



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Tarentum Lodge #644

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Elks Times

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A Message From Our Exalted Ruler

It's a bit late, but HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I'm looking forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation of all the wonderful things that our lodge will be doing to help the community and our veterans! I appreciate all the help from our members and devoted officers this past year, and I look forward to all your continued dedication. If any of our members have ANY IDEAS to support our efforts, please attend a meeting or contact me at (412) 973-9836. All ideas are welcome and will be considered for future lodge plans.

THANK YOU to all our members!!!

- Greg Prohaska, ER

From the Desk of Paul Stasko

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)

Happy New Year! If you were a donor to ENF during 2021, don't forget that your donations are tax deductible. If you are considering donations for 2022, please don't forget the National Foundation. ENF returns nearly twice of what it receives each year back to Pennsylvania in charitable work – you won't find a more powerful use of your charitable donations. To donate to ENF in 2022, just put 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! Thanks to your contributions so far, we are first in our district and fifth overall in our state this Lodge year! Thank you!!!

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 first meeting next month (February 7th at 7:30pm) is nomination of officers. We are always looking for a few good men and women. If you can't be there but are interested, 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!

2022-23 DUES

Dues notices will be going out at the end of February. I just wanted to give you a heads-up that our dues will be increasing for the next Lodge year due to assessments from the organization that are outside of the Tarentum Lodge Control. The dues for the 2022-23 Lodge year will be \$49 for regular members and \$29 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 elks644@elks644.comcastbize.net and we will address this for you.

LODGE HOURS

CLOSED Sunday and Monday
Tuesday – Saturday 5:00pm – 10:00pm

ATTABOY'S KITCHEN HOURS

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

NEW! Monthly Birthday Dinner Celebrations



The Tarentum Elks, along with AttaBoy's Kitchen, will provide a COMPLIMENTARY monthly birthday dinner, cupcake and drink for the members who celebrate a birthday that month.

You will receive a "Birthday Celebration" mailing from Denise, one of our bar technicians, outlining the details as well as her contact information. The birthday dinner will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. We ask that you sign-up, in advance, so we can plan accordingly (sign-up sheet will be at the bar).

You will also receive a reminder email, after you receive your letter, with the dates and time.

Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 12th

7pm – 11pm

featuring

Daniels & McClain

One of the Burgh's best sounding two-man bands...

NO COVER --- NO SIGN-UP

**Members and Guests
Welcome!!!**



Join Us for **HAPPY HOUR!!**

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Tuesday through Friday
(discounted drinks)

\$\$\$ CASH BASH \$\$\$

PURCHASE your tickets NOW!!!

(available at the bar or from the officers)

Saturday, February 19th - Doors open at Noon

TICKET INCLUDES:

Admittance of ONE PERSON per ticket, food (available at 2pm) draft beer, pop and snacks

Donation is \$50 per ticket

Drawings held every 10 minutes

\$50 extra to winner, if present, for drawings (except for the 7pm drawing)

**ALL WINNERS MUST SHOW PICTURE ID TO
CLAIM PRIZES**



Karaoke Night

BUCKY-OKE to follow the CASH BASH

(a mix of music and karaoke)

Saturday, February 19th



THANK YOU!

A special shout-out to Jon, Rick, Bud and kitchen staff for their generous donation of food and services to make our Christmas Party complete!!! Your time and dedication throughout the year are appreciated, and we are so thankful for you all.

To each and every one of our volunteers who give their time so graciously – you are truly angels!!!

Thank you for committing to our efforts.

To our fearless leaders and officers – your job is no easy feat and has had its challenges with the world we live in today. Your leadership, direction and example are the glue that holds this lodge together and does not go unnoticed. Thank you for serving and leading.

THANK YOU!

DID YOU KNOW?

As a member of the Elks, you can visit the national website at www.elks.org and register to obtain special "Member Only Benefits". Just click on the link above, click on "Members Only" and then click on "click here to register". Once you accept their terms and conditions, all you will need to do is fill out the form. You will need your member ID from your card. Once approved, you will receive an email with a link to verify your membership.

