



December 2022

Lodge Officers

2022-2023

Exalted Ruler: Fran Milkowski
Leading Knight Tim Orzechowski
Loyal Knight: Becky Feronti
Lecturing Knight: Jim Owens
Secretary: Laurie Law
Treasurer: Frank Gildersleeve
Esquire: Open
Inner Guard: Sue Ozimek
Tiler Pam Gildersleeve
Chaplain: Robert Mazzone

TRUSTEES

R. Scott Seib PER, PDDGER 1 Year
Rick Killian 2 Year
Les Owens, PER, PDDGER 3 Year
Jim Law PER, PDDGER 4 Year
Dave Parker, PER 5 Year

Auxiliary Officers

2022-2023

President: Open
Vice President: Becky Feronti
Recording Sec.: Lyn Straub
Financial Sec.: Colleen Gourley
Treasurer: Kelly Minns
Chaplain: Pat Thompson
Sick & Sunshine: Rosie Tuten
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

2022-2023

Chairman: Theresa Czerwinski
Becky Feronti
JoAnn Puskus
Dave Miller
Ben Carrick
Jim Owens
Scott Shaffer

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, December is an emotional roller coaster. We begin the month with our memorial service, a time to reflect on the loss of members from our Elk family and Auxiliary. This service will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 2pm here at the Lodge.

Our Lodge will seem to be as busy as the North Pole during the month of December with our many functions and activities. We will be hosting not one but two breakfasts with Santa. The first one is for our Lodge families. The second one will be an event for the clients from EHCA. We will be delivering Christmas baskets to families in need (look for more information later in the newsletter). This holiday season includes the return appearance of "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. The Auxiliary will once again be putting up their Angel Tree to help bring a bit of Christmas joy to the less fortunate. The month and year end with our New Year's Eve celebration. Wow! But we are not finished yet; there is still Tuesday Trivia, Thursday Speed Bingo, our regular Saturday Bingo, and Friday Night Music. Our Lodge will be closed Saturday, Christmas Eve and Sunday, Christmas Day allowing all to enjoy holiday time with family and friends.

In closing, if you see a new member or employee introduce yourself and welcome them to our Lodge. Remember this is your Lodge, use it, enjoy it, and finally promote it. Happy Holidays to all!
Respectfully, Fran Milkowski, Exulted Ruler



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: Please do not pay your Lodge dues until you receive your bill in the mail, which will mailed out approximately January 20th. You can still send a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want your card mailed to you. You can also still include Auxiliary dues with your Lodge dues. If you have any questions please call me at the Lodge at (814) 833-9780 Ext #4. I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a wonderful and healthy New Year! Fraternally, Laurie Law Secretary, B.P.O.E.



Chaplain's Corner: It is my sad duty to report two deaths at this time. They are Betty Lou Perkins and Joseph Dean Fredrychowski. Bob Mazzone, Chaplain, 838-9154

AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to all of the Lottery winners. The Auxiliary is also busily coordinating the Angel Tree gift for clients at the Erie DAWN. Please take an Angel off the tree, sign the list and return your unwrapped gifts to the Elks.

Please consider becoming involved in the Elks Auxiliary. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. You must be pre-registered to attend. This will be a wonderful event and we are accepting donations for St. Patrick's Haven as another one of our Christmas Charities. I would like to personally wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2023. Becky Feronti, Auxiliary Vice President

R A F F L E

Gun Raffle: 34th Annual Erie Elks Lodge 67 Gun Raffle. This year's raffle will take place at Rainbow Gardens on **Saturday, February 25th, 2023**. Two tickets will be mailed to all members, we encourage you to sell them or purchase them yourself. Also, packs of 11 tickets will be available behind the bar, if you sell 10 tickets you get 1 free. Please see your bartender. Price per ticket this year is \$15. Please help us make this year a big success by volunteering to help at the raffle or helping out in any way you can. A signup sheet is 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 for \$50 and up, please let us know. Thank you from your 2023 Gun Raffle Committee



Veterans Day: Erie Lodge 67 celebrated Veterans Day in a very unique way this year. A local community partner, Veterans Miracle Center, provided Erie Lodge with boxes of new winter jackets to distribute to Veterans. The Lodge provided these jackets on Veterans Day to all Lodge Active Duty or Veteran members. The balance of the jackets will be added to Erie Lodges' Veterans Welcome Home Kits and our Impact Grant program, Comfort Care for Veterans, through the Erie VA Medical Center. A local financial institution, Erie Bank, provided the Lodge with Veterans baseball caps, koozies and a very generous check for \$250 to be used for our Veterans programs. Erie Lodge is humbled and grateful to these two organizations recognition and support of our efforts for our Veterans. Jim Law, PDDGER



Bucky's Bell Ringers: We will be ringing the bells again this year for the Salvation Army the date is December 10th from 9am to 5pm. We will be at Walmart on West Ridge Road at the east door entrance. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge. Shifts will be one hour. Fraternally, R. Scott Seib, PDDGER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! On Saturday, December 17th we will again be delivering food baskets to those in need. Plan to meet at the Lodge at 8:30am for any final instructions. It should take about an hour or so to deliver the baskets depending on the number of volunteers. Thank you in advance from the Christmas Basket Committee. Fran Milkowski, Exalted Ruler



