**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’s Christmas Party, Tom and Jerry Night, Christmas Eve Celebration and lest we forget, the annual New Year's Party (held in the afternoon). Children’s 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**

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**FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE...**

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP**

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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.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Chris Dietrich**  
**Frederick Held**

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

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**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

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**FOURTEEN MEMBERS GET LIFE**

Congratulations to our newly elected Life Members:

- Robert Albert  
- George Aubrey Jr.  
- Keith Bell  
- Dewayne Croll  
- George Halin  
- Walter Hinton, Jr.  
- Paul Magimore  
- Nicholas Angiolieri  
- Sam Day  
- John English  
- Dave Havelisko  
- W V Huselton  
- Stephen Littlejohn  
- Geno Mariotti  
- Robert Nolan  
- Justin Simons  
- Proposed By Chris Collins  
- Eric Heltzer  
- Bill Cominos  
- Dennis Martin  
- Life Member  
- Mary Jo DeMatteis  
- Jane Prokopchak  
- Joe Baile  
- Dolores Marchinoski  

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**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.

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**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. 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!)

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**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.

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**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.
WEST DISTRICT MEETING
The 358th meeting of the West District will be held on Sunday, February 24th at the Elwood 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
**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

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Don Paserba, Chairperson

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(By Seniority reading across)

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Joseph Pennesi*    Wayne L. Walliser
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**ER JAY PROMOTES ELKS ON WISR**

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