

THE ELKS TALE



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

B.P.O.E., we as Brother and Sister Elks all know the letter "B" stands for Benevolent. Our Lodge officer position of Esteemed Leading Knight is also dedicated to Charity. What makes this relevant at this time? Prior to our Lodge meeting on December 5th, I had the pleasure of distributing checks to some of Butler County's most charitable organizations. We, as Butler Elks, can be so proud of the good we are doing within our community. Our donations were as follows; \$1500 to Butler-Freeport Rails to Trails, \$2000 to Butler Meals on Wheels, \$2000 to the Salvation Army and \$2000 to Catholic Charities Winter Shelter Fund. These are all very worthy causes and the representatives receiving the checks were all very appreciative. If you have a favorite local charity and would like to have it considered for the next round of donations, please see me or any Lodge Officer or Trustee and we will gladly consider it.

Shame on you for 6 weeks if you missed Tom and Jerry Night on December 17th. What a great turn out, approximately 110 of our Members attended and had a wonderful time. Many of our participants brought their favorite dishes and shared with all of us. This was very much like I envisioned the original Tom & Jerry Night. Elks Caring and Elks Sharing. A ton of thanks to **Dan and Shirley Vernon, Rich and Dolores Marchinoski, Ruth Raybuck, Sandy Burke, Perry Chepelsky, John and Jane Prokopchak, Sue Betres, Judy Walliser and Josh Taylor.** Please forgive me if I missed anyone.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each and every one of us and may God Bless Us All. Take a second and give your children and grand children a little extra hug. Let them know how much you care.

Fraternally, **Jay F**

JANUARY AT A GLANCE...

- Monday, December 31st - 4 PM to 8 PM..... **New Years Eve Party**
Start your celebration at the Elks! Karaoke/DJ. Club closes at 9 PM
- Tuesday, January 1st - Noon to 6 PM..... **Open New Years Day**
Come on in and watch your favorite Bowl Games!
- Wednesday, January 2nd - 7:00 PM..... **Lodge Meeting**
- Saturday, January 5th -.. **Meals on Wheels Baked Goods Drop-off**
- Saturday, January 5th -..... **Hoop Shoot at Center Twp School**
- Wednesday, January 9th - 7:00 PM..... **Wii Bowling**
- Friday, January 11th - 8:00 PM to Midnight **Karaoke w/Franco**
- Tuesday, January 15th - 5:30 pm **Trustees Meeting**
- Wednesday, January 16th - 7:00 PM..... **Lodge Meeting**
- Wednesday, January 23rd - 7:00 PM..... **Wii Bowling**
- Thursday, January 24th - 8:00 PM..... **Members Night**
- Friday, January 25th - 8 PM..... **December Birthday Bash**
- 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 9:00 PM **Speedy Bingo**
- Sundays..... **Steelers Sunday**

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Members' night will be on Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. Join your fellow Elks at the Lodge for fun, food and prizes. ER **Jay Frederick** will host the evening. You won't want to miss out on a "special time" Jay has planned for the evening!

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- January 7th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
 - January 14th Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Rolls/butter
 - January 21st Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls/butter
 - January 28th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & 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 With FRANCO



Join us Friday, January 11th - 8 PM to Midnight as we enjoy Karaoke with Franco. Stop in and hear the famous Elks singers belt out their favorite tunes. More singers always welcome!

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, January 25th, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate January birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. All members are invited so come on down even if you don't have a January birthday.



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!



MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, January 2nd - 7:00 PM

Initiation

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 16th - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

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...*

PETE WETICK

Born 6/27/1943, Died 12/1/2012 Member for 9 years

TOM DIGIACOMO

Born 2/4/1942, Died 12/2/2012 Member 13 years

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Proposer

Frederick Held, Electrical Engineer

Jane Prokopchak

Chris Dietrich, Corrections Officer

Chris Bellis

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

Charmaine Fetterman, Lynette Vargo

Reinstatement

Sam Colosimo, Tim Richards

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

14 MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE

The Grand Lodge Statutes read the requirements for Butler Lodge #170 Life Membership are at least age 65, 30 years an Elk and the last 10 consecutive years a member of Butler Lodge. These honored members who requested Life membership status are listed below and will be voted on at our January 2nd meeting.

