

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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## 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....PER Gil Mendoza  
Leading Knight.....Gary Schwartz  
Loyal Knight.....Vivian Rody  
Lecturing Knight..... Paul Christel  
Secretary.....PER Melody Kennedy  
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy  
Tiler.....Jeannie Sutton  
Esquire.....Paul Christel  
Asst. Esquire .....Dave Christel  
Chaplain.....Kevin Ramsdell  
Inner Guard..... Ross Roden  
Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

### Board of Directors: Comprised of the Four Chair Officers + Lodge Secretary and Treasurer + the Five Trustees Listed Below

Eric Gilson .....Trustee 1 yr.  
YvonneWhite ..... Trustee 2 yr.  
PER Melody Kennedy..... Trustee 3 yr.  
Nancy Guthrie.....Trustee 4 yr.  
Jose Garcia.....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 Dean Mazzuca 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  
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**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 04/01/2024	761
Initiated Since Then	87
Reinstatements	14
Incoming Transfers	5
<b><u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u></b>	
Dropped	62
Transferred Out	5
Absolute Dimits	9
Deceased	16
Calculated Membership Total	775

## RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	7
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 “Elks New Year”** my Sisters and Brothers. We begin our Elks year on April 1 each year. Through many of my past messages I have encouraged you to reach out to any of our officers if you had ideas on how we might improve our service to each other, and the services emanating from our Lodge. Of course, in my shortcoming, I have never really introduced you to these fantastic people. I want to start this year by doing just that. Following are the names and positions of those elected by our membership for this year (all elected officers serve on the Lodge Board of Directors and on the House Committee, which oversees the Member’s downstairs area), and several appointed by me, as is the privilege of the Exalted Ruler. All of us were installed at our last Lodge meeting, held on March 25. It would take volumes to expound upon the MANY things these people are involved in. For brevity, I will list, with few words, only some of their involvement/contributions.

**Lecturing Knight - Paul Christel:** Past Lodge Esquire (several years). In that role, he served as the orchestrator of all our ritual procedures during meetings, as well as “instructor” to our incoming, new members, in preparation for joining our Lodge

Monday night Bingo team

Holiday shopping for kids and families

Elks Allenmore INC Board secretary (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).

Members only area - lots of maintenance.

**Loyal Knight – Vivian Rody:** This past year’s Lecturing Knight.

Lodge Board of Directors

Monday night Bingo team

Easter Egg dash for children

Holiday shopping for kids and families, and gift wrapping

Organizing and supervising Blood Drives

Veterans Committee

**Leading Knight – Gary Schwartz:** This past year’s Loyal Knight.

Lodge Board of Directors

Pool League Member

Easter Egg dash for children

Holiday shopping for kids and families, and gift wrapping

Rebuilding Elks Allenmore outdoor furniture

Photography and Videography services (Veteran Members slide show)

**Lodge Secretary – Melody Kennedy:** This past year’s 4 Year Trustee

Past Exalted Ruler

Chair of the Lodge Board of Directors

Elks Allenmore INC Board secretary (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).

Easter Egg dash for children

Monday night Bingo team

Holiday shopping for kids and families, and gift wrapping

Elks Allenmore INC Board (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).

Event Decorations

**Lodge Treasurer – Patti Kennedy:** Lodge Board of Directors

Holiday shopping for kids and families, and gift wrapping

Reviews all financials for the Lodge

Easter Egg dash for children

Represents the Lodge at numerous trainings and events

**5 Year Trustee – Jose Garcia: New Officer ..** Lodge Board of Directors

Holiday shopping for kids and families

Audit and Accounting Committee

**4 Year Trustee – Nancy Guthrie:** This past year’s 5 Year Trustee

Lodge Board of Directors

Easter Egg dash for children

Holiday shopping for kids and families, and gift wrapping

Organizing team of Women in Leadership event

Elks Allenmore INC Board (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).

**3 Year Trustee – Presently Vacant:** Melody would have moved to this position from being last year’s 4 Year Trustee, but was elected to be Lodge Secretary. We will have nominations and an election for this 3 year term. THIS COULD BE YOU!!

