

TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174



The Call



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Elks Allenmore Web Site..... allenmoregolfcourse.com

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE

"The Call" copy deadline 20th of the month

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total (04/01/2026)	793
Initiated Last Month	6
Reinstatements	2
Incoming Transfers	5

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	0
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	3
Calculated Membership Total	802

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	3
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	0
Number of Transfer Applications on Hand	0

**Friendly Reminder to
Please Pay Your Dues.
If you have paid...
THANK YOU!**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ARE YOU Call (253) 272-1117

Notify the Lodge Office!

Call (253) 272-1117 Ext. 33

or come by the reception desk and
we will be happy to help you.



A Message From Our Exalted Ruler

Gil Mendoza



Message from our Exalted Ruler

Happy July, our Nation's semiquincentennial. We enjoy the luxury of freedom on this day in our country not due just to great military operations, such as the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944, and the bravery of those great men and women who planned, rehearsed, and carried out such a feat; but also to the bravery found in the smallest of things the "common" man, woman, and child manifest through their existence on a daily basis. Spoken in prose by the Marquis of Montrose (aka James Graham, 1612-1650), a prominent Scottish nobleman, poet and military commander who fought for King Charles I during the English Civil War, he penned,

*"He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deserts are small,
That dares not put it to the touch,
To gain or lose it all."*

Bravery means so much, and can be so big, or small, depending on intent of the demonstrator, providing they are speaking their own truth and being honest in that effort to control their own narrative.

This gives me cause to reflect on my brother-in-law, Dr. Masao Sugiyama, now deceased and never forgotten, who, as a child, was interred at a United States Japanese internment camp. While he was too young to have immediate recollection of every single detail, he never forgot, and carried memories of family conversations centered on their shared experience. He shared with me that it helped his family find their voice; their truth. For him, it led to a life of service in education, helping hundreds, if not thousands, of students find their voices and live their truths. Many of these students (Upward Bound) were typically marginalized from the educational benefits mainstream America had to offer. He stressed, and modeled for them that they had to be willing to risk much in order to win much.

Aside, Masao shared with me that we do live in what could be construed as the greatest country; great meaning our national leaders could say it "looks like this," or, "looks like that." Great because it can, and weak because it can, he contended. He taught me it was the Yin and Yang of our existence. Great because we, as citizens, could decide for ourselves, and publicly profess whether it was great or weak. He never moved from his firm belief that taking the risk, such as inspired by the words of Montrose, wasn't some poetic counsel to a rash willingness to "shoot the works." But with the background of careful preparation – like that of the Normandy invasion – they became a rejection of fear of failure, after every preparation had been made and every contingency anticipated. They are a counsel against timidity and for the bold recognition of those great moments when we must be prepared to "let the chips fall where they may."

In these troubled times we can exert effective leadership, and teach it to our young people, only if it is apparent to the whole world that there are certain things so important that, regardless of hazard, we dare to put all to the test, as becomes a people whose deserts are large. That is caring. That is the Elks.

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From the Desk of . . . Lodge Secretary

Melody Kennedy

Welcome to Summer, members and staff!

If you have any questions please call my office 253-272-1117.

This past month as I stated last month four of your officers attended the WA. State Convention in Pasco. The classes were well attended and our own Erie Bodoh presented on Financial issues. There was standing room only and the comments from the attendees were very complimentary. Ernie is a Past ER and Past DDGER with years of knowledge in the financial arena. He is frequently asked questions around his expertise. If you run into him please thank him for his service.

Grand Lodge Convention is in Chicago this month and I will report on it in next months CALL.

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to the Elks Members that plan on participating or contributing to the Elks Blood Drive happening this month @ _____



Members Needed for Lodge Audit and Accounting Committee

This is a plea for volunteers to join our Audit and Accounting Committee. Members will receive our monthly Financial Reports for both the Lodge and Elks Allenmore for their review, and will meet quarterly to review and discuss our financial status. With the Chair of the Committee, they will pose questions to our Boards and our Business Manager to seek clarity on and discuss our current expenditures against our adopted budget (s). They will make recommendations for action moving forward and for development of next year's budgets.

If you have interest in joining this important work group, please reach out to our Lodge Secretary, Melody Kennedy, our Exalted Ruler, Gil Mendoza, or our Chairman of the Board, Eric Gilson. They can all be reached through our front desk.

Please consider this opportunity for service and learning.

Thank you.



June Initiations





Tacoma Elks Lodge #174

*This is where you should be
on Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 p.m.
Lodge Meeting!
Have fun with all your Elk friends and
stay in the know.*



The Crying Towel

*Members names drawn for the
Jackpot
Not present to win \$100.00*

03/04/2026

03/11/2026

03/18/2026

03/25/2026

POOL LEAGUE



WHO: Men and Women, all skills levels!

