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2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Gil Mendoza
Leading Knight.....David Glenn
Loyal Knight.....Vacant
Lecturing Knight..... Gary Schwartz
Secretary.....PER Lee Frankie
Treasurer.....Patricia Kennedy
Tiler.....PER Michael Marshall
Esquire.....Paul Christel
Asst. EsquireDave 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 GuthrieTrustee 1 yr.
Michael PortmanTrustee 2 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 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 Paul Christel

Three Members At-Large

Dean Mazzuca Ron Hack Eric Gilson

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
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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 | 852 |
| Initiated Since Then | 54 |
| Reinstatements | 17 |
| Incoming Transfers | 5 |

REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Dropped | 73 |
| Transferred Out | 8 |
| Absolute Dimits | 11 |
| Deceased | 24 |
| Calculated Membership Total | 818 |

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



Welcome to a New Year (in Elks terms) my brother and sister Elks. Our Lodge year runs from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. We have a new slate of Officers elected by you, our members, and I am confident we will work diligently to serve your expressed needs. As your newly Installed Exalted Ruler for Tacoma Elks #174, I am humbled by your trust in me to Lead our Lodge this coming year. Please note I stated “your expressed needs.” That is what it means. We need your voice! Our new officer roster is printed in this edition of The Call, our monthly publication. You may reach out to any one of us with ideas, concerns and/or queries on how you might like to be involved or best be served. We have many working committees; some dealing with longer term obligations and activities; others with a single event, or shorter time commitment activity that might be of interest to you. Please feel free to contact Lee Frankie, our Lodge Secretary, to learn about the many different opportunities of which you could be involved with, and to share what you would like to see us being involved in. Please LET US KNOW. There are regularly scheduled meetings which will occur throughout the year, where you can be assured of seeing and interacting with our officers and other interested members.

Lodge meetings happen every Wednesday night in our beautiful Lodge room, beginning at 7 p.m. (we meet only twice in each of the months of July and August). They are informative, we conduct business, share information on happenings in our lodge and on our property (i.e. Bingo Nights, Irrigation System Replacement Project just finishing up) and our financial status on bills encumbered and revenues made. We also have fun with raffles and the like.

We also hold Board meetings on the second Thursday of every month beginning at 5:30 pm, downstairs in the Executive Conference Room next to the Handball Courts. We have several Governing Boards: The Elks Allenmore Board, which governs the primary profit side of our total organization; encompassing the Allenmore golf course, the Urban Elk restaurant, and our Allenmore Banquet and Conference services usually leads off. By the way, we will be nominating and ELECTING our new EA Board at the 7 pm Lodge meeting on April 10. This Board consists of four current officers and three members at large. You could be one of these.

*A Message From
Our Exalted Ruler
cont.*

The Tacoma Elks #174 Board of Directors consists of the people you, as members, elected to serve this year. They also conduct the business of the Lodge on your behalf and do some forward thinking and planning in designing our near- and long-term future for the Tacoma Elks.

The Tacoma Elks #174 House Committee consists of the Entire Board of Directors described above. In this role, we govern all activity occurring in the downstairs area, accessible with the scan card you were issued when paying your annual dues.

We have other multiple committees, such as Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Marketing and Membership, Audit, Scholarships, Elks National Foundation, Childrens Therapy, and Lodge Activities, to name a few (there are more).

There are also certain “Ritual Ceremonies” and community activities we observe or host throughout the year; such as Flag Day Celebration, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day, Easter egg hunt for kids, Christmas party and stocking stuffing, to name several. You could be involved in any one or more of these.

On Sunday, May 12 we will be holding our Mother’s Day Ritual at 9 a.m. in the Lodge Room. Please bring the Moms, or Grandmothers in your families to be honored.

Immediately following the ceremony, you can also treat your special matriarch(s) to a brunch in our Urban Elk restaurant. I hope you will join us.

I hope this message has provided you some insight into the “nuts and bolts” of how we serve you through our governing and working boards and committees. Please reach out to me, our Lodge Secretary, Lee Frankie, or any other officer to learn more and or to discover how you might better be served, or serve. Remember: Elks Care – Elks Share!

Best to each and all of you in the coming year. gil





From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie

Here we go. This years Officers are in place and we eagerly are looking forward to this Lodge year. We are planning upcoming activities with the emphasis on having fun. If you haven't paid the current years dues now is the time, so that you can be a part of every thing taking place at the Lodge.

We ask that Tacoma Lodge Members bring their families and friends to the Lodge for a visit. With your assistances they can see the many opportunities that Tacoma Lodge has to offer and they may want to become Members. With every ones help we can make Tacoma Lodge even better than what we have currently and help our community to a larger degree.

Fraternally,

Lee





2024 Installation





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Upper Left
Gil Mendoza
Officer of the Year



Upper Right
Melvin Schuckenbrock
Elk of the Year



Nancy Guthrie
Citizen of the Year



**2024—2025
Elected Lodge Officers**


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

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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



Getting ready for the Race for the Eggs!!



