



THE ELKS TALE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Hard to believe it's been a year since my term as Exalted Ruler began. A year ago, if anyone would have asked, I would have been pleased just to finish my term and get on with my life. However, my attitude has really changed. It seems as if the more involved I get with the world of Elkdom the more meaningful the tenets become. I am extremely proud to serve a second term as Butler's ER. One of our PER's told me recently that the first year as ER everyone wants to buy you a beer, the second year, no one will. We'll see. My sense of pride comes from attending West District meetings and being able to compare Our Lodge with our peers. Just a couple items to consider: Butler tied with Cranberry in most new members year to date (39); Home Services donations have exceeded per capita as has Elks National Foundation; our Trustees have raised our scholarship fund from \$5000 to \$7000 this year. We can be very proud of our accomplishments and with the same work ethic can continue to shine as "The Best in the West."

*Has anyone noticed the kitchen ceiling, floor, or the beer cooler in the bar? These are just a few of the recent areas of work within the Lodge. A huge thank you to those who volunteered. **Dan and Shirley Vernon, Perry Chepelsky and Sandy Burke, Tom Colosimo and Bill Mohny.** Why not join Members such as these, who are willing to give their time and energy to make the Elks a better place for all of us. Also, a big "Thank You" to **Bob and Laurie Kunkle** (Daughter of Member **Bill Hetrick**) for providing their cooking expertise for February Members Nite.*

*Congratulations to **Jim Murray** on his election to the position of Trustee and **Dan Vernon** who was unanimously voted an Honorary Life Membership at the March 6th meeting.*

Fraternally Yours,
Jay Frederick, ER

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- April 1st Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad
- April 8th Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 15th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 22nd Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 29th Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Carrots, Tossed Salad, Roll and 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.

APRIL AT A GLANCE...

- Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Member Initiation, New Officer Installation and Annual Awards
- Friday, April 5th - 5 to ??? Juke Box Friday
- Saturday, April 6th - 8:00 PM to Midnight Karaoke by George
- Friday, April 12th - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... Karaoke w/Franco
- Tuesday, April 16th - 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday, April 17th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
- Friday, April 19th - 4:00 to 6:00 PM Miller Beer Afternoon
- Thursday, April 25th - 8:00 PM Members Night
- Friday, April 26th - 8 PM April Karaoke Birthday Bash
- Saturday, May 4th 9:00 AM Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean-up
- Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM Bingo
- Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday Meals
- Every Monday Night Elks Pool League
- Every Friday.....Friday Munchies and Evening Entertainment
- Saturdays at 8:00 PM (NEW TIME) Speedy Bingo

HAVE YOU BEEN TO YOUR ELKS LATELY??

If you haven't you're missing out on some great times! Every Monday is Meals by Dave and Pool League. Wednesday's are 2 for \$1 hot dogs and Lodge Meetings. Fridays always have entertainment along with Friday Munchies. Saturday Bingo is in the backroom and the Jukebox is now being played Saturday nights. And you can catch Penguins, Pirates, NASCAR, or PGA on one of our 5 big screen TV's. You can find your friends hanging out just about any time! Come on down and become part of the action!

Elks Care - **Elks** Share

MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM

Installation of Officers, Initiation, Annual Awards

Wednesday, April 17th - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

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...*

Betty Bauer

Born 06/13/1914, Died 03/04/2013, Member for 13 years

Herbert Elias

Born 11/01/1929, Died 03/18/2013, Member for 57 years

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Christie Rudolph , VNA	Chris Bellis
James Nowakowski , steelworker	Rich Marchinoski
Randy Fairtrace , Alcoa/Traco	Carl Dingus
Donna Walters , dispatcher	Kimberly Hughes
George Presco , retired	Charles Bodesheim
Colby Nicholas , therapist	Hap Nicholas III
Kelly J. Furl , lawn care	Sandy Burke
Tamili Smith , transfer from Reynoldsville Lodge	

If anyone knows of any reason why this candidates should not be considered for membership, please contact any Lodge Officer.
Check the Elks TV Announcements for up-to-date Propositions for Membership.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judith Presco

Byron Wade

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

BUTLER ELKS NEW OFFICERS 2013-2014

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM. Installation of Officers and "Meet the Officers" is planned at about 7:30 during the new business part of the regular meeting. Guests will be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. Social will be before and after the meeting. Presentations to Officer of the Year, Elk of the Year and other special awards will be on the agenda. Come on down and support your new officers.

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 received one and have paid give me a call at 724-482-4501 or e-mail me at johnpro@zoominternet.net. I will check your status. If you haven't included your anniversary date or military status and want them included in our events board, you can e-mail them and I will update your profile. I have added hundreds this year but some of you did not send the info. I have been really busy entering and updating our 700 members.

John Prokopchak, Secretary

FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES?

No problem! You can mail your dues payment to the Lodge Secretary, or just drop in to the Lodge. Membership cards and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, members are considered delinquent after April 1st, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities and save us the time and expense of an additional notice.

2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

New membership cards for those who have paid are now available at the Lodge. Please remember to sign your cards.



