

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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### 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER Gil Mendoza  
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Michael Portman.....Trustee 1 yr.  
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**Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy David Glenn Eric Gilson**

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**Paul Christel Dean Mazzuca Nancy Guthrie**  
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PER Secretary Lee Frankie

### NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Exalted Ruler.....253-272-1117  
Lodge and Lodge Secretary.....253-272-1117  
Membership.....253-272-1117  
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Web Address.....[www.tacomaelks.com](http://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	762
Initiated Since Then	11
Reinstatements	3
Incoming Transfers	0
<b><u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u></b>	
Dropped	1
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	3
Calculated Membership Total	771

### RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	4
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*

*Gil Mendoza*



Happy June my Elks Family. As we begin our entrance into summer, and brighter weather, I want to take the time to highlight a bright star in our midst.

Azalea Snowmassara is our Bright Shining Star for Tacoma Elks #174. She is a 13-year-old, 8th grade student in our local School District (Tacoma). She is the Student Body President and attends Hilltop Heritage Middle School. Why is she OUR shining STAR? Because she took the time and interest to enter our annual Elks Americanism Essay competition, and not only took 1st place for our Lodge, and 1st place for all Washington State Elks; (LOUD drum role) she also captured FIRST PLACE, as her essay worked its way up through the Elks Grand Lodge competition. Yes, She Is our National Champion!

Every Year Grand Lodge provides a “prompt,” to which students may write an essay for judging at the local, (and if successful) state, (and if more successful) national levels. This year’s prompt was “What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?” At the National level there were 41 states that participated and over 40,000 essays submitted for all grade level divisions.

It is fitting we have and acknowledge our Champion, Azalea, immediately after celebrating Memorial Day, and the many men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life here in America, and those who served in the armed forces as patriots of our great country. There is more. From the hearts, and minds, and expressions of our youth come the words to which we must harken and pay close attention. Azalea’s essay follows:

William McKinley once said, “Strong hearts and helpful hands are needed, and, fortunately, we have them in every part of our beloved country.” Despite the fact this was stated over 100 years ago, I believe it to be true today. In my opinion, there are still many people all over our country who represent patriotism on a daily basis. Patriotism is the action of caring for, representing, taking pride in, and respecting your country as well as the people who live there.

Often, patriotism is defined as being devoted to one’s country by embracing the flag or anthem, knowing its history, or being prepared to go to war for your country. While all this is true, patriotism to me is more than that; it’s being able to recognize when something is flawed and do something about it. You can do this by volunteering at a food drive or homeless shelter, planting trees, supporting local events, even going to the farmers market or buying local is an act of patriotism.

I believe if you are patriotic, it’s a way of telling people you are here and you are ready to help, despite the circumstances or obstacle to overcome. One of the easiest forms of patriotism is the acceptance of differences. Something as simple as making a new friend, embracing other’s flaws, and treating all people as equals can help to unify a community and strengthen a nation.

I believe that patriotism is the heart of any nation; with its ability to bring together family and community, help individuals overcome personal challenges through communal aid, and show that a nation’s people care. Patriotism isn’t what it used to be, but to me it’s more important than ever.

Work Cited

William McKinley – March 4, 1901: Second Inaugural Address|Miller Center

Azalea’s gifted teacher, Tanya Waller, and mom, Michaela Snowmassara, seem to be living what their child prodigy has put forth so eloquently. Children say what they have learned and know. We are blessed within our community. May all of our children have the opportunity to blossom so beautifully, as the flowers we will enjoy this season.

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



***As you can see in this news letter there are many activities happening in June. There will be bands playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant on Saturday nights. The ABBAGraphs will be performing and we will have an Art / Garden Show on Sunday June 8th. Wednesday June 11th will be the Annual Flag Day Presentation in the Lodge Room. There will not be a regular Lodge Meeting on this evening, but an open meeting for Elks and non-Elks to attend. This service includes interesting information about our countries flags.***

***We are planning more fun activities that will be starting soon.***

***If you are having issues with receiving your Membership card please let the office know. If you have paid your dues and there seems to be an issue, again please let us know. If you haven't paid your dues, now is a Great time to get this accomplished.***

***We have some yearly lockers available in the Men's shower room.***

***Stop by the Lodge Office to say hello.***

***Fraternally & Respectfully,***

*Lee*



**If you are currently Serving in the military, or a Veteran we would like your information for a slideshow to honor them,**

**Please send your :**

**( Name / Years as a an Elk Member / Branch of Service / Picture )**

**Email their info to : [buddyaladino@gmail.com](mailto:buddyaladino@gmail.com)**





## Greetings Elks!

I am the new General Manager here at Elks Allenmore, Inc.

My official first day was back on May 19th and I am still exploring the facilities in its entirety along with meeting all of you.

