

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Gil Mendoza  
Leading Knight.....David Glenn  
Loyal Knight.....Joel Rinehart  
Lecturing Knight..... Gary Schwartz  
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie  
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy  
Tiler.....PER Michael Marshall  
Esquire.....Paul Christel  
Asst. Esquire .....Dave Dhristel  
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.

James Guthrie .....Trustee 1 yr.  
Michael Portman .....Trustee 2 yr.  
Eric Gilson .....Trustee 3 yr.  
Yvonne White.....Trustee 4 yr.  
PER Melody Kennedy.....Trustee 5 yr

**COB of Directors: Melody Kennedy**

### Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore:

*Comprised of the  
Four Elected Officers*

**Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy David Glenn Eric Gilson**

**Three Members At-Large**

**Paul Christel Ron Hack Nancy Guthrie**

**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  
Fax .....253-272-1303  
Lodge E-Mail..... [tacoma.elks@tacomaelks.com](mailto:tacoma.elks@tacomaelks.com)  
Web Address.....[www.tacomaelks.com](http://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	820
Initiated Since Then	5
Reinstatements	1
Incoming Transfers	4
<b><u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u></b>	
Dropped	4
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	3
Calculated Membership Total	823

## RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	5
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*

*Gil Mendoza*



Happy June, and with summer on the way? We hope! I spent the end of May observing and celebrating Memorial day, delivering flowers (and flags to some) to numerous family grave sites across three cemeteries; also attending mass services at the first. I watched with incredulity the wonder in the eyes of my near-2-year-old granddaughter, as she gazed at the sea of American flags across the acres of memorials.

I reflected that there can be no finer calling than serving one's country. And while sacrifice is inherent during a life of service, more than 600,000 service members made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect the freedoms we hold true. Many more, like my father, died after their "active service," from conditions resultant of their prolonged "tours of duty" across multiple continents and conflicts. All are fallen heroes. They are our parents, children, spouses, partners, siblings and friends. As Americans, and proudly as Elks, it is our duty to ensure the stories of their lives and bravery are not lost with time.

Interestingly, but not surprising, the common denominator across these many years, generations and stories is the American Flag: A symbol we hold dear in Elkdom and "first place beside our altar" in ceremony, and have adopted as "emblematic of the cardinal principal of our Order – Charity."

This month of June, as a nation, we will hold special recognition of Flag Day (June 14), and what it represents to each and all of us. In our Lodge, we will hold our Flag Day Ritual, and Flag Retirement Service, in an open meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday June 5 in our Lodge room. I hope you will join us to share and feel the powerful positive emotion evoked by the historical story of our great Flag, and see those historical markers in honored display. A few winners of our student Americanism Essay contest will join us as standard bearers, taking their understanding of our nation's legacy to another level. They will be joined by student members of the Stadium High School Naval Junior ROTC program, who will honor us by serving as our Color Guard during opening with our National Anthem. These students are making their own stories, and by sharing with us, they are linking our generations to that which we all hold most dear. Like those we honored on Memorial day, there are countless Elks - and Elks to be - through whose stories, memory, and the impact they have on our communities, and this great nation will live on. Stand tall. Be proud. Be charitable. And be thankful for our enduring legacy.



*From the Desk of . . .*  
**Lodge Secretary**  
**Lee Frankie**



**Summer has arrived with all the special activities that the season enables. Starting on June 5th we will celebrate Flag Day, it's always interesting to see how the ceremony will take place. June 13th is the start of Summer Convention in Pasco. Summer Convention is a great opportunity to learn about Elkdom for all Elk Members.**

**Summer provides us with the chance to go outside and travel to various parts of our state to visit with our Elk friends while playing golf, bowling and various activities that help with our Charities.**

**Bring your family and friends to Tacoma Lodge so that they can have a wonderful time with the Tacoma Elks.**

**Fraternally & Respectfully,**

*Lee*



**If you are currently Serving in the military, or a Veteran we would like your information for a slideshow to honor them,**

**Please send your :**

**( Name / Years as a an Elk Member / Branch of Service / Picture )**

**Email their info to : [buddyaladino@gmail.com](mailto:buddyaladino@gmail.com)**



Tacoma Elks  
15TH ANNUAL GARLAND  
FAMILY CHARITY  
**GOLF**  
TOURNAMENT



**JULY 27, 2024**

**\$500 Entry Fee Per Team**

Entry Fee Includes:

