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The Call



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2022-2023 LODGE OFFICERS

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Leading Knight.....Melody Kennedy
Loyal Knight.....Mike Cox
Lecturing Knight..... David Glenn
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....PER Mike Marshall
Tiler.....PER Bill Fabyunkey
Esquire.....Paul Christel (Acting)
Chaplain.....Patty Kennedy
Inner Guard..... ..Ross Roden
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Julie Wilson.....Trustee 3 yr.
Greg Lancaster.....Trustee 4 yr.
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Dean Mazzuca Ron Hack Dave Lucas

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PER President Ellen Johnson
PER Vice-President Gary Giambrone
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.....253-343-6046
Fax253-272-1303
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	891
Initiated Since Then	14
Reinstatements	5

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	2
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	7
Calculated Membership Total	904

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	12
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*



James Krager

New Members are the life blood of our order. When you see a prospective candidate give them an application and ask them to join. Inform them of what the Elks has to offer, explain how fraternalism is the basic foundation of Americanism. From the first day of time, fraternalism has been a dominating factor in our society and Elkdom is a society of friendship.

Our youth activities program has been recognized for its impact upon boys and girls of all ages. Some of our programs include the basketball hoop shoot, Scholarships and the Drug Awareness Program which is a vital and growing source of information for our youth and our community and other youth programs.

Our Elks National Service Commission has brought laughter and fun into the lives of thousands of Veterans, some of which may be confined to hospitals.

We have the Washington Elks Therapy Program for children and Elks National Foundation. Let's start right now to make it interesting and fun for your new prospects to join our Lodge. We can stand tall when speaking to our neighbors and friends about the good works of our order and explaining the benefits of Elkdom.

Fraternally Yours,

James





From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

As our summer excursions are coming to an end, now is the time to support the Tacoma Elks Lodge. If you aren't on any Lodge committees this is a great time to get involved and join a committee that you are interested in. We need volunteers to help in the Sports Bar and to work in other areas of the Lodge. Take part in the activities that are happening at the Lodge and if you don't see anything that you are interested in, lets hear about your ideas.

The Queen of Hearts game is starting in September and will be a part of our Wednesday Lodge Meetings. You can win a lessor amount if you aren't present at the meeting. Tickets can be purchased at the reception desk of the Lodge.

Stop by the office and say hi to the staff.

Fraternally,

Lee





**OLD FASHIONED WESTERN DANCE
WITH 8 SECOND RIDE
COME KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND
PARTY WITH US.**

September 23rd

7 PM – 11 PM

Dinner Menu : Steak & Baked Potato

Dinner Cost : Couple \$40.00

Dance Cover Charge \$10.00

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Call for Reservations - 253-272-1117

Need Confirmations by September 16th

Washington State Elks Association

2022 Raffle

Cost Only \$10.00 Each

Each Ticket has a chance to win 365 Times

Winning Tickets are returned to the Barrel

Weekday Drawings \$25.00

Weekend Drawings \$50.00

Holidays \$100.00

Elks Birthday \$500.00

WA State Elks
Association
2023 Raffle
#3621



Elks Care Elks Share
B.P.O.E. of the USA
www.waelks.org

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 2023

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June 2023

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

Moira age 5 1/2 says she "doesn't like having CP (cerebral palsy) because I can't stand by myself." But there are so many things she can do! Moira loves to pop wheelchair wheelies in the airport and to walk fast and then pick up her feet and glide in her walker. And she loves visiting the library!

The past year has been spent preparing for Moira to begin kindergarten this fall. Ready for kindergarten means a lot of different things. For many of the families the Therapy Program serves, it brings additional meanings beyond what most families experience.

Planning for some of this new adventure needs to start early. Moira was no exception. She typically walks using a walker, however the physical demands of navigating the classroom, and the school building, and the playground are too much without a wheelchair.

Moira was able to borrow and try several different chairs from the Elks equipment lending shed to determine what would be best to order for her. Ordering the right piece of equipment required input from many different professionals and the consideration of different perspectives. This team included her school OT and PT, her teacher, the School District transportation department, and the wheelchair vendor and of course her Elks therapist. Things to consider: Color - That was a given. It had to be Pink. Rigid or folding frame? Will it fit in the car? What is required so Moira can ride the school bus? (Hint: more than you might think!) Moira's family is so thankful that the Elks therapist was there to help them navigate their journey and help them determine what to order.

