Exalted Ruler’s Message

Dear Members,

The Pennsylvania State Elks Convention is being held at Seven Springs Resort on May 16 thru 19. It will be my pleasure to represent the Butler Elks on that weekend. I will be presenting the final check for our contribution to the Home Service Program. Each year we (PA Elks) raise $500,000 to $600,000 to keep our 25 nurses funded for the upcoming year. There is no overstating the amount of good these nurses do or how much their help means to families in need of their services. This brings me to my “Thank You” to J.C. Bowley and his wife, Dr. Mary Provence Bowley. They have co-chaired the Butler Home Services Program for the past three years and done an outstanding job. Each year Butler has made or exceeded its per-capita donation and I think this year we will exceed our goal by a very significant amount.

There was an excellent turnout for the St. Patrick’s Day party and I have been told, a good time was had by all. Ralph Pincek is an Elk favorite and continues to do a great job for us. A huge “Thank You” goes out to: Liz and Bob Rakarich, Cookie Cunningham, Sandy Burke and Perry Chepelsky, John Prokopchak and J.C. and Mary Bowley. Remember, when you attend a function at the Elks, someone is making it happen. Planning, purchasing, preparation and cleanup are all parts of any event or activity that is offered at the Elks.

Awards were presented at the first meeting in April. It was my pleasure to present the following: Josh Taylor, Elk of the Year, Perry Chepelsky, Officer of the Year, Nancy Goas, Citizen of the Year, June Prokopchak and Judy Walliser, Outstanding Service Commendation Awards. They are outstanding Elks and truly the heart and soul of Elksdom. A “Vendor of the Year Award” was presented to First Niagara Bank for their terrific customer service.

Fraternally Yours,
Jay Frederick, ER

MAY AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, May 1st - 7:00 PM .................................... Lodge Meeting
Friday, May 3rd 17th & 31st - 6 PM to ??? .............. Lodge Meeting
Saturday, May 4th - 9:00 AM .................................. 80 Kaufman Drive, Butler, PA 16001 - Phone 724-287-4077
Sunday, May 5th - 3 PM to 7 PM ......................... Lodges of Sorrow
May 6th - 7:00 PM ............................................. Speedy Bingo
Monday, May 7th & 21st - 7 PM ......................... Lodge Meeting
May 8th - 5:00 PM .................................................. Juke Box Fridays
Thursday, May 9th - 8:00 PM ............................... Tiler
May 10th - 8:00 PM ............................................. Karaoke w/Franco
Saturday, May 11th - 8:00 PM ............................... Special Services Program
Sunday, May 12th - 2 PM to 5 PM .......................... Sunday Dinner
May 13th - 8:00 PM ............................................. Lodge Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th - 5:30 pm .................................. Trustees Meeting
May 15th - 19th ..................................................... PA State Convention
Wednesday, May 15th - 7:00 PM .......................... Lodge Meeting
Saturday, May 18th - 8 PM to 11 PM ............... Rudy, Janet & Company
Friday, May 24th - 8 PM ....................................... May Karaoke Birthday Bash
Monday, May 27th - 2 PM to 9 PM .......................... Open Memorial Day
May 30th - 6:00 PM ............................................ Members Night
Saturday, June 1st - 8 PM to 11 PM ......................... Vocalists Lori & Frank Russo
Every Wednesday Morning 9:30 AM ............................ Bingo
Every Monday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM .................... Monday Meals
Every Friday ............... Friday Munchies and Evening Entertainment
Saturdays at 8:00 PM in the Lodge Room .................. Speedy Bingo

NEW SATURDAY & SUNDAY HOURS

The Butler Elks will open at 2 PM on Saturdays and Sundays in May and throughout the Summer until Steelers Pre-season games start in late August.

Dave’s Monday Menu

May 6th - Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad
May 13th - Stuffed Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Succotash, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
May 20th - Braised Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter
May 27th - NO MEALS - Memorial Day
June 3rd - Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Carrots, Cole Slaw, Roll and Butter

*Menus include desserts and coffee
An $8.00 donation gets you a complete meal catered by Member Dave Stelie (Thompson’s Country Market), Serving 6 till 7 PM.