Green Fees & Cart

Refreshments on the course

Complimentary Lunch

Awards, Prizes, and Auction

ALLENMORE GOLF COURSE  
TACOMA, WA

7:30AM CHECK-IN

9AM SHOTGUN START

1:30PM BBQ LUNCH,

AWARDS, & AUCTION

**COMPETITION**

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

BOGEY MAX SCORE PER HOLE

HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

PUTTING CONTEST

CLOSEST TO THE PIN & LONG DRIVE

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 25 TEAMS

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 22ND, 2024

Registration online will  
open April 15th

Signups/details can be found at  
[Allenmoregolfcourse.com](http://Allenmoregolfcourse.com)  
under the events calendar

Proceeds  
Support the WA  
Elks Therapy  
Program for  
Children





# 15th Annual Garland Family Charity Golf Tournament

**July 27th, 2024**

Allenmore Golf Course - 2013 S Cedar St, Tacoma, WA  
9AM Shotgun start

## Sponsorships

Join Allenmore Golf Course and the Washington State Elks Association in support of the Therapy Program for Children, providing free support to families with developmentally delayed or physically disabled children.

Don't miss your opportunity to advertise your products and services while changing the lives of children all across Washington State.

Sign up below or contact [craig@tacomaelks.com](mailto:craig@tacomaelks.com) for more information.



**Birdie Sponsor**  
**\$1000**

**Entry for team of 4**  
Logo and name featured on each tee box

**Food Sponsor**  
**\$750**

Logo and name on buffet tables

**Cart Sponsor**  
**\$500**

Logo and name featured on all  
golf carts

**Hole Sponsor**  
**\$200**

Logo and name featured on tee box

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### YES, sign me up for a sponsorship:

Company Name/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### Method of payment:

Check enclosed       Credit card

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

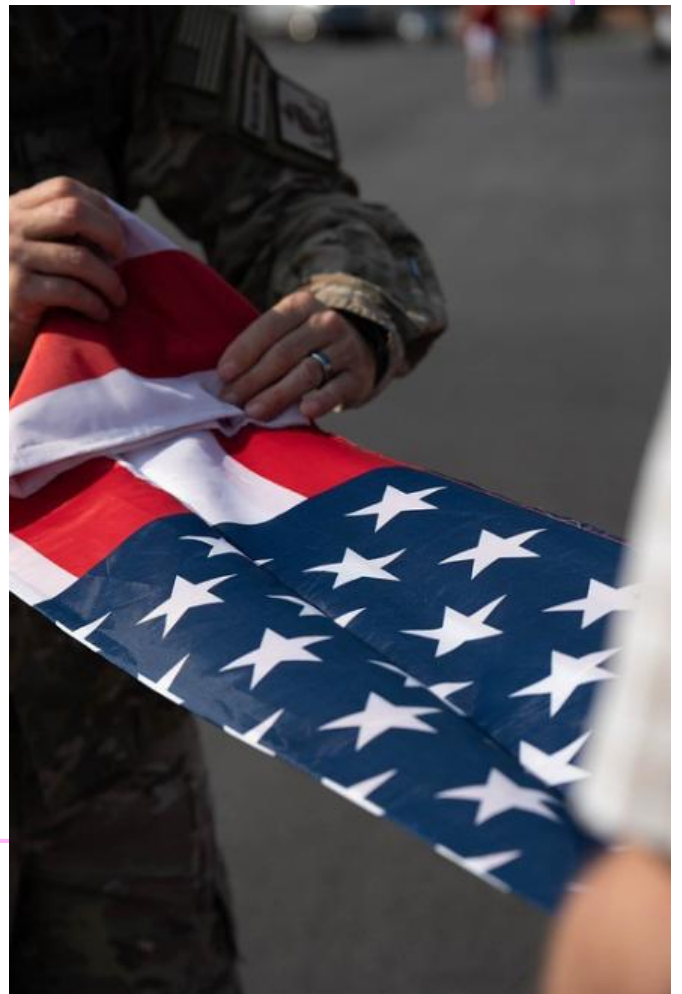




**Tacoma Lodge #174  
is celebrating Flag Day on  
June 5th this year.  
The Ceremony will start at  
7 PM in the Lodge Room.**

**The Public is invited to  
attend.**

**The actual Flag day is June  
14th.**



# Washington Elks Therapy Raffle

o 1st Place \$2000

o 2nd Place \$1000

o 3rd Place \$500

## Get Your Tickets Today

o Cost is only \$5.00 per ticket



 **Abijah Adult Family Home**  
*"Where Compassion Finds a Home"*  
32221 8th Ave SW  
Federal Way, WA 98023

*Jennifer Kuru*  
Provider/Owner  
email: info@abijahafh.com  
Cell: 253-247-0322  
Home: 253-325-6097  
Fax: 253-325-6096



