



Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge 67 Erie, PA

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Lodge 67 Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler: Becky Feronti
Leading Knight: R. Scott Seib
PER, PDDGER
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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, DSVF 5 Year

Lodge 67 Auxiliary Officers 2024-2025

President: Debbie Munson
Vice President: Denise Witt
Recording Secretary: Carol Jakubowski
Financial Secretary: Colleen Gourley
Treasurer: Kelly Minns
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

Greetings Fellow Elks!

Happy Holiday season! This December will be a very busy month for the Lodge. As Elks, the first Sunday in December is always our Elks Memorial Service. This service is to remember and honor the departed Elks and Auxiliary members who passed in 2024. This year's service will be held in the dining room on December 1st at 2pm. The Bloody Mary bar has been cancelled. The Auxiliary will be serving cake following the service.

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible. This is a fun filled morning for all the children! See page 3 of this newsletter for more information. Also on the 7th, our members will be participating in the "Bucky's Bell Ringers" at the West Ridge Walmart. Please come and support the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program.

If you know a family that is in need during this holiday season, please submit their names for the Annual Christmas Basket drive. Volunteers are needed to deliver the baskets on the morning of Saturday, December 14th. Also, volunteers are needed at Noon on December 14th, to assist with the "Wreaths Across America" Program at the Soldiers & Sailors Home Cemetery.

On Sunday, December 15th, we will have a Meat Raffle. Come enjoy the fun and maybe even win your holiday dinner! The raffle begins at 1pm.

The Auxiliary is also doing the Annual Angel Tree again this year. Pick a name off the tree & bring back your unwrapped gifts to benefit the children of the Harborcreek Youth Services. Cash donations are also welcome.

Come enjoy the Christmas Trivia night on Tuesday, December 3rd and/or Speed Bingo on Thursdays, December 5th & 19th. The Lodge will be closing Christmas Eve at 6pm, with no daily drawing. Additionally we will be closed on Christmas Day so that our hard-working staff can enjoy the day with their families.

We have begun taking reservations for the New Year's Eve party. Please see the details on the bulletin board and make your reservation early. In closing, I wish each of you a joyous Christmas & holiday season!

Remember, this is your Lodge. Use it, support it, and continue to promote it! See you soon at the Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Feronti

Becky Feronti, Exalted Ruler

Monthly News

AUXILIARY NEWS

Thanks to all who bought the Auxiliary November lottery tickets, thank you to the Auxiliary members who sold the tickets, and congratulations to the winners. The Auxiliary has been very busy lately. The Angel Tree has been set up for all to take a name, fulfill the gift or provide a monetary donation for a gift. This year we have chosen to grant our gifts to the local Harborcreek Youth Services. This trauma-informed behavioral healthcare agency provides many residential and home services to children and their families across Pennsylvania. On December 1st, the Auxiliary will provide cake following the Elks Memorial Service. Our Christmas dinner is December 2nd following our 6pm meeting. Our next meeting will be on February 3, 2025 at 6pm. All auxiliary members are invited to attend. Nominations for officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee and the floor will be opened for those wishing to run for an office from the floor. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you find time to visit friends and family and enjoy the true meaning of the Holiday Season!

Blessings,
Debbie Munson, Auxiliary President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We recently lost a longtime Elks Member, Dennis J. "Denny" Rogers. His obituary can be viewed at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/dennis-rogers-obituary?id=56857739>.

Sincerely,
Robert Mazzone, Elks Lodge 67 Chaplain

FROM THE SECRETARY

I am pleased to announce that your Lodge dues will not be increasing in 2025! The first cycle of dues bills will be coming out in January. Please consider making your Elks National Foundation and/or Home Services donations with your dues payment. I will process dues cards as fast as possible.

Thank You,
Laurie Law, Lodge Secretary

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello and welcome to the holiday season! We are having a New Year's Eve Party this year; see below for the details!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Additionally, we will be delivering Christmas Baskets on Saturday December 14th. If you are interested in helping, be at the Lodge around 8:30am. We will warm up with coffee and donuts before delivering baskets around 9am. This is a very heart-warming event to be able to help our community's people in need this time of year!

NEW YEAR'S DAY IS MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

We will be having a Member Appreciation Day for the Lodge on January 1st. We will be open at 11am to 4pm closing at 5pm. This is for all Lodge and Auxiliary members. Note: there will be no daily drawing that day. Come enjoy a drink or two for the New Year!

