



Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge 67 Erie, PA

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Lodge 67 Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler: Becky Feronti
Leading Knight: R. Scott Seib PER, PDDGER
Loyal Knight: Greg Kindle
Lecturing Knight: Nichole Klemm
Secretary: Laurie Law
Treasurer: Nikki Heverley
Esquire: OPEN
Inner Guard: Sue Ozimek
Tiler: Pauletti Kindle
Chaplain: Robert Mazzone

TRUSTEES

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

Lodge 67 Auxiliary Officers 2024-2025

President: Debbie Munson
Vice President: Denise Witt
Recording Secretary: Carol Jakubowski
Financial Secretary: Colleen Gourley
Treasurer: Sherry Respecki
Chaplain: Pat Thompson
Sick & Sunshine: Pat Thompson
Properties: Sue Ozimek
Publicity: Denise Witt
Parliamentarian: Barb Mitcho

TRUSTEES

Pat Thompson 1 Year
 Dee Covatto 1 Year
 Elaine Langer 2 Year
 Becky Feronti 2 Year

Lodge 67 House Committee 2024-2025

Chairman: R. Scott Sieb, PER, PDDGER
 Nichole Klemm
 Jim Law, PER, PDDGER
 Dave Miller
 Linda Nearhoof
 JoAnn Puskus
 Larry Stadler

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greeting fellow Elks!

It looks like Summer is finally here! June is a big month; a time to celebrate many graduations and of course Father's Day. It is also a special day for the Elks as we celebrate Flag Day. Elks were a driving force in the creation of this special day, and here at the Lodge we will be celebrating Flag Day on Friday, June 14th at 6:00PM . Please join us on the patio for this wonderful service.

June also brings many outside activities alive at your Elks Lodge. Bocce leagues will be on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, with music on the patio every Wednesday from 6-9pm. Backyard BBQs will begin on Sunday, June 9th. Come and join each Sunday afternoon and bring your family, friends, and of course a dish to share!

Inside, we will also continue to have Tuesday night Trivia, Thursday night Speed Bingo, Friday night Music and Saturday night Bingo. It is a busy time of the year for all, so come and celebrate with us. Remember, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it. See you soon at the Lodge!

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Feronti, Exalted Ruler

Flag Day and B.P.O.E.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country. It was through his Elks Lodge in Independence, Missouri, that President Truman got the idea for a national observance of Flag Day. *(From the Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the USA)*

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW ELKS AT 6PM ON JUNE 14TH FOR
OUR ANNUAL FLAG DAY CEREMONY**



News

Summer is around the corner! Remember to purchase your July Raffle Tickets. Ask any Auxiliary Member for tickets!

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We will be having a Family Picnic on August 17th this year, and it is currently in the planning stages. The annual Luau, also in the planning stages, will be held on September 7th. Keep your eyes open for more information on these upcoming events.

Sincerely, R. Scott Seib, PER, PDDGER

AUXILIARY NEWS

Get out your golf clubs; the Erie Elks Auxiliary is holding a Golf Outing on July 12th. More details to come. Additionally, Raffle Tickets are currently available for July. All basket donations are due by July 8th and can be left on the table under the Daily/Weekly Drawings Board.

Debbie Munson, Lodge Auxiliary President

FROM THE SECRETARY

We have started out the year with 12 new members. Our next initiation will be in June, and applications must be received by June 10th. Unfortunately we still have 200 delinquents. Please encourage these members to pay their dues so that we can continue to do the great things that we do in

our community!

Your new membership cards are behind the bar so please pick them up next time you are in the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Laurie Law Secretary

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Lodge is blessed to report that there have not been any member deaths for the month.



To all the Dads out there!

ADDITIONAL LODGE NEWS

Erie Elks Lodge 67 was well represented by Officers and Members at the PA Elks 2024 Spring Convention this past May in Harrisburg, PA. The workshops about membership, judiciary and government relations, to name a few, were attended by the Lodge 67 participants. The heart of the Spring Convention was the PA Elks Home Services March, in which the members at large get to meet the Home Services Child Ambassador of the year and her family, while presenting the year-long fundraising totals.

