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Information Page ...

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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.....PER James Krager
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.
.....Trustee 2 yr.
.....Trustee 3 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 4 yr.
Yvonne White.....Trustee 5 yr.

COB of Directors: **Melody Kennedy**

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Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy David Glenn Paul Christel

Three Members At-Large

Dean Mazzuca Ron Hack Eric Gilson

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
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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 04/01/2022	852
Initiated Since Then	33
Reinstatements	
10	
Incoming Transfers	4

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	7
Transferred Out	2
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	15
Calculated Membership Total	875

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	6
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



A very joyous Christmas greeting to everyone. December is busy for the Tacoma Lodge with Sunday the 3rd our Memorial service for all of our Brothers and Sisters that died this past year. The service will start at 1:00pm in the Lodge room.

On December 16th the Hoop Shoot will be held at the Eastside Metro Parks Center. Volunteers are needed. If you are able, please contact Buddy Keller through the Lodge office. Everyone is invited and welcome. This is a great event for kids to participate in.

The Lodge Members family Christmas party is on December 17th at 1:00pm in the Lodge room. Please let us know your Childs name and an idea what Santa can bring to them. There will be snacks, movies and a special visit from Santa.

The Veterans Committee had a shopping spree for the Veteran families. We were able to donate 8500.00 dollars through a grant for gift cards and toys. It was a very satisfying experience. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this event.

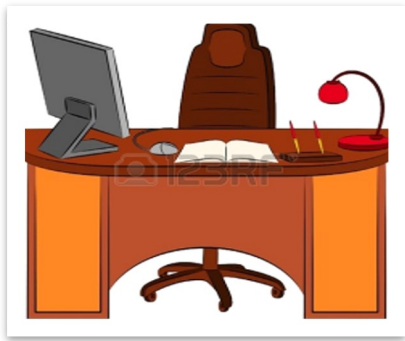
Tacoma Lodge #174 has adopted 10 single parent families this year for Christmas. We are in need of volunteers to shop, wrap and deliver to the families. Please let the Lodge office know if you are available to help with any of these activities. There will be a more comprehensive schedule coming out from Danielle Ankenman, the co-chairman of this project, along with Lee Frankie and me. Activities like this are a great way to meet and visit with other members.

I look forward to seeing you at meetings, in the Urban Elk and at functions . Peace to you and yours this Holiday season.

Respectfully,

Melody

ER / COB #174



From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

As another year comes to an end, we realize just how fortunate we are as Tacoma Lodge Elk Members. We get together and celebrate the holiday season with special Lodge events. This is also a time when we are able to do more for the community that can help families have a more joyous time of year. Another benefit of being an Elk Member is that when an issue should happen, we are there for each other to assist in what may be needed.

Sunday December 17th will be the Lodge Members Christmas Party. Call the Lodge Office with children that you would like to bring. Could be grand children or the nice child next door. Santa said that the adults could sit on his lap this year and get a candy cane.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

We hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Lee



Did You Know? Your Small Efforts Not Only Help Your Lodge Grow...



They Can Earn You Awards, Honor, AND Distinction!

**Every year the Washington State Elks Association (WSEA)
recognizes membership achievements through its
Top Recruiter Award and Plus-1 Reception**

Top Recruiter Award (Individual Award)

- Highest number of Members recruited and retained (number renewed in April)
 - Minimum to apply is ten new/reinstated Members with retention.
 - Paid Lodge employees or Secretaries are not eligible.
- The Winner will receive:
 - Recognition by the state for their accomplishment
 - Paid, three-night stay at either Winter or Summer Convention.
 - Two tickets to every entertainment event at that Convention.
 - Two seats at the WSEA President's table on Friday night.
 - A \$500.00 check.

Plus 1 Reception at Summer Convention (Lodge Award)

- Lodges that achieve a plus 1 Membership status as of 3/31/24 (60-day reinstatements do not count) will be invited to a special reception during the Summer Convention and have the chance to meet our State Sponsor PGER Roger True and other GL Officers.
- All Members present at Convention from Lodges that attain this Membership level are invited. The reception will be held at the Red Lion in Pasco June 15th, 2024 from 4-5 P.M.

Washington State Elks Association

2023 Raffle

Cost Only \$10.00 Each

Each Ticket has a chance to win 365 Times

Winning Tickets are returned to the Barrel

Time is running out, buy your tickets today!!

