



December 2023

Lodge Officers

2023-2024

Exalted Ruler: Fran Milkowski, PER
Leading Knight: Becky Feronti
Loyal Knight: Open
Lecturing Knight: Open
Secretary: Laurie Law
Treasurer: Frank Gildersleeve
Esquire: R. Scott Seib, PDDGER
Inner Guard: Sue Ozimek
Tiler: Pam Gildersleeve
Chaplain: Robert Mazzone

TRUSTEES

Rick Killian 1 Year
 Les Owens, PER, PDDGER 2 Year
 Jim Law, PER, PDDGER 3 Year
 Dave Parker, PER 4 Year
 Don Langer, PER 5 Year

Auxiliary Officers

2023-2024

President: Becky Feronti
Vice President: Terri Straub
Recording Sec.: Pauletti Kindle
Financial Sec.: Colleen Gourley
Treasurer: Kelly Minns
Chaplain: Pat Thompson
Sick & Sunshine: Pat Thompson
Properties: Sue Ozimek
Publicity: Denise Witt
Parliamentarian: Barb Mitcho

TRUSTEES

1 Year Elaine Langer
 1 Year Sherry Respecki
 2 Year Pat Thompson
 2 Year Dee Covatto

House Committee

2023-2024

Chairman: R. Scott Seib, PER, PDDGER
Jim Law, PER, PDDGER
Becky Feronti
Dave Miller
Ben Carrick
Nichole Klemm
Ron Zimmer

Benevolent Order of Elks

Lodge 67

Elks Care... Elks Share ...

Instituted on May 28, 1887 Chartered on July 10, 1887



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Exalted Ruler's Message: Every year on the first Sunday in December our Lodge conducts a memorial service. This service allows us to remember the loss of members from both our Elk family and Auxiliary. This year we will hold the service on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 pm. All are invited to attend the service as a way to remember our absent members.

This holiday season our Lodge will be visited twice by the jolly, old Elf. He will first appear at our Breakfast with Santa followed by a second visit at the pizza party for the clients of Erie Home for Children and Adults. If you are in a quandary (as I am) as to which Santa list you are on, there will be various opportunities to get your name on Santa's nice list by volunteering. During the month, volunteers are needed to deliver Christmas baskets to the less fortunate of our community on Saturday, December 16th. Another seasonal event on the same day in which volunteers are always welcome is the Wreaths Across America Program at the Soldiers and Sailors Home Cemetery. Please check the newsletter for details. If you are unable to help with these events the Auxiliary Angel Tree may be more your style. This is a great way to make the Christmas season a bit more meaningfully by granting a wish for someone whom has an angel on the tree. One final way to get on Santa's nice list is to support "Bucky's Bell Ringers". When you see our ringers at the West Ridge Walmart, please, if you are able, donate to The Salvation Army Red Kettle Program. Hopefully, with all the suggestions you can find a way to earn a few good points with Santa this holiday season. Along with the volunteering events we will also have our usual fun Lodge activities of Tuesday Trivia, Thursday Speed Bingo, Friday Night Music, and Saturday Night Bingo.

Our Lodge will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day so that our hard-working staff can enjoy the holiday with family and friends. In closing, this is your Lodge, use it, enjoy it, and finally promote it. Happy Holidays to all! Respectfully, Fran Milkowski, Exalted Ruler.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: I have received notification from the Grand Lodge Secretary that our Grand Lodge per capita dues will be increased by \$5.00. Our Lodge dues will remain the same. This means that dues for the year 2024-2025 will be \$69 for regular members and \$52 for Life and Honorary Life Members. Once again I will start taking dues on January 1st. You will receive a bill in the mail to pay your dues with. Donations for ENF and Home Services can be made at the same time. If you would like your membership card mailed to you send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your due's payment. Thank you, Laurie Law, Secretary B.P.O.E. Lodge 67, 2409 Peninsula Dr. Erie, Pa 16506.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulation to all the November Lottery winners. The Auxillary is busy coordinating the Angel Tree gifts for the clients of Harborcreek Youth Services. Please take an Angel off the tree, sign the list and bring back your unwrapped gifts to the Elks by December 11. Thank you to Carol Jakubowski for coordinating this program.

Please consider becoming involved in the Elks Auxiliary. Our next meeting in our Christmas Party on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. You must be registered to attend and thank you to Dee Covatto & Pat Thompson for coordinating this event. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Thank you, Becky Feronti, Auxiliary President

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2409 Peninsula Drive
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Auxiliary Dues: 2024-2025 dues

___ Auxiliary Member \$15 (Please send separate check for Auxiliary Dues) AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please mail or drop-off membership renewals to the Lodge – Attention Colleen (Coco) Gourley.

IF YOU WANT YOUR MEMEBERSHIP MAILED TO YOU, YOU MUST INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT AND FORM.

NEW YEARS EVE: Come join us to celebrate the new year! We are going to have dinner starting at 5:30, reservation only that night. Reservations will begin Dec. 1st and run to Dec. 15th. The seating will be in the bar room that evening at tables only. The **dinners are ala carte**. You will **pick off the menu when you sign up for reservation and pay at that time**. You can pick what you want from a vast list. So come enjoy some Ryan's food that night and celebrate the New year with us.

We also have music by Morrsound from 8PM to 1AM that night. So if you are staying, please mark that on your reservation. There will be a Champagne toast at midnight. Please come and join us and celebrate the New Year!