Asked recently if she is ready for school to start, Moira gives a glance that says it is not time YET and states matter-of-factly that school starts in the fall. She continues, "I'm kind of glad I have cerebral palsy. If I didn't, I couldn't do tricks in my walker!" Moira is ready for EVERYTHING kindergarten. The real question is -- Will kindergarten be ready for Moira?



Learning to roller skate!

Thank You Elks and Supporters!



Nancy Guthrie, Ingrid Bodoh and Ernie Bodoh delivered two charcoal/smoker grills to American Lake for use by our veterans. VAVS funds were used for the purchase.

Blast from the Past

The Big Yellow Bus!

Remember those days of youth when you rode a bright yellow school bus? Depending on your thoughts of school you may have loved or hated to see that bus coming down the road to pick you up.

As many of us probably rode one of the bright yellow Blue Bird buses, let's delve into a small part of its history. The first Blue Bird bus was created in 1925, with the Blue Bird Body Company being founded in 1932. The company was based in Fort Valley, Georgia. The factory still remains in Fort Valley today despite after almost six decades and many ownership changes.

Albert Luce, Sr. built his first bus by mounting a wood body to a Ford truck frame. The poor wood body did not do well on the Georgia roads, so Luce then applied a steel framework under the wood body and built the first Blue Bird bus on the frame of a 1927 Ford Model T. Blue Bird bus No. 1 is the oldest surviving school bus in the country. In 2008 No. 1 was donated to the Henry Ford Museum, marking the 100th anniversary of the Model T Ford and the 80th anniversary of the bus's construction.



After sales of several Blue Bird buses, and the decline of automobile sales during the depression, Luce sold his two Ford dealerships to concentrate on building buses.

During a 1939 conference, the engineers at Blue Bird contributed to the color choice of bright yellow for the school buses. The same yellow is used today. One certainly cannot miss a bright yellow bus coming down the road.

By the 1940s the sight of Blue Bird buses were seen in other states across the southern U.S. Following the start of WWII school bus production stopped, and instead Blue Bird built buses for the Navy. They also built ambulance buses that had room for four stretchers. (One can sometimes still see the military Blue Bird buses on the road, but they are blue, not yellow!)

Following WWII, the one room schoolhouses began to be phased out and replaced with centralized schools. As walking to school was often no longer an option, buses were more in demand. The baby boom that occurred when soldiers returned home also meant more buses would be needed in the near future.

In 1950, Luce retired from the daily operations of Blue Bird and his three sons took over. Buses started to be exported to Central America and South America to ensure demand for the buses that keep the factory busy.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the Luce brothers added several production facilities as they were now the fourth-largest builder of school buses in the U.S. They also introduced their company slogan "Your Children's Safety is Our Business" which appeared in ads and inside the buses into the 1990s. (I don't remember seeing this slogan, do you?)

During the 1970s, the design of small school buses brought about the Micro Bird that introduced key features used by van-based buses today. The "Handy Bus" option package was created that allowed a side door, a wheelchair lift, and onboard wheelchair accommodations.

Blue Bird became the highest-volume school bus manufacturer in the U.S. But, by the early 1980s, the baby boom generation was done with their secondary education, which leveled off the student population growth. Due to turmoil in the school bus manufacturing business, three of the six largest school bus manufacturers (Carpenter, Superior, and Ward) filed for bankruptcy.

In the 1990s Blue Bird looked into ways of reducing the environmental impact of buses. The first school bus powered by compressed natural gas was developed by Blue Bird in collaboration with John Deere. The company was the first school bus manufacturer to develop a battery powered bus in 1994 in collaboration with Westinghouse Electronic Systems.

Over the years, following sales of the whole company, large amounts of stock, consolidations, closing of factories, the BIG YELLOW BUS continues to grace our roads and transport children.



Scholarships

Scholarship Committee Reports

Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 has awarded to Tacoma area students forty-three (43) \$1000 scholarships.