**Christel Home Services**  
Remodels to Handyman

**Paul R. Christel**  
Owner  
Gristle@nventure.com

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

253-222-0188

**THOMAS A. BALERUD**  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
**417 South G Street**  
**Tacoma, WA 98405**  
**T: 253-572-1111**

*Helping car accident victims for 33 years*  
*Active Lodge #174. Member for 11 years*



# Scholarship Presentation Night



# Special Moments at Tacoma Lodge



**Below**

**Two Past Exalted Rulers  
Still together after a year.  
We wish you many more.**







**E.R. Gil Mendoza presents to Melody Kennedy  
a special token of appreciation.**



**May's Initiation Class  
New Members  
Vicki Sanderford & David Preston**



*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*

*5/01/2024 Greg Telling*

*5/08/2024 Michael R Bryant*

*5/15/2024 Daryl Jackson*

*5/22/2024*



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. 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

We are the Funtimers, 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, June 5th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet at 11:30 to beat the lunch crowd. Enjoy a good lunch and then play the card game "31" if you want to stay. It costs 3 quarters to play in the game and you might go home with everyone else's quarters! It's a fun way to spend an hour or two. We will miss Ralph Turco, one of our luncheon and card playing friends, who passed away in April.



## Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

Enjoy hot summer evenings in the cool, air-conditioned Elks' Lodge Room playing Bingo. Bring your family and friends and spend a couple of hours having fun, and maybe winning money! The number of players has grown so the winning pots are bigger.

You can purchase your Bingo cards starting at 6 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm, and ending by 9 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, Veterans, and other local causes. Thanks to all who play and volunteer their time to help out. By playing Bingo you can help us continue our donations for charity.







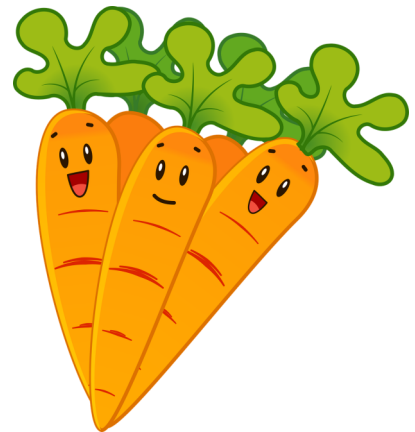
## Do you have a plant problem?

Have a plant question or problem? Can't determine if something growing in your yard is something you want or a weed? Have bug problems? You may find the help you need at one of the following websites.

For general gardening questions go to [Gardening.wsu.edu](http://Gardening.wsu.edu).

For plant pest/disease solutions go to [hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu) or [pest-sense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://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](mailto: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 .**



# Allenmore Golf Course Today



# Course's Heavy Equipment Operator



## *Allenmore Golf Course*



What are folks saying about  
Allenmore Golf Course?



"This muni course run by the Elks is one to be seen... A must see club house and public restaurant is also worth a visit. Greens get plenty of light and 9 out of 10 in condition. Amazing views of Mt Ranier. Watch out for the OB on tricky #4 and have a great round."



"Had an amazing time everyone was super friendly and course was great..."



"Great course at a reasonable price. Decided to venture out of the Seattle area and I am glad I did. Friendly pro shop, friendly bar/restaurant staff.

The greens were AMAZING! True, fast, and challenging..."





# OPERATION 36 SUMMER CAMPS

Get your junior involved with golf! We offer a 3-day Operation 36 camp, where you'll junior will learn the fundamentals of golf and get out on the course to play 9 holes. Our expert golf coaches are dedicated to helping young golfers of all skill levels to improve their golf game!

## CAMP INCLUDES

- ✓ On-course play time the last day of camp to put your new skills to the test
- ✓ Opportunity to earn poker chips to spend at the end of camp on toys, candy, etc.
- ✓ Engaging games designed to help your child have a blast, make new friends, and develop healthy competitiveness.
- ✓ Up to 12 juniors ages 6-14 - 6:1 student to coach ratio.



