITY
FIDELITY**

**Success is Achieved by
Ordinary People with
Extraordinary Determination**





BURIEN ELKS



SEAHAWKS CLUB

2026-2027 NFL SEASON



JOIN THE CLUB!

Membership is \$25 per person for the full NFL season.
Open to Burien Elks Lodge #2143 members and/or spouses.

MEMBERSHIP PERKS

Upon joining, each member will receive:

- A Seahawks Club Membership Card
- Five (5) \$2 Off Drink/Food Chips
- Earn Raffle Tickets + Drink/Food Chips
- Attend a Seahawks Club viewing party – 1 raffle ticket + 1-\$2 Drink/Food Chip
- Each time the Seahawks score a touchdown – 1 raffle ticket + 1 complimentary Jello Shot
- Each time the opposing team scores a touchdown – You pay \$1 into the pot
- If the Seahawks win – 1 raffle ticket + 1-\$2 Drink/Food Chip

Note: You must be present at the viewing party to receive any raffle tickets or drink food chips.

Drink/Food chips are valid only during Seahawks Club viewing parties and are good for well drinks, beer, or house wine only.

RAFFLES & GAMES

Grand Prize Drawing: Held at the end of the final regular season Seahawks game.

Winner does NOT need to be present to win.

50/50 Raffle: Held at every viewing party.

Drawing occurs at the end of the game, and you must be present to win.

QUARTER BOARDS

- Ten (10) spot boards available at each game.
- \$2 per square
- Winner is determined by the combined final score at the end of each quarter.
- Winner must be present at the end of the quarter to claim the prize.

EARN RAFFLE TICKETS ALL SEASON FOR THE GRAND PRIZE: Seattle Sports Swag Basket!

Where the Funds Go

Proceeds from memberships and 50/50 raffles help offset the cost of discounted drink/food offered during Seahawks Club events. Any remaining balance at the end of the season will be donated to an Elks charity.



Message from the GER

New rally cry reminds us to give back to community

Sandy and I are honored and humbled to represent the Order as First Lady and Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. My first thank you is to my wife Sandy, for her ongoing support and for always keeping me grounded as we embark on this journey together.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our friends, family, and fellow Elks—thank you for everything. The tremendous support we received from so many individuals throughout the years has given us the confidence and drive to perform our roles.

My theme for this year is READY ELKS—LET'S GO! You will be hearing more about this theme throughout the year as you attend District Deputy clinics. We also shared some of the reasons behind the theme during our discussions at the Grand Lodge Convention and in the Program Manual.

The Elks have always been among the first to respond when we see others in need. This ready-to-share attitude is the basis of my theme. When Elks hear about an issue, the rally cry Ready Elks? rings out, and we respond Let's Go!

This Let's Go! attitude carries through to our desire to give back to our local communities. A primary source of funding for many of these programs is the Elks National Foundation, which is known as the Great Heart of Elkdom. The ENF helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans,

The funding for scholarships has been set at almost \$6 million for 2026-2027. Youth programs have been set at almost \$3 million, and veterans programs have been set at over \$7 million.

The Community Investments Program, a series of grants that have been meeting specific local needs, turns 21 years old in 2026-2027. The CIP grant allocation total has been boosted to \$18.8 million.

The funding for state grants, which help our State Major Projects, is set at almost \$12 million. This level of funding allows the Elks to be a major difference in our communities. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

The goal we have established for the 2026–2027 fraternal year is \$5.25 per Member. When you consider the outstanding achievements of this program, I think you will agree this is a small price. I know I feel good doing my part for these programs.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we grow and improve our Lodges and the great works you are doing for your communities. I know you will all be quick to respond when you hear the call:

READY ELKS—LET'S GO!





Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants **do not** need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Scholarships are available only to students who enroll in four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited U.S. American colleges or universities.

Awards:

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- The Elks National Foundation will award the top 20 MVS candidates \$30,000 (4 years \$7,500)
- The Elks National Foundation will award the top 2 candidates (1 male, 1 female) \$50,000 (4 years \$12,500)
- The Elks National Foundation will award 2 runner up candidates (1 male, 1 female) \$40,000 (4 years \$10,000)



DAYS
REMAINING

SPREAD THE NEWS

Elks achieved membership growth last year

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has reached another historic milestone—five consecutive years of national membership growth.

When the books closed on the 2025-2026 Lodge year, the Elks recorded a net membership gain of nearly 65,000 Members over the past five years. What once seemed unattainable has now become reality. Together, we have reversed decades of membership decline and established a new culture of growth throughout Elkindom. Strong membership creates stronger Lodges, stronger charitable programs, and a stronger future for the Elks. After all, the Elks are in the people business!

Over the past five years, our Lodges have welcomed new Members, reconnected with former Members, improved Member engagement, modernized processes, and focused on creating positive experiences that encourage people to join and remain active. The results speak for themselves. Now, we set our sights on an even greater goal:

Six in a Row—Let's Grow!



