Dear Members,

On Thursday, June 14th, we had our annual Flag Day presentation. What a great experience! Will Guiteau did a wonderful job in his narration of the history and progression of the Flag from the original thirteen colonies to the present. Great job Will. In conjunction with the Flag Day ceremony PER Judy Walliser presented our annual scholarship winners their checks and PER Jane Prokopchak presented our Americanism award winner. If you watch enough news broadcasts you may think that there is little hope for our nation’s future. However, had you attended the presentations and seen and talked to the award winners you might just change your mind. From my conversations with them, these young people are intelligent, focused, have very high ideals, lofty goals and are mature beyond their years. Also, on Saturday June 16th we had our annual “MoJo” golf tournament. A good time was had by all. Ninety nine golfers participated and enjoyed a beautiful summer day at Oakview Golf Club, after which we were treated to a steak dinner at the Elks. Head chef, Al Moon, outdid himself and to his credit, was able to make it home in time to get his “jammies” on by seven o’clock.

Thank you to all who worked tirelessly to make these events possible. A special “thank you” to Cookie Cunningham for the many hours and headaches she endured to make the “MoJo” a success.

Don’t forget we still looking for volunteers for the Elks Picnic. It is scheduled for August 25th. If you haven’t donated any time to an Elks function recently, this would be a tremendous opportunity to do so.

Fraternally, Jay Frederick

JULY AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, July 4th .......................... No Lodge Meeting  
Meeting moved to July 11th

Tuesday, July 10th - 5:30 pm ......................... Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, July 11th .......................... Lodge Meeting

Friday, July 13th - 8:00 PM to Midnight ............ Karaoke w/Franco

Thursday, July 26th - 8:00 PM ............................... Members Night

Join in as ER Jay hosts our members night

Friday, July 27th - 8:00 PM to ????? .......... June Birthday Bash

Karaoke with George, Birthday Cake, food, and surprises

Saturday, August 25th .......................... Annual Family Picnic

Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM ........................... Bingo

Every Monday from 8:00 PM to 7:00 PM ............. Monday Meals

Every Friday............. Friday Munchies and Evening Entertainment

Saturdays at 9:00 PM .................................. Speedy Bingo

Sundays................................................................... NASCAR

MEMBERS’ NIGHT

Members’ night will be on Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 PM. ER Jay Frederick will host the evening. Details are still being planned, but you can be guaranteed it will be a great night at the Butler Elks.

JULY 2nd

Fried Chicken, Potato Wedges,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls/butter

JULY 9th

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Mixed Vegetables, Toasted Salad, Rolls/butter

JULY 16th

Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Succotash, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter

JULY 23rd

Lasagna./Meat Sauce, Toasted Salad

JULY 30th

Bread Stick

Roast Beef/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls/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. Great fellowship, great food!

THE ELKS TALE

JULY MEETING DATE CHANGED

Wednesday, July 11th .......................... 7:00 PM

Changed from July 4th

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BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come on down to the Butler Elks on Wednesday mornings. Enjoy coffee, juice and donuts along with many surprises. Early Birds – 9:30 AM. Only at the Butler Elks. New players welcome. 4 Early Birds, 10 regular games, Magic Number game, Big-E game, Jackpot coverall, horse race game and a good time with fun people.

Wayne Walliser, Chairman

JULY BIRTHDAY BASH

Friday, July 27nd, we will have a birthday bash to celebrate July birthdays. Karaoke with George, snacks and birthday cake. If you have a July birthday come on down. All members are invited. Great time guaranteed!

KARAOKE NITE

Friday, July 15th - Karaoke by Franco: (8:00 PM - Midnight) Hear Linda sing her famous Friday the 13th song – Superstition or Black Cat on a Fence.

AUGUST SUMMER EVENT

Saturday, 08-25-12  Elk’s Member & Family Picnic

Mark your calendars for our Butler Lodge’s most popular event. Fun activities are scheduled for all ages. Pop will be provided for the kids and “everybody’s favorite” for the adults to wet their lips, too! Please remember to bring in a prize of some sort (old gym sock, last year’s unwanted Christmas gift, whatever floats your boat) - wrapped up for the popular White Elephant Auction to benefit our Elks charities.

The committee is seeking for volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, running activities and clean-up. If everyone would give a little time, everyone can enjoy the day. Watch for more details in the August Elks Tale and on the Elks TV at the lodge.

