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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

*The Butler Elks has just wrapped up its busiest month of the year. I'd like to begin with the 50+ Member awards luncheon. What a great turn out! As predicted, many of these gentlemen had not seen each other for several years. There were a lot of conversations that began with "Remember when?" or whatever happened to "So and so"? Each Member who attended was given their pin and pictures were taken of the group, also each was given a list of all 50+ year veterans. This turned out to be a real highlight of the day. Thanks to Dan Vernon for taking the pictures and having copies made for all who attended. Also pictures were sent with pins to the men who were not able to make it to the Elks. I have already received thank you notes from number of participants. Hopefully we can make this an annual event. I would also like to thank Cookie Cunningham and her posse of volunteers who make every event special.*

*Speaking of Special I: Butler Lodge had the honor of hosting the West District quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were 57 Elks from our district in attendance including, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Walter Wiczorek, Jr. and PA State Elks President, Kevin Brouse. I received many compliments regarding our Lodge, our Membership and our involvement in community activities. These compliments make me very proud to represent you and extremely proud to be an Elk. Once again, "Thank You" to Cookie, Ruth Raybuck, Nancy Goas, Sandy Burke and everyone who donated food / time or aided in the clean-up.*

*Speaking of Special II: Do not miss the Members Night scheduled for October 25. I'll give you a hint, "Let's Make A Deal".*

Fraternally yours,  
Jay Frederick, ER

## SNOW BIRD WINTER ADDRESSES

Make sure you let the Lodge Secretary know of your winter address so you don't miss any mailings. Call Lodge Secretary **John Prokopchak** at 724-482-4501 or email at JohnPro@zoominternet.net with address and effective starting and (if possible) ending dates.

## OCTOBER AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting - Initiation  
Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 to 7:30 PM ..... Italian Day at the Elks  
Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling  
Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Steelers Tailgate Party  
October 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>..... PA State Fall Convention  
Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... Karaoke w/Franco  
Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm ..... Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting  
Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Wii Bowling  
Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM..... Members Night  
Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM..... October Birthday Bash  
Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - 4 to 7 PM ..... Halloween Party  
Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM ..... Bingo  
Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM..... Monday Meals  
Every Friday..... Friday Munchies and Evening Entertainment  
Saturdays at 9:00 PM ..... Speedy Bingo  
Sundays..... Steelers Sunday

## ITALIAN DAY

Join your fellow Elk fratellos e sorellas (brothers and sisters) as we listen to our canto popolare (favorite songs) with **Vince Tavolaro** and troupe who will entertain us on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Music starts right after the Steelers game around 4:30 pm. Pat Brown and his gang will be serving up la cucina italiana around 6 pm. Bring your contorno favorito (favorite side dish) to add to the festivities.



## STEELERS TAILGATE PARTY

A Steelers Tailgate Party will be held on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 PM. Great food along with prizes and drink specials, and of course the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Cincinnati Bengals on the big screens.



## KARAOKE NITE

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Karaoke by Franco 8:00 PM - Midnight. Stop in and hear the famous Elks singers belt out their favorite tunes. More singers always welcome!



## NEW FALL GRILLE ROOM HOURS

The Butler Elks Lodge is open at noon on Saturdays and Sundays starting September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, October 25th at 7:00 PM. Join your fellow Elks at the Lodge for fun, food and prizes. ER **Jay Frederick** will host the evening. You won't want to miss out on a "special time" Jay has planned for the evening!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, October 26th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate October birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. All members are invited so come on down even if you don't have an October birthday.



## AFTERNOON HALLOWEEN PARTY



Saturday, October 27th, we are having a Halloween Party with Bad Benny DJ and Karaoke from 4 to 7 PM. Come in costume for a free drink. Prizes for the best dressed!

## WEDNESDAY WII BOWLING

Join us every other Wednesday opposite Lodge meeting nights for Wii bowling. Whether you've a "Wii Pro" or have never bowled, you'll fit in! Bowling starts at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the fun!



## MONDAY NITE POOL LEAGUE



The Monday Night Pool League began play on September 24th. There are four teams with six players on each team. New players this year are Bob Matter, Melissa Sherman, Liz Stout and Ron Willison. Welcome! We also have a couple of "old pros" returning to challenge Dennis Martin. Good luck **Chooch** and **Issy**!!!

**Ron Frenchak** and **Carol Shawgo**, chairpersons

## DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- October 1<sup>st</sup>** Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter
  - October 8<sup>th</sup>** Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
  - October 15<sup>th</sup>** Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup>** Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
  - October 29<sup>th</sup>** Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter
- \*All menus include desserts and coffee

An **\$8.00** donation gets you a complete meal catered by Member **Dave Stehle** (Thompson's Country Market). Serving 6 till 7 PM.

