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2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....Gary Schwartz
Loyal Knight.....Vivian Rody
Lecturing Knight..... Paul Christel
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Board of Directors: Comprised of the Four Chair Officers + Lodge Secretary and Treasurer + the Five Trustees Listed Below

Eric GilsonTrustee 1 yr.
Michael Portman.....Trustee 2 yr.
Deanna Perkins.....Trustee 3 yr.
Nancy Guthrie.....Trustee 4 yr.
Jose Garcia.....Trustee 5 yr

COB of Directors: **Eric Gilson**

Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore: Comprised of the Four Elected Officers

Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy Paul Cristel Eric Gilson

Three Members At-Large

Britt Hogle Dean Mazzuca Barbara Ludtke
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Past Exalted Rulers' Association PER President James Krager

NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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Barber Shop.....253-393-6672
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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 04/01/2026	773
Initiated Since Then	14
Reinstatements	2
Incoming Transfers	1
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	0
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	1
Calculated Membership Total	788

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	6
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	0
Number of Transfer Applications on Hand	2

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



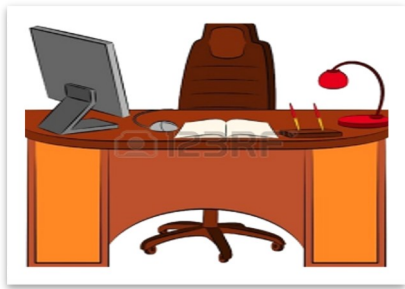
Happy month of May my Dear Friends and Fellow Elks: This is the time of beautiful blossoms and flowers, and a time to share the optimism and happiness they bring. Ironic I would start with sharing a story of the recent death of a dear friend; well, more the sharing of his legacy and what it could mean to each and all of us. At Tommy Lee Hilyard's Celebration of Life many folks rose, and individually shared the impact Tom had on each of them - and the blessings he gifted them in their respective relationships. They were collectively, and magnificently summarized by our eulogist, who stated, if Tom would have had a ministry, it would have been a "*Ministry of Presence.*" I spoke to this concept of being "*All there*" in my February ER Message, but thought it appropriate to embellish just a little fur-ther - in honor of "my brother" Tom.

George Bernard Shaw wrote, "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity." Alone, no person can save themselves. Alone, no person can find themselves. Tom never let anyone feel alone. With his Presence, he was all in. We cannot love all our fellow men, except in the most abstract way. But we can at least not be indifferent to them. Like Tom, we can cultivate awareness and, like Tom, we can try always to connect. What is civilization, after all? Surely it is a person's effort to grow away from their original state of brutal separateness, of indifference. It is the bridge one person throws up to connect themselves, like Tom, with another person. They can be present.

The sense of connection is like a muscle. Unused, it withers. Exercised, it grows. This was Tom's wealth, and he shared it generously with others. Look at the faces you pass in our Lodge - or wherever you are, in a lobby, a theater, behind the counter from you. - but really look at it. Behind those eyes is a whole life, as complicated, as mysterious as your own. If for only a fleeting moment, you can feel the pressure of that life, you have hailed in passing that unique miracle - the other person. And you have manifested the miracle of Presence, as Tom created countless times. He was that flower in our garden, bringing optimism and happiness, as you can be in other's.

ER Gil





*From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary*

Melody Kennedy May 1, 2026

Greetings to members Of Tacoma Elks #174. I am honored to serve you this 2026-2027 Lodge year. I'm in a transition period and with the help of Lee Frankie and many others I'll be up to speed within a couple months. As you all know, Lee has held this position for several years. It's a hard act to follow so grant me your patience. If you have need to call me, please do not leave a voice mail at this time as I am working through emails and hope to have this resolved soon. Call back if I'm not answering and press 0 during work hours of 9-5pm Monday -Friday. God bless

Melody

If your dues haven't been paid already, now is the perfect time to get this taken care of. There are many events taking place this summer and you will want to be at the Lodge.





April's Initiation





Excited Officers for the 250th Lodge Year

Eric Gilson's Special Citation





Buddy Keller Awarded as Elk of the Year Installation of Two Officers





Easter at the Tacoma Elks Lodge





Has any one seen my EGG ??



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
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***The
Crying Towel***

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

***This is where you should be
On Wednesday Nights.
7 PM Lodge Meeting
Have fun with all your Elk friends***

***03/ 04/ 2026
03/11/2026
03/18/2026
03/25/2026***



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 almost every Monday Night

Change of schedule. Your volunteers will be taking one Monday night a month off from Bingo. In May there will be no Bingo on May 25th. On all other Monday nights in May, 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 cards, 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.



Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of each Month

Wednesday, May 13th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 in the Urban Elk Restaurant & Bar. 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.





