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2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....David Glenn
Loyal Knight.....Gary Schwartz
Lecturing Knight.....Joel Rinehart
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy
Tiler.....
Esquire.....Paul Christel
Asst. EsquireDave Christel
Chaplain.....
Inner Guard.....Ross Roden
Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

Board of Directors: Comprised of the Four Chair Officers + the Five Trustees Listed Below.

Michael Portman.....Trustee 1 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 2 yr.
Yvonne WhiteTrustee 3 yr.
PER Melody Kennedy.....Trustee 4 yr.
Nancy Guthrie.....Trustee 5 yr

COB of Directors: **Melody Kennedy**

Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore: Comprised of the Four Elected Officers

Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy David Glenn Eric Gilson

Three Members At-Large

Paul Christel Dean Mazzuca Nancy Guthrie
President/COB of Elks/Allenmore: **Gil Mendoza**

Past Exalted Rulers' Association

PER President James Krager
PER Secretary Lee Frankie

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Exalted Ruler.....253-272-1117
Lodge and Lodge Secretary.....253-272-1117
Membership.....253-272-1117
Reservations and Banquets.....253-272-1117
Golf Course (Pro-Shop).....253-627-7211
Barber Shop.....253-393-6672
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Lodge E-Mail..... tacoma.elks@tacomaelks.com
Web Address.....www.tacomaelks.com

The Urban Elk Restaurant.. 253-343-6090

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE

"The Call" copy deadline 20th of the month

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2024	761
Initiated Since Then	2
Reinstatements	2
Incoming Transfers	0
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	2
Calculated Membership Total	761

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	5
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	0
Number of Transfer Applications on Hand	0

CHANGE OF ADDRESS ARE YOU MOVING?

Notifv the Lodge Office!
Call (253) 272-1117
or come by the reception desk and
we will be happy to help you.



A Message From Our Exalted Ruler

Gil Mendoza



Happy May Day Elks sisters and brothers. It is the season of flowers, some domestic and others wild, and the beginning of magnificent colors in our yards and respective neighborhoods.

In my April ER message, I highlighted one of our GREAT women in leadership; Jeannie Sutton. She is truly a flower (I'd say domestic) in our garden of members. For May, I will share with you my narrative for selecting our Tacoma Lodge #174 Officer of the Year for this past Lodge year; so you can get to know a little better another flower from our garden of members (perhaps not as domestic – and only marginally wild :-)

Eric Gilson is deserving as our Officer of the Year, due to his tremendous contributions to our local Lodge this past year. I have observed his numerous talents as a Trustee, active Board member, and mentor to others. He is also a tireless worker for our Lodge; as an example, showing up at 5 a.m. to pick up and deliver linens for an early morning breakfast event, to then drive to Seattle for his professional job, and return that same evening to assist with closing and prep for the following day. He can regularly be seen toting a tool bag to “fix” something in our Lodge needing attention.

His past experiences predispose him to understanding budgeting and technology, which make him a valuable contributor in managing both for our Lodge. He has personally provided troubleshooting and remedy in fixing numerous technology issues in our existing technology platforms. He also spends time training new employees in their abilities to grasp and obtain proficiency in the software programs they use daily in their work; all critical to success in our services to members and the public.

Eric is one of the hardest working individuals I have ever met. He puts in tireless hours to ensure every detail of a task is attended to, achieving intended outcomes. Being without a General Manager since November, he currently serves as Vice-President of the Elks Allenmore Board and, in that role, is the interim lead support for our entire golf operations. He has suggested improvements our professional staff have adopted. He has also helped the Board understand and adopt a strategy which will increase revenue, which will ultimately be used to support our Lodge charities, and will increase engendered support from our long-standing member golfers. While being of Eric's origination, he deflects personal accolades to our staff, ensuring they feel empowered to meet their professional aspirations.

It is evident staff and members trust Eric and think very highly of him. He has demonstrated the ability to bring people from diverse backgrounds together toward a common mission. He did this in supporting and contributing to regular meetings between our golf Men's Club and our Elks Allenmore Board. We all hold Eric in highest regard for his consistent ability to enlist others in joint efforts toward improving our Lodge, raising commitment to our mission, and increasing member engagement; therefore lowering our attrition rate.

His performance as a servant has been exemplary, and his integrity is impeccable. He has learned much, contributed more, and helped others by focusing his energy and interests on their welfare. His focus in addressing our accountability to our members is unmatched. He is conscientious in his work, self-driven and always looking to improve our systems of support. He will always “have your back,” as loyalty is his hallmark.

As a person, Eric is welcoming of all others. He values all people and looks to learn from everyone he encounters. Happy Gardening!



