



Benevolent Order of Elks

Lodge 67

Elks Care... Elks Share ...

Instituted on May 28, 1887 Chartered on July 10, 1887



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February 2021

Lodge Officers

2020-2021

Exalted Ruler:	Dave Parker PER
Leading Knight	Bob Westgate
Loyal Knight:	Fran Milkowski
Lecturing Knight:	Tim Orzechowski
Secretary:	Laurie Law
Treasurer:	Frank Gildersleeve
Esquire:	Donald Langer PER
Inner Guard:	Sue Ozimek
Tiler	Heather Moyer
Chaplain:	Robert Mazzone

TRUSTEES

Jim Law PER, DSVP	1 Year
Paul Onorato	2 Year
R. Scott Seib PER, DDGER	3 Year
Rick Killian	4 Year
Les Owens, PER, PDDGER	5 Year

Auxiliary Officers

2020-2021

President:	Terri Straub
Vice President:	Becky Feronti
Recording Sec.:	Chris Kifer
Financial Sec.:	Colleen Gourley
Treasurer:	Sherry Respecki
Chaplain:	Janet Wolf
Sick & Sunshine:	Rosie Tuten
Properties:	Sue Ozimek
Publicity:	Denise Witt
Parliamentarian:	Barb Mitcho

TRUSTEES

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

House Committee

2020-2021

Chairman:	Scott Shaffer Theresa Czerwinski Laurie Law Fran Milkowski Dave Miller Jim Owens Bob Westgate
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Exalted Ruler's Message: On behalf of the entire Parker family, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the love, and condolences my family received after the passing of Allen Parker, our father, and husband. Your thoughts and prayers were felt and made a difference for all of us during this difficult time. We thank you all.

Many of you know that our spring and fall state conventions along with the national convention were cancelled last year. Normally, the spring and fall state conventions many individual Lodge awards and recognitions are announced during the meetings. I am proud to announce that Erie Lodge 67 again has been recognized for all our achievements with the prestigious All American Lodge designation. This award is a culmination of what the Benevolent Protective of Elks are chartered to exemplify in the community. Congrats to all the members, without your support we would not be the Lodge we are today.

February marks the nominations and elections for new officers, I wish them all well and remind them all to keep Erie Lodge on track for being an All American Lodge. Good luck to all. As we wind down our fiscal year of unprecedented challenges, we truly need everyone's extra support in order to get back to doing Elks 67 regular order of business, charitable efforts in our community and having fun. Fraternaly yours,
David Parker, ER, PER

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: Just a reminder that I am accepting dues for the new fiscal year 2021-2022. Dues for a regular member are \$53.75 and for Life member \$36.75. This is a great time to also make your donations to ENF and Home Services.

I have had some members ask about taking an Absolute Demit. In order to take the demit, your **DUES MUST BE CURRENT**. You will need to send a request to me, and I will then read it on the Lodge floor. What does an Absolute Demit mean? Actually, it is the proper way to leave the Elk's, but remember, according to statutes, once you leave the Elk's you are no longer permitted to go into an Elk's lodge unless it is for a private event. If you decide to renew your membership, you will keep the Years you have already accumulated, and you will not have to pay a reinstatement fee. How does the Lodge benefit? If you just drop your membership the Lodge is required to pay your per capita dues for the year after you leave. If you take a demit, we do not have to pay that fee. (on April, 1st the Lodge will be required to pay \$19 for every delinquent membership that we have on March 31st, 2021. Which right now stands at approximately 160 members, so approximately \$3,000.) So, in short, if you are planning to drop your membership for 2021-2022 you need to request an Absolute Demit before March 22nd. If you have questions, please contact me. Fraternaly, Laurie Law

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hoping this new year finds everyone doing well and staying safe. Now that it is coming to the time for membership renewals, I would like to inform you that you can send your membership payment to the lodge to the attention of Colleen Gourley. Dues remain \$15.00 and of course, if you want your membership mailed to you please include a self-addressed envelope. New Membership Application requests are behind the bar, ask the bartender. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be February 2nd at 6:00 pm as Government Guidelines allow.
Terri Straub, Auxiliary President



