

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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### 2022-2023 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER James Krager  
Leading Knight.....Melody Kennedy  
Loyal Knight.....Mike Cox  
Lecturing Knight.....David Glenn  
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie  
Treasurer.....PER Mike Marshall  
Tiler.....PER Bill Fabyunkey  
Esquire.....Paul Christel (Acting)  
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

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

COB of Directors: **Gil Mendoza**

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

**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 Ellen Johnson  
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  
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	891
Initiated Since Then	41
Reinstatements	5

### REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	22
Transferred Out	3
Absolute Dimits	1
Deceased	19
Calculated Membership Total	901

### RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	10
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.



*A Message From  
Our Exalted Ruler*

*James Krager*



I want to thank you for your support during the Lodge year 2022-23. In Closing, my Members, let's get behind our Lodge and new Officers. Support your Lodge and its programs. Remember, you are the only ones that can make the difference. It all starts with us and that's a beginning. Without us, there would be NO Membership. I was introduced to ELKDOM in the same manner as you, a Member asked me! I am proud to be a Elk just like you. Our Order stands alone at the top in service to humanity. With youth programs, drug awareness, hoop shoot, scholarships, major charities and Veterans remembrance. Even with all of our activities, we still must take time and address the opportunity to invite a friend into our group. No organization can prosper without GROWTH. Recent Membership statistics reveal That you and I have failed to "invite" and "Be A Proposer". Lets take our stand today and do OUR part to be alert and invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor or a relative to join, Membership depends on you.

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

## From Your Leading Knight:

As I round out my year as the Leading Knight of Lodge 174, I would like to reflect on what a wonderful year we had. We had more participation than we have had in years with the ability to do more activities in person. The Therapy Program, Hoop Shoots, and Americanism Essay contest were just a few programs out of a very successful year of giving from our Lodge. I am proud to have been a part of this wonderful year alongside some very special officers, board members, and volunteers.

As the incoming Exalted Ruler, I want to take a moment to extend my most heartfelt thanks to our outgoing ER, Jim Krager. Jim took on this year with the Tacoma Lodge as his third time as Exalted Ruler in the last three decades. He has been heavily involved in the Lodge activities this year, including spearheading the Americanism Essay contest, dispersing encyclopedias to school children and volunteering at Monday Night Bingo. He has helped me tremendously in my role as Leading Knight and is already starting to pass on his vast ER knowledge. His humor is welcomed among the membership and he is always respectful and kind to the people around him. I have big shoes to fill!

On Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will forego a regular lodge meeting in place of the incoming Officer Installation. There will be appetizers and a cocktail hour starting at 5:30pm until Installation starts at 7pm. The Urban Elk will have dinner specials throughout the night to celebrate as well. As this is not a regular meeting, we welcome all friends and family to join us!

As we move into this next stage, I look forward to serving Lodge 174 as Exalted Ruler. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can serve each other and the community better!

Thank you,

*Melody Kennedy*





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

***Even as this Lodge year is winding down, new and exciting programs are in the works at the Tacoma Lodge. More and exciting activities are planned for the upcoming year. Watch the Lodge webpage and the "MY ELKS" app to see what is taking place today at your Lodge.***

***Think about what you can do for the Tacoma Lodge as a Member , with your help we can make Tacoma Lodge grow once again. 2023 will be a year to remember.***

*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	





## **Incoming Officers**

### **2023-2024 Lodge Year**

**Exalted Ruler - Melody Kennedy**

**Leading Knight - Gil Mendoza**

**Loyal Knight - David Glenn**

**Lecturing Knight – Kelli White**

**Secretary- Lee Frankie**

**Treasurer- Patricia Kennedy**

**5 year Trustee - Yvonne White**

**4 year Trustee - Sheri Hayes**

**3 year Trustee– Greg Lancaster**

**2 year Trustee-Julie Wilson**

**1 year Trustee-Paul Christel**

**Tiler - William Fabyunkey**

**Esquire -Vacant**

**Chaplain – James Krager**

**Inner Guard -Ross Roden**

**Pianist - Beverley Dallman**

## **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**





## OUR KIDS

### Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

#### Our State Major Project

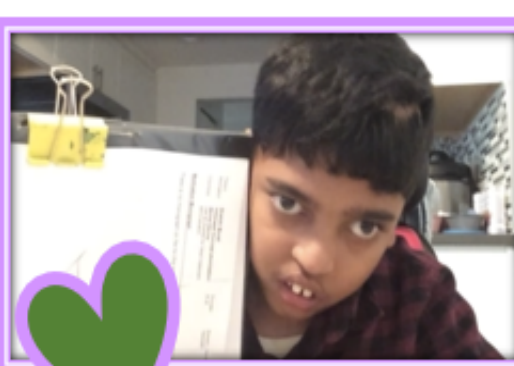
Shakthi is an 11-year-old young warrior with persistent mind and a great sense of humor. Shakthi is a loving kid who loves to make people smile with his jokes. He loves art, music, gym and adaptive horseback riding and of course sensory play. Shakthi was born prematurely at 24 weeks and soon after his birth we found that he had internal bleeding in his brain due to extreme prematurity. This led to a condition called hydrocephalus, which is a collection of fluids in the brain, and he needs a permanent brain shunt to drain those excessive fluids. In his young life, he has had to undergo 13 surgeries for shunt placement and revisions. He developed seizures at a very young age and has long term dependency on seizure medications. Due to his highly complex medical status, he has severe cerebral palsy which makes him wheelchair dependent along with various developmental delays. He has very low vision with cortical vision impairment, behavior challenges and feeding intolerance.