The NW District raised \$126,066 of the \$477,439

statewide total. **Erie Elks Lodge 67, once again, had the privilege of being the Lodge with the highest donation; \$61,000. Thank you, Lodge 67 members, for your generosity.** New Officers as well as tenured Officers felt humbled, and emotionally engaged with a deep warmth and understanding of the mission after the March. It was truly a remarkable experience.

Jim Law, PER, PDDGER, Trustee

LODGE #67 MAY CONTRIBUTIONS

And these are a just a few highlights...

ELKS YOUTH WEEK

On Tuesday, May 7th, the Erie Elks Lodge 67 hosted the Erie Homes for Children and Adults for a morning of activities, games and a pizza party. Four Lodge members organized the event that ran from 11am-1pm, with arts & crafts, and yard games. They purchased pizza and provided refreshments for the group. Fun was had by all!

Check out their artwork posted on the Lodge bulletin board!

(Right) ERIE ELKS LODGE 67 SECRETARY LAURIE LAW Accepted, On Behalf of Erie Lodge #67, the Pennsylvania ELKS Major Projects Harold W. Sweeney Memorial Plaque for being the highest capita contributing Lodge! Thank you to every Elk for supporting the Lodge on a bigger scale!



MAY UPDATE FROM ERIE ELKS 67 TRUSTEE JIM LAW, PER, PDDGER



The Erie Lodge 67 utilized the Elks National Foundation CIP Spotlight Grant for \$2,000 as a donation to the Erie Meals on Wheels Vets Program. The Lodge also matched this donation with an additional \$2,000 for the same program!

L to R, Jennifer Hoffman, Executive Director Erie Meals on Wheels, with our Erie Lodge's Becky Feronti, Exalted Ruler, Fran Milkowski, PER, Trustee Jim Law, PER, PDDGER

**\$1000 =
1 HOT MEAL
7 DAYS A WEEK
FOR ONE YEAR**

On Friday May 18th and Saturday May 19th, over 40 Erie Elks' Lodge Volunteers collaborated with the Erie Marine Corp League to place 1,200 United States Flags on local Veteran gravesites. Both Laurel Hill Cemetery US Veterans and Erie Memorial Gardens US Veterans Graves were honored with the Red White & Blue.

It was encouraging to see newer Elks' members participate and show their Patriotic honor and pride!

Flags for Veterans!



Lodge Kitchen Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday: 5PM - 9PM

Saturday: 12PM - 4PM Grill Menu
4PM - 9PM Dinner Menu

Sunday & Monday: **CLOSED***

* Backyard BBQ's outside on Sundays!

Lodge Social Hours:

Sunday 11AM - 9PM

Monday 2PM - 9PM

Tuesday - Thursday 2PM - 10PM

Friday 2PM - 12AM

Saturday 11AM - 11PM



Daily Drink Specials

BEER OF THE MONTH: Yuengling Light \$2.50
Beer Buckets: \$12 for 5 bottles (domestic & Labatts)

SUNDAY: Tequila Sunrise	\$3.50	THURSDAY: Jack Daniels	\$3.00
MONDAY: Sweet Tea Vodka	\$2.75	FRIDAY: Twisted Tea Raspberry	\$2.75
TUESDAY: 8oz White Merlot	\$5.00	SATURDAY: Long Island Ice Tea	\$4.00
WEDNESDAY: 16oz Labatt Blue Light Draft	\$2.00		

