



January 2023

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,
 As we look one last time in the rearview mirror, let us remember the special times spent with family and friends. We will carry those memories with us forever as we enter 2023 with a clean slate. The unknown future of the new year will be filled with many questions and uncertainty. As Elks, we embrace the upcoming challenges along with the discovery of new problem solving strategies while continuing to move forward.

January will be full of fun events for all to enjoy. We will be having a Reverse Raffle benefiting ENF and the Jack Frost Gala allowing us to reminisce about a time when we "dressed up" in our "fancy" clothes for a special evening out with friends. The Hoop Shoot will make its return later in the month. There will also be a Soup Cook-Off for all of you home cooks with a competition worthy recipe. A sneak peak at February has the return of the Chili Cook-Off for you chili lovers and the ever popular Gun Raffle at Rainbow Gardens!! These merry-making activities are added to our old standbys of Tuesday Trivia, Thursday Speed Bingo, Friday Night Music, and our always popular Saturday Night Bingo.

In closing, let us borrow a line from that famous New Year's Eve song, Old Lang Syne, "We'll take a cup of kindness yet", we will raise a glass and toast the past and look forward to the future. The year 2023 is a new beginning. Let's challenge ourselves to make it better than last year. Continue checking the Lodge calendars, information screens in the lobby and behind the bar, and social media that way you will always be up to date on what's happening helping you to ward off the winter blues and enjoy your time at your Lodge. Happy New Year 2023 and enjoy the ride! Fraternally Yours, Fran Milkowski, Exulted Ruler



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK: Billing from Grand Lodge for dues for 2022/2023 Lodge year will be mailed out approximately January 20th. Your payments will continue to come to the Lodge so you will still be able to pay auxiliary dues with a second check and you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want you membership card mailed to you. I hope that you all have a happy and healthy New Year! Laurie Law, Secretary B.P.O.E. Lodge 67, 2409 Peninsula Dr. Erie, Pa 16506



Chaplain's Corner: It is my sad duty to report three deaths at this time, they are Victoria Fabrizio, Daniel Petrush and Richard Heidi. Bob Mazzone, Chaplain, 838-9154

AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Season! A special thank you to Pat Thompson and Dee Covatto for coordinating the wonderful Auxiliary Christmas Party. It was a beautiful evening of friendship & socializing. Members also brought gifts and monetary donations that were delivered to St Patrick's Haven. Lyn Straub did a fabulous job coordinating this year's Angel Tree for Erie DAWN. Lyn and her husband Jeff, put in countless hours to make this charitable event so meaningful! Thank you everyone that purchased and contributed gifts, you made 29 families, clients of Erie DAWN a great Christmas. And a special "shout out" to all that helped wrap the gifts! Looking forward to seeing you at our next meetings on January 2nd and February 6th at 6:00 PM. As the New Year begins, I wish you a Healthy and Prosperous 2023! Becky Feronti, Auxiliary Vice President

RAFFLE

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

Elks Care Elks Share: Erie Lodge 67 again had the fortunate opportunity to have two special guests from the North Pole visit Erie Lodge 67. The Lodge was honored to have these guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus so close to the big day! Breakfast was served to 36 Erie Lodge Members children, grandchildren along with the 38 Lodge Members and guests. Prior to eating, each child completed a letter to Santa letting Santa know they were on the "good" list! Santa spent time with each child and provided them with a special toy. Fun was had by all.

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. Jim Law, PDDGER

Elks Care - Elks Share

Veterans Committee: Erie Lodge 67 Veterans Committee along with many other organizations, volunteered on Saturday December 17th at the cemetery at the PA Soldiers and Sailors Home in Erie, PA for the annual wreath laying ceremony. This was a large community event as 1,349 wreaths were placed at gravesites meant to honor and remember those who have served and have since passed. The cemetery at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home is a particularly significant one with dates of those buried going back as far as the Civil War era.

Salvation Army: On Saturday December 12th, sixteen Erie Lodge 67 Members volunteered in pairs to cover an 8 hour shift as Salvation Army Red Kettle bell ringers. Absent Member. PER William, "Bucky" Buchanon was instrumental in maintaining this long standing partnership between the Erie Elks Lodge and the Salvation Army for over 30 years. This year, in recognition, "Bucky's Bell Ringers" was embroidered on the Lodge aprons in fond remembrance. In addition, Lodge 67 donated \$500.00 to the Salvation Army's efforts to aid those in our local community

EHCA: On Tuesday, December 20th, Erie Lodge 67 hosted a Christmas party for Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Clients and Caregivers. There were 65 clients accompanied by their 63 caregivers. The festivities included hands-on crafts, music, food, dancing and best of all, Santa took time out of his very busy schedule to visit with all. The excitement level was high for not only the Clients but the Caregivers and Lodge Members as well. This partnership dates back over 30 years! What a wonderful day! Jim Law PDDGER, Erie Lodge 67

House Committee: January 1st is Member Appreciation day from 11am-5pm, \$2 draft beers and rail drinks. Also, with prices increasing, this year we will be increasing our prices on all beer and soda by .25 cents Effective January 1, 2023.