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PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate: Christopher Bellis, Teacher
Proposer: James Bellis

If anyone knows of any reason why this candidate should not be considered for membership, please contact any Lodge Officer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron Willis\nSean Farnham\nJames Murray

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

To Our Absent Members

PETER A. BARTOLI

Born September 11, 1923 Died June 15, 2012- age 88
Life Member - 58 years

BUTLER ELKS OFFICERS

2012-2013

Exalted Ruler ................. Jay Frederick
Leading Knight ................ William “Scott” Snow
Loyal Knight ................... Cindy Skete, 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 Checkley, Aaron Wampler, Ruth Raybuck

LIVING PAST EXALTED RULERS

Albert M. Lauffer
Donald O. Oesterling
Lewis C. Marra
Thomas T. Braden
Thomas J. Jameson
Joseph T. Bailie
Fred J. Oraft
Charles G. Cranmer
Dale Swidzinski
John R. Prokopchak
Wayne L. Walliser
Ryan E. Miller
Jane E. Prokopchak
Patrick Brown

Harold L McKindree
Allan J. (Bud) Daum
Jon W. Campbell
William P. Pickett
Paul Mitchell
Robert E. Boice
Richard L. Gardner
Rex L. Gibson
Terry Braden
*Joseph Pennesi
Michael McGraw
Cynthia Skete
Judy Walliser
**Joseph Logue

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ER Jay Frederick has appointed the following members to chair the committees of the Butler Elks Lodge #170

Accident Prevention – Dick Gardner, PER
Americanism – Jane Prokopchak, PER
Business Practices – Dan Vernon
Drug Awareness – Rita Pennington
Government Relations - John Prokopchak, PDD
Home Services - James C. Bowley
Hoop Shoot - Ron Frenchak
Legacy Trust - Dick Gardner, PER
Lodge Activities - Shirley Vernon
Membership - John Prokopchak, PDD
Memorial - Judy Walliser, PER
National Foundation - Dan Vernon
National Home - Donald Oesterling, PSP
Public Relations - Dan Vernon
Ritualistic - John Prokopchak, PDD
Scholarship - Judy Walliser, PER
Soccer Shoot - Aaron Wampler
State Association - Jane Prokopchak, PER
Training Officer - Jay Frederick, ER
Veterans’ Service - Lou Gacek
Youth Activities - John Prokopchak, PDD

AUGUST IS GOLD BLUE & RED MONTH

Our Home Services fund raising committee will be starting our annual Gold, Blue and Red Fund Drive on August 1st. (Gold Club - donation of $50.00 or more, Blue Club - donation of $25.00 to $49.00, Red Club - donation of $10.00 to $24.00). As you are aware this is our major fund raising program that supports the Home Service Nurses.

Look for your letter from J.C. and Mary Bowley, Co-chairs of this great cause in next month’s Elks Tale.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Delegates to the 148th Grand Lodge Session in Austin, Texas, on July 1-5, 2012, will be asked to vote on whether to approve a shortened version of the Ritual to open and close regular Local Lodge meetings.

Revised Opening: 1 minute, 30 seconds Present: 15 minutes

The shortened form Ritual shall be optional with a By-Law change of the Local Lodge. (The Esquire shall examine the members’ membership cards at the door(s) of the Lodge.) (The Altar shall be pre-arranged by the Esquire as prescribed in the general instructions.) (The Exalted Ruler assumes his/her station and by sound of the gavel calls the Lodge meeting to order. There upon, the light is turned on the Star.)

Revised Closing: 55 seconds Present: 5-1/2 minutes

DELETE:

...and cudos to Carl Littlejohn, Butler Elks member, who will be inducted into the U.S. Army Rangers Hall of Fame at Fort Benning on July 12th. Carl is a Vietnam War veteran and retired Butler JROTC instructor.

...to Dwight Crowe on a “hole-in-one” at Oak Tree Golf Club.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Scholarship winners and Americanism Essay winner pose with proud Exalted Ruler Jay. Over 80 people attended to see a wonderful Flag Day ceremony.

Pictured is Elks Americanism Essay contest Lodge and District winner and second in the State, Katie Faulk. Included in the picture taken at the Flag Day ceremony are Grandparents of Katie, John and Jane Prokopchak. Also included are ER Jay and Josh Taylor, co-chair of the Americanism Committee.