

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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### 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Melody Kennedy  
Leading Knight.....Gil Mendoza  
Loyal Knight.....David Glenn  
Lecturing Knight..... Kelli White  
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie  
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy  
Tiler.....PER Bill Fabyunkey  
Esquire.....PER Michael Marshall  
Chaplain.....PER James Krager  
Inner Guard.....Ross Roden  
Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

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

Paul Christel.....Trustee 1 yr.  
James Guthrie .....Trustee 2 yr.  
Michael Portman .....Trustee 3 yr.  
Eric Gilson .....Trustee 4 yr.  
Yvonne White.....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 Paul Christel**

### Three Members At-Large

**Dean Mazzuca Ron Hack Eric Gilson**

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  
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**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 04/01/2022	852
Initiated Since Then	40
Reinstatements	12
Incoming Transfers	4

### REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	10
Transferred Out	4
Absolute Dimits	1
Deceased	18
Calculated Membership Total	875

### RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	7
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*

*Melody Kennedy*



Welcome February!!

January 28th the Lodge hosted a Paint and Sip event benefiting the State Special Project, The Childrens Therapy Program. There were twenty participants and we were honored to have an art instructor to circulate the room. Danielle Ankenman assisted John Harns with a tutorial of the chosen picture. Everyone enjoyed the experience, asking when we would have the next event.

February 10th is the State Hoop Shoot in Lacey, Washington. The winner will represent the State in Chicago in April.

February 17th and 18th is a combined Membership Drive and EZ Child ID event. Both will be open to the public. For those of you that are not aware, the EZ Child ID is a system that parents can sign up their children in case they go missing. The BINGO committee has purchased the system for the Lodge. It will be free and open to the public. This event will be open in the Lodge room from 11am to 4pm both days. Volunteers are needed for this double event to succeed. Please let me or the office know if you are available to help. There will be a key fob given to each family upon completion and the information will be deleted from our system. Please join me in thanking Ernie Bodoh and his committee for this generous donation.

February 7th nominations will be held for next years Officer Core .Your input and participation is needed. Nominations will occur on the first and second Wednesday of February. Election voting on the 3rd Wednesday.

This year closes on March 31st and I want to thank everyone for the support you have given to me and the other Officers. Tacoma Lodge #174 is better because of you.

Melody

ER / COB #174



**February 17th 18th**

**Lodge Membership Drive  
&  
EZ Child ID**

**We are looking for volunteers to help with this event.  
If you have some time to help, contact a Lodge Officer for  
details.**

**The EZ Child ID is an incredible program that helps to  
protect our children and older adults. This is open to the  
public and is done at no cost to the participants.**

**Elks Care - Elks Share**





*From the Desk of . . .*  
**Lodge Secretary**  
**Lee Frankie**

*This year's winter convention was awesome as always. There were many seminars to attend and many Great ideas that might implement. Our Lodge has many activities scheduled for the next upcoming months. Remember to bring your ideas of what you would like to participate in, to a Lodge Officer.*

*Now is the time to pay next year's dues, we plan to start the process on February 1st. April 1st at 7 AM is not when you want to realize that your door card doesn't work.*

*February 7th at the Lodge Meeting will be the first nominations for the next year's Officer Corps.. Now is the time to consider if you would like to be a part of this incredible team. You can also think of others who would be an asset to the Tacoma Lodge Officer Corps.. Some work and time are required, however, there are many benefits being a part of this team. If you know of any Lodge Members that are Delinquent in their dues, help them to realize how important they are to the Tacoma Elks Lodge.*

*We hope to see you at the Lodge soon.*

*Fraternally,*

*Lee*



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## **MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **156th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**

#### **THE ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1868**

Chicago, IL – As we approach February 16, 2024, Elks Lodges across the nation are gearing up to celebrate the remarkable 156th anniversary of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on February 16, 1868.

With a rich history spanning 156 years, the Elks have been unwavering in their commitment to community service, making a substantial impact through donations exceeding \$12 Billion. In the past year alone, their generosity reached \$399 million, reflecting their dedication to creating better communities.

Beyond financial contributions, the Elks actively invest in the future through annual college scholarships, awarding nearly \$5 million to support educational pursuits. Additionally, their commitment to community development is evident in the substantial investment of almost \$19 million through the Elks Community Investment Program. One of the hallmarks of the Elks' commitment is their support for veterans. Last year, the Elks contributed over \$39 million to Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities, providing essential items, comfort, and organizing various activities.

Boasting nearly 1,800 lodges and a membership approaching 800,000, the Elks welcome individuals aged 21 and above who share a belief in God. To learn more about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to explore membership opportunities, visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) or Join.Elks.Org.

Join us in honoring and celebrating 156 years of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, recognizing their enduring commitment to community impact, service, and fostering a sense of belonging.