Annual Gun Raffle: The 33rd annual Raffle is a Calendar Raffle planned for the month of March 2021. We have printed 5,000 tickets

with two chances to win on each ticket, based on the PA Pick 4 evening drawing each day throughout the month of March. The tickets are \$10 each and will be sold up to **February 26th, 2021**. We need to sell all tickets, to provide the Lodge with a successful raffle and maintain the largest fundraiser for Lodge 67. We need everyone's help with ticket sales. Packs of 10 are available at the Lodge behind the bar and while the **Lodge is closed** you can pick up the tickets at PARKER'S GARAGE during their regular business hours. For every 10 tickets sold, the sellers name will be entered into a seller's drawing. The sellers drawing will be held on **March 5th, 2021** at 8:00 pm at the Lodge. The committee is giving away a \$1,000 cash prize or a choice of 3 other equal value prize packages from Edinboro Outdoors. It is very important that we track ticket sales closely, so we need

everyone to fill out ticket envelopes with complete sellers' Information. We need all tickets to be returned to the Lodge by **Feb 26th, 2021**. Any tickets returned after March 1st will not be honored. So please return tickets before the Raffle begins on March 1st.

The Committee would like to thank all our Sponsors that have helped over the past years to make this Event GREAT. We are in need of Sponsors for any dollar amount to help with this year's Gun Raffle. Please consider which level is good for you. Platinum \$300 +, Gold \$200 +, Silver \$100 +, and Bronze \$50 +. Thank you for your support with this Calendar Raffle. If you have any question or need larger amounts of tickets, please contact one of our committee members. Your Gun Raffle Committee Chairmen Doug Miller, Chairman, 814434-3543, doug.miller@CSiiND.com, Don Langer, Co-Chair, 814-392-2947, donlanger24@gmail.com, Tim Parker, Co-Chair, 814-881-2726, parkerjgc@roadrunner.com.



Veterans: Erie Lodge 67 completed another year of supporting our Veterans. Using the \$10,000 Impact Grant, Lodge 67 partnered with the VA Medical Center of Erie provided over 100 low-income Veterans and their families with personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and pandemic related products. Erie Lodge managed the program, partnered with Tops Markets, and provided the volunteers to pick and pack the kits and transport to the Erie VA. The VA handled all the logistics, providing a revolving list of needs to the Lodge, and distribution of the kits through their home care visitation program. The products supplied are not funded through any of the Federal or State assistance programs therefore, our program helps with their budgets reducing the questions of whether I buy food or hygiene products. Jim Law, DSV, Trustee Erie Lodge 67

From The PER's: Monday, February 8th, nominations for officers will be held at our regular Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions, Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, 5 Year Trustee. All candidates will need to be a member in good standing and have a nomination from a member in good standing at the meeting on February 8th. At this point, we have candidates for all positions except the Esteemed Lecturing Knight Officer. Anyone interested in this or any of the other positions you are encouraged and welcome to attend the meeting. Any questions regarding the officer's roles and responsibilities, please contact any of the PER's. **All nominations will be closed at the conclusion of the meeting on the 8th.** Any chair officer that has not received a nomination will remain open and Grand Lodge Statutes will be followed for future nominations and elections of open officers. Elections of the nominated officers will be held Monday, February 22nd at our regular scheduled Lodge meeting at 7:00 PM.



Chaplain's Corner: I have two deaths to report this month. They are Stanley Mackowski and Alan Gregg Jr. 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

Elks Care - Elks Share

From the Grand Lodge, Erie was again recognized for exceeding the Grand Exalted Ruler's ENF per capita. ENF's mission is to build stronger communities. They fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. They help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. Great job everyone. Another very near and dear award we received was from Maureen DeStefanino, State Chairperson for PA Elks Home Services. We received recognition for exceeding the states per capita goal. Erie Lodge 67 truly leads the way across the state for Home Services, another huge thank you! Jim Law, DSVP, PER



It was a very good reopening in January based on these difficult operating conditions that we are still required to follow. We will be adding a few additional items this month to the menu in observance of Lent. Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday and the Lodge will open at 11AM and the Kitchen will open at 11:30AM for serving our fried Haddock Sandwiches. We are also looking at restarting Karaoke this month, while following social distancing guidelines and using disposable microphone covers to help keep our members safe. Stay tuned for updates about this pending event.

