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 *The Call*



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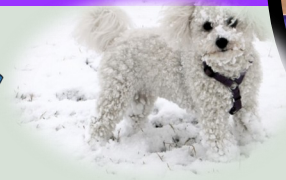
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*A Message From
Our Exalted Ruler*



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HAPPY★NEW★YEAR



Happy New Year to all! What a white

winter we are having. Our poodles run in the snow and when they come in their fur is packed with snow — I can practically mop the floor with the snow that falls off them! LOL — what we do for our animals.

On a more serious note, we need volunteers to run for office for the coming year. I do not know who will be the Exalted Ruler, the Leading Knight, the Loyal Knight, or the Lecturing Knight. There are many positions that are voted on and the Exalted Ruler appoints many more. If you are interested, please notify me or the Lodge Secretary, Lee Frankie. **This is the time to step up so we can make sure we have enough people for all the positions.**

Responsibilities of the Exalted Ruler include weekly Lodge meetings, two board meetings a month, officer training twice a year and conventions twice a year (or send a representative). The Exalted Ruler can even go to Grand Lodge Convention! The obligations are worth it for all the charitable work our Lodge does. There are officer positions that do not have to attend all the meetings and some offices are appointed by the ER. Being an officer can be a lot of fun, so please throw your hat in and let us know that you are interested. We have several Past Exalted Rulers who are ready to help you with your new positions in the Lodge — you are not on your own when you say “yes.” There are also resources available online and PERs are readily accessible to help, including me. ***Come join in!***

Thank you to everyone who is holding an office right now! You are appreciated for keeping our Lodge going and I enjoy working with all of you. I hope some of you are considering running again, — maybe even trying a new position! Together as a Team we can keep growing our Lodge.

“Together as a Team!” Air hugs to all!

Fraternally,

Ellen Johnson
Exalted Ruler





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2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

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

Board of Directors: Comprised of the Four Chair Officers + the Five Trustees Listed Below

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.

COB of Directors: ER Ellen Johnson

Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore: Comprised of the Four Elected Officers

Gil Mendoza Ellen Johnson Julie Wilson Paul Christel

Three Members At-Large

Mario Marsillo Ron Hack Eric Gilson

President/COB of Elks/Allenmore: Gil Mendoza

Past Exalted Rulers' Association

PER President Ernie Bodoh
PER Vice-President Gary Giambrone
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
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" FEBRUARY 2022 copy deadline. . . January 20, 2022

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2021	887
Initiated Since Then	47
Reinstatements	17

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

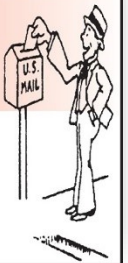
Dropped	3
Transferred Out	5
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Deceased	13
Calculated Membership Total	941

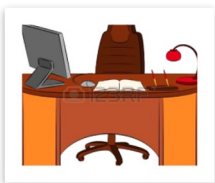
RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	3
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	1
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*

Well are we having some fun now or what?? Snow and more snow. Then COLD! And then more snow! And the continuation of the cold. A great way to end 2021. And we cannot forget the latest COVID variant just to keep things really interesting. I hope that none of you were attempting to fly somewhere this last weekend for Christmas. Over a thousand flights canceled. Between the weather and the viruses we have continued to be challenged. But.....



The Tacoma Elks Lodge is starting a new calendar year. I want to thank our members for the support and understanding to the Lodge Office for the unforeseen changes that happened last year. There are many activities for members that are currently returning and more to come with your help. We still have some members that haven't paid their 2020-2021 dues. Please remember that you are a valued part of the Tacoma Lodge. If there is a reason that you have delayed payment and you would like to address an issue, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

Conditions at our Lodge are almost normal and with your help we can be stronger within our building and help support our community at higher levels. We realize that we have many individuals in worse shape than ourselves not far from our Lodge. Let's strive to live the Elks motto:



Be safe and happy in 2022.



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

***Wait, wait . . .
Could this be our Leading
Knight Jim Guthrie and our
Esquire Paul Christel????***



12.22.21

Blast from the PAST

Brought to you by Gayle Carlson



Two of Washington's ghost towns are Franklin and Liberty. Franklin was established in the 1880s as a mining town — located in eastern King County along the Green River near Black Diamond.

Franklin was established by Henry Villard's Oregon Improvement Company, a unit of the Northern Pacific. When Villard went broke, the town was taken over by the Pacific Coast Coal Company. The Seattle to Walla Walla Railroad was extended to Franklin in 1885 to allow coal to be shipped to San Francisco.

The town had its own school, hotel, blacksmith shop, and of course some saloons! As Franklin was a company town, there were many company houses for employees to live in. At its peak, the town population reached about 1,000. In 1894 an arson fire killed 37 miners as they fought the fire in the mine. With a decreased demand for coal along with the difficulty in mining it, the mines shut down in the early 20th century. Most mining had stopped by 1919 and the residents left.



Today there is a hiking trail about 2½ miles round-trip, which one can take and see the remnants of the town of Franklin. You will see the pictured coal cart at the beginning of the trail. If you dig through the underbrush and reach the cemetery, you may find some of the headstones for the graves of the miners killed in the mine fire.