**Did You Know?**  
**Your Small Efforts Not Only Help Your Lodge Grow...**



**They Can Earn You Awards, Honor, AND Distinction!**

**Every year the Washington State Elks Association (WSEA)  
recognizes membership achievements through its  
Top Recruiter Award and Plus-1 Reception**

**Top Recruiter Award (Individual Award)**

- Highest number of Members recruited and retained (number renewed in April)
  - Minimum to apply is ten new/reinstated Members with retention.
  - Paid Lodge employees or Secretaries are not eligible.
- The Winner will receive:
  - Recognition by the state for their accomplishment
  - Paid, three-night stay at either Winter or Summer Convention.
  - Two tickets to every entertainment event at that Convention.
  - Two seats at the WSEA President's table on Friday night.
  - A \$500.00 check.

**Plus 1 Reception at Summer Convention (Lodge Award)**

- Lodges that achieve a plus 1 Membership status as of 3/31/24 (60-day reinstatements do not count) will be invited to a special reception during the Summer Convention and have the chance to meet our State Sponsor PGER Roger True and other GL Officers.
- All Members present at Convention from Lodges that attain this Membership level are invited. The reception will be held at the Red Lion in Pasco June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 4-5 P.M.





Dear Elk Members,

As we welcome the upcoming spring, I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on some exciting developments at your home lodge. Over the past nine months we have been working hard on replacing the golf course irrigation system. Currently the project has taken longer than projected due to a few modifications and having less hole closures during the summer months. Fortunately, green fee revenues were ahead of budget between the months of May and September.

Last week the construction company finalized installing all the irrigation pipes, sprinkler heads and valves. One of the major modifications was adding a special wet well intake pipe with special filtration to reduce the chances of contaminating the system. Tomorrow the crew will be installing additional concrete into the wet well to support the intake pipe. Next week after the concrete cures the pump station and pump installation will begin.

The final stages will be to program all the sprinkler heads into the system, flush the irrigation system, resod and overseed. The new projected finish date will be the end of this month while hitting or coming in under budget.

I would like to thank everyone for all their support during this challenging time along with the entire staff. Steve, Lucas, and their staff have done an amazing job orchestrating all the course modifications throughout the past nine months. We are confident that Allenmore Golf Course will be one of the best conditioned courses in the area this coming season. I hope to see you on the links this coming season!

Sincerely,

Craig Moore, PGA





## 2023—2024 Lodge Officers



**Abijah Adult Family Home**  
*"Where Compassion Finds a Home"*  
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***Helping car accident victims for 33  
 years  
 Active Lodge #174. Member for 11  
 years***



January's Initiation Class



Bingo Supports Lodge Charities





**Sip & Paint**  
**January 28th**  
**Elks & Friends Displaying Their Talent**







John Checks Progress on the projects



E.R. Melody Kennedy presents a Raffle Basket to Winner



The Elks Therapy Program has existed since its inception to provide therapy services to children who might otherwise fall through the cracks. These might be related to insurance or transportation or limitations in access.

Elks therapists often find themselves as a part of “Team Suzy”, working to find the best solutions for their clients. Frequently these teams may be looking at how to bridge the gap between home and school; two of the places children spend most of their day. The team is helping to analyze the resources available in each location, evaluating what is working well and what improvements can be made to smooth the daily transition between the home and school environments.

A solution could be as simple as a communication journal, or it might be a collaborative approach to ordering equipment such as a wheelchair or activity chair, or a synchronization of one or more communication devices, such that the menus available to the child are the same between devices.

Time spent collaborating is frequently a win for everyone involved. Different members of the team are able to share not only their goals for the child, but the activities that have been successful in working towards that goal. Sometimes it is eye opening to see that what is working in one setting is falling apart in another setting, through no fault of anyone.

Elks Therapists are uniquely poised to help bridge the gaps and can play a valuable role when advocating for Suzy. We have the unique perspective to see the physical layout of the child’s environment, the interpersonal relationships, and dynamics of the family, and we are not limited by the “educational relevance” of an issue. We can pick up where another service leaves off. And as outside eyes, we can attempt to articulate why an intervention which may work in one setting, may not be as effective in another.



# TACO TUESDAY



## TACO SALAD \$16

8oz of Ground Beef, Cheddar  
Jack Cheese Blend, Black Beans, shredded  
Romaine lettuce, and Pico served in a  
fried Taco Shell. Served with Salsa  
and Sour Cream.



## SOFT TACOS

BEEF

CHICKEN

1 Taco \$4

2 Taco's \$6

\$5 Corona / Modelo Can's

\$5 well Margaritas



## LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR



# *Valentine's Day*

## *Dinner for 2*

### **Pick 1 Starter**

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Meatballs  
Coconut Prawns  
Bruschetta

### **Pick 1 Per Person**

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Garden Salad or Clam Chowder

### **Pick 1 Entree Per Person**

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8oz Ribeye  
w/ Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Asparagus  
Wild Caught Sockeye Salmon  
w/ a Mandarin Beurre Blanc, Rice Pilaf, and Asparagus

### **Pick 1 Dessert**

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Cheesecake w/ Strawberry Coulis  
Chocolate Cake w/ Raspberry Glaze



By Reservation Only

*This is where you should be*

*Wednesday Nights.*



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



*Return of the  
Crying Towel  
Members names drawn for  
the Jackpot  
Not Present to win  
\$100.00*

*1/03/2024 Larry Anderson*

*1/10/2024 Jack Moffit*

*1/17/2024 Tedd Adams*

*1/24/2024 Sharon Andersen*



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.



