



THE ELKS TALE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Members,

Strange but True: A couple of weeks ago we were re-arranging our storage room when we discovered some of our Lodge's original documentation. These were in the form of bound books and include our Butler Lodge Charter Members names, hand written, with their signatures. We also came across Lodge By-law booklets that were signed when new Members were initiated. I mention this because as I opened the first by-laws book, page two, first signature. Paul E. Frederick, my father, February 1943, age 31. Talk about a surreal experience! I still don't know exactly what to make of it. I think I need to see Dr. Phil.

*A huge thank you to **Ron Willison and Bob Cupp** from WBUT for providing "Name That Tune" music and laughs for Members Nite in January. If anyone would like to try their hand at providing Members Nite entertainment, let me know. Who knows, maybe a star will be born. **Sandy Burke and Cookie Cunningham** continue to make Members Nite special by providing the best food money can't buy.*

*Thank you to **Don Leslie** for building and donating the beautiful cabinet for the Bingo display in the Lodge Room.*

Just a short note regarding our Trustees. They are the decision makers, the people who get things done for the good of the Membership. Our strongest asset at the Butler Elks is the fact that our Trustees work together, have no hidden agenda and will do whatever it takes to make things right. Next time you run into a Trustee, say thanks. They really do deserve it.

Fraternally, **Jay Frederick, ER**

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Local Scholarship Applications are now available for 2013. They are in the high school guidance offices in Butler Area, Moniteau, Slippery Rock, Knoch, and Karns City School Districts. We also have applications at the bar in the Elks. They are for seniors in high school who are planning to attend college in the fall. Children and grandchildren of Elks who live in other districts are also eligible. We have been giving 10 \$500 scholarships and we encourage your relatives and friends to apply. The application must be returned to the Elks Lodge by April 22, 2013. Any questions see **Judy Walliser** or call 724-822-0997.

Judy Walliser, Scholarship chair

DAVE'S MONDAY MENU

- March 4th Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- March 11th Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- March 18th Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- March 25th Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
- April 1st Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad

*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.

MARCH AT A GLANCE...

- Friday, March 1st - 5 to ???.....Red Solo Cup/Juke Box Friday
- Wednesday, March 6th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
- Friday, March 8th - 8:00 PM to Midnight..... Karaoke w/Franco
- Wednesday, March 13th - 7:00 PM Wii Bowling Banquet
- Friday, March 15th - 8:00 PM DooWop by the Epics
- Sunday, March 17th - 3:00 PM Harry Pepper St Patty's Day
- Tuesday, March 19th - 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday, March 20th - 7:00 PM Lodge Meeting
- Friday, March 22nd - 8 PM.....March Karaoke Birthday Bash
- Thursday, March 28th - 8:00 PM Members Night
- Saturday, March 30th - 8 PM Rudy, Janet and Shay
- Sunday, March 31st - Lodge is Closed Happy Easter
- 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. 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" of the Lodge. Thanks to **Bill "Digger" Young** for sharing the cost of the tickets. Daily winners checks will be mailed every Friday.

Elks Care - Elks Share

MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, March 6th - 7:00 PM

Initiation of New Members

Wednesday, March 20th - 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM

Installation 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...*

Don Oesterling, PSP, PDDGER, PER

Born 06/02/1927, Died 01/20/2013, Member for 56 years

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate

Christie Rudolph, VNA

Proposer

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

Arthur Osniak

Lori Archer

Carolyn Solomon

Curtis Heakin

Joe Baggiano (transfer form Sarasota)

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

BUTLER ELKS NEW OFFICERS 2013-2014

Exalted Ruler Jay Frederick
Leading Knight William "Scott" Snow
Loyal Knight Ralph Hap Nicholas III
Lecturing Knight Sherie Snow
Secretary John Prokopchak, PER, PDD
Treasurer Dan Vernon
Chaplain Cookie Cunningham
Inner Guard Jane Pro
Tiler Sandy Burke
Esquire Judy Walliser, PER
Organist Wayne Walliser, PER
Trustees Dick Gardner, PER,
Jim Murray, Perry Chepelsky, Aaron Wampler, Ruth Raybuck

17 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.