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

2013-2014 DUES NOTICES & INFO

We've 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!)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dec. 2, 2012 - Many showed up for this Service for our departed members. Thanks to **Judy Walliser** for chairing this program. Thanks to the officers. Also appreciation to **Dan Vernon** for preparing and reading the eulogies, **Jon Campbell** and **Cindy Skebe** for the flower service and **Wayne Walliser** for the providing the music..

MEALS ON WHEELS

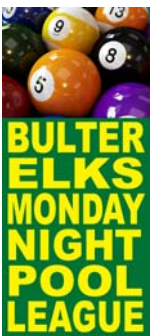


Thanks to our members for their donations of baked goods and candy last year. We are doing this project again for Butler Meals on Wheels for the month of January. No nuts or icing.

They were pleased with the amount of baked goods in the past. We were asked if we would do it again. So please mark your calendar for January 5th 2013.

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

POOL LEAGUE UPDATE



The first half of the Monday Night Pool League was competitive all the way to the final game. **Carol Shawgo**, **Ron Willison**, **John Prokopchak**, **Carl Christofano**, **Nick Parison** and **Ron Frenchak** won four of their team's final six matches to capture the first half Championship by only one point. Congratulations!

They will play the second half winners in March for the Season Championship. Top individual shooters in the League were **Dennis Martin**, **John Prokopchak**, **Dave Stehle**, **Joe DeMatt**, **Jim Schoeffel** and **Carol Shawgo**.

January 7th is opening night of the second half.

Ron Frenchak, Chairperson

Your help needed...

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

Please see ER Jane or any of our Trustees Jay, Dick, Shirley Perry or Ruth to volunteer.

Work will start in January.

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

YOUTH HOOP SHOOT



The Annual Elks National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by the Elks Youth Committee will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 (Snow date, January 12th) at Center Township School Gymnasium. Girls and Boys who are ages 8 through 13 on April 1, 2013 are eligible to compete in this free throw contest. Registration begins at 10:30 am at the school with the Hoop Shoot beginning at 11:00 am thru 2:00 PM. Contestants can report anytime. (allow 30 - 45 minutes to participate) Scorers and rebounders volunteers are needed, so put on your sneakers and join us at Center Township School. Those qualifying will then be invited to participate in the District Hoop Shoot which will be hosted this year by Coraopolis. Any questions, call me at 724-482-2663

Ron Frenchak, Chairperson

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



How wonderful! Many volunteers to help, many kids and adults for the movie (110 total). Gifts and bags for those who attended were given out. Webkins were given by Santa and Connie Hankey. Extra bags were donated to needy kids, extra Webkins to Rikki Hood our Home Services nurse. I thank everyone for helping me. I couldn't have done it without the help. I also would like to thank **Bill Brown** (a.k.a. Mr. Claus), Thanks to the members who donated money and other items to enable us to have such a nice party for our kids. Wow! Sam's Club (**Dennis Tyra**) - apples and oranges for all. **Rick and Joyce Titus**, candy canes. The names of the contributors are on display at the club.

Thank you all! - **Jane Prokopchak**, Chairperson

DELINQUENT MEMBERS LIST

Every member is important to our lodge. These delinquent members no longer get the benefits of membership. 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	Patricia Goepfert	Walter Hinton
Michael A Graham	Dolores Marchinoski	Dave Havilesko	Dennis Martin
Arlene Hays	Don Oesterling	Chris Hudson	Nick Mudrick
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

DISTRICT VETERANS' CHRISTMAS

The 10 Lodges of the West District visited the VA Hospital bearing gifts of canteen books, playing cards, books, etc. The group, Eclipse, entertained and our own **Tony Heitzer** and **Patty Weiland** surprised and entertained the veterans as Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Our participating Elk members and guests walked around the auditorium shaking hands and wishing our Veterans a Merry Christmas (there were many Veterans, the largest crowd for many years). After the visit to the VA, a social gathering was held at the Butler Elks. We enjoyed Fraternalism and **Cookies' Sloppy Joes**.

Lou Gacek and **Dick Gardner** - Chairpersons

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

At our Wednesday, December 5th Lodge meeting, ER Jay Frederick and Trustee Perry Chepelsky present checks to community charities Butler Meals on Wheels,



Catholic Charities Winter Shelter Project, Butler Freeport Community Trail, and The Salvation Army, and Woodbridge NJ Elks Lodge Super Storm Sandy Recovery Fund.

