

# 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  
Membership.....253-272-1117  
Reservations and Banquets.....253-272-1117  
Golf Course (Pro-Shop).....253-627-7211  
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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	38
Reinstatements	
10	
Incoming Transfers	4

## REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	7
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	17
Calculated Membership Total	877

## 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 2024!!

The next three months will bring a lot of activities. Next month the Lodge Members will meet to elect new officers to lead this Great Lodge for 2024-2025. Think about serving in one of the positions that will be available. Yes, there are challenges, however the flip side of that is the pleasure of helping the community we live in. This year Tacoma Lodge #174 gave scholarships, approximately forty thousand dollars, to high school seniors. The Veterans Committee gave time and money to the backpack project at Camp Murray as well as \$8500. In gift cards and toys for the families at Camp Murray. The Bingo Committee also donated to multiple causes.

This month the Winter Convention will occur on the third weekend at the Double Tree in SeaTac. If you have the opportunity to attend in the future, there are great classes available.

On January 28th there is a Sip and Pour to benefit the WA. State Childrens Therapy. The supplies will be provided and the price is \$50. Bring a friend and receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize.

I will be gone from January 6th to the 13th so please contact Gil Mendoza or Lee Frankie if there are questions or concerns in my absence.

My Best to everyone for a Peaceful and Joyous New Year -

Melody

ER / COB #174



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

*It was wonderful watching the Christmas gifts coming and going from the Lodge this year, there were kids that had a great Holiday because of the Elks. The Elks Family Christmas party was a success and there are pictures in this news letter.*

*This is a busy time of year in the Lodge Office as we start getting ready for the process of collecting next years dues. We plan to start the process on February 1st. 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.*

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

*Fraternally,*

*Lee*





## **Allenmore Men's Club**

**This year the Allenmore Men's Club donated money and food to assist the Tacoma Elks Lodge in supported some local community families.**

**Pictured below are just a few of the presents that were prepared for distribution.**

**We thank the Members of the Men's Club and everyone that made this project a success.**



## **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.



**2023—2024  
Lodge Officers**


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



## Memorial Service 2023







**Recently a Massachusetts Elk was spotted at the Tacoma Elks Lodge, We heard he was working out in the Fitness Center and might still be around.**



## "Our Kids"

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.  
State Major Project since 1954



Celeste was born March 2019, four weeks early, to a family prepared for a baby to be born with I-Cell Disorder. I-Cell is an inherited metabolic lysosomal storage disorder. It affects many parts of the body, leading to small, weak muscle tone and compromised organs especially heart and lungs. The children stop growing in their second year of life. They present with delayed motor and language skills. Most kids do not develop the ability to walk independently.

Celeste is the star of her household. She brings a smile and charm and knows how to get what she wants, without using words. She has two siblings, an older brother and sister. She loves interacting with them, going on walks outside. Recently, she and her family were able to take a travel trailer to visit family and camp with her. They are making memories with her, for sure.

The Elks Therapy Program began working with Celeste in the Fall of 2022, to help her family identify strategies and toys to aide Celeste's learning and development. She is always curious and creative in her play, giving us a good laugh and amazement at her skills. She remains non-speaking and is on a waiting list for speech therapy. She is receiving physical therapy, learning to use her walker and is being prepared for a wheelchair, in the near future, to increase the number of places she can go.

We are grateful to the Elks of Washington for this home-based therapy program. Given Celeste's fragility last year, she would not have been able to go to a clinic or group program. Her mother is especially proud of the fact, early on, she and her other family members learned to help Celeste participate in all their activities and they communicate with her throughout the activities they do. She has benefited from all these interactions, as is evident wherever she goes.



# Claudia & Jimmy





*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*

*12/06/2023 David Mc Sherry  
12/13/2023 Daniel O'Leary  
12/20/2023 Short Meeting  
12/27/2023 No Meeting*



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. Remember, the Bar is temporarily closed. We are here to have fun.



**PAY  
YOUR  
DUES**



***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

Looking for a luncheon group who plays cards? Join 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, January 3rd 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, and you might win and go home with everyone else's quarters! Give it a try! The more the merrier!



## Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

### JOIN US AT BINGO IN 2024

Happy New Year to all. Start the New Year out by joining friends and family 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 have donated over \$11,000 to charities. For the Elks fiscal year (April – March), the total donations are \$9,400. 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...*

Jan 6th - House Band of  
Lakewood

Jan 13th - Maia Santell &  
House

Jan - 20th No Band

Jan 27th - Champagne  
Sunday

*Happy New Year*

*2024!*



## **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**

# January 2024

## Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

### Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Taco Tuesday	3 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	4	5	6 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
7 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	8	9 Taco Tuesday	10 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	11	12	13 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
14 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	15	16 Taco Tuesday	17 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	18	19	20 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
21 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	22	23 Taco Tuesday	24 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	25	26	27 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
28 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	29	30 Taco Tuesday	31 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			

**Winter Convention**

**January 15th**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



**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!