**About me:** I was born and raised in Tacoma, grew up in Steilacoom, and reside in Lakewood.

My back ground is in Private Club Management that began at Tacoma Country and Golf Club in 1985 as a bus boy. Working up through the ranks and completing my education was juggled throughout my career. I eventually graduated from Steilacoom High School, Peirce College - AA in Business Management, and Saint Martins University - BA Business in Lacey.

After a few promotions and places of employment, I eventually received my Certified Club Manager Designation (CCM) in 2010 and Certified Club Executive Designation (CCE) in 2021 from the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). I have continued my education through the CMAA and have held board positions and eventually president of local chapter in 2008.

A focal part of my career is truly the people that I come in contact with. Throughout my career I've met many fantastic people, worked with some outstanding staff, and accomplished much together. The Elks Lodge and Elks Allenmore, Inc have dedicated and loyal volunteers and staff.

I am excited to learn more of the history of Elks Lodge #174, Allenmore Golf Course, and the potential of the Urban Elk Restaurant and Events.

My goals are to always improve and enhance an organization facilities through service, activity, and overall upkeep of all.

I look forward to meeting more Elks in near future and making the Elks Allenmore, Inc. something to be proud of.

**Bryon Hammock, CCM CCE**

**General Manager**

## Our Kids

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

Meet Bryce, who has been receiving services from the Elk's Therapy Program since April of 2024. Bryce is on the autism spectrum and has global development delays. His insurance only covered a limited amount of outpatient occupational therapy sessions; hence he was referred to our program for in-home therapy services.

Bryce's parents share, "We are both very pleased with the progress Bryce has made over the past 9 months since starting to work with our Elks therapist. Bryce has made considerable progress in terms of his social skills and ability to form bonds with individuals outside of us (his parents). "

"Bryce has also shown substantial improvement in his tolerance for different sensory experiences. He enjoys putting his hands on various textures and has transitioned from being mostly sensory avoidant to finding sensory experiences very pleasant. He loves listening to music and smelling candles. He now seeks out these diverse sensory experiences (Orbeez, Play-Doh, dirt, mud, etc.) instead of avoiding them. He still needs to work on tolerance for different vestibular sensory experiences but has made some progress with tolerance for sitting in the back seat of the car with less motion sickness".

"Bryce has also grown in his ability to perform some fine motor tasks and is showing more patience with attempting to complete fine motor challenges. He can now string beads on a pipe-cleaner, turn a sink faucet on and off, open most door handles, pull up his pants, do some of the steps of brushing his teeth and hold a small crayon with a more appropriate grasp some of the time. He does continue to need to work on self-care skills but has the ability to complete some of the components of these essential tasks. We are so pleased to see him developing in this realm".

"We are very appreciative of the Elks Organization for providing us with this opportunity to work with a wonderful occupational therapist in our home. This assistance has been so important for allowing our son to work towards his full developmental potential".





**Esquire Paul Christel with new Member Justin Givens,  
Justin has his Three Meeting Pin.**



**Valencia Jackson receives her Three Meeting Pin.**



# Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge

*Gilchrist*

AUTO CENTER



CHEVROLET



BUICK

**GMC**

Sales: 253.777.3238

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Parts: 844.314.2682

6014 S Tacoma Way  
Tacoma, WA 98409



**Abijah Adult Family Home**

*"Where Compassion Finds a Home"*

32221 8th Ave SW  
Federal Way, WA 98023

*Jennifer Kuru*

Provider/Owner

email: [info@abijahafh.com](mailto:info@abijahafh.com)

Cell: 253-247-0322

Home: 253-325-6097

Fax: 253-325-6096



**Christel Home Services**

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**Paul R. Christel**

Owner

[Gristle@nventure.com](mailto:Gristle@nventure.com)

5112 S. 10th St. Tacoma, Wa. 98465

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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*

*5/07/2025 Andrew Taylor  
5/14/2025 Miranda Sellman  
5/21/2025 Edmond Richards*



**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**



*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

### Play Bingo at the Tacoma Elks.

How about joining the Bingo family on Monday nights. 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. 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. By playing Bingo, you help us make charitable donations.

# Bingo!





## Planning your Summer Garden?

### WSU Gardening Publications

Interested in learning more about something in your garden? WSU has publications you might find helpful or at least interesting. There is no charge for most documents you can download on your computer or phone. Check them out at WSU Extension Publications at : <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/gardening>

**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, June 11th 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.**





**ONE NIGHT ONLY - ABBAGraphs - JUNE 14, 2025**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**AT THE TACOMA ELKS LODGE #174**

**2013 CEDAR ST. TACOMA**

**7 PM – 9 PM IN THE LODGE ROOM**

**Be a guest of the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 and enjoy this energetic and fun show. The ABBAGraphs recreate the pop magic of ABBA's chart-topping, classic pop hits of the '70s and early '80s. If you enjoyed the movie Mama Mia, you will hear many of the same songs.**

