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2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

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Loyal Knight.....Joel Rinehart
Lecturing Knight..... Gary Schwartz
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Tiler.....PER Michael Marshall
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James GuthrieTrustee 1 yr.
Michael PortmanTrustee 2 yr.
Eric GilsonTrustee 3 yr.
Yvonne White.....Trustee 4 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 Eric Gilson

Three Members At-Large

Paul Christel Dean Mazzuca Nancy Guthrie

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Past Exalted Rulers' Association

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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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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	820
Initiated Since Then	14
Reinstatements	5
Incoming Transfers	6
<u>REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN REQUEST</u>	
Dropped	5
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	7
Calculated Membership Total	833

RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	8
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



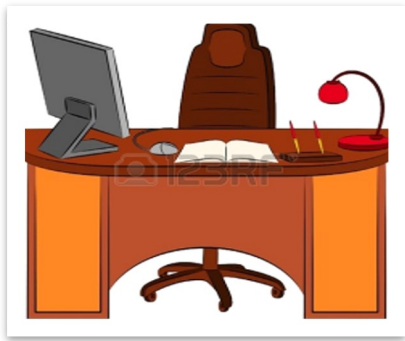
Happy entrance to the Fall Season my fellow Elks. It brings new beginnings to so many things. From Wikipedia: “Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday (and succeeded in 1894) to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.”

American labor has raised the nation’s standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known, and the labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker. These people are you... and us.

As Elks, we parallel this effort in making our communities stronger, safer, and more enjoyable through volunteer and philanthropy efforts targeted to children and families. While these efforts are not our “job,” they are our passion. They take our lives from being full to being fulfilled, because they give us meaning. We recently participated in a Backpack/school supplies give away out at Camp Murray, enhancing the “New Year” for children of our National Guard members and other military personnel, preparing to return to school.

While September marks a new beginning every year for the school bound child, there is always some apprehension and trepidation for many of those kiddos. No matter where they ended in June, they get a “fresh start” every year in September. Our support, along with other community supporters, serves to mitigate some of that angst children may experience.

Our involvement denotes that it is not enough merely to exist as an Elks. It is not enough to say, “I am earning enough to live and to support my family. I do my work well. I am a good parent. I am a good spouse. I am a good churchgoer.” That is all very well. But we must do something more. We should seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every person must seek in their own way to make their own self more noble and to realize their own true worth. We must give some time to our fellow man/woman (or child). Even if it is a little thing, do something for those who have need of another person’s help; something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you do not live in a world all your own. Your brothers and sisters are here too. Reach out to any of our Lodge officers or our Lodge secretary for ideas on how you can participate.



From the Desk of . . .
Lodge Secretary
Lee Frankie



As we are entering the Fall Season its time to have fun being a part of the indoor activities at the Tacoma Lodge. Monday night Bingo is close to overflowing with lots of winners. If playing pool is something that you like to do, there are several tournaments that take place during the week. The Fitness Center has machines open for you. Games of various types are played in the Sports Bar all week. Outdoors, this is a Great time to play a round of golf. The temperature is down and now is the perfect time for 18 holes on our GREEN course.

Bring your family and friends to the Tacoma Elks Lodge to show everyone how wonderful things are at our Lodge. November 2nd is the Lodge's next Open House and we will have the capability to do Child ID and Senior ID again. This is a Perfect opportunity to have your information in one easy safe location.

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



OUR KIDS

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



Keira is my daughter and she is 19 years old. Before we discovered the Washington Elks Therapy Program, Keira and I were two people struggling with our own challenges. Dealing with my own blindness and trying to help my daughter with a rare genetic disorder called TSC (Tuberous Sclerosis Complex) has been overwhelming and at times hopeless. It is through sheer luck that we came upon the Elks program.

For years we have been seeking the help of therapists and have been unsuccessful. Keira has sort of been in a state of limbo for many years. TSC has caused a wide range of medical issues which has affected her heart, brain, lungs, kidneys, liver and pancreas. She has developmental delays, selective mutism and anxiety interrupts the quality of her life each and every day. I remember some of her physicians telling me that some of her behavioral issues might not even respond to therapy. You can't always believe what you hear because when you get the right kind of help from someone with a particular set of skills there can be a recipe for success. We receive in-house services from an Elk therapist once a week. Keira has trouble expressing herself because of her selective mutism. Her occupational therapist has been able to read her body language which speaks volumes. We now know she has motor and sensory issues. In fact we will be seeking the help of a physical therapist because her left hip and knee are not in alignment. Keira's therapist is innovative, creative and treats Keira as an individual recognizing her neurodiversity. Her therapist is always exploring new ways and methods to help Keira to become more independent which would improve the quality of her life.

