



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Tarentum Lodge #644

219 East Sixth Avenue

Tarentum, PA 15084

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Elks Times

February 2023

Our Current Officers

Exalted Ruler - Greg Prohaska, PER
Leading Knight – Perry Pastierik
Loyal Knight – Kate Ross
Lecturing Knight – Erik Checkeye
Secretary - Paul Stasko, PER
Treasurer – Lisa Anuskiewicz
Esquire – Gretchen Hunter, PDDGER
Tiler – Debbie Checkeye
Inner Guard – John Jesih
Chaplain - Kim Cuneo
Three Year Trustee – Rick Smith, PER
Two Year Trustee – Rich Ament
One Year Trustee – Paul Haas, PER

B. P. O. E.

**Best
People
On
Earth!!**

A Note from our Exalted Ruler

NOMINATION of OFFICERS

Hello to my fellow Elks!! Soon we will be electing next year's officers. I would like to invite all members who are interested to join us at our regular meeting on Monday, February 13th at 7:30pm. This is YOUR chance to make a bigger difference in YOUR club. So, come on out and throw your hat in the ring and run for an officer position - everyone has an equal opportunity and it is always awesome to have new ideas and members to keep our club exciting and interesting! I know that some of our current officers would like to remain in their positions and are welcome to. Your officers have done an excellent job this past year and we all would welcome new blood and your amazing ideas. Please contact a current officer if you would like to do more!

- Greg Prohaska, ER

LODGE HOURS

CLOSED Sunday thru Tuesday

Wednesday – Thursday 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday & Saturday 5:00pm – 12:00pm

ATTABOY'S KITCHEN HOURS

Wednesday – Friday 5:00pm – 8:30pm

WEEKLY SPECIALS as well as their full menu

Take out is also available

From the Desk of Paul Stasko

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!

2023-24 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 2023-24 Lodge year will be \$54 for regular members and \$34 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.

Fraternally,
Paul W. Stasko, PER
Lodge ENF Chairman

Join us SATURDAY, Feb. 4th for a NIGHT of FOOD and FUN!!



**AttaBoy's
Pizza and Wing Night
5pm – 9pm**

9" PIZZA

Plain \$6
(red sauce, cheese)

White \$7
(olive oil, garlic, tomatoes, cheese)

Toppings \$.75 ea.
(pepperoni, mushrooms, pepper rings, black olives)

JUMBO WINGS

3/\$4.50 6/\$8.00 12/\$16.00

Choose: Seasoned, Garlic
Parmesan or Buffalo

APPETIZERS

Pot Stickers / 6 for \$6.50
Choice: Kung Pao Chicken or
Pork vegetable

Zucchini Planks / 6 for \$6.50
Pork Egg Rolls / \$2.00ea.

APPETIZER PLATTER

\$10 (choice of 4 items)
Cheese Balls (Hot or Regular)
Fried Raviolis, Mozzarella
Sticks, Onion Rings,
Mushrooms,
Broccoli Bites



Cool Change Band

8pm – 11pm

Your Compact Party Band that performs an
impressive variety of LIVE music - check
out their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/cool.changeband>

Members and Guests Welcome!!

**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.

We look forward
to celebrating with
you during your
birthday month!

Valentine's Dance



Saturday, February 11th

8 – 11pm

featuring

56 East Band

Check out their Facebook page at - <https://www.facebook.com/56eastband.pa>

\$10 per person includes water, pop, snacks and draft beer (tickets on sell now at the
Lodge).

Cash bar available

Benefits Elks Home Visiting Nurses



March – Open Mic Night

Date TBA
Details to follow

04/15 – Spring Cash Bash

Tickets available NOW at the
Lodge (see Bar Technician)
Doors open at Noon
Ticket includes: One person per ticket,
Food (available at 2pm), draft beer, pop,
water & snacks
\$20 per ticket

**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

AttaBoy's Charity Soup Sale

AttaBoy's will continue to offer homemade quarts of different types of soups for sale. The cost will be \$10 per quart, and they are donating 100% of the proceeds to their chosen charity, Robin's Home. They provide a full continuum of care to homeless, unstably housed or low income women veterans and their children. Please check out their website at www.robinshome.us

The "Soup Sales" continue to be a big success. The total number of quarts of soup sold during the first four sales exceeded \$1,400.

The soups available this month will be Beef Barley, Beef Vegetable, Chicken Noodle and Wedding. The soups must be preordered! Beginning February 3rd, there will be a sign-up sheet located by the Daily Book or you can email [AttaBoy's at attaboysfoodservice@outlook.com](mailto:attaboysfoodservice@outlook.com).

The deadline for orders will be Friday, March 3rd. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, March 8th, between the hours of 5:00 to 8:00pm.

History and Mission of the

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)



Our Legacy to the Future

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 90 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

Our Mission

The [mission of the ENF](#) is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Our Impact

Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. [Click here](#) for details on all ENF programs.

This year, the ENF allocated nearly \$16 million to fund the [Community Investments Program](#), investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

How the ENF Works

The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$288.7 million in contributions and bequests. Today, we have nearly 120,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$714.7 million.

A [board of seven trustees](#), who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operations. [Click here](#) to meet O'Kelley and his staff. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.
















FEBRUARY

Tarentum Elks
Lodge #644

2023

- February 4th – Cool Change Band – AttaBoy's Pizza & Wing Night!!
- February 11th – Valentine's Dance 56 East Band – Tickets on Sell NOW!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  Kitchen 	2 Ladies' Euchre  6pm Dart League	3 DEADLINE for Soup Orders	4 5-9pm Pizza & Wing Night 8-11pm Cool Change Band
5	6 7:30pm Committee Meeting 	7 7pm Men's Euchre @ Home vs. Owl's Club	8  5-8pm Soup P/U Kitchen 	9 6pm Dart League	10 Sign-up Deadline for Birthday Dinner	11 8-11pm Valentine's Dance 56 East Band
12	13 7:30pm House Meeting  Officer Nominations	14 7pm Men's Euchre Away vs. Creighton Slovak	15  Kitchen 	16 Ladies' Euchre  6pm Dart League	17 Birthday Dinner Celebration	18
19	20	21 7pm Men's Euchre @ Home vs. Creighton Slovak	22  Kitchen 	23 6pm Dart League	24	25
26	27 7:30pm House Meeting  Election of Officers	28 Men's Euchre BYE Week				

COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

BINGO: Terry Hendrickson (412) 496-5782
Dart League: Shelly DeLancey (724) 448-3383
Entertainment Committee: Rick Smith (724) 448-5504
 Kim Cuneo (412) 915-0138
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 5pm