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#### NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Exalted Ruler	
Lodge and Lodge Secretary	
Membership	
Reservations and Banquets	
Golf Course (Pro-Shop)	
Barber Shop	
Fax	253-272-1303
Lodge E-Mail tacom	a.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	18
Reinstatements	10
Incoming Transfers	7
REMOVED FROM ROLLS AT MEMBERS' OWN	N <i>REQUEST</i>
Dropped	18
Transferred Out	1
Absolute Dimits	0
Deceased	12
Calculated Membership Total	824

#### **<u>RECRUITING/LAPSATION INFORMATION</u>**

Number of Membership Applications on Hand	1
Number of Reinstatement Applications on Hand	0
Number of Transfer Applications on Hand	0



A Message From Our Exalted Ruler

Gil Mendoza



Happy November. This is the month we make Special recognition of giving Thanks; for the many blessings we have and share, tangible and intangible. Just recently, I had the joyful opportunity to reconnect with my past educational and professional life. Of all occasions, it was in connecting with a special group of people who carry the torch of devotion to a multitude of children and families across our State, through our Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children. We had the invitation to showcase them on Tacoma CityLine, our local television station where, with a parent and child to offer testimonial, our Director of this Elks Statewide Project, with one of our outstanding therapists enlightened us on the history, operations, and stellar legacy of this critical endeavor. Simply put, through referrals, our 17 professional therapists provide in-home therapy services to children across our state, who might otherwise go underserved, or without help all together. Within a week, coincidentally, our entire statewide Therapy Team was at our Lodge for one of their annual meetings, where they said farewell to one of their retiring devoted, and we heralded their tireless efforts and lauded results for the past 70 years. I am deeply THANKFUL for them and what they do. It is without pageantry, without expectation of recognition, yet with commitment and love to some of those most marginalized and most in need.

These events caused me to reflect on an evening ritual shared with my daughter in year's past when she was a little girl and I would put her to bed. After bedtime stories, some read and others spontaneously "made up," we would end with the last whispered treasure of "what was the happiest thing that happened today?" This was our prayerlike acknowledgement, which would reassure us that we would wake up smiling in the morning, and our way of giving thanks for something every day.

There is a moment of complete loneliness that comes to everyone, every day. When the last good night has been murmured and the head is on the pillow, the soul is utterly alone with its thoughts. It is then we should all have the voice in our head asking, "What was the happiest thing that happened today?"

The waking hours may have been filled with stress and even distress. But no matter what kind of day it has been, there has always been a "happiest" thing. Funnily enough, it is rarely a big thing. Mostly it is fleeting loveliness; the honking of Canada geese overhead, a blooming rose in November, the smile from a person - even unknown - that caused you to reciprocate.

There is always something. It is the thing which helps us remember that happiness is not a goal dependent on some future event. It is with us everyday if we make the conscious effort to recognize it. For the Great Number of children our devoted therapists reach every year, it is the memory and feeling of their interaction with that caring individual that makes them both fall asleep with a smile and wake up smiling. Thank you, therapists, – for the blessings you provide to all of us! ER gil



With the holidays approaching this is always a busy time at the Tacoma Elks Lodge. There will be various opportunities for you to help with our community Charity work. Please watch for email updates on where we will need additional help. The work is easy and satisfying to be a part of.

From the Desk of . . . Lodge Secretary Lee Frankie

Tacoma Elks Lodge is having the annual Holiday Bazaar on November 16th. This is a Great opportunity for shopping and some of our Members may want to have a table for the sale. Remember Members get reduced rates on the tables.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our well run Lodge Meetings. Wishing you all the best on Thanksgiving.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

Lee



## Grand Exalted Ruler's Message

### November begins the season of caring and sharing

The Order of the Elks has designated November as Veterans Remembrance Month, the month of Veterans Day. Every Elk should know our solemn pledge of "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Veterans are our heroes!

Please find a way to honor veterans in your Lodge and in your community. Some ways to say you care would be by hosting a veterans' dinner at your Local Lodge, distributing care packages, and attending local events that coincide with your community's recognition of veterans. Remember, our organization led the way in 1917 to fund and later establish the first veterans' hospital.

Thank you to all the state and Lodge veterans chairpersons and the volunteers who help make our program for our veterans a priority and success.

Speaking of recognizing other important people, it's time to make sure the youth in your local schools are getting the essay contest information they need. Their essays should be submitted for judging by December 15.