Lodges need good customer service

Every Elk understands the things that make a Lodge feel welcoming, proud, and energized. It has little to do with money or facilities.

It is how Members are treated with warmth and respect.

It is how we welcome new Members, retain longtime Elks, reconnect those drifting away, and remind every Member why they chose to belong.

When Lodges fail to practice good customer service, Members can gradually drift away because of missed connections, unanswered calls, or unreturned emails. Frequent guests might simply never be invited to join, and Members who fall behind on paying dues might never hear from the Lodge.

Effective exterior visibility, interior signage, and digital displays all tell our story before anyone speaks.

This also applies to a Lodge's digital Websites and social media platforms can answer questions, reduce friction, and make people feel welcome before they ever walk through the door.

When we clearly showcase our community involvement and charitable work in our Lodges and online, pride grows and recruitment follows.

Strong customer service begins with Lodge leadership. Exalted Rulers and other Elks in leadership positions need to lead with intention, consistency, and pride, and create environments where guests feel welcome, Members feel valued, and communities clearly understand who we are and what we stand for.



Labor Day Did you Know?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday of September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States.

Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer for many Americans. Perhaps you are planning to escape to a favorite lake, getaway town or to invite the neighbors over for a backyard Labor Day BBQ. But whatever Labor Day activities you have lined up for the long weekend this September, how about adding some holiday trivia to the mix? Read on for the history and meaning of Labor Day.

- **1882 Parade:** The first unofficial Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City by the Central Labor Union.
- **Unpaid March:** Around 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square.
- **Disputed Founders:** Historians debate whether Peter J. McGuire (cofounder of the American Federation of Labor) or Matthew Maguire (secretary of the Central Labor Union) first proposed the holiday
- **State Adoption:** Oregon became the first state to officially recognize Labor Day on February 21, 1887, followed by states like Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Colorado
- **Federal Legislation:** To mend relations with the American labor movement following the strike, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation on June 28, 1894, officially making Labor Day a national federal holiday.
- **Why September and not May?** Many countries celebrate international worker movements on May 1 (May Day).
- **Political Dislike:** President Cleveland and U.S. officials intentionally avoided May 1 due to its association with radical politics and the violent 1886 Haymarket Affair in Chicago.

- **The holiday has evolved over the years.** In the late 19th century, celebrations focused on parades in urban areas. Now the holiday is a celebration that honors organized labor with fewer parades, and more activities. It also marks the perceived end of the summer season.
- **Labor Day is the unofficial end of Hot Dog season.** The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat 7 billion hot dogs.
- **End of Summer:** Many consider Labor Day weekend the unofficial end of summer. For some, the holiday is one last chance to lay by the pool or host a backyard barbecue. Fans of the sunny season, however, will be happy to learn that summer doesn't actually end on Labor Day.

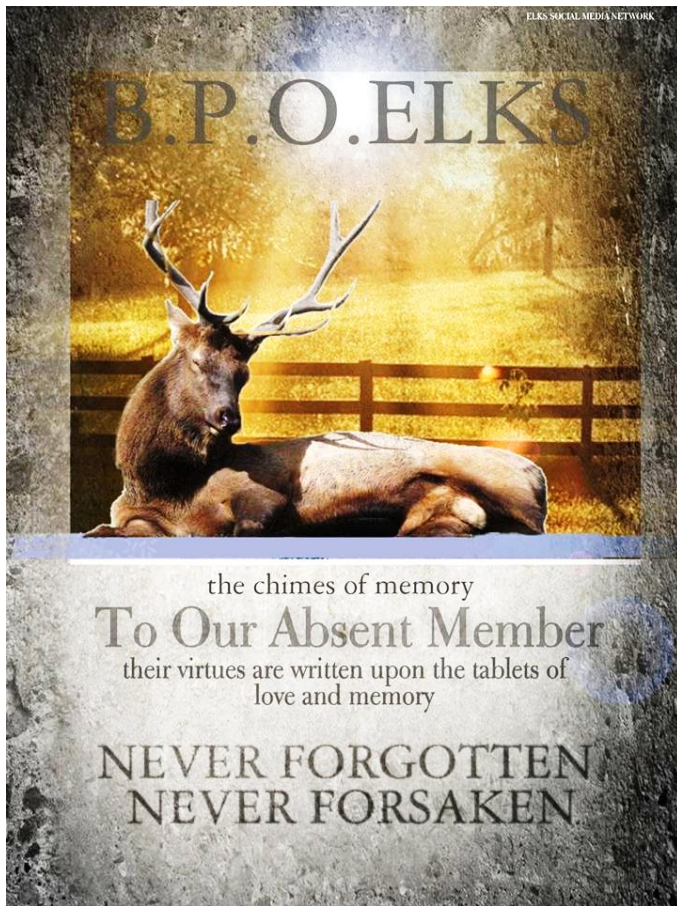
The season officially ends on the autumnal equinox, when the sun is exactly above the Equator and day and night are of equal length. The autumnal equinox falls on Sept. 22 or 23, depending on the year, which means there is still plenty of summer to soak up post-holiday.