## MEETING NIGHTS

**Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00 PM**

Initiation of New Members

**Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**

Regular Meeting

## LODGE OF SORROW

*The Places that have known them, Shall know them no more;  
But their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory,  
To our absent members...*

### RELDON W COOPER

Born 06/13/1920 - Died -08/22/2012 - An Elk for 57 years

### GLENN BIRCH

Born 03/16/1943 - Died -08/30/2012 - An Elk for 9 years

## PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

### Candidate

**Manfred Klann**, retired  
**Dennis Tefft**, retired  
**Howard Clark**, supervisor ARC  
**Dennis Kerr**, reinstatement

### Proposer

Bernie Klann  
Joseph Baggiano  
Jeff Cavalero  
Cindy Skebe

If anyone knows of any reason why this candidates should not be considered for membership, please contact any Lodge Officer.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Wilde Paul**      **Cathie Lesney**

**Joyce Giesler**, reinstatement

**Evelyn Weiland**, reinstatement

*When you see them, please welcome them to our Lodge.*

## BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS 2012-2013

Exalted Ruler.....	Jay Frederick
Leading Knight.....	William "Scott" Snow
Loyal Knight.....	Cindy Skebe, PER
Lecturing Knight.....	Linda Wampler
Secretary.....	John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer.....	Dan Vernon
Chaplain.....	Sherie Snow
Inner Guard.....	Cookie Cunningham
Tiler.....	Sandy Burke
Esquire.....	Judy Walliser, PER
Organist.....	Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees.....	Dick Gardner, PER, Shirley Vernon, Perry Chepelsky, Aaron Wampler, Ruth Raybuck

## DELINQUENT MEMBERS LIST

Every member is important to our lodge. These delinquent members no longer get the benefits of membership. If you are their proposer or you know any of these delinquent members, please help us keep them "in the fold" by contacting them and encouraging them to pay their dues. Thanks.

Member	Proposed By	Member	Proposed By
Nicholas Angiolieri	Chris Collins	John Cuda	Jane Prokopchak
Sam Day	Eric Heitzer	Lisa Diefenbach	transfer
John English	Bill Cominos	Patricia Goepfert	Walter Hinton
Michael A Graham	Dolores Marchinoski	Dave Havilesko	Dennis Martin
Arlene Hays	Don Oesterling	Chris Hudson	Nick Mudrick
W V Huselton	Life Member	Brock Janoski	Linda Wampler
Stephen Littlejohn	Mary Jo DeMatteis	Ed Lucas	John Prokopchak
Geno Mariotti	Jane Prokopchak	Erik Nilsson	Chuck Bobesheim
Robert Nolan	Joe Baillie	Joann Stevenson	Bonnie Jardin
Justin Simons	Dolores Marchinoski	Adam Timko	Sandy Burke

## OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH



The Elks National Foundation pledge campaign begins October 1st. Pledge cards are enclosed with this Elks Tale for our most important foundation which provides monies for our major charities. The enclosed letter explains the good the ENF does and how to be a contributor.

## BY-LAWS/HOUSE RULES REVIEW

The following by-laws change was read at the September 5, 2012 meeting. It needs to be voted on by the membership at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to be included in Butler #170 by-laws.

**ARTICLE VI-A: EXEMPLIFICATION OF RITUALS Sec. 1.** The officers of this Lodge are authorized to use alternative forms of the opening, closing and initiatory rituals as approved by the Grand Lodge.

With this amendment, the original long form may still be used at any time at the discretion of the presiding officer.

We will be reading other changes to our by-laws and house rules at this meeting. If you have any ideas for changes let me know. Notice setting forth the full proposed amendment of the By-Laws must be sent to all Members at least ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. A majority vote of the Members at the meeting shall be required for adoption.

**Dick Gardner**, PER, By-laws Committee Chairman

## BUTLER HOSTS PA PRESIDENT

State President **Kevin Brouse** and **Margie** were the guests of Butler #170. They arrived from Danville Saturday afternoon (September 22nd) and checked into their room at the Fairfield Inn. To their delight there were snacks and refreshments in their room (provided by Butler). **Jane and John Prokopchak** then picked them up for church. After church Jane and John showed them some points of interest in Butler (Moraine, various jeeps, courthouse, Butler High School, etc. We arrived at the Lodge at 6:00 PM. After **Benny Bosley** brought everyone a "pumpkin pie" and we toasted, they were treated to a fine meal catered by **Dave Stehle**. **ER Jay Frederick** and the Officers, State Vice President Terry, DSVP Pat and DDGER Walter and PDDGER Lenny joined them. After the informal dinner, Kevin and Margie met with the members and Margie played bingo (no, she didn't win). President Kevin delivered the original 11th hour toast with the help of Esquire **Judy Walliser**. Then Jane and John took them back to the Inn to relax and prepare for the busy day ahead. Kevin, upon leaving, said what he enjoyed the most. It was the friendliness of the members of Butler #170. This is a great compliment.