WHEN: Tuesday - **All Day!**

WHERE: Elks Member Area (lower floor)
Pool Tables & Billiards Tables

CONTACT: Wayne Leslie 253.370.5162
Or
Bob Warren 253.564.7899



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 Member Only area on lower floor.

Donations of books are always welcome.



Come have some fun!



MEMBER AREA & THE RACK

MEMBER AREA CURRENT HOURS

Open daily at: 7:00 a.m.
Closes daily at 10:45 p.m.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Closed for Lodge Meeting

April 1st New Hours
Open daily at: 6:00 a.m.
Closes daily at 10:45 p.m.

THE RACK WINTER HOURS

October 1 - March 31
Sunday & Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 12pm to 8pm
Wednesday - 12pm to 6pm
Thursday - 12pm to 6pm
Friday - 12pm to 8pm
Saturday - 12pm to 6pm

THE RACK 2026 SPRING HOURS

April 1st
Sunday - 8am to 1pm
Monday - 8am to 1pm
Tuesday - 8am to 1pm
- 5pm to 9pm
Wednesday - 8am to 1pm
Thursday - 8am to 1pm
Friday - 8am to 1pm
- 5pm to 9pm
Saturday - 8am to 1pm
- 5pm to 9pm

The lower floor at the Tacoma Lodge is for Elks Members to enjoy a workout, poker game, sauna, steam, shuffle board, handball, game of pool or billiards, tables games, quiet space to read, or a cool beverage and snack from **The Rack!**

The traditional **Saturday Game Night** continues in the evenings and if there are any Elks that wish to host a game or activity of sort—please contact the front desk to get scheduled!

TACOMA ELKS
WEBSITE





A small group of Elks Allenmore Staff; Kaleb, Bryon, Kenny, Christa, Tony, Gabe, Theo (not pictured) teamed up on the hottest day of the year to do a little cleaning of the parking lots. The team started at 8:00 am and finished by 10:30 a.m.

What they found:

10,000 cigarette butts; 9,000 good or broken golf tee; 7,000 good or broken golf pencils; 1,000 empty beverage or food containers; 100 lost golf balls; 30 beer cans; and 1 debit card.

** Now these numbers could be a little exaggerated based on the heat, but it was a good day of cleaning for the Elks Parking lots.

If you wish to come out and participate, our next cleaning party will be sometime in September, before the rainy season.



Help keep the our Lodge Clean!

All cans, bottles, cigar and cigarette butts, loose paper, and debris must be placed in one of our many waste receptacles on site.

If you see trash on the ground, please help us by picking it up and placing it in one of the waste receptacles or report to front desk for staff to pick up.

Your cooperation in keeping our facility clean is sincerely appreciated.





Thank you to ALL Tacoma Lodge Members who donated to the Lodge Scholarship Program Fund.

Congratulations to the forty nine (49) students that were this years \$1,000 local Scholarship Winners!!



Fun timers meet the second Wednesday of each Month

Wednesday, July 8th 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 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.



Come to Bingo on Monday Nights!

The Tacoma Elks and its Bingo Volunteers host a night of Bingo each week in the Main Lodge Room. Bring your family and friends and fill a table for fun and laughter! Bingo participants must be 18 years or older, but under 18 years can still attend Bingo with family and friends. Large groups accepted. Maybe someone at **YOUR** table will be the lucky one to win a big payout!

WHEN:

MONDAY NIGHTS

6:00 p.m. Open for Bingo Card Purchases

- Full Packet: \$17.00 Includes ALL five games and the Power Ball Ticket!
- Additional three (3) Card Bingo Strips cost \$2.00 per game
- Daubers are \$2 or you can bring your own lucky dauber
- Lite snacks & non alcohol beverages for sale and the Urban Elk Restaurant & Bar is open for additional service before your game!

7:00 p.m. BINGO GAMES BEGIN!

- All games are usually played within 2 hours



WHERE:

Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 - Main Lodge Room

The Tacoma Elks is thankful to those who participate in our weekly Bingo games as a portion of funds are donated to the many charities the Tacoma Elks Lodge supports, such as Elks National Foundation (ENF), Tall Elks, Veterans, and other local causes.

We also recognize our Elks Volunteers in their continuing efforts to support the Tacoma Elks Bingo program with beverages, popcorn, clean up, recycling, and maintaining our beautiful Tacoma Elks Lodge.

For additional information and monthly schedule call **253. 272.1179**



Come join in for a friendly game of poker with some fellow Elks in the member only area on lower floor!

