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*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
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Chaplain.....	
Inner Guard.....	Ross Roden
Elks Pianist.....	Beverley Dallman

### **Board of Directors: Comprised of the**

Four Chair Officers + Lodge Secretary and Treasurer  
+ 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
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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	47
Reinstatements	9
Incoming Transfers	4

### **REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST**

Dropped	6
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	15
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?**

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 February - the Love Month - my Elks Sisters and Brothers. There are so many ways to show love; to others and yourself. It is said that anything you do which leaves you with a warm, centered fulfillment is said to manifest love in some way; some more than others, and those with another person proffered as most powerful. I offer a universal example befitting each and all of us.

Of all sad things we tell ourselves, the saddest is, "I didn't make the most of the occasion." We go to say goodbye; an old friend comes to see us; somebody does us a kindness; we have an argument; we meet a new acquaintance; and somehow, we do not do justice to the moment.

Afterward we try to imagine that we did. We make believe. We hear ourselves saying all the things we should have said; but then it is too late. The most we can do in the circumstances is to resolve that the next time .... The next time, we say, will be different. Yet, the danger is just as great that the next time, too, we shall fail.

People cannot see into the future (mostly), and so we should not lament too much our failures to realize what moments mean before they are remembered. But there is one thing we can do, and the happiest people (and I dare state, the most loving) are those who do it to the limit of their ability.

We can be completely present. We can be ALL THERE! We can control the tendency of our minds to wander from the situation we are in toward yesterday, toward tomorrow, toward something we have forgotten, toward some other place we are going next. It is hard to do this, but it is harder to understand afterward wherein it was we fell so short. It was where and when we ceased to give our entire attention to the person, the opportunity, before us. Those who have fewest regrets are those who take each moment as it comes for all that it is worth. It will never come again, likely, for worse or better. It is ours alone in this sense. We can make it what we will.

Storm Jameson (1891-1986), a prolific British novelist and activist, who helped many refugee writers escape Nazi-occupied Europe, stated "**Only one person in a thousand knows the trick of really living in the present.**" When you can, you are showing love to yourself, and to others. By being "all there," you are facilitating your shared destiny to its greatest potential, and creating exponential opportunity in moving from simply a full life to a fulfilled life. Love to each and all of you!



*From the Desk of...  
Lodge Secretary*

**Lee Frankie**



**We are definitely in the busy time of year in the Tacoma Elks Lodge. The Office Staff is compiling many reports and working with the Membership records. At this time we should all be thinking about what can I do for the Lodge. There are many committees and projects that need additional Member assistance. This may be the time to consider being a Lodge Officer. Lodge Officers take some time to work with their positions, however the personal rewards are unlimited. Lets strive to make our Lodge efficient and a fun place to be a Member.**

**Fraternally & Respectfully,**

*Lee*





## January Initiates

**Lisa Campbell, Kaylynn Poplawski,  
Dennis Early, Thomas Russell -Tutty,  
Brian Lawson, Barbara Ludke,  
Cheri Finnegan & Robin Dittmann**

Every Member makes a difference to the Elks. February is a month of love—and for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, it's also a time of celebration. On February 16, we mark 158 years of service, generosity, and dedication to our communities.

Guided by Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt's call to Be The Difference and the Elks National Foundation's mission of building stronger communities, we honor the spirit of Elkdom that has carried us through the decades.

From scholarships for students to aid for veterans and support for neighbors in need, our work reflects the love and care we celebrate this season.

Every Member makes a difference. Each new face strengthens our foundation, expands our reach, and ensures that Elkdom remains a vibrant force for good. To keep that heartbeat strong, it is vital that every candidate is initiated before March 31 so that your Lodge can achieve a membership gain. Growth not only secures our future but also opens the door to fresh ideas, new opportunities, and greater ways to serve.

This February, let's celebrate love, legacy, and growth by choosing to Be The Difference. Whether through a kind act, welcoming a new Member, or joining a Lodge event, every effort keeps Elkdom thriving. Here's to 158 years of service, love, and the enduring spirit of Elkdom!

**This article can be located at [Elks.Org](http://Elks.Org) in the Membership area.**

## OUR KIDS

### Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

#### Our State Major Project

Meet Jackson, an inspiring and resilient 15-year-old, whose story is one of overcoming all odds of survival and recovery!

Two and a half years ago, Jackson was just like any other 12-year-old: he was full of personality, a bright student, loved reading, and excelled artistically. In December 2022, Jackson wasn't feeling well and went to bed early one evening. His mother went to check on him and noticed something wasn't quite right. They were about to go to urgent care when Jackson stopped responding to her. He was in and out of consciousness and then suddenly started convulsing into a series of seizures. His mom yelled to Jackson's brother to call 911 and was rushed to the hospital. He continued to have seizures all night. His mom recalls him gaining consciousness at one point. She said, "I love you". Jackson replied, "I love you, too." These were the last words he spoke prior to being put into a medically induced coma. Against all odds, still suffering from recurring seizures, Jackson survived.



Jackson was in and out of the hospital for 10 months under the care of an extensive team of doctors, nurses, and specialists. He had numerous surgeries and participated in rigorous rehabilitation therapies. Unfortunately, the medical team was unable to control his seizures, resulting in extensive brain damage. During the times Jackson was home from the hospital, it was completely up to his mother and Jackson's family to learn how to manage his daily needs.



