



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 Skasko, 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!!**

## From the Desk of Paul Skasko

### 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. Skasko, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

## Shot O' Soul

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
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>



BUCKY-OKIE will continue to be in  
the house the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each  
month – January 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Tarentum Elks 125<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!

Join us on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
for a special 125<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> (8-11pm)

Cool Change Band

\$10 per ticket – see bar technician



### Spring CASH BASH

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Bucky Okie (starts at 8pm)

\$30 per ticket – see bar technician



## Mark Your Calendar



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!

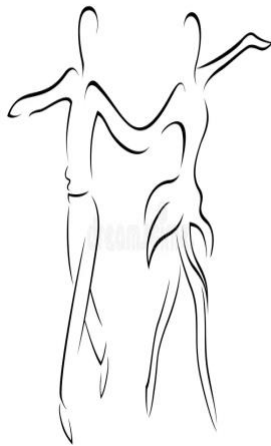


The Elks will provide all members with a "BIRTHDAY COUPON" to be used any Friday during your birthday month (no exceptions).

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 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:bpoetarentum644@gmail.com)


















# JANUARY

Tarentum Elks Lodge  
No. 644

# 2026

| - Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|  |  |   |   | <br><b>Lodge Closed</b>                         | <b>Lodge and Kitchen CLOSED</b>                           |  |
| 4  | <b>7pm</b><br>Committee Meeting<br>                                 | 6   | <br><b>5-8pm</b> Soup P/U<br>Kitchen  | Ladies' Euchre<br><br><b>6pm</b> Dart League   | <b>7pm</b><br>Show Me the Money Game Night                | <b>8-11pm</b><br>Shot O' Soul Band   |
| 11   | <b>6pm</b><br>Memorial Service<br><b>7pm</b><br>Lodge Meeting<br> | <b>7pm</b><br>Men's Euchre @ Home vs. Slovak American | <br>Kitchen                        | <b>6pm</b> Dart League  | <b>7pm</b><br>Show Me the Money Game Night                | <b>1-4pm</b><br>Cha Cha Dance Lessons<br><b>8-12am</b><br>Bucky-Okie   |
| 18   | <b>2pm</b><br>Painting with a Twist Class  | 20  | <br>Kitchen                       | Ladies' Euchre<br><br><b>6pm</b> Dart League | <b>7pm</b><br>Show Me the Money Game Night                | <b>5pm</b><br><b>ELKS 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash</b><br>Including AttaBoy's Pizza/Wing Night & Entertainment |
| <b>ELKS 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Week - Dinner/Drink Specials</b> |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| 25   | 26   | <b>7pm</b><br>Men's Euchre Away vs. Krivan            | <br>Kitchen                       | <b>6pm</b> Dart League  | <b>7pm</b><br>Show Me the Money <b>Jackpot</b> 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