Happy Hour! Monday thru Friday from 5-7pm & Saturday from 9-11pm

June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Specials • Lodge Organization Functions • Events & Activities • Music & Entertainment * Kitchen Closed 						1 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
2 *	3 * AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM	4 Lasagna TRIVIA 6:30PM Bocce League	5 Buffalo Chicken Dip Flatbread	6 Steak Stir Fry SPEED BINGO 6PM	7 Filet Mignon ENCORE 7-11PM	8 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
9 * MEAT RAFFLE @ 1:30PM Backyard BBQ 1PM-5PM	10 * LODGE MEETING 7PM	11 Baby Back Ribs Bocce League	12 BBQ Steak & Bacon Flatbread MATT KRAMER 6-9PM ON PATIO	13 Jambalaya Bocce League	14 Grilled Salmon in Lobster Sauce FLAG DAY 6PM CEREMONY KARAOKE NICKY 7-11PM	15 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
16 * FATHER'S DAY Backyard BBQ 1PM-5PM	17 * TRUSTEE MEETING 6PM	18 Salisbury Steak TRIVIA 6:30PM Bocce League	19 Margherita Flatbread INDOCTRINATION 7PM MARK MORRIS 6-9PM ON PATIO	20 Greek Dogs, Burgers & Ox Roast HC MTG 4:30PM SPEED BINGO 6PM	21 Blackened Delmonico HOUSE OF RHYTHM 7-11PM	22 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
23 * Backyard BBQ 30 * Backyard BBQ	24 * LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7PM	25 1/2 Baked Chicken Bocce League	26 Pulled Pork Flatbread THE CARNIVAL BROTHERS 6-9PM ON PATIO	27 City Chicken PER MTG 6PM Bocce League	28 Perch Dinner KARAOKE NICKY 7-11PM	29 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM



EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT!

Bingo starts at 7PM, but come early for Prime Rib Dinner!

SPEED BINGO will be on Thursdays June 6th & 20th.

ELKS BOCCÉ LEAGUE BEGINS IN JUNE!

If anyone still would like to sign up, please contact Claire Steiner @ 814-449-7391.

Trivia Tuesdays

Put your knowledge to the test on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Drink & Dinner Specials are on Calendar Page!

Backyard BBQ's Begin June 9th! Hotdogs and Hamburgers available to purchase. Bring a dish to share, and spend some time on the back deck with your fellow Elks!

Father's Day, June 16th, the Backyard BBQ will be offering Strip Steak with a Baked Potato and Macaroni Salad for \$13.00.

There will be a signup at the bar, with payment due at sign up. Come out and enjoy BBQ steak and the fixings to celebrate Father's Day! Bob and Michelle Desilets will be your Hosts. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be available that day also.

Jamboree Music Lineup

FRIDAY 26TH

5PM-7PM ROY HOLLIS JR

7PM-11PM THE JAY'S

SATURDAY 27TH

12PM-2PM DAN BANEY

3PM-6PM BB2

7PM-11PM THE GEEK ARMY

SUNDAY 28TH

1PM-4PM MORRSOUND DJ

ERIE ELKS LODGE 43RD ANNUAL JAMBOREE

JULY 26th, 27th, 28th 2024

Family Affair Campground, 9640 Findley Lake Rd, North East, PA 16428

Contact the campground at 814-725-8112 for camping and RV accommodations! All proceeds benefit Erie Elks Home Services Program!

Children's activities Saturday the 27th from 2pm-4pm

Daily Basket Raffles, Games of Chance, Lottery Boards, GOOD FOOD and more!

Why I Became An Elk....

Featuring Mike Wheeler, PER, Erie Elks Lodge 67

I joined the Elks in 1970 shortly after Vietnam; my Father Ralph sponsored me. I later sponsored my 2 brothers, Ralph and Tom, and my cousin. It was different than the \$2 associate clubs in Erie. I liked the club, the different functions, and didn't realize until I became an Officer the variety of help, funding, and many social programs the Elks do. It's been 54 years now, and I'm still sponsoring new members.

BPOE ELKS #67; BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

Mike Wheeler, PER 1988



Jim Feronti Memorial Golf Tournament

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4th Annual Golf Tournament such a complete success! We had 100 golfers, and the winning team was Bob Desilets, Drew Simon, Bert Beck & Scott Borstoff!

Again, Thank you to all of the Hole & Tee Sponsorships, and all who donated door prizes & everyone that helped organize & participate in the tournament to support our efforts to raise money for the Erie Elks Home Services Program!