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2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Melody Kennedy
Leading Knight.....Gil Mendoza
Loyal Knight.....David Glenn
Lecturing Knight..... Kelli White
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy
Tiler.....PER Bill Fabyunkey
Esquire.....PER Michael Marshall
Chaplain.....Patty Kennedy
Inner Guard.....Ross Roden
Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

Board of Directors: Comprised of the

Four Chair Officers + the Five Trustees Listed Below

Paul Christel.....Trustee 1 yr.
Julie Wilson.....Trustee 2 yr.
Greg Lancaster.....Trustee 3 yr.
Sheri Hayes.....Trustee 4 yr.
Yvonne White.....Trustee 5 yr.

COB of Directors: **TBA**

Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore:

Comprised of the

Four Elected Officers **TBA**

Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy Julie Wilson Paul Christel

Three Members At-Large

Dean Mazzuca Ron Hack Dave Lucas

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.....253-343-6046
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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 04/01/2022	891
Initiated Since Then	50
Reinstatements	10

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	91
Transferred Out	3
Absolute Dimits	5
Deceased	20
Calculated Membership Total	845

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?

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

Melody Kennedy



Welcome to Elk's Year 2023-2024! I would first like to thank everyone that participated in the Officer Installation this past Wednesday. We enjoyed delicious food and drinks from the Urban Elk and wonderful company from our family and friends. I am thankful for the hard work of many volunteers that helped put together such a successful event.

I want to express my excitement for the upcoming year as Exalted Ruler. I am confident that with the help of the talented and hard-working elected Officers in our ranks, we will continue to increase our charitable efforts in the community. It is one of my goals this year to increase the general awareness of the Elk's Organization and its wonderful contributions. I ask the membership to help me with this effort – please encourage other members, family and friends to find an active role in the Elk's. We are more successful in larger numbers!

As a reminder, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place on Saturday April 8th at 11am. It is open to the public! We will be handing out some special prizes, serving hot dogs and will have a visit from the Easter Bunny. Please reach out to Danielle Ankenman at 253-355-5724 or d-rinehart@live.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you,

Melody Kennedy





*Officers for the 2023—2024 Lodge Year
Includes the Installing Officers*





From the Desk of...
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

The Elkdome new year is here with the new Officers in place. Excitement is present throughout the Lodge. Activities are taking place once again with anticipation of additional events taking place. Last year we were able to restart some of the Lodge's programs in our community and we look forward to doing more this year.

If you haven't paid your 2022—2023 dues now is a GREAT time to get this done. Remember, as of April 1st any unpaid Members will have inactive door access cards. When you are at the Lodge, stop by the Office and say hi, its always great to see everyone.

Looking forward to a productive new year.

Fraternally,

Lee

Sports Bar Hours

Monday	2 PM -7 PM
Tuesday	1 PM - PM
Wednesday	8 PM -10 PM
Thursday	
Friday	6 PM -11PM
Saturday	6 PM -11PM
Sunday	





Tacoma Billiard FED

2023 USBA National Qualifying Tournament

April 14th & 15th

Elks Lodge #174

Maximum Players 21

Starts at 10 AM Each Day

Famous Elks



Irving Berlin

New York #1, NY Lodge No. 1
Entertainment



William "Buffalo Bill" Cody

Denver, CO Lodge No. 17
Other



Bobby Jones

Atlanta-Northlake, GA Lodge No. 78
Sports



Jim Cramer

Summit, NJ Lodge No. 1246
Business



Andy Devine

San Fernando, CA Lodge No. 1539
Entertainment



Warren G. Magnuson

Seattle, WA Lodge No. 92
Congress



Will Rogers

New York #1, NY Lodge No. 1
Entertainment



Robert F. Wagner Jr.

