



October 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.:** Lyn Straub  
**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:** Greetings Fellow Elks, It's that time of year when many changes are happening. The leaves are turning colors, temperatures are cooling down, days are getting shorter, and many of our members are preparing for their winter relocation. The Lodge is also going through many of its seasonal changes, our patio will soon be closed in, the extra patio furniture will be put away, and the grass will be cut for the final time this year. But as the outside activities end, our indoor activities will pick up. We will see greater participation at Tuesday Night Trivia, Thursday Speed Bar Bingo, Friday Night Music and finally Saturday Night Bingo. October also welcomes the return of the extremely popular Bloody Mary Bar. Meanwhile, Ryan will be cooking up more traditional comfort foods along with many surprise dishes. With that in mind, please be patient with our servers and bartenders; they will give you the same wonderful service they gave the member ahead of you. To keep up with all of the activities at the Lodge consult the calendar in the newsletter, watch the video boards, and look for signs around the Lodge. Remember, this is your Lodge, use, support, and promote it. Respectfully, Fran Milkowski, Exalted Ruler

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The Casino bus trip was another successful event. Thanks to all that attended, especially JoJo Puskus and Nichole Klemm for helping out with gambling and serving on the bus. Don't forget to purchase your lottery tickets for November. Each \$5 ticket gets you 30 chances to win \$50 to \$500! All Auxiliary members, please remember to turn in your tickets to Sue Osimek or CoCo Gourley by October 25th.

Keep an eye out for Auxiliary members selling raffle items around the club during the month of October to help raise funds for the Charity Christmas Food Baskets. The holiday season is fast

approaching. Our next meeting and Auxiliary Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. Pat Thompson and Dee Covatto are planning this special event. Dinner choices are: Stuffed Chicken Breasts, Lasagna or Baked White Fish with cheesecake for dessert. There will be no charge for members and guests may attend for \$24. Please make your food selection and contact Dee Covatto at 833-5145 or 450-4300 (cell). Guests can leave their payment and food selection in an envelope behind the bar. All reservations must be made by November 22. Thank you, Becky Feronti, Auxiliary President

# 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 Committee.

**House Committee:** On Saturday August 26th, Erie Lodge 67 held our second annual end of summer fundraising Luau party. Members celebrated by all things with a Hawaiian Theme, food, dress, games and music. Approximately 20 members organized this fun filled outside event at the Lodge with games, raffles, and simple donations. In less than 5 hours the Lodge raised \$1,571.00 and 100% of the proceeds are being donated to the American Red Cross NW PA Chapter, for the Maui relief efforts by the Red Cross.



Pictured left to right: Jim Law, PDDGER, Trustee, Mary Rogers, Executive Director American Red Cross, Erie, PA, Theresa Czerwinski, Erie Lodge Events Coordinator, Becky Feronti, Esteemed Leading Knight, Fran Milkowski, Exalter Ruler

*Elks Care - Elks Share* On Tuesday, August 29th Erie Lodge held an end of summer bash for the Erie Homes for Children and Adults at the Erie Lodge. Erie Homes is a longtime partner of the Elks and their mission is to support people with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives. Approximately 60 clients and their caregivers attended this event. Pizza and soft drinks were provided by the Lodge. The highlight was a special guest appearance by Elvis! Elvis sang to and with the clients who sang and danced the afternoon away!



Mark your calendars for the Elks 67 Halloween Party. It will be on Friday, October 26th with Grand Larceny playing from 7pm to 11pm.



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:

Dear Fellow Elks, It is hard to believe the holiday season is on the horizon as Summer comes to a close. I wanted to highlight an opportunity to honor and remember veterans who have passed.

The Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home, located in Erie, has a veteran's cemetery on its campus. Provided are a few facts about the cemetery.

*"With more than 1,300 casketed gravesites on four acres, the PA Soldiers' and Sailors' Cemetery (also known as Veterans Memorial Cemetery) is located on the campus of the PA Soldiers' & Sailors' Home – a long term care facility for Pennsylvania's veterans and their eligible spouses. The cemetery was established in 1886 and includes graves dating back to the Civil War era. While notable as the commonwealth's only state cemetery, it is maintained by the*

*PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs."*

One way to support this cause is to make a donation through Wreaths Across America. The website is <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org> The website gives you the ability to earmark your donation for the cemetery at the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home, so your generosity will provide wreaths for this specific cemetery. Volunteers from the broader Erie County Community will place wreaths on the graves this December.

If you are interested in placing wreaths at graves later this year, I will provide information at a future date.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause in support of veterans.

