



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Tarentum Lodge #644

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Elks Times

January 2023

Our Current Officers

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

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**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 2022, do not forget that your donations are tax deductible. If you are considering donations for 2023, 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 2023, 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! 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 6th at 7:30pm) is nomination of officers. 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!

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.

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

2023 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).



Saturday, January 14th
8pm – 11pm

featuring

The Donny Elroy Band

Put your DANCING SHOES on and Let's Dance the Night Away to a mix of classic rock, country and 50's music!! Check out their facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/group/s/3361665177428043/>

Members and Guests Welcome!



Saturday, January 28th
8pm – 11pm

featuring

Classic Brew Band

Classic Brew brings you the classic rock that helped define a generation – check out their facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/ClassicBrewBand>

Members and Guests Welcome!



02/11 – Valentine's Dance

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

Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 11th

8:00 – 11:00pm

featuring

56 East Band

\$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

THANK YOU!

A special shout-out to Jon, Rich, Bud, Cory and Kim for their generous donation of food and services to make our Christmas Parties 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 not an easy task and has had its challenges. Your leadership, direction and dedication are the glue that holds this lodge together and does not go unnoticed. Thank you for serving and leading by example!!

AttaBoy's Charity Soup Sale

AttaBoy's will continue to offer homemade quarts of different types of soups for sale to kick off the year. 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

Their third month of "Soup Sales" in December was once again a big success. The total number of quarts ordered was 39. They were able to donate \$390 to Robin's Home.

The soups available this month will be Chicken Vegetable, French Onion, Stuffed Cabbage and Stuffed Pepper. The soups must be preordered! Beginning January 7th, there will be a sign-up sheet located by the Daily Book or you can email AttaBoy's at attaboysfoodservice@outlook.com.

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



BINGO

BINGO is held every Wednesday, upstairs. Doors open at 5pm and the early bird is at 6pm.

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

Volunteers are always needed to sell packets, sell tickets during BINGO and to call the second half of BINGO.

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



Dart League

Dart league starts the first Thursday in January and will run about 12 weeks. The start time is 6pm and finishes up around 9pm.

The cost is \$20 per person for the year. The league does a weekly 50/50 and that pays for a great banquet at the end of the season. Join us for a GREAT TIME!

Any questions, see Bonnie on a Thursday evening at the Lodge or call/text Shelly at (724) 448-3383.

LODGE ACTIVITIES

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 Terri Bowser at (724) 295-3253



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 always looking for players!

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

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 Debbie Checkey at bpoetarentum644@gmail.com

JANUARY

Tarentum Elks
Lodge #644

2023

- January 14th – **The Donny Elroy Band – A Mix of Classic Rock, Country & 50's**
- January 28th – **Classic Brew Band – Classic Rock that Defined a Generation**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	2 7:30pm Committee Meeting 	3 7pm Men's Euchre @ Home vs. Slovak American	4 BINGO Night  Kitchen 	5 Ladies' Euchre  6pm Dart League	6 DEADLINE for Soup Orders	7
8	9 7:30pm House Meeting 	10 7pm Men's Euchre Away vs. Slovak American	11 BINGO Night 5-8pm Soup P/U Kitchen 	12 6pm Dart League	13 Sign-up Deadline for Birthday Dinner	14 8-11pm The Donny Elroy Band
15	16	17 7pm Men's Euchre Away vs. Krivan	18 BINGO Night Kitchen 	19 Ladies' Euchre  6pm Dart League	20 Birthday Dinner Celebration	21
22	23	24 7pm Men's Euchre @ Home vs Krivan	25 BINGO Night Kitchen 	26 6pm Dart League	27	28 8-11pm Classic Brew Band
29	30	31 7pm Men's Euchre Away vs. Owl's Club				

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