New York, NY Lodge No. 1
Politician



Robert Ehrlich

Towson, MD Lodge No. 469
Governor



Daniel J. Evans

Seattle, WA Lodge No. 92
Governor

"Our Kids"

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Our State Major Project



Meet Grace. She is a beautiful 17 year old who enjoys songs and interesting sounds, her piano, baking with her Mom, going on road trips, being out in nature, therapeutic horseback riding and her family. Grace has a smile that can light up the room!

Grace has a mitochondrial disorder, autism, GRIN2B – related neurodevelopmental disorder, and seizures. She has had a spinal fusion. Grace has a cortical vision impairment which means that the structure of the eye is typical and the eye takes an effective picture of the object. That message is sent to the brain, but it is not processed properly in the brain due to differences in brain functioning. GRIN2B is a gene located on the 12th chromosome. It is involved in sending chemical messages to the brain. A variation of this gene may occur randomly leading to low muscle tone, gross and fine motor disabilities, intellectual disability, limited speech/non-speaking and seizures. In Mitochondrial disease, there isn't enough energy produced by the mitochondria (compartments in each cell that are like batteries) for a cell or organ to function properly. Mitochondria are important in organs that demand high energy such as the brain, heart, liver and muscles. The disorder can cause fatigue, weakness, seizures, growth problems, irregular heartbeat, intellectual disabilities, etc.

Grace uses a wheelchair and a stander at home. She receives her nutrition through tube feeds. She is a multi-modal communicator – she uses sign language, points to choices presented to her, uses a tablet, and most recently has an Eye Gaze Communication system that she is learning to use.

Grace was fortunate to work with an Elks Therapists before their recent move. After the family's move, she was able to reconnect with the program. Therapy was initiated post move via Zoom due to the pandemic and now is transitioning back to home visits. Grace's family has provided her with many opportunities and materials for her development and enjoyment. They have a deep understanding of how to best work with her. Grace is a well-loved young woman.

In therapy, Grace is working on communicating her choices, using her hands, and self-regulation. She is working on becoming more independent by putting utensils away in a drawer, placing items she has used back on a table, pulling wipes from a container, wiping her hands and then throwing the wipe away, self-regulation, etc. Most recently, Grace has found that watching and/or blowing on a pinwheel helps her to regain a calm state when she is starting to become overly excited or upset. A video was made for her (and sent to her Mom's cell phone) of her Elks therapist blowing a pinwheel, so that Grace can watch it when needed to regain her sense of calm. *Grace's Mom, Krista reported that, "Grace was being overexcited to go to the bathroom, a newer skill. Overexcited meaning she was on the edge of possible meltdown but she was happy, scream-happy and just a bit edgy. I showed her the video you made of blowing the pinwheel and she watched it over and over again for a couple of minutes and began blowing on her own. Her body calmed and she calmed and no big meltdown happened. So awesome!"*

Thank you, Washington Elks, for supporting the therapy program so that Grace and others can gain the skills needed to interact with others, make choices, feel calm and comfortable, enjoy time with family and friends, become more independent, and reach their maximum potential.



acoma Elks-Allenmore Golf Course

Presents



DUELING PIANOS

NATIONWIDE

ALLER KEYZ

America's Top Rated Dueling Pianos Show



All request show!
Outragelously fun!

**\$75 Per
Person**



**aturday,
May 20th**

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show is from 8pm to 10pm
Taco Bar Dinner Included

****Dinner Served from 7pm to 9pm****

21+ Older

PRE-SALE

****FOR ELK MEMBERS ONLY****

\$10 off Elk Members

Tickets Available at Lodge Front Desk

3/1/2023-3/15/2023



Exalted Ruler James Krager
presents Paul Christel as
Officer of the Year



Exalted Ruler James Krager
Presents Buddy Keller as
Elk of the Year





American Essay Contest Winners

**Exalted Ruler James Krager and Buddy Keller
present checks to :**

5th grade : 1st place: Katharine Trenting

**7th grade: 1st place: Axel Novogrodsky , 2nd place:
Benjamin Wu , 3rd place : Joella Edmunds**



**Call the Lodge Office (253-272-1117)
for sizes and costs**



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Man on the Street

I am not a man. I am not on the street. I am, though, an Elk who attended three lodge installations this past week. So if you've never done it, you are missing a lot! You would have seen how three different lodges in our district install their officers for the coming 2023-2024 fiscal year. You would have met the kaleidoscope of Elks as divergent as snowflakes but as identical in their belief of Elkdom. As they say, "Try it, you'll like it!"