Tune in next month for a visit to the town of Liberty, where the oldest mine in Washington was. And it was a gold mine!

Let's Play Bingo!

Why not start out the New Year by playing Bingo at the Tacoma Lodge on Monday nights? It's the place to be for fun, snacks, meeting new people, and maybe winning a pot of money! On December 6th we had a winner of \$1,000 plus many other winners who received nice payouts. If you're not interested in playing Bingo, consider volunteering to help run the games. We have several positions that could use alternate volunteers, such as cashier, card puller, caller, verifiers of winning hands, and manning the snack bar. 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.



Look Who's Getting His 3-Meeting Pin!
Also pictured are Esquire Paul Christel and ER Ellen Johnson.

“Our Kids” — Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.



Meet Steen!

Steen is a SUPER kid. He has an amazing family! He has 3 siblings and a Mom and Dad that adore him. His family had difficulty understanding him and was referred to speech therapy where they also noticed some physical difficulties and sensory intolerances. The Speech Therapist introduced Steen's family to the Elk's and things that were difficult for Steen are not so difficult anymore!

Things that are/were easy for other children are tricky for Steen. Steen had to focus very hard on balance and walking around items. He constantly was looking down and did not look up. Steen participated in lots of fun strengthening, balance and endurance activities. Steen and his family learned words like Proprioceptive input, which is knowing where your body is in space. He knows ways to give himself proprioceptive input so he can function in his environment. Steen struggled with crossing midline, meaning if a toy was on his left side, he would turn his whole body to grab the toy rather than crossing his body. This skill is very important because we cross midline when eating, writing, cutting, sports, play and many other tasks. With lots of play Steen has no problem with that now!

Tearing paper, stringing beads, holding a marker, putting clothes on, holding a spoon/fork were all hard tasks for Steen. With lots of therapy play, his muscles in his arms and hands got stronger and now Steen does not have difficulty with those tasks. There are still some skills that Steen is working on, such as riding a bike and turning around obstacles, doing sit-ups with no help and writing a sentence to fit on a line. But things are much easier for Steen and he is able to participate in family and school activities with greater confidence.

When asking Steen's mom for one word to describe The Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children she reports "Gratitude." She states, "The therapist helps us understand our little boy, his struggles and his needs that we did not understand before. Our therapist did not just help us grow and learn skills, we were also able to share with the entire family and teachers. The therapist makes hard work fun but challenging!"

Life has been difficult with COVID and Zooming has been challenging at times, yet we always seem to have FUN!!

**THANK YOU
TO ALL THE ELKS
AND FRIENDS OF
“OUR KIDS”**



Initiation — December 7, 2021



**Come see Fellow Members
on Wednesday Nights**

**Start the New Year by attending
our Lodge Meetings**

Make one of your New Year's resolutions to become involved in your Lodge. Start by attending our weekly Elks' Lodge meetings. Next, get involved by joining a committee or may be consider running for office. Come join us on Wednesday nights and hear what is going on in your lodge. Get involved. We need and want you to be active in our Lodge so your voice will be heard.



MEETINGS

Your time is important!



Remember it is important to
keep track of all your charity hours.

- Maintain our non profit status
- Big numbers can mean big interest —
Show local government your commitment to community
- Share your lodge's hard work to encourage pride,
membership retention and new member recruitment.



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW LOOK
GET \$1,000 TOWARDS YOUR LODGE SIGNAGE UPDATE



Six \$1,000 grants available for local lodges!

Submit a budget for your sign update, along with a copy of what the new signage will look like. The grant would also help offset the cost of painting your sign post, replacing old light-bulbs and creating a new image in your community.

All signs must comply with the Emblem Usage guidelines and be approved by the State Public Relations Chairman before the grant is awarded.

This grant is only to update EXISTING signs.

The sign must have the ELKS USA LOGO on it. The goal of the PR Committee is to create a well branded presence in our state with the same logo throughout the state.

For more detail and to apply for a sign update grant please email:
Cheryl Collins at cheryllcollins2006@comcast.net

Veterans' Committee Report

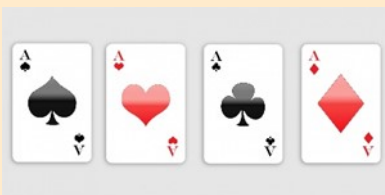


Once again, members of our Lodge helped collect and distribute toys and gift cards to approximately 300 military families at Camp Murray on December 9th. The Grand Lodge grants we received helped to make the holidays just that much better for many of those families who serve our nation.

Many thanks to the following Elk members who participated to make this event a huge success: **Gayle Carlson, Al Hyatt, Bob Williams, Michael Cox, PER Ernie Bodoh, Lecturing Knight Sheri Hayes, and Leading Knight/Veterans' Chair James Guthrie.**

Happy New Year from the Funtimers

The Funtimers are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing at the Urban Elk once a month. If you are interested in joining a small group on the second Wednesday of each month 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!



connect
with a
member

Ask me How to Join



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.



