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In Loving Memory



Information Page ...

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Lecturing Knight..... David Glenn
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Tiler.....PER Bill Fabyunkey
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Julie Wilson.....Trustee 3 yr.
Greg Lancaster.....Trustee 4 yr.
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NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Exalted Ruler.....253-272-1117
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PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE

"The Call" MAY 2022 copy deadline. April 20, 2022

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2021	887
Initiated Since Then	57
Reinstatements	26

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	58
Transferred Out	9
Absolute Dimits	6
Deceased	26
Calculated Membership Total	885

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	3
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*



James Krager

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence by electing me as Exalted Ruler for the Lodge year 2022-2023. I trust that I may continue to merit your approval during the coming year.

The last two years because of health issues due to Coronavirus and variance, many of us decided to stay home. Currently since we have better control over Coronavirus and its variances, the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 wants to welcome you back. Remember, we are a part of the greatest fraternal organization in the world. Be proud of your Lodge, encourage a friend to become a Member and join them at Lodge Meetings and other functions. We are all looking forward to the coming year.

Fraternally Yours,

James





From the Desk of...
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

Another year has gone by and a new team of Officers has the opportunity to finish the opening of our GREAT Lodge. Activities are returning to normal levels and we have many choices to make when spending time at our Lodge.

If you haven't had the opportunity to pay your Membership Dues now is definitely the time to take care of this task. We definitely want to see **you** having fun in the Lodge. We appreciate every ones help bringing in new Members this year, unfortunately we lost some good friends as well. We need to continue working to increase our Membership, which will make all Lodge tasks easier for everyone.

Looking forward to an incredible year.

Lee

Notice

Wednesday April 13 at the regular Lodge Meeting, the Lodge and Allenmore budgets will be presented to the Membership for approval.



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for sizes and costs**



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Blast from the PAST

Brought to you by Gayle Carlson

Top of the Ocean – “The Top”



Many of you may remember the Top of the Ocean nightclub and restaurant that was built over the water on pilings next to Ruston Way at the foot of McCarver St. For those that remember it, this may be a cause for memories to come to mind. For those too young to have known “The Top” it is a bit of Tacoma history.



The vision was that of Allen Rau and Bert Sungren, two developers that saw a future for the Ruston Way shoreline after the closing of sawmills and boatyards. The ocean liner, built at a cost of \$262,000, opened in December 1946 with a main deck that would seat 700 people for dinner and dancing. Advertised prices included smorgasbord dinners for \$1.00 and a dinner menu with prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.50. The upper deck was a private club, where the Tacoma Athletic Club (TAC) had its headquarters. It contained a bar with lounge seating along with an area for gambling at card tables or at a row of slot machines.

In 1948, the TAC purchased “The Top” and six lots of nearby land for parking. The late 40s and early 50s were good times for customers as they could either pay cash, or run tabs. (No credit cards in those years.) As the TAC allowed the public to use its facilities, many grand banquets, fashion shows, high school reunions and award ceremonies were held at “The Top”.

Tacoma and surrounding areas were known for corruption and strong arm underworld tactics. In May 1951 “The Top” was raided by the Tacoma vice squad and liquor control officers. TAC lost their slot machines and paid a fine of \$100. Later that year TAC sold the property and moved their headquarters into downtown Tacoma. There were several owners over the years until the fire consumed “The Top” in April 1977.

By the time the Tacoma Fire Department responded to the fire on the morning of April 3rd, the building was engulfed in flames.

Blast from the PAST cont.

A second alarm went out and it took more than two hours and 61 firefighters with 12 piece of equipment (including a fire boat) to control the fire.

Arson investigators determined in short order that the fire had been set using paint thinner as an accelerant. The not-so-smart arsonist left gallon containers behind along with his fingerprints! On April 4th, David Levage was arrested after a taxicab driver reported he had taken a man with cans of paint thinner to “The Top” early the morning before. Restaurant employees identified Levage during a lineup as a customer who had been ejected from the bar on Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly.

During Levage’s trial, he admitted drinking heavily at another location before arriving at “The Top”. He had no memory of setting the fire and claimed the paint thinner was going to be used on homemade furniture. Following his lack of memory and other excuses, Levage was convicted and sentenced to a maximum of 20 years.

