



December 2021

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**2021-2022**

**Exalted Ruler:** Bob Westgate  
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**Auxiliary Officers**

**2021-2022**

**President:** Terri Straub  
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**TRUSTEES**

2 Year Elaine Langer  
2 Year Cheryl Moore  
1 Year Pat Thompson  
1 Year Dee Covatto

**House Committee**

**2021-2022**

**Chairman:** Donald Langer PER  
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Jim Owens  
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Bob Straub

# 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,

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday with family and/or friends, it is definitely one of my favorites. Also, tying in with Thanksgiving, last month was Veterans Month. And, although many of us celebrate and thank our Veterans all year long, it was an honor to be a part of the various Erie Lodge 67 happenings that benefited our Veterans programs. We need to always remember all our Veterans who selflessly gave and continue to give us so much to be thankful for.

As we look towards the Christmas holiday, we will be initiating several opportunities to help families, children, and Veterans in need. I am proud to say that this is an area where Erie Lodge 67 continues to go above and beyond, each and every year helping in our community. I would like to see that trend continue this year. Please consider volunteering for one of our events, donating to one of our causes, or just being there in support. We have an opportunity once again to show everyone who depends on us just how much we care about our community and the people who are a part of it.

I would like to thank all who have been there all year long. Those who have made our events a huge success. Those who continue to volunteer their time to raise funds for ENF, Home Services, our Veterans Programs, etc. as well as all our donors. I would also like to thank those who visit regularly and support the Social Quarters. And a big thank you to all our staff members as well as the House Committee for helping to keep the business on track, can't say where we would be without their efforts. Everyone, please remember to keep moving forward, our future depends on it! Fraternally, Bob Westgate



**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:** As stated last month I will start accepting Lodge dues on January 1st, 2022. I have received the official word from **Grand Lodge that their per capita will increase by \$5.00.** If you are a regular member your dues will increase to

\$58.75 and Life/Honorary Life membership will increase to \$41.75. This year you will receive a bill in the mail to pay your dues. You can still make your donations to ENF, and Home Services at this time and those are also located on your bill. If you have questions, please call the Lodge at 814-833-9780, ext. 4 and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you, Laurie Law Secretary, B.P.O.E. Lodge 67, 2409 Peninsula Drive, Erie PA.



### Chaplain's Corner: There are two deaths to report for this month.

They are William Bucky Buchanan and Richard F. Jiulante. Please note, for every Elk member that passes away, \$100 is donated in their name to the Legacy Trust Fund, and if desired, a brief Elks ceremony would be held for the departed member at the funeral home at the request of the family. Robert Mazzone, Chaplain 838-9154

# AUXILIARY NEWS

Congratulations to all the November winners. Our next lottery will be in April so we will begin ticket sales in February. Thank you to everyone for your support and a special thank you to Sue Ozimek and Sherry Respecki for heading up this project. We could never do this without your hard work! The Angel tree for the residents at Harborcreek Youth Services is in the social quarters. Please contact Lynn Straub or Jeff Paul at 814-450-3102 for any questions. We also accept monetary gifts to buy batteries for the electronic toys, games and for last-minute children

admission to the center. Please help us fulfill the kids wishes and give them a Merry Christmas. Thank you to Jeff Paul and Lynn Straub for coordinating this project. Auxiliary will be having a **Christmas Chinese Auction Raffle** December 17th in the evening. The Auxiliary will participate in the lodge memorial service on Sunday, December 5th at 2:00pm to honor our departed members during the past year. Please join in our service. Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on Monday December 6th at 6:00pm I hope to see everyone there. Finally I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas season! Terri Straub, Auxiliary President

**Erie Elks Auxiliary Christmas Party**, December 6, 2021. For reservations contact Pat Thompson 814-833-0246, Dee Covatto 814-833-5145 by November 23, 2021. Dinner Choices are: Stuffed Chicken breast, City Chicken, Baked White Fish or Steak. All Menu choices include: Mixed vegetables, Salad, Potato, Dessert, tax and tip.

## Elks Care - Elks Share



**Stuff the Baskets:** You still have until December 11th to bring in non-perishable food items to help stuff the Christmas baskets. There is a marked container in the lobby for you to place your items in. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation you can turn that in at the bar. Thank you in advance for your help with stuffing the baskets.

**Calling All Bingo Players!!** One last chance to receive a free Bingo card. On Saturday, December 4th bring in a non-perishable item to stuff the Christmas Baskets and receive your free Bingo card. Thank you for all your help in stuffing the Baskets.

**Christmas Baskets:** Delivery for the Christmas Baskets will be on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We still need Volunteers to help deliver the baskets. Volunteers will meet at the Lodge about 9am to receive instructions. This would be a perfect opportunity for our new members to meet other members and experience first-hand one of the ways the Elks help in the Community.



**Memorial Service:** We will be holding our annual Memorial Service on Sunday, December 5th at 2 PM in the Dining Room. This service is a time to remember and honor all of our members that we have lost

**Home Services:** In September we sent a check from the Home Service account for \$25,000 to WCCF gives, which is similar to Erie gives. We finally heard back that they gave Home Services an additional \$900. That was a nice increase for our Lodge.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE:

### Merry Christmas and to all a Happy New Year!

Kicking off the Christmas Holiday, Lisa Keating will be playing Thursday the 23rd from 7-11 pm. Friday (Christmas Eve) we will be open till 6pm. Kitchen will be closed and there will be no daily drawing. Closed Christmas Day. New Year's Eve we have by RESERVATIONS ONLY, dinner in the dining room. For Reservations, sign up and pay at the bar, or see a House Committee Member. Two seating times will be 5 pm and 7pm. Dinner choices will be: Surf & Turf – (8oz NY Strip w/4oz Lobster Tail or 6 Shrimp); 12 oz NY Strip; Chicken Cordon Bleu; Stuffed Sole w/Crabmeat. Dinners include potato, veggie, Lobster Bisque soup or salad and roll. Ringing in the New Year with entertainment by The Jays from 8:30-12:30 in the social quarters.

