



November 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 Schaefer

# 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, November already! Trees are now mostly leafless, a cold nip is the air, and the holiday season will soon begin. Some noticeable dates in November are; November 10<sup>th</sup> the Birthday of the United States Marine Corps, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day (formerly known as Armistice Day), and November 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day a day to gather with family and friends and be grateful for all that we have. Our Lodge will be closed Thanksgiving Day in order for our staff to enjoy the 4 "Fs" (Family, Food, Fun and Football) like the rest of us.

November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month, a month that we especially show our appreciation to our veterans for their service to our country. This really should be done every day all year long and not just a few times a year. Our Lodge's Veterans Committee again this year will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to veterans in need. This committee has also conducted two picnics this year for our veterans. As a Lodge we have donated to Meals on Wheels for Veterans as well as delivering Welcome Home Kits with the help of Grand Lodge to local veterans who have been recently discharged from military service or VA medical care and are in need of setting up a new home. These kits are not by any chance extravagant, just basic every day items consisting of such things as small appliances, pots, pans, silverware, dishes, laundry basket, shower curtain, and bedding. The first kit I delivered was to a gentleman who basically had nothing in his kitchen and was using a folding webbed lawn chair in his living room. The second gentleman to whom I delivered a kit had a bed, crock pot, a used coffee maker and a donated TV, that's it. A female veteran that I met told me that she was using a garden hose that she runs from her kitchen sink to her bathroom to take her shower. The last two veterans that I met were elated to receive a toaster! I have been very humbled each time I have delivered a kit and amazed at how appreciative the veteran is to receive basic items that we so very often take for granted. So, during this upcoming holiday season or anytime that you can, pick up an item or two that will help make the life of a veteran a bit easier. If you wish, you can also assist with the Welcome Home Kits by placing a monetary donation or even unused Kohl's Cash in an envelope marked Welcome Home Kits and give it to a bartender or the office. Every little bit helps us to do more for our veterans whom have done so much for us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In closing, thank all veterans for their service every chance you can. Be kind to our staff and fellow Elk members. As always, remember this is your Lodge, us it, support it, and promote it. Fraturnally, Fran Milkowski, Exalted Ruler



**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:** Hello Members, Happy Fall! I have just received notification from Grand Lodge that they will once again be increasing their per capita. Each member will be charged \$6.50 for Grand Lodge expenses and operation, \$5.50 for subscription to Elks Magazine, \$17.00 for General Liability Insurance Assessment, State per capita \$3.00, Lodge dues \$32 for a total of \$64. I will start to take dues for the 2023-2024 year on January 1st, 2023. Dues for 23-24 will be due by March 31st, 2023. **Bills will be sent out for your dues.** You can still send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your bill and I will mail it back to you. Fraturnally, Laurie Law Secretary, B.P.O.E.



**Chaplain's Corner:** It is my sad duty to report two deaths at this time. They are Kenneth Lemmon and William Martin 3rd. Bob Mazzone, Chaplain, 838-9154

# AUXILIARY NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who purchased lottery tickets for November's drawings. Good luck to all!

A special Thank you to Lynn Straub for coordinating & organizing the Angel Tree to benefit clients of Erie DAWN. Please watch for the tree to be placed in the Social Quarters in the next couple weeks.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party will be on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 PM. Food choices are: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baked White Fish, City Chicken and

## 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



**Breakfast With Santa:** Breakfast with Santa has returned! The breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Reservations are required and will begin November 1st. A sign up sheet will be at the bar and payments are due when signing up. Reservation deadline is November 26th or

until the maximum number is reached. The breakfast is open to members' children and grandchildren ages 10 and under. Space is limited so we are asking that you limit your party to 2 adults per child.



**Christmas Baskets:** Once again we will be conducting our Christmas Basket Program for the less fortunate. Starting Tuesday, November 1st thru Sunday, November 27th we will be accepting names for basket requests. This year due to the increase in the cost of the baskets we will be limiting the numbers of basket requests to two requests per member. This will help to ensure that all requests can be filled. Please obtain a form from the bartender, fill it out legibly and completely, and return it to the bar. Incomplete forms will NOT be honored. More information will be forthcoming regarding the delivery of the baskets set for Saturday, December 17th. ANY questions regarding the baskets please feel free to contact me, Fran Milkowski.

desserts. Members and guests are encouraged to attend. Cost is free for Auxiliary Members and only \$20 for guests. Please contact Pat Thompson (814)833-0246 or Dee Covatto (814)833-5145 by November 22nd (with your food choice) to make your reservation for this wonderful event. Instead of a gift exchange, we will be collecting donations for the St. Joseph Haven. Please also, come to our next meeting on Monday, November 7th. Becky Feronti, Auxiliary Vice President



**Angel Tree:** Watch for the Angel tree to be decorated in mid-November, in the social quarters. Our gift recipients this year are the clients of Erie Dawn. This is a nonprofit charitable organization that serves single working women with or without children who are homeless or soon to be homeless to obtain transitional housing and supportive services. Dates for the gifts to be returned will be posted with the lists, and as always, we thank you in advance for your generosity.

**PA State Association:** Pennsylvania Elks Association, North West District welcomed First Lady Helen Hidley and GER Bruce A. Hidley to our PA Elks State Association fall convention. First Lady Helen and GER Bruce visited the NW District's hospitality room, interacting warmly with members, creating fond memories for all.

Pictured below, left to right First Lady Helen Hidley, GER



Bruce A. Hidley, holding a hand drawn Elks pumpkin, in the NW PA hospitality room.