Remember that we will still have several limitations placed on us by State Officials that are beyond our control that are still in effect while visiting the Lodge:

- Members wishing to consume alcohol must order food from the menu – stated differently, no food, no drink.
- Masks remain mandatory while Members are not seated.
- Indoor seating capacity is still limited in the Lodge.
- Please follow all posted signs in the Lodge regarding social distancing.
- Do not move any tables or chairs.

**Keep up to date - Facebook @Erie Elks Lodge 67 or
Website: www.elks67.org**

Happy Hour 5-7 Tuesday through Friday

Beer of the Month - Miller High Life - \$2.25

Tuesday \$1.75 - 16oz draft
Yuengling







Wednesday \$2.75- 6 oz
Moscato

Thursday \$2.50
Pinnacle Raspberry

Friday \$2.50
Truly Wildberry

Saturday \$4.00
White Russian

February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Auxiliary Meeting 6 PM Meat Loaf	3 PER Meeting 6:30PM Meat Loaf Sandwich	4 Speed Bingo Taco Night 	5 Steak Night	6 Chicken Parmesan Bingo 7PM
7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED LODGE MEETING 7 PM Nominations of officers	9 City Chicken	10 Smothered Prime Rib Sub	11 Greek Night 	12 Steak Night	13 Gnocchi & Meatballs Bingo 7PM
14 CLOSED 	15 CLOSED	16 Roasted Chicken Breast	17 Ash Wednesday Fried Haddock Sandwich 	18 Speed Bingo Taco Night 	19 Appetizer - Mini Crab Cakes Dinner: Coconut Shrimp or Baked Cod	20 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED LODGE MEETING 7 PM Elections of Officers	23 City Chicken	24 Smothered Prime Rib Sub	25 Greek Night 	26 Appetizer - Mini Crab Cakes Dinner: Coconut Shrimp or Baked Cod	27 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM
28 CLOSED	ASH Wednesday 2/17 - Lodge Opens 11:00AM & Kitchen Open: 11:30AM - 8PM. Fried Haddock Sandwiches served all Day					

Kitchen hours 4:00pm - 8:00pm, Tuesday - Friday & Saturday 1PM - 8PM. There will be an amended version of our menu during kitchen hours along with specials available daily. There will also be a \$1.00 bar menu available during all hours that we are open.

NEW LODGE HOURS: Sunday & Monday - **CLOSED** Friday - 3PM - 10PM
Tuesday - Thursday - 3PM - 9PM Saturday - 1PM - 10PM



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Next Newsletter Submission Deadline:

Monday, February 15, 2021
 E-mail: ralphted773@gmail.com



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REMEMBER TO CLIP OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT WITH YOUR DUES.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM 2021 - 2022

Membership #: _____
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 Name: (member #1) _____ Phone: _____ Veteran: __yes __no
 Name: (member #2) _____ Phone: _____ Veteran: __yes __no
 Name: (auxiliary#1) _____ Phone: _____
 Name: (auxiliary#2) _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ e-mail: (opt.) _____
 City, State, Zip _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY 2021-2022 dues

- Regular Member **\$53.75** (2021) Annual Nat'l Foundation Pledge \$10 (optional)
 Life & Honorary Member **\$36.75** (2021) Home Services Donation \$10 (optional)
 Auxiliary Member \$15 (Please send separate checks for Membership and Auxiliary Dues) AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please mail or drop-off membership renewals to the Lodge – Attention: Laurie Law Thank You

IF YOU WANT YOUR MEMEBERSHIP MAILED TO YOU, YOU MUST INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT AND FORM.