You can see the latest news from the ENF, what programs the Elks offer, see what other lodges are doing for ideas, etc. CHECK IT OUT!!!

Heartfelt Condolences

In memory of BRANDON McMILLAN, previous Elks Bar Technician, who is no longer with us. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends as they continue to mourn his passing from this past December. You will be greatly missed!

Our Officers

Exalted Ruler - Greg Prohaska
Leading Knight - Dottie Rogers, PER
Loyal Knight - Terry Hendrickson, PER
Lecturing Knight - Bob Morrow, PER, PDDGER
Secretary - Paul Stasko, PER
Treasurer - Shelly DeLancey
Esquire - Dave Ross, PER
Tiler - Kate Ross
Inner Guard - John Jesih
Chaplain - Kim Cuneo
Three Year Trustee - Rich Ament
Two Year Trustee - Paul Haas, PER
One Year Trustee - Mike Holmes



Men's Traveling EUCHRE League

The league plays on Tuesday's, September thru March, starting at 7pm. There are 5 clubs involved that compete for a traveling club trophy during a 26-week schedule. Food is provided by the home team. The league requires at least 10 players per team. Dues are \$70 per year which helps to pay for food expenses and a team banquet at the end of the season. A Championship League Banquet occurs at season's end.

The team is looking for players!

Anyone interested, please contact Louie Prignon, Team Captain & League President, at (724) 889-7277 or lprignon@comcast.net

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT



BINGO

BINGO is held every Wednesday, upstairs. Doors open at 5pm and the early bird is at 7pm.

BINGO has a MUST GO jackpot of \$500, and we have an all paper BINGO with a \$15 minimum packet.

Volunteers are needed to call the second half of BINGO and to take over calling back the numbers for winners from 8:30pm – 10:00pm every other week.

Please contact Terry Hendrickson if you are able to help at (412) 496-5782.

Ladies' In-House EUCHRE League

In August of 2020, we started playing EUCHRE upstairs on Tuesday's. It quickly became a weekly game. We started out with 2-3 tables, but the threat of COVID forced the Lodge closed and halted play. To continue playing, we met at various homes and grew to 4 full tables (which became difficult to host). Weekly meetings moved to the Anchor Inn where we were able to enjoy dinner and games. However, as we grew, we had to relocate due to parking issues. When AttaBoy's took over the Elks Kitchen, we were able to come back to the Lodge on Thursdays and enjoy EUCHRE now that the kitchen was open. We eventually switched to meeting every other week, giving everyone a much needed break. That's a bit of our history. The ladies enjoy their night out. We currently have a list of almost thirty girls!

If you would like to join us, please contact Gretchen Hunter at (724) 986-5058.

Suggestions for additional activities are ALWAYS welcome!! If you are interested in starting one, please attend a meeting to present your ideas.

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 Shelly DeLancey at bpoesnoopyde@gmail.com



FEBRUARY

2022

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- February 12th – Valentine’s Dance featuring Daniels & McClain
- February 19th – CA\$H BA\$H with Bucky Oke to follow...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Kitchen	3 Ladies' EUCHRE 	4	5
6 DISTRICT Meeting at our Lodge 	7 Lodge Meeting NOMINATION of OFFICERS	8	9 Kitchen	10	11	12 Valentine's Dance
13	14	15	16 Kitchen	17 Ladies' EUCHRE 	18	19 CA\$H BA\$H \$\$\$\$\$
20	21	22	23 Kitchen	24	25	26
27	28 Lodge Meeting Election of Officers					

COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

BINGO: Terry Hendrickson (412) 496-5782

Entertainment Committee: Kim Cuneo (412) 915-0138 and Rick Smith (724) 448-5504

Ladies' EUCHRE League: Gretchen Hunter (724) 986-5058

Men's EUCHRE League: Lou Prignon (724) 889-7277