MEETING NIGHTS

Wednesday, May 1st - 7:00 PM ........................................ Initiation of New Members
Wednesday, May 15th - 7:00 PM .................................. Regular Meeting

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 about members...
Paul Cowin
Born 08/06/1925, Died 03/23/2013, Member for 49 years

PROPOSITIONS for MEMBERSHIP

Candidate         Proposal
Nathan Walowen, laborer         Dennis Martin
Karen Marie Myers, retired    Bonnie Jardin
Mary Kay Fleeger, admin. assist    Keith Bell
Dennis Rickard, reinstatement

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

Donna Walters         George Presco
Colby Nicholas        Bob Fowler
Bill Longstreth       Christie Rudolph
Tamil Smith, Transfer Dinit
Bob Nolan, N. Eric Nilsson, reinstated

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

FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES?

No problem! You can mail your dues payment to the Lodge Secretary, or just drop in to the Lodge. Membership cards and new key cards are available at the bar.

Remember, members are considered delinquent after April 1st, so please pay as soon as possible so you can be eligible for our many activities and save us the time and expense of an additional notice.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ELKS TALE MAY 20
All committees can email material to Secretary John Prokopchak at johnpro@zoominternet.net
SPECIAL NEEDS TICKETS

We've enclosed the popular “Special Needs” drawing tickets with this Elks Tale mailing. You can pick up extra tickets at the Elks. This ticket pays out winner every day in the month of June. 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 Dan and Keith Laidlaw, Laidlaw Agency for sharing the cost of the ticket printing. Daily winner's checks will be mailed every Friday.

ELKDOM IMPACTS A FAMILY

Thank You - 49 year member Paul Cowin told his daughter make sure she pays his Elks’ dues. I received the check and the day I was in the process of sending his membership card, we found out Paul Cowin had passed away. I contacted his daughter Teresa to see where I should send back his dues payment. Theresa said she had fond memories of the Elks and said let’s be true Elks and use Paul’s dues money for the Butler Elks as needed. I mentioned we needed a new outside flag and she tearfully said it would be an honor to purchase the flag in honor of her father, so we did. Paul Cowin was a loyal Elk and we thank his family for the donation. Secretary John.

PA STATE CONVENTION

May 15th-19th. 15th and 16th will be State Officers and Trustees/Advisory Board. Friday official opening, reports, meetings, 2:30 PM 11th Hour Toast contest, nominations and voting of Officers, President celebration, and 8PM Memorial Service., Saturday reports continue, Home Service march at 1:30 PM. In the evening we have the GER banquet and installation of Officers.

ROAD CLEAN-UP DAY

Our semi-annual Road Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 4th. This is our 11th year of participation in this community service event. We will meet at Community Care Connections in Mount Chestnut at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts beforehand. Our area of responsibility is US Route 422 between Mt. Chestnut and PA Route 488. It takes about 2 hours of your time. Call me if you're available to help at 724-822-0996. The more, the merrier!! Working clothes and shoes are a good idea. Gloves and vests will be provided.

Wayne Walliser and Dick Gardner, Chairman

BECOME A FACEBOOK FRIEND

Butler Elks is on Facebook. If you would like to be a friend, send a friend request to Butler Elks. That is our name on Facebook. Check it out for upcoming events.

Scott Snow, Chairperson

POOL LEAGUE WRAP-UP

The 2012-2013 Monday Night Pool League awards banquet was held on April 16. Team and Individual Prizes were awarded, along with the traditional Championship Shirts. Congratulations to Carol Shawgo, Ron Willison, Nick Parison, John Prokopchak, Ron Frenchak, and Captain Carl Christofano. Their team won each half by only one match. Their team photo will soon hang on the "Wall of Fame" along with the winners of the past ten years. Top Individual Shooters for the year were: Level 1--Dennis Martin; Level 2--Dave Stehle; and Level 3--Carol Shawgo. Congratulations to all of this year's players for a great season!!!

Look for information about next season in the August Elks Tale. New players are welcome to join the League.

Ron Frenchak and Carol Shawgo, Commissioners