



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Tarentum Lodge No. 644
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Elks Times

December 2025

Our 2025-26 Elks Officers and Appointees

Exalted Ruler - Greg Prohaska, PER
Leading Knight – John (Bud) Jesih
Loyal Knight – John Orr
Lecturing Knight – Lisa Lojak
Secretary - Paul Stasko, PER
Treasurer – Debbie Checkeye
Esquire – Ivan Piontek
Tiler – May Prohaska
Inner Guard – Patty Prohaska
Chaplain – Kim Cuneo
Three Year Trustee – Stanley (Bucky) Lojak
Two Year Trustee – Aaron Sasinoski
One Year Trustee – Erik Checkeye
Social Media – Kathy Gaston

B. P. O. E.

**Best
People
On
Earth!!**

The Elks: The True Light of the Holidays!

Some may dust the rooftops and lights may twinkle over our doors, but the true light of the holidays that shines forth from every Elks lodge comes from something far greater than festive lights – it comes from our members and their warm and open hearts. This is the season when the Order shines brightest – not because of decorations or festivities, but because of our generosity and compassion and the unity and purpose we share.

When we deliver food baskets (or welcome home kits to veterans in need) or host holiday dinners (and soup drives) for those in our communities, our lodges become homes – filled not just with decorations, but with kindness, comfort and care. This spirit of giving can be seen most clearly in quiet moments of charity, such as when a member slips a wrapped gift into the hands of a child who might not have a gift otherwise, when a volunteer knocks on a veteran's door just to say "You're not forgotten" or when a lodge opens its doors to those in need when the world outside feels cold and uncertain. These moments aren't just holiday traditions. They are the very heart of who we are as Elks and through moments like these the Order is woven deeply into the fabric of our communities, where we quietly, faithfully and joyfully make a difference by being the difference.

If your dues are current, thank you for staying committed. You are the reason our lodges are strong. You are the reason that hope, and service reach every corner of our communities. If you have been meaning to renew your membership but haven't gotten around to it yet now is the time. You will be renewing more than your dues – you will be renewing your promise to your fellow lodge members, to your lodge and to the people we serve. For each and every Elk, I hope we will all go out and **BE THE DIFFERENCE** in our respective lodges and communities this holiday season, thereby brightening the season for all people and showing that Elks Care – Elks Share!!

- by Rick Gathan, Grand Lodge
Membership and Marketing Director

How can you "Be the Difference" to others?

LODGE HOURS

CLOSED Sunday thru Tuesday
Wednesday – Thursday 5:00pm – 10:00pm
Friday & Saturday 5:00pm – 12:00am

ATTABOY'S KITCHEN HOURS

Wednesday – Friday 5:00pm – 8:30pm
WEEKLY SPECIALS as well as their full menu
Take-out is also available



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Tarentum Elks Lodge #644

Website: www.elks644.org



From our NEW ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE!!

Kim Cuneo, Kathy Gaston, Deb Kovel,
John Orr and Patty Prohaska...

What type of music, bands and entertainment are you interested in having at the Lodge? Do you have any ideas you would like to share? Please email your thoughts to bpoetarentum644@gmail.com and they will be forwarded to our committee.



KARAOKE PARTY

Let's make it a holiday celebration! Bring a snack, dessert or your specialty Christmas cookies to share (of course, it's optional)...

**December 20th
8pm – Midnight**

Invite your friends and family – all are welcome!!



Join us on Friday's starting at 7pm for our new game nights.

This month we will continue to play **"Show Me the Elks Bucks"!**

Our officers pride themselves on **GIVING BACK** to our members so 100% of the winnings will be given to the winners.

We will have an accumulative jackpot to be awarded at the end of the month for a larger payout.

If you have not played before, no worries – the game is very easy to catch on to! It is just like playing BINGO, but with a deck of cards sorted into 3 cards per bundle.

Each bundle of 3 cards is \$1 per round and there are 15 rounds. The last round is \$2 per bundle.

Cards can be switched out during each round.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13th at 6pm, Elks Christmas Party!!



Member Adult Christmas Party

Dinner Buffet provided at 6:30pm and open bar from 6-8pm **(limited to members who have already signed up in advance)**

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

***** 2 Prizes *****

**UGLIEST Individual Sweater
UGLIEST Couple Sweaters**

**Near The Edge Band
8-11pm**



A classic and Dance Rock band featuring former members of The Crazy Cowboy Band, the Z Bros. and The Knobs...

Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100058046358726>

Doors open to the public at 8pm



The Lodge will be **closed on December 24th, 25th and 26th** in celebration of Christmas and **January 1st and 2nd** to celebrate the New Year...

AttaBoys Kitchen will be **closed the entire week of Christmas and New Year's**. They will re-open on Wednesday, January 7th...



01/01 – New Year's Day – LODGE CLOSED
01/02 – LODGE CLOSED
01/10 – Shot O' Soul Band 8-11pm
01/17 – Cha Cha & Swing Dance Lessons 1-2pm
DJ/Dance from 2-4pm
01/17 – Bucky-Okie Karaoke 8-12am
01/18 – Painting with a Twist 2 pm
01/24 – Near The Edge Band 8-11pm
02/14 – Valentine's Dance 8-11pm
featuring Cool Change Band
02/21 – Bucky-Okie Karaoke 8-12am



Gift Certificates Available

AttaBoys Kitchen is still offering Gift Certificates. Please see any of their kitchen staff if you wish to purchase one. They will be available in \$25 denominations.

These make great gifts for birthdays, Christmas, a thank-you, etc...

Thank you,
AttaBoys, for
your continued
service to our
Lodge!!



Cha Cha and Swing Dance Lessons

**Saturday, January 17th
1pm – 2pm
Dance Instruction by Brian Lee**

followed by a

**DJ/Dance from 2pm – 4pm
to show off your new dance moves!!**

\$10 per person

(sign-up sheet located by Daily Book – give money to Bar



***Join us on Sunday, January 18th
starting at 2pm***

\$35 per person

Includes a 20" x 16" canvas, paint and supplies

All are welcome to bring finger foods and/or desserts to share with the group – we will have a table set up for goodies...

A cash bar will be available for beverage purchases

(sign-up sheet located by Daily Book - give money to Bar Technician)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

We are looking to grow our Elks! Do you know of any family, relatives and friends who would enjoy our Lodge? Please invite them to attend an event with you or bring them in for dinner and a beverage. Applications are available in the entry hallway.










All they will need is a \$10 deposit along with a completed application. When they are initiated, the \$10 will be applied towards their dues. If you have any membership questions, please contact Debbie Checkeye at bpoetarentum644@gmail.com



DECEMBER

Tarentum Elks Lodge
No. 644

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Committee Meeting 	2 7pm Men's Euchre Away vs. Owls Club	3 BINGO Night 5-8pm Soup P/U Kitchen 	4 Ladies' Euchre 	5 7pm Show Me the Money Game Night	6 Noon-3pm Kids' Christmas Party
7 1pm – Game Over (doors open at noon) Steelers Watch Party vs. Baltimore Ravens	8 7pm Lodge Meeting 	9 7pm Men's Euchre Playoffs	10 BINGO Night Kitchen 	11	12 7pm Show Me the Money Game Night	13 6-8pm Member Christmas Party 8-11pm Near The Edge Band
14	15	16	17 BINGO Night Kitchen 	18 Ladies' Euchre 	19 7pm Show Me the Money Jackpot Game Night	20 8-11pm Bucky-Okie Karaoke Holiday Party
21 4:25pm – Game Over (doors open at 4pm) Steelers Watch Party vs. Detroit Lions	22	23	24 Lodge and Kitchen CLOSED	25  Lodge Closed	26 Lodge and Kitchen CLOSED	27
28 1pm – Game Over (doors open at noon) Steelers Watch Party vs. Cleveland Browns	29	30	31 7pm (doors open) New Year's Eve Party (ticket holders only / sold out)	Jan. 1  Lodge Closed	Jan. 2 Lodge and Kitchen CLOSED	

ACTIVITY CONTACTS:

BINGO: Terry Hendrickson (412) 496-5782
Dart League: Shelly DeLancey (724) 448-3383
Entertainment Committee: Kim Cuneo, Kathy Gaston, Deb Kovel, John Orr and Patty Prohaska
Ladies' Euchre League: Terri Bowser (724) 295-3253
Men's Travelling Euchre League: Lou Prignon (724) 889-7277

CALENDAR NOTATIONS

AttaBoy's Kitchen – Open from 5pm – 8:30pm
BINGO – Doors open at 5pm
Ladies' Euchre League meets at 5:30pm