## *A Message From Our Exalted Ruler*

*Gil Mendoza*



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#### **2 Year Trustee – Yvonne White:**

Lodge Board of Directors  
Easter Egg dash for children  
Holiday gift wrapping

#### **1 Year Trustee – Eric Gilson:** This past year's 2 Year Trustee

Lodge de facto Technology Expert with many associated responsibilities in the Lodge and Restaurant  
Maintenance activities back up  
Lodge Board of Directors  
Easter Egg dash for children  
Elks Allenmore INC Board Vice President (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).  
Event Decorations  
Elks Men's Club Member and Golf Tournament Director

#### **Lodge Esquire – David Glenn:** This past year's Leading Knight. As Esquire will serve as the orchestrator of all our ritual procedures during meetings, as well as "instructor" to our incoming, new members, in preparation for joining our Lodge

Lodge Board of Directors  
Easter Egg dash for children  
Elks Allenmore INC Board Treasurer (our public side - governing our golf course, restaurant, and catering operations).

#### **Lodge Assistant Esquire – Dave Christel:** Fills in for our Esquire when absent and serves as the orchestrator of all our ritual procedures during meetings, as well as "instructor" to our incoming, new members, in preparation for joining our Lodge

Serves as an additional Esquire at some meetings where having two Esquires creates proficiency, efficiency, and class  
Has served as our Esquire and trained our departing Esquire when he was "new" to the position  
Prepares the Lodge room for meetings, as appropriate.  
Supports our numerous Lodge projects, monetarily and with time.

#### **Lodge Inner Guard – Ross Roden:** Repeating in this role from past several years. Guards the (closed) Lodge door during our meetings

Easter Egg dash for children  
Holiday gift wrapping

#### **Lodge Tiler – Jeannie Sutton:** Serves as Sickness and Distress Chair/Reporter at all Lodge meetings (involves weekly research)

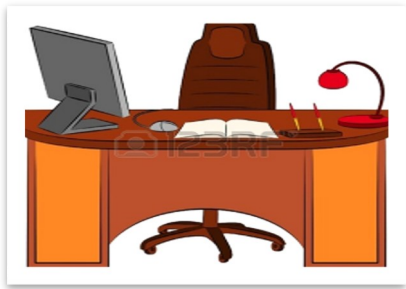
Monday night Bingo team  
Easter Egg dash for children  
Holiday gift wrapping

#### **Chaplain – Kevin Ramsdell: New Officer** Lodge.. Inventory Committee

Summer Convention Hospitality Team  
Easter Egg dash for children  
Holiday gift wrapping

#### **Lodge Pianist – Beverly Dallman:** Our Long-standing pianist who provides music at All Lodge meetings and other ritual events throughout the year

Ralph Waldo Emerson penned the words, *"We are always getting ready to live, but never living."* The individuals noted above have been all about the business of living on your behalf and that of our Lodge. Take the time to connect with them, or seek them out to thank them for their past service. And, with our new members included, thank them all, in advance, for their efforts this coming year. Please consider also sharing in our living a life of service to each other and our community. Let's have a great year..



