



# THE ELKS TALE



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

We have started our new year with a very well New Year's eve celebration. We held our party from 3PM – 7PM and it was a huge success. I have not seen so many members in the club for many years. Thanks to Sandy and

Perry and their crew.

A big thank you goes out to the 12 members who took on the big project of replacing our ceiling and painting our walls. Our Lodge looks so fresh and clean. You have to stop in and see the new look!

Business has been good and thanks to all for your continuing to support your Elks. As we enter into February it promises to be a busy last quarter of my year as Exalted Ruler. We host a District meeting and Flag Charge / Toast contest on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We expect a large turnout from many Lodges. We will hold the February nominations (1<sup>st</sup> meeting) and elections if needed (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) as required by Statutes.

February will see us continue with our Monday night meals by Thompson's (\$8 donation for a great meal – starts at 6:00 PM), early Valentine's karaoke with Franco, "Birthday Bash" karaoke, pool league, members night, Friday munchies at 4:00 PM or so (good stuff), initiation and meetings, Saturday night bar bingo, weenie Wednesday, Wednesday morning bingo (9:30), and other activities with your friends at the Elks. Please, after you join don't be a stranger.

Visit your Butler Elks and don't forget to stop at other Elk clubs as you travel this winter and spring. You will be welcome. Use your membership, you will enjoy. Those of you "snow birds" who will be leaving in the next few months, visit other Lodges and tell them what a good job Butler is doing for Elkdom. Please, also, let Secretary John know your new address and when to change it so that you can keep informed about your home Lodge, BUTLER #170.

Fraternally, Jane Prokopchak - ER, PER

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

- Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Lodge Meeting  
Nomination of officers
- Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Super Bowl Party
- Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Wii Bowling
- Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... Karaoke w/Franco
- Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM ..... Trustee Meeting
- Wednesday, February 15<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM..... Lodge Meeting  
Election of officers
- Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 PM ..... Wii Bowling
- Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:00 PM ..... Members Night
- Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM to ???..... February Birthday Bash  
Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises
- Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 PM ..... West District Meeting
- Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM ..... Bingo
- Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ..... Monday Meals
- Every Friday..... Friday Munchies
- Saturdays at 9:00 PM ..... Speedy Bingo

Check out our Elks TV for dates and details on our many events and any that are not finalized by date of publication

## COMING IN MARCH...

- Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>..... Harry Pepper St Patrick Day Party  
A party you won't want to miss!
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 PM..... Epics DooWop  
50's and 60's DooWop Music and Dancing!

## MEMBERS' NIGHT

Back to the regular schedule for members' night. Members' night will be Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM. As in the past we will feature specials and have some type of give- always. Food, as always. Come on down, you will have fun.

"ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE"

## DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- February 6<sup>th</sup> Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad
- February 13<sup>th</sup> Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, 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.

## KARAOKE NITE



Friday, Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> - Karaoke by Franco: (8:00 PM - Midnight) Sing your favorite song, or just come and listen and enjoy the local entertainers. New singers always welcome!!!

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate February birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. Lift a glass to toast our February birthdays! All members are invited. If you haven't attended this monthly party, you are missing a great time!



## BINGO FUN EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come on down to the Butler Elks on Wednesday mornings to play bingo. Free coffee, juice and donuts along with many surprises. Early Birds – 9:30 AM. Only at the Butler Elks.



If you are interested in helping out on the Bingo Committee, come on down, try it. Bring a player with you. Many of our local charities benefit from proceeds of this Bingo. Big payouts every wee... try your luck!

## 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! First games start at 7 PM. Don't miss out on the fun!



## DOO-WOP SCHEDULED IN MARCH



Back by popular demand! On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 PM, we will have Epics to entertain with their own style of karaoke. The Epics will put on a show for your listening (and dancing) pleasure. They sing songs from the 50's and 60's. The show will be held in the bar area since that's where most people want to be. A dance area will be cleared in the bar area. Make your plans now for a great night of entertainment, no cover. Bring a friend.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

says "THANK YOU"



Thanks to our members for their donations of baked goods which was delivered to the Butler Meals on Wheels for the month of January. They were pleased with the amount of baked goods. 62 dozen cookies + 3 Gingerbreads + 3 Angel Food Cakes = 800 smiles!

Nancy Goas and Ruth Raybuck, Chairpersons.

## FEBRUARY MEETING NIGHTS

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 PM**

*Nomination of Officers*

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**

*Election of Officers - PER Meeting*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Butler Elks Initiated six new members in January.

**Randy Montgomery     Dennis Notareschi**  
**Linda Wampler     Michael Wilczynski**  
**Sam Courtney     Nicholas Angiolieri**

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

## BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS 2011-2012

Exalted Ruler .....	Jane Prokopchak, PER
Leading Knight .....	Pat Brown, PER
Loyal Knight .....	William "Scott" Snow
Lecturing Knight .....	Rita Pennington Rehm
Secretary .....	John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer .....	Dan Vernon
Chaplain .....	Cookie Cunningham
Inner Guard .....	Sherie Snow
Tiler .....	Patty Goepfert
Esquire .....	Judy Walliser, PER
Organist .....	Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees .....	Jay Frederick, Ruth Raybuck, Dick Gardner, PER, Shirley Vernon, Perry Chepelsky

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS for '12-13

Officers for the coming Elk year are to be nominated at the first meeting in February. If you are interested in getting involved, think about becoming an officer.

PER will run the second meeting (PER Night).

## WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Butler Lodge. The Exalted Rulers and Leading Knights will meet at 1:30 Pm, and the regular meeting will be at 2:30 PM. All Officers and Members are invited to learn about Elkdom, meet Members of other Lodges and find out what has happened and will happen in the West District, the State, and the grand Lodge. All program chairpersons will report. There will be Flag Charge (Leading Knights) and Toast (Exalted Ruler) contest starting at 12:00 Noon. ER Jane is asking for donations of hors' d'ourves. Bring in Saturday (2/25) or Sunday (2/26) by 12 noon.

## 2012-2013 DUES NOTICES & INFO

Last month we sent each member a special dues invoice statement with your lodge information as we have it, with an option to donate to our three major charities, and a pre-addressed envelope to return your renewal form and your check. Please take a few moments to review the information, make changes, and add anything that may be missing. The information from this form is used to post birthdays, anniversaries, and special information such as military service, Elks service and special notices on our Elks TV at the lodge.

## PAY YOUR DUES, WIN \$100.00

For the second year in a row, our trustees have added an incentive to get dues paid before members become delinquent on April 1, 2012. On Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at our lodge meeting we will draw one name from all who have paid to that date and give out \$100.00. Then on March 17, 2012 at our "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Party we will draw another name for \$100.00 for all who have paid their membership. (Those that paid by February 15 have two chances to win!)

## MEMBERSHIP CARD MAILING

All paid memberships for the year 2012-2013 will receive their new membership cards the last week of February with your regular mailing of the Elks Tale. All paid who checked "Pick-up card at lodge" box on their information card can get their card at the Bar after February 29th. Also remember to keep your green lodge access card until March 31st. The new purple cards will give you access to the lodge after March 31st.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

We have sent 6 applications on to the District for Judging of the Most Valuable Student National Scholarships. Our Local Scholarship applications will be available in February. Thank you. **Judy Walliser**, Chairperson.

## HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Butler Elks had a very successful Hoop Shoot this year. We held our 40<sup>th</sup> annual local Hoop Shoot foul shooting contest recently at Center Township School. The winners are as follows:



8-9 Boys –	C.J. Singleton (14/25)
8-9 Girls –	Erin Gianneski (11/25)
10-11 Boys –	Grant Metzger (18/25)
10-11 Girls –	Audrey Hilliard (16/25)
12-13 Boys –	Ian McCarrier (21/25)
12-13 Girls –	Jordin West (21/25)

Involved in a shootout for the 12–13 year old group were Jen Miller, Kailey Olenick and Jordin West who tied at 19/25. Jordin won the shootoff. Also, in the 8–9 girls division there was a shootoff between Brianna Schmitzer and Erin Glanneschi (Erin won in a double shootoff). These representatives of Butler Lodge will now compete at the District contest at Moon High February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## KEEP UPDATED ON ELKS TV

Check out the Big Screen TV at the Lodge for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and all Events that are provided for YOU, our fellow Elks. The messages give you "up-to-the-minute" info. If you don't see your anniversary or birthday on the screen, just let the Lodge Secretary.

## SPECIAL NEEDS TICKETS

We are continuing the popular "Special Needs" drawing again. You can pick up extra tickets at the Elks, Let us know if you want special numbers if available. This ticket will be sold for the month of March and good for that one month. They are \$5 each. If you do not want a ticket, you do not have to buy one. Please return any unsold tickets to the club. Thanks for your help in this fund raiser which is fun and really has helped in the past for "special needs". Thanks to **Keith and Dan Laidlaw** (Allstate) and **Bill "Digger" Young** for sharing the cost of the tickets. Winners will be notified by mail and are posted on the bulletin board in the Grille Room.

## ST PATRICKS HOME SERVICES TICKETS

As a tradition every year we support our Pennsylvania Special Charity Home Services Project with our annual raffle. Enclosed in today's mailing are 10 tickets for this wonderful project. If you sell all 10 green tickets, you are eligible for an additional drawing (white ticket,) The winners will be drawn at our annual Harry Pepper St. Patricks Day Party held on Saturday, March 17, 2012. The Butler Elks and our Home Services clients thank you if advance for your support.

## LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS OF BUTLER LODGE #170

(By Seniority reading across)

Albert M. Lauffer	Harold L McKindree
Donald O. Oesterling	Allan I. (Bud) Daum
Lewis C. Marra	Jon W. Campbell
William P. Pickett	Thomas J. Jameson
Joseph T. Bailie	Robert E. Boice
Fred J. Graff	Richard L. Gardner
Charles G. Cranmer	Rex L. Gibson
Dale Swidzinski	Terry Braden
John R. Prokopchak	Joseph Pennesi*
Wayne L. Walliser	Michael McGraw
Ryan E. Miller	Cynthia Skebe
Jane E. Prokopchak	Judy Walliser
Patrick Brown	Joseph Logue **

\*Joe Pennesi is now a member of the Fredericksburg, VA Elks.

\*\*Butler Member Joseph Logue was ER of another Lodge



Butler Elks Lodge a BIG THANK YOU to the exceptional volunteers who provided the many hours of labor for ceiling and painting project:  
**Jay Frederick, Rich Marchinowski, Dick Gardner, Tom Smith, Denny Notareschi, Shirley Vernon, Mary Bowley, JC Bowley, Perry Chepelsky, Cookie Cunningham, Dan Vernon and Tom Chuba**