Each Camp \$325 (\$50 OP36 Family discount)  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Camp #1 - June 26-28 (Wed-Fri)  
Camp #2 - July 10-12 (Wed-Fri)  
Camp #3 - July 23-25 (Tues-Thurs)  
Camp #4 - August 6-8 (Tues-Thurs)



**Griffin Golf**  
(253) 750-0649  
2013 S Cedar St.  
Tacoma, WA

 Allenmore Golf Course  
Email [sara@teamgriffingolf.com](mailto:sara@teamgriffingolf.com) for more

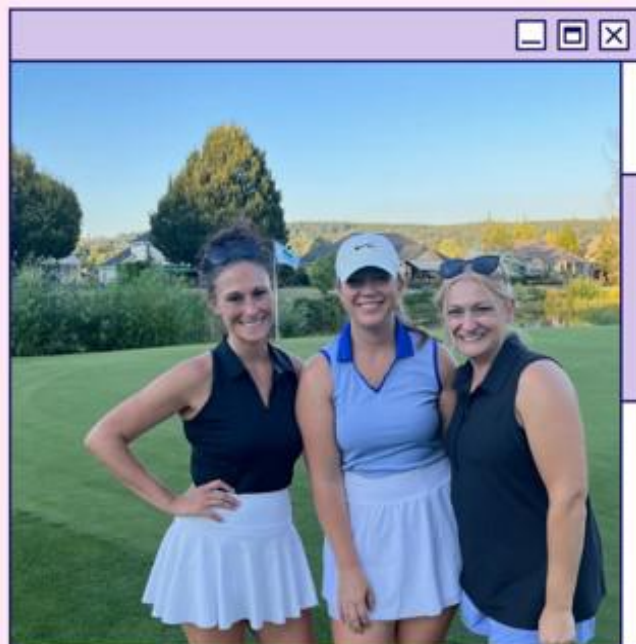






# LADIES CLINICS

- Fun environment for ladies to learn the game of golf
- Weekly group instruction discussing a different topic each week
- On course play one week a month with other ladies
- Follows Operation 36 curriculum
- 8:1 student to coach ratio
- Making the game approachable and enjoyable in a social setting!



**WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY AT 5:30PM**



- Clinics begin week of April 15th
- Enroll through Pike13 scheduling system
- If you are brand new to golf - attend a Ladies Bootcamp before joining the clinics
  - Bootcamps at our Studio in Sumner on March 2, March 16 and April 6
- Bring a friend for some fun with golf!



**Griffin Golf**  
(253) 750-0649  
2013 S Cedar St.  
Tacoma, WA



Allenmore Golf Course

Email [sara@teamgriffingolf.com](mailto:sara@teamgriffingolf.com) for more info



## **URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR**

### **HOURS**

**MONDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**THURSDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**FRIDAY - 11AM TO 8PM**

**SATURDAY - 9AM TO 8PM**

**SUNDAY - 9AM TO 5PM**

**FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES**

**PRIOR TO CLOSE**





June 22nd

The Oregon / Washington Past Exalted Rulers are meeting at the Gig Harbor Lodge #2560.

Any Past Exalted Ruler or current are welcome to attend.

Call for details.



## Sports Bar Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11am - 7pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	5pm - 9pm
Saturday	5pm - 9pm
Sunday	Closed

Please call office M-F for holiday hours  
253 272-1117

## URBAN ELK RESTAURNAT & BAR

June 1st  
No Band

June 8th  
Champagne Sunday

June 15th  
No Band

June 22nd  
Octopus Ballet

June 29th  
No Band

Music is from 4pm to 7pm  
All is welcome and no cover!

Call For Reservations:  
253-343-6090

# June 2024

## Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

### Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Bingo 7 PM	4 Taco Tuesday	5 Urban Elk Steaks Flag Day Service 7 PM	6	7	8 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
9	10 Bingo 7 PM	11 Taco Tuesday	12 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	13 <b>W.S.E.A. Summer Convention</b>	14 Flag Day	15 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
16 Father's Day	17 Bingo 7 PM	18 Taco Tuesday	19 Juneteenth Lodge Office Closed No Lodge Meeting	20	21	22 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
23	24 Bingo 7 PM	25 Taco Tuesday	26 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	27	28	29 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
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**Support Your Lodge  
Come to June's Lodge Meetings**

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share



Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at  
[enf.elks.org/MyLodge](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge)

## MAKE GIVING EASY & JOIN THE CLUB!

### Sign up for our monthly, sustaining giving program—the ENF Fidelity Club!

- › Give automatic, regularly scheduled donations each month from your credit card or bank account.
- › Receive special membership benefits and recognition pieces.
- › Update, adjust or modify your gift any time online or by calling us.
- › Sign up by scanning the QR code and make a sustaining difference in Elks communities today!



Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.

Use the QR code to sign up today.





**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!