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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
Fax	253-272-1303
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	15
Reinstatements	5
Incoming Transfers	0

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	2
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	4
Calculated Membership Total	774

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	4
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 August Brother and Sister Elks. We are surviving the heat, and enjoying the passing rain squalls. For some, you are surviving your kids “home from school for the summer,” and anxiously awaiting their return to the halls of learning. Others of you are in the throes of preparing to get the older ones off to college for the fall term. Regardless, you are preparing yourselves intellectually (emotionally as well) to embrace how things will look different around the homestead, with major players in your life embarking off to varied purposes. This is more than seasonal for some. It is always a new reality. Every time it happens, like the first time, we grasp at our old mental models to address our new reality.

Abraham Lincoln expressed best how we should behave in these instances, and situations like these. He stated, “**We must think anew-and act anew.**” Of course, when he wrote these words, he was facing the greatest crisis this nation has ever endured: the Civil War. He knew that ordinary measures were not enough. “The dogmas of the quiet past,” he wrote, “are inadequate to the stormy present. We must think anew and act anew.” Great advice from a great leader.

New thought, new action – how simple it sounds and how difficult it is. Many of us tend to be shackled by old habits of thought; by the dogmas of the past. When the inevitability of change threatens, it is all too easy to go on acting – or reacting – as we did before.

We have proof of this in our current reality, as a Lodge with declining membership, and slow gains of new members to re-establish our diminishing ranks. The decision to “act anew” is not easy. Yet I believe great rewards await us if we can change some of the patterns of our thinking to meet new conditions or new challenges. Related to membership - our life blood - we have been asked to do so, and report on successful strategies, so they may be shared with other like Lodges. One strategy of “acting anew” will be reaching out to our long-standing members, particularly those of you who have not really experienced our (not so) New facilities, and inviting you to join us at the Lodge for a tour and some social time with one, or more, of our officers. We will also be catering to our members with some new activities we believe you would like to see. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT THOSE MIGHT BE for you, your family and friends!

We are at risk of suffering from a kind of rigidity caused by blind adherence to old patterns of thinking and acting. We are not adapting to changing conditions. In some cases, we find it so difficult to bend that we break. When challenges beset us – when there seems to be no solution – we must not act rigidly. We must not look at our difficulties from old, habit-worn, outmoded points of view. We must think anew, and with the new thoughts will come the power and the confidence to act anew. In this effort we need everyone’s thinking and input. Please reach back and help us. Every idea is worthy of review. Changes in what was known as the “Sportsbar” – now “The Rack” – came from our member ranks. Stop downstairs and observe/experience the improved service and enjoyment to be had.

In this message I have attempted to outline one of our challenges (NEW MEMBERSHIP), beseech you for input, and offer strategy for our thinking in making positive change. In my message next month, I will offer some considerations for us as individuals, to help us grow, and remain healthy.

For now, we ask that you contribute to our organizational thinking and posturing, as a great American told us we might. We should remember his words and try to live by them - as he did.



From the Desk of...
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



The areas inside the Lodge and the outside landscaping continue to show improvements. Its great to see the additions and repairs that have been made. We are still working to get activities on Sundays. Let the Officers know what you would like to be a part of.

Have a wonderful month of August and make sure to visit your Lodge.

If you are having issues with receiving your Membership card, please let the office know. If you have paid your dues and there seems to be an issue, again please let us know. If you haven't paid your dues, now is a Great time to get this accomplished.

We have some yearly lockers available in the Men's shower room.

Stop by the Lodge Office to say hello.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

Lee



**If you are currently Serving in the military, or a Veteran we would like
your information for a slideshow to honor them,**

Please send your :

(Name / Years as a an Elk Member / Branch of Service / Picture)

Email their info to : buddyaladino@gmail.com



OUR KIDS

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

Our State Major Project



Caden was referred to the WA Elks Therapy Program when he was 9 months old. With an ear-to-ear smile and a charming, cheerful personality, Caden was quite content to just lie on his back and observe the world. However, at that age, babies are expected to be sitting, rolling, and beginning to crawl. Caden had been prescribed a helmet to help maintain his head shape due to flattening that can occur with prolonged time lying on his back, and the goal was to get him moving! Caden has low muscle tone, meaning his joints can be "floppy" or unstable, as well as having a larger sized head and some overall weakness. Moving around, lifting his larger head with a weaker, unstable body has been a journey—but he continues to make progress, and now at age 2 he is able to walk with help—which will come in handy as his family now also includes a little sister! Home therapy has been vital to Caden and his family, to integrate therapy into their daily lives through thoughtful positioning, specific play activities and equipment recommendations. Caden now also has several other therapies needed outside his home, including extensive speech therapy and physical therapy, in addition to frequent medical appointments and it is both financially draining and time consuming for his family. They are grateful that once per week, in the familiarity of their own home, they know that they will learn new ways of helping Caden learn new skills and get stronger and more independent.

Many thanks to all the members and friends who make this amazing program a reality.

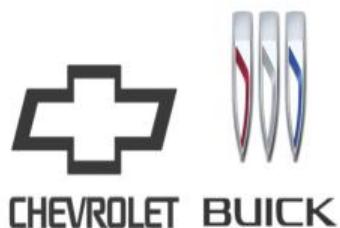
THANK YOU!