November also marks the need to be active citizens by voting in the election, always held the first Tuesday of the month during November.

Thanksgiving is the hallmark of the month, a time for families to come together and fellowship and give thanks to God. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season as you show "Elkdom's Heart For America."



Hello, this is our beautiful daughter Ruby! Ruby was born at 27 weeks, weighing 11b 11.9oz, due to PPROM (Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes).

Ruby was put on a ventilator and oxygen immediately after birth. She was fed through an NG tube and had GERD. During her stay in the NICU they attempted 8 extubations using different techniques, Nasal cannula, c-pap mask, Heliox, steroids, dilations, etc... all unfortunately failed. The ENT doctors performed a Laryngoscopy and found that Ruby had a very swollen airway and large floppy granulation tissue was blocking her airway. Ruby's airway was 80% blocked. Due to Ruby's age they would not perform surgery to remove the granulation tissue, until she turned 1 year old. Having exhausted all options, we had no choice but to have them perform a Tracheostomy.

After 5 and half months in the NICU and PICU, we were able to bring our sweet Ruby home! Ruby came home with a tracheostomy tube, needed to be on a ventilator, and had a G-tube for feeding. Before Ruby was discharged, the hospital staff signed Ruby up for all the therapy's she would need. One of them was Occupational Therapy through the Washington ELKS. We were assigned to Lori and she has been an amazing resource for us. It was such a relief when I was informed that Lori would be coming to our house for Ruby's weekly sessions. We are busy with appointments every week and travel to Puyallup and Tacoma. Having Lori come to us is a nice break.

Shortly after starting OT sessions Lori accessed and noticed that Ruby's left side was much weaker than her right and she had a slight head tilt (Torticollis). In the first year, Lori helped us work on Ruby having tummy time, sitting up, side line sitting, rolling from front to back, touching different textures and worked on fine motor skills through play. With all this Ruby's strength on her left side has improved immensely and she no longer has the head tilt. Thank you Lori!!

Due to Ruby's severe prematurity and Tracheostomy it has taken her longer to reach milestones. Ruby's ability to crawl was taking much longer. Lori brought Ruby a mobility chair for her to use around the house. We call it Ruby's "Bumbo chair". This chair was made by George Prichard; we want to send him a BIG THANK YOU!! This Bumbo chair has been an amazing tool for Ruby. It has allowed her to have a lot more freedom. She rides it all around the house, plays with our dog, chases after her brother and I. It has also given Ruby the opportunity to take part in activities that other children her age are doing, for example; going outside and playing with the neighborhood children, going to the park, and partake in an Easter egg hunt. This has also helped strengthen Ruby's, core and arms.

Ruby is now 27 months old. She had tracheal resection surgery at the end of May. The surgery was a success and the tracheostomy tube was removed!! Ruby has made such leaps and bounds in the past couple months. She is now able to pull herself up to sitting without assistance; she has started crawling and has found her voice!

We are very thankful and blessed to have Ruby with us today and we look forward to seeing her continue to reach milestones and live a happy, healthy life. Thank you to your wonderful organization. Your therapist's and volunteers are doing an amazing job!! Ruby would not be where she is today without all your support. Thank you! Thank you!



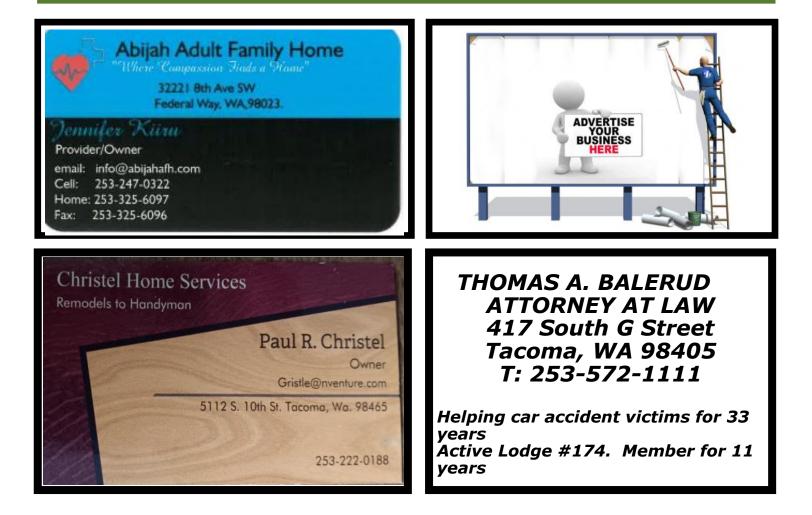
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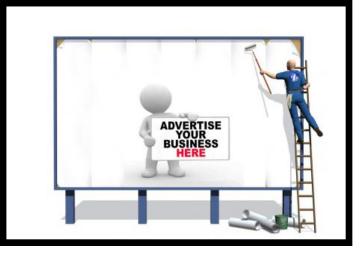
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#### PLAIN OL ELK