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 .





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

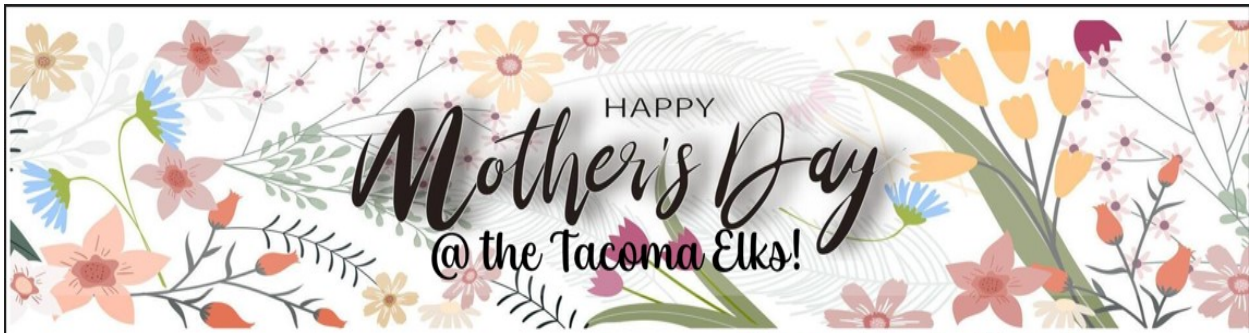
Excludes: Already noted discounted items and/or events.

(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



HAPPY
Mother's Day
 @ the Tacoma Elks!

Celebrating Mom!

Tacoma Elks Mom's Day Honor Program
 10:00 a.m. in Main Lodge - All are welcome!
 Complimentary to all moms!

Mother's Day Brunch
@ Urban Elk Restaurant

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Call for reservations!
 Omelet station, eggs benedict, yogurt bar, biscuits & gravy, salad bar, fresh fruit, prawn cocktail, waffles, breakfast meats, a variety of desserts, breads and pastries, and more...
 Adults (14 years & Older) \$38
 Juniors (13 years to 6 years) \$18
 Children (5 years and under) \$10



Dinner plans for Mom @

The Urban Elk Restaurant
 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Call for reservations!

CRAB STUFFED HALLIBUT \$45
 Dungeness crab stuffed halibut with bearnaise sauce, wild rice pilaf, fresh asparagus

STEAK DIANE \$42
 Center cut filet, Cognac Dijon cream sauce, scallop potato gratin, haricot verts almondine

Dessert
New York Cheesecake Round \$12
 Traditional cheesecake with raspberry coulis & white chocolate sauce

Dessert Flight \$12
 Strawberry mousse cup, petit four, cheesecake & macaroon

RESERVATIONS - URBANELK@TACOMAEKLS.COM OR 253.343.6090



RESTAURANT AND BAR

THURSDAY

MAY 21

5PM - 7PM

\$15 per person

JOIN US, FOR A
CODIGO TEQUILA
TASTING

(In Sam Allen Room)





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**





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 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)



Elks Care - Elks Share

Famous Elks



Presidents & Political Leaders

Warren G Harding, Franklin D Roosevelt, Harry S Truman, Dwight D Eisenhower, John F Kennedy, Gerald R Ford, Barry Goldwater, Richard Daley, Daniel Evans and Henry M Jackson

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker

Entertainment Personalities

Clint Eastwood, Babe Ruth, Arnold Palmer, Walter Cronkite, Harry Houdini, Knute Rockne, Leonard Bernstein, Gene Autry, Eli Manning, Irving Berlin, William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Andy Devine, Will Rogers, Danny Thomas, Al Jolson, Rudy Vallee and "Jack" Elam

— 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.



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

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

SUMMER BEER TASTING

ON THE URBAN ELK PATIO!

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

5:00PM – 7:00PM



EVERYBODY'S[®]
b r e w i n g



SUMMER BEER TASTING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

5PM – 7PM @ THE URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR



Allenmore Golf Shop's Spring Merchandise



May 2026

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
				Thirsty Thursday		
3	4 Bingo 7 PM	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	7 Thirsty Thursday	8	9 Music by The TONZE 5-8pm
10 Mother's Day Service 10 AM Mom's Day Brunch 11 AM - 5 PM	11 Bingo 7 PM	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	14 Golf Course Closed for event Thirsty Thursday	15	16 Music by Gin Creek 5-8pm
17 Bingo 7 PM	18	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	21 Urban Elk Tequila Tastings - 7 PM	22	23 Music by The Collective 5-8pm
24 Lodge Office closed 25 		26 Taco Tuesday	27 Urban Elk Steaks Initiation 7 PM	28 Thirsty Thursday	29	30 Music by WEPA 5-8pm
31						

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



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!