*From the Desk of . . .  
Lodge Secretary*

***Lee Frankie—April 1st Melody Kennedy***



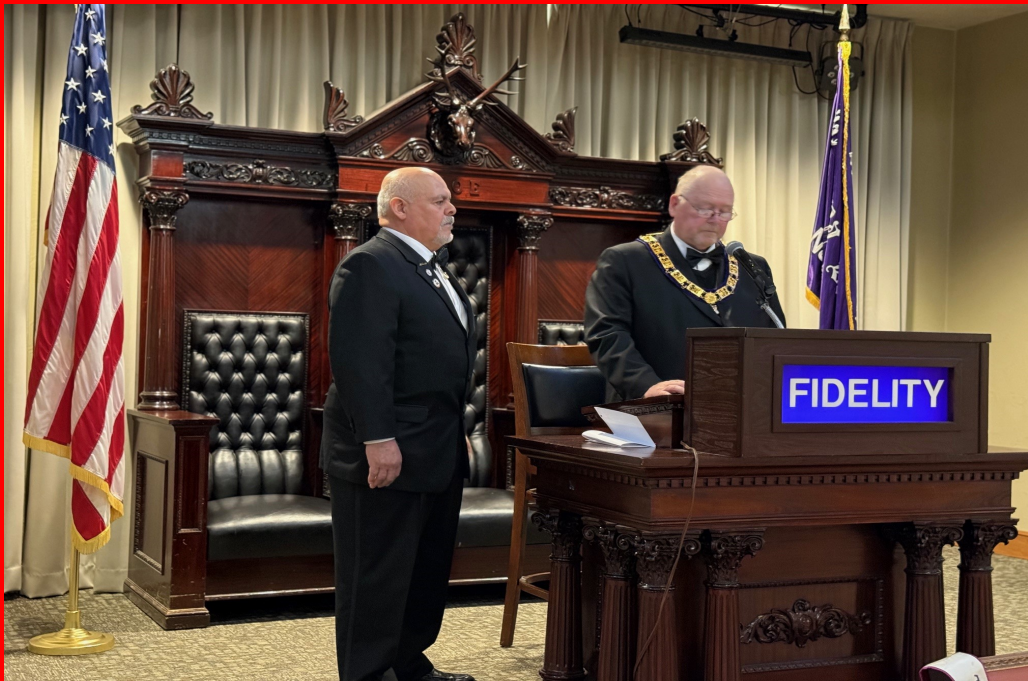
***Fraternally & Respectfully,  
Lee***





## New Officer Installation





**Excited Officers for the New Year**





The Tacoma Elks Lodge hosts the Daffodil Queen & Court for a lucheon and to start the Daffodil season events.





## OUR KIDS

### Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. Our State Major Project



Meet 10 year old Yu! His mom wants to share their family's appreciation to the Elks.

Our family is truly grateful for the support from the Elks therapy program. Yu used to have a very hard time with medical checkups like eye exams and dental visits, but thanks to OT, he has made great progress. By using visual supports and practice play beforehand, he learned what to expect and became able to tolerate and be more comfortable during the steps of the actual appointments. Breaking things down into small, predictable steps helped him mentally prepare. This framework has been so effective that we now use the same approach in many other situations beyond medical visits. Through this process, he has learned to understand what's coming, prepare himself emotionally, and adapt to new situations.

Yu had been working on writing his name for years but found it difficult to make progress. However, strategies introduced this summer like changing the font, starting with tracing large letters on the wall, gradually shrinking the size, and using a special writing app that provides visual feedback have made a big difference. He can now write his name much more often and with confidence. Simplifying how he writes the letter "Y" was a real breakthrough. Also, incorporating letters from his favorite picture books into practice helped him stay motivated and have fun, which unlocked even more of his potential. As parents, we've learned that even in areas he struggles with, there are hidden signs of ability waiting to grow.

There are days when his emotions and energy levels fluctuate more. Yu uses "his own strategies" learned from OT—like rhythmic shoulder tapping, spinning a little in his chair, or using ice or lemon when he needs oral sensory input. These techniques help him regulate.

Every time Yu gains a new skill, his smile grows a little bigger. The activities we can enjoy together as a family have expanded, and Yu himself now tries to communicate more actively. The moments when we can say, "You did great today!" to each other are our treasures. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Heather and everyone at the Elks for walking alongside us with such care and dedication. Because of this long-standing program that provides practical, hands-on support in everyday life, Yu has been able to build up many wonderful "I did it!" experiences—one step at a time. We are truly thankful.



# Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge

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Crying Towel***

***Members names drawn for the  
Jackpot  
Not Present to win \$100.00***

***This is where you should be  
On Wednesday Nights.  
7 PM Lodge Meeting  
Have fun with all your Elk friends***

***03/04/2026 John C Paulsen  
03/11/2026 Rickey Dedrick  
03/18/2026 Beverly Brown Losey  
02/25/2026 Officer Installation***



**Wanted**

**Pool Players for a 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 "Member's Only Area" on Saturday evenings. There are various things for you to do and play. We are here to have fun. Stop by The Rack as well.



**PAY  
YOUR  
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.



## **Come to Bingo on almost every Monday Night**

Change of schedule. Your volunteers will be taking one Monday night a month off from Bingo. In April there will be no Bingo on April 27th. On all other Monday nights in April, bring your family and friends and fill a table for fun and laughter! Maybe you will be the lucky one to win a big payout. You can purchase your Bingo cards starting at 6 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm, and ending about 9 pm. Each strip contains 3 Bingo cards and each strip costs \$2.00. If you want to play every game and buy a Power Ball ticket, it costs \$17.00. Where would our charities be without the donations from you 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.

For those who play Bingo and help by recycling your Bingo cards, bottles and cans, thank you. The area guidelines are followed and no garbage, such as candy wrappers, single use cups, napkins or glass are accepted. Please do not stuff garbage in cans or bottles.



After the Officer Installation there were more Awards presented. It was an honor of the out going Secretary Lee Frankie for all his support given to the Lodge, the Members and the community.



### **Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of each Month**

Wednesday, April 8th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 in the Urban Elk. Enjoy 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 with usually a few laughs along the way. We teach those who do not know how to play “31” and it is easy to learn.