Sincerely,
R. Scott Seib, Leading Knight, PER, PDDGER

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE ERIE ELKS LODGE #67!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
MUSIC BY TREK SOUND FROM
8PM - 1AM

BUFFET DINNER WITH 2 CARVING
STATIONS:

PRIME RIB & HAM
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST & PARM
CRUSTED COD

SIDES ARE MASHED POTATOES, RED SKIN
POTATOES & VEGETABLE MEDLEY
CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT
DINNER AND CHAMPAGNE IS \$35.00
(INCLUDES GRATUITY)

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE BAR
BETWEEN DECEMBER 1ST - 22ND

THIS IS A PRE-SALE EVENT.

JOIN US FOR A FABULOUS NIGHT
WELCOMING IN 2025!



FOOTBALL-FOOD-FUN! EVERY SUNDAY
ALL GAMES STREAMING
NEW 75" SCREEN ON THE PATIO KITCHEN OPEN

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH TO DELIVER CHRISTMAS BASKETS. ARRIVE AT THE LODGE AT 8:30AM. CONTACT SCOTT SEIB.

Volunteer with us

ALSO, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT NOON ON DECEMBER 14TH TO ASSIST WITH THE "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" PROGRAM AT THE ERIE SOLDIERS & SAILORS HOME CEMETERY. CONTACT FRAN MILKOWSKI OR PETE UTLEY.

~SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND, 2025 THE 37TH ANNUAL ERIE ELKS LODGE 67 GUN RAFFLE WILL BE HELD FROM 1PM—6PM AT RAINBOW GARDENS.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS, TICKET SALES, AND GUN SPONSORSHIP ARE NEEDED!

TICKET PACKS ARE BEHIND THE BAR.

Thanks from your Gun Raffle Committee!

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE: A TRIBUTE

As Elks, we come together on to December 1st to remember our fellow absent members whom we lost in 2024.



The Ceremony begins at 2pm

Please note that the Bloody Mary Bar has been cancelled.

Breakfast with Santa @ The Elks!

Mark your calendars for December 7th from 10AM - 12PM. Reservation sign-ups available at the bar; seating is limited; first come first served.

11 yrs – adult \$7

10 yrs - 6yrs \$4

5 yrs & under FREE

Ho - ho - ho!



2025

JANUARY 1ST ELKS MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY!

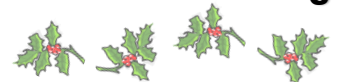
The Lodge will be open from 11am to 4pm. and closing at 5pm. This is for Elks

Members and Auxiliary Members. Note: There will be no daily drawing that day. Come and enjoy a drink or two to bring in the New Year!

trivia tuesday

Join us for a special

Christmas Trivia night



December 3rd at 6:30pm

(no trivia December 17th)



B-I-N-G-O Every SATURDAY @ 7PM

Come Early to Enjoy Our Prime Rib Dinner Special

ALSO SPEED BINGO ON DECEMBER 5th & 19th @ 6PM!

Lodge Kitchen Hours:

Sunday: 12:30PM - 6:30PM Grill Menu

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday thru Friday: 5PM - 9PM

Saturday: 12PM - 4PM Grill Menu
4PM - 9PM Dinner Menu**Lodge Social Hours:**

Sunday 11AM - 9PM

Monday 2PM - 9PM

Tuesday-Thurs 2PM -10PM

Friday 2PM -12AM

Saturday 11AM -11PM

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Daily Drink Specials

BEER OF THE MONTH: LABATT BOTTLES \$2.50**SUNDAYS ONLY Beer Buckets \$12.75/5 DOMESTICS & LABATT'S**

SUNDAY:	BLOODY MARY	\$3.50	THURSDAY:	BUSCH LIGHT	\$2.50
MONDAY:	JACQUIN'S VODKA	\$2.50	FRIDAY:	AMERICAN HONEY	\$3.00
TUESDAY:	8oz LAMBRUSCO	\$5.00	SATURDAY:	WHITE RUSSIAN	\$4.25
WEDNESDAY:	16oz YUENGLING DRAFT	\$2.00			

