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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
Esquire.....Paul Christel
Asst. EsquireDave Christel
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 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	79
Reinstatements	12
Incoming Transfers	4
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	6
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	7
Deceased	16
Calculated Membership Total	825

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



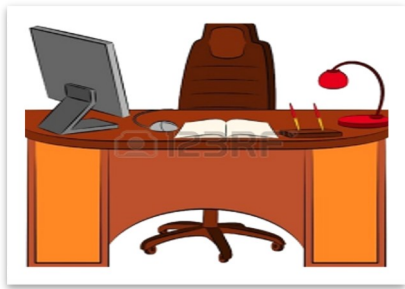
Happy March my Elks Brothers and Sisters. As you know, at its conclusion this month ends our current “Elks year,” (2025-2026) moving on to our New Elks Year beginning April 1. Like we do in December, at the end of the calendar year, it is a fortuitous opportunity to reflect on our growth over the last 12 months as Elks. I assert we could reflect less on what we have done, although our continued charitable works speak volumes on how we aspire to make our greater community (and beyond) stronger, and more on where we are going. I would posit we assume a review of those we have met and how through that great sharing process, how we have benefited in seeking to rediscover and reaffirm the basic values in life. Some do this through reading and the academics; others through continued review of their epistemology through faith-based activities. We ALL have the chance to exploit this opportunity (in a good sense of the word “exploit”) through relationships.

This past week we initiated 20 new members in to our local Lodge, and we will be initiating at least another 6 to 10 before this Lodge year ends. Having read all of their applications, I am impressed with their professional undertakings. Having conversed with most of them and hearing why they chose to join our Lodge, it is by majority to engage with people who share their same values. We are blessed they chose us. Through acculturation, they bring their best to us and we get to share our best with them. We are compelled to seek this benefit in favor to our Lodge and what we influence through our shared actions.

The continued need for such sharing was proclaimed dramatically in 1958, when the important Rockefeller Report on Education was published (full transparency – I am a retired educator who has read numerous reports, manifestos and doctrines on education, and because most everyone went to school at some time, we most all believe that to some degree we are “experts on the topic.”) In the Rockefeller Report are these significant words:

“What most people want - young or old - is not merely security, or comfort, or luxury, although they are glad enough to have these. Most of all, they want meaning in their lives. If our era and our culture and our leaders do not, or cannot, offer great meanings, great objectives, great convictions, then people will settle for shallow and trivial substitutes. This is a deficiency for which we all bear a responsibility....This is the challenge of our times.” These words send a poignant message even today. In effect, our interactions with each other, particularly through our common goals in Elkdom, represent an opportunity to meet this challenge.

In ending a year, let go of some of the old - though not too much - and embrace the new before us. Do that by taking time in getting to know some of our new members, and encouraging them to be active with us. Let’s create our new manifesto together. And let’s have fun doing it!



*From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary*

Lee Frankie



April 1st is rapidly approaching, this is when our new Lodge year starts with some new Officers in place. We ask that you come to the Officer Installation on March 25th to show your support.

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 Lets strive to make our Lodge efficient and a fun place to be a Member.

I appreciate everyone's support over the years and look forward to seeing you in the future.