Jackson had lost the ability to talk, walk, eat, or even hold up his head. His right arm and leg were completely paralyzed. Mom recalls one neurosurgeon telling her, "He is dying" and his condition was determined to be chronic. Not only is this a devastating thing to hear but also resulted in insurance refusing to cover rehabilitation services. Jackson was able to prove the doctors wrong, and overcoming all odds, his recovery journey has been nothing short of miraculous. Due to Jackson's unstable health, physical limitations, and gaps in the medical system, it was near impossible to get him to outpatient therapies to support his continued recovery. Despite these challenges, his mother was (and still is) determined to get Jackson the services he needs to improve; she has never given up on him nor underestimated his ability to recover.



The Elks have been able to provide the in-home care Jackson would otherwise be unable to otherwise access. There are "good days and bad days", but his progress has been steady. He is learning to transfer from his bed to his wheelchair, communicate with facial expressions and technology, reach and grasp for objects, and move himself in bed. He has even said "Mom" several times! Not only do Jackson and his family benefit from our program, but his therapist is also just as grateful to have the opportunity to provide services to such an inspiring young man!

Thank you, Elks and your generous gift that provides hope to this family!



Thank you for being a cat kennel sponsor and for helping Pierce County's most vulnerable cats receive the care, nourishment, and compassion they deserve. **Because of your support, pets like Stuart** can receive the experienced medical treatment they need to heal and find a loving home.



Stuart arrived at our shelter with an infected eye.

When Stuart arrived at our shelter, he was suffering from a severely infected eye that needed to be removed for the little kitten to live a healthy life.

**Thanks to your support**, our expert veterinary team was able to get him the surgery he needed to end his discomfort for good.

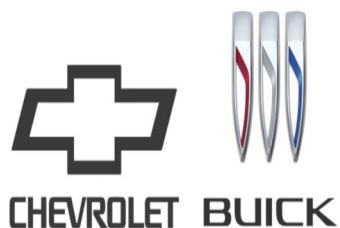
Today, Stuart has fully healed and found a new family. **Because of your sponsorship**, he can play like a kitten should and enjoy lots of cozy lap time.

Thank you for making a life-changing difference for pets in need and for being such an important part of their journey to brighter futures.

Sincerely,

*mrs*

# Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge



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*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***

**01/07/2026 Gary Meigs**  
**01/14/2026**  
**01/21/2026 Tom S Nelson**  
**01/28/2026 Ronald Hakanson**



**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.



**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 the Tacoma Elks.

Join us for Bingo 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 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. Please do not stuff garbage in cans or bottles.





Wednesday, February 11th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 in the Urban Elk. 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 with usually a few laughs along the way. We teach those who do not know how to play "31" and it is easy to learn. Happy Valentine's Day from the Funtimers.



## 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..."



# ALLENMORE GOLF COURSE

*“Golf is best with friends and a little competition..”*

- ✓ Come for the leagues. Stay for the gear!
- ✓ Visit the Golf Shop for Men's & Women's League info and top-tier golf apparel.
- ✓ For best pricing on tee times, call the golf shop or book directly through our website



(253) 627-7211



[Allenmoregolfcourse.com](http://Allenmoregolfcourse.com)



# Valentine's Day Saturday February 14th 2026 Dine & Dance

6pm - 7pm

Hosted Cocktails and Hors D'Oeuvres

7pm - 8pm

Dinner

7pm - 10pm

Dance to the sultry sounds of

## *Heather Jones & the Groove Masters*

Limited Space Available

*Purchase your tickets today!*

Sweetheart Photos    Live Music    Wine Pairings



ELKS LODGE #174 AND URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR



# WATCH PARTY

3:30 p.m.



**SUPER BOWL**



**URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR**

Food Specials / Drink Specials / Multiple Screens For Viewing!



**TACOMA ELKS MAIN LODGE**

Tailgate Buffet & Drafts(\$25) / Drink Specials / Multiple Screens &  
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**St. Patrick's Day**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

**IRISH SPECIALS - ALL DAY!**

**CORNED  
BEEF BRISKET  
\$21**

**IRISH  
NACHOS  
\$17**

**BANGERS  
& MASH  
\$18**

**TULLAMORE  
DEW & A BREW  
\$11**

**TULLAMORE  
DEW & A BREW  
\$11**



# JOIN US!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026  
5PM - 7PM**

**G.H. MUMM TASTING**

**Thursday, March 26th**

**5pm to 7pm**

Join us for a tasting of  
Erath Winery's  
collection of wine  
from Pinot Gris,  
Chardonnay and of  
course...  
Oregon Pinot Noirs!

\$10 per person

**ERATH**  
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# February

## 2026

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2	3	4	5	6
Bingo 7PM		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7PM	G.H. Mumms Tasting  Urban Elk 5-7PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7PM			
Bingo 7PM						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bingo 7PM		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7PM		Live Music Mark Hurwitz Urban Elk 5-8 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bingo 7PM		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7PM		Live Music Billy Stoops Urban Elk 5-8 PM	





**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!