New Year's Day is Member Appreciation day with our celebrity bartenders. ONLY MEMBERS & SPOUSES. Sorry, no guests. Domestic beer and well drinks only \$1.00 open 11am-5pm. No

Gambling only Fish. The Lodge will close at 6pm. Kitchen will be closed and no bingo. No Daily or Weekly drawing this day. \*\*\*TUILTS\*\*\* We remind you to use up any old plastic (chips) TUILTS **before** New Year's Day as they will no longer be honored.

**Survey Update:** Many of you have been asking about the results of the recent survey - A quick snapshot...Of the total respondents, 55.5% would like to see bingo moved off Saturday nights with 44.5% wanting it to remain. Adding to this result, 71% of those who regularly support entertainment (music) would like to see it on Saturday nights. 66% of those who regularly support special events would like to have them held on Saturday nights. 59% of those who regularly support table/floor games and raffles would like to see more of them on Saturday nights. Whatever is going to occur, if anything, is still in deliberation at-this-time. As always, we thank you for your continued support.



Declan is 2 ½ years old and lives with his parents, his brother, Finn and his sister, Katelyn in Westmoreland County. He was born with a genetic condition called Duplication 15q syndrome. This means he was born with a missing chromosome. It has already caused vision problems and failure to thrive. Declan is nonverbal and just started walking. In the future, he may experience epilepsy and autism, among other challenges.

Declan's Elks Home Service Nurse is Linda Cramer. Linda has worked for the Pennsylvania Elks Home Service Program since October 2020. She enjoys working with her clients and their families and is doing a great job!

Linda has shared resources with Declan's parents to help them provide him with the best life possible. So far, she has provided information about:

- ❖ Genetic disorders
- ❖ Autism
- ❖ Epilepsy
- ❖ Parent Support groups
- ❖ Parent to Parent
- ❖ Waiver Services
- ❖ Respite Care

Declan's parents say they had no idea about the help that is available for Declan. They are thankful to Linda for pointing them in the right direction. Declan's mother writes:

"The Elks Home Service has been a huge help to our family and our little guy, Declan. They have been kind and caring and provide me with so many resources I could never have had the time to research myself. I have had the opportunity to obtain therapies and care through the resources provided to me. As a mom of a special needs child, I am grateful that Linda has also provided the invaluable resource and is someone who will just listen to our story when we need it."

Sunday \$3.00 Bloody Mary

Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday

Beer of the Month: Michelob Ultra 12oz Bottle - \$2.50

**Monday** \$2.25  
Miller High Life  
12 oz Bottle

**Tuesday** \$1.75  
Labatt Blue Light  
16oz Draft

**Wednesday** \$2.75  
White Zinfandel 6 oz

**Thursday** \$3.00  
Grinch Drink

**Friday** \$2.50  
Fireball Whiskey

**Saturday** \$2.50  
3 Olives Cherry Vodka

## December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ham Steak Dinner  <b>PER Meeting 6:30PM</b>	2 Greek Night  <b>Speed Bingo 6PM</b>	3 Bacon Wrapped Scallops/Stuffed Chicken <b>Music: 7 - 11PM Steppin Pappy</b>	4 Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
5 Memorial Service 2PM <b>Kitchen Open 1 - 7PM</b>	6 <b>Auxiliary Christmas Party 6 PM</b>	7 Beef Tips  <b>Trivia 6:30PM</b>	8 Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich	9 Taco Night 	10 Coconut Shrimp/Blackened NYS Steak <b>Music: 7 - 11PM Lisa Keating</b>	11 Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
12 <b>Kitchen Open 1 - 7PM</b>	13 <b>LODGE MEETING 7 PM</b>	14 Meatloaf	15 Pasta Night	16 Greek Night  <b>Speed Bingo 6PM</b>	17 Blackened Catfish/T-Bone <b>Music: 7 - 11PM Encore</b>	18 Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
19 <b>Kitchen Open 1 - 7PM</b>	20	21 City Chicken  <b>Trivia 6:30PM</b>	22 Fried seafood Basket	23 Taco Night  <b>Music: 7 - 11PM Lisa Keating</b>	24 Christmas Eve <b>Lodge Closing 6PM</b>  	25  <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>
26 <b>Kitchen Open 1 - 7PM</b>	27 <b>No Lodge Meeting</b>	28 Pot stickers & Polish Wings	29 Open Face Turkey Sandwich	30 Greek Night 	31 New Years Eve Dinner Reservations Seating 5PM or 7PM <b>Music: 7 - 11PM The Jays</b>	1 <b>New Years Day</b> <b>Member Appreciation</b> 11am - 5pm <b>Lodge Closing 6PM</b>

### LODGE HOURS:

Sunday 11AM - 9PM  
Monday - Wednesday 3PM-9PM  
Thursday - 3PM -10PM  
Friday - 1PM -11PM  
Saturday -11AM -11PM

### Kitchen hours:

Tuesday - Friday 5PM - 9PM  
Saturday 1PM - 5PM Grill Menu &  
5PM - 9PM Dinner Menu

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