

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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## 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....	PER Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....	David Glenn
Loyal Knight.....	Gary Schwartz
Lecturing Knight.....	Vivian Rody
Secretary.....	PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....	Patricia Kennedy
Tiler.....	Jeannie Sutton
Esquire.....	Paul Christel
Asst. Esquire .....	Dave 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 Gilson .....	Trustee 2 yr.
Yvonne White .....	Trustee 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
Fax .....	253-272-1303
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 04/01/2024	761
Initiated Since Then	29
Reinstatements	8
Incoming Transfers	1

### REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	5
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	8
Calculated Membership Total	778

### 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?**

Notify 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 November - month of giving THANKS - my Elks Sisters and Brothers. To start my monthly message, I would first put forth, "A Thankful Prayer" by George Herbert:

**"O GOD, Thou hast given so much to us, give one thing more – a grateful heart. Amen."** That grateful heart keeps me in awe of the committed officers and staff we all count on daily at the Tacoma Elks. Their devotion to you (and me) is unmatched and too often unheralded. They go about their day, responsive and responsible to YOU, our members, to ensure our Lodge home is clean, fun to be at, fiscally sound, and welcoming to EVERYONE. At the beginning of this issue of The Call, some of their names are listed; as our respective Boards and Officers. If you recognize any of them, say "Thank You" the next time you see them. Our employees, whose names are too many to list them all, are of the same cut. They chose to affiliate with us and join our team. They stay with us because we are a GREAT place, and they take pride in being part of us. Honor them and their seemingly untiring efforts, as you can, when you enjoy and take part of the varied activities and amenities at our Lodge. Our lives all intersect and have value and meaning, because we all take something from each other. It becomes part of us and those others we share ourselves with.

I want to finish with some words I scripted to introduce our family "Offrenda," or altar, which is presently on display at the Tacoma Art Museum in celebration of the upcoming observance and celebration of "Dia de Los Muertos," also known as "Day of the Dead." If you read this in time, come see us this Sunday, November 2, to see the many celebratory "Offrendas," and immerse yourselves in a culture of giving Thanks (admission is free). They will be on display through November 3, and you can catch us all again next year.

**"These photos and display depict an important component of our family history and the memory of what makes us who we are today. While they give us joy in reflecting upon those whose lives have touched us in ways we can only try to understand, they also give us pause and inspiration to know that our legacy is etched in eternal history as a contribution to all humanity. These wonderful, amazing people are our parents, grandparents, spouses, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins, children and friends. They are also the undercurrent of the good change which has shaped the many privileges we collectively enjoy. We will always carry them in our hearts, for our doing is their doing as well. They have taught us to live with ourselves, with other people, with the larger world and finally, with God and the infinite. Alone, and together, we recite chapters of living associated with each and all of them. Those stories give us solace in knowing we are safe in the comfort their arms and their love, which sustains our every being."**

For them, and you, I give great Thanks. While we are independent in our rights and privileges, and the lives we each live, we are Interdependent in our being and existence. We are part of each other, for which we are blessed, through our families and our Elks community. Attach yourselves to your family stories and ours, as Elks, for they define who we are. What we can do with those connections, in service to each other – and for which we are THANKFUL – is boundless. THANK YOU FOR THAT BLESSING.



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



**The Lodge Membership Continues to grow, with your help and Sponsoring of new Members our Lodge will be even more of an influence in our community. Our Lodge is still a major contributor to organizations that exist in our community and across the state. Some of our major charitable projects include our Veterans, where the Tacoma Lodge will be a major part of Christmas Magic. The Lodge will again contribute to the Homeless Shelter and the Y.W.C.A. Women's Abuse Shelter for the holidays. As always the Lodge continues to donate to Elks National Foundation and to the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children.**

**The Holidays have arrived and there will be many activities taking place for you to enjoy. Take note of the flyers in this publication for dates and times of upcoming events. Rumor has it that Santa will be visiting the Tacoma Lodge several times during this Holiday Season. ( Starting in November )**

**If you haven't paid this year's dues, we ask that you take care of this this time. Your Membership is important and we enjoy seeing you at the Lodge. Stop by the Lodge Office to say hello.**

**Fraternally & Respectfully,**

*Lee*



**Tacoma Elks Lodge  
Blood Drive  
December 27th, 2025**

**Elks Care - Elks Share**



**New Lodge Members**  
**Lynnett Stevenson, Cecilia Mendoza McCracken,**  
**Margarita Mendoza Sugiyama, Suzanne Kelley and Todd Kelley**



**Exalted Ruler Gil Mendoza**  
**Promoting Elkdom**

**Tacoma Elks #174  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
Hoop Shoot  
National Free Throw Contest  
53rd Annual**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**City Wide Contest  
For Girls and Boys Ages 8 to 13**

Each contestant attempts 25 free throws

**December 13th : Eastside Community Center**

1721 E 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98404

**Volunteers Needed for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot.**

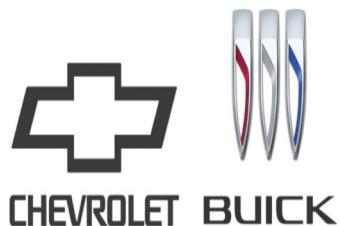
**December 13th from 9:30am - 2:00pm.**

**We are looking for volunteer scorekeepers, sign in volunteers and all around Hoop Shoot help.**



For volunteering for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot  
please contact Buddy Keller by phone  
253-355-2923 or by email at  
[buddyaladino@gmail.com](mailto:buddyaladino@gmail.com)

# Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge



Sales: 253.777.3238  
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Tacoma, WA 98409

**Abijah Adult Family Home**  
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Cell: 253-247-0322  
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Fax: 253-325-6096



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Owner  
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**Tacoma, WA 98405**  
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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***

<b>10/01/2025</b>	<b>Thomas Dupille</b>
<b>10/08/ 2025</b>	<b>Jerry Robinson</b>
<b>10/15/2025</b>	<b>Paul Christel</b>
<b>10/22/2025</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10/29/2025</b>	<b>Michael Mitchell</b>



**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 "THE ANTLERS" on Saturday evenings. There are various things for you to do and play. 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.*



**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

**Win Money at Bingo at the Tacoma Elks.**

Happy Thanksgiving from your Bingo crew.

