

# TACOMA ELKS LODGE 174

*The Call*



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## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Gil Mendoza  
Leading Knight.....David Glenn  
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Elks Pianist.....Beverley Dallman

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James Guthrie .....Trustee 1 yr.  
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Eric Gilson .....Trustee 3 yr.  
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**COB of Directors: Melody Kennedy**

### Board of Directors Elks/Allenmore:

*Comprised of the  
Four Elected Officers*

**Gil Mendoza Melody Kennedy David Glenn Paul Christel**

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**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  
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Barber Shop.....253-343-6046  
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Web Address.....[www.tacomaelks.com](http://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.

*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](http://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](mailto:craig@tacomaelks.com) for more information.



|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Birdie Sponsor</b><br><b>\$1000</b> | <b>Entry for team of 4</b><br>Logo and name featured on each tee box |
| <b>Food Sponsor</b><br><b>\$750</b>    | Logo and name on buffet tables                                       |
| <b>Cart Sponsor</b><br><b>\$500</b>    | Logo and name featured on all<br>golf carts                          |
| <b>Hole Sponsor</b><br><b>\$200</b>    | 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



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

*Jennifer Kuru*  
Provider/Owner  
email: [info@abijahafh.com](mailto:info@abijahafh.com)  
Cell: 253-247-0322  
Home: 253-325-6097  
Fax: 253-325-6096



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**Paul R. Christel**  
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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](http://Gardening.wsu.edu).

For plant pest/disease solutions go to [hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu) or [pest-sense.cahnrs.wsu.edu](http://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](mailto: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!!!**

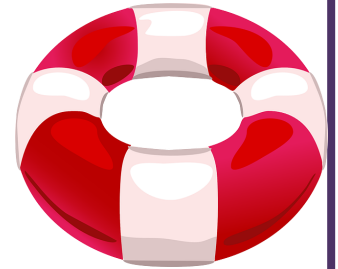


Joan Bruce

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<br>Urban Elk Steaks<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 PM  | 2        | 3      | 4<br>Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM  |
| 5                                     | 6<br>Urban Elk<br>Closed<br>Bingo<br>7 PM<br><u>Orientation 6 PM</u>   | 7<br>Taco Tuesday  | 8<br>Urban Elk Steaks<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 PM  | 9        | 10     | 11<br>Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM   |
| 12<br>Mother's Day<br>Service<br>9 AM | 13<br>Urban Elk<br>Closed<br>Bingo<br>7 PM                             | 14<br>Taco Tuesday | 15<br>Urban Elk Steaks<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 PM | 16       | 17     | 18<br>Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM<br><br>Armed Forces Day<br><br>Officer Training |
| 19                                    | 20<br>Urban Elk<br>Closed<br>Bingo<br>7 PM                             | 21<br>Taco Tuesday | 22<br>Urban Elk Steaks<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7 PM | 23       | 24     | 25<br>Urban Elk Music 4-7 PM   |
| 26                                    | 27<br>Memorial Day<br>Office Closed<br>Urban Elk<br>Closed<br>No Bingo | 28<br>Taco Tuesday | 29<br>Urban Elk Steaks<br>Lodge Meeting<br>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](https://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!



Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.

Use the QR code to sign up today.



**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!