- **Songs for Labor Day:** While Christmas steals the show when it comes to holiday songs, there are quite a few diddies dedicated to the annual September holiday, including the Black Eyed Peas' "Labor Day (It's a Holiday)," John McCutcheon's "Labor Day," and even a kid's song by the Kiboomers entitled, "Labor Day Song."

While Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" wasn't written for Labor Day, it would definitely make a great addition to the list!

(Facts and information found through using Google search)





If you know of an Elk member who has passed please contact the Lodge Secretary so we can have their name recorded on the tablets of love and memory

Michael Lawrence PER (1994)
Int, 03/25/1964
10/05/1942 to 03/02/2026



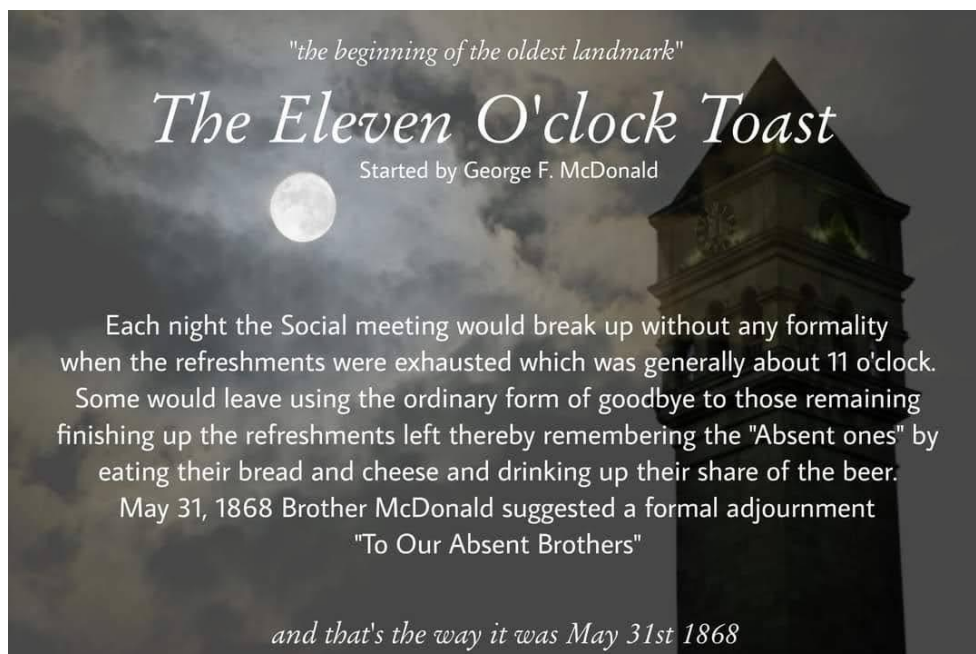
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

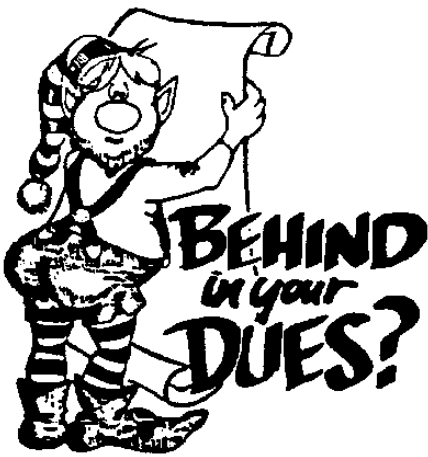


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Carolynn Cline

George Harper





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Beginning CLMS Membership 4/1/2026	342
Dropped Membership	11
New Membership	13
Current CLMS Membership	344
Delinquent	69
Application on Hand	3
Life Members	20
Avg Age of Membership	66.05 years



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I get to visit other Elks Lodges and experience their warm hospitality.

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JoAnn Jordon

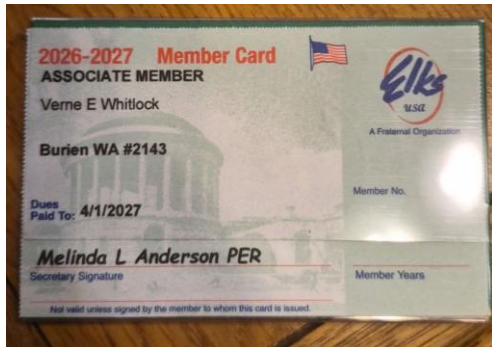
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VERNE WHITLOCK THANK YOU

The Members of Burien Elks Lodge 2143

Wish you





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Wednesday 4pm – 9 pm

Thursday 4pm – 9 pm

Friday 4pm – 9pm

Saturday 4pm – 9pm

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Wednesday 5pm – 8pm

Thursday 5pm – 8pm

Friday 5pm – 8pm

Saturday 5pm – 8pm