

Kelly's Olympian

In 1902, Kelly's Olympian opened their doors to the public for the first time and named it The Olympian Saloon to showcase Olympia Brewing Company's beer. Later, one of the original owners' name was added to the bill creating the namesake of Kelly's you see here today.

In the early days, Kelly's Olympian was a popular gathering spot for locals and visitors which included timber men, sailors, shipyard workers, longshoreman, and travelers looking for a place to relax and unwind from the days journey. In addition to the original saloon there was the card room. It was hailed as a Portland landmark and a must visit for any player that enjoyed a fine game.

Legends of a colorful past..... Several secret entrances to the Shangai Tunnels, where Chinese immigrants and dockworkers both lived and went back and forth through the Portland underground. There were rumors of a speakeasy from the prohibition years (a very strange section of patched basement wall and the remnants of a once tiled basement add hints of truth to these rumors) are just a few of the stories of legend here at Kelly's Olympian. Not to mention, the supernatural sightings of past customers and employee's stopping by once in a while to enjoy the atmosphere here once again.

For many years Kelly's Olympian had the finest tobacco store and shoe shine located right in the front entry window! All of the most prominent downtown business people and socialites came here to get a shine, the finest tobacco, and a brew, of course.

A little record setting has also happened here at Kelly's Olympian. At one point in our history we had one of the highest liquor sales in state history and we are the third oldest, continuously operated bar and restaurant in Portland!

*GREAT FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND DRINKS
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YOUR AT KELLY'S*