The CREAM Key cards will go into use Monday, April 1.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

We have 1 national winner and 3 state winners in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship National Scholarships from our area. The National winner is Garret Jones from the Slippery Rock School District. The Three State winners who will receive \$1,200 each for college are: **Jacob Bellis**, **Samantha Barnhart**, and **Rebecca Arturo** from the Butler Area School District. The amount that the National winner, Garrett Jones, will receive will be determined by the end of April.

Remember that our Butler Lodge Scholarships deadline for applications is April, 22, 2013. We have \$7,000 to be awarded at our Flag Day Ceremony on June 13, 2013. That is an increase of \$2,000 from last year. We encourage Elk members to have their friends and relatives apply. They must be a senior in high school and be going to college in the fall. You do not have to be a relative of an Elk member to apply.

Judy Walliser, Scholarship chair

WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The 359th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, April 21st at the Coraopolis Lodge #1090. Walter Wiczorek Jr, will lead his second District Deputy clinic at noon. Officers Meeting will be at 1:30 PM with a 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. 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 **\$1,611** 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 **Tom Fisher** who won \$100.00.



Home Service co-chairs **Mary Provance-Bowley** and **J.C. Bowley** ran the drawing and got donations from the members for Home Services. The winner of the \$1,000 bond was member **Lenny Young** and the member drawing was won by **Lynne Vargo**. Thanks for all their hard work to raise the funds for the Home Services Nurses to continue the program, and Secretary **John** and PER **Jane** for keeping track of the drawing tickets.

Cookie Cunningham, assisted by Manager **Sandy Burke** planned well for the evening, including green beer and plenty of great food, many of which was prepared and donated by the members. **Liz** and **Bob Rakarich**, and **Carolyn Solomon** took care of the clean-up. **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 **Sandy Burke** worked very hard to quench our thirst and prepare special drinks. Wow!, do Elks Care and Share!!

Wii BOWLING LEAGUE

Congratulation to the Misfits; **Jay Frederick**, **Dan** and **Shirley Vernon**, and **Janis Honse** for being this year's Butler Elks Wii Bowling League Champions. Look for sign-up in September for next fall's Elks Wii Bowling League!



POOL LEAGUE RESULTS



The race for the second half of the Monday Night Pool League has come down to the final week. **Carl Christofano's** Team #4 has a one game lead over **Dennis Martin's** Team #1. The two teams are scheduled to play head-to-head in Week #12.

In the final week of the first half, only one game separated the same two teams, with Team #4 coming out on top. Team #1 will be trying to win the showdown on April 1st, to force a playoff for the season championship. It should be another close match between the two teams.

The schedule for the remainder of the season:

April 1 -- Final Week -- Second Half
April 8 -- 7 P.M. Championship Playoffs Team #1 vs. Team #4 (if necessary)

If Championship Playoff is not necessary, it will be a Fun Night.

April 15 -- 7 P.M. Fun Night
April 16 -- (Tuesday) Banquet at 7 P.M.

All players who played on a Championship Team in previous years, are encouraged to wear their shirts to the banquet.

Ron Frenchak and **Carol Shawgo**, Chairpersons

ATM AVAILABLE AT ELKS

As per request from many of our members we have installed an ATM available for members and guests use in the bar area. As part of our agreement with the ATM provider, we will no longer be cashing checks at the bar. We will still accept checks for membership dues and lodge related activities.



Sincerely, The Trustees

SATURDAY BINGO TIME CHANGE

On Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, we began having Bingo in the Lodge Room (back room) starting at 8:00 P.M. After each game there's a short break for players to go to the bar area to smoke or get a drink. If there is a party booked in the back room, we will have Bingo in the bar area that night.

COMING IN MAY...

May 15th - 19th PA State Convention
Call Lodge Secretary John Prokopchak for details

Deadline for May 2013 Elks Tale is Sunday, April 21
All committees can email material to Secretary John Prokopchak at johnpro@zoominternet.net

ENTERTAINMENT at the Butler Elks

BUTLER ELKS

JUKEBOX FRIDAYS
April 5th
after Happy Hour
 We Feed the "Box"
 You Pick the Songs
 And We All Party
 All Night Long!

Saturday Karaoke by George

Saturday April 6th
 8 pm to Midnight
 Featuring **YOU**, the Fabulous Elks Singers!
 Join the gang as we bellow out the old tunes
 and the latest tracks for a great evening.

Karaoke with Franco

Friday, April 12th
8 PM to Midnight
 You don't have to be a star...
 Just sing whatever your heart desires!
 Come out and join the fun!

Welcome to *Miller*
Miller Beer Fun Afternoon at the Butler Elks

 Beer Sampling, Prizes and Fun
Friday, April 19th
4 to 6 PM

MEMBERS NIGHT
Thursday, April 25th
 The fun begins at 8:00.
 Join ER Jay Frederick as he hosts
Members Night. All members are invited.
 You can bet on great time
 at the Butler Elks!!!

APRIL BIRTHDAY KARAOKE PARTY
Friday, April 26th - 8 pm
 Come Celebrate all the Elks April Birthdays
 Featuring the Fabulous Butler Elks Singers!
 Join the gang as we bellow out the old tunes
 and the latest tracks with DJ George!
Special drinks, cake and surprises for the evening!


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