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A Message From Our Exalted Ruler



February is here! Happy Valentine's Day to you all. There has been such fog and a chill in the air. Winter is almost past. Nearly time to shave the winter coats off our poodles. That means I am Exalted Ruler for only two more

months, or as they sometimes say by this part of the year — **Exhausted Rooster** (LOL). I have enjoyed my time as Exalted Ruler and am thankful that I had the opportunity to serve a second year, as we did not have in-person meetings in 2020.

Now for the new year — 2022-23...

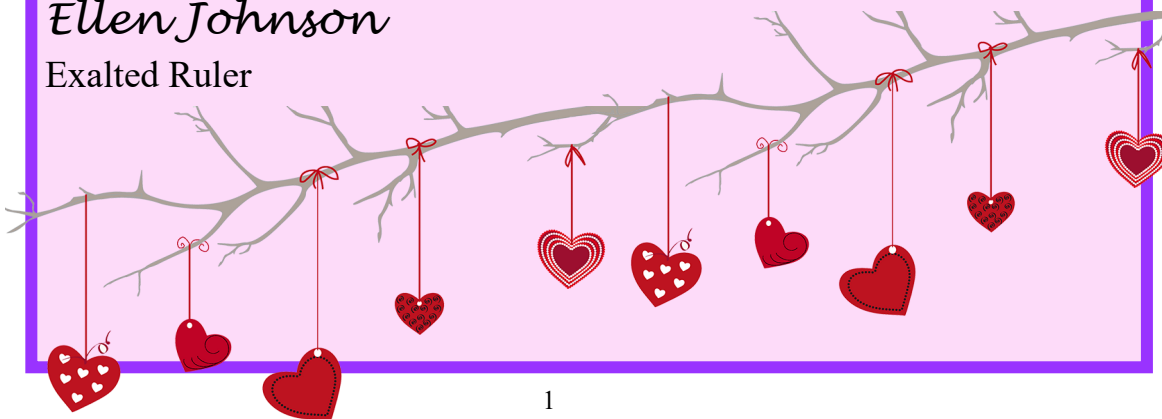
- Nominations will take place the first two weeks in February!!!! Please come to the meetings and nominate your friends and show support for those willing to take on the distinguished roles of our Lodge. We have a lot of positions to fill. There are different levels of participation requirements, so I am sure there is a match to what you believe you can do. We have a position for you. Everyone is needed to make the Lodge run well!
- The first meeting in February will be run by the PER's. It will be a lot of fun to see so many PERs at one time.
- The second meeting in February falls on a very special person's birthday:
Happy Birthday Sarah Vergin! 
- The third meeting in February will likely be Balloting and Initiation. If you have not seen the full Initiation, this is a great chance.

Together as a Team, we can keep growing our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Ellen Johnson

Exalted Ruler



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Exalted Ruler.....Ellen Johnson
 Leading Knight.....Jim Guthrie
 Loyal Knight.....PER Robert Van Hagen
 Lecturing Knight..... Sheri Hayes
 Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
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 Tiler.....Bill Fabyunkey
 Esquire.....Dave Christel
 Chaplain.....Don Myers
 Inner Guard.....Vacant
 Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

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Mel Schuckenbrock.....Trustee 1 yr.
 Gil Mendoza.....Trustee 2 yr.
 Paul Christel... Trustee 3 yr.
 Julie Wilson.....Trustee 4 yr.
 Greg Lancaster.....Trustee 5 yr.

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Three Members At-Large
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President/COB of Elks/Allenmore: Gil Mendoza

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 PER Vice-President Gary Giambrone
 PER Secretary Lee Frankie

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The Urban Elk Restaurant.. 253-343-6090

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE

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MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2021	887
Initiated Since Then	47
Reinstatements	19

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	5
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	14
Calculated Membership Total	942

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	3
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	2
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.





From the Desk of . . .

Lodge Secretary *Lee Frankie*

Here we are in February, once again getting ready for the new year. This is a time of excitement in our Lodge, because of the loosening of government regulations with Covid.