Easter 2024
Two Easters in one Lodge year



BLAST FROM THE PAST

How many of you remember the good old Ford Edsel? It was short-lived only produced in 1958 and 1959. 1960 models were available and still are if you are looking for one. There were the Edsel Ranger and Pacer, and also the Corsair and Citation. There were two and four door sedans, convertibles and station wagons. Prices ranged from \$2,519 to \$3,801, not that you would get one that cheap today! Prices on the Internet for one ranges from \$9,500 to \$75,000.

The bright yellow 1959 Edsel Villager shown has a price of \$16,950. The green 1959 Edsel Corsair shows a price of \$9,500. The pale yellow 1958 Edsel Citation is listed for \$75,000! If you find those prices too expensive, try looking in old garages, barns or overgrown fields.

The Edsel was never meant to bear the Edsel Ford's name, but it got that name as nothing else thought of worked. Some of the names that did not work: Mongoose Civique, Turcotinga and Utopian Turtletop.! The Edsel had a unique horse-collar grille and narrow horizontal taillights. They featured "Teletouch" buttons for the automatic transmission which were recessed in the steering wheel hub, stand-up hood ornaments, and a huge wraparound bumper.

Did you know that Edsel was the only child of Clara and Henry Ford, and was named after one of Henry's closest childhood friends, Edsel Ruddiman? The family did not want the car named after Edsel, but the chairman of the board convinced them. The Edsel was probably the worst mistake Ford had made, and it cost the company a lot of money. But as you know Ford survived and recovered to become one of the big three along with Chevrolet and Chrysler.



Rebranding the Tacoma Elks Social Quarters

Let's be honest. How many people really want to go to a "SPORTS BAR", which is the current name of the Tacoma Elks #714 social quarters? Unless you work out in the fitness center, shoot pool/billiards, or play handball, you probably don't want to go there. Guess what...the SPORTS BAR is the only purely Elks area in our wonderful building just for Elk members, their families, and guests. Well, if we want our members to use our social quarters, we need to make changes.

The first thing we need to do is get rid of the connotation of our social quarters being the SPORTS BAR. It is the Tacoma Elks #174 social quarters, and we need a new name! Some of the ideas are the Tacoma Family Social Quarters and the 174 Family Center. We need and want your ideas about what a good name would be for this area. We need to stay away from sports bar, lounge, etc., as these does not give the idea of a good place to come with your family and enjoy the area. Let's hear from you. Send your ideas to the Lodge Secretary in March and let's start the new Lodge year with fresh ideas and a new name.

This also needs to be the year we do some heavy membership recruits. Here are the facts. As of February 28th, we have 874 members on books. 729 or 83% of our members live within 20 minutes of our Lodge. 537 or 61.4% live within 10 minutes of the Lodge. Of these members, 77.4% (677) are between 60 & 89 years old with 16.9% (148) between 21 and 59. The average number of years these members have been an Elk is 11.8% with 64.99% being an Elk from 1 to 30 years. That's a lot of Elks knowledge we may lose in the next few years. We need to approach our membership in two ways.

First, let's get our members back in the Lodge, ideally to help us revitalize our involvement in the community. Second, we need to find and recruit younger members. In both cases, it's up to you, the members of Tacoma Elks #174 to make this a success story, not just the 16 officers of the Lodge. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to put Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 on the road to success. So, let me close with a challenge.

Are you, the members of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 ready to help bring Tacoma Elks up to the pride of Tacoma and Elksdom that it can be? It's up to the membership to step up and work on changing the course of the Lodge and move up and forward. Ready?

Members of the Lodge Is The Lodge!

Americanism Essay Award Evening With Proud Officers of the Lodge





Americanism Essay Contest Winners
Tacoma Lodge #174



March'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*

3/06/2024 James Lyman

3/13/2024 Laurence P Glynn

3/20/2024 Don Myers

3/27/2024 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**



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?



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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

Happy Spring

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, April 3rd 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.



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

JOIN US AT BINGO IN 2024

JOIN THE FUN AT BINGO

If you haven't been playing Bingo at the Tacoma Elks, you are missing out on Monday nights of fun. Join friends, or make new ones, at our Bingo sessions. 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.



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.cahnrs.wsu.edu or 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 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 .





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**

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Taco Tuesday - Chicken or Beef Soft Tacos

\$4 for 1 taco or \$6 for 2 tacos.

Tacos

\$5 Corona & Modelo tall can's



\$5 well Margaritas

Wednesday Steak Day - \$17

8oz Center Cut Top Sirloin

served w/ mashed potatoes and seasonal veggie

Saturday - Live Music from 4pm-7pm

Free show & all ages welcome



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Happy Hour - Tuesday thru Friday 3pm-6pm

COME ON IN!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

April 2024

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays Tacoma Elks Lodge

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| | 1 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM | 2 Taco Tuesday | 3 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM | 4 | 5 | 6 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM |
| 7 | 8 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM | 9 Taco Tuesday | 10 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM Balloting Allenmore Board | 11 Board Meetings 5:30 PM | 12 | 13 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM |
| 14 | 15 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM | 16 Taco Tuesday | 17 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM | 18 | 19 | 20 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM |
| 21 | 22 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM | 23 Taco Tuesday | 24 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM | 25 | 26 | 27 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM District Deputy Clinic |
| 28 | 29 Urban Elk Closed Bingo 7 PM | 30 Taco Tuesday | | | | |

Support the New Officers

Come to April'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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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!