• **FRIDAYS - 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

OMAHO HI-LO

Omaha Hi-Lo (or Omaha 8) is a popular poker variant where the pot is split between the best five-card high hand and the best five-card low hand

• **SATURDAY - 7:00 P.M.**

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

No-Limit Texas Hold'em (NLHE) is a popular poker variant where players can bet any amount of their chips, including going "all-in" at any time, distinguishing it from limit games. Players receive two hole cards and use five community cards to form the best five-card hand. It is widely considered the "king of poker games".

• **MORE INFORMATION CALL:**

John @ 702.524.9779





BOARD APPROVED 02/19/2026

TACOMA ELK MEMBER DISCOUNTS

The Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 offers its members a variety of discounts while on property. Tacoma Elk Members must have their valid Elks Lodge Membership Card to receive any discount.

TACOMA ELKS LODGE EVENTS:

All Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Members will enjoy reduced level pricing built into each Tacoma Lodge #174 event.

Includes: All Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Member Events. May be extended to other Guest Elk Lodge Members based on approval by Exalted Ruler.

ALLENMORE GOLF COURSE:

15% of total bill to all Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members. Guest Elks Lodge Members, based on valid lodge membership card, will receive a 5% discount. This is non transferrable to guests unless Elk Member is present and pays for all charges during transaction period.

Includes: Golf Shop Retail & Merchandise and/or other noted services.
Please see Golf Fee Schedule on website for other.

Excludes: Advertised Tournament, special event pricing and/or already noted discounted items or events.

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR:

15% of total bill to all Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members. Guest Elks Lodge Members, based on valid Lodge membership card, will receive 5% discount. This is nontransferable to guests, unless Elk Member is present and pays for all charges during transaction period.

Includes: Food and beverage purchases or noted Special Events

Excludes: Already noted discounted items and/or events.

(i.e. happy hour, advertised specials or discounts such as steak night, taco night, half off wine, etc.)

PRIVATE EVENT OR BANQUET:

All Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members will receive a discount of 15% on the following: Room Rental Fees, House A/V Rental, and select contracted fees through catering department. Food and beverage will not be or included in 15% or 5% discount for any private banquet/event.

Visiting Elks Guest lodge Members, based on valid Lodge membership Card will receive 5% off the fees noted above in their planning of their private event at the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174



RESTAURANT AND BAR

What's Happening



TUESDAY - FRIDAY
3PM - 6PM

MONDAY - ALL DAY!



TACO TUESDAY

TUESDAY - ALL DAY
TACOS & TACO SALAD
DRINK SPECIALS!

STEAK DAY
WEDNESDAY - ALL DAY
HOME OF THE \$20 STEAK



THIRSTY THURSDAY

THURSDAY - ALL DAY
1/2 OFF SELECTED BOTTLES ON WINE LIST
UNDER GLASS POURS



LIVE MUSIC
MOST SATURDAYS
5PM - 8PM



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ALLENMORE
WEBSITE

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BREWING COMPANY



NOW ON TAP

Alcohol Free
Gluten Free
Made with Real Sugar
Caffeine Free
Made in Washington



**CHECK
US OUT!**

4WGL
WOMEN'S GOLF

TOURNAMENT & AUCTION

Thursday, August 06, 2026

5:00 Social / 5:30 Shotgun Start



Hey Ladies!

Mark your calendar, save the date, or sign up for a fun round of golf with the gals!

The 4WGL Women's Golf League along with the Tacoma Elks Loge #174 is hosting a tournament and auction to raise money for Children's Charities.

Silent Auction (open before golf and open to all bids)
Golf packages, gift baskets, wine and more...

Social - 5:00 p.m. to include lite hors d' oeuvres and signature cocktail
Browse the Silent Auction tables!

Golf - 5:30 p.m. Shot Gun Start - 9 hole Ladies Scramble of fun with
course challenges of KP's, LD, Straight Drive and more...
Meet our Hole Sponsors!

Post Golf - 7:30 p.m. Back in the Elks Pavilion for heavy hors d' oeuvres,
signature cocktail, No host bar and of course the Silent Auction!

Post Golf Social - 7:30 p.m. Open to all Elks Members, guests, gentlemen
and friends. Whether you stop by for a bid or enjoy in the social.

Silent Auction Closes - 8:30 p.m. A thank you for all who attend to raise
money for the Children's Charities

\$75 per Lady Golfer
(sign up in Allenmore Golf Shop)

\$25 per Post Golf Social and Auction
(sign up in Urban Elk Restaurant)

QUESTIONS? Please contact the following persons:

4WGL League email: foreWGL@yahoo.com

Head Professional, Austin Barlow

T: 253.627.7211 or E: headpro@tacomaelks.com

General Manager, Bryon Hammock

T: 253.272.1117 or E: gm@tacomaelks.com

**If you wish to make a donation, please contact the persons above
for procurement form and more...**

JULY 4TH

Weekend Celebration

JULY 3RD-5TH, 2026

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd

CIGAR, WHISKEY & WINE TASTING

(OPEN TO PUBLIC / 21+ ONLY)

A night of browns & reds! Try a variety of whiskeys, bourbons, ryes, some reds, and more! Join us at the Pavilion to pair a cigar with a taste of Brown or Red!

