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Exalted Ruler.....253-272-1117
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Membership.....253-272-1117
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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	818
Initiated Since Then	4
Reinstatements	0
Incoming Transfers	3

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	2
Calculated Membership Total	820

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	3
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 May and May Day (probably a few days late for that one). This time of year, and specifically May 1, remind me of the days as a kid when we looked forward to “May Day.” We would canvass the neighborhood, which in those days was like a 4 or 5 square block area, and (most times) ask the home owners if we could pick “only a few” of their flowers to make bouquets, to leave on the porches of unsuspecting recipients. It was a great tradition and lots of fun. When colorful flowers were sometimes in short supply, we would add dandelions, wild flowers and any unique looking greenery and ferns from the woods by our house to make something up. While these random acts of kindness gave us a sense of accomplishment, I always over the years regretted having dished out a few more weeds than flowers.

When I reached high school and was compelled to read “classic authors,” Ralph Waldo Emerson saved me from my weed distributing guilt by having written, “And what is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.” Wheat was once thought to be a weed, quite useless to mankind. For years we were misled by the husk and did not see the golden grain within.

We all too often think of ourselves, or others, as that “weed;” a bad one or dullard who would be to blame for less than perfect outcomes, so shouldn’t even try to participate. We lack(ed) the patience and the care to probe beneath the surface for what is good, however unpromising or unfriendly the surface might be. There are NO WEEDS in the ranks of our membership. We need to encourage each other (and our staff) into hopeful and helpful persons - givers, not takers - by the simplest display of interest and belief in each other.

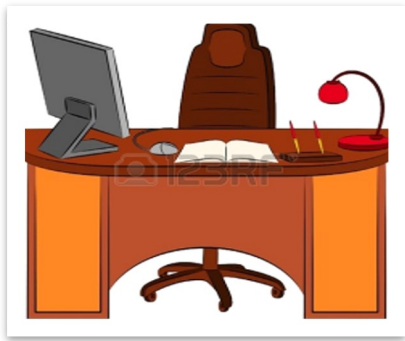
It comes down to this: Our first “must” for every day should be to pause before passing judgement, remembering that the apparently useless weed in the dirt of the roadside, or abandoned field may, with cultivation, provide tomorrow’s bread.

As the newly installed Exalted Ruler, I have used these thoughts to develop my theme for this year: “All About Attitude.” Hopefully, it will guide me to approach my service with positive presuppositions, and inspire me to be a thoughtful, inclusive leader seeking to understand before being understood. I hope you will join me through your involvement; at whatever level you chose.

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*A Message From
Our Exalted Ruler
cont.*





From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

As the weather gets warmer we can start our outside activities once again. We would appreciate your feedback on what you would like to see taking place. Do we want to have a barbeque before our Lodge meetings? Should the Lodge have a weekend barbeque? Do we want to have more outdoor activities?

Remember the Tacoma Elks Lodge belongs to the Members, so lets do what you want.

When you are at the Lodge, stop by the Office to say hi. Take Care.

If you haven't paid this years dues, please get this accomplished as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Lee

Elks Care - Elks Share

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
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 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

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: _____

Elks Mother's Day Service
Open to the Public

9 AM

After the Service you can have Brunch
At the Urban Elk Restaurant



Mother's Day

Brunch

BUFFET MENU

Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Links
Grilled Ham Steaks
Thick Country Style Bacon
O'Brian Potatoes
Pastries
Yorgurt



\$30
Adults



\$15
Kids
11 & under

Sunday May 12th

Brunch 9am to 12pm

Regular Menu 12pm to 4:30pm

****Space is Limited****

For Reservations: 253-343-6090



Washington Elks Therapy Raffle

- o 1st Place \$2000
- o 2nd Place \$1000
- o 3rd Place \$500
- o Cost is only \$5.00 per ticket



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

Certificate of Participation

GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE



*In recognition of your
participation and support of the*

2023-2024 Grand Lodge

All American Lodge

Contest A

Presented to:

Tacoma Lodge #174

April 27, 2024

Date



Randy P. Shook

Randy P. Shook
Grand Exalted Ruler

William J. Lindsey

William J. Lindsey, Chairman
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

Randy Snellenberger

Randy Snellenberger, Contest Administrator
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

Special Moments at Tacoma Lodge



**D.D. Ernie Bodoh
Administers the
Oath of Office
To Joel Rinehart
Our new
Loyal Knight**

**Buddy Keller presents
Veterans Chair James
Guthrie a check from
McMenamins Elks
Temple for creating an
Exalted Ruler Lager**





**E.R. Gil Mendoza presents
Stephanie Taylor
A Three Meeting Pin**



April's Initiation Class

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

4/03/2024 Eric Bennett

4/10/2024 Robert Campbell

4/17/2024 Stephen Monsted

4/24/2024 Dennie Van Wey



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

Join us for Lunch and Card Playing on May Day!

We are the Funtimers, who 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, May 1st 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!



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

Before the heat of the summer arrives and everyone has other planned activities, come play Bingo with friends and family on Monday nights. The number of players has grown so the winning pots are bigger and better.

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.



TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR GARDEN FOR THIS SUMMER!

Have you started planning your garden? April is the month to consider: Planting new trees and shrubs. Be sure to water well after planting. Sow seeds indoors for eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes. Sow seeds outside for beets, carrots, chard, leaf lettuce, peas, potatoes, radish and spinach. Mulch potatoes. Midmonth you can start sowing sweet corn, cucumbers, summer squash and bush beans.

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

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



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Let's look at some of the history surrounding the Bowes Building at 9th and 'A' St. The name of the building comes from the man, Edward J. Bowes, who purchased one of the last remaining vacant lots along A Street in 1908. The lot is only 25 x 120 feet, with 25 feet facing A Street, which made designing a building a challenge to take advantage of the views of Commencement Bay, Mt. Rainier, and the Cascade Mountains. Bowes hired the local firm of Heath and Twichell to design a building for his real estate offices and other uses. Heath was also known for his plan of turning what was supposed to be a hotel into Stadium High School.

The Bowes building was completed in 1909, and from his office space, Bowes plotted the creation of what was to be an environmentally planned community. That community, Regents Park Addition, eventually became known as Fircrest. The building is clad in grayish white marble and designed in the neo-classic fashion. Its design was influenced by the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

By 1912 Bowes had left Tacoma and became "Major Bowes" of the original "Amateur Hour" radio show. The building was sold in 1918, and in 1920 purchased by Tacoma Savings and Loan. Tacoma Savings and Loan stayed in the building until 1957.

In 1979, the Bowes Building earned a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1988, the building was extensively restored by the then new owner, Bill Nevins. The building reopened as the Pacific Rim restaurant on the first two floors. Sometime later it became 7 Cities Restaurant.

Business have come and gone.

In 2001, the building was sold for \$1,400,000. It is now home to professional offices and what was the Big Whisky Saloon. The whale mural on the south side of the building was by Robert Wyland, American artist and conservationist. His famed gallery for almost four decades was one of the losses in the deadly Lahaina fire.





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**



OUR KIDS

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

Our State Major Project



It had been a rough week at 13-year-old Shastha's house. The normally sweet, smiling, and cooperative Shastha had suddenly started some new unwelcome behaviors at home and school including pushing, stomping, pinching, yelling, and throwing things. He seemed agitated and oppositional and there didn't appear to be an outward health reason. Completing even the simplest tasks had become a challenge. His family wondered if this was the emergence of a typical teenage response for their non-verbal child.

Shastha, who has a genetic condition, has been seen by an Elks Therapist for the past year. He was working on improving his self-feeding, chewing and daily self-care skills as he appeared to be ready to be more independent in these areas. Shastha made progress over the past year, now helping to get dressed and able to feed himself using adaptive utensils. He is still working on drinking from a cup without help.