During the following year, local crime boss John J. Carbone, Pierce County Sheriff George Janovich, Levage, and others were indicted for racketeering. Levage was described as one of Carbone’s hired arsonists. He was probably responsible for other fires of taverns and cabaret businesses in the area that were competition and/or didn’t pay for their safety. (John Carbone was sentenced to 100 years, served 15 years, and died in 1998. Janovich served 6 of a 12 year sentence and died in 2005.)

As “The Top” was determined to cost at least \$1 million to rebuild, the property stood empty for almost 20 years. In 1997, Metro Parks Tacoma acquired the property and built a walkway over the water using the Top of the Ocean’s original pilings. Today you can see a dedicated bronze monument, with a three-dimensional replica of “The Top” at the north entrance to the walkway.



“Our Kids”

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.
The State Major Project since 1954

Meet Kelly!

Kelly is a 20-year-old young woman who was referred to the Elks by her case manager after her physician stated that “she is falling through the cracks of the system.” Kelly’s story is an inspiring example of the power of this program and how the Elks have made a lasting difference in her and her family’s life.

Kelly has autism and heart complications. At the start of services, Kelly was non-verbal except for repeating phrases from shows she watched. It is common for people with autism to repeat “scripts” they have learned which quite often have little to no true meaning. For example, when someone asks Kelly how she is feeling, she will always say “happy,” even if it is known that she is upset. Her mother’s dream was for Kelly to be able to share how her day was and accurately express her feelings based on the day’s events.

Using resources available through Kelly’s disability funding, the Elks therapist was able to provide Kelly with an application on her iPad called Proloquo2go. This application allows the user to navigate through topics of conversation and essentially “speak” for the user. By learning communication in this way, it is common for users to develop more spoken language as well. Teaching Kelly and her mother to use the application virtually was not an easy task, but through screen sharing, family support, and Kelly’s participation, she has made great progress! Kelly loves Hello Kitty and episodes of the show were used to teach her to identify feelings of the characters in the context of the show. Soon after, Kelly was independently identifying complex feelings such as frustration, confusion, and excitement both verbally and using Proloquo2Go.

One day, Kelly had a very rough morning. She usually gets sorbet following her morning walk and that morning, her uncle mistakenly ate the last one in the house. Routine and predictability are very important for individuals with autism and breaks in routine can really impact their ability to function throughout the day. Kelly also has a difficult time sharing so this event was extra hard for her to cope with. Later that day, Kelly’s mother recognized she was still upset from this event from her body language. Kelly’s mom asked her how she was feeling and, for the first time, Kelly expressed her true feelings verbally. “I feel sad,” she said. Her mother then asked why. Following a pause, Kelly found and said the words “Uncle no ice cream.” Her mother then explained how sharing with family was very important. Not only was this a breakthrough in communicating with mom, the next day Kelly independently gave her uncle one of her sorbets.

Kelly’s mother shared this story with the Elks therapist with tears in her eyes saying, “It happened! Kelly told me about her day! Then she shared her sorbet with her uncle!” Her mother continued, “Just this little thing is such a big thing for us.”

Kelly spent the first 20 years of her life without a voice, but with the same feelings and experiences we all have, just no way to express them. Due to the nature of the Elks’ therapy program, Kelly’s therapist was able to take the time needed to get her this essential application and train Kelly and her mother in how to use it.

Thank you, Washington Elks, for providing this family with the opportunity to have a conversation with their child for the first time!



Initiation – Class of 03/23/2022



At the Lodge meeting of 03/02/2022, Exalted Ruler Ellen Johnson gifted the second set of Ladies of the Lodge with an Elk necklace of appreciation for the help she received from them during her reign. Pictured left to right are:

Barbara Carrington, Barbara Bartholomew, Gayle Carlson, Julie Wilson and Nan Guthrie



Members give it a try!

Come join your fellow Elks on Wednesday nights at the weekly lodge meetings, and hear what is going on in your lodge. Meet your new officers and get involved. We need and want you to be active in our Lodge so your voice will be heard. How about getting involved by joining a committee. The new committee chairs could use your help.

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. Remember, the Bar should be open shortly. We are here to have fun.



**PAY
YOUR
DUES**



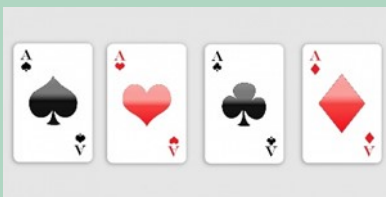
The new Lodge year begins April 1, 2022!