There's no mystery here. The installation of our officers was a public ceremony, no opening or closing. The installing officers are addressed as Grand Lodge Officers whose "credentials" are that they were Past Exalted Rulers who have attended Grand Lodge during the year that they were Exalted Rulers.

Per statutes and tradition, the selection of an installing suite is chosen by a combination of the current Exalted Ruler, the incoming Exalted Ruler, and the Past Exalted Rulers Association. The Grand Lodge (GL) Installing Officer and the GL installing officers occupy the stations of the incoming officers, with the retiring Exalted Ruler being seated to the left of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

That's it. That's the mystery de-cloaked. For that matter, this "mystery" gradually melts away by attending our lodge meetings. You will see friends you've never met before, and friends you've seen since whenever it was you last saw them. And you will see Elks who share ALL of themselves and others as only they themselves prefer to share.

Here I am, a new Elk, despite the fact that I have been a member from 1996 and an officer's spouse six years prior to that, and willing to share.

Dance at the Tacoma Elks Lodge



April 20th **GO FOUR**, variety dance music, including some ballroom.



The Easter Bunny Needs Your Help!

It's that time of year again and the Elks are once again planning our Easter Egg Event. Mark your calendars for the event on Saturday, April 8th. The egg hunt is for 1 -12 year olds. 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 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 6th. Come about 6 pm to give us a hand. It's fun and an opportunity to meet fellow members. On Saturday the 8th, 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 candy and money can be left with the office staff or brought to Wednesday night lodge meetings. Thanks for your help.



Elks-Allenmore ^{#174} Golf & Event Center

Golf Course Green Fees (March 1 – October 31, 2023)

	<u>Weekday Green Fees</u> <u>(Monday-Thursday)</u>	<u>Weekend Green</u> <u>Fees</u> <u>(Friday- Sunday)</u>	<u>Cart Fees</u>
<u>(18 hole)</u> Regular Senior & Military	\$37.50 \$33.50	\$42.50 NA	\$17.50 per seat
<u>(9 hole)</u> Regular Senior/Military	\$24.50 \$20.50	\$29.50 \$29.50	\$12.00 per seat
<u>Junior</u>	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$17.50 per seat
<u>Elks Lodge 174 Member</u> 18 hole Senior 18 hole 9 hole	\$31.00 \$27.00 \$19.00	\$36.00 \$36.00 \$20.00	\$16.50 Per seat
<u>Twilight 3:00PM-Close</u>	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$17.50 Per seat

Green Fee Charges DO NOT Include Sales Tax, Cart Fees DO include Sales Tax

Solo Carts= \$25.00

Rentals

Clubs: N/A
Pull Carts: \$5.00 each

Range Balls

Small Bucket: \$5.00
Large Bucket: \$8.00

Allenmore Annual Pass Fees

Elk Annual 7 days a Week Golf= \$2,000.00 + tax

Public

Annual 7 days a Week= \$2,500.00 + tax

This is where you should be

Wednesday Nights.



*PM Lodge Meeting
Have fun with all your Elk friends*



*Return of the
Crying Towel
Members names drawn for
the Jackpot*

*Not Present to win
\$100.00*

3/01/2023 Clifford Mayfield

3/08/2023 Arthur Emery Jr.

3/15/2023 Lawrence Glenn

3/22/2023 Noah Reandean



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. Remember, the Bar is open. We are here to have fun.



Now is the time to pay next year's DUES !!