## .Buying Plants this spring?

If you're thinking of planting new plants or a new garden in the spring, it's time to start planning. One of the best sales of plants each spring is the Master Gardeners' two day sale. They have varieties of plants one doesn't find at your local stores. In the past it has been held at the WSU Puyallup campus, but this year it is moving to the Washington State Fair Grounds. This location will be better as plants will be inside and lots of parking for all. The weekend sale has been moved to the first weekend in May, so mark your calendars for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**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 .**





**BOARD APPROVED 02/19/2026**

## **TACOMA ELK MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

The Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 offers its members a variety of discounts while on property. Tacoma Elk Members must have their valid Elks Lodge Membership Card to receive any discount.

### **TACOMA ELKS LODGE EVENTS:**

All Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Members will enjoy reduced level pricing built into each Tacoma Lodge #174 event.

**Includes:** All Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Member Events. May be extended to other Guest Elk Lodge Members based on approval by Exalted Ruler.

### **ALLENMORE GOLF COURSE:**

15% of total bill to all Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members. Guest Elks Lodge Members, based on valid lodge membership card, will receive a 5% discount. This is non transferrable to guests unless Elk Member is present and pays for all charges during transaction period.

**Includes:** Golf Shop Retail & Merchandise and/or other noted services.  
Please see Golf Fee Schedule on website for other.

**Excludes:** Advertised Tournament, special event pricing and/or already noted discounted items or events.

### **URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR:**

15% of total bill to all Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members. Guest Elks Lodge Members, based on valid Lodge membership card, will receive 5% discount. This is nontransferable to guests, unless Elk Member is present and pays for all charges during transaction period.

**Includes:** Food and beverage purchases or noted Special Events

**Excludes:** Already noted discounted items and/or events.

*(i.e. happy hour, advertised specials or discounts such as steak night, taco night, half off wine, etc.)*

### **PRIVATE EVENT OR BANQUET:**

All Tacoma Elks #174 Lodge Members will receive a discount of 15% on the following: Room Rental Fees, House A/V Rental, and select contracted fees through catering department. Food and beverage will not be or included in 15% or 5% discount for any private banquet/event.

Visiting Elks Guest lodge Members, based on valid Lodge membership Card will receive 5% off the fees noted above in their planning of their private event at the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174



# ALLENMORE

## GOLF COURSE

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**Come join in for a friendly game of poker with some fellow Elks in the member only area on lower floor!**

- **FRIDAYS - 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

### **OMAHO HI-LO**

Omaha Hi-Lo (or Omaha 8) is a popular poker variant where the pot is split between the best five-card high hand and the best five-card low hand

- **SATURDAY - 7:00 P.M.**

### **NO LIMIT HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**

No-Limit Texas Hold'em (NLHE) is a popular poker variant where players can bet any amount of their chips, including going "all-in" at any time, distinguishing it from limit games. Players receive two hole cards and use five community cards to form the best five-card hand. It is widely considered the "king of poker games".

- **MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
John @ 702.524.9779**





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# — 250TH — ANNIVERSARY



1776-2026



## 250th LAGER

In celebration of the United States 250th Anniversary, the Urban Elk Restaurant and Bar will be serving the **250th Lager** all year for \$5.00 a draft. This special draft is to celebrate our nations anniversary and recognize all of our Veterans by donating \$1.00 from each draft sold to the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 Veterans Fund.

**SUMMER BEER TASTING**  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026**  
5PM – 7PM @ THE URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

# CINCO DE MAYO @ URBAN ELK CENTENARIO TEQUILA TASTING

May  
5th



5pm  
–  
7pm

\$15 per person

## JOSH CELLARS WINE TASTING

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026  
5PM – 7PM @ THE URBAN ELK

# EASTER BRUNCH



**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**

**10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

**\$38 per Adult (14 years & older) \$18 per Junior (13 years and under)**



Email: [urbanelk@tacomaelks.com](mailto:urbanelk@tacomaelks.com) or call 253.343.6090

## JOSH CELLARS WINE TASTING




**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

**5PM - 7PM @ THE URBAN ELK**

# April 2026

## 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 Race for the Eggs !! AM Public Welcome
5 EASTER 	6 Bingo 7 PM	7 Taco Tuesday	8 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	9	10	11
12	13 Bingo 7 PM	14 Taco Tuesday	15 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	16	17	18
19	20 Bingo 7 PM	21 Taco Tuesday	22 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	23	24	25
26	27 No Bingo	28 Taco Tuesday	29 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	30		

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**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!