It was a struggle for us to find a program that would take Keira and when we did we couldn't afford it. Without the free services of the Washington Elks Therapy Program, Keira would not be where she is today. Thank you so much for making a difference in her life.



Friends of the Tacoma Elks Lodge

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2025 Raffle
3682**



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\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2025	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
February 2025	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
March 2025	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
April 2025	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
May 2025	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
June 2025	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Calendars are only \$10.00 Each
Chance to win daily.
Weekdays \$25.00 Weekends \$50.00
Holidays \$100.00 Elks Birthday \$500.00
Get 2 Today
“Don’t have to be an Elk to purchase”



**August’s Initiation Class
New Members**

Jerry Hight & Elizabeth Hight

Special Presentations



**E.R. Gil Mendoza presents Certificates of Appreciation
from Camp Murray to
Allan Hyatt, Robert Williams and Ernest Bodoh**



**E.R. Gil Mendoza presents Certificates of Appreciation
July Officer of the Month
Eric Gilson**

Special Presentations



E.R. Gil Mendoza presents Certificates of Appreciation

Craig Moore June Elk of the Month

Ellen Van Hagen July Elk of the Month



**Stephen Bodoh presents Ernie Bodoh
With A
Grand Lodge Excellence Award**

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*

*8/14/2024 E.W. Bill Davies Jr.
8/28/2024*



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.



Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

It won't be long and fall will be coming at us with fall colors and cooler temperatures. If it's too cool outside, or even if it isn't, come join us at the Tacoma Elks and play Bingo. Bring your family and friends and spend a couple of hours having fun, and maybe winning money! Since we started Bingo, the number of players has doubled so that means bigger pots!

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.



Do you have a plant Issue?

Do you have plants you can't identify, and don't know whether you want them or not? You have sickly looking plants? You may find the help you need at one of the following websites. Or, you can meet up with Master Gardeners at the Washington State Fair.

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

For plant pest/disease solutions go to hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu or pestsense.cahnrs.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.

If you find you have more vegetables or fruit than you can use, consider donating it to a local food bank. Others will enjoy what you have raised.

If you are interested in the Master Gardener Program, take time to talk to one of the volunteer Master Gardeners at the fair.

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 .



Join us for Lunch and Card Playing

We are the Funtimers, seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. Starting in September we will be meeting the second Wednesday of each month, instead of the first Wednesday. If you are interested in joining us, Wednesday, September 11th 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. We teach those who do not know how to play "31" and it is easy to learn.



Blast from the Past

Before we get started on this month's Blast from the Past, just a quick update on one of our earlier articles about Parkland School. A few of us are looking for school pictures or other artifacts from the school so a memory book can be created. It would also be nice to have pictures of the Parkland Theatre, Piggly Wiggly, and Garfield St. businesses. Do you have pictures we could scan? Would be great if you have the year of the picture and names of the children and teachers. But we know that names may not be possible. I found my kindergarten class picture and report cards that my mother had stashed away. If you can help us make this book a reality, please email gaylecarlson@outlook.com. Please mention Parkland in the subject line. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Washington State Fair

It's time for, as most call it, the Puyallup Fair, so let's review some of it's past. The idea of a fair originated in June 1900. At that time a group of local businessmen, farmers and residents met to discuss the idea of a fair in the Puyallup Valley area. A board of directors was formed to govern the "Valley Fair" and it was decided the purpose of the fair was to be to advance the interests of agricultural, horticultural, dairying, stock raising, mining, and manufacturing industries of the Puyallup Valley. Shares of stock were sold to raise capital for the cost to start the fair on a vacant lot just west of where Pioneer Park is located today. The first Fair ran from October 4th thru the 6th in 1900. Cost was \$1 for a family for all three days.

The second Fair was moved up on the calendar to September 14-17 and was a day longer. As more room was needed, a 10-acre lot was purchased on the SW corner of 9th Avenue SW and Meridian. The most popular event at the Fair was horse racing. Horse racing at the Fair lasted until 1977, when it was discontinued due to concerns over the muddy track.

As the years went by the Fair grew in size and number of days it ran. Fairs were held annually until WWII when the Fairgrounds were used for the temporary facility within the system of internment camps for Japanese Americans, and referred to as Camp Harmony. This was the result of the attack on Pearl Harbor and President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066. This order authorized the eviction of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. After the Japanese



Americans were moved elsewhere, the site was taken over by the Fort Lewis Ninth Service Command. This site was used for army training before soldiers were shipped out. The Fairgrounds remained closed to the public until after the end of the war. After much work to prepare the Fairgrounds for opening to the public, it opened again in September 1946.

Blast from the Past Cont.



