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2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....	PER Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....	David Glenn
Loyal Knight.....	Gary Schwartz
Lecturing Knight.....	Joel Rinehart
Secretary.....	PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....	Patricia Kennedy
Tiler.....	
Esquire.....	Paul Christel
Asst. Esquire	Dave Christel
Chaplain.....	
Inner Guard.....	Ross Roden
Elks Pianist.....	Beverley Dallman

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

Michael Portman.....	Trustee 1 yr.
Eric Gilson	Trustee 2 yr.
Yvonne White	Trustee 3 yr.
PER Melody Kennedy.....	Trustee 4 yr.
Nancy Guthrie.....	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
Membership.....	253-272-1117
Reservations and Banquets.....	253-272-1117
Golf Course (Pro-Shop).....	253-627-7211
Barber Shop.....	253-393-6672
Fax	253-272-1303
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" copy deadline 20th of the month

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2024	761
Initiated Since Then	0
Reinstatements	0
Incoming Transfers	0

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

Dropped	0
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	0
Calculated Membership Total	761

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?

Notify 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 Elks sisters and brothers. We ended our last year with a celebration of Women in History month during March, and hosting a Women in Leadership/Women of the Elks brunch the morning of March 22nd. Our guest speaker, Karen Haas, took us through a (musical sing along) historical remembrance and tour of the many contributions women have made in our rich history as a country. We had women members of other Lodges present, as well as women guests from our greater community. Fittingly, several men officers from Tacoma Lodge #174, and other male PER dignitaries donned aprons and served our special guests; without any broken dishes, nor spilled coffee in laps. Raised proceeds will go toward supporting one of our local charitable service providers.

For my April ER message, I want to highlight one of these GREAT women in leadership. Being an effective leader does not have to be based on positional power. It can be based on personal power; that of a powerful human spirit and being. I share with you my narrative for selecting our Tacoma Lodge #174 Elk of the Year for this past Lodge year:

ELK of the YEAR

Jeannie Sutton is highly deserving and my choice to be called Elk of the Year for this past Lodge Year. She is selfless in her attitude toward others and seemingly tireless in her approach to everything she engages in. The word "Everything" captures her involvement within our Lodge, as she has volunteered at nearly every event we have been engaged in this past year. From Easter celebration to Christmas wrapping and Holiday celebration for our Elks children and families, as well as children and families referred to us from community agencies, she is involved in planning and preparation. They benefit from her caring contributions to make their lives a little more pleasant, particularly the latter, who have little-to-nothing during special holiday remembrances. As a retired medical professional (surgical technician), Jeannie is predisposed to and has a natural affinity toward caring for others. That seems foremost in her approach to service, and she models a very caring attitude for the rest of us to emulate. Jeannie volunteers every Monday night at our bingo activities, assisting with running the snack bar concessions, and helping wherever the evening work requires additional assistance. She always has a smile and cheerful attitude, making the bingo players feel welcome and cared for.

Her greatest service to our lodge is chairing our efforts to remain current with "Sickness and Distress." Her work behind the scenes goes unheralded, as she spends numerous amounts of time pouring over news feeds and other communications to keep us current in our understanding on the wellness of our members. She works to ensure we have get well cards and other notes of encouragement to send to our members, in hopes they will feel thought of, appreciated, and valued that we are thinking of them. When we suffer the misfortune of losing a member, Jeannie reports the news by building up that individual's legacy with dignity and respect. She takes what is typically a very somber piece of news and makes it celebratory, facilitating the rest of us feeling better in recollecting our absent members, and appreciating the blessings bestowed on each and all of us. In essence, she is quietly effective. She does good and disappears, expecting no thanks, recognition, nor heraldry for her devotion to us and what we hold most dear; each other. She always ends her weekly report with the words "Fly our Flag, Pray, and Support Our Troops!" This epitomizes her valuing our country, each other through God, and particularly those who give selflessly in service to our country. She always redirects accolades to others, little acknowledging that as "those others," we aspire to be more like her.

I am deeply THANKFUL for her and what she does. It is without pageantry, without expectation of recognition, yet with commitment and love to some of those most marginalized and most in need; and the rest of us.

Thank you so very much Jeannie!!



From the Desk of...
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



Another Lodge year is starting with a new Officer team. Like the plants on the Lodge property, the atmosphere in the Lodge is definitely returning to business as usual. There are many activities currently in the planning process. The Lodges annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 19th at 11 AM. This is an activity where you can bring your family and friends to enjoy the spectacle.

The Lodge will be holding a Mother's Day Service this year. Check the flyers in this Newsletter for additional information about what the Urban Elks Restaurant will be serving for Mother's Day specials. If you would like to see an activity that isn't mentioned, contact a Lodge Officer for discussion on your thoughts.

We look forward to seeing you at our Lodge and if you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the Lodge Office.