Sincerely  
Peter D. Utley  
MG (Retired), U.S. Army  
Elks Lodge



**Chaplain's Corner:** I'm sad to report the death of George Maslar Jr. Bob Mazzone, Chaplain, 838-9154



## September Featured Client:



**Salina, of Elk County**

Salina is 20 years old and has been a client of the Home Service Program since she was 7! Over the years, Elks Nurse Karen Smith has provided Salina and her family with many opportunities and has been a great support system as they have navigated school, transportation, and life developments.

In her free time, Salina enjoys crafting, handmade cards, diamond paintings, and listening to music.

### Salina's experience, in her own words:

"I am so thankful for the Elks Home Service Program. Karen's guidance in my family's journey with special needs has been so valuable. I don't remember this, but I was able to join Karen at the CP Ball many years ago to promote the difference she has made in my life. I am happy that I can write about my experiences with Karen to help promote this awesome program now that I am older. Karen has been a huge part of my life for the last 13 years and is continuing to be a HUGE influence in my life! Back when I was still in school, she would ALWAYS be willing to come to IEP meetings if my mom needed her to! She was NOT afraid to speak up when she didn't agree with something the teachers were doing and still to this day if I need her help, she ISN'T afraid to speak up to whoever it is that I am trying to work with and get things done! She also helped to make sure I had SAFE transportation to and from school! She ALWAYS was excellent at letting mom and I know if there was a program out there that she thought I would benefit from, and she would ALWAYS help to get the ball rolling for that to happen! I am going to be transitioning out of pediatric care and into the adult world! Let me tell you what: this WHOLE process is VERY overwhelming, at least for me it is! Karen has been great with me! She knows that change IS NOT one of my favorite things at all, so with that being said I am EXTREMELY thankful that I've had her to talk to during these changes that are going to be taking place VERY soon in my life! She has been there for me when I've just needed to vent about things - she ALWAYS has been willing to talk me through different situations! I am SO thankful (my mom is probably most likely EXTREMELY thankful) that Karen is still going to be to a HUGE influence in my life, especially during this transition to age 21! She's not done with me yet - She is continuing to let my mom and I know of different services that I am able to get to help me once this transition to adulthood happens!"



**Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday**

Sunday: Bloody Mary \$3.25

Beer of the Month: Budweiser - \$2.50

<b>Monday</b> \$3.50 Bombay Gin	<b>Tuesday</b> \$5.00 Pinot Noir 8 oz	<b>Wednesday</b> \$2.00 Miller Lite Draft 16oz	<b>Thursday</b> \$2.75 Heinekin Light	<b>Friday</b> \$2.75 Fireball	<b>Saturday</b> \$2.75 3 Olives Grape
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**Football Sundays Only:** 5 for \$12.00 domestic 12oz bottle buckets

# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>FOOTBALL SPECIAL</b>	2	3 Stuffed Chicken  Trivia 6:30PM	4 Pizza & Wings Greek Flatbread  PER MEETING 6:30pm	5 Lasagna  SPEED BINGO 6PM	6 Fried Shrimp  Country King Pins Music: 7 - 11PM	7 <b>Specialty Sandwich</b> 12PM-4PM  Prime Rib <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
8 Bloody Mary Bar 11:30AM - 2PM \$8.00 <b>FOOTBALL SPECIAL</b>	9 LODGE MEETING 7 PM	10 City Chicken	11 Pizza & Wings Cheeseburger Flatbread	12 Meatloaf	13 Perch  Jesse Tomzack Duo Music: 7 - 11PM	14 <b>Specialty Sandwich</b> 12PM-4PM  Prime Rib <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
15 <b>FOOTBALL SPECIAL</b>	16 Trustees Meeting 6PM	17 Guinness Stew  Trivia 6:30PM	18 Pizza & Wings White Flatbread	19 Cajun Chicken Alfredo w Tortellini  SPEED BINGO 6PM	20 Jumbo Fish Sandwich  Roy Hollis Music: 7 - 11PM	21 <b>Specialty Sandwich</b> 12PM-4PM  Prime Rib <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
22 <b>FOOTBALL SPECIAL</b>	23 LODGE MEETING 7 PM	24 Ox Roast	25 Pizza & Wings Philly Flatbread	26 Manicotti w Meatballs	27 Baked Haddock  Grand Larseny Music: 7 - 11PM Halloween Party	28 <b>Specialty Sandwich</b> 12PM-4PM  Prime Rib <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
29 <b>FOOTBALL SPECIAL</b>	30	31 Chicken & Biscuits <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>  				

**Kitchen hours:**

**LODGE HOURS:**

Sunday 11AM - 9PM  
Monday 2PM-9PM  
Tuesday -Thursday 2PM-10PM

Friday - 2PM -12AM  
Saturday -11AM -11PM

Tuesday - Friday 5PM - 9PM  
Saturday 12PM - 4PM Grill Menu &  
4PM - 9PM Dinner Menu