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2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....David Glenn
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Lecturing Knight.....Vivian Rody
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
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Tiler.....Jeannie Sutton
Esquire.....Paul Christel
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Chaplain.....
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Board of Directors: Comprised of the Four Chair Officers + Lodge Secretary and Treasurer + the Five Trustees Listed Below

Michael Portman.....Trustee 1 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 2 yr.
Yvonne WhiteTrustee 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
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 04/01/2024	761
Initiated Since Then	38
Reinstatements	8
Incoming Transfers	4
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	5
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	14
Calculated Membership Total	788

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

Gil Mendoza



Happy New Year my Elks Brothers and Sisters. Yes, it is that time of year (New Start) when we all begin making resolutions on how much better we can and will be. We resolve to be this, and do that. Yet for some, among the many, the prospect of trying a new approach, let alone trying something new, is met with trepidation.

In the devotional classic, *Imitation of Christ* (15th Century), author Thomas ‘a Kempis tells the story of a certain person who was so filled with anxiety and fear that he could not bring himself to act. As he wavered back and forth in his uncertainty he thought, if I only knew such and such, then I should have the courage to persevere. Presently, wrote Kempis, he heard within himself this answer from God: “***And if you did know, what would you do? Do now what you would then do, and you shall be very secure.***”

This very practical rule of living mitigates worry and apprehension about both big and little things. For example, you cannot be sure that a relative or friend will enjoy visiting with you – but you would ask them if you were sure. Very well then – invite them as if you were sure. Or you can’t be sure if your job (or avocational project) will succeed if you put in extra work (or even effort) on it, but how can you satisfy yourself without proceeding as if you did know it would succeed?

There are plenty of practical examples – and Resolutions - in everyone’s life; these are only suggestions of how it can help to act “**as if.**” These have proved useful words for me to live by. I have used them many times, with the added mental encouragement from author Dorothea Brande, to “*Act as if it were impossible to fail,*” from her book **Wake Up and Live!** (1936). The result may not always be what you hope for, but the sense that you have done the best you can to make things work out, and have given opportunity itself a chance, does produce in yourself that inner peace which is the best kind of security. Happy resolutions – And RESULTS!

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From the Desk of...
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



The holidays are over and now the busy new years' work load commences.

We have documents and flyers of all types being distributed. There is scholarship information and other various committee flyers being distributed as well.

The Lodge is in the process of updating our Membership Information for the 2026 Lodge year, As always we encourage you to speak to your family and friends about joining the Tacoma Elks Lodge. This is the time when you should consider being an Officer or on a Lodge Committee. Speak to a current Officer to obtain any information that you may require.

Fraternally & Respectfully,
Lee





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we welcome in a new year, the Lodge Staff and the Elks Allenmore Staff are working on many activities for a great 2026.

One area that we are currently working on is the information channels to get the details on activities out to all of you, Elks Members.

Through the past few years there have been numerous online platforms (social media and websites) publishing information on Allenmore Golf Course, Urban Elk Restaurant, Elks Lodge, activities, reviews and more. The team and I are working on removing some of the "dated" and sometimes misleading sites to be sure all are receiving most current information.

One item that will be worked on during January is updates to the Elks Lodge #174 website (www.tacomaelks.com) Through change of staff and technology glitches, this site is outdated with information about your lodge, but will be renewed with current shortly. Meanwhile, the (www.allenmoregolfcourse.com) website does have a calendar that is being maintained with Allenmore events and activities on golf course and restaurant, as well as some of the Tacoma Elks Lodge activity.

In addition, the new Facebook Page is growing in following and activity along with other social media platforms under construction.

For those who do not share in websites or social media, there will be information within this newsletter, The Call, reader screen in front of Urban Elk Restaurant, menu cards, flyers around lodge, and Elks Member area downstairs.

LODGE WEBSITE: <https://tacomaelks.com/>

ALLENMORE WEBSTE: <https://allenmoregolfcourse.com/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578848974916>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/elks.allenmore/>

X: Elks Allenmore Inc. @Elksallenmore

Reminder: January 12th Carpet Cleaning

Happy New Year!

Bryon Hammock, CCM CCE
General Manager
Elks Allenmore Inc.

*Stay in the know about
Elks & Happenings!*



WEBSITE



FACEBOOK



December Initiates
David Glasscock, Kimberly Shaddox
Gary Osborn, Thomas Mady
Kirk Lambert, Charles B. Hammock
and Kenneth Glasscock



Christmas Magic



Christmas Magic

Unable to get Sled Clearance



Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge

Gilchrist

AUTO CENTER



CHEVROLET



BUICK

GMC

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Tacoma, WA 98409



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Each location independently owned and operated.



***This is where you should be
On Wednesday Nights.
7 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***

***12/03/2025 Mark Duncan
12/ 10/ 2025 Frank Albers
12/17/2025 Kate Greene
12/24/2025 No Meeting
12/31/2025 No Meeting***



Wanted

Pool Players for a 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 "Member's Only Area" on Saturday evenings. There are various things for you to do and play. We are here to have fun. Stop by The Rack as well.



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

Happy New Year from your Bingo Volunteers

Start the New Year out by joining 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 about 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 are accepted.





Great Plant Picks

If you're thinking of planting new plants or a new garden in the spring, it's time to start planning. Those garden catalogs that come in the mail are a great way to see what you might like. 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. Since then each year a comprehensive palette of outstanding plants for the maritime Pacific Northwest is published. 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 .



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..."

GET YOUR PUNCH CARD TODAY

\$200



Valid October 15- March 15th

- This punch card is good for ten 9 hole rounds of golf
- If playing 18 holes, 2 holes will be punched
- Punch cards are non refundable
- If lost, cards are not replaceable
- Carts are not included

Inquire about the punch card in the golf shop



Calling all Elks!

The Urban Elk is restructuring the hours of operations for all those pool, poker, handball players as well as those that just want to relax with a good book, or something on the television.

Along with a change in Winter hours, we will be entertaining our Elks with some specials each week. Keep an eye out for Tequila Tuesdays, Whiskey Wednesdays, Thirsty Thursdays, and more...

Sure the Rack will still provide a beverage and snack to the brave winter golfer, but our focus will be our Elk's. Let our friendly staff treat you to a beverage and snack of your liking.

Happy Holidays and hope to see you all @ The Rack!



MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	CLOSED

SPECIAL HOURS IN DECEMBER

Open Dec 7, 14 & 21 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Where elks enjoy gathering...



Our Legacy to the Future

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

Nearly 100 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

Our Mission

The [mission of the ENF](#) is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Our Impact

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. [Click here](#) for details on all ENF programs.

This year, the ENF allocated \$18 million to fund the [Community Investments Program](#), investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

How the ENF Works

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$322.6 million in contributions and bequests. Today, we have more than 124,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$884.4 million.

A [board of seven trustees](#), who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operations. [Click here](#) to meet O'Kelley and his staff. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.

Join your local Lodge in service to your community. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Elks.

Our Finances

- FY2025, Total Income: \$61,600,573.
- FY2025, Total End-of-Year Net Assets: \$873,015,260.
- Explore our most recent [IRS Form 990](#).

January

2026

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bingo 7 PM	Epiphany Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Washington Elks Winter Convention			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
National Popcorn Day Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM				National Hot Chocolate Day





TACOMA ELKS LODGE #174
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!