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DAFFODIL LODGE NEWS

PUYALLUP ELKS LODGE #1450

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Upcoming Lodge Activities

Lodge meetings every Tuesday in Lodge
Conference room (PER Room) at 7:30 pm.

Memorial Weekend Pool open for Summer
swimming and fun.

June 12-16 Summer State Elks Convention
in Pasco

June 30-July 3 Elks National Convention in
Austin, Texas



Have a Happy Fourth!!

July 12th Deadline for Bulletin (Aug./Sept.)

July 19th Christmas in July

October 4th Coin Box Dinner



NOTE: Office Hours

Office is now Open

Front doors locked.

Push button to ask for access.

Hours:

10 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday through Friday

Closed Noon to 1:00 PM

Lodge Meetings every
Tuesday Night at 7:30 pm

Dues were due April 1, 2024

for the 2024-25 Lodge year.

The Lodge Year runs from
April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

We had to pay your per capita of \$42 to
the State and Grand Lodge whether you
paid us or not.

Until your dues are paid,

you are not entitled to the
privileges of membership.



Printed Bulletins are again being
mailed First Class.

The lodge is charging a yearly rate
of \$10 to mail the bulletins.

Contact the Lodge.

You can pay by check or visa.

The Lodge contact information is
located on the bottom of page 3.

If you have already paid, thank you.

Swimming Pool

The pool will open Memorial Day and it
will stay open until about Mid-September, weather
dependent. Day use fee is \$12 for up to 6 family
members, \$3 each beyond that. Annual pool pass is \$90
for Puyallup Lodge #1450 members and associate mem-
bers. Please remember the member **MUST** be present;
do not send the kids or grandkids down with your card.
No more than 4 kids per adult because there is no
lifeguard on duty. Picnicking **on the pool deck**, not in
the pool, is allowed but please clean up after yourself.



New Roof

Still waiting for OK from Olympia to begin.

KNOW YOUR 2024-2025 LEADERS

The three branches of an ELKS LODGE

The Lodge

Exalted Ruler **Jeremie Neilson**



The Board of Directors

Chairman **Steve Scholz**



The Club Operations

House Committee Chairman **Melissa Bellinger**



Event Coordinator
Jeff Ridley

Elected Officers (Officers For 2024-2025)

Exalted Ruler Jeremie Neilson
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight Mike Nordstrom
Lecturing Knight Victor DeHerrera
Secretary Keith Rybacki
Treasurer Randy Powell

Appointed Officers

Esquire Ellie Chowen
Chaplain Diana Mears
Tiler
Inner Guard Melissa Bellinger

Board of Directors

Trustees: Derek Lucas, Steve Scholz, Chuck Tibbs
Officers: Jeremie Neilson, Mark Nordstrom, Victor DeHerrera,
Keith Rybacki, Randy Powell

Exalted Ruler Jeremie Neilson's Message

We are a few months into the new year and soon the lodge will be back in business. The RV park is open and ready, the pool will be opening early June, and there will be a pretty major facelift happening inside the building.

If you have not made a Tuesday night meeting I encourage you to do so. A lot of good information about the status of the building is shared at these meetings and it is one of the best ways to meet the people actively volunteering at the lodge.

Keep your eyes peeled for announcements about help needed around the lodge, as once the reconstruction begins we will need all hands on deck to help move furniture and clean areas before and after the remodel process.

Our Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Victor DeHerrera has stepped up big time taking over the Veterans Committee and is looking for volunteer help at the Orting Soldiers Home. If you are able to help him out, please contact him. If you see Pam Fuller make sure to thank her for the decades of service she has performed for our lodge running the Veterans Committee.

The lodge officer core is still in need of a Leading Knight for this year. This position is vital to the operation of the Lodge and will move into the Exalted Ruler position next year. We really need help keeping the officer core filled and fresh as these are the people that put in the most amount of time keeping things operating around the lodge. If you have any questions contact the Lodge Secretary or myself. Thank you to everyone that is helping keep this great lodge running and I look forward to meeting more of our members in the near future.

Exalted Ruler Jeremie Neilson



Where in the building was this photo taken?

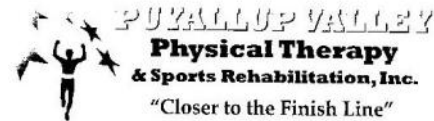
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It is kept up to date.