Member	Proposed By	Member	Proposed By
Nicholas Angiolieri	Chris Collins	John Cuda	Jane Prokopchak
Sam Day	Eric Heltzer	Lisa Diefenbach	transfer
John English	Bill Cominos	Michael A Graham	Dolores Marchinoski
Dave Havilesko	Dennis Martin	Arlene Hays	Don Oesterling
Stephen Littlejohn	Mary Jo DeMatteis	Brock Janoski	Linda Wampler
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		

Deadline for April 2013 Elks Tale is Sunday, March 17

All committees can email material to Secretary John Prokopchak at johnpro@zoominternet.net.

A RESOLUTION

Dear Elks Members:

It is truly an honor to request "Honorary Life Member" status for Mr. **Dan Vernon**. Having worked closely with Dan for over ten years, I can honestly say there is not an Elk Member who is more deserving. Dan has brought a level of professionalism to our Treasurers position that is unparalleled. He has taught business practice seminars for the West District Elks and continues to consult with other Elks Lodges when problems arise. Dan had the foresight to develop and program the Member activities television and has been asked to do the same for other Elks Lodges. He is always there for any and all projects that we have undertaken over the years. Whether the job is pounding nails, drawing plans, purchasing materials or providing tools to get the job done, Dan is always in the middle of the project at hand. Dan is also one of the most energetic and enthusiastic Elks. His attention to detail when dealing with the Elks Statutes or the Small Games of Chance License leave nothing in doubt.

Dan Vernon is truly deserving of this honor and I ask that you give him full consideration with your vote at our Lodge Meeting on March 6, 2013.

Fraternally yours,
Jay Frederick, ER

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, April 3rd - 7:00 PM. Installation of Officers and "Meet the Officers" is planned at about 7:30 during the new business part of the regular meeting. Guests will be allowed to attend this part of the meeting. Social will be before and after the meeting. Come on down and support your new officers.

2013-2014 DUES NOTICES & INFO

In January's 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. If you haven't yet, 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 at the start of our new year on April 1st. At our Lodge Meeting on February 20th, **Steve Geibel's** name was pulled from the over 400 members who have paid their dues to date and he won \$100.00. On March 17, 2013 at our "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Party we will draw another name for \$100.00 from all who have paid their membership dues. Don't be left out!



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 this March 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.



ATM AVAILABLE AT ELKS

As per request from many of our members we have installed an ATM available for members and guests use in the bar area. As part of our agreement with the ATM provider, we will no longer be cashing checks at the bar starting March 1st. We will still accept checks for membership dues and lodge related activities.

Sincerely, The Trustees



HOME SERVICES TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

As a tradition every year we support our Pennsylvania Special Charity Home Services Project with our annual raffle. Tickets are still available at the bar. 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 in advance for your support.

SATURDAY BINGO TIME CHANGE

On Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, we began having Bingo in the Lodge Room (back room) starting at 8:00 P.M. After each game there's a short break for players to go to the bar area to smoke or get a drink. If there is a party booked in the back room, we will have Bingo in the bar area that night.

HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Butler Elks #170 did well in the District 41st annual Hoop Shoot foul shooting contest recently held at Robert Morris University. Butler had 2 winners are as follows:



10-11 Boys – Mattix Clement (17/25)

12-13 Boys – Noah Beveridge (23/25)

These representatives of Butler Lodge will now compete at the State contest at State College on March 2nd.

Also doing well were 2nd Place winners Dacia Lewandowski 8-9 Girls and C.J. Singleton 8-9 Boys and 3rd place Alyssa Eyth 12-13 Girls.

Good luck Mattix and Noah at States.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE ELKS LATELY???