## WEST DISTRICT MEETING

Butler Lodge #170 had the honor of hosting the West District meeting Sunday, September 23rd. Over 50 members enjoyed Butler's hospitality. This was more than usual. Great food was served by **Ruth Raybuck** and **Cookie Cunningham** featuring **Cookie's** Sloppy Joes and donated items from our members. The meeting started at 12:30 PM with a fine clinic conducted by **DDGER Walter Wiczorek** with **Jane Prokopchak** (Americanism) and **Lenny Barger** (CLMS). At 1:30 PM the Advisory Board and Officers met. **ER Jay Frederick** reported on Butler #170. At 2:30 PM the members met to listen to the committee chairpersons report. **Terry Liersaph** called for donations for Home Services and **ER Jay** was very proud to report \$5,029 donations by Butler members (Thank You). Jay then introduced co-chairs **J.C. Bowley** and **Dr. Mary Provance-Bowley** to the members. DSVP **Pat Liersaph** conducted a very good and informative meeting. The meeting concluded with our special guest, **State President Kevin Brouse**, who delivered his message from **GER Thomas Brazier**. Kevin was accompanied by his wife, **Margie Brouse**.

Between and after the meeting **Ruth Raybuck** and **Nancy Goas** replenished the many snacks and **Sandy Burke** made sure nobody was thirsty. All in all it was a great day for Butler and we heard many positive comments.

## PER ASSOCIATION REPORT

The PER Association met September 6<sup>th</sup>. This was a reorganization meeting. Members present were given by-laws and house rules to review. It was decided we will meet on Monday after the first Lodge meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The agenda for this meeting will be to review by-laws and house rules, review the PER constitution and by-laws, plan an event and other business as needed. The dues will be \$5.00. This is a committee dedicated to help the ER and the Lodge in whatever way possible.

## FALL CONVENTION IN CRANBERRY

The **Fall Convention** of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held **October 11-14, 2012** at the **Marriott in Cranberry**. A full schedule of events, business sessions, and clinics in addition to free time to enjoy yourselves are on the agenda. There will also be committee progress reports, awards, and state committee meetings. Seminars being planned that we feel will be of interest to you.

In addition, we will be honored by the official visit of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the **Honorable Thomas Brazier** and his wife, **Venita**. This will be a great opportunity to meet him and to show him what the Elks of Pennsylvania are doing to carry out our mission of service. Information is posted at the Lodge or call **Secretary John** for more information (724-482-4501).

## FOOD DRIVE REPORT

Butler Elks has shown that "Elks Care! Elks Share!" through it's "Feed the Needy" food drive. Thanks to all who donated food or money's to this worthy cause. We raised over \$800.00 which included \$500.00 from our ENF Gratitude Grant and over 150 cans of food goods which are being donated to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Elks Care! Elks Share!



## ROAD CLEAN-UP

Thanks to all who gave up their Saturday morning to help in our Adopt-a-Highway program on Saturday, September 29th.



**Wayne Walliser and Dick Gardner**, Chairpersons

## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Holiday season is approaching fast and once again we are planning the annual Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of our membership to be held at the Clearview Cinema on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. Doors will open at 9:30 AM. Details and sign-up sheets will be mailed in the November Tale.

## HONORING FIFTY YEAR PLUS

On Friday, September 7th the Butler Elks honored 21 Members who have attained the 50 years or more anniversary as Loyal Elks with an informal gathering and lunch. Jay Frederick honored each member with a presentation of pins and special gifts from the Elks. Many of these Members don't get into the Elks much anymore for various reasons. However, whether they are visible in the Lodge or not, Elks are "Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken." These are the Members who got the job done before us, many having held positions within the Lodge or acted as Trustees.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

### *MOST VALUABLE STUDENT AWARDS*

National Elks Scholarship (Most Valuable Student) applications are now available for 2012-2013 High School Seniors. I will have applications at the bar in the Grille Room. They also should be available at local high schools or online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). The Student must be attending a college or university in the fall of 2013. We encourage all students to apply. There are over 500 awards given nationwide and over \$2,000,000 total will be awarded. All applications should be returned to Butler Elks Lodge on or before December 7, 2012.

### *LEGACY AWARDS*

These scholarships are for children or grandchildren of Elk members. They must be high school seniors and must apply online at the website listed above. The Elk member must be a paid-up member through March 31, 2013 and they must have joined the order on or before April 1, 2010. The students may be children, grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren or legal wards of Elk members. Go on the website for commonly asked questions. Legacy awards are \$4,000 Scholarships issued over four years. The student must complete and submit the online application no later than February 1, 2013.

### *EMERGENCY EDUCATION GRANTS*

The Emergency Educational Grant program provides financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks who wish to obtain or further their college education. The Elk parent or step-parent must have been member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his death or total disability. He must be an Elk in good standing at the time of the application. Deadlines are July - October (renewals) or December 31 for new applicants of the academic year requested. Call me for an application and further details.

**Judy Walliser**, Scholarship Chair



**Back Row:** ER Jay Frederick, Chas Fuellgraf, John Capers, Tom Zarnick, Jon Campbell, Lewis Marra, Jim Leary, John Lupp, Don Virgallito, Harry Savinsky **Front Row:** Marcel Ferrere, Harold Schneider, Bud Daum, Ray Osborne, Ted McKindree, Ray Weiland, Al Cupps, Howard Weir **Missing from photo:** Chuck Ferrick, Digger Young, Ed Grecco, Jack Pizor