Live Music from The Groove Colony!
5PM – 8PM

\$35 PER PERSON

SATURDAY, JULY 4th

250TH CELEBRATION

(OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Urban Elk Breakfast with Specials

8am – 11am

Golfer's Specials from the Rack

8am – 1pm

Urban Elk Special BBQ Plate **\$30**

11am – 3pm

baby back ribs, cole slaw, baked beans, corn
muffin & fries (4th goodie bag included)

DJ – Susan D. playing on the patio

1pm – 3pm

The Urban Elk will close by 6pm for all to enjoy their
favorite firework display within our region!

SUNDAY, JULY 5th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 8am to 12pm

(OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Join us in the Urban Elk for a Family
Pancake Breakfast! Stack of three cakes
with red (strawberry), white (marsh mellow),
and blue (blueberry) toppings served with two
eggs the way you like them

\$10 PER PERSON

TOP 2026 FIREWORKS SHOWS—JULY 4th

- Seattle: Seafair 4th of July (Gas Works Park or Lake Union Park) on July 4th.
- Tacoma: Tacoma Summer Blast on Ruston Way, featuring live music, food, and fireworks at 10 PM.
- Puyallup: Red White and Kaboom at the Fairgrounds on July 3rd with live music and food trucks.
- Bellevue: Bellevue Family 4th at Bellevue Downtown Park.
- Snoqualmie: Red, White, & Boom at Snoqualmie Community Park, starting at 7 PM.

TOP 2026 FIREWORKS SHOWS—JULY 4th

- Kenmore: 4th of July Fireworks at Log Boom Park at 10 PM.
- Tumwater: Tumwater Family Festival & Fireworks at the Tumwater Valley Golf Course at 10:30 PM.
- Everett: July 4th Celebration at Legion Memorial Park.
- Marysville: 4th of July Celebration at Ebey Waterfront Park.
- Monroe: USA Birthday Bash at Evergreen Speedway (various dates)

— 250TH — ANNIVERSARY

1776-2026

250th LAGER

In celebration of the United States 250th Anniversary, the Urban Elk Restaurant and Bar will be serving the **250th Lager** all year for \$5.00 a draft. This special draft is to celebrate our nations anniversary and recognize all of our Veterans by donating \$1.00 from each draft sold to the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Veterans Fund.



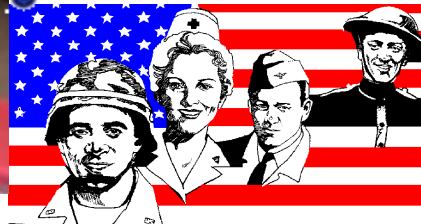
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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ANNIVERSARY



Come check out some of our latest retail in the Allenmore Golf Shop that is in support of our nations 250th Anniversary!



FRIENDS OF THE TACOMA ELKS LODGE #174

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July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 URBAN ELK PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8am - 12pm THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	6 LODGE BINGO 7PM - 9PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	7 URBAN ELK TACO TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	1 URBAN ELK STEAK DAY NO LODGE MEETING THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	2 URBAN ELK THIRSTY THURSDAY THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	3 URBAN ELK WHISKEY & CIGARS LIVE MUSIC! 5pm - 10pm THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	4 URBAN ELK DJ ON PATIO 1PM - 3PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM
12 THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	13 LODGE BINGO 7PM - 9PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	14 URBAN ELK TACO TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	15 URBAN ELK STEAK DAY NO LODGE MEETING THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	16 URBAN ELK WINE TASTING 5pm - 7pm THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	17 THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	18 URBAN ELK LIVE MUSIC 5PM - 8PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM
19 THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	20 LODGE BINGO 7PM - 9PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	21 URBAN ELK TACO TUESDAY THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	22 URBAN ELK STEAK DAY NO LODGE MEETING THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	23 URBAN ELK THIRSTY THURSDAY THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	24 EXHALTED RULER LUNCHEON 12PM - 4PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	25 THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM
26 THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	27 LODGE BINGO 7PM - 9PM THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	28 URBAN ELK TACO TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	29 URBAN ELK STEAK DAY NO LODGE MEETING THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	30 URBAN ELK THIRSTY THURSDAY THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM	31 URBAN ELK GLUTEN FREE BEER TASTING 5pm - 7pm THE RACK - 8AM - 1PM 5PM - 9PM	





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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!