



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

January 2026

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 Sasinowski

One Year Trustee – Erik Checkeye

Social Media – Kathy Gaston

B. P. O. E.

**Best
People
On
Earth!!**

From the Desk of Paul Stasko

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)

Happy New Year! If you were a donor to ENF during 2025, do not forget that your donations are tax deductible. If you are considering donations for 2026, please consider the National Foundation. ENF returns nearly twice of what it receives each year back to Pennsylvania in charitable work – you will not find a more powerful use of your charitable donations. To donate to ENF in 2026, just write your name on an envelope with \$10 (or more) inside and drop it in the mail slot next to the office door at the Lodge. Also, remember you can include donations with your annual dues payment as well!

Fraternally,
Paul W. Stasko, PER
Lodge ENF Chairman

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Have you been thinking about becoming more active in your Lodge? Or do you know someone in our Lodge who would make a great leader? The Lodge meeting next month (February 9th at 7:00pm) is nomination of officers as well as PER Night and Initiation of new members. We are always looking for a few good men and women. If you cannot be there, but are interested, please let us know prior to the meeting.

REINSTATEMENTS

If you know anyone who has been dropped from the roles for non-payment of dues and would like to return to the Lodge, our by-laws permit us to waive the re-instatement fee for the months of January and February. Please let them know – we would love to see them back!

2026-27 DUES

Dues notices will be going out at the end of February. The good news is that our dues will be *remaining the same* for the next Lodge year due to assessments from the organization. The dues for the 2025-26 Lodge year will be \$57 for regular members and \$37 for life members. It is still an honor to belong to such an amazing organization!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

If you have been a member of our Lodge for 30 consecutive years and are at least 65 years of age, you are eligible for life membership. If this is you, please let the Lodge know by email to stasko.elks644@yahoo.com and we will address this for you.

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



Saturday, January 10th
8pm-11pm

Shot O' Soul

featuring

A dynamic and entertaining 6-person band that performs a diverse mix of classic rock/dance hits!!

Check out their Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/ShotOSoul>



Tarentum Elks 125th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!

**Join us on Saturday, January 24th
for a special 125th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!**

Our kitchen will be open from 5-9:30pm and AttaBoys will offer a special pizza, wing and appetizer menu...

BIRTHDAY CAKE and snacks will be provided as well as entertainment by Near The Edge Band from 8-11pm.

PLUS

In honor of our birthday week, you will also receive a percentage off your food bill Wednesday (1/21) through Friday (1/23). Drink specials will also be available each day to celebrate.



Valentine's Day Dance
Saturday, February 14th (8-11pm)
Cool Change Band
\$10 per ticket – see bar technician



Spring CA\$H BA\$H
Saturday, April 18th
Bucky Okie (starts at 8pm)
\$30 per ticket – see bar technician



BUCKY-OKIE will continue to be in the house the 3rd Saturday of each month – January 17th at 8pm

Join us as we sing, dance and listen to the entertainment!

Invite your friends and family – all are welcome!!



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

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.



- 02/14 – Valentine's Dance** 8-11pm
featuring Cool Change Band
- 02/21 – Bucky-Okie Karaoke** 8-12am
- 02/28 – Recycled Vinyl Band** 8-11pm
- 03/07 – Classic Brew Band** 8-11pm
- 03/21 – Bucky-Okie Karaoke** 8-12am
- 04/11 – Member Appreciation** 6-8pm
featuring Cool Change Band 8-11pm
- 04/18 – Spring Cash Bash** Noon-7pm
featuring Bucky Okie Karaoke 8-12am

Monthly Birthday Dinner Celebrations!



The Elks will provide all members with a "BIRTHDAY COUPON" to be used any Friday during your birthday month (no exceptions).

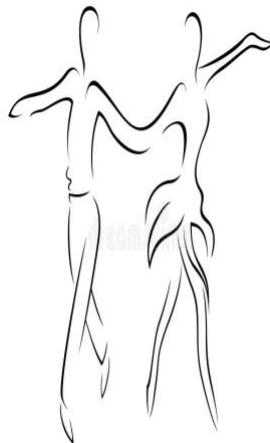
This is a one-time use "coupon" for up to \$15 off your AttaBoys dine-in food purchase (there is no cash value).

Coupon is not valid for bar purchases...

Look for this to arrive in the mail prior to your birth month.



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



JANUARY

Tarentum Elks Lodge
No. 644

2026

-	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 Lodge Closed	1	2
4	7pm Committee Meeting 	5	6	 5-8pm Soup P/U Kitchen	7	Ladies' Euchre 6pm Dart League	8
						7pm Show Me the Money Game Night	9
							8-11pm Shot O' Soul Band
11	6pm Memorial Service 7pm Lodge Meeting 	12	13	 Men's Euchre @ Home vs. Slovak American Kitchen	14	15	16
						7pm Show Me the Money Game Night	17
18	2pm Painting with a Twist Class	19	20	 Men's Euchre Away vs. Slovak American Kitchen	21	22	23
						7pm Show Me the Money Game Night	24
							ELKS 125th Birthday Bash Including AttaBoy's Pizza/Wing Night & Entertainment
25		26	27	 Men's Euchre Away vs. Krivan Kitchen	28	29	30
						7pm Show Me the Money Jackpot Game Night	31

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