From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



May is a busy month at the Tacoma Elks Lodge, lots of holidays and many activities to attend. Mothers Day there will be a special buffet in the Urban Elk restaurant from 10 AM to 2 PM. At 10 AM there will be a special Mother's Day Ceremony in the Lodge Room, this ceremony is open for the public to attend. Memorial Day ends the month where we honor and mourn our departed Veterans. We show our respect to these individuals for all of the privileges that we enjoy today.

Invite your family members and friends to enjoy some of the activities that take place in our Lodge, and show them the incredible things that we try to do for our community.

Stop by the Lodge Office to say hello.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

Lee



If you are currently Serving in the military, or a Veteran we would like your information for a slideshow to honor them,

Please send your :

(Name / Years as a an Elk Member / Branch of Service / Picture)

Email their info to : buddyaladino@gmail.com



"OUR KIDS" Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Our State Major Project



There are many barriers that families with special needs children face daily. While these barriers are unique to each family's circumstances, there are several common themes. These might be long distances to a therapy clinic, long waitlists for service, lack of transportation, or medical fragility of the child.

For 70 years the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children has strived to fill those gaps and bring occupational and physical therapy *to* the children and their families.

For the family of Wan Xing (11), Neva Marie (11), and Julia Ann (13), having therapy come to them is extremely helpful. Families with multiple special needs children require extensive planning simply to leave the house. It requires thinking about and bringing changes of clothes, ample medication, feeding supplies, and even which activities to bring to entertain the other children while they are waiting for a sibling.

Due to the complexity of each of their medical issues, Wan Xing, Neva, and Julia Ann's family regularly travels hours, multiple times per month to be seen by specialists. Sometimes they can orchestrate multiple appointments in a day and sometimes they are only able to address one child's need, just to turn around and travel again shortly thereafter for a different set of specialists.

The Elks have been able to provide this family with relief from the burden of traveling to address their therapy needs, providing everyone a much-needed break.

Right: Neva likes to sort shapes and stack items.
Here she is placing coins in her cash register.

Below: Julia Ann, Brook Lynn, and Wan Xing



Thank You to
our Elks
therapist and
all the Elk
members and
friends who
support
"Our Kids".



Egg Hunt





**Carnac the Magnificent
Attends Central District's Clinic**



**Well, we missed the "Race for the Eggs"
Having fun in the Urban Elk.**

Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge

Gilchrist

AUTO CENTER



CHEVROLET



BUICK

GMC

Sales: 253.777.3238

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Tacoma, WA 98409

 **Abijah Adult Family Home**
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Helping car accident victims for 33 years
Active Lodge #174. Member for 11 years

This is where you should be

Wednesday Nights.



*PM Lodge Meeting
Have fun with all your Elk friends*



*The
Crying Towel*

*Members names drawn for
the Jackpot
Not Present to win \$100.00*

*4/02/2025 John Sevier
4/9/2025 Michelle Fuller
4/16/2025 Tim Wicklund
4/23/2025 James R Acker
4/30/2025 Joel Rinehart*



Wanted

Pool Players for the Tuesday Pool League

Men and Women all levels of ability

Come and have fun

Contact : Wayne Leslie 253-370-5162

Bob Warren 253-564-7899

Saturday Game Night

Remember to come to the Tacoma Lodge's Sports Bar on Saturday evenings. There are various things for you to do and play. We are here to have fun.



If you haven't paid your dues, now is a great time so you can join in the fun.



**Check out the Allenmore
PRO SHOP**

Many items to look at.

**Schedule a round of golf and
Enjoy talking to the
professionals.**

Need a Good Book to Read?



Need a Good Book to Read?

Members, don't forget the Elks have a small collection of books to borrow for your reading pleasure. The bookcases full of books can be found downstairs in the Club area. Donations of books are always welcome.



Come to Bingo on Monday Nights at the Elks

Play Bingo at the Tacoma Elks.

How about joining the Bingo family on Monday nights. Bring your family and friends and fill a table for fun and laughter! Maybe you will be the lucky one to win a big payout. You can purchase your Bingo cards starting at 6 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm, and ending by 9 pm. Each strip contains 3 Bingo cards and each strip costs \$2.00. If you want to play every game and buy a Power Ball ticket, it costs \$17.00. By playing Bingo, you help our lodge and our charities such as ENF, Tall Elks, Veterans, and other local causes. Thanks to all who play and volunteer their time to help out. By playing Bingo, you help us make charitable donations.





Planning your Summer Garden?

If you have questions or problems, you may find the answers you need at one of the following websites.

For general gardening questions go to Gardening.wsu.edu.

If you can't find the answer to your issue, you can email your question to Master Gardeners at pierce.mg@wsu.edu (include a picture of what your question concerns whether plant, weed, or bug) or call 253-798-7170.

Please don't litter. Help keep the Tacoma Elks Lodge's grounds free of cans, bottles, cigar and cigarette butts, loose paper, etc. by placing your waste in one of our disposal receptacles. If you see trash on the ground, please help us by picking it up and placing it in one of the disposal receptacles. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated .



Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of the Month

Funtimers are seniors, but anyone can join us, who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. Take time to join us and enjoy lunch and maybe a few laughs. Wednesday, is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 to beat the lunch crowd. Enjoy lunch and then play the card game “31” if you want to stay. It costs 3 quarters to play in the game and you might go home with everyone else’s quarters! It’s a fun way to spend an hour or two. We teach those who do not know how to play “31” and it is easy to learn.





ONE NIGHT ONLY - ABBAGraphs - JUNE 14, 2025

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

AT THE TACOMA ELKS LODGE #174

2013 CEDAR ST. TACOMA

7 PM – 9 PM IN THE LODGE ROOM

Be a guest of the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 and enjoy this energetic and fun show. The ABBAGraphs recreate the pop magic of ABBA's chart-topping, classic pop hits of the '70s and early '80s. If you enjoyed the movie Mama Mia, you will hear many of the same songs.

You may feel like dancing!

The Urban Elk Restaurant will be open for dining

Allenmore Golf Course



What are folks saying about
Allenmore Golf Course?



"This muni course run by the Elks is one to be seen... A must see club house and public restaurant is also worth a visit. Greens get plenty of light and 9 out of 10 in condition. Amazing views of Mt Ranier. Watch out for the OB on tricky #4 and have a great round."



"Had an amazing time everyone was super friendly and course was great..."



"Great course at a reasonable price. Decided to venture out of the Seattle area and I am glad I did. Friendly pro shop, friendly bar/restaurant staff.

The greens were AMAZING! True, fast, and challenging..."

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR HOURS

MONDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

THURSDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

FRIDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

SATURDAY - 9AM TO 9PM

SUNDAY - 9AM TO 8PM



FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES

PRIOR TO CLOSE

MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL 5/11

GRILLED LOBSTER CHIMICHURRI \$48

10 OZ LOBSTER TAIL SPLIT AND GRILLED AND TOPPED WITH A CHIMICHURRI BUTTER
SERVED WITH ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES AND ASPARAGAS BEARNAISE

LOBSTER THERMIDOR \$51

10 OZ LOBSTER & KING SOYSTER MUSHROOM COOKED WITH A BRANDY CREAM SAUCE
SERVED WITH YUKON SMASH POTATOES AND GREEN BEAN ALMONDINE

DESSERT

NEW YORK CHEESE CAKE \$10

TOPPED W/ BLACKBERRY COULIS

MOLTEN TURTLE LAVA CAKE \$10

SERVED WITH VANILLA BEAN GELATO



Elk's Garden & Art Sale



Garden Art-mosaics & pottery
 Veggie Starts -heirloom tomatoes, etc
 Annual Starts -nasturtiums, marigolds, etc
 Vintage Planter Boxes
 Local Artisan Baked Goods
 Custom Made Cutting Boards
 And so much more!
 TACOMA ELKS
 2013 South Cedar
SUNDAY JUNE 8 2025 10am - 4pm
 Benefits Elk's Pediatric Programs

For more information call 253-426-9338

Washington Elks Therapy Raffle



1st Place \$2000

2nd Place \$1000

3rd Place \$500



**Drawing will be held
during the
Garland Family
Golf Tournament
July 26th, 2025
Tacoma WA**

Tickets Only \$5 each.

***Proceeds help fund the Therapy
Program***

Need not be present to win



TACOMA ELKS
16TH ANNUAL GARLAND FAMILY CHARITY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 26TH, 2025

\$500 Entry Fee Per Team

Entry Fee Includes:
Green Fees & Cart
Refreshments on course
Complimentary lunch
Awards, prizes, and auction

Details:

Allenmore Golf Course
7:30AM Check-in
9AM Shotgun
1:30pm Lunch, Awards,
and Auction

COMPETITION

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE
BOGEY MAX SCORE PER HOLE
HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST
PUTTING CONTEST
CLOSEST TO THE PIN & LONG DRIVE
LIMITED TO FIRST 25 TEAMS
ENTRY DEADLINE-JULY 19TH

Registration opens on March 1, 2025
*First 10 teams to register will receive
free twilight round and cart on July
25th after 2pm
allenmoregolfcourse.com

Proceeds will help
support the WA
ELKS Therapy
Program for
Children

May
2025

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
	Bingo 7 PM					Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Cinco de Mayo Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Have a Coke Day	Lost Sock Memorial Day	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Service 10 AM Brunch in Urban Elk	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM		Do Something Good for Neighbor Day	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM





TACOMA ELKS LODGE #174
P. O. Box 11008
Tacoma, Washington 98411-0015

Come play Bingo every
Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the
Lodge! *The more people,*
The bigger the pot!



Cash prizes for every
game! *Card sales*
begin at 6:00 p.m.
Come have some fun!