The front desk is ready to accept your payment, so either stop by, phone it in with your credit card number, or mail it in! You should have received your reminder letter by now indicating the amount you owe. Do your part to keep our great Elks Lodge #174 going strong



Join the Funtimers Once a Month

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. If you are interested in joining a small group on the second Wednesday of each month (March 9th) come join us and introduce yourself. We meet at noon, and after lunch the card game "31" is played by those who want to stay. It costs 3 quarters to play in the game, and you might win and go home with everyone else's quarters! Give it a try!



Need a Good Book to Read?



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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.

Annual Master Gardeners' Sale Returns

Looking for new plants to add to your landscaping or garden? The Master Gardeners' once a year sale is the place to shop for tomato plants, fuchsias, pelargoniums, salvias, craft/yard art, and much more. Mark your calendars and make the trip to the Puyallup WSU Campus on W. Pioneer Ave. to shop. Hours on Saturday, April 23rd are 9 am - 4 pm and Sunday, April 24th, you can shop from 10 am - 2 pm.

Have a plant question or problem? You may find the help you need at one of the following websites.

For general gardening questions go to Gardening.wsu.edu.

For plant pest/disease solutions go to hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu or pestsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu.

If you can't find the answer to your issue, you can email Master Gardeners at pierce.mg@wsu.edu or call 253-798-7170

Monday Night BINGO!

Bingo at the Tacoma Elks Lodge is the place to be on Monday nights. Meet new people, enjoy snacks, and maybe win money! If you're not interested in playing Bingo, consider volunteering to help run the games. We have several positions that could use alternate volunteers. One doesn't need to volunteer for every Monday night, but once or twice a month would allow current volunteers to take a night off or to play Bingo.

Training provided.

Card sales begin at 6 pm and Bingo starts at 7 pm. A break is taken about midway thru the games with the last game ending by 9 p.m. For a chance at all games the cost is \$16 and with a power ball ticket the total cost is \$17. By playing Bingo, you are also helping our charities.

Thanks to those who do play Bingo and those who volunteer. We couldn't do it without you.



URBAN ELK PRESENTS



WEPA!

APRIL 2ND, 2022 | 4-7PM

PERNOD RICARD BANDS



URBAN ELK PRESENTS TACOS & TRIVIA TUESDAYS

TUESDAY MARCH 22ND JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE PERNOD BRANDS JAMESON,
ABSOLUT, MALIBU, KAH LUA &
GLENLIVET

SWAG FROM PERNOD TO ENJOY!

TACO TUESDAY ALL DAY!

TRIVIA FROM 7-9PM
HELP US COMPETE WITH OTHER
LOCAL BARS!

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The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help!

It's that time of year again and the Elks are once again planning an Easter Egg Hunt. We missed the last two years but we plan to return to our usual event on Saturday, April 16th. Hot dogs, chips, and beverage will be served starting at noon. The egg hunt, for 1 -12 year olds, will start at 1:00 PM SHARP. Bring your baskets and don't be late or you'll miss out. Eggs disappear in seconds.

As the Easter Bunny has so many places to be, we need to give a helping hand. We need donations of plastic eggs large enough for a couple of pieces of candy, individually wrapped candy (please no candy on sticks as they don't fit in the eggs), and funds to purchase other items for the event. We plan to stuff the eggs with candy and coins in the Sports' Bar on Thursday evening April 14th. Come at 6 pm to give us a hand. It's fun and an opportunity to meet fellow members. On Saturday the 16th, we need volunteers to place eggs, hand out prizes, and serve hot dogs, chips, and juice for everyone. Bring your cameras as there will be picture opportunities.

If you can volunteer please notify the office with your name, phone number and email address so we can keep you informed. Donations of eggs, candy and money can be left with the office staff or brought to Wednesday night lodge meetings. Thanks for your help.

April

2022

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM <u>Installation</u> 6 PM Game Night 7 PM
3	4 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Urban Elk Steaks Gig Harbor Visitation	7	8	9 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
10	11 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	14 Stuff Easter Eggs 6 PM	15	16 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Easter Egg <u>Hunt</u> 1 PM Game Night 7 PM
17	18 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	21	22	23 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
24	25 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	26 Taco Tuesday	27 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	28	29	30 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM



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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!