**You may feel like dancing!**

**The Urban Elk Restaurant will be open for dining**



## *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..."

# **URBAN ELK**

## **RESTAURANT & BAR**

### **HOURS**

**MONDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

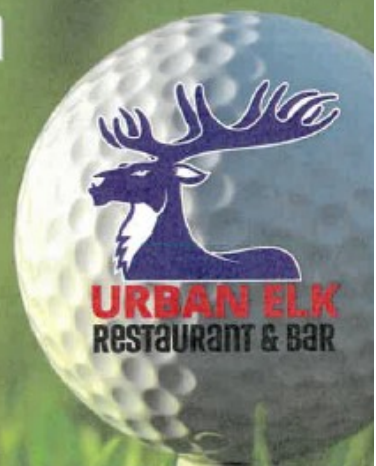
**WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 9PM**

**THURSDAY - 11AM TO 9PM**

**FRIDAY - 11AM TO 9PM**

**SATURDAY - 9AM TO 9PM**

**SUNDAY - 9AM TO 8PM**



**FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES**

**PRIOR TO CLOSE**





## BLOOD DRIVE

Tacoma Elks Lodge  
June 29th  
10 AM—2 P)M

More information to follow.



# BLOOD DRIVE



**Allenmore Golf and Events Center**

**2013 S Cedar St, Tacoma, WA 98405**

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**10AM-2PM**



**Scan the QR code to  
schedule your appointment!**





## Elk's Garden & Art Sale



Garden Art-mosaics & pottery  
 Veggie Starts -heirloom tomatoes, etc  
 Annual Starts -nasturtiums, marigolds, etc  
 Vintage Planter Boxes  
 Local Artisan Baked Goods  
 Custom Made Cutting Boards  
 And so much more!  
 TACOMA ELKS  
 2013 South Cedar  
**SUNDAY JUNE 8 2025 10am - 4pm**  
 Benefits Elk's Pediatric Programs

For more information call 253-426-9338



# **Washington Elks Therapy Raffle**



**1st Place \$2000**

**2nd Place \$1000**

**3rd Place \$500**



**Drawing will be held  
during the  
Garland Family  
Golf Tournament  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Tacoma WA**

***Tickets Only \$5 each.***

***Proceeds help fund the Therapy  
Program***

**Need not be present to win**





TACOMA ELKS  
16TH ANNUAL GARLAND FAMILY CHARITY

# GOLF

## TOURNAMENT

**JULY 26TH, 2025**

### **\$500 Entry Fee Per Team**

Entry Fee Includes:  
Green Fees & Cart  
Refreshments on course  
Complimentary lunch  
Awards, prizes, and auction

### **Details:**

Allenmore Golf Course  
7:30AM Check-in  
9AM Shotgun  
1:30pm Lunch, Awards,  
and Auction

### **COMPETITION**

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE  
BOGEY MAX SCORE PER HOLE  
HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST  
PUTTING CONTEST  
CLOSEST TO THE PIN & LONG DRIVE  
LIMITED TO FIRST 25 TEAMS  
ENTRY DEADLINE-JULY 19TH

Registration opens on March 1, 2025  
\*First 10 teams to register will receive  
free twilight round and cart on July  
25th after 2pm  
[allenmoregolfcourse.com](http://allenmoregolfcourse.com)

Proceeds will help  
support the WA  
ELKS Therapy  
Program for  
Children

# The 12th Annual Garland Family Golf Fundraiser

## July 26, 2025

### GOLFER REGISTRATION

Please register by July 19, 2025



#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check in 7:30 am  
Shot Gun Start 9:00 am  
Lunch and Awards Banquet to follow

#### LOCATION

Allenmore Golf Course  
2013 S Cedar St, Tacoma, WA  
98405  
(253) 272-1117

#### FORMAT AND RULES

The Golf fundraiser will be a four person Scramble. Two golf carts will be provided for each foursome. Raffle Tickets and Mulligans will be available for purchase at the event.

We encourage the opportunity to make new friends and raise money for our State Major Project, The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children Inc.

☐ Playing as a team ☐ Please choose a team for me

#### PLAYER ONE

Name	
Company	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

#### PLAYER TWO

Name	
Company	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

#### PLAYER THREE

Name	
Company	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

#### PLAYER FOUR

Name	
Company	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

#### Payment Information. (\$125 Per Player)

☐ I am a corporate Sponsor

Checks made payable to: WETP (Washington Elks Therapy program)	\$	I wish to make a monetary donation as a Friend of the Tournament in the amount
Cash (DO NOT MAIL CASH) in person registration only	\$	
Credit card payments can be made online at WAEKLS.ORG		

Mail your registration forms to: WA Elks Therapy Program PO BOX 110760 Tacoma, WA 98411

(IRS TAX ID# 91-0647950. Tax exempt determination letter is available upon request)



# June 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			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Elk's Garden & Art Sale	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Flag Day <u>ABBAGraphs</u>
	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>Fathers Day</u>	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Elks Summer Convention Pasco		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
29	30					

gate







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**P. O. Box 11008**  
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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!