Weekday Drawings \$25.00

Weekend Drawings \$50.00

Holidays \$100.00

Elks Birthday \$500.00

**WA State Elks
Association
2024 Raffle
3600**



Elks Care Elks Share
B.P.O.E. of the USA
www.waelks.org

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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March 2024

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31						

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



**2023—2024
Lodge Officers**

Christel Home Services
Remodels to Handyman

Paul R. Christel
Owner
Gristle@nventure.com

5112 S. 10th St. Tacoma, Wa. 98465

253-222-0188





Veterans Service 2023



We were fortunate to have Stephanie Taylor with us for Tacoma Lodge's Veteran Service. Stephanie's presentation was very interesting and everyone was able to see how our military consists of some very talented individuals.



TACOMA #174 ELK'S ONLY



**Buy 1 Menu Item
Get 1 Free**

**Buy 1 menu item and get the
2nd of equal or lesser
value FREE!**

Tacoma #174 Elk Members ONLY

This deal is valid on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's
from November 24th to December 22nd.

****Member MUST show their current Elk's membership card to
receive this deal!****



URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR



\$19 CHICKEN CARBONARA **\$19**

*Chicken, prosciutto, Italian sausage, and peas
served in a creamy garlic sauce and topped with
parmesan.*

This special will only be available
Dec. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.



TACO TUESDAY



TACO SALAD \$16

8oz of Ground Beef, Cheddar Jack Cheese Blend, Black Beans, shredded Romaine lettuce, and Pico served in a fried Taco Shell. Served with Salsa and Sour Cream.



SOFT TACOS

BEEF

CHICKEN

1 Taco \$4

2 Taco's \$6



\$5 Corona / Modelo Can's

\$5 well Margaritas



LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

Urban Elk
Restaurant & Bar

**Give some Holiday Cheer
with a gift card!!**



**Buy a \$50 gift card and get a
20% bonus card!**

Promotion is from Nov. 25th 2023 to Dec. 30th 2023

The bonus card has to be a separate card from
the purchased card.

15% Elk's Discount Excluded for Purchase of Gift Card.

253-343-6090

2013 S. Cedar St. Tacoma Wa. 98405



"Our Kids"

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

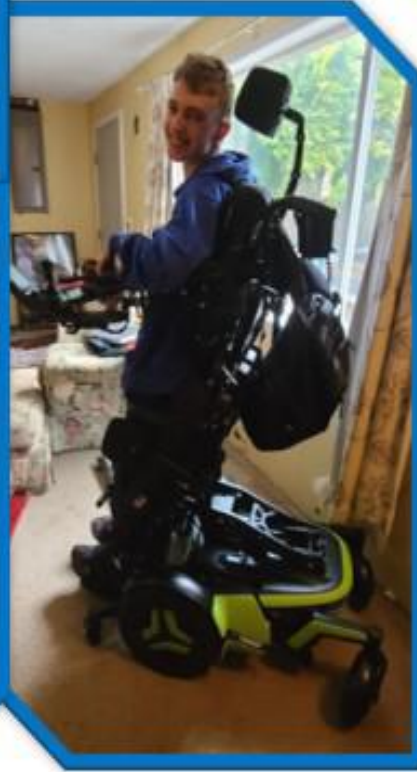


Charlie is feeling pretty excited about finally being taller than his therapist. He is finally able to use a very special wheelchair to come to standing any time he needs to! This is a huge life change for Charlie, and it is the result of many hours of advocacy by his therapist. Over a year ago, Charlie's team determined that having a standing function on his wheelchair was medically necessary and would make a big impact on his independence with daily living skills. Being able to stand throughout his day helps to stretch his legs, improves his breathing capacity, helps his stomach and bladder work better, and relieves pressure and pain. In his daily life, it allows him to reach up into his closet to pick clothing, reach into the refrigerator, and even make his own food in the microwave- and his favorite, being able to talk to people at eye level! As a young adult, not relying on caregivers is incredibly empowering. However, Charlie's medical insurance denied the initial request, noting the chair was "un-necessary" and "too expensive". Charlie and his therapist appealed the denial, but the chair was again refused. The issue was finally taken to a what is called a "fair hearing", where Charlie and his representative and the insurance company and all their legal team present their cases to a Judge. After 3 court hearings, 4 long letters of medical justification, and submission of countless research articles, the Judge agreed—it was medically necessary! This process required MANY hours that would be considered unbillable

by a traditional therapy clinic, and would likely not have been pursued, Charlie would not have gotten the chair he needed. Having a therapist through the WA Elks Therapy Program has allowed Charlie to continue to grow and become a more independent young man. He is currently taking computer courses in college, playing power soccer, and loving his new wheels.



Thank you, Elks!



The Eleven O'clock Toast

The tolling of eleven strokes reminds us that with Elks, the hour of eleven has a tender significance.

Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

“To Our Absent Members.”