**Cooperation Needed:** Please remember to carry your membership card with you at all times, this includes Elk as well as Auxiliary members. The House Committee and bartenders will be periodically checking for them. Recently another club in our area was checked by the PA State Police Liquor Control Division and was fined \$16,000! If this happens to us, guaranteed all of our prices will need to be increased to off set the fine. So, if you are asked to show your card please do so nicely, it is for the good of our Lodge. Also, please remember that all guests must be signed in. Thank you.

## Home Services - Unit 10 Story



Meet Jacob and James Buss, of Bethlehem, Northampton County!

Jacob is 15 and began participating in the program at the age of eight, after being diagnosed with ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder). Jacob's younger brother, James, is 13 and has been part of the program since he was six years old. James' diagnoses are ADD, mild ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), and behavioral issues. Jacob and James live with their mother, Dawn.

Jacob, James, and Dawn work with Elks Nurse Deb Penn. Nurse Deb has been a source of information, advocacy, and friendship over the course of their visits and communications. These relationships are vital to Pennsylvania residents such as the Buss children since they create a level of trust and stability that is rarely found when families attempt to navigate the many care paths alone. Dawn is able to rely upon Nurse Deb to assist her with education issues, an area in which many families with special needs often struggle. When extra support from an advocate like Nurse Deb is available,

more quality time can be spent with loved ones experiencing fun, enriching activities.

Two emails Nurse Deb has received from Dawn:

*Deb has been our Elks home service nurse for 5 years now. She has helped me stay focused during difficult times with my ex-husband where my son's education is concerned. She's helped with their IEP, attended school meetings with me, talked to each of them on a personal level. Although she is there as a professional resource for all of us, she's become both friend and family over the years. Her support and insight is invaluable. We look forward to this relationship continuing for the foreseeable future. Merry Christmas from our family, and feel free to use this picture for the Elks!!!*

*Hello Debbie,*

*I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for all your assistance and information you have provided to me and my boys. The autism information has been very helpful.*

*The experience we had at the Eagles Autism event was wonderful. It was a great learning experience for my son, Jacob. He was able to speak openly with the Eagles players. The players really pushed that no matter the disability, you can do and accomplish anything. Jacob took a lot out of that message.*

*We had the best time and that the event helped raise money for autism made it even better. Please continue to forward information to me in the future.*

*Sincerely,  
DB*

**Happy Hour 5-7 Monday through Friday**

Sunday: Bloody Mary's \$3.00

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

<b>Monday</b> \$2.75 Mount Gay Rum	<b>Tuesday</b> \$3.75 Chardonnay 6oz	<b>Wednesday</b> \$1.75 Yuengling Draft 16oz	<b>Thursday</b> \$3.00 White Claw Black Cherry	<b>Friday</b> \$4.00 Grey Goose	<b>Saturday</b> \$4.75 Apple Pie Martini
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**Football Sundays Only:** 5 for \$11.00 domestic 12oz bottle buckets  
Order at Bar Only

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Cheese Stuffed Shells  Trivia 6:30PM	<b>2</b> Pizza & Wings Pork Pulled Flatbread <b>PER Meeting 6:00PM</b>	<b>3</b> Pub Burger  <b>Speed Bingo 6PM</b>	4 Liver & Onions/ Petite Sirloin <b>V Band</b> <b>Music: 7 - 10PM</b>	<b>5</b> Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
<b>6</b> Bloody Mary Bar \$6.50 Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	<b>7</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6PM</b>	<b>8</b> Chicken Marco Polo	<b>9</b> Pizza & Wings Pork Pulled Flatbread <b>Indoctrination 7PM</b>	<b>10</b> Broccoli Alfredo  <b>Meat Raffle 5:30PM</b>	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> Baked Chicken/Beer Batter Haddock King Pins <b>Music: 7 - 10PM</b>	<b>12</b> Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
<b>13</b> Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	<b>14</b> <b>LODGE MEETING Initiation 7 PM</b>	<b>15</b> Stuffed Peppers  Trivia 6:30PM	<b>16</b> Pizza & Wings Pork Pulled Flatbread	<b>17</b> Rueben Night  <b>Speed Bingo 6PM</b>	<b>18</b> Prime Rib/Fried Perch  <b>Monica Lewis</b> <b>Music: 7 - 10PM</b>	<b>19</b> Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
<b>20</b> Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	<b>21</b> <b>Trustees Meeting 6:30PM</b>	<b>22</b> Tuna Noodle Casserole	<b>23</b> Pizza & Wings Pork Pulled Flatbread Encore <b>Music: 7 - 10PM</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Lodge CLOSED</b> 	<b>25</b> Broccoli Cheese & Rice Casserole  <b>Open Juke Box</b> <b>Music: 7 - 10PM</b>	<b>26</b> Prime Rib  <b>Bingo 7PM</b>
<b>27</b> Football Sunday Limited Menu 1PM - 7PM	<b>28</b> No Lodge Meeting	<b>29</b> Meatloaf	<b>30</b> Pizza & Wings Pork Pulled Flatbread			

<b>LODGE HOURS:</b>		<b>Kitchen hours:</b>
Sunday 11AM - 9PM	Friday - 2PM -12AM	Tuesday - Friday 5PM - 9PM
Monday 2PM-9PM	Saturday -11AM -11PM	Saturday 1PM - 5PM Grill Menu &
Tuesday -Thursday 2PM-10PM		5PM - 9PM Dinner Menu