Elks Care - Elks Share

Erie Lodge 67 donated \$500 to the Erie Otters' Military

Appreciation Night, November 11th. The donation provided 50 tickets to veterans, active-duty military in Erie, tickets were also distributed to the VA Medical Center in Erie, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans Miracle Center and the Soldiers and Sailors Home. The overall program provided over 1400 tickets to those that served. The Ontario Hockey League is regarded as one of the top player development Leagues in the world and continues to be a leading supplier of talent to the NHL & Canadian National Teams. Jim Law, PDDGER



HOOP SHOOT: We will be having our annual Hoop Shoot competition on January 27, 2024, at the Prep Event Center 501 W. 12th St. This event is for Girls and Boys ages 8 to 13. The winners will move on to the district shoot in Warren, Pa., and from there if they are lucky enough to win will move on to the State Shoot in Penn State. The

winners from the State Shoot will then move on to compete in Wilkes-Barre and shoot against the winners from New York and New Jersey. If they win then they will compete in Chicago. The winners there will get their name in the Basketball Hall of Fame. I will need at least 18 volunteers to run the competition, so if you are interested there will be a signup on the Bulletin Board.

Veterans: Erie Lodge 67 hosted the local Lake Erie Marine Corp. League Detachment to a combined fundraiser and Toys for Tots drive. The event was held at Erie Lodge and members and guests were invited from 1-4. Admission was reduced if the guest brought a new, unwrapped toy. Participants enjoyed food prepared by Lodge Chef, refreshments and games. Two bins of toys plus bikes and water tables were collected. Erie Lodge 67 donated \$1,400 to the Lake Erie Marine Corp League to be used for the Toys for Tots event.

NEW YEARS EVE MENU:

Mixed Greens Garden Salad
Bacon Wrapped Scallops
Beef Wellington
Twice Baked Potato
Caesar Salad
Spinach Artichoke Dip W/Pita Points
Filet Mignon with Lobster Tail
Lobster Mac and Cheese
French Onion Soup
Tomato Bruschetta with Feta

Prime Rib
Maple Bacon Brussel Sprouts
Lobster Bisque
Veal Chop with Apricot Glaze
Asparagus with Hollandaise
Grilled Swordfish
Scalloped Potatoes
Loaded Baked Potato
Poutine Broccoli in Beer Cheese

Ugly Sweater Contest December 22nd. Prizes will be given out for the ugliest, so come join us in your Ugliest Sweater!

RAFFLE

35th Annual Erie Elks Lodge Gun Raffle. The raffle will take place at Rainbow Gardens on February 24th, 2024. 2 Tickets will be mailed to members as in the past and packs of 10 tickets to sell will be coming soon. Please help us make this year a big success by volunteering to help at the raffle or help out in any way you can. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board inside the Lodge. Gun Sponsors are a big part of our raffle. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a gun, please let us know. Thank you from your 2024 Gun Raffle

Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday

Sunday: Bloody Mary \$3.25

Beer of the Month: Sam Adam's Winter Lager - \$3.00

Monday \$2.75 Jeffersons Bourbon	Tuesday \$5.00 Lambrusco 8 oz	Wednesday \$2.25 Mich Ultra Draft 16oz	Thursday \$2.75 Blue Moon Bottles	Friday \$2.50 Peppermint Schnaps	Saturday \$3.00 Mai Tai
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Football Sundays Only: 5 for \$12.00 domestic 12oz bottle buckets

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Parm Crusted Cod Encore Music: 7 - 11PM	2 Specialty Sandwich 12PM-4PM Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
3 Bloody Mary Bar 11:30AM - 2PM \$8.00 FOOTBALL SPECIAL	4 Auxiliary Christmas Party 6PM	5 Chicken & Biscuits Trivia 6:30PM	6 Pizza & Wings Cheeseburger Flatbread PER MEETING 6:30pm	7 Stuffed Peppers SPEED BINGO 6PM	8 Fried Shrimp B-Lex Karaoke Music: 7 - 11PM	9 Specialty Sandwich 12PM-4PM Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
10 FOOTBALL SPECIAL	11 LODGE MEETING 7 PM	12 Swedish Meatballs	13 Pizza & Wings Turkey & Dressing Flatbread	14 Ham & Scallop Potatoes	15 Rainbow Trout in Garlic Butter The Jays Music: 7 - 11PM	16 Specialty Sandwich 12PM-4PM Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
17 FOOTBALL SPECIAL	18 Trustees Meeting 6PM	19 Meatloaf Trivia 6:30PM	20 Pizza & Wings Chicken Fajitas Flatbread	21 Stuffed Tomatoes SPEED BINGO 6PM	22 Filet Mignon & Shrimp Ugly Sweater Contest Mike 100 Proof Music: 7 - 11PM	23 Specialty Sandwich 12PM-4PM Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
24 Christmas Eve Lodge Open 11AM - 5PM	25 Merry Christmas LODGE CLOSED	26 City Chicken	27 Pizza & Wings Steak Alfredo Flatbread	28 1/2 Baked Chicken	29 Perch OPEN JUKEBOX Music: 7 - 11PM	30 Specialty Sandwich 12PM-4PM Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
31 New Year's Eve Reservations for Dinner required Morr sound Music: 8- 1AM	New Years Day:	NEW YEARS DAY MEMBERS APPRECIATION: We will be open from 11am to 5pm for Member Appreciation. The drinks will be \$1 that day and all proceeds will go to charity. The only gambling that will take place that day will be the fish game and all others will be closed. See you there! From the House Committee!				