Paper Shredding Success!

The Benevolent, Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE) supports youth, veterans, and the community. Last Saturday, May 11th, Pierce County and the Puyallup Elks Lodge sponsored the second annual, free, secure, paper shredding and recycling event. It was a big success with people bringing their personal documents to the Elks Lodge to be immediately shredded. Half a truck, approximately 1.5 tons, of sensitive documents were destroyed. Thank you George Jaquish and Ellie Chownen for giving up their Saturday morning to insure the event went smoothly.



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To check for the latest information on Lodge activities (continual updates and new items since the Bulletin was published), visit the **PUYALLUP ELKS WEB SITE**
www.puyallupelks.org

The latest published Lodge Bulletin is also on that website.

Veterans Committee Calling all Elks!

The Veterans of the United States need your help!

A Veteran is someone who puts their life on hold, reports to the United States of America, and takes an Oath to defend the Constitution and the American way of life.

Our elder veterans need our help. Remember, when someone passes, we don't just lose a person, we lose their Patriotism, Knowledge, Love, History, and a respected human that made this country what it is today. Without them we would not have the freedom we know.

What can you/we do?

We can support our elder veterans at the Orting Veterans home. We can visit them, we can help with a bingo game for them, we can make them feel like America cares and just sit and listen to their stories.

So, let's outwardly help those who have silently and selflessly helped us!

How do we help?

I am currently communicating with our representative at the Orting Veterans home to create a streamlined application process so we can be of service to those who have served us. There is a background check required in order to visit the Orting home. But the good news is they have dropped the covid vaccination requirements. If you are interested in helping out our veterans, please feel free to email me and I will pass to you all the information I learn about the background check. You can also help through cash donations for bingo prizes and items needed at the home.

I would like to thank Pam Fuller for taking on this committee for many years (decades) of service, she has accomplished a great deal and built relationship with the veteran community over the years. So, if you run into her, please show her your appreciation for all the time and energy she put into this committee. Also, I would like to introduce myself as the new Committee organizer.

Vic DeHerrera

vicdeha@yahoo.com

I will be reporting every week at the Lodge meeting

See you there!

Does Your Membership Card Look Like This?



If it does, great! If not, did you renew your membership in the Puyallup Elks Lodge for 2024/2025?

If you paid your dues and have not received a new membership card, then let us know. Email secretary@puyallupelks.org or call the lodge at 253-845-9515 and give us your name. If you did not pay your dues, then call the lodge and we will be process your credit card information right over the phone.

Remember, you **cannot** access any Elks lodge nationwide with an expired membership card.

Status of Lodge Building—May 12, 2024

January 14, 2024, a sprinkler pipe in the entry ceiling burst due to the extreme cold we had those first few weeks in January.

Since then, a lot has been happening. We had 10 weeks of remediation from the water that flooded the entire lodge, ruining parts of our ceiling and almost all of our flooring had to be removed. In many areas we had what is called a two foot flood cut where they remove the bottom two feet of drywall so the rest of the wall can be dried out. As this was happening and we were repairing the broken pipe that we found, an additional broken pipe in the ceiling of the pool / laundry room and the pipe going to the ice machine also burst.

Now we are done with the damage, much of the clean-up has been done (thank you to the many volunteers) and we are in the process of obtaining bids and starting the rebuild process. The pool / laundry area had to be stripped of all drywall, all electrical had to be rewired, and plumbing had to be repaired. Drywall has been replaced. **WE ARE ON ARE WAY!!**

This week we should have the laundry room / pool control room finished so we can open the pool over **Memorial Day weekend**. We should start on the floor the week of May 20th. Flood cut drywall is being repaired the week of May 13th and painting will start soon. Replacement Chairs and Tables have been ordered. Your rebuilding committee has been busy.

We will do our best to keep everyone informed of our progress and I hope you enjoy a few pictures of how we are doing.

Fraternally, Keith Rybacki, Chair Rebuilding Committee

VOLUNTEERING: If you would like to offer your help, please call Lodge Office 253-845-9515 and leave your name and telephone number. Maybe leave what you are willing to do: ie. Paint, etc.

Additional Information on Status

RV park remains open

Remodeling the office is in-process.

We are looking for a carpenter to help move walls around. Can you reference one to the lodge?