Don't forget on Sunday, January 8th our Reversal Raffle, 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 each or 3 tickets for \$25. please come and have fun.

Also, there will be a Jack Frost Adult Prom Gala Friday, January 20th from 6pm-11pm Dinner prepared by Chef Nick & staff. Music by Mark Morris Limited tickets are \$50/ea, purchase

your ticket from any House Committee member.

There will be a Soup Cook Off Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 1pm-4pm. Prepare your best soup and judge the competition, will you take 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. See you there. More details will be posted on bulletin board

Home Services - Unit 8 Story

Cindy Reisinger of Perry County has been a client of Elks Home Service Program Nurse Mary Olley since June 2020. Just before Mary's first meeting with the Reisingers, Cindy's father, Kevin, had been awarded full custody of her. Kevin spoke with Nurse Mary the following day, and she immediately got to work to help him obtain the necessary equipment for daily living and the management of Cindy's Kleefstra Syndrome.

Nurse Mary assisted Kevin with getting ramps installed at his home, a wheelchair, wipes (despite a shortage), and the location of a dental care provider to address Cindy's specific needs.

A letter received from Kevin:

One of the best things to ever happen to my daughter was being helped by Mary Ollie! Mrs. Ollie has helped with making Cindy's life a more productive, more comfortable life! Mary was instrumental with helping me with issues that arose with my daughter Cindy. Mary's knowledge of resources and medical affiliated professionals in our area that can provide care for Cindy is truly a blessing.



From finding Cindy a wheelchair and shower chair, to having a part with helping me with wheelchair ramps at my residence, to getting Cindy a case of baby wipes to finding links to medical professionals. A major problem was finding a dentist who works with special needs children. Mrs. Ollie resourced me to an amazing dental practice that I feel comfortable with that has an outstanding resume with my daughters' current dental situation.

To say Mary Ollie is a blessing for my daughter is an understatement! Mary goes above and beyond helping others!

*Thank you
Kevin Reisinger & Cynthia Reisinger*

Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday

Sunday: Bloody Mary's \$3.00

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

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| Monday \$2.25 Christian Brother Brandi | Tuesday \$2.25 Canadian Club | Wednesday \$1.75 Coors Light Draft 16oz | Thursday \$2.50 Jamaican Me Happy | Friday \$4.75 Merlot 8oz | Saturday \$3.00 Spiced Rum Eggnog |
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Football Sundays Only: 5 for \$12.00 domestic 12oz bottle buckets

Order at Bar Only

January 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 Happy New Year Member Appreciation Day 11am - 5pm  | 2 Auxiliary Meeting 6PM | 3 Pot Roast Trivia 6:30PM | 4 PER Meeting 6:30PM Pizza & Wing Night Bacon Cheeseburger Flatbread | 5 Mac Daddy Wrap Speed Bingo 6PM | 6 Baked Whitefish/ Stuffed Chicken Breast Encore Music: 7 - 10PM | 7 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM |
| 8 Reversal Raffle 2PM Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM | 9 LODGE MEETING 7 PM | 10 Tacos | 11 Pizza & Wing Night Bacon Cheeseburger Flatbread | 12 Veggie Lasagna/ Fried Ravioli | 13 Fried Perch/ Petite Sirloin Geeks Unplugged Music: 7 - 10PM | 14 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM |
| 15 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM | 16 Trustees Meeting 6PM | 17 Stuffed Peppers Trivia 6:30PM | 18 Pizza & Wing Night Bacon Cheeseburger Flatbread Indoctrination 7PM | 19 Piggy Back Burger Speed Bingo 6PM | 20 Lemon Pepper Tilapia Jack Frost Adult Gala 6 -11PM Music: Mark Morris 7 - 11PM | 21 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM |
| 22 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM | 23 LODGE MEETING/ Initiation 7 PM | 24 Chicken & Biscuits | 25 Pizza & Wing Night Bacon Cheeseburger Flatbread | 26 Bacon Cheeseburger Sub | 27 Steak & Shrimp Parm Jesse Music: 7 - 11PM | 28 Prime Rib Bingo 7PM |
| 29 Soup Cook Off 1- 4PM Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM | 30 | 31 Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich | | | | |

Kitchen hours:

Tuesday - Friday 5PM - 9PM

Saturday 1PM - 5PM Grill Menu &

5PM - 9PM Dinner Menu

LODGE HOURS:

Sunday 11AM - 9PM

Monday 2PM-9PM

Tuesday -Thursday 2PM-10PM

Friday - 2PM -12AM

Saturday -11AM -11PM