I've been a member of Tacoma Elks #174 for 18 years. After being involved in the officer corps of

the Lodge for 14 years and the District I'm finally just a member of the comment I've heard from many Grand Lodge is that they are just a an Elk, had this badge made and meetings. While I enjoy this badge me to thinking. What is this title title?



After being involved in the officer corps of Deputy for Central District for two years, Tacoma Elks Lodge #174. The ongoing former officers of their local Lodge and POE or Plain Ol Elk. My son, who is also presented it to me at one of our Lodge very much and what it means to me, it got "Plain Ol Elk" and do I qualify for the

To me, a "Plain Ol Elk" is an **active** member of their Lodge. This means they are involved in the dayto-day operations of the Lodge, an active member of a committee, AND someone who cares enough about the mission and goals of their Lodge and Elkdom. They come to meetings. They help organize or support activities for their Lodge members. They talk Elkdom to their friends, coworkers, and family. Right now, my wife and son are members of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174. All three of us are involved in what is going on in our Lodge. We go to meetings. We are active in supporting Lodge activities. Of the roughly 46 or so meetings a year, we may have missed 4 to 6 each year. You will also see me stand up for the good of the order. We talk to the officer corps, helping them become better officers. Just to prove my point, we moved from Lakewood to Lacy over two years ago, but we still belong to Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 and travel 54 miles round trip almost every Wednesday to a lodge meeting. We also travel the 54 miles round trip to run our Bingo program on Mondays and I come up to play pool on Tuesdays. Each trip is 45 minutes to over an hour each way. So, this "Plain Ol Elk", as a minimum, travels over 160 miles and 4.5 hours every week. Can you say this? We currently have 824 members of Tacoma Elks Lodge #174. I understand that some live further away than we do, some are too old or have medical issues that prevent them from coming to the Lodge. Even if we guess that to be 25% of our membership, that leaves 618 members within an hour of the Lodge. Can you imagine what wonderful work the Lodge can do for our youth, our community, and our military if just half of these members became a "Plain Ol Elk" instead of just an Elk? Here's the challenge to you.

Find time to come to "**YOUR LODGE**" and see what you can do for "Your Lodge". Come to a Lodge meeting and make your voice heard. Talk to the officers of the Lodge and see what you can do either on a committee or activity. Bring your ideas, your expertise, and your talents to the Lodge. If you become involved and active, Tacoma Elks #174 will grow and thrive in our community and state.

Are you ready to be a

**"Plain Ol Elk"**?

PER/PDD Tacoma Elks #174

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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"



# Special Presentations



Central Districts District Deputy Team Visitation D.D. Scott Knight, Esquire Peter Schultz & Auditor Patti Knight

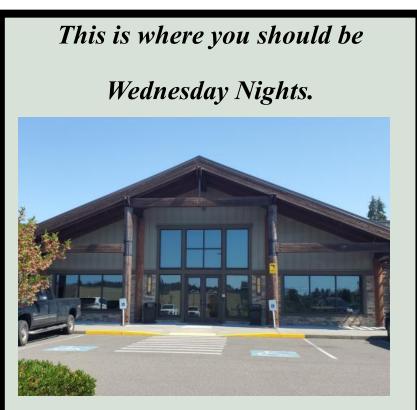




I want this done correctly!!



September's Initiation Class New Members



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 10/02/2024Douglas Cail 10/09/2024 Don Mecca 10/16/2024 Ken Buck 10/23/2024 Paul Miller

10/30/2024 William Dasher



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.





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.



# Join the Bingo Players on Monday Nights

Well, fall has arrived with all the rain, wind, cooler temperatures, and wonderful fall colors. Spend your Monday evenings at the Tacoma Elks playing Bingo. Bring your family and friends and spend a couple of hours having fun, and maybe win some money!

