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Exalted Ruler.....253-272-1117
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PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINE

"The Call" copy deadline 20th of the month

MEMBERSHIP ROLL INFORMATION

Beginning Membership Total 04/01/2024	820
Initiated Since Then	9
Reinstatements	4
Incoming Transfers	4
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	4
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	3
Calculated Membership Total	830

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?

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



Hello Dear Friends and Fellow Elks! Last month in my message I saluted our flag and the hundreds of thousands who put their love for such to the ultimate test. As we look directly at the anniversary of our independence on July 4, and honor the day by proudly displaying our Nation's flag, I reflect upon the multitude of generations who gave us this opportunity by simply "doing their duty." They lived their lives and put their connections to others above themselves. In describing these individuals, we have all heard others talk about character traits such as respect, commitment, perseverance, humility, honesty, and service. Undoubtedly you have or will hear about the awesome responsibility that goes with manifesting any one of these, let alone all of them in any person's character. Across our membership, we have already personified this to a great degree.

I would like to share about another character trait – HAPPINESS – our duty to it, and offer an insight as to where happiness begins, and where you might find it in yourself. The great author Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote "there is no duty we underrate so much as the duty of being happy." Now there is a bit of morality as serious as it is smiling. I never did become convinced of what I was so smugly told in childhood: "be good and you will be happy." Whereas I am quite sure that if you are happy, you will be good.

People who generate this inner sunshine make life more pleasant for those around them. Their impulses lead to correct action; their thoughts are usually true. They have their roots in some deep shining faith.

Well, anyone can be in good spirits when the luck is running their way. But happiness is not always the result of fortune. It is frequently a virtue, and a brave one. Happiness comes of the grace to accept life gratefully, and make the most of the best of it. That is not always easy, or our famous author would not elsewhere have spoken of his "Great Task of Happiness." Very naturally, we resent those tiresome Pollyanna's who foist their cheerfulness upon us regardless of our fate and feelings. Only the whiners and grumblers are harder to bear with; and those spoiled children of privilege who waste the joys they have by not knowing they have them.

But look around you at some others! Every day you meet them; men and women who you know to have such trials or disappointments, or poverty of opportunity that you marvel at their faces. They are not only brave; they are getting some joy out of life. Such people, I believe, improve the climate of our world. They put heart in others to shoulder gallantly the great duty of happiness.

Also look to yourselves... and you will see them. Reflect on why you joined the Elks. Rekindle that curiosity to seek out, within your Lodge, what it was that drew you in to it. You must have thought it would bring you some happiness. Prove it again. We have lifted each other's spirits in times of trouble. Continue to not miss the chances of pleasure in a sunset, or the face of a friend at the door, or in our Lodge. As you proceed within your membership, seek challenges, and find (or renew) relationships that make you happy. And for certain, be happy in our many accomplishments thus far, because they are yours as well.

Lastly, and most important, take the time to physically come in and take another good look around you. You will see family and friends here who support you and say "YES YOU CAN!" when others may have said you can't, or you didn't believe in yourself. Carry those loved ones in your happy hearts because they will always be a part of you and you a part of them. Your doing will be their doing as well. Only in our Great Country can we embrace this freedom with reciprocal, positive presuppositions. Happy Independence Day!



From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



We are currently in our Summer Lodge Meeting schedule, having meetings in July and August on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The plan is to start the Barbeques before the Lodge meetings again. This is an activity that has always been important to our Members, so we want to continue the tradition. At this time the Barbeques will take place on Meeting nights between 4:30 PM & 6 PM. Remember to bring your family and friends to our Barbeques as you don't have to be an Elk to have a burger.

If you haven't paid this years dues, this is the perfect time to get this accomplished. Our reminder phone calls will be starting in the near future. Remember our Members are what make this Lodge great. This is an excellent time to sponsor a New Member into our Lodge, all Members need to get an application and find someone special to share it with.

Have a GREAT Summer and we hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

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

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

Sign up today, single players welcome.





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

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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: _____

