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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 GuthrieTrustee 2 yr.
Michael PortmanTrustee 3 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 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
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Barber Shop.....253-343-6046
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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 04/01/2022	852
Initiated Since Then	45
Reinstatements	15
Incoming Transfers	5

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	13
Transferred Out	5
Absolute Dimits	8
Deceased	23
Calculated Membership Total	868

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	15
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.





2024-2025 Lodge Year Officers

Exalted Ruler	Gilbert Mendoza
Leading Knight	David Glenn
Loyal Knight	Kelli White
Lecturing Knight	Gary Schwartz
Secretary	Lee Frankie
Treasurer	Patty Kennedy
Esquire	Paul Christel
Chaplain	James Krager
Inner Guard	Ross Roden
Tiler	Michael Marshall
5 Year Trustee	Melody Kennedy
4 Year Trustee	Yvonne White
3 Year Trustee	Eric Gilson
2 Year Trustee	Michael Portman
1 Year Trustee	James Guthrie

*A Message From
Our Exalted Ruler*

Melody Kennedy



Happy March to everyone!

This month we are wrapping up year-end duties and on April 1st the newly elected Officers will take over. I encourage you to support the new Officers by attending meetings on Wednesday nights. There is a lot of information about activities, Lodge business and time to make suggestions that can be implemented for the benefit of the Membership.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help with events over the past year. Last month we held a Membership Drive and offered free to the public the service of EZ Child ID. I'm aware that our newly elected ER will be sponsoring another Membership Drive on April 13th. Please come and Volunteer for this worthy event. Members are the backbone of the Elks.

March 30th we are having an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 1100am and it is open to the public as always. There will be prizes and hot dogs. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. Volunteers are needed to stuff Eggs on Thursday March 28th at 6pm down in the members only area.

I'm proud of the accomplishments the Tacoma Elks #174 has had this year and I want to thank you for supporting the Lodge and Officer Core.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the newly elected Officers. The Installation will be open to everyone and their families and held on March 27th in the Lodge Room. More information will be coming regarding the events of that day.

Respectfully,

Melody Kennedy
ER/COB
2023/2024



From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

As this Lodge year comes to a close, we eagerly look forward to the new and exciting happenings at the Tacoma Lodge. We are expanding the hours of operation for our Members to use the facilities. The activities in the Lodge will modified so that we are truly a Family organization.

We are fortunate that many Lodge Officers from this year will still be taking an active role in the management of our Lodge.

It has been an honor serving the Members of Tacoma Lodge this year and I look forward to working with the upcoming Officer Corps.

Fraternally,

Lee

Egg stuffing - March 28th
Easter Egg Hunt - March 31st





Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Annual Easter Egg Hunt Request For Volunteers

When: Saturday March 30th at 11am

Where: Tacoma Elks Lodge 174, ages 0-4 at the putting green and 5-12 on the driving range

What to Bring: Baskets for the kids and cameras for photos with the Easter Bunny! |

We will provide hot dogs, chips, and juice at the Sports Bar after the hunt. This event is open to the public so please tell your family and friends!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- We need donations of individually wrapped candy (without sticks) and/or funds to purchase other items for the event.
- We need volunteers to help stuff eggs in the Sports Bar on Thursday March 28th at 6pm.
- We need volunteers to help place eggs, hand out prizes, and serve lunch on Saturday March 30th. Please arrive at 9:30am if you plan to help with setup.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Danielle Ankenman at 253-355-5724 or d_rinehart@live.com. Any donations can be left with the office staff during regular business hours or brought to the Wednesday night Lodge Meetings.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Thank you!

Melody Kennedy and Danielle Ankenman



**2023—2024
Lodge Officers**

 **Abijah Adult Family Home**
"Where Compassion Finds a Home"
 32221 8th Ave SW
 Federal Way, WA 98023

Jennifer Kuru
 Provider/Owner
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 Fax: 253-325-6096



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**Helping car accident victims for 33
 years
 Active Lodge #174. Member for 11
 years**



OUR KIDS

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.



Our State Major Project

Thanks to you, and the dedication of Elks Members, our State Major Project has been providing Occupational or Physical Therapy services to children birth to twenty-one years at no charge to their families. 70 years later, our mission is the same, however the types of children needing help have evolved and changed over time. Simultaneously, the science and medical understanding about how the body works and types of interventions needed to help children thrive has shifted. Given this, there has also been a change in the language used to describe who these children are.

We had a great opportunity at our Elks Mid-Winter Convention to meet a young man, Romeo, who is benefitting from Occupational Therapy intervention through our State Major Project, The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Romeo is bright, engaging, and articulate. Some of his challenges and barriers that impact his engagement in meaningful occupation, i.e.: school, social engagement with family and friends, activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, or chores, are the result of how he processes sensory information from his environment. He may be easily overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells which make it challenging to be present, focused and engaged in the task at hand. Occupational Therapy sessions for him are focused on providing sensory processing interventions that help him understand what is happening in his body and have strategies to stay calm and focused so that he can learn, play, and thrive. Over time, we have been receiving more and more referrals from doctors for children with these types of issues.