And finally, we need white, latex, interior paint to cover most of the walls inside the lodge. Similar to Amazon's Diamond Brite Paint 5 Gallon Flat White Latex Paint & Primer in One 11950-5 for \$90.00. Would you please buy 5 gallons, or more, and donate it to the lodge?



Drop off your paint donation at the lodge, or tell Amazon to deliver your paint to Puyallup Elks Lodge #1450, 314 27th St NE, Puyallup, WA 98372.
Thank you. Dave Weldon, Assistant to the Secretary assistant@puyallupelks.org

LODGE RENTALS

The lodge has rooms for rent for almost any occasion:

Weddings, Birthday Parties,

Retirement Parties, Anniversaries, Swimming Pool Parties, etc.

Check with Jeff Ridley (253-459-4900) for availability and prices.

Seeking A Receptionist

The Puyallup Elks Lodge is looking for a receptionist for our front desk to perform a variety of administrative duties during the summer from June through September.

Are you a high school or community college student, looking to gain some work experience, and/or need to satisfy community service hours this summer? We have got the volunteer opportunity for you!

If interested, contact the Lodge Secretary at 253-845-9515 or email secretary@puyallupelks.org.

Responsibilities:

- Greet and welcome lodge members and guests as they arrive at the lodge.
- Direct members and visitors to the appropriate person in the office.
- Answer and forward incoming phone calls.
- Respond to RV Park space availability inquiries. Register RV guests.
- Issue day and seasonal pool passes for Elk members and guests.
- Print membership cards and distribute. Collect all membership dues and fees.

Requirements:

- Customer service attitude.
- Knowledge of Microsoft 365.
- Organizational and time-management skills.
- Enrolled in high school or a high school graduate, or beyond.

Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday – Friday (lodge is closed Mondays)

Puyallup Elks Lodge serves youth, veterans, and our community.

Puyallup Elks Lodge Scholarship Committee Awards Annual Floyd Dawson Scholarships to four local students.

The Puyallup Elks Scholarship Committee has chosen our final winners for the 2023-2024 school year awards. There were many excellent candidates to select from and as always, the choice was a difficult one. Two \$1000 and two \$500 awards, each to a man and woman, will be given this year.

Our Female winners are **Hailey Kim** and **Laura Thordarson**. Hailey goes to Puyallup High School and will be attending the University of Washington in the fall. Laura goes to Orting High School and will be attending Oregon State University to study Medicine.

Our Male winners are **Caden Dahl** and **William Alger**. Caden goes to Emerald Ridge High School and will be attending Western Washington University to study Linguistics. William goes to Fife High School and will be attending the University of Washington to study Law.

These students will be receiving their award letters soon and the checks will be sent directly to their school of attendance later this summer.

The awards for high school seniors for the next school year, 2024-2025, will be open starting September 1st with an application deadline of mid-November. More details to come. If you have questions about the Puyallup Elks Lodge Scholarship Committee, contact the Chairperson,

Jessie Finley by email: scholarship@puyallupelks.org

LOE President's Letter

I am new to this position but I do look forward to being your LOE President for the duration of 2024-2026.

We have a couple of things already planned. Our first event will be July 19th our Christmas in July dinner, which is one of our biggest events. We are looking for volunteers to work in the kitchen and help with cooking, decorating, and clean up. If you can help even for an hour or so please contact myself or Lori Tibbs. We are also looking for baskets to raffle off. If you or your company would like to donate a basket please contact Lori Tibbs.

We are also planning our "Trunk or Treat" again this year and we are looking to get more cars out there to hand out goodies to all of our treaters.

We will also start making our lunches for the homeless, once a month, starting June 2024.

We are always looking for more members to join. We are a group of men and women and are kid friendly. Enjoy this awesome spring weather.

Always, Verna Nelson

President of LOE

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Notice: Please submit articles by the **12th of July** to get articles into the **August/September Bulletin**.

Anyone can submit articles as long as they pertain to Elkdom in general or the Puyallup Elks Lodge.

They will be used as space allows.

The clock of his day has stopped.
Across its face the motionless shadows
mark the hour of eleven, our period
of recollections.



John West 4/8/2024

Pay tribute to the memory of those who have passed into the realm of everlasting peace.

May they look down upon us and behold that, true to the motto of our order, we have kept faith and inscribed their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

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Contact the Lodge Office

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Thanks



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