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



State Major Project: Therapy Program for Children



February
Officer of the Month
Michael Marshall



February
Elk of the Month
Gayle Carlson



Three Meeting Pin Presentation
E.R. Gil presents to :
Kevin Ramsdell



Three Meeting Pin Presentation
E.R. Gil presents to :
Jose Garcia



Tacoma Lodge #174

American Essay Contest Winners

Awards presented at the special awards dinner.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th 11 AM

Contact Lodge for Details



URBAN ELK
Music Dates



HEATHER JONES AND
THE GROOVE MASTERS
April 5th



THE TONZE
April 12th



CHRISTI MICHELLE AND
HER HIRED GUNS
April 19th



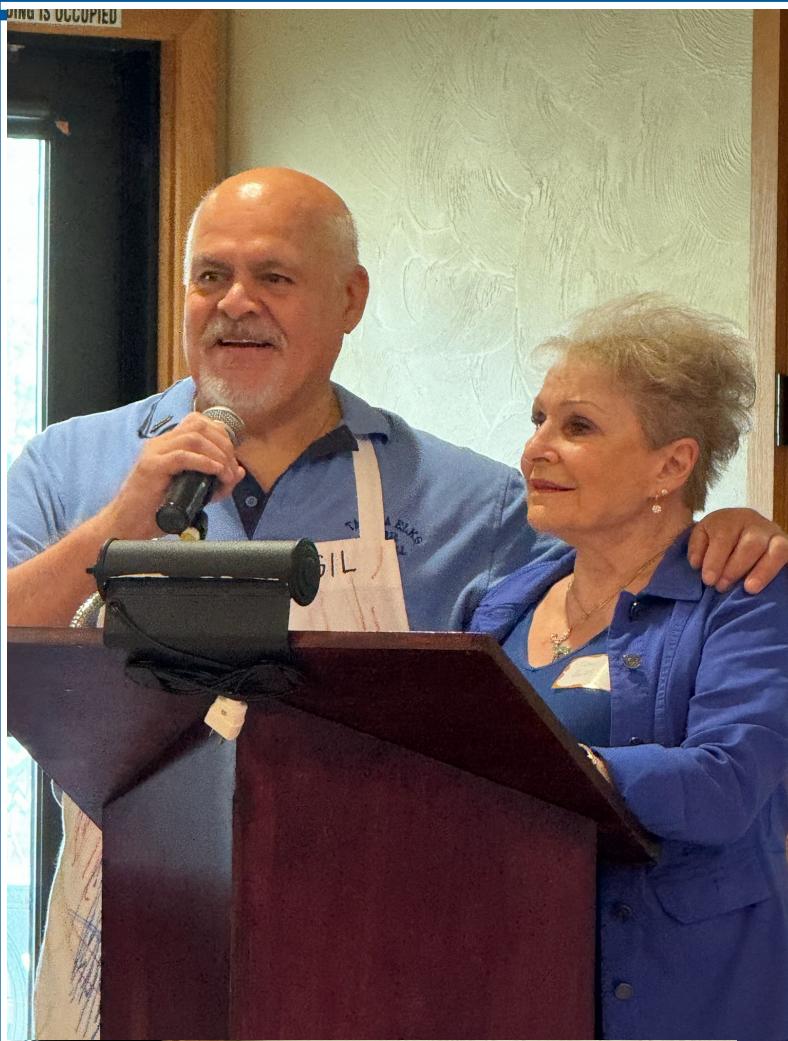
OCTOPUS BALLET
April 26th



MARK HURWITZ & GIN
CREEK
May 3rd

Saturdays 4pm - 7pm
Call 253-343-6090 for reservations

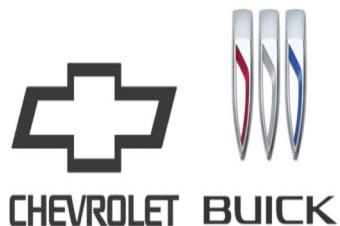
Elks Care - *Elks* Share



Special Women at Tacoma Lodge #174

Presentation on
Women's History

Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge



Sales: 253.777.3238
Service: 253.777.3244
Parts: 844.314.2682

6014 S Tacoma Way
Tacoma, WA 98409

Abijah Adult Family Home
"Where Compassion Finds a Home"
3222 1/2 8th Ave SW
Federal Way, WA, 98023.

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5112 S. 10th St. Tacoma, Wa. 98465
253-222-0188

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Tacoma, WA 98405
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Helping car accident victims for 33 years
Active Lodge #174. Member for 11 years

*This is where you should be
Wednesday Nights.*



**PM Lodge Meeting
Have fun with all your Elk friends**



*The
Crying Towel*

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

**3/05/2025 Forrest Jordan
3/12/2025 Claudia Housley
3/19/2025 Dan Pritchard
3/26/2025 Installation**



**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**



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 Monday Nights at the Elks

Play Bingo at the Tacoma Elks.