If you haven't paid your dues, now is a great time so you can join in the fun.



Elk Members

We are looking for the Queen of Hearts at all Wednesday Night Lodge Meetings. For only \$1.00 you can have a chance to draw the Queen as well.



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.

Join the Funtimers for Lunch and Cards

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, Wednesday, April 5th is our next luncheon. 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!



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

Bingo Night is Monday Night at Tacoma Elks

Some lucky guy won a nice Power Ball pot of money in March. I won't mention names, but I bet he is glad he played. Remember you can't win if you don't play.

Come join others playing Bingo at the Tacoma Elks Lodge on Monday nights. Meet new people, socialize with friends, enjoy snacks, and maybe win money! You can purchase your Bingo cards starting at 6 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm. Each strip contains 3 Bingo cards and each strip costs \$2.00. By playing Bingo, you help our lodge and our charities such as ENF, Tall Elks, and other worthy causes.

We appreciate new volunteers and those who just step in to fill a gap when a volunteer is not available. We can always use more volunteers to help run the weekly Bingo nights. 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. We provide training, and no job is difficult. And we have fun volunteering and getting to know our regular players.



Gardening

April Showers bring May Flowers

Need new plants for your home or garden? If so, don't miss the Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale where you can pick from thousands of plants. Mark your calendar for April 29th and 30th (Saturday 9-4) and Sunday (10-3) at the Puyallup Extension Center at 2606 West Pioneer in Puyallup.

Over 50 varieties of tomato plants will be available, along with perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs. There will also be plant & artisan vendors. Come early as the selections get picked over quickly. Bring boxes or wagon or cart to haul your purchases away in.

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

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 .



Blast from the Past

Did you attend school at Parkland School (when it hosted 1st through 8th grade) or in the 1950s after it became Parkland Elementary School? If so, you may have memories of those chalk boards, or playing in the gym or outside during recess. Parkland School was built in 1908 and is one of three county designated historic landmarks in Parkland. In the 1930s, a WPA-built addition was added. Sometime during the 1950s, a single story wing was added to the south side of the building that housed first and second grade students. And a two story kindergarten building was moved to the south end of the new wing.

The Parkland School is the cornerstone of Parkland. It has a long history as a Parkland landmark with architectural significance. In 1946 the Parkland Library opened in space in the school and remained there until 1951, when it moved to a post-war surplus Quonset hut a block north. I remember that library with its pot-bellied stove in the middle. The Quonset hut is long gone, as is the Parkland theatre, and buildings on Garfield St. where Parkland residents did their business in early years. Anyone remember Dahl's Grocery? How about Piggy Wiggly?



In the 1990s, Franklin Pierce School District sold the Parkland School Campus to Pacific Lutheran University and it became their East Campus. In 2013, PLU demolished the south wing during the building of an apartment building on Garfield St.. After PLU stopped using the school for it's East Campus, the school was leased to Mount Rainier High School for several years. Then PLU decided to sell the school and field for development for six story apartment buildings.

When the Parkland community heard of the proposed demolition of the Parkland School, many took action and the Parkland Community Association was formed. As a 501(c)3 non-profit, money is being raised to purchase the school in the hopes it can become a community center. PLU has agreed to give the association a year to raise the purchase price.

If you are interested in additional information, please go to

WWW.SAVEPARKLANDSCHOOL.ORG. or attend the 115th Birthday Party for Parkland School on May 20th at Keithley Middle School from noon to 3 pm. Admission is free.

April 2023

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
2	3 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	4 Taco Tuesday	5 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	6	7 Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	8 Children's Egg Hunt Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
9 EASTER	10 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	11 Taco Tuesday	12 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	13	14 14 th & 15 th <u>Billiard F.E.D.</u> Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	15 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
16	17 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	18 Taco Tuesday	19 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	20 Go Four Dance 7 PM	21 Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	22 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
23	24 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	25 Taco Tuesday	26 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	27	28 Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	29 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!