Now, as the therapist entered the home this week, it became clear that there was a bigger priority—helping to get to the root of these new behaviors. Because Shastha doesn't speak, we couldn't ask him what was going on, but his therapist was able to figure out that nearly all the new behaviors had a sensory component in common—pressure and deep body input which is technically called proprioception. So, they began a therapy session filled with proprioceptive and deep pressure activities. Pushing and pulling with Velcro toys, bouncing, and squishing with the large therapy ball, carrying heavy items, and some deep joint pressure. By the end of the session, Shastha was clearly smiling and much calmer. He was able to participate in a focused feeding session for several minutes without any of the new behaviors. His behaviors were simply his body's way of trying to stay regulated!

Because his therapist was able to be in the home, and use items that the family has, they have been able to continue using these techniques daily to help Shastha stay regulated and calm much more of the time! Becoming a teenager can bring emotional, sensory, and behavioral changes that a non-verbal child may struggle with, and this is an example of just one more way that Occupational Therapy can help "Our Kids".



THANK YOU TO ALL THE ELK MEMBERS

AND

FRIENDS OF "OUR KIDS"

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS EVERYTHING!!!

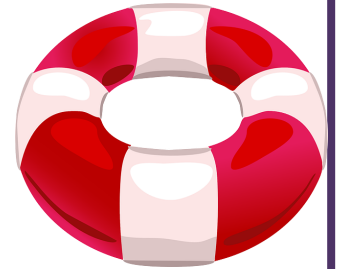


Joan Bruce

Passed away on January 9th 2024.
Joan would have turned 100 in February.

The Celebration of Life is May 25th at 1 PM
Old Town Dock by Silver Cloud Hotel
2 PM we will spread flowers and ashes, to become a part of Commencement Bay

Ralph Turco Obituary



On April 8, 2024, Ralph G. Turco (90) left port, setting sail on his final regatta. Ralph was born on June 24, 1933, to Ralph Turco and Caroline Verone Turco. He grew up on the Hilltop in Tacoma in an Italian neighborhood. He was proud of his Italian heritage and the success of all the people he grew up with. He graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory School where he made friends he would have for the rest of his life. Seattle University came next. Then he went on to Gonzaga Law School, receiving his degree and gaining more lifelong friends. He had a successful law practice for over 30 years. He transitioned from being in front of the bench to sitting behind it as a Tacoma municipal court judge. He married Adrian (Pat) Richmond and started a family: R. Milton (Jodi), Michael (Cynthia), Patrick (Cynthia), and Theresa Turco Trebilcock. In classic Italian fashion, the home was open to all. Ralph and Pat loved having parties; the art of the dinner party thrived in their Old Town home. Ralph enjoyed meeting and interacting with his children's friends too. Grandchildren came: Dominic (Sarah), Antonio, Sam, Mariah (Raven), Drew, Matti, Isabella, Mario, Ave, Annika and two great grandchildren arrived: Cooper and Myles. A growing family gave Ralph the opportunity to attend more celebrations, including religious milestones, birthday parties, musical and dance recitals, sporting events, weddings, and graduations. He tried to attend them all, as they were all important to him. Also, he loved his country, as shown by his service in the Army Reserves. Ralph had a passion for sailing and over the years became skilled, winning many races on Commencement Bay. He enjoyed the game of cribbage and all the new friends he made playing. He was predeceased by brother Lawrence Turco, sister Lorraine Turco Baker, and granddaughter Catarina Turco.

**May
2024**

**Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays
Tacoma Elks Lodge**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
5	6 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM <u>Orientation 6 PM</u>	7 Taco Tuesday	8 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	9	10	11 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
12 Mother's Day Service 9 AM	13 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	14 Taco Tuesday	15 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	16	17	18 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM Armed Forces Day Officer Training
19	20 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM	21 Taco Tuesday	22 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	23	24	25 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
26	27 Memorial Day Office Closed Urban Elk Closed No Bingo	28 Taco Tuesday	29 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	30	31	

Support Your New Officers

Come to May'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

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!



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National
Foundation, Inc.

Use the QR code to sign up today.



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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!