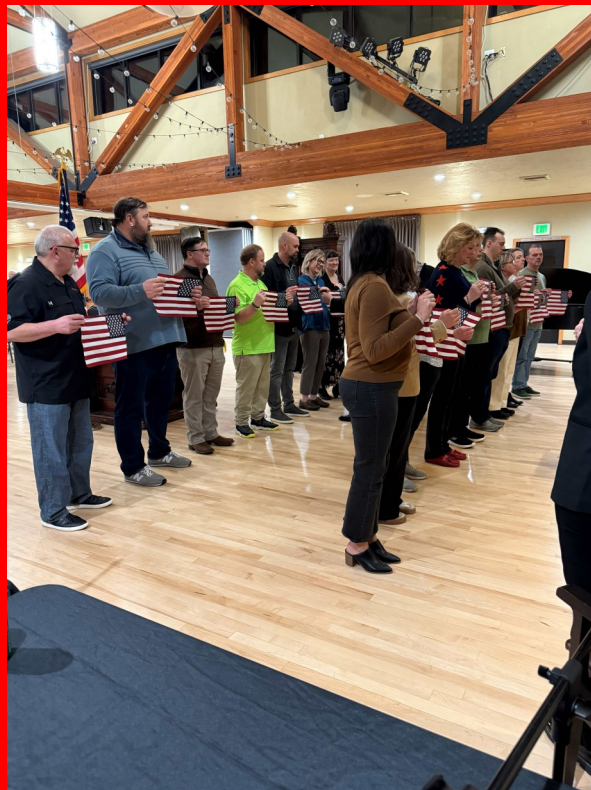
Fraternally & Respectfully,

Lee





February Initiates





**E.R. Gil Mendoza presents Amy Heller
With a Three Meeting Pin**



Next Year Officers

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Loyal Knight	Vivian Rody
Lecturing Knight	Paul Christel
Secretary	Melody Kennedy
Treasurer	Patricia Kennedy
Esquire	
Chaplain	Kevin Ramsdell
Inner Guard	Ross Roden
Tiler	Jeannie Sutton
5th Year Trustee	Jose Garcia
4th Year Trustee	Nancy Guthrie
3rd Year Trustee	Melody Kennedy
2nd Year Trustee	Yvonne White
1st Year Trustee	Eric Gilson

Installation March 25th 7 PM





OUR KIDS

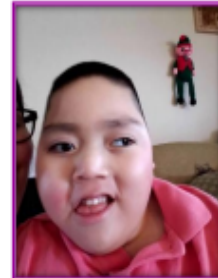
Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc

Our State Major Project



Several years ago, when Jose was referred to the Elks Therapy Program by his sister, a caregiver to another one of "Our Kids", the referral seemed like any other. Jose has developmental issues stemming back to his traumatic birth a decade earlier. As it turns out, Jose had been served by the therapy program when he was an infant.

During his first year of life, Jose had been receiving palliative care. It was that team who reached out to the Elks to see if Jose might qualify for services. Jose required supplemental oxygen, and he had a feeding tube through which food was delivered continuously throughout the day and night. This made transporting him difficult. As a part of his treatment at the time, his "Elks" therapist assisted the family in obtaining Jose's first wheelchair, one that could accommodate not only Jose, but also his oxygen tank and his feeding pump.



Fast forward a dozen years. Jose is now 13 and he has outgrown his current wheelchair. His healthcare needs are even more complex now than they were when he was first helped by the program. Transporting teenage Jose is even harder. He now has a tracheostomy, and he requires frequent suctioning to manage his oral secretions. Jose is transported to/from his medical appointments, often hours away from his home, in his wheelchair in the family's van.

Jose's scoliosis and subluxed hips have necessitated more than a standard seat and back cushion for this current wheelchair. Jose's therapist arranged for the durable medical equipment vendor to come to Jose's house to create a custom molded back and seat cushion for his new wheelchair.

Jose's mom is so thankful to the Elks membership for having an amazing program that can accommodate her son's complex medical needs.

Thank you, Elks!!

During the custom molding process Jose is seated in a special bean bag-like chair. Air is then extracted, creating a cast for his new seat cushion. Then the mold is scanned using special software. This will be fed to the computer that will create his seat and back cushions.



Blast from the Past

Let's look back at the year 1953 and some of what happened that year. What do you remember?

The Korean Armistice Agreement ended the Korean War

The Coronation of Elizabeth II was held in the United Kingdom

Joseph Stalin passed away.

Ian Fleming published his first James Bond novel, *Casino Royale*.

The Salk Polio vaccine was announced.

TV Guide published its first issue.

Average cost for a car was just under \$4,000.

DNA double helix was identified by scientists.

Elvis Presley graduated from high school in Memphis.

The first Corvette was manufactured.

Swanson sold its first "TV dinner"

The candy "Peeps"

Tater Tots were created in 1953 by Ore-Ida founders F. Nephi Grigg and Golden Grigg.

Burger King Company was founded.

KOMO-TV began broadcasting.

Hugh Hefner published the first Playboy, featuring a centerfold nude photograph of Marilyn Monroe. The issue sold for 50 cents.

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved color television

And many more events happened.

2026 Spring Volleyball



Registration ends Feb 25

PRACTICES BEGIN MARCH 4, 5 OR 6

GAMES: MARCH 14-MAY 9



No practices
or games
April 4-10
due to spring
break

RECREATION

2ND/3RD
4TH-5TH

PRICES

PRICE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS
USING OUR SCALE

REC- 125/60/30

COMPETITIVE - 150/75/40

PRICE FOR CLUB MEMBERS
USING OUR SCALE

REC- 88/44/22

COMPETITIVE- 100/50/25

COMPETITIVE

12U (AGES 10-12)

15U (AGES 13-15)



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND

For more info contact Mia
Byrnes at byrnesm@bgcsp.org
(235) 502-4623



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OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND



FLAG FOOTBALL

SPRING 2026

MARCH 14 – MAY 9

Team options:

- Grades K/1st
- Grades 2nd/3rd
- Grades 4th/5th
- 11U (Ages 10-11)
- 13U (Ages 12-13)
- 15U (Ages 14-15)

Registration ends Feb 25

Practices begin March
4, 5 or 6

***No practices or games April 4 -
10 due to spring break***

Scan here to register!