If you haven't you're missing out on some great times! Every Monday is Meals by Dave and Pool League. Wednesday's are 2 for \$1 hot dogs and Wii Bowling opposite Lodge Meeting nights. Fridays always have entertainment along with Friday Munchies. Saturday Bingo is in the backroom and the Jukebox is now being played Saturday nights. And you can catch Penguins, March Madness, NASCAR, or PGA on one of our 5 big screen TV's. You can find your friends hanging out just about any time! Come on down and become part of the action!

GRAND LODGE NEWS

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler THOMAS S. BRAZIER

Successful Exalted Rulers prove no man is an island

As the fraternal year ends for our Order, we begin the transition from the Officers who have worked so hard this last year to ensure the success of their Lodges, to the new Officers who will carry on a long tradition of fraternity and charity. Congratulations to all Exalted Rulers as you complete your terms. I encourage you to continue your dedication to our Order by taking an active part in your PER Association and district.

For those who are moving into new positions in your Lodge, know that we all appreciate your continued dedication. Your experience is invaluable to your Lodge, and you will grow with each position you complete. For the new Exalted Rulers, you are now the president and chief executive officer of your Lodge. As such, people will look to you for leadership. You have the responsibility to represent the Order to your Members and community with dignity and professionalism.

But you are not alone. You are surrounded with a wealth of experience in those who have come before you and those who are continuing another term in their position. Get together with your Past Exalted Rulers Association. Draw from their learning and find out what worked well for them and what would they have done differently. Spend time with your Lodge Secretary to find out what you need to do to make things run smoothly for him or her. They have a big job to do and can use your help and cooperation in many areas. Be sure to attend your Trustees and House Committee meetings, as well as other committee meetings as needed. You cannot lead if you do not know what is going on around you.

Sounds like a big job? It is. So . . . share the workload. Get your Officers involved. Have regular meetings with them to review how the year is progressing and to work out who needs help and where. You can't do everything in the Lodge, so elicit the help of your Officers to ensure that the work of Elkdom is being done in your Lodge and elsewhere. Not to mention it will be more fun if you are all working together toward your goals! Together, you will all achieve success and move our Order forward in the upcoming fraternal year. Welcome aboard!

ENTERTAINMENT

at the Butler Elks

BUTLER ELKS
JUKEBOX FRIDAYS



Red Solo Cup Jukebox Nite

Friday, March 1st

Munchies, Music, Red Solo Cups, Sharpies & First Names Provided!

Bring All Your Friends!
Maybe You'll Get Lucky!



MARCH BIRTHDAY KARAOKE PARTY

Friday, March 22nd - 8 pm

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



Karaoke with Franco



Friday, March 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!

Elks MEMBERS NIGHT Elks

Thursday, March 28th


The fun begins at 8:00.

Food, Fun and Prizes.

Don't miss out on a great evening!!!

Back by Popular Demand!!!

Put on your dancin' shoes and come down to the Butler Elks for the best of the 50's and 60's...



THE BEST OF DOO WOP

Friday, March 15th

8 PM to 11 PM in the Bar area for Dancing and Music by the Epics.

Western PA's Best Trio



Rudy, Janet & Shay

Saturday, March 30th

8 PM to 11 PM in the Bar area for Your Dancing and Listening Pleasure

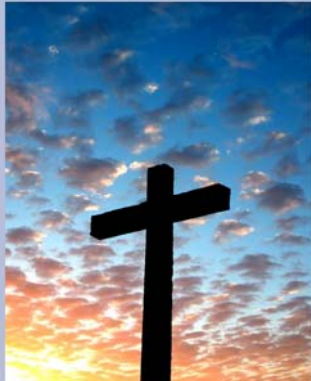


Annual "Harry Pepper" St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sunday, March 17th

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

Festivities start at 3 PM
Everyone's Irish so dress accordingly!



Butler Elks Lodge will be Closed Easter Sunday