Historically, the children needing therapy had physical limitations like polio, cerebral palsy, stroke, spina bifida, epilepsy, or muscular dystrophy, and our focus was on helping them with gross and fine motor issues to enhance their skills and abilities. Thanks to the miracles of modern medicine, we are seeing fewer children with this type of diagnosis. Now, many of the children we are working with have sensory processing disorders, autism, and other mental health challenges like attention deficit disorder - ADD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - ADHD, anxiety, or depression. These changes in diagnosis have changed the frame of reference for treatment and led to our therapists taking additional continuing education courses to have better tools in our tool kit to meet the needs of the children on our caseloads.

Another significant paradigm shift has been in how we frame the challenges "Our Kids" are facing and the language we use. Years ago, children who were different were called crippled, then handicapped, then special needs, then differently abled. Currently, we use neurodiverse to help describe the vast differences in individual brains and therefore individual perceptions and understanding of the world. We are also looking at children using a strength-based approach to intervention, building on their abilities rather than focusing on what they can't do. As always, therapists are providing this intervention and support in the child's home with their parents actively involved in the journey of helping their child thrive. Thank you for your continued support of The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.! We could not do it without you! Together, we are making positive change in the lives of children across the great state of Washington.





OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 2024





Lodge Open House

April 13th is our next Lodge Open House

11 AM — 4 PM

Scholarship programs, both youth and adult

Veterans Services and Assistance

Hoop Shoot Program for Kids

Drug Awareness Programs

Community Support Programs

Children's Programs

Social Activities, and so much more!

Bring your Family & Friends

Rebranding the Tacoma Elks Social Quarters

Let's be honest. How many people really want to go to a "SPORTS BAR", which is the current name of the Tacoma Elks #714 social quarters? Unless you work out in the fitness center, shoot pool/billiards, or play handball, you probably don't want to go there. Guess what...the SPORTS BAR is the only purely Elks area in our wonderful building just for Elk members, their families, and guests. Well, if we want our members to use our social quarters, we need to make changes.

The first thing we need to do is get rid of the connotation of our social quarters being the SPORTS BAR. It is the Tacoma Elks #174 social quarters, and we need a new name! Some of the ideas are the Tacoma Family Social Quarters and the 174 Family Center. We need and want your ideas about what a good name would be for this area. We need to stay away from sports bar, lounge, etc., as these does not give the idea of a good place to come with your family and enjoy the area. Let's hear from you. Send your ideas to the Lodge Secretary in March and let's start the new Lodge year with fresh ideas and a new name.

This also needs to be the year we do some heavy membership recruits. Here are the facts. As of February 28th, we have 874 members on books. 729 or 83% of our members live within 20 minutes of our Lodge. 537 or 61.4% live within 10 minutes of the Lodge. Of these members, 77.4% (677) are between 60 & 89 years old with 16.9% (148) between 21 and 59. The average number of years these members have been an Elk is 11.8% with 64.99% being an Elk from 1 to 30 years. That's a lot of Elks knowledge we may lose in the next few years. We need to approach our membership in two ways.

First, let's get our members back in the Lodge, ideally to help us revitalize our involvement in the community. Second, we need to find and recruit younger members. In both cases, it's up to you, the members of Tacoma Elks #174 to make this a success story, not just the 16 officers of the Lodge. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to put Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 on the road to success. So, let me close with a challenge.

Are you, the members of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 ready to help bring Tacoma Elks up to the pride of Tacoma and Elksdom that it can be? It's up to the membership to step up and work on changing the course of the Lodge and move up and forward. Ready?

Members of the Lodge Is The Lodge!



District Deputy Ernest Bodoh delivers the Oath of Office to James Guthrie



February's Initiation Class

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

*2/07/2024 Dr. Mary Hoagland-
Scher*

2/14/2024 John Sevier

2/21/2024 Gerald Klinger

2/28/2024 Gary Powell



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.



**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

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'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, March 6th 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.



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

JOIN US AT BINGO IN 2024

Happy Spring and St. Patrick's Day. If you haven't been playing Bingo at the Tacoma Elks, you are missing out on Monday nights of fun. Join friends, or make new ones, at our Bingo sessions. 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, Veterans, 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 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.

For plant pest/disease solutions go to hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu or 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 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 .





Installation of Officers

March 27th at 7 PM

Open Meeting - Public is Welcome

Come and Celebrate with next year's Officers

Gilbert Mendoza the Exalted Ruler Elect

Is planning a special evening for every one.

Details to follow.



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**

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Taco Tuesday - Chicken or Beef Soft Tacos

\$4 for 1 taco or \$6 for 2 tacos.

Tacos

\$5 Corona & Modelo tall can's



\$5 well Margaritas

Wednesday Steak Day - \$17

8oz Center Cut Top Sirloin

served w/ mashed potatoes and seasonal veggie

Saturday - Live Music from 4pm-7pm

Free show & all ages welcome



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Happy Hour - Tuesday thru Friday 3pm-6pm

COME ON IN!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

March 2024

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
3 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	4	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	7	8	9 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
10 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	11	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	14	15	16 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
17 Saint Patrick's Day Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	18	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
24 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	25	26 Taco Tuesday	27 Urban Elk Steaks Officer Installation 7 PM	28	29	30 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Children's Easter Egg Hunt
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Support the New Officers

Come to Installation on March 27th

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



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

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!



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Use the QR code to sign up today.



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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!