Incoming Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

I am very humbled and honored by the opportunity that has been presented to me to represent you as Exalted Ruler. It was 60 years ago (1952) that my father was elected to the same position. Although he is not here to see it, I'm sure he is watching and hopefully very proud to see this take place. I do remember how exciting it was for them to finally go to a Butler Elks for Sunday dinners and Friday night fish. The Elks Club at that time was a social center with dining, dances, members nights and more. The men wore tuxedos to the meetings and going through the "chairs" was a four or five year commitment. Ladies were not allowed in the bar, and had to sit in a lounge area where the men were allowed to take them drinks. No women would dare try to go to the bar and attempt to buy her own. I only mention this to point out how some things have changed.

One thing that has not changed is the Elks' commitment to each other and to the community. "Elks Care and Elks Share" is more than just words, it is a lifestyle. Last year the Butler Elks Lodge donated more than $30,000 to local charities. I only mention this to point out how some things have changed.

I would like to take a minute to recognize the people who through their hard work and dedication made this possible. John and Jane Prokopchak, Rich Chupa, Dennis Notareschi, Shirley and Dan Vernon, Perry Chepelsky, Don Leslie, Larry Garvin, Dick Gardner, Judy Walliser and a very special thanks to new members who led the painting effort prior to transferring to Butler, J.C. Bowley and Dr. Mary Provance Bowley.

As this is still a work in progress, if you would like to help in any way please notify a Trustee. Keep in mind, "Elks Care and Elks Share".

Fraternally, Jay Frederick, ER

Outgoing Exalted Ruler Message

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I wish to thank the many, many members who thanked me for serving as ER and doing a good job. That is the best reward an ER can hear. I was tempted to quit many times but I remember how good things were before the Butler Elks with so many members volunteering their ideas and help. We have made many changes, come down and see for yourself. We cannot advance without change. Grand Lodge has made many changes as Butler #170 has. At Grand Lodge not all members agree with their changes and some members at Butler are slow to accept our changes. But they were necessary to make us the best Lodge possible (other Lodges agree).

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We lost a great veteran / volunteer in Abie Abraham last week. The January newsletter featured him along with our Elks sponsored singing group, Recreation and PER Dick Gardner. Elks remember our Vets. I could go on and on about the good things that Elks do but you all know this.

I sincerely want to thank my Officers and the members of Butler #170 for making my year great. We contributed over $30,000 from our Lodge to the needs of the community, Vets, those with developmental issues, youth, scholarship, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual - Vince Lombardi

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress. - Nicholas Murray Butler

Fraternally, Jane Prokopchak, PER

APRIL HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, April 4th  7:00 PM ......................................................... Lodge Meeting
Friday, April 13th - 8:00 PM to Midnight ................................... Karaoke w/ Franco
Sunday, April 15th - noon ................................................................. West District Meeting
at Rochester Lodge
Wednesday, April 18th - 7:00 PM ................................................. Lodge Meeting
Initiation
Friday, April 20th - 8:00 PM ......................................................... Members Night
Join in as ER Jay hosts his first members night
Friday, April 27th - 8:00 PM to ??? .............................................. April Birthday Bash
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
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.................................................................................. NASCAR

APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, April 27th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate April birthdays. Karaoke with BC's, relics, snacks and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our April birthdays! All members are invited. If you haven’t attended this monthly party, you are missing a great time!

MEMBERS’ NIGHT

Members’ night will be on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 PM. New ER Jay Frederick will host his first Members Night. Details are still being planned, but you can be guaranteed it will be a great night at the Butler Elks.

BECOME A FACEBOOK FRIEND

Butler Elks is on Facebook. If you would like to be a friend, send a friend request to Butler Elks. That is our name on Facebook. Check it out for upcoming events.

Scott Snow, Chairperson

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, April 4th - Installation of Officers and “Meet the Officers” is planned is about a 7:30 installation during the new business part of the regular meeting, there will be a social before and after. Guests will be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. Come on down and support your new officers. ER Jane will present her awards and several PERs will install the new Officers. Meeting will start at 7:00 PM.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Zachary J. E. Smith
Brock Janoski
Julie Wilczynski

WHO YOU ARE, PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR LODGE.

WAYNE CLEVELAND
Born April 8, 1924- Died March 14, 2012- age 87
Life Member - 45 years

BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS
2012–2013
Exalted Ruler Jay Frederick
Leading Knight William “Scott” Snow
Loyal Knight Cindy Skebe
Lecturing Knight Linda Wampler
Secretary John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer Dan Vernon
Chaplain Sherle Snow
Inner Guard Cookie Cunningham
Tiler Sandy Burke
Esquire Judy Walliser, PER
Organist Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees Dick Gardner, PER, Shirley Vernon,

FROM THE SECRETARY
Dues are continuing to come in. I have processed the dues to date and have given out or mailed the new cards. If you haven’t included your anniversary date or membership, please contact any Lodge Officer.

FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES?
No problem! You can mail your dues payment to the Lodge Officers meeting and 2:30 PM regular meeting. Light snacks will be served throughout the day. All members are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
Thank you all for attending our annual St. Patrick’s Day Party honoring our departed member and community leader Harry Pepper. Green beads, hats, and funny glasses helped us all get in the mood for fun. Everyone’s Irish on St. Patrick’s Day. Five members were picked as the “most Irish” attendees. There was a sea of green and all were in the mood for a party. We had a great turnout and thank all for bringing food and for returning your green tickets to support our state charity, Home Services. The green raffle tickets gained over $1,700 for the nurses to continue providing services to families of disabled children and adults throughout the State including Butler County. “Pay Your Dues Early” incentive winner was new member Gary Martin, who won $100.00.

Newly appointed Home Service co-chairs Mary Province-Bowley, J.C. Bowley and ER Jane ran the drawing and got donations from the members for Home Services. The winner of the $1,000 bond was member George Frost and the member drawing was won by Evie Stephens.

Thanks to our outgoing Home Services Chairs Jay Frederick and Cookie Cunningham for all their hard work to raise the funds for the Home Services Nurses to continue the program, and Secretary John and ER Jane for keeping track of the drawing tickets.

Manager Sandy Burke and Cookie Cunningham planned well for the evening, including green beer and plenty of great food, many of which was prepared and donated by the members. Ralph Pincek and his band entertained us with some lively Irish and other music, along with some Elk singers to add to the fun. Bartender Melissa Sherman worked very hard to quench our thirst and prepare special drinks. Wow!, do Elks Care and Share!!

POOL LEAGUE RESULTS
The winning team of each half competed for the League Championship on March 26. Congratulations to Aaron Wampler, Carol Shawgo, Nick Parison, Ron Frenchak and Dennis Martin. Their team won all five matches to earn the crown. The traditional championship shirts will be presented along with individual and team prizes at the banquet on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. All previous playoff winners are encouraged to wear their championship shirt to the banquet. (If it still fits!!!)