We ask that all Tacoma Lodge Members consider being an Officer of the Lodge or a Member of a committee. Officer nominations will take place on the first two Lodge Meeting nights — **February 3rd** and **February 10th**, with Balloting on the 3rd Wednesday, **February 17th**.

This is a great time of year to invite others to join the Tacoma Elks Lodge. With the arrival of the warmer weather, there will be many opportunities for our Members to have fun at the Lodge.



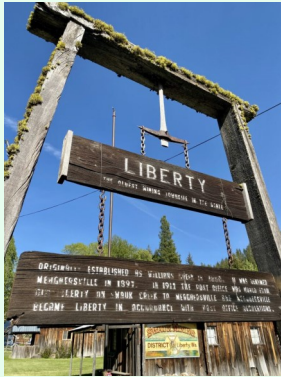
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Blast from the PAST

Blast from the Past – Ghost Towns



Two of Washington’s ghost towns are Franklin and Liberty. If you read last month’s CALL, the Blast from the Past was about the town of Franklin. This month the town of **Liberty** is explored. Liberty had the oldest mine in Washington. And it was a gold mine! The only living ghost town in Washington, Liberty is located in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in the Swauk Mining District, originally called Williams Creek in 1850 and later renamed to Meaghersville for Thomas Meagher. Meagher is credited with finding the old gold-bearing channel of Williams Creek, although some say a small amount of gold was discovered by brothers Newton and Benton Goodwin. They moved on and when passing through the area again, struck it rich. As word spread, miners came after leaving other gold rushes.

In 1892 a post office was established. The residents wanted to name the town **Swauk**, after the creek. But the US Postal Service denied the name due to a similarly-named post office. The miners finally decided on the name **Liberty** (dates of name changes are not included as depending on what you read, the dates are not consistent).



Several companies had extensive mining operations into the 1960s. Some miners chose to remain as another mother lode could be found. There is said to be some gold to be found around Liberty and some mining activity continues. In 1974 the town was added to the National Register of Historic Places. In touring the town one can see many historic buildings and displays of mining equipment. Some historic buildings are used by residents. In 2020, the population of Liberty was 12,003. This is a large increase from the population 10 years earlier when it was 7,591.

Tune in next month for another **Blast from the Past**.

Brought to you by Gayle Carlson

Let’s Play 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.

BINGO Country



Thank you
for being a member of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174.

*We appreciate
your support.*



"Our Kids"

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.



Matthew is about to graduate from the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. His family wants you to know how important your program has been to Matthew and what it means to them! While his early months were quite typical, the rest of his journey has been anything but, due to viral meningitis and encephalitis, TWICE! As a result, Matthew has a seizure disorder, cognitive deficits, and will always think like an 8-year-old, no matter how old he is. In spite of the hand he's been dealt, Matthew is very compassionate and has great enthusiasm to live his best life.

When interviewed about his experience with his Elks Therapist, Matthew said this: "Well, I was a little nervous at first, because I didn't know what to expect. The more you came to my house and I got to know you, I got to learn new things. So, it may be hard at first, but it gets easier. Yeah, getting to know you was great! We played lots of games together like puzzles, KNEX building games, Rubik's Cubes, the grocery store game and the allowance game. Turns out I'm a really good checkers player and I can even beat my dad, now! I also have 25 Gold Medals with Special Olympics! Working with you made a big change in my life and while it may not always be easy, if you get to know each other, you can learn new things."

Here is what Matthew's mom wants you to know:

"The Washington Elks Therapy Program brings HOPE to families due to the DEDICATION and COMMITMENT of Elks Members over the past 67 years!"

To the Elks Therapists: I want them to know that they make a HUGE difference. I want them to know that without them people like me are lost. What they give our kids is something as parents we can't give and that breaks our hearts. You, and your people, do what we can't and for that we are eternally grateful!