The Fair continued to grow and add new attractions. On June 14, 1970, the Fairgrounds experienced a huge fire which damaged the grandstand, roller coaster, floral building, and caused the loss of some rides, restaurants, and concession stands. But, the Fair opened again in September 1970 with tents added for concession stands. By 1978, the Fair had grown to 46 acres and lasted 17 days.

Did you know the Skyride, left over from the Seattle World's Fair, was purchased and installed on the Fairgrounds in 1980?

As the years went by the Fairgrounds grew and rides became more sophisticated. The Extreme Scream ride was added in 1999 at a cost of \$2 million. The end of the decade finished with the Fair having an attendance of 1,238,029 and covering 160 acres. By the year 2000, the Fair celebrated its 100th Anniversary, and the cattle drive down Puyallup's Meridian St. and the Western Rodeo Parade had their first years.

The Fair has continued to grow and change annually as the years have passed. In 2020, the Fair was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fair returned in 2021. "Do the Puyallup."



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..."

**STARTING
SEPTEMBER 9TH**
From 6pm to 7:30pm

**Chances
to win
gift
cards,
prizes,
and
more!**

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Show off your music, movie, history, science, and pop culture knowledge. Make memories, forge friendships, and have FUN!!

We've partnered with Uneasy Events to bring trivia to Urban Elk!

**Uneasy
Events**

Romaine, char-grilled chicken, parmesan cheese & croutons tossed in creamy Caesar dressing

**Chicken
Caesar Salad**

Every Thursday - All Day - 11am to 8pm

Wine Thursday

1/2 Priced
Bottles

Urban Elk Restaurant & Bar
2001 S. Cedar St., Tacoma WA 98402
361-343-8899
*Cannot mix with other discounts. Dine In Only.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

TRIVIA MONDAY

All Day Happy Hour
Trivia - Starting September 9th
5pm to 7:30pm

TACO TUESDAY

Taco Salad \$16
8oz of ground beef, cheddar jack cheese blend, black beans, shredded Romaine lettuce, and Pico served in a fried taco shell. Served with salsa and sour cream.

Soft Tacos

Chicken OR Beef
1 for \$4
2 for \$6
\$5 Corona & Modelo Can's
\$5 well Margaritas

STEAK WEDNESDAY

Steak Dinner \$19
8oz Strip Loin Steak with black garlic truffle butter served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetable.

1/2 OFF WINE THURSDAY

1/2 off any bottle of wine.



MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
3PM TO 6PM



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION



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





URBAN ELK RESTAURANT & BAR WEEKLY SPECIALS

Wednesday Steak Day \$19

8oz Center Cut Top Sirloin
served w/ mashed potatoes
and seasonal veggie



**COME ON IN!
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!**

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 Club

Urban Elk Club

Black Forest Ham, Smoked Turkey, Bacon, Iceberg Lettuce,
Tomatoes, Red Onion, and Cheddar Cheese layered
between Sourdough bread

September 2024

Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed No Bingo	3 Taco Tuesday	4 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	5	6	7
8 Bingo 7 PM	9	10 Taco Tuesday	11 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	12 Board Meetings 5:30 PM	13	14
15 Bingo 7 PM	16	17 Taco Tuesday	18 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	19	20	21
22 Bingo 7 PM	23	24 Taco Tuesday	25 Urban Elk Steaks Lodge Meeting 7 PM	26	27	28 District Deputy Clinic Burien Lodge 9 AM
29 Bingo 7 PM	30					

Tacoma Elks Lodge

Next Membership Open House

& Child / Adult ID

November 2nd 2024

Learn what is taking place at our Lodge

**Did You Know?
Your Small Efforts Not Only Help Your Lodge Grow...**



They Can Earn You Awards, Honor, AND Distinction!

**Every year the Washington State Elks Association (WSEA)
recognizes membership achievements through its
Top Recruiter Award and Plus-1 Reception**

Top Recruiter Award (Individual Award)

- Highest number of Members recruited and retained (number renewed in April)
 - Minimum to apply is ten new/reinstated Members with retention.
 - Paid Lodge employees or Secretaries are not eligible.
- The Winner will receive:
 - Recognition by the state for their accomplishment
 - Paid, three-night stay at either Winter or Summer Convention.
 - Two tickets to every entertainment event at that Convention.
 - Two seats at the WSEA President's table on Friday night.
 - A \$500.00 check.

Plus 1 Reception at Summer Convention (Lodge Award)

- Lodges that achieve a plus 1 Membership status as of 3/31/24 (60-day reinstatements do not count) will be invited to a special reception during the Summer Convention and have the chance to meet our State Sponsor PGER Roger True and other GL Officers.
- All Members present at Convention from Lodges that attain this Membership level are invited. The reception will be held at the Red Lion in Pasco June 15th, 2024 from 4-5 P.M.



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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Use the QR code to sign up today.



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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!