For more info, contact
Mia Byrnes at
byrnesme@bgcspss.org
(235) 502-4623

PRICING

Recreational League

BGCSPS Club Members -

\$88/\$44/\$22

Community Members -

\$125/\$60/\$30

Competitive League

BGCSPS Club Members -

\$100/\$50/\$25

Community Members -

\$150/\$75/\$40



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Jennifer Kuru

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Home: 253-325-6097

Fax: 253-325-6096



Christel Home Services
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Paul R. Christel

Owner

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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***

***02/04/2026 Bruce Brebner
02/11/2026 John Stephens
02/18/2026 Michael Garret
02/25/2026 Ellen Van Hagen***



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.

For the past eight years, PER Ernie Bodoh, PER Mike Marsahll, PCOB Gayle Carlson, PCOB Jim Guthrie, and member Ingrid Bodoh have been working Bingo every Monday except for four holidays. They have been assisted lately with Lecturing Knight Vivian Rody, member Stephen Bodoh and member Jennie Sutton. Esquire Paul Christal has helped in the past until family health issues came up. These core members of Tacoma Elks #174 have worked very hard to build a strong base of players and made sure ALL proceeds go back to the community. Some of these volunteers spend four plus hours and travel from 11 to 54 miles every week.

Their contributions to the charities include Elks National Foundation, Washington State Elks Therapy Program, several veteran events (back to school, Christmas, Thanksgiving, dictionary program, etc.), hoop shoot, community Easter egg hunt, Women's abuse shelter, and Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society just to name a few. Over the past three years, over \$50,000 has been given to charities within our community from the Bingo Committee. However, things are changing.

To be fair and honest, these core people are tired. After working Bingo for over 360 Mondays, we need a break. Some of our members have said they will help, show up for training, maybe stay around for a few weeks, and then stop helping. We have not been able to set up a firm schedule to give our core people a night off. So, starting in March, we are scheduling one Monday a month where we will not play Bingo. For now, it will be month to month to make sure our night off does not affect the player's support of our program.

We hate to do this, but we need time off. So, we will not have Bingo on March 23rd. If we get some more volunteers who are interested in volunteering and be consistent in supporting the Bingo program, then we can go back to every Monday. If you're interested, contact Ernie Bodoh or Mike Marshall. Also, help support our Lodge and its charitable works by coming by and playing Bingo.

Past District Deputy

Past Exalted Ruler

Tacoma Elks #174

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 March there will be no Bingo on March 23rd. On all other Monday nights in March, 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, **March 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 St. Patrick’s Day. Don’t forget to wear the green!**



.Buying Plants this spring?

If you're thinking of planting new plants or a new garden in the spring, it's time to start planning. One of the best sales of plants each spring is the Master Gardeners' two day sale. They have varieties of plants one doesn't find at your local stores. In the past it has been held at the WSU Puyallup campus, but this year it is moving to the Washington State Fair Grounds. This location will be better as plants will be inside and lots of parking for all. The weekend sale has been moved to the first weekend in May, so mark your calendars for May 2nd and 3rd. Hope to see you there.

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



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





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**



LIVE MUSIC
4pm - 7pm
with
Meghanne Storey

St. Patrick's Day

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

IRISH SPECIALS - ALL DAY!

CORNERED
BEEF BRISKET
\$21

IRISH
NACHOS
\$17

BANGERS
& MASH
\$18

TULLAMORE
DEW & A BREW
\$11



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

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WINERY

EASTER BRUNCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

\$38 per Adult (14 years & older) \$18 per Junior (13 years and under)



Email: urbanelk@tacomaelks.com or call 253.343.6090

JOSH CELLARS WINE TASTING



THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

5PM - 7PM @ THE URBAN ELK

March 2026

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	Cinco de Marcho		Saturday's Music Usual Suspects
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Savings Time Women's Day	Fill Stapler Day Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Popcorn Lovers Day		Highway 16 PJ Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Act Happy Day	Taco Tuesday St Patrick's Day	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Certified Nurses Day	Won't you be my Neighbor Day	Ante Up Band
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
AS Young as You Feel Day	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Officer Installation 7 PM		Wear a Hat Day	The Gist
29	30	31				
	Bingo 7 PM	Tacos Tuesday				

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



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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!