To the Elks Members: I want you to know all of the above and that Matthew is now able to play a leading role in his own show because of your vision and commitment as Elks! Matthew is now taking his bow as he transitions from childhood to adulthood. His opening act is over, but because of YOU and your therapists, his next curtain call is opening with glowing reviews. He has a chance at a bright and brilliant future because of some very selfless individuals who put others needs before theirs. People who look out for those who can't look out for themselves. People who give us tools for the toolbox of life. When it's all said and done, people will sit back and say what a wonderful life Matthew has had because of the start he was given with our Elks Therapist and the generous support of the Washington Elks Members!!!

All my love, sincere heartfelt thanks and God's Blessing go out to each of you because the difference you make just can't be put into words.

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Veterans' Committee Report

The Veterans' Committee Chairman was contacted on Thursday, January 20th, by Ms. Deborah Descolo from Camp Murray, seeking funds for a Veteran. His family was taking in two family members' children to keep them out of the Foster system. He needed help getting clothing and other essential items. The committee voted to provide \$300 worth of Walmart gift cards. The Committee Chairman presented these gift cards to Ms. Descolo on Friday, January 21st.



Come see Fellow Members on Wednesday Nights

Make a New Year's Resolution to attend Lodge Meetings

Please get involved in your Lodge.

Start by attending our weekly Elks' Lodge meetings. Next, get involved by joining a committee or maybe consider running for office. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm to hear what is going on in your Lodge. Get involved. Meet fellow members. Help with our charity work. It is rewarding to help those in need.



the **BPOE NEWS**

WE'RE GREAT BECAUSE YOU ARE!

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Join the Funtimers Once a Month

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the **Urban Elk** once a month. If you are interested in joining a small group on the second Wednesday of each month (**February 9th this time**), 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.



Attention Possible Vendors

February 26th & 27th

The Tacoma Elks Lodge will be hosting a

FLEA MARKET

This event will be held in our FABULOUS PAVILLION

Lots of space for your setup

The cost per table is only \$40.00 per table

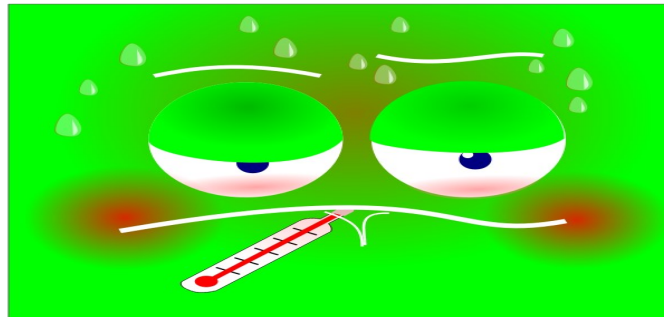
The cost is for TWO days, what a deal

Contact Greg Lancaster for reservations –

253-448-4669 makeithappen3939@gmail.com



The Tacoma Elks Office Staff wants to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the sick time that was required in all areas of the Lodge Operations. Almost everyone is back at work with projects moving ahead.



The Tacoma Elks Lodge welcomes its Members once more to a Membership dinner to encourage participation in the Officer corps. and committees. We are inviting all Tacoma Lodge Members to come to dinner February 26 at 5 pm. A meeting will follow at 6pm. We are inviting Elks from the Washington Elks Association to talk about different areas of Elkdom. Come enjoy dinner, learn something new and choose to get involved. We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP at the lodge office.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ellen Johnson Exalted Ruler



Our History

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

February

2022

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Taco Tuesday	2 Urban Elk Steaks P.E.R. Run Officer Nominations Lodge Meeting 7 PM	3	4	5 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
6 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	7 Taco Tuesday	8 Taco Tuesday	9 Urban Elk Steaks Officer Nominations Lodge Meeting 7 PM	10	11	12 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
13 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	14 Taco Tuesday	15 Taco Tuesday	16 Urban Elk Steaks Balloting of Officers Initiation Lodge Meeting 7 PM	17	18	19 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
20 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	21 Taco Tuesday	22 Taco Tuesday	23 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	24	25	26 FLEA MARKET Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
27 FLEA MARKET PAVILLION	28 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM					Membership Dinner February 26th 5 PM



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Valentine's day
14 February

Presidents Day

Monday
February 21, 2022

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!