***Now is the time to pay next year's DUES !!***

*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.



## One Day a Month Join the Funtimers for Lunch and Cards

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, Wednesday, February 7th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet at 11:30 to beat the lunch crowd. Enjoy a good lunch and then play the card game "31" if you want to stay. It costs 3 quarters to play in the game.

It is with sadness that we announce the loss of one of our members, Barbara Turco. She was a dedicated member and always had a bright smile at every luncheon. We miss her.



## Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

### JOIN US AT BINGO IN 2024

The winter holidays are behind us and it is a new year. Join friends, or make new ones, at Bingo on Monday nights. The number of players has grown so the winning pots are bigger and better.

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. By playing Bingo, you help our lodge and our charities such as ENF, Tall Elks, and other local causes. In 2023, we donated over \$11,000 to charities. Thanks to all who play and volunteer their time to help out. By playing Bingo you can help us continue our donations for charity.



## It's time to concentrate on your house plants

Have you neglected your house plants during the holiday season? If you have a plant question or problem, you may find the help you need at one of the following websites. If you email a question about a plant problem, it's helpful to include a picture of the plant.

For general gardening questions go to [Gardening.wsu.edu](http://Gardening.wsu.edu).

For plant pest/disease solutions go to [hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu) or [pest-sense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://pest-sense.cahnrs.wsu.edu).

If you can't find the answer to your issue, you can email Master Gardeners at [pierce.mg@wsu.edu](mailto:pierce.mg@wsu.edu) 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 .**



# URBAN ELK RESTAURNAT & BAR

*Presents..*

Feb. 3rd - Mark Hurwitz  
& Gin Creek

Feb. 10th - The Tonze

Feb. 17th - The Malo Combo

Feb. 24th - 3 Trick Pony

Kids are always welcome!

No Cover

Music from 4pm - 7pm





## Blast from the Past

A few weeks ago a question on Jeopardy involved the AMC Gremlin. A funny looking car that many may not remember, so let's take a look at it.

The Gremlin was designed by Dick Teague and built, by the American Motors Corporation (AMC), from 1970 to 1978. Although the second-best-selling car in AMC's history only 671,475 were built. It was named for the mythical creature allegedly said to be responsible for breaking machinery and causing airplanes to crash.

In a 1970 interview with Teague, he was candid and said "I don't think the Gremlin's going to win any styling awards. But at least the car has personality and character and has a different-looking little image." It turned out the Gremlin is said to be AMC's smartest car. It was inexpensive to develop and its timing was during the time the Ford Maverick, VW Bug, Chev Nova and the Vega were selling at higher prices.



At the time GM was developing new materials and manufacturing processes, the AMC Gremlin was completely void of any technical innovations. Many parts of the Gremlin were handed down from the Hornet including the Cam-in-block straight-six engine, four-wheel drum brakes, and a three-speed manual transmission that did not have a synchronized first gear. Anyone who has driven a manual transmission without a synchronized first gear knows what a wonder a synchronized first gear is! Young people may ask what happened to AMC. When one of AMC's stockholders, Renault, was having business problems, Chrysler purchased Renault's AMC shares as well as other stockholders' shares. AMC was renamed the Jeep-Eagle division of Chrysler, and was eventually merged into Chrysler in 1990.

As of 2023, Chrysler was merged into the Stellantis NV conglomerate, based in Amsterdam, Netherlands.



## **URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR HOURS**

**MONDAY - CLOSED**

**TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM**

**WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM**

**THURSDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM**

**FRIDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM**

**SATURDAY - 9AM TO 8:30PM**

**SUNDAY - 9AM TO 5PM**



**FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES  
PRIOR TO CLOSE**

# February 2024

## Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

### Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
4  Titanic Presentation 1 PM	5 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	6 Taco Tuesday	7 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Officer Nominations	8	9	10 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
11 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	12 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	13 Taco Tuesday	14 Valentines Day Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer Nominations	15	16	17  Open House & Child ID
18  Open House & Child ID	19 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	20 Taco Tuesday	21 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM Ballot on Officers	22	23	24 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
25 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	26 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	27 Taco Tuesday	28 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	29		

**February 17th & 18th**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Bring your Family Members & Friends to the Lodge.  
Learn about Elksdom & the Tacoma Lodge**





Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at  
**[enf.elks.org/MyLodge](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)**

## MAKE GIVING EASY & JOIN THE CLUB!

### Sign up for our monthly, sustaining giving program—the ENF Fidelity Club!

- › Give automatic, regularly scheduled donations each month from your credit card or bank account.
- › Receive special membership benefits and recognition pieces.
- › Update, adjust or modify your gift any time online or by calling us.
- › Sign up by scanning the QR code and make a sustaining difference in Elks communities today!



Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.

Use the QR code to sign up today.



**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!