**D.L.S.R. Michael Kennedy Installed Vivian Rody as
Lodge Lecturing Knight.**

Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge



Sales: 253.777.3238
Service: 253.777.3244
Parts: 844.314.2682

6014 S Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98409

The logo for Abijah Adult Family Home, featuring a red heart with a pulse line, a blue house icon, and the text "Abijah Adult Family Home" and "Where 'Compassion' Finds a 'Home'".

3222 1/8th Ave SW
Federal Way, WA 98023.

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The logo for Christel Home Services, featuring a purple and brown textured background. The text "Christel Home Services" and "Remodels to Handyman" is at the top. Below it is a wooden plaque with the text "Paul R. Christel", "Owner", "Gristle@nventure.com", "5112 S. 10th St. Tacoma, Wa. 98465", and "253-222-0188".

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Helping car accident victims for 33 years
Active Lodge #174. Member for 11 years

This is where you should be

Wednesday Nights.



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***

**//2025
7/10/2025 Robert Alura
//2025
7/23/2025 Loren Schaller**



Wanted

Pool Players for the Tuesday 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 Sports Bar on Saturday evenings. There are various things for you to do and play. We are here to have fun.



**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

Play Bingo at the Tacoma Elks.

Join us for Bingo on Monday nights in the lodge room. If hot, we have air-conditioning to keep you cool. 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 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. 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.





Planning your Summer Garden?

WSU Gardening Publications

Interested in learning more about something in your garden? WSU has publications you might find helpful or at least interesting. There is no charge for most documents you can download on your computer or phone. Check them out at WSU Extension Publications at :
<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/gardening>

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 .



Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of the Month

Funtimers are seniors, but anyone can join us, who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. Take time to join us and enjoy lunch and maybe a few laughs. Wednesday, August 13th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 to beat the lunch crowd. 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. We teach those who do not know how to play "31" and it is easy to learn.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

A quick Blast from the Past from the publication of THE PRAIRIE POINTER from 1948. The Pointer included news of visiting friends and relatives, birthdays, and PTA meetings, one of which had a slab of bacon as the door prize. There was news of a Stork Shower given by the Harvard Women on Waller Rd. The publication covered news from a broad area including Parkland, Elk Plain and Clover Creek.

There were ads covering many businesses. Any of the following names jog your memory?

Daniels Hardware for sporting goods and hardware. How about Spanaway Aircraft Co. on the Mountain Hwy at the Roy "Y"? Their ad was directed at GIs who could sign up for their flight instruction and take advantage of their Bill of Rights.

The Bungalow at Pacific Ave. and Sales Road advertised breakfasts, lunches and dinners including delicious hotcakes. Alice Gamache was the proprietor. Anyone remember Medosweet Kreamilk?

The Parkland Radio & Record Shop sold all popular records at a discounted price of 60 cents. What a buy!

Many of you may remember the Parkland Cleaners that started out on the Mountain Hwy between Sales Rd. & Airport. Later moving to Keller's Kort off Hwy 512 on Pacific Ave., and then moving to their last place of business in the shopping complex at 112th St.

There were ads for funeral homes, churches, lumber stores, and insurance agencies, and of course fuel and service stations. It was spring so a variety of chicks were advertised at Allison Rd. Hatchery and Feed Store located east of the Parkland Theater on Allison Rd.

Last, but not least, does anyone remember listening to Bob Lynd on the Parkland Hour? It broadcasted from KTBI (810 on your dial).



ELKS USA
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Americanism Essay Contest
2024-2025
"What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?"

Division III

7th Grade

FIRST PLACE (\$1,000)	Rachel Liu Smith Middle School Clawson-Troy, MI Lodge #2169
SECOND PLACE (\$500)	Kayleigh Kim Christ the Teacher Academy Greater Palisades, NJ Lodge #2475
THIRD PLACE (\$250)	Anna K. Montgomery Pinewood Preparatory School Summerville, SC Lodge #2719

Division IV

8th Grade

FIRST PLACE (\$1,000)	Azalea Snowmassara Hilltop Heritage Middle School Tacoma, WA Lodge #174
SECOND PLACE (\$500)	Jace Simonds North Rose Wolcott Middle School Wolcott, NY Lodge #1763
THIRD PLACE (\$250)	Luca Capalbo Monsignor Clark School South Kingstown, RI Lodge #1899

Azalea Snowmassara
Americanism Essay Winner at Grand Lodge Level.
She is at Lodge with Family, Gil Mendoza E.R., Melody
Kennedy C.O.B. and Lodge Americanism Chair Buddy
Keller.



Secretary Lee Frankie reads the certificate from Grand Lodge for Recruitment of New Members, for our Exalted Ruler Gil Mendoza.



URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR HOURS

MONDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

THURSDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

FRIDAY - 11AM TO 9PM

SATURDAY - 9AM TO 9PM

SUNDAY - 9AM TO 8PM



FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES

PRIOR TO CLOSE

Garland Family Golf Tournament



Here we go again.



This team has played every year for 16 years.

Garland Family Golf Tournament



Annual Garland Family Fundraiser
Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF
FRANK O GARLAND**

Thank you for helping “Our Kids”

August 2025

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Board Meetings		Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1					

NO BINGO





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!