How about joining the Bingo family on Monday nights. 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 by 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. 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 help us make charitable donations.





Planning your Summer Garden?

The annual Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale is Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th. Need bedding plants or landscape plants? This is the place to be. 9 AM – 3 PM on Saturday. Sunday hours are 10 AM – 2 PM. Bring your wagon or boxes and load up.

If you have questions or problems, you may find the answers you need at one of the following websites.

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

If you can't find the answer to your issue, you can email your question to Master Gardeners at pierce.mg@wsu.edu (include a picture of what your question concerns whether plant, weed, or bug) 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 .



Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of the Month

Funtimers are seniors, but anyone can join us, who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. Take time to join us and enjoy lunch and maybe a few laughs. Wednesday, April 9th is our next luncheon. Come join us and introduce yourself. We meet about 11:45 to beat the lunch crowd. 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. We teach those who do not know how to play "31" and it is easy to learn.



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..."

Mother's Day Brunch

2025

at Urban Elk

\$42
Adults

Buffet Menu

Waffle Bar
Scrambled Eggs
Eggs Benedict
Biscuits & Gravy
Bacon, Ham & Sausage
O'Brian Potatoes
Prawn Cocktail
Yogurt Bar
Fruit Platter
Salad Bar
Pastry & Dessert Platter

\$22
11 & under

Custom cocktail menu soon to be announced

*Elk discount can be applied

EASTER

BRUNCH SPECIALS MENU

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK \$22

Hand cut New York steak battered & fried- topped with house-made gravy, served with eggs and O'Brien potatoes

STUFFED FRENCH TOAST \$20

Candy pecan & maple cream cheese stuffing served with choice of bacon or sausage and whipped maple butter

MONTE CRISTO \$20

Smoked turkey, black forest ham, Swiss cheese, and raspberry cream cheese, served with raspberry preserve

CLASSIC EGGS BENEDICT \$24

Black forest ham & poached eggs topped with our house made hollandaise sauce, served with O'Brien potatoes

CRAB AVOCADO BENEDICT \$24

Dungeness crab, poached eggs & avocado topped with our house made hollandaise sauce, served with O'Brien potatoes

BANANAS FOSTER PANCAKE STACK \$20

House made brandy sauce with creme Chantilly with choice of bacon or sausage served with Mable brandy butter

FRUIT BOWL MIX \$5

KIDS MENU \$12

- Chocolate chip pancakes, 1 egg, served with bacon or sausage & fruit cup
- French toast, 1 egg, served with bacon or sausage & fruit cup



4/17 ST PATRICKS DAY SPECIAL

IRISH NACHOES \$25

HOUSE MADE POTATO CHIPS, GUINNESS CHEESE, BACON,
SOUR CREAM, CORNED BEEF, GREEN ONIONS

CORNED BEEF BRISKET \$25

HOUSE MADE CORNED BEEF BRISKET, CABBAGE, CARROTS,
WHOLE BABY POTATOES, SODA BREAD



Washington Elks

Therapy Raffle



1st Place \$2000

2nd Place \$1000

3rd Place \$500



Drawing will be held
during the
Garland Family
Golf Tournament
July 26th, 2025
Tacoma WA

Tickets Only \$5 each.

*Proceeds help fund the Therapy
Program*

Need not be present to win



TACOMA ELKS
16TH ANNUAL GARLAND FAMILY CHARITY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$500 Entry Fee Per Team

Entry Fee Includes:
Green Fees & Cart
Refreshments on course
Complimentary lunch
Awards, prizes, and auction

JULY 26TH, 2025

Details:

Allenmore Golf Course
7:30AM Check -in
9AM Shotgun
1:30pm Lunch, Awards,
and Auction

COMPETITION

4 PLAYER SCRAMBLE

BOGEY MAX SCORE PER HOLE

HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

PUTTING CONTEST

CLOSEST TO THE PIN & LONG DRIVE

LIMITED TO FIRST 25 TEAMS

ENTRY DEADLINE-JULY 19TH

Registration opens on March 1, 2025

*First 10 teams to register will receive
free twilight round and cart on July
25th after 2pm

allenmoregolfcourse.com

Proceeds will help
support the WA
ELKS Therapy
Program for
Children

April 2025

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
6		7	8	9	10	11
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
		Bingo 7 PM				
13		14	15	16	17	18
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
		Bingo 7 PM				Race for Eggs
20		21	22	23	24	25
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
27		28	29	30		
		Taco Tuesday	Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM			
		Bingo 7 PM				

Volunteers are needed to help with the Annual Easter Egg Race.

Candy and change donations are appreciated for the eggs.

Stuffing of the eggs will happen Thursday April 17th at 6 PM.

The Race on April 19th is at 11 AM come early so you don't miss anything.



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!