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 help us make charitable donations.

The Urban Elk Restaurant is now open on Mondays, so grab a good meal before joining the fun at Bingo.





Do you have a plant Issue?

#### Plant issues can be year around

Fall and winter are times of the year when houseplants sometimes suffer. Be sure to check them to ensure enough, but not too much water. Check for insects that might have entered your home and found a welcome environment on your plants. 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.



#### Join us for Lunch and Card Playing

#### Happy Thanksgiving Funtimers meet the second Wednesday of the Month

We are seniors who meet for lunch and card playing in the Urban Elk Restaurant once a month. If you are interested in joining us, Wednesday, November 13th 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 and we have some laughs. We teach those who do not know how to play "31" and it is easy to learn.



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# November 16th, 2024 9 AM - 5:00 PM

No Charge for Admission Lots of items for you to see, with some being Home Made. Snacks are available to purchase.

> Avoid the rush, shop at the Tacoma Elks Holiday Bazaar

> > Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 2013 S Cedar ST Tacoma , WA 98405 253-272-1117

#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

This month we'll take a look at the past by way of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum. There were some beautiful models that came out of the Auburn Automobile Company in Auburn, Indiana. Who was the responsible person? Erret Lobban Cord was a used car salesman in 1920. Next thing you know he was the president and chief stockholder of Auburn by 1926. By the 1930s he owned Duesenberg and Checker. The museum came into existence 50 years ago, and contains over 120 antique and classic cars. It holds other special interest vehicles and related memorabilia. Its home is in the former administration building of the Auburn Automobile Company. The building was designed and built in 1930 in the Art Deco style. In 2005 the building was declared a National Historic Landmark. The company at one time operated on over 18 acres. It closed in 1937 when Cord returned from England after leaving the U.S. to avoid an SEC investigation.



After the closure, the building was used by a business selling original and reproduced parts for many discontinued manufacturers until 1960. Established on July 6, 1974, there are seven galleries in the museum to house the cars and related exhibits including restored Auburn Co. offices. It also has on display the same Stinson Junior airplane that was displayed in 1930 when the building was opened.



### 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..." Tacoma Elks #174 Metro Parks Tacoma HOOP ShoOt National Free Throw Contest 53rd Annual



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# **City Wide Contest** For Girls and Boys Ages 8 to 13

Each contestant attempts 25 free throws

December 14th : Eastside Community Center

1721 E 56th St, Tacoma, WA 98404

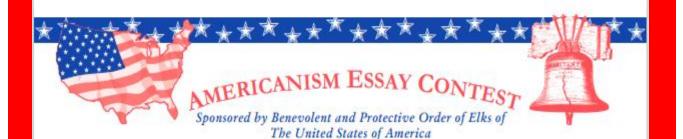
Volunteers Needed for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot. December 14th from 9:30am - 2:00pm. We are looking for volunteer scorekeepers, sign in volunteers and all around Hoop Shoot help.







For volunteering for the Tacoma Elks Hoop Shoot please contact Buddy Keller by phone 253-355-2923 or by email at <u>buddyaladino@gmail.com</u>



#### THEME:

# "What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

#### RULES:

- At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I-5th grade; II-6th grade; III-7th grade; or IV-8th grade.
- 2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

#### AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place–\$1,000; 2nd Place–\$500; and 3rd Place–\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Kansas City, MO, June 29–July 2, 2025.

#### ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2024. The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.

Sponso	oring Elks Lodge: Tacoma Elks Lodge	<sub>No.</sub> 174
1	2013 South Cedar Street / Tacoma	, WA 98405
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#### 2024-2025 Americanism Essay Contest Cover Sheet



(<u>MUST</u> be attached to each Essay)

### "What Does Patriotism Mean To Me?"

Section 1 — to be filled out by student								
(Circle or Highlight One Grade)								
Division I: 5th Grade	Division II: 6th Grade	Division III: 7th Grade	<ul> <li>Division IV: 8th Grade</li> </ul>					
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City Line Visits with the Washington Elks Therapy Program For Children

One of the Therapy Kids is being interviewed.

#### Go to the below link to watch this special program.

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# November

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# Lodge Meetings on Wednesdays

Tacoma Elks Lodge

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Vendor Tables are still Available

Lodge Holiday Bazaar

Volunteers to help are needed.





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

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#### 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.
- Deputies 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!





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!