Twenty-three (23) of these awards are scholarship renewals--after receiving an initial award, a student is eligible to renew for three consecutive years. Twenty (20) of the awards are for newly graduating seniors--these newly awarded recipients will also be eligible to renew for three consecutive years.

Tacoma Elks are proud and honored to contribute to the next generation of Tacoma community leaders.



Tacoma Lodge with the use of a Gratitude Grant donated funds to the Tacoma Rescue Mission and the Tacoma Community House to help with the feeding of the hungry.

Left Picture
E.R. James Krager presents check to Laura Hokenstad - Volunteer Manager At the Tacoma Rescue Mission.



Left Picture
E.R. James Krager & Secretary Lee Frankie presents check to Timothy Close from the Tacoma Community House



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for sizes and costs**



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SUCCESS GUARANTEED...



The ELKS need a mobile app

- The app Pays for itself multiple times over, WE GUARANTEED IT!
- The app Generates more Revenue
- The app Retains more Members
- The app Increases Donations
- The app Gives you more Control
- The app Allows the Grand Lodge to send out messages to every Elk in the country INSTANTLY at NO cost
- The app Eliminates monthly newsletter costs
- The app Increases bar and food sales
- The app Enhances community awareness



Elks by the numbers

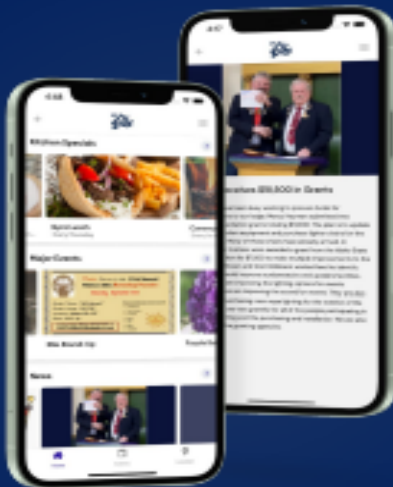


		National Avg Members	Largest Lodge	Smallest Lodge
		410	5266	100
Newsletter Cost	Postage	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60
	Envelopes	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
	Printing	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
		\$ 0.63	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.63
	Total Newsletter	\$ 258.30	\$ 3,317.58	\$ 63.00
	Total App	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	Positive Rev	\$ 108.30	\$ 3,167.58	\$ 187.00
Bar and Food	Avg Visit	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00
	50% Member Participation		205	2633
		\$ 7,175.00	\$ 144,815.00	\$ 1,750.00
	Increase with App	15%	15%	15%
	Positive Rev	\$ 1,076.25	\$ 21,322.25	\$ 262.50
Member Retention	5%	20.5	263	5
	Avg Dues/Mo	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 5.00
	Positive Rev	\$ 102.50	\$ 10,532.00	\$ 25.00
	New Revenue/Mo	\$ 1,287.05	\$ 35,421.83	\$ 200.50



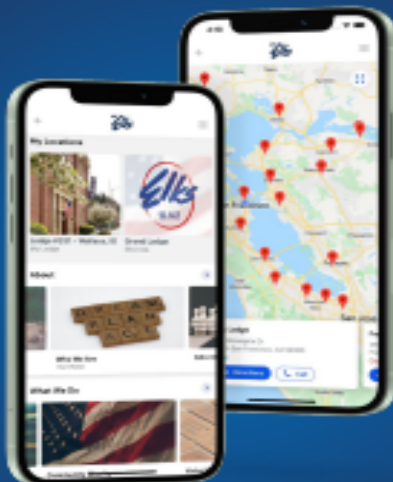
Communication

Send unlimited updates directly to your members through the app, it's the #1 way to communicate.



Engagement

One place for your monthly calendar, events, newsletter, kitchen specials, and resources. It's now easier than ever to see what's happening at your Lodge to increase participation.