Join us for Bingo on Monday nights in the lodge room. 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. Where would our charities be without the donations from you 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.

For those who play Bingo and help by recycling your Bingo sheets, bottles and cans, thank you. The area guidelines are followed and no garbage, such as candy wrappers, single use cups, napkins or glass is accepted.





## Great Plant Picks

Fall is here, and I hope you have put your outside plants to bed. Be sure to clean up any infected plant material and dispose of it. Do not put it in your compost bin. Mulch plants who need a little extra for the cold weather.

If you're thinking of planting new plants this fall or in the spring, you may find the site for Great Plant Picks helpful. Great Plant Picks is the primary educational program of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden which debuted in 2001 with the first recommendations for a comprehensive palette of outstanding plants for the maritime Pacific Northwest. To date over 1,000 exceptional plants have been selected for gardeners living west of the Cascade Mountains. Take a peak and see what you can find at <https://www.greatplantpicks.org/>.

**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, November 12th 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.



# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 29, 2025**

Come start your holiday shopping early:

local artists, mosaics, pottery, paintings, Hawaiian Wreaths,  
stocking stuffers, candles, soaps, baked goods and so much more

**Tacoma Elks Lodge #174**

**2013 South Cedar Street, Tacoma, WA**

**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**



For more information call 253.272.1117 Ext 0

## Blast from the Past

Many younger people, and probably some older people do not know houses used to be advertised and sold through catalogs, such as from Aladdin, Sears, Pacific, Montgomery Ward, Bennett, Harris, Sterling, Liberty, Fenner, Gordon Van-tine, and Wardway.

Back in 1908, Sears issued its first catalog for homes. The catalog featured 44 homes with prices ranging from \$360 to \$2,890. The first home was sold that year. It is approximated that Sears sold 75,000 home kits from 1908 to 1942. These homes were called “modern” because the kits included the latest in home conveniences such as indoor plumbing and electricity. They were an affordable way for middle class families to live in good quality homes, many of which still stand today. .



A couple looking for a home could thumb through a catalog, like many of us did with the Sears toy catalogs. Pick out the home of their choice, pay for it, and it would arrive a few weeks later by train. The lumber would be pre-cut and include screws, nails, paint, doorknobs and drawer pulls. Once it arrived, owners would need to have the kit assembled which cost extra. The kit often included a tool called the “Wizard” that could be used for making perfect blocks for walls and foundations. One just packed a bit of wet concrete into a mold, and squeezed it. Remove the block and set it out to dry. Sears offered several different mold faces so buyers could choose how they wanted their concrete block faces to look.



# **Past Exalted Ruler Association**

## **INVITES YOU!!!**

**To join us for a Fried Oyster Dinner**

**Prepared by Guest Chef - Past Grand Trustee Joe Basil**

**This succulent menu includes the most amazing**

**Fried Oysters, mouthwatering Rice Pilaf and**

**don't forget the Coleslaw & Garlic Bread ~all for just \$25**

**Patty K's Clam Chowder will be prepared**

**for non-oyster eaters Bowl \$10 Cup \$6**

**Bring your family and friends!!!**



**Tacoma Elks Lodge   November 15, 2025  5:30-8:00 PM**

**RSVP to 253-272-1117 Extension 0 by November 10th**

**payment will be collected upon your arrival.**

**Presold Tickets only, these are not available at the door  
so get them before they are gone.**

# *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..."



## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE

### NOV

**6** **St Hilaire Wine Tasting**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 5pm - 7pm

**21** **Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle Drawing**  
Urban Elk Restaurant

**27** **Thanksgiving - Happy Thanksgiving!**  
Facilities Closed

**29** **Elks Lodge Holliday Bazaar**  
Main Lodge 10am - 4pm

### DEC

**7** **Elks Lodge #174 Memorial Service**  
Main Lodge 9am - 2pm

**7** **Holiday Sunday Brunch**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 10am - 2pm

**14** **Holiday Sunday Brunch with Santa**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 10am - 2pm

**20** **Ugly Sweater/Karaoke Holiday Party**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 6pm - 10pm

**21** **Holiday Sunday Brunch**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 10am - 2pm

**24** **Christmas Eve**  
Facilities Close @ 3pm

**25** **Christmas Day - Merry Christmas!**  
Facilities Closed

**31** **New Years Eve - NY's East Coast Toast**  
Urban Elk Restaurant 6pm - 9pm

### JAN

**1** **New Year's Day - Happy New Years!**  
Facilities Closed

# November 2025

## Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

### Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2		3	4	5	6	7
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			<u>OYSTER DINNER</u>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			<u>HOLIDAY BAZAAR</u>
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## Washington State Elks Calendar 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  
Holiday Drawings \$100.00  
Elks Birthday \$500.00





**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!