ENF Reverse Raffle: We are having a Reverse Raffle, on Sunday, January 8th. Doors will open at 1 pm and drawing will start at 2 pm. We will be having food, games and 50-50's. There will be top prizes of \$1500 - \$500 - \$200 - \$100 - \$100, every 25th ticket wins money! Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Please come and have fun. Fraternally, R. Scott Seib ENF Chairman

Erie Homes for Children & Adults: Erie Lodge 67 hosted 92 clients and 20 caregivers from the Erie Homes for Children and Adults for a Halloween party. Erie Lodge has a long history, over 100 years, of supporting this organization. Clients dressed up in Halloween costumes and were treated to a pizza party with soft drinks. Mid way through the party, an Elvis impersonator joined the fun and festivities. He has become the clients favorite, and they were not disappointed. Elvis encouraged the clients to sing and dance with him. The way the clients reacted was heartwarming to their caregivers, Lodge members and the impersonator. Once again, Erie Lodge 67

Veterans: Erie Lodge 67's Veterans Committee utilized the ENF CIP Freedom Grant to help subsidize the Thanksgiving Baskets for Veterans. Erie Lodge again partnered with the Erie VA Medical Center to distribute 110 complete Thanksgiving meal items to Vets in need. These baskets provided each Vet, a 16lb turkey and all the fixings for them to prepare a complete meal in the privacy of their home with their families.

Pictured are the Erie Lodge Vets Committee left to right, Fran Milkowski, Exalted Ruler, Bob Gerlach, Pete Utley, Geoff Gooley and Rich Ozimek. Jim Law, PDDGER



Home Services - Unit 14 Story

Butler County is home to James Yates, an adult living with cerebral palsy, bipolar disorder, and hypothyroidism. James was referred to us by his family and has been participating in the Elks Home Service Program for approximately ten years.



James is appreciative of the support that he has received from his Elks Nurse Sheila Beach. Overall, he has experienced an increase in independence since Sheila assisted him with finding appropriate housing and fulfilling employment.

In a November 2020 letter, James wrote:

I have been in their program for 8 years now. I started with Ricki Hood. I love the services that have been offered to me. These services have been beneficial to my health and well-being. They have helped me to find housing and helped me move into apartment. Ricki Hood went with me for a

procedure/test.

Sheila has helped me to apply for unemployment through Community Care Connections (CCC). Sara Sours thru Adult Day Program and Camp Apple with children. I worked for Paula cleaning the offices. Sheila helped me to be on the Committee for Butler.

Community Care Connections offers a variety of services that support, and encourage, my independence every day.



James and Smudge, his support cat

Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday

Sunday: Bloody Mary's \$3.00

Beer of the Month: Coors Light Bottle - \$2.25

Monday \$2.25 Seagram's 7	Tuesday \$3.75 Cabernet 6oz	Wednesday \$1.75 Miller Light Draft 16oz	Thursday \$2.25 Sierra Nevada Pale Ale	Friday \$3.00 White Claw Raspberry	Saturday \$3.75 Peppermint White Russian
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Football Sundays Only: 5 for \$11.00 domestic 12oz bottle buckets
Order at Bar Only

December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 BBQ Hog Sandwich Speed Bingo 6PM	2 Crab Cakes/ Pot Roast V Band Music: 7 - 10PM	3 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
4 Memorial 2PM Bloody Mary Bar 11:30am -1:30pm \$6.50 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	5 Auxiliary Christmas Party 6PM	6 Cabbage Rolls Trivia 6:30PM	7 PER Meeting 6:30PM Pizza & Wings Dill Pickle Flatbread	8 Angel Hair w/ Meatballs	9 Fried Perch/ Stuffed Portobello Nikki Glitter Karaoke Music: 7 - 10PM	10 Breakfast with Santa 10am -Noon Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
11 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	12 LODGE MEETING 7 PM	13 Greek Night Gyro w/Fries	14 Pizza & Wings Dill Pickle Flatbread Monica Lewis Music: 7 - 10PM	15 Pub Burger Speed Bingo 6PM	16 Fried Cajun Catfish/Prime Rib Lisa Keating Karaoke Music: 7 - 11PM	17 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
18 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	19 Trustees Meeting 6PM	20 Meat Loaf No Trivia	21 Pizza & Wings Dill Pickle Flatbread	22 Open Face Roast Beef sandwich	23 Lemon Pepper Tilapia Bryan Lechner Music: 7 - 11PM Ugly Sweater Party/Contest	24 Christmas Eve CLOSED
25 Christmas Day CLOSED	26 No Lodge Meeting	27 Taco Night	28 Pizza & Wings Dill Pickle Flatbread	29 Breakfast Night Bacon Pancakes	30 Stuffed Chicken Breast/Petite Sirloin	31 New Year Eve Prime Rib/ MahiMahi Music: The Jays 7 - 11PM

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 1PM - 5PM Grill Menu &
5PM - 9PM Dinner Menu