Growth & Retention

With the Elks mobile app you enhance your brand image and create a platform that appeals to current members and connects with a younger demographic to increase membership



This is where you should be
Wednesday Nights.
7 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*

8/24/2022 Karl Kaleel

Al Hyatt, Bob Williams from Tacoma, Jim Howes from Seattle #92 and myself supported the sixth annual school back pack program at Camp Murray on Wednesday August 17th. The program ran from noon to 6 pm with over 325 families pre-registered and an estimated 75 more families taking part in the event. Thanks to ER Jim Krager, Tacoma Elks also provided 96 student dictionaries to families. The dictionary program was such a success, it will probably be expanded next year.

This is the sixth year that Washington State Elks have provided manpower and supplies for this important function. The Washington State Elks expanded the program to an additional six cities to support our active duty, guard, veterans and retiree families with much needed school supplies to start the school year in a positive note.

Ernie Bodoh
Past Exalted Ruler
Tacoma Elks #174



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 open. We are here to have fun.



**PAY
YOUR
DUES**

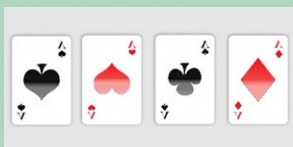


If you haven't paid your dues, now is a great time so you can join in the fun.



Join the Funtimers Once a Month

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. Due to parking issues, we are now meeting the first Wednesday of the month instead of the second. If you are interested in joining us, Wednesday, September 7th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet at noon, and after lunch the card game "31" is played by those who 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!



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.



FALL OFFICER TRAINING

Leading Knight required & all officers/members encouraged to attend!

WHEN: October 1, 2022

WHERE: Burien Elks Lodge
14006 1st Avenue
Burien WA 98168

TIME: 8:30 AM sharp to 4:30 PM

There will be a continental breakfast available the morning of the event and lunch will be available at a cost of \$10.00. This will be a working lunch.



RSVP by September 26, 2022 to:
jillyann1p@gmail.com



Hoop Shoot Fundraiser

Monday Night Football

Seattle Seahawks vs Denver Broncos
Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:15pm

Join us for the game in the/ Elks Sports Bar.

- Enter to WIN a FREE round of golf at Allenmore (\$1 raffle tickets).
- Free Throw competition at half time.
- Desserts for sale.
- Sports bar will be open for drinks and food.

All proceeds benefit the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot.



Tacoma Elks #174
Metro Parks Tacoma
Hoop Shoot

National Free Throw Contest
51st Anniversary



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

City Wide Contest

For Girls and Boys Ages 8 to 13

Each contestant attempts 25 free throws

Time and Date : TBA

**Volunteers Needed for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot.
We are looking for volunteer scorekeepers, sign in
volunteers and all around Hoop Shoot help. We are also
taking donations to help with costs for the Hoop Shoot.**



For volunteering for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot
please contact Buddy Keller by phone
253-272-1117 or by email at
tacomahoopshoot174@gmail.com

Do you have a plant problem?

Have a plant question or problem? You may find the help you need at one of the following websites. Or check out the Master Gardeners' both at the Washington State (Puyallup) Fair. There will be volunteers there to discuss your plant issues. Or just stop by to say HELLO.

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

Come join the Fun at Monday Night BINGO

Come join fellow Bingo players and volunteers at the Tacoma Elks Lodge on Monday nights. Meet new people, socialize with friends, enjoy snacks, and maybe win money! You can purchase your Bingo cards starting at 6 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm. By playing Bingo, you help our lodge and charities.

Consider volunteering to help run the weekly Bingo nights. One doesn't need to volunteer for every Monday night, but once or twice a month would allow current volunteers to take a night off or to play Bingo. We provide training, and no job is difficult. And we have fun volunteering.



SEPTEMBER

2022

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
4 Urban Elk Closed	5 Urban Elk Closed	6 Taco Tuesday	7 Urban Elk Steaks Initiation Lodge Meeting 7 PM	8	9	10 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
11 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	12 Urban Elk Office is Closed	13 Taco Tuesday	14 Urban Elk Steaks Balloting Lodge Meeting	15	16	17 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar - Game Night D.D. Clinic Game Night 7 PM
18 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	19	20 Taco Tuesday	21 Urban Elk Steaks Special Ballot Lodge Meeting 7 PM	22	23	24 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
25 Urban Elk Closed	26	27 Taco Tuesday	28 Urban Elk Steaks	29	30	



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!