Flag Day 2024

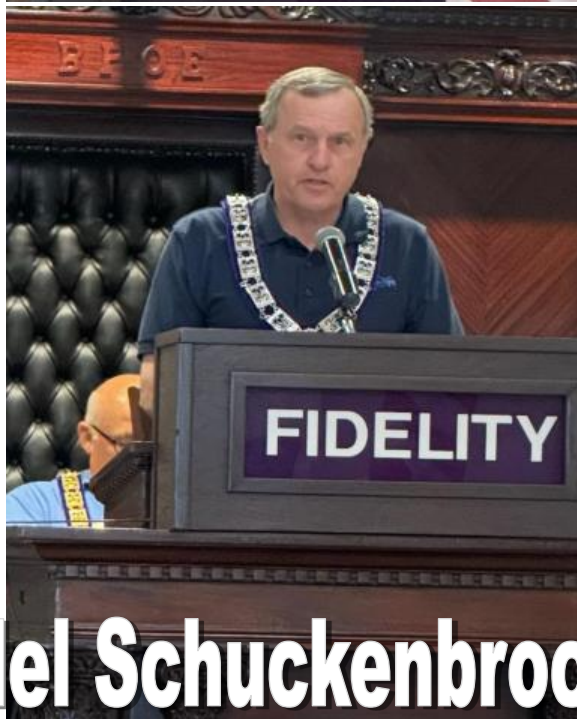


Stadium High School R.O.T.C.

Flag Day Special Speakers



James Guthrie



Mel Schuckenbrock

WA State Elks
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Chance to win daily.
Weekdays \$25.00 Weekends \$50.00
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Helping car accident victims for 33 years
Active Lodge #174. Member for 11 years



OUR KIDS

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc.

Our State Major Project



Lucas, a resilient soul born on December 6th, 2005, has defied the odds stacked against him since his first breath. Diagnosed with arthrogryposis and multiple orthopedic disabilities, his path seemed fraught with challenges from the very beginning. Yet, amidst the uncertainty, there emerged a beacon of hope in the form of the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children.

Since Lucas was a mere 3 months old, he has received consistent and compassionate care from his occupational therapist provided by the Elks community. Lucas's journey has been marked by approximately 11 surgeries, including two major hip procedures. In the face of medical prognoses that painted a bleak picture of immobility, Lucas's strides toward mobility stand as a testament to the transformative power of therapy and perseverance.

The doctors' initial verdict was disheartening - Lucas would never walk. However, through sheer determination and the collaboration of his family, therapist, and the Elk community, Lucas not only walks but strides confidently towards his dreams. His therapist's expertise, coupled with Lucas's indomitable spirit, has paved the way for numerous milestones and successes.

As Lucas prepares to embark on his adult journey at the University of Oregon this fall, his trajectory is a testament to the profound impact of community support. The Elks community, in particular, has played a pivotal role in shaping Lucas's life. Their unwavering dedication to making a difference in the lives of children like Lucas reverberates through every step he takes.

Reflecting on the invaluable contributions of the Elks community, Lucas's family expresses profound gratitude. Their collective efforts have not only improved Lucas's quality of life but have instilled hope and inspiration in countless others facing similar challenges.

Lucas himself attests to the transformative nature of therapy provided by the Elks and the support of the community. Despite grappling with arthrogryposis, scoliosis, and a myriad of other impairments, Lucas acknowledges the significant improvement in his range of motion and functional abilities. For Lucas, the Elks community is more than just a support system—they are beacons of light illuminating the path to a brighter future.

In celebrating Lucas's journey, we also celebrate the resilience of the human spirit and the power of community. His story serves as a poignant reminder that with unwavering support and determination, the impossible can indeed become possible. As Lucas continues to defy expectations and chart his course, he embodies the essence of perseverance, courage, and hope.

THANK [YOU ELKS!!!!](#)





Elks Care - *Elks* Share



**June's Initiation Class
New Members
Robert Coleman, John Finnila, Marvin Cummins
& Carey Ferguson**

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*

*6/12/2024 Harry Harnmish
6/26/2024 Michael Kheriaty*



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

We are the Funtimers, 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, July 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 and you might go home with everyone else's quarters! It's a fun way to spend an hour or two.



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

Enjoy hot summer evenings in the cool, air-conditioned Elks' Lodge Room playing Bingo. Bring your family and friends and spend a couple of hours having fun, and maybe winning money! The number of players has grown so the winning pots are bigger.

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. One of our recent donations made was to assist in the purchase of Parkland School. It helped the Parkland Community Assn. make the first payment for the purchase.





Do you have a plant problem?

Summer time is here and that sometimes means plant issues. Do you have pests that you can't identify and treat? Have plants that should have bloomed by now and haven't? Can't determine if something growing in your yard is something you want or a weed? You have sickly looking plants? 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 pestense.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 .



Blast from the Past

Most of us know about the fate of the Titanic either from history or from the 1997 movie. But why does it get more attention than the British registered “Lusitania” known as one of the “Greyhounds of the Seas?” Lusitania and its sister ship, Mauretania, were launched in 1906 and were the fastest passenger liners of their age, capable of crossing the Atlantic Ocean in less than five days. They were the world’s largest ocean liners until 1910 when the Olympic was launched, followed by the Titanic in 1911. The Lusitania was on its return leg of its 101st roundtrip voyage across the Atlantic when it was sunk by an Imperial German U Boat on May 7, 1915. There were over 1900 passengers and crew members on the ship. The ship carried many wealthy and prominent passengers including millionaire heir Alfred Vanderbilt, Broadway producer Charles Frohman and actress Rita Jolivet. An art collector named Hugh Lane was onboard and was rumored to be taking Rembrandt and Monet paintings with him. More than 1100 perished including 120 Americans when the ship went down in 18 minutes after being torpedoed.