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

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Kitchen Open 12:30PM - 6:30PM GRILL MENU ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE 2PM	2 * AUXILIARY MEETING @ 6PM and AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS DINNER 7PM	3 Chicken & Biscuits TRIVIA 6:30PM	4 White Flatbread	5 Lasagna SPEED BINGO 6PM	6 Filet Mignon TREK SOUNDS 7-11PM	7 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 10AM- 12PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
8 Kitchen Open 12:30PM - 6:30PM GRILL MENU	9 * LODGE MEETING @7PM	10 Guinness Stew	11 Hot Honey Chicken Flatbread	12 Pot Roast	13 Baked or Fried Haddock THE JAYS 7-11PM	14 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
15 Kitchen Open 12:30PM - 6:30PM GRILL MENU MEAT RAFFLE 1PM	16 * TRUSTEES MEETING @6PM	17 Spaghetti & Meatballs	18 Cheeseburger Flatbread	19 Stuffed Peppers SPEED BINGO 6PM	20 Marinated Flat Iron Steak CARNIVAL BROTHERS 7-11PM	21 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
22 Kitchen Open 12:30PM - 6:30PM GRILL MENU	23 * (NO LODGE MEETING)	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Lodge Closes at 6PM	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!  Lodge Closed	26 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes PER MTG @6PM	27 Beef Osso Bucco MARK MORRIS 7-11PM	28 Specialty Sandwiches 12-4PM Prime Rib Dinner BINGO 7PM
29 Kitchen Open 12:30PM - 6:30PM GRILL MENU	30 *	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE TREK SOUNDS 8PM-1AM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinner Specials Lodge Functions Events & Activities Music & Entertainment * Kitchen Closed 			PLEASE NOTE: NO BAR SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE WHILE LODGE MEETINGS ARE IN SESSION. NO EXCEPTIONS. SERVICE WILL RESUME WHEN THE MEETING CONCLUDES.

the erie ELKS LODGE 67 at work



Elks Lodge 67 Volunteers at "Operation Turkey" at the Erie VA. 202 Thanksgiving Meal Crates were distributed to Veterans, sponsored by the ENF Beacon Grant.



Elks Lodge 67 Volunteers utilized the ENF Freedom Grant to host 57 Vets plus caregivers from the Erie VA Medical Center, PA Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and other local nursing homes for an afternoon of socialization, a great meal, games, and Walmart gift cards. Everyone was a winner!



On Sunday November 10th, the Erie Elks Lodge #67 celebrated the bravery and dedication of the Marine Corp 249th Anniversary by holding a holiday Meat Raffle with the proceeds going to the local Meals on Wheels Veterans program in Erie.



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION Q & A



Q: WHY DO WE DONATE TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION?

A: THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT IN GRANTS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM HAVE SUPPORTED OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Q: HOW MANY GRANTS DID ERIE ELKS LODGE 67 APPLY FOR IN 2024:

A: 5

Q: HOW MANY OF THOSE 5 WERE GRANTED IN 2024?

A: ALL 5

Q: HOW MUCH MONEY DID WE RECEIVE FROM THOSE 5 GRANTS?

A: \$17,000.00

Q: WHAT GRANTS DID THE ERIE ELKS LODGE 67 RECEIVE?

- A:**
- GRATITUDE GRANT; \$3,000.00 DONATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS NW PA CHAPTER, FOR LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF
 - FREEDOM GRANT; \$1,000.00 USED TO HOST VETS FOR EVENTS
 - BEACON GRANT; \$4,000.00 USED FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR 200 NEEDY VETS IN NWPA
 - SPOTLIGHT GRANT; \$2,000.00 DONATION TO THE ERIE MEALS ON WHEELS, VETS PROGRAM*
 - IMPACT GRANT; \$7,000.00 USED FOR SUPPLIES FOR VETERANS FROM THE VA**

Q: HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION?

- A:**
- PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUNDRAISER THAT BENEFITS THE E.N.F. THROUGH YOUR LOCAL ELKS LODGE 67
 - VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR ERIE ELKS LODGE 67
 - CONTRIBUTE MONETARY DONATIONS DIRECTLY (WWW.ELKS.ORG/ENF AND CLICK ON DONATE TODAY)

**THIS AMOUNT PROVIDES A HOT, DELIVERED MEAL TO ONE VETERAN FOR 365 DAYS*

***SUPPLIES INCLUDE PERSONAL HYGIENE AND CLEANING SUPPLIES, AND
EMERGENCY FOOD BANK ITEMS*