



THE ELKS TALE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Time to put a bow on 2012. It's a wrap. Just to recap some of our events in December; Children' Christmas Party, Tom and Jerry Night, Christmas Eve Celebration and lest we forget, the annual New Year's Party (held in the afternoon). Children' Christmas Party, over one hundred children, parents and grandparents in attendance. Tom and Jerry Night, one hundred and ten Elks in attendance. Christmas Eve Celebration, over one hundred of our Brothers and Sisters shared in the camaraderie offered. New Years Eve Party, one hundred and seventy five of our Members celebrated our six o'clock countdown with a toast to the New Year. As you can see, our Lodge and our Club seem to be on the upswing.

Now it's time to talk about 2013. Time to make a New Year's resolution regarding the Elks. How about more personal involvement? How about finding that niche for yourself? Surely as you peruse the monthly calendar there is something happening that interests you and something you could do to make that event better. Every event requires, organization, food preparation and cleanup. As the participation grows, so does the need for more volunteers.

February is nomination month for new Officers and Trustees. If you have any interest serving in any position, now is the time to make your desires known. It's always valuable to get new opinions on the operations of the BPOE # 170.

Fraternally, **Jay Frederick, ER**

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- February 4th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- February 11th Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- February 18th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Salw, Roll and Butter
- February 25th Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, 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.

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE...

- Friday, February 1st Juke Box Friday
- Sunday, February 3rd Super Bowl Party
- Wednesday, February 6th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Initiation of New Members and Nomination of Officers
- Friday, February 8th - 8:00 PM to Midnight Karaoke w/Franco
- Wednesday, February 13th - 7:00 PM Wii Bowling
- Friday, February 15th - 8 PM Rudy, Janet and Shay
- Tuesday, February 19th - 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday, February 20th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
Election of Officers
- Friday, February 22nd - 8 PM..... February Karaoke Birthday Bash
- Sunday, February 24th West District Meeting at Ellwood City
- Wednesday, February 27th - 7:00 PM Wii Bowling
- Thursday, February 28th - 8:00 PM Members Night
- 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

SPECIAL NEEDS TICKETS

We are continuing the popular "Special Needs" drawing again. Many have asked us to do so. 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 **Bill "Digger" Young** for sharing the cost of the tickets. Daily winners checks will be mailed every Friday.

ST PATRICKS HOME SERVICES TICKETS MAILED

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. Patrick's Day Party held on Sunday, March 17, 2013. The Butler Elks and our Home Services clients thank you if advance for your support.

MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, February 6th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members and Nomination of Officers

Wednesday, February 20th - 7:00 PM

PER Meeting and Election of Officers

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...*

Richard Smith

Born 4/25/19, Died 12/10/12, Member for 62 years

Glenn "Gabby" Bollinger

Born 1/14/29 Died 12/27/12, Member for 13 years

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Byron C. Wade , administrator	Scott Craig
Curtis S. Heakin , credit union	Mark Smith
Lori Archer , nurse	Lisa Tracy
Arthur Osniak , dispatcher	Shawna Wandell
Joseph Baggiano Transfer Dimit from Sarasota South 2945	

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

Chris Dietrich **Frederick Held**

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	

FOURTEEN MEMBERS GET LIFE

Congratulations to our newly elected Life Members:

Robert Albert	John Pichler
George Aubrey Jr.	John N. Prokopchak
Keith Bell	Thomas William Shewalter
Dewayne Croll	Vincent Tavolario
George Halin	Clair Uber
Walter Hinton, Jr.	Paul Wharton
Paul Magimore	Keith Wilson

OFFICER NOMINATIONS for '13-14

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's will run the second meeting, February 20th (PER Night) and New Officers will be elected.

18 DELINQUENT MEMBERS TO BE DROPPED MARCH 31

Every member is important to our lodge. These delinquent members no longer get the benefits of membership. As of March 31, 2013 these members will be dropped. 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.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>
Nicholas Angiolieri	Chris Collins	John Cuda	Jane Prokopchak
Sam Day	Eric Heitzer	Lisa Diefenbach	transfer
John English	Bill Cominos	Michael A Graham	Dolores Marchinoski
Dave Havilesko	Dennis Martin	Arlene Hays	Don Oesterling
W V Huselton	Lfe 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 Bailie	Joann Stevenson	Bonnie Jardin
Justin Simons	Dolores Marchinoski	Adam Timko	Sandy Burke

2013-2014 DUES NOTICES & INFO

Last Elks Tale we enclosed 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, 2013. On Wednesday, February 20, 2013 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, 2013 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 20 have two chances to win!)



MEMBERSHIP CARD MAILING

All paid memberships for the year 2013-2014 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 starting March 1st. Also remember to keep your purple lodge access card until March 31st. The new beige cards will give you access to the lodge starting April 1st, 2013.



WEST DISTRICT MEETING

The 358th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, February 24th at the **Ellwood City Lodge**. At 12:00 Noon there will be the 11th Hour Toast contest for current Exalted Rulers and the Flag Charge for current Leading Knights. The Exalted Rulers and Leading Knights will meet at 1:30 PM and the regular meeting follows at 2:30 PM. Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Committees' reports will be heard and the 10 Lodges of the West will discuss their strengths and weaknesses. All Elks are invited to attend this informative meeting and see the newly remodeled Elwood City Lodge.