Our whole life revolves around Shakthi with multiple doctor and therapy appointments. We always had to find the balance between therapies and needed to find a therapist who could come to our home. Our hunt for home therapy ended after we got to know about the Elks Therapy Program. Shakthi started receiving home Occupational Therapy in 2019. We are really blessed to have our therapist come to our home and prepare family centered goals to march Shakthi towards independence. In 2020, when we are all hit by the pandemic, Shakthi underwent major hip surgery and we were forced to provide all the care required for Shakthi, alone at home. Our therapist gave a holistic approach through virtual sessions, which not only supported Shakthi to regain his skills, but also all the entire family during the highly needed period.

When we started our sessions, Shakthi was fully dependent on us for all his self-care activities. Our therapist takes one task at a time and spends lot of time brainstorming with us to come up with a strategy to assist Shakthi in achieving his goal. It is sometimes difficult to keep Shakthi motivated when learning something new and difficult, but she always finds ways to keep the sessions fun and upbeat, including encouraging Shakthi's younger sister to participate, something a therapy clinic cannot provide. She always says "Repetition, repetition, repetition!" or "You can do hard things!" when teaching Shakthi a new skill. Shakthi has always needed full assistance to eat and finish a meal, but with her persistent and client-centered efforts, now Shakthi is able to feed himself independently or with very little assistance. This has made a huge difference for our family.

I know we have a long way to go, and the path is not going to be an easy freeway drive, but all the emotional and professional support we receive from our Elks therapist gives us the much-needed boost to continue our rough, yet beautiful, journey. We are grateful for all the Elks Members and dedicated therapists!

*Thank You Elk Members and Friends!!!!*



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**

# St. Patrick's Day Special's

## APPETIZER

### **Irish Nachos \$14**

Half pan of house-made potato chips. Guinness cheese sauce. bacon. sour cream. corned beef. and topped with green onions.

## ENTREES

### **Corned Beef Brisket \$26**

House-made corned beef brisket cabbage. carrots. whole baby potatoes. and soda bread

### **Fish & Chips \$19**

3 pieces of beer battered Wild Alaskan Cod served with coleslaw. french fries and house-made tartar sauce.

## CELEBRATE LIKE THE IRISH

### **Irish Old Fashion \$13**

Jameson Whiskey. house-made simple. Crown Maple Syrup. & bitters. served with a Filthy Black Cherry

### **Green Beer & Jameson Shot \$13**

### **Irish Coffee \$12**

Jameson. Baileys & Coffee

### **Irish Mule \$12**

Jameson Bedford Ginger Beer. Lime. & Mint





## *Tacoma Elks Lodge #174*

*Dance, Dance, Dance*

Music by - **Michael Crain Solo**

This Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Members \$10. Non-Members \$12.

Doors open at 6:45 .m.

Urban Elks Bar & Restaurant will be open until 8:00 p.m.





**Exalted Ruler James Krager and Melody Kennedy  
present a check to the Silas High School Music  
Boosters**



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



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## Tacoma Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers conduct Initiation on February 1st.



E.R. James Krager presents :

Mario Marsillo received Elk of the month for helping with the essay contest.  
Danielle Ankenman received a 3 meeting pin.



Substitute E.R. Michael Kennedy

Presents 3 meeting pins to :

Christine DeFazio, April Ricketts and Robert Larson



Substitute E.R. Michael Kennedy

Presents Joseph Mancuso a Certificate of Appreciation for running the Veterans Golf Tournament. Joseph was also an Elk of the month.



### **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 <sup>#174</sup> Golf & Event Center

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

	<u>Weekday Green Fees</u> <u>(Monday-Thursday)</u>	<u>Weekend Green 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*

*2/01/2023 Frank Smith*

*1/11/2023 John Winskill*

*1/18/2023 Gordon Wilkerson Jr*

*1/25/2023 Jack R Walter*



**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.



**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.*



## 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?



### 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.

## 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, March 1st 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

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 can always use new volunteering 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

## Spring is in Sight!

Need new plants for your home or garden? If so, don't miss the Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale. 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.

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](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 .**

# March 2023

## Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks  Lodge Meeting 7 PM		Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday  Board Meetings	Urban Elk Steaks  Lodge Meeting 7 PM	Dance Michael Crane	Saint Patrick's Day  Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks  Lodge Meeting 7 PM		Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Sports Bar Game Night 7 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	Taco Tuesday	Social Time Starts 5:30 PM <u>Installation 7 PM</u>		Sports Bar Karaoke 7 PM	



**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!