Toy Preparation at Camp Murray



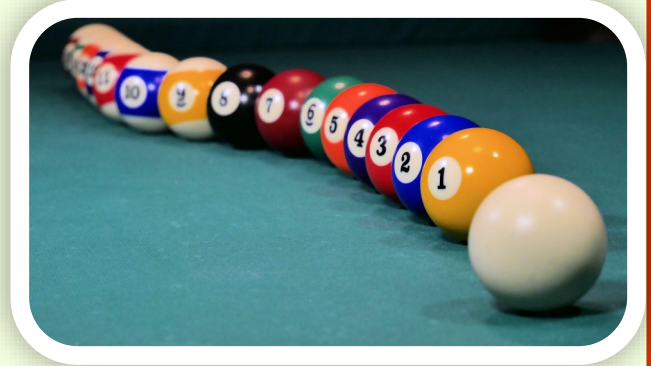
Congratulations **Nicolette** for being a \$1,000 winner at our Tacoma Lodge #174 Bingo!!! Shown above is PER Ernie Bodah presenting the check.



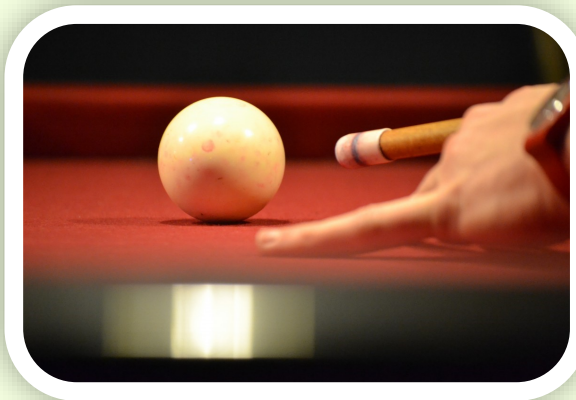
The **Stadium High School choir** entertained us with Christmas carols before our Lodge meeting of 12/08/21. What beautiful voices they have!

Report from the Elks #174 Billiards Group

After a long hiatus due to Covid, with financial and other assistance from the Tacoma Billiard Federation and the Medford Oregon Billiard Players Association, we finally were able to resume the tradition of having a regional 3-cushion billiards tournament at the Tacoma Elks Lodge on the week end of November 20-21. The tournament was designated as a “qualifier” event for the US National Championship Tournament. Following a long-standing tradition, in addition to players from the Tacoma Elks Lodge, there were players from Elks Lodges in Oregon and elsewhere in Washington, as well as a couple of players not currently affiliated with the Elks but who are likely to become members in the future as a result of seeing what it is like to play billiards at the Elks Lodge here in Tacoma.



There were fifteen players, and the tournament was won by TBF member (and likely future Elks member) **Ertan Tarhan**. Three players tied for the second best record in the finals, with the actual places being decided by small differences in total points. Neal Olson came in second by two points (out of a total of 125 possible points) over **Dan Louie**, who finished one point in front of fourth-place finisher **Jesús Quinonez**. **Monte Rodriguez** came in fifth, and **German Roa** (Port Townsend Elks) came in sixth. In addition to the prize money awarded to each of the finalists, we paid for the entry fee into the US National Championship for **Dan Louie** (none of the others in the top three were able to go to New York for the national tournament) and also provided him with an assist to cover his travel expenses.



In addition to that billiard news, the Tacoma Billiard Federation once again made a donation of \$400 to the Elks for the Christmas stocking stuffer program. The TBF, which pays for all costs of maintaining the billiard tables in the Sports Bar area, was able to make that donation from the funds it has raised both through its “Table Maintenance Fee” Program as well as by holding tournaments in the past. Along with holding regional tournaments, making that donation is a tradition that is important to the TBF members, and I anticipate it is a tradition that will be continued in the future.

Mark St. Angelo

Tacoma BPOE Billiards Committee

Goings-On Around the Lodge!



PER Bill Fabyunkey
presented certificates to those present at the
12/15/21 Lodge Meeting who helped at the
Halloween Event. Shown at left with Bill are
**Leading Knight Jim Guthrie, Treasurer Nan
Guthrie, and Secretary Lee Frankie.**

Initiation December 15, 2021

John and Sergio in the front row are
our newest members.
Congratulations and Welcome!



Wrapping Gifts
for the Children's Christmas Drive-
Through Which Occurred December 18, 2021



Scenes from Hoop Shoot



At the East Side Boys' & Girls' Club

December 18, 2021
Tacoma, Washington

Snapshots of Helper "Heroes" at the Toys for Tots

Distribution at Elks #174 — December 19, 2021



January

2022

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lodge is Closed
2 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	3	4 Taco Tuesday	5 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	6	7	8 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
9 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	10	11 Taco Tuesday	12 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM Winter Convention	13 Winter Convention	14 Winter Convention	15 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM Winter Convention
16 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	17	18 Taco Tuesday	19 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	20	21	22 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
23 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	24	25 Taco Tuesday	26 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	27	28	29 Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
30 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	31					



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!