MEALS ON WHEELS "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.

Nancy Goas and **Ruth Raybuck**, Chairpersons.

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!



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

We also need help for Wednesday morning bingo. If you would like to volunteer call Judy Walliser at 724-822- 0997 or the Elks at 724-287-4077 and leave your name. Sellers, clean-up, call back winners, etc. Even if you cannot make it every Wednesday, we can use help when you can.



SATURDAY BINGO TIME CHANGE

On Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, we will begin having Bingo in the Lodge Room (back room) starting at 8:00 P.M. After each game there will be a short break. The smokers can go out to the bar area if they wish and smoke. You can also go to the bar area for a drink. If there is a party booked in the back room, we will have Bingo in the bar area that night. We are trying this on a trial basis due to requests from members.

Cookie Cunningham

Karaoke with Franco

Friday, February 8th
8 PM to Midnight

You don't have to be a star...
Just sing whatever your heart desires!
Come out and join the fun!

Western PA's Best Trio

Rudy, Janet & Shay

Friday, February 15th
8 PM to 11 PM
in the Bar area
for Your Dancing
and Listening Pleasure

February Birthday Karaoke Party

Friday, February 22nd - 8 pm

Come Celebrate all the Elks February 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, food, cake
and surprises for the evening!

MEMBERS NIGHT

Thursday, February 28th

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!!!

Elks Care - Elks Share

HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Butler Elks had a very successful Hoop Shoot this year. We held our 41st annual local Hoop Shoot foul shooting contest recently at Center Township School. The winners are as follows:

- 8-9 Boys – C. J. Singleton (20/25)
- 8-9 Girls - Dacia Lewandowski (17/25)
- 10-11 Boys – Mattix Clement (17/25)
- 10-11 Girls – Cordray Negley (12/25)
- 12-13 Boys – Cade Negley (23/25)
- 12-13 Girls – Alyssa Eyth (17/25)

These representatives of Butler Lodge will now compete at the District contest at Moon High School January 26th. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped at the "Hoop Shoot".

Ron Frenchak and John Prokopchak, Co-chairs

TOYS FOR TOTS THANKS ELKS

The Marine Corps League of Butler would like thank all the members that donated toys to the Toys For Tots 2012 Christmas program. We gave 5 toys each to 2286 children. I also want to thank the members, who wish to remain anonymous, for their monetary donations. Thank You!!! I was proud to be an Elk this Christmas.

Don Paserba, Chairperson

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS OF BUTLER LODGE #170

(By Seniority reading across)

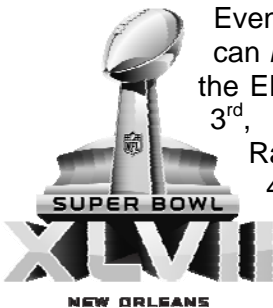
Albert M. Lauffer	Harold L McKindree
Donald O. Oesterling	Allan I. (Bud) Daum
Lewis C. Marra	Jon W. Campbell
Thomas T Braden	William P. Pickett
Thomas J. Jameson	Joseph T. Bailie
Robert E. Boice	Fred J. Graff
Richard L. Gardner	Charles G. Cranmer
Rex L. Gibson	Dale Swidzinski
Terry Braden	John R. Prokopchak
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

SUPER BOWL PARTY FEB. 3rd



Even if the Steelers didn't make it, you can bet there will be lots of fun. Join us at the Elks on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, 6:30 Kick-off when the Baltimore Ravens will take on San Francisco 49ers to battle for a Super Bowl victory. Party starts at 5:00 PM. Great food, drink specials, great prizes, and 5 big screen TV's so you won't miss any of the action, commercials or half-time festivities.

ER JAY PROMOTES ELKS ON WISR

On Friday, January 11, Dave Malarkey, host of "It's Your Turn" WISR 680 AM Talk Radio Show, interviewed **ER Jay Frederick** and ENF Chairperson **Dan Vernon** about the virtues of Charity and how Butler Elks supports our local community. Dave was quite surprised to hear about our quiet but extremely active membership support of Home Services, Elks National Foundation, Veterans, Youth Programs, Drug Awareness, Scholarships and local charities and the over \$40,000 Butler Elks contributed to these causes in 2012. It just goes to show you we live our motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share!"



Your help needed...

Anyone with carpentry, cleaning or painting skills or just plain volunteers to help with some much needed improvements for our Elks Lodge.

Please see ER Jay or any of our Trustees Aaron, Dick, Shirley Perry or Ruth to volunteer.
Work will start early January.

Thanks in advance for helping to take care of your Lodge.

Coming in March...

Annual "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17th

- Music and Sing-a-long
- St. Patty's Day Drinks
- Food, Food, Food!
- Home Services Drawing

Everyone's Irish so dress accordingly!

Keep Current on the Happenings at YOUR Elks

Butler Elks TV