Memorial Service Hour of Recollection



December 3, 2023

Robert H Peterson
Carlos B Henry
Kenneth L Upton
Norman J Hoppe
Darell D Grey
Ernest A Elston Jr
John C Nicholson
Ruben E Budd
Hubert J Smith
Brian P Durkee
Theodore M Baydo
Kenneth J Haagen
Grace Hudtloff
Gary M Bowker
Jeri A Witmer
Raymond G Tronson
Richard T Dilger
Henry Minkema
Rudy Hansen
David L Kerrone
John W Salick
Bart Bisson



These are the Members that have passed away this year. Sunday December 3rd at 1 PM is when you can come and show your respect for these individuals.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Shopping for adopted families: Nov 29th – Dec 14th

Wrapping: Individually or Dec 14th at 5pm

Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 is adopting 10 families this year through Step By Step. Step By Step is a local organization serving Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties that assists high risk mothers from pregnancy through the first years of life with basic needs – baby supplies, food, education, etc.

Please contact Danielle Ankenman at 253-355-5724 or Lee Frankie at the main office for more information!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2024

In the April Blast from the Past, I wrote about the effort to save the historic Parkland School. You may remember the Parkland Community Association (PCA) is raising funds to purchase the school from Pacific Lutheran University (PLU). Our goal is for the building to become a community center. A short update for those interested.

In November we made a \$25,000 deposit into escrow as required by the Purchase and Sales Agreement. We did not make our goal of raising \$1.5 million by November 3rd. PLU has offered an amended option which the PCA voted to accept. If we meet the new requirement of \$1 million by February 1st, PLU will lower the price. The legislature awarded us \$500,000 of which most can be used towards the \$1 million needed. Now we need to raise the remaining amount of \$500,000 by February 1st. We have been applying for grants and hope to win some if not all of them. We have state and county representatives supporting us and we hope they will be able to award PCA funds during the short session come January. We are hopeful the purchase can be completed and the building slowly renovated one area or floor at a time. The biggest need in repairs is the roof. And believe it or not, we already have offers of help with the roof and flooring from local companies.

One huge asset of the building is the wonderful gym that was updated by Mt. Rainier Lutheran High School during the 3 years it occupied the building. It would be a great location for Hoop Shoot practice for local kids, and maybe even competition. See the picture of the current condition of the gym.



The PCA is a 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible. Please spread the word that PCA needs help to make this community center a reality. Sign up for email updates at www.saveparklandschool.org and/or follow on Facebook: tiny.cc/saveparklandschoolfb. The PCA appreciates your interest and support.



Sports Bar Hours

Monday 10am - 6pm

Tuesday 9am - 2pm

6pm - 9pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday Closed

Friday 3pm - 11pm

Saturday 3pm - 11pm

Sunday 10am - 6pm

Please call office M-F for holiday hours

253 272-1117



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*

11/01/2023 Dennis Garrett

11/08/2023 Veterans

11/15/2023 Steve Whittier

11/22/2023

11/29/2023 Thomas Balerud



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 temporarily closed. We are here to have fun.



**PAY
YOUR
DUES**



***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.



**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.

One Day a Month 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, December 6th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet at 11:30 to beat the lunch crowd. 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

Winter is upon us and all the fun holiday events are filling our calendars. Make time to come to Bingo on Monday nights and help celebrate the season with others. And maybe win some extra spending 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 local causes.



Winter will soon be here. Is your yard ready?

Have a plant question or problem? You may find the help you need at one of the following websites. Need to know how to put your plants away for the winter? Check out the sites below or email or call a Master Gardener.

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

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





December 16th is the Lodge's Hoop Shoot. Buddy Keller is still looking for some volunteers, if you can help please contact the Lodge Office.

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR HOURS

MONDAY - CLOSED

TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM

WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM

THURSDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM

FRIDAY - 11AM TO 8:30PM

SATURDAY - 9AM TO 8:30PM

SUNDAY - 9AM TO 5PM



**FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES
PRIOR TO CLOSE**

December 2023

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
3	4 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting Balloting 7 PM	7	8 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM	9 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
10	11 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM Member Orientation	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting Initiation 7 PM	14	15 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM	16 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
17 Member Christmas Party 1 PM	18 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting Short Meeting w/ party 7 PM	21	22 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM	23 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
24 All Lodge Areas CLOSE at 10 AM	25 Christmas All Lodge Areas CLOSED	26 Taco Tuesday	27 Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting	28	29 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM	30 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
31 Regular Sunday Hours						

December 24th Entire Lodge Closes at 10 am

Christmas Day All Lodge Areas Closed

December 31st Regular Lodge Hours

New Years Day All Lodge Areas Closed



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!