When World War I erupted in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson pledged neutrality for the United States. But that would not last as tensions arose between the U. S. and Germany after Germany’s attempts to quarantine the British Isles. By German mines, U.S. ships were damaged or sunk while traveling to Britain. In February 1915, German naval commanders suspected British ships were being loaded not only with passengers, but weapons and supplies being sent from the U.S. to Europe. Thus, Germany declared unrestricted submarine warfare in the waters around Britain. It turned out after secret documents and evidence gathered at the wreck site were found, the Lusitania did have millions of rounds of rifle ammunition, shrapnel shells and non-explosive fuses hidden in the cargo hold.

The sinking of the Lusitania played a significant role in turning public opinion against Germany, both in the United States and abroad. But it was almost two years before the U.S. would enter the war.





Thank you for being a Cat Kennel Sponsor! Your sustained support has provided care and comfort for dozens of cats over the past few months. We want to tell you about one of those special cats named Grace!

Grace arrived at our shelter from an overpopulated environment and had little interest in interacting with people. Our staff carefully handled the little gray kitty to provide her vaccines and preventatives, but Grace was clearly uncomfortable and scared.

Our compassionate cat team monitored Grace to see if she had decompressed, but she never relaxed enough to interact with people. Eventually, she was adopted by a horse ranch owner as a “working cat,” and quickly warmed up to another cat on the property. Grace now lives a relaxing life with her feline companion at a comfortable distance from people.

Thanks to your sponsorship, we’re able to care for thousands of pets each year and find adopters for those with specific needs for pets like Grace. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and dedication to the pets in our care!

Megan Tackett
Development Coordinator
She/Her/Hers

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..."



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Get your junior involved with golf! We offer a 3-day Operation 36 camp, where you'll junior will learn the fundamentals of golf and get out on the course to play 9 holes. Our expert golf coaches are dedicated to helping young golfers of all skill levels to improve their golf game!

CAMP INCLUDES

- ✓ On-course play time the last day of camp to put your new skills to the test
- ✓ Opportunity to earn poker chips to spend at the end of camp on toys, candy, etc.
- ✓ Engaging games designed to help your child have a blast, make new friends, and develop healthy competitiveness.
- ✓ Up to 12 juniors ages 6-14 - 6:1 student to coach ratio.



Each Camp \$325 (\$50 OP36 Family discount)
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Camp #1 - June 26-28 (Wed-Fri)
Camp #2 - July 10-12 (Wed-Fri)
Camp #3 - July 23-25 (Tues-Thurs)
Camp #4 - August 6-8 (Tues-Thurs)



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URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

HOURS

MONDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

TUESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

WEDNESDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

THURSDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

FRIDAY - 11AM TO 8PM

SATURDAY - 9AM TO 8PM

SUNDAY - 9AM TO 5PM

FOOD SERVICE STOPS 30 MINUTES

PRIOR TO CLOSE



Join us at the Wednesday
night Barbeques.



Urban Elk
Restaurant & Bar

July 4th

Restaurant Hours:

11am to 5pm
Food service will stop 30 minutes before closing.

Have a great day and be safe out there!

Sports Bar Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11am - 7pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	5pm - 9pm
Saturday	5pm - 9pm
Sunday	Closed

Please call office M-F for holiday hours
253 272-1117

URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR

Presents...

July 6th
Alejandro Fleites
w/ The
Malo Combo

July 13th
House Band of Lakewood

July 20th
No Band

July 27th
No Band

Music is from 4pm to 7pm
All is welcome and no cover!


Call For Reservations:
253-343-6090

July 2024

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO BINGO	2 Taco Tuesday	3 Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting	4 	5 Lodge Office Closed	6 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
7 Bingo 7 PM	8	9 Taco Tuesday	10 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	11	12	13 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
14 Bingo 7 PM	15	16 Taco Tuesday	17 Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting	18	19	20 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
21 Bingo 7 PM	22	23 Taco Tuesday	24 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	25	26	27 Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM
28 Bingo 7 PM 29		30 Taco Tuesday	31 Urban Elk Steaks NO Lodge Meeting			
June 30th – July